

## BCOA Code of Ethics

The purpose of the Borzoi Club of America, Inc. is the protection of the breed. To that end, the purpose of this Code is to set forth principles of practice that the BCOA Board *expects its members to follow* as they strive to preserve the quality of the breed. The Code represents the minimum in ethical practices. To this end, the member agrees:

1. To abide by and uphold the principles of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Borzoi Club of America, Inc. <<https://borzoiclubofamerica.org/pdfs/BCOAConstitution.pdf>>
2. To understand and abide by all Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club. <<https://www.akc.org/index.cfm>>
3. To accept and breed only to the Standard of Perfection for Borzoi, as set forth by the BCOA and approved by the American Kennel Club, striving always to maintain the highest quality for the breed as described in the Standard. <<https://borzoiclubofamerica.org/aboutborzoi/borzoi-standard.php>>
4. To abide by the "Guidelines for Breeders of Borzoi" , as set forth by the BCOA. <https://borzoiclubofamerica.org/pdfs/breederguidelines.pdf>
5. To permanently identify and register each animal bred with either a tattoo or microchip before it leaves the breeder's premises and to require the new owner to keep the breeder as a second contact.
6. To put the welfare of each dog above personal gain, profit and/or personal convenience, remembering that each dog (purchased, bred, or sold) is a lifetime responsibility.
7. To provide the best possible environment for the physical and emotional well-being of the dogs including fully complying with local laws governing health inoculations, curbing of animals, and restraint and control of their actions on and off their home premises.
8. To make every effort to assist the novice and educate the public regarding the Borzoi and provide accurate information as to their general upkeep, the maintenance of their well being, grooming, and training needs.
9. To strive always to behave in a sportsmanlike manner and refrain from misleading and false advertising, maligning or giving false statements regarding dogs, breeding practices, and BCOA members.
10. To support ethical trade practices and sell only to responsible persons. To avoid at all cost the wholesaling of litters of Borzoi puppies, or the sale of breeding stock or individuals to pet shops or other commercial sources of distribution and never to provide dogs for the purpose of raffle, lottery, or auction. Wholesale sales are defined as any sale where the seller does not meet or have actual knowledge of the ultimate purchaser of the Borzoi. Examples are consignment sales or surrender of individual puppies or entire litters to pet shops or any third party agent or broker. Sales to or through such establishments or individuals are detrimental to the breed. ***This type of sale is specifically prohibited by BCOA.*** Those breeders who resort to this type of sale are subject to disciplinary action by the BCOA. It is expected that every breeder of Borzoi will take the time to investigate prospective owners and place each puppy in a home where it will be loved and cared for, becoming a credit to the breed, its breeder, and its owner.
11. To require that any agent, employee or other person acting on behalf of the member comply with all principles outlined in this Code of Ethics and Guidelines.

Nothing in this Code of Ethics should be construed to be in violation of the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club or the Constitution and By-Laws of the Borzoi Club of America, Inc. *The BCOA reserves the right to discipline members who violate this Code, including expulsion of the offending member.*

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*signature & date*

Please sign and return to Virginia Jones, 8552 Evergreen Road, Brighton, Michigan 48116-8529

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