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Message from the President *by Barbara O'Neill*

With the 1998 National Specialty in Racine behind us I would like to say a few words of thanks to the Show Committee for the outstanding job they did. All of Pam Leichnam's, and Paul and Ardietta Thompson's, hard work paid off. The whole Show Committee was well organized and made putting on a National look easy. Thanks to all of you.

The seminars in Racine were great with a well-rounded selection. The BCOA Health Committee seminar on Canine Bloat given by Dr. Larry Glickman, DVM, Purdue University, was well attended and provided the attendees with the most up to date information on bloat. The BCOA is please to donate \$500 in the name of the Best of Breed winner to this worthwhile study. Thank you, Lou Avant and Alice Reese, for organizing this lecture. The Slide Presentation of the Borzoi Standard, hosted by Lorraine Groshans and Pat Murphy; Grooming for the Show Ring, presented by Rhanda Glenn; and How to Draw Borzoi (back by popular demand), with Karen Staudt-Cartabona, all were a hit.

The BCOA has brought to conclusion many projects this year. Not necessarily in the order of importance, we have concluded the Visualization of the Standard (Patti Neale, Chair), the BCOA Cookbook (Kitty Rogers, Chair), Regional Banners (Angela San Paolo, Chair), BCOA Coverlet (Sharon Robinson, Chair), and the Coursing Pamphlet (Kathleen Kapaun, Chair). We have also established the Emergency Kit (for dogs) to be at each National, the Guidelines for the Judges Education Committee, and Mentor Applications to participate in Judges Education. I am proud of all these Committees for their dedication and persistence in completing a project and doing it well. Thank you.

Oh, I left out one. *The Borzoi Connection*. It pleases me to no end that our vision of this publication has come to be realized. It was very difficult in the beginning to describe what we wanted to accomplish but I know that you can now see what that vision was. I hope the other clubs feel as I do that this was a perfect solution for all of us. Shen and Helen, you have outdone yourselves.

Laurie Kasowski, our Historian, is beginning her research into the 100 years of the BCOA in anticipation of the Centennial.

Her hope is to develop a list of 100 years of the BCOA Officers and Specialty date, location and winners. If you have any information that you could photocopy or share, such as old catalogs, magazines, yearbooks or any memorabilia related to our past, please contact Laurie - 5908 Shoshone, Encino, CA 91316, (818) 342-0451, tomk@wgn.net

As we all know, the 1999 National Specialty in Denver is already making big plans for next May and the 2000 National will be in Portland, Oregon. For your information, the following regions will be next. Year 2001 - Region 1 (Northeast); 2002 - Region 4 (Southwest); 2003 - Region 2 (Southeast); 2004 - Region 6 (North Central); 2005 - Region 3 (South Central); and 2006 - Region 5 (Northwest). The Centennial year has yet to be determined (Is it the first organizational meeting - 1903 or the year of membership into the AKC- 1904? We are finding out.). Regions may be moved forward a year.

That's it for this issue and I hope everyone has a wonderful Summer. Please don't hesitate to let us know your thoughts. We're here for you.

From the Editor *by Sharon Robinson*

Nationals are special but I find that what I look forward to at a Specialty has changed. When I first went I didn't know the people very well, so I was excited about the dogs I would see. This year I was excited about seeing the people I had not seen for a year. Not that the dogs weren't pretty spectacular, especially the Bred-by Bitch and Open Bitch Classes. I had to leave before Specials to pick up my son at college but I imagine that class was breathtaking as well.

Another thing I look forward to are the seminars. Their quality has been just exceptional. I saw several of the finished products from Karen Staudt-Cartabona's "How to Draw a Borzoi," and heard several novice artists exclaim about her ability as an instructor. I had the opportunity to hear Dr. Glickman give

his bloat lecture at the Deerhound National last year, so I know how good that one was. This year I attended the beautifully-done slide presentation on the Borzoi Standard and the grooming class by master groomer Rhanda Glenn.

Twenty-five years ago I really came prepared to party. I remember fondly the all nighters at the Midwest Specialties and especially those wonderful lectures by Dr. Zencok but remembering is about all the capacity I have for raucous partying any more. My roommate and I stayed up until 1AM one night in Racine, solving most of the world's problems over flavored water, smoked oysters, and chocolate, and that's about as much excitement as I can stand any more and still function the next day.

I still look forward to the Borzoi treasures at the wonderful booths. The only trouble is, I can't buy the way I used to. The

fact that my children outdid each other in finding the most expensive private colleges in the nation, coupled with my having spent the week before at the Deerhound Specialty and bankrupting myself on treasures there (don't worry Gary Newton I will be sending the next instalment on my wonderful deerhounds holding up the crystal ball), meant I didn't have much buying power but I spent a lot of time coveting the gold jewelry and wonderful bronzes. I even made a small purchase at the Brandin/Michalak treasure trove, a Borzoi with seal of my state capital, St. Paul, on his back.

I'm already looking forward to Colorado, to good people, thought-provoking seminars, quiet good times, and if my Visa bill is paid off, wonderful Borzoi treasures. And oh, I almost forgot, beautiful dogs in a beautiful setting. §



BCOA Regional Reports

Region 1—Fred Edlin

We had a BCOA supported entry at the Farmington Valley KC show on July 4, with a very good turnout. Sweeps judge was Terry Clement and breed judge was Lee Canalizo.

As the dog days of summer go away and fall returns, along with Borzoi coats, we anticipate two specialties in Region 1. The first is the BCGNY specialty at Bear Mountain State Park, NY, on October 9, with Carol Spritzer doing breed and Barbara O'Neill judging Sweeps. This is a Friday show and will be followed by the Palisades and Ramapo All-breeds Saturday and Sunday.

In November, West Springfield, Mass. there is a four-show cluster. Saturday, Nov. 21 there is a BCOA supported entry, Mrs. George Alston doing breed, Cathy Nasierowski doing Sweeps, at South Windsor KC. The next day is the Borzoi Club of New England specialty, Karen Mays doing sweeps, breed judge to be announced, Springfield KC.

Region 2—Alice Reese

The Borzoi Club of Greater Atlanta will be having it's first B match on Saturday, May 2nd, 1998. Sandra Moore of Avalon Borzoi will be judging. Mickey Koss, the President of this club has been diligent and successful with his application for the BCGA to become a fully recognized specialty club with the American Kennel Club. This involves putting on two B matches and one A match. This first B match is held in conjunction with the Classic City KC. The weekend of the 2nd and 3rd at these same shows they have two breeder/judges lined up. Karen Dumke, Nonsuch Borzoi and Donna Maharan, Midnight Borzoi. It should be a great weekend for Borzoi fanciers in the area. Sunday the Borzoi judging will be held early so that exhibitors on their way to the National will have plenty of time to get there! There are LOTS of trophy donations, do it should prove to be a very well attended event.

Mark your calendars for the Potomac Valley Borzoi Club Specialty, which will be held the fourth weekend in October in Leesburg, VA Judges are: Regular Classes: Loraine Marchant Sweepstakes: Kim Horn

Our Region has been hit very hard this

spring with many devastating storms and tornadoes. I am pleased to let everyone know that the Borzoi folks and their dogs came through them fine. There have been nice entries at the Spring shows and many exhibitors are picking up majors on their lovely hounds...CONTINUED SUCCESS EVERYONE!

Region 3—Rhanda Glenn

Heart of America has sent a newsletter every month they stay quite active in all phases of rescue, pet ownership, fun matches, etc. They hold a fun match in the fall with Heart of America K.C. and have a good turn out and fun time.

Have not contacted or been contacted by Carol Enz, who is chairman of the 1999 BCOA national. I assume she'll have a report in the meetings.

As the new gazette comes out I will send a letter to my Region and would like to hold 3-4 regional meetings in all corners of the region, letting members know my schedule of shows.

Region 4—Laurie Kasowski

It has been a pleasure to serve as Regional Governor for Region Four. This is my sixth year of serving and I continue to find it very rewarding. I would like to thank the Region Four members for their support.

Since my last annual report of April 1997 there have been five regional specialties held in Region four. I have attended all but one of the meetings of the Borzoi Club of California and answered numerous requests for information on Borzoi.

1998 is the 50th year anniversary for BCOC. They are planning a special celebration at their summer specialty on July 23 in Lompoc. A special commemorative medallion has been designed, a ringside luncheon for Borzoi exhibitors and spectators is being planned and lovely exhibitor pins will be given out. Mrs. Gloria Reese will judge the regular classes and Edd Abblett will judge the sweepstakes.

BCOC will be supporting the entry at the Western Hound Classic show June 26, 1998 in Long Beach, California. Judges will be Valerie Hamilton Preston for the regular classes and Harry Tufts for Sweepstakes.

BCNC plans to continue with their new show site the day before Del Valle at the Alameda Fairgrounds in October. Judge information and date will be forthcoming.

A BCOA Trophy Supported Entry has been proposed for the January 8, 1999 Hound Show in Indio California. Judges will be Pat Ellis for the regular classes and Karen Mays for puppy sweepstakes.

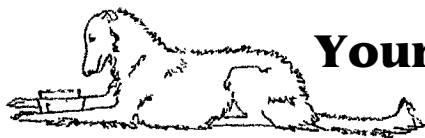
Sadly, Borzoi Rescue continues to be busy here in Region Four. Judy Lofgren and Jacqueline Gregory continue to be the heroes of this very important job.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved with the new Borzoi Club's cooperative magazine, the Borzoi Connection. This is such a quality magazine and is truly making the world a smaller place by connecting all of the Borzoi clubs, news into one magazine. A standing ovation to Shen Smith, Helen Lee, Barbara O'Neill, and all the others who are making this possible.

Region 5—Kathleen Kapaun

We will hold a TSE on May 23, 1998 at the shows in Spokane, WA. Thanks to Gerry Moore and Ann bowers for co-chairing this event.

Our region is also preparing to host the national in the year 2000. Gene Hill, show chairman will make a presentation to the board at the May meeting. We re excited at the opportunity to once again host a national in our region. A special thanks to John and Michelle Rowton who have done the preliminary research of facilities in the Portland, OR Area. §



**1997 BCOA
Top Producers**

Sires:

1 Ch. Majenkir Navron Mambrino (6)

- Majenkir Thunderclan Colt
- Majenkir Beryozhka
- Majenkir Moxie Minx of V.S.
- Fawnwood Diamonds & Pearls
- Majenkir Bistri
- Majenkir Nakai Ta Chee

Ch. Greyhaven The Pendragon (6)

- Soyara Misleading Lady Essar
- Soyara Sounds of Silence
- Soyara Esar Eleazar
- Greyhaven Holly
- Greyhaven Cypress
- Greyhaven Silver Birches

2 Ch. Kyrov's Crescendo (5)

- Del Sol Zen of Kyrov
- Kyrov's Storm of Wolf Creek
- Zadirra's Artful Dodger
- Chardan's Cheva Chagall
- Del Sol Ziguern of Kyrov

Ch. Sky Run's Along for the Ride (5)

- Oaklara's Shadow of the Moon
- Monarch's Special Angel
- Oaklara's Daybreak
- Sylvan Gardenia
- Sky Run Meridian Moon

Dams:

1 Ch. Majenkir Athena of Avalyn (4)

- Majenkir Thunderclan Colt
- Majenkir Beryozhka
- Majenkir Moxie Minx of V.S.
- Majenkir Nakai Ta Chee

Ch. Wind 'N Satin Red Sonja

- Gladkii Veter Goldendragon
- Wind 'N Satin Dare to Compare
- Gladkii Veter on Time Dragon
- Gladkii Veter Dragon Rouge

2 Ch. Insight's Hecuva (3)

- Greyhaven Holly
- Greyhaven Cypress
- Greyhaven Silver Birches

Ch. Soyara Whiter Shade of Pale (3)

- Soyara Misleading Lady Essar
- Soyara Sounds of Silence
- Soyara Esar Eleazar

The Dogs by Ivan Nazhivin, Published by Lippincott, 1931, translated from Russian

This is a novel of the Russian Revolution as seen through the eyes of peasants, princes, and their dogs. It seems a realistic picture of pre-Revolutionary Russia - introducing you to the good and bad in both classes. The dogs are used as foils for their civilized human counterparts who make war. The dogs run the gamut from the "anarchists" of the garbage dump to the aristocratic Borzoi of the Prince's Kennel.

I enjoyed the style of this novelist, one of my favorite lines being, "He could only lament that he himself, only a Grand Duke and not a Borzoi, could do nothing."

For dog lovers there is enjoyment in the tales of a puppy discovering the world from noisy dampers to mirrors and Panama hats. But there is also shock and tears, for the horrors that befall both dogs and their masters are graphically reported.

For the Borzoi fancier the section on the wolf hunt and the glimpses of the lifestyle in the kennel are of interest. The Borzoi that this author was familiar with must have had quite a bit of topline since there are several references to them as hunchbacked, etc. He describes their jaws as appearing frail, but holding "like a vice of steel." The author also alludes to the rise of the Borzoi as a fashionable accessory about this time in the US.

Even in Russia there was evidently the dichotomy between the show dog and the working dog. The Prince comments more than once about the prowess of his dogs in the hunt, saying, "This at least is no dog show business."



Raspberry Tea Debunked

by Sharon Robinson

The co-breeder of my Deerhound litter had insisted I use raspberry leaf tea throughout my bitch's pregnancy for an easy delivery. I wasn't sure about this, but I went out and bought some so I could tell her I had it (in my cupboard) when she called. I never gave it to my bitch and now I'm glad. At the Deerhound Specialty this year a canine fertility expert, Melissa Goodman, DVM, from Frazer, PA, spoke on "Canine Ovulation Timing." As an aside she reported that raspberry leaf tea had been used by midwives during labor to stimulate contractions in their human patients. One of her canine patients was given that remedy (it was not the veterinarian's recommendation) and kept having contractions early in the pregnancy. When the vet told the owner to discontinue usage, the contractions stopped. She felt raspberry leaf tea might be the cause of some lost pregnancies. Dr. Goodman recommended that it never be used throughout a pregnancy.

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Borzoi Head Structure

by Jennifer Beach-Buda BCOA Club Education Chairman

In the Perchino or Woronzova hunts a Borzoi might catch and hold a wolf weighing up to 120 lbs. Consider the Borzoi head structure

required to accomplish this job. To what extent are Borzoi head characteristics derived from functional requirements to catch and hold prey? How does proper head structure enhance the holding power of the jaws and teeth?

Fortunately, some photographic records of the dogs from the Woronzova and Perchino Hunts exist. If the gold medal-winning Woronzova hunt team (photo) are representative of the Borzoi of the time, we can see that the breed has changed some, specifically in regard to the comparatively short, muscular necks and wider fronts, that along with extremely powerful jaws, would be of advantage in holding a wolf. The head types of these hunting hounds can be found in today's Borzoi and would be considered correct and pleasing. The bitch in the photo is a feminine and refined version of her male kennelmates. Artem Boldareff (Woronzova) valued aesthetics and functional ability in his hounds, and stated that he would not hunt with Borzoi who did not have a pleasing appearance.



Today's standard requires a head with "skull slightly domed, long and narrow, with scarcely any perceptible stop, inclined to be Roman nosed, jaws long, powerful and deep, somewhat finer in bitches but not snipy."

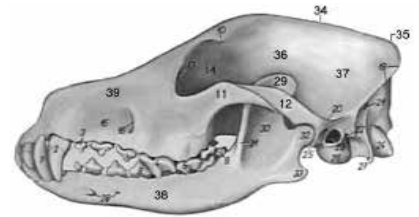
The functional head shape in Borzoi is one of strength and balance, with the skull and foreface measuring approximately equal in length, with a smooth transition from a well-filled muzzle to a moderately narrow skull when viewed from the top, and a "broken plane" appearance of the topline of the head with a deep muzzle and lower jaw when viewed from the side. Fill-in below the eyes affects the dog's ability to grasp prey. The maxillary bone (39 in drawing of long-headed canine skull) or upper jaw provides a deep foundation for molars. Good length of head and jaws is needed to physically get the jaws around the prey and have enough leverage to hold. The lower jaw (38) needs good depth and width and should be U-shaped in the front, where the incisors are located, to provide the best foundation for a good bite. To paraphrase a conformation judge's comments, if the jaw is weak and breaks upon grasping the prey, the dog dies.

If you run your fingers along the top of a Borzoi's skull you should feel the sagittal crest (34), a slight ridge running down the center of the skull, ending at the occiput (35). The sagittal crest strengthens the cranium and provides attachment for the temporal muscles that insert into the coronoid process of the mandible (29). The skull should have the correct, slightly domed shape, not overly rounded nor flat. In Borzoi, the coronoid process of the mandible, which provides a point of muscle attachment, is large in relation the front part of the lower jaw.

Three of the head muscles are interesting from functional point of view. The major muscle, the masseter, which possesses more power than any other head muscle, is attached to the zygomatic arch (11, 12) and temporal bone (37) and is inserted along the mandible. Both the temporal and masseter muscles close the jaws by leverage. The temporal muscle inserts along the coro-

noid process of the mandible (29) which actually lays to the inside of the zygomatic arch. Prominent zygomatic arches (sometimes called "side skull") are not needed to achieve a strong foundation for musculature because the biting/chewing/holding muscles lie along the area of the coronoid process. The other important head muscle, the zygomaticus, is a long strip extending from the cartilage of the ear to the front of the lower jaw (mandible). It retracts the jaw and is particularly important in the powerful bite of long-headed breeds like Borzoi.

As Artem Boldareff knew, a strong, functional head can also have great aesthetic appeal. Strength and width of upper and lower jaws, which provide a foundation for teeth, need continuous attention by today's breeders to be maintained. Borzoi head type, including equal length and balance between the oval backskull and



powerful, deep muzzle of the foreface are not just beautiful; the underlying structure was developed to allow the Borzoi to do the work for which he was originally bred.

Key to drawing of long-headed canine skull (Note: This is NOT a Borzoi skull) 1. upper incisors 2. upper canine tooth 3. upper 1st premolar 4. upper 4th premolar 5. upper 1st molar 6. lower incisors 7. lower canine tooth 8. lower 4th premolar 9. lower 3rd molar 10. zygomatic process of frontal bone 11. and 12. zygomatic arch 11. temporal process of zygomatic bone 12. zygomatic process of temporal bone 13. fossa of lacrimal sac 14. orbit 15. canine fossa 16. infraorbital foramen 17. temporal line 18. orbitotemporal crest 19. nuchal crest 20. temporal crest 21. supramastoid foramen 22. stylomastoid foramen 23. external acoustic opening 24. occipital condyle 25. retroarticular process 26. tympanic bulla 27. paracondyloid process 28. mental foramen 29. coronoid process of mandible 30. masseteric fossa 31. muscular crest 32. condyloid process



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Blue Book	\$50	\$3	\$53
Yearplates '82, '85, '86, '89 (please specify)	\$12 ea	\$3	\$15
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DOB: 5/1/95

Breeders: Owners

Roni & Jennifer Zucker

White Male

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Ch. Arnov Gerik, CD
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It is an honor to have bred and own the #1 Conformation Borzoi. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support. Thank you: Harold & Sheri Morant for a wonderful start in Borzoi wit some of their great dogs; Audrey Mulligan for Emmy; and Karen & Bob Cartabona for sharing their vast knowledge, friendship and wonderful dogs.

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RONI AND JENNIFER ZUCKER





**The Aristocrat BCOA 1997 TOP BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX
CH. RANCHO GABRIEL MAGIC VIXEN**

DOB: 10/31/90

Breeders: Phydelda & Lyle Gillette

Christa Cordtz

White & Red Female



Ch. Majenkir Gyr Falcon
 Ch. Majenkir Zcerlov Vindicator
 Ch. Majenkir Tzarina Tsuzu
 Ch. Zcerlov's Just A Buck
 Ch. Majenkir Madrigal
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 Rancho Gabriel Wichita
 Rancho Gabriel Magic
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 Ch. Hoit Newmar of Rancho Gabriel

Career highlights include: 4-time Specialty BOB, including the 1996 National; California All-Breed Best in Show (entry 1700); 5 California Group 1s; 5-time Specialty BOS; 3-time Specialty HIT from Open B class; 3-time BCOA Top Best of Opposite Sex—entirely owner-handled.

My best friend, who always knows what's on my mind.

BCOA 1997 TOP OBEDIENCE DOG

CH. KONSTANTIN'S GALLANT FINNEY, ST/AM/CAN CD

DOB: 12/6/94

Breeders: Patricia L. Pempek

Karen Haberkorn & Patricia L. Pempek

Black, white & tan



Ch. Majenkir Sky Strider
 Ch. Sky Run Tellstar
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 Ch. Dont's Wildwinds
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 Ch. Romilyn's Konstantin Nicka, UD,
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 Ch. Konstantin Atlazny Tesomka
 Radozny Cassatka

Finney is named after a dear friend who died of cancer. I'm pleased to accept this award in Gary Finney's honor.

BCOA 1997 TOP JUNIOR HANDLER WYATT DELFINO

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Wyatt Delfino was 1996 and 1997's #1 Borzoi Junior Handler and a top 10 Hound Junior. Wyatt started Juniors at 10. He is 16, a High School Junior and an honors science student who represented California at the World Odyssey of the Mind competition. Wyatt is on the Swim and Water Polo team.

BCOA 1997 TOP AKC FIELD COURSER AKC FCH. TAMARZI TAHOE FALLON, JC, SC, ASFA FCH

DOB: 12/31/94

Breeders: Tammy & Marilyn Lockhart

Steven & Carol (KC) Artley

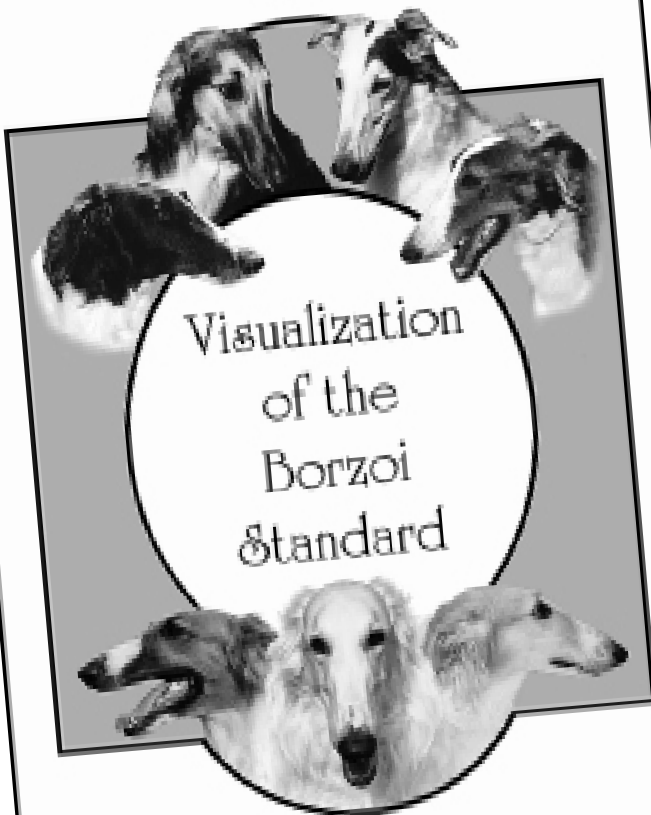
Female; White black & tan



CH. Echovesna's Haute Couture
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Thank you so much for the excellent Visualization of the Borzoi Standard. I appreciate getting it and admire the dedication of your members in putting out such an outstanding source of information.

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I received the Visualization of the Borzoi Standard in today's mail. It is just super. I have read it cover to cover twice already. What a unique method of presentation... pictorially I mean. I've seen others try it, but nearly so extensively or successfully as this.... *Joe Purkiser*

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The Borzoi Visualization is the most impressive judges guide that I have ever received. I have my first assignment coming up and I will try to put it to good use. *Audrey Sutton*

I just got a "Christmas in May" gift from the Borzoi Club of America, a copy of the new "Visualization of the Borzoi Standard". Really well done, with plenty of good



1998 NATIONAL SPECIALTY



Reflections of the National Specialty 98 *by Pam Leightnam*

The 1998 National here in my home state is but a memory, however all the preparation, hard work and dedication of many people made it all worthwhile. With that said, I want to preface my next statement by saying as a facilitator, I don't believe it was my responsibility to try and thank all who helped. Because I tried to thank people at the awards dinner by sight in the audience, I missed some people and obviously have hurt some people's feelings. I would like to try to mend those fences now.

A BIG THANK YOU to Karen Haberkorn! Karen took over the obedience chair very late in the game and was responsible for getting the mats from the Fond du Lac K.C. and travel Rebecca Drollinger / Envioussled from Illinois to get the mats and store them in her horse trailer. She also helped take down the ring to get ready for the Futurity and helped keep the grooming rooms clean.

Besides the committee members I mentioned at the dinner—Ardietta Thompson, Penny Keiffer and Nancy Reimer—I would like to thank all who helped, either at the National or their support and ideas via phone conversations. Those people include Joe and Kitty Rogers, Denise & Mike Scanlan, KC Artley, Kim Bork, Shen

Smith, Marilyn Polsfuss, Ellanne Spearbraker, Kathleen Kapaun, Rhanda Glenn, Jennifer Beach-Buda, Dana Thompson, Ralph Barger, Joel & Camelle Chaney, Prudence Hlatky, Barbara Yoon, Toni & Tom Paskey, Barbara Lord, Carol Suelzle, Ron Williams, Jon & Jenni Steele, Darlyn Pfeiffer, Sue Breaz and our ring stewards - Karen Mays, Tim & Sharon Robinson and Chris Neale.

Last but not least, thank you Paul and Ardietta Thompson for chairing the show! I may be setting myself up to forget someone again but to my knowledge the above people were in contact with me either by phone or at the National itself.

Thanks also go to the BCOA Health Committee, Alice Reese and Dr. Lou Avant, for arranging the Bloat Seminar; thanks to Jennifer Beach-Buda for the Club Education Seminars; Rhanda Glenn and Karen Staudt-Cartabona for informative seminars. Thank you, Barbara O'Neill for being the best show secretary this club could ever have to put on this event.

Thank you everyone for attending and having a good time while making this a very memorable event that I will always be very proud of!§

Borzoi Club of America 1998 National Specialty Triathlon

Fifteen Borzoi competed in 3 equally weighted events for which they received numeric scores: the Specialty lure coursing trial, the Specialty obedience trial, and the Triathlon conformation class. For this special class, the Specialty conformation judge used a score sheet based on the breed standard, to give each dog a Conformation score. The Triathlon dogs also had to be entered in a regular conformation class at the Specialty. Bonus points were awarded to those dogs winning placements in the regular conformation class, the obedience class and the lure coursing stake.

First place, with a score of 258.5 was won by the 8 year old male, CH Wind'N Satin Black Legacy Am/Can CD SC LCM2 CGC. "Knuckles" was sired by CH Knapovich Diavolo of JEM CD out of CH Wind'N Satin Celestal Kristull. He is owned by breeder Mary Childs & co-owned by Dora Childs from Hamilton Ohio. Second place, with a score of 250.5, was won by the 3 year old

female, Can CH Bistroi's Anzhelikka Can FCh Can CD. "Angel" was sired by Can CH JP Brinbor Damien out of Can CH Bistroi's Scheherazade Can CD. She is owned by breeder Dr. Carol Hannon from Mill Bay, British Columbia.

Third place, with a score of 249.25, was won by the 3 year old female, Meyta's Eclectic FCh. "Niki" was sired by Am/Can CH Meyta's Dostoyevski out of Laba's Veruska Meyta. She is owned by Joan Tierney of Lansing Michigan and co-owned by breeder Laura Dupuis Hyatt of Marcellus Michigan.

Fourth place, with a score of 246.75, was won by the 3 year old female, Del Sol Algol CGC JC LCM. "Demon" was sired by CH Chataqua's Desert Raider of Kyrov CGC out of Rabrega Protege. She is owned by breeder Susan Van de Water of Midland Texas.



The Aristocrat

1998 BCOA Conformation Statistics

Compiled by Nancy Reimer

January 1 - April 30, 1998

	Points	BIS	BISS	Gp 1	Gp 2	Gp 3	Gp 4	BB
1. Ch. Raynbos Tstorm Front R. & J. Zucker	2662	1		5	1	4	1	19
2. Ch. Ksar Po Dusham Aruba A. Reese	894			2	5		2	14
3. Ch. Rising Star's Moonshinefancy (B) L. French	879				1	1	2	18
4. Ch. Monarch Chrystal Chandelier (B) T. Cook/S. Smith	573					3		7
5. Ch. Majenkir Timotheus Seven R. Blodgett Jr.	522			2	1		1	15
6. Ch. Del Sol Zigeunerin of Kyrov (B) S. Van De Water	404					2		6
7. Ch. Rising Star Auroral Tangueray N. Johnson	351				1			9
8. Ch. Nonsuch Katmandu O'Harvester L. Pryor/K. & K. Dumke	316				1			8
9. Ch. Windsatin Mikala Lilac Ridge (B) M. Childs	308						1	6
10. Ch. Nonsuch Prince Charming K. & K. Dumke	306			2		1		10
Ch. J A Y Seabury JP Affectionately (B) Dr. J. Sillers	306					2		12

If you have questions or comments regarding these statistics, please contact Nancy Reimer, 13318 Iowa Street, Crown Point, IN 46307.

1998 Obedience Report

Results are based on the AKC Gazette Show and Trial Results covering events to May 22, 1998 (inclusive)

NOVICE

	AVERAGE	NO. TRIALS
1. Nonsuch Legendary Lawrence, C.D. - D. Sharp	192.6	17*
2. Greyhaven Magy Noire - M. Polsfuss	190.0	1
3. Ch. Greyhaven Solitude Standing - V. Trantanella	183.5	1
4. Ch. Wildwood Cyrano De Kostenov, CD - Henderson/Delfino	182.0	2
5. Ch. Tazeb's Zena, C.D. - B. Binder	179.3	3*
6. Blackmoor Anasazi - P. Kilby	177.0	1
7. Ch. Nonsuch Krasan, C.D. - D. & D. Williams	176.5	1
8. Odyssey Www. Of The Wild Hunt - G. Duncan	175.0	1
9. Del Sol Algol - S. Van De Water	172.0	1
10. DC Winter's Fluorine Of Ryhka, C.D. - D. Darling & P. Anuta	170	.0 1

OPEN

1. Konstantin's Gallant Kinney, C.D.- K. Haberkorn & P. Pempek	191.5	1
2. Nikolai Gavrik High Stakes, C.D. - B. Nichols	181.5	1

UTILITY

1. Zephyr's Reach Merlin's Magic, U.D. - L. Harbertson	193.0	1
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*Eligible to compete for BCOA Annual Obedience Award. Eligibility to compete is by receiving qualifying scores in three or more trials during the year and by being a member, officially, before the qualifying scores are received. The average score will be determined by totalling the points earned in the shows, as specified, and dividing the total by the number of classes specified.

Please, whenever your dog receives a qualifying score, would you drop a postcard in the mail to Edna Ogata at 579 Cotton Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025 or e-mail to eogata@seq.org. This would help me keep on track.

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Summary of a Night with Larry Glickman, AKA Dr. Bloat

by Lou Avant, DVM

Dr. Glickman arrived just in time to prevent Alice Reese and myself from suffering from a major heart attack. He had had traffic difficulties coming through Chicago and did not arrive at the hotel until 15 minutes before he was supposed to speak ... WHEW!! And speak he did ... what a job ... each and everyone of us was able to take home practical measures to assist us all in preventing bloat. I've tried to summarize his talk for those of you unable to attend. This is an important disease in our breed. This fact was brought home to me when Dr. Glickman asked how many people had ever seen bloat ... I did not see one person in that room without a hand raised. **THIS IS SCARY!** What follows this introduction is my best attempt at paraphrasing what Dr. Glickman said at our seminar with any mistakes being my own ... **ENJOY AND LEARN!!**

Bloat or Gastric-dilatation-volvulus (GDV) is not caused by any one particular thing. The disease results from a combination of genetics, personality or temperament, environment, and diet. While temperament does not seem to be a major problem in the Borzoi, the unique size/shape of this breed tends to make it at risk to develop GDV.

GDV is actually a malpositioning of the stomach which prevents 'room air' from escaping from this organ. As the dog begins to panic because of the discomfort caused by the malposition, he increases his swallowing of room air. It is imperative to realize that the air in the stomach is **ROOM** air and not just an accumulation of stomach gases. This is why products such as Gas-X or Phazyme will not work to prevent bloat or to lessen its severity. The esophagus acts as a one way valve for the room air ... allowing it in but preventing the air from getting back out. This increase in room air in the stomach causes the intragastric pressure to increase rapidly which results in a high case fatality rate. Death is usually caused by cardiogenic shock. Even with the best of treatment, 30% of these dogs will die. The incidence of bloat greatly increases as a dog ages simply because the ligaments holding the stomach in place stretch with age.

The symptoms of bloat are fairly

classic: labored breathing, whining, restlessness, roach or arched back, drooling, unsuccessful retching, and abdominal swelling and/ or tenderness. If left untreated, these animals **WILL** die; therefore all dogs should be fitted with a gastric tube by a qualified veterinarian and this tube should always travel with the dog. If in doubt ... **TUBE THE DOG** ... you can't do any harm!! Once the tube is in place, perform a Heimlich maneuver on the animal to assist in the elimination of the excess air and **HEAD FOR YOUR VETERINARIAN**. If the dog is obviously bloated and you can **NOT** pass a tube, attempt to decompress the animal by inserting a large gauge needle (a 10 to 12 gauge is best) directly into the stomach through the abdominal wall. You can even use a pen to penetrate the stomach in order to release the air! Just tap the sides of the dog until you hear something that sounds like the ping when you are tapping on a basket ball ... this is where you stick in the needle. Regardless of the success of any first aid attempts, surgical correction with some form of gastropexy (tacking of the stomach) is mandatory.

Twenty-four percent of these animals **WILL** die within 7 days regardless of aggressive and appropriate therapy. If comatose at the time of presentation, this percentage increases by 35 times ... if merely depressed then it only increases by three times. If at the time of surgery the stomach shows any signs of necrosis (tissue damage) the chance of death increases by 11. Rapid treatment by a professional is mandatory if the animal has any chance at all to survive. Without the gastropexy, most of these dogs will bloat and again this time they will die. Even with the gastropexy, three percent of these animals will bloat again during the next year ... this is may be due to a breakdown of the tacking.

A very interesting statistic is that before 1975, this disease was not seen at all. Then suddenly in 1980 there was an increase of between 4 and 5 times as many cases seen. The incidence has continued to increase slowly over the last decade until it now stands at 1300% of the number of cases seen in 1975. What happened? At this time, the cause is unknown although many researchers are looking into various etiologies. Until more is known about the cause of this disease, the current recommendations for prevention are to feed more than one meal per day, supplement with table scraps, decrease the speed of consumption

of the meal, restrict activity surround meal times, have prophylactic gastropexies performed, and cooperate with the various researchers.

Which dogs are more likely to bloat? Females have a 20% higher incidence of bloat than males with intact animals have a 20% increase over this. If you assign a value of 1 to dogs less than 1 year of age, then you will see that the incidence of bloat greatly increases as the animal ages. Dogs between 1 and 4 years of age will bloat 7 times more often, dogs between 4 and 10 years will bloat 23 times more often, and dogs greater than 10 years of age will bloat 19 times more often than dogs of less than 1 year of age. Purebred dogs are four times as likely to bloat as mix breeds. The incidence also increases with an increase in body size. Animals between 30 and 50 pounds are 12 times more prone to bloat than dogs less than 30 pounds. Dogs between 50 and 75 times are 34 times more likely to bloat. Those between 75 and 100 pounds are 58 times more likely. And dogs over 100 pounds, are 151 times more likely to develop the disease. Medium sized breeds rarely ever bloat. Great Danes are 41 times more likely to bloat than a mixed breed animal and Borzoi are very close to this incidence. Borzoi have between 25 and 50% chance of bloating within a lifetime.

It has been determined that size and body shape will determine the chance of bloat. It is extremely common in deep and narrow chested breeds. Three measurements are taken ... length of chest, width of chest, and depth of chest; then a ratio of depth to width is determined. As the ratio increases, so does the incidence of bloat. Genetics determine conformation; therefore genetics has an influence on the incidence of bloat. The coefficient of inbreeding for this disease is 0.1. It is a polygenic trait; therefore it is extremely difficult if not impossible to develop any type of screening test for the problem.

When bloat **DOES** occur, 75% of the cases occur between 6 p.m. and dawn; therefore, most bloat is in the middle of the night which is usually quite a while after eating. It is also much more common in the warmer months than in winter. Things which do not seem to matter ... the amount of dry food consumed, whether or not the food is moistened,

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