



BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
Holter Rules

The BCOA Holter monitor and accessories may be rented by BCOA members either as an individual or through a regional Borzoi club as a part of a Holter Event.

For all rentals a Holter Rental Agreement must be on file with the BCOA Health Chair, Nancy Hopkins. Once a Holter Rental Agreement (and the Information Sharing Agreement if Holter rental with shared results is chosen) is on file, an individual will need only fill out the Individual Sign-out Form prior to payment and rental of the equipment.

For individual rentals, once the Holter Rental Agreement is received and approved, the cost of rental must be paid through either the on-line BCOA Store or check mailed to the BCOA Treasurer. Once payment has been verified the equipment will be shipped to the individual according to the Holter rental schedule.

Holter Rental Costs payable to the BCOA covers consumables, normal wear and tear, and purchase of future improvements/supplies. Any additional funds will be used to support health clinics. Holter Rental Costs for individuals are available at several levels.

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| Holter rental without sharing results - first dog | \$70.00 | Rental of Holter package includes shipping to the borrower |
| Additional dogs - same mail out, same owner | \$60.00 | Rental of Holter package for each additional dog with the same owner, with one mail out. |
| Holter rental with shared results, including heart health updates - first dog | \$40.00 | Rental of Holter package includes shipping to the borrower |
| Additional dogs with shared results-same mail out, same owner | \$30.00 | Rental of Holter package for each additional dog with the same owner, with one mail out. |

All equipment must be returned to Leslie Walenta, BCOA Holter Committee Chair.

Borzoi Clubs may act as Agents on behalf of the BCOA in administering Holter use to Club members. Agents are expected to make every effort to keep the equipment in good condition, promote proper use and care and notify the BCOA (Health Chair, Nancy Hopkins or Holter Chair, Leslie Walenta) if there are any issues, problems or breakage.

At no time will the specific, individualized information on Holter reports a Borrower elects to share be revealed to any person or BCOA member. Information will only be shared in the form of aggregated data without names or identifiers. The purpose of this shared data is to help us understand the types of arrhythmias found in Borzoi and what impact these arrhythmias have on the well-being of the dog. Anytime new testing modalities are used, abnormalities can be found. Some are important to be taken into account when making breeding decisions. Others are part of the normal workings of an imperfect biological system and are not threats to overall breed health. Until we gather enough data, it will be very difficult, in some cases, to differentiate between these. With your help, we will gather the information necessary to answer such questions in the future.

Holter reading is available (results only) through Alba Medical Inc. or you are free to send the results for interpretation to the veterinary cardiologist of your choice. If you are participating in the information sharing rental for our Borzoi Arrhythmia Project, please ask Alba Medical, Inc. to include the Full Disclosure when sending them your results. The Full Disclosure will also be important if you plan to send the results to a veterinary cardiologist. Alba Medical, Inc. offers interpretation of the results by a cardiologist for an additional fee. You may also have Dr. Anna Gelzer of UPenn interpret your results for the same cost as is being offered by ALBA. You are responsible for sending the data to Alba Medical, Inc. or to whomever you have chosen to read the results. If you plan to send the results to your vet, it is recommended that you contact your vet to assure the results are sent by his/her preferred method (they will need the Full Disclosure).

Rental periods are for up to 1 week for 1-5 dogs. However, if this period of time will not be sufficient for you to conduct the test, clean and air dry the vest, and then ship the equipment, you must ask for a longer period BEFORE the rental agreement is finalized. Equipment arriving late will be assessed a late fee.

The vest is to be washed and AIR dried prior to return. NEVER dry the vest in a dryer. Wash on gentle cycle with a mild detergent and AIR dry.

It is important to note that the leads are NOT disposable. Please do not use scissors near the leads to avoid accidentally damaging the lead wires or insulation.

The recording period is 24 hours for each dog unless otherwise stipulated by your cardiologist. The dog can participate in most normal activities that DO NOT INCLUDE WATER. No water sports or being outside in the rain please and no accessing a doggie door as the position of the monitor makes it easy to damage as the dog slips through the doggie door. Also, watch crate doors and dog house openings to be sure these will not risk Holter monitor damage. The renter is responsible for any loss or damage to the equipment. It is highly recommended that the renter set aside a time to closely monitor the dog during the rental period. It is suggested that the dog wear an "E" collar, Bite-Not collar or muzzle and/or be crated during times when you cannot monitor the dog while it is wearing the vest and Holter. If the dog is allowed to be loose with other dogs, they MUST be monitored closely to assure the other dogs do not pull and tear at the vest, Holter monitor, or leads.

Dogs will need to be shaved behind the elbow on both sides to accommodate the electrodes. This is not mandatory, but insures better connection of the electrodes. If you do not secure a good connection and the test must be redone you will be expected to pay another rental fee.

Thank you

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