



**BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**** A report is not required. Committee Chair to keep BCOA Board informed of activities as necessary.**

Annual Awards – Nancy Reimer **

The award winners were notified, and 8 of the 9 submitted photos. Their awards are being made and will be ready by the national. I'm sending a copy of the photos to the Borzoi Connection and to the archives.

Annual Versatility Awards & Versatility Hall of Fame– Karen Ackerman **

Nothing to report at this time

Aristocrat – Jeremy Freshwater**

Hi nothing from this end. As of today I have only received 1 report for the quarter, that being from Bonnie Nichols.

BCOA Website – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock **

No report received

Club Archives - **

Historian Dick Blodgett, Jr **

No recent activity. Last submission of historic article for inclusion in BC did not get published. That was some time ago so presumed lost and will resubmit, this time to Shen. Article on History of the Standard not completed, will try to finish soon.

Club Inventory and Medals – Barbara O'Neill

No report received.

Conformation Championship Medals– Chris Danker

No report received.

Constitution & By-Laws – Kathleen Kapaun

Nothing to report at this time.

Futurity Event – Kathleen Kapaun **

Nothing to report at this time.

2007 Futurity – Barbara O'Neill

The 2007 Futurity is closed with a final balance of \$2870.00. There are 17 litters that are eligible to forward to 2008. The 2008 Futurity has 12 new Bitch nominations and 6 new Litter nomination. There currently is \$460 in the 2008 Futurity.

Gazette Columnist – Jon Steele **

No report received

Health – Ginger Jones

A. 2007 Rhode Island status:

● CLINICS & SEMINAR:

- a. OFA Heart – Cardiologist Dr. Nancy Morris ACVIM Cardiology has agreed to provide her services for our heart clinic. Her fee to us is as follows: \$30 per auscultation, \$150 for Doppler echo – prepaid and prescheduled, \$135 24 holter monitor – prepaid and

prescheduled, \$55 cardio care blood test (new technology) – prepaid and prescheduled. Scheduling for auscultations for other than borzoi, and for the Doppler echo, holter and blood test are being handled through coordinator Sue Krom. Checks made out to BCOA are being sent directly to her and she will bring them, the prescheduled listing and the cardiologist with her on the day of the clinic. There undoubtedly will be a bit of confusion amongst our BCOA members when they have already prepaid for auscultations via the one-stop-shopping and see the info published on the web. Since this is different than any heart clinic we have provided in the past, there will be some confusion and that's to be expected.

- b. DNA Repository – All materials received from the OFA for this clinic.
- c. MICROCHIP – I confirmed the requirements for our micro chip clinic. AKC will enroll the Home Again chips we will be implanting for the clinic price of \$9 per enrollment. AKC CAR package of information already received and all materials are ready for our clinic.
- d. MASSAGE CLINIC – I signed and returned the release of liability form for Cindy Gingrich-Baker for the massage clinic to be held on Sunday night from 7pm to 10pm. She confirmed insurance coverage through her school where she is being trained. The event will be free to all participants who are interested. Anyone participating will need to fill out a brief health history form and release form. Cindy will also give a brief talk about canine massage. She is putting together a flyer about her massage clinic and we can circulate it at the field events on Saturday and Sunday and I'll also send to Fred Vogel. I've also updated our clinic flyer to include the information as well as some other required corrections. Fred Vogel has very graciously offered to print the flyers for inclusion in the hospitality bags and available at the health committee table.
- e. CLINIC/SEMINAR HELPERS – Still waiting for list of names from Colleen of who will be helping me with the clinics and seminars so I can send them information they can review before Nationals week. Hoping to have the names by the end of the first week in April.

- OFA CHAMPIONS FOR HEALTH AWARD

File of all CHIC borzoi sent to Karen Ackerman first week of March. I received 3 possible candidate nominations. A total list of achievements and titles for the highest ranking candidate can be compiled and sent in to CHF for consideration for the award for next year. It will take some time to compile all achievements for all activities and then the CHF will need some time to review the proposal and determine if the candidate is worthy and inscribe a plaque and have it ready for the awards banquet. In general, the award winners of past have all had multiple best in show and/or group wins along with field and or obedience titles and top annual placements to their names. I'm not sure we have any CHIC borzoi with these extensive credits.

B. Canine Health Foundation

I received the following info from the CHF during the month of March:

- Media alert regarding relationship between dog genes and cancer in humans
- Grants Committee recently awarded over \$22,000 in funding for 3 canine health research projects. Topics for these grants include acquired mitral valve disease (heart murmurs) in Whippets, degenerative myelopathy (a progressive, neurodegenerative disorder) in German Shepherd Dogs, and ocular melanosis (an intractable, blinding and painful genetic eye disease) in Cairn Terriers.
- Received confirmation that \$1000 was donated to the Borzoi Donor Advised fund from the "Zoistory" group.
- Received information from DiDi DKaren Mays for the bi-annual CHF Parent Club Health Conference. The 3 day event will take place October 19th thru 21st in St. Louis at the Adams Mark Hotel. Each Parent Club can send one representative who is appointed by the President.

If your Parent Club is a Founder Club a second representative may attend. A Founder Club is a club that has given at the \$10,000 level. BCOA qualifies as a founder club, so we are eligible to send two candidates at the presidents discretion. This event is back to back seminars from 7:30am to 6pm each day covering areas of current health research partially funded by the parent clubs through the CHF and covers significant results of the last 2 years of funded grant research. I would like to request to attend this conference as it provides me with an in depth education extremely beneficial to me when I review the research proposals sent to me by the CHF as our parent club liaison and requesting our clubs financial support. Through these educational seminars, I'm much better educated to review the research proposals and provide information and appropriate recommendations to the BCOA board of directors for which grant proposals I believe we should support financially. The nature of the

topics are extremely technically oriented requiring a certain degree of understanding of the genome, DNA marker sets, haplotypes and the use of SNPS for candidate marker research studies. I would like to recommend to the president that she might consider an additional representative appropriately trained in the veterinarian medical profession who could gain the most from this type of in-depth discussions. Since Dr. Gary Nash and Mickey Nash donate their time and efforts each year to the health committee either at the clinics or helping me to prepare for the nationals each year, I would think that either of them, both technically trained, would be excellent candidates. I hope you'll take this into consideration when you make your decision.

- Received updated progress report on CHF Grant - #373 Mapping Genes associated with Osteosarcoma in Large Dog Breeds. The study is progressing well and researchers believe they will still meet or exceed all their objectives on the project in spite of the shortfall on receiving candidate control and test samples for the Rottweiler breed.

C. MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION

- Received a request from the Morris Animal Foundation for financial support for three research proposals (*see info below*). After reviewing the information in the 3 studies below, I would strongly recommend to the board that we provide some type of financial support for research grant: D06CA-066 *Mapping Genes Associated with Canine Mast Cell Tumors*. Dr. Lindblad-Toh is undoubtedly one of, if not the, leading research expert in the nation if not the entire world when it comes to mapping genes. She was a principal speaker at the last CHF Parent Club Conference in St. Louis and her work and progress in mapping genes is nothing short of miraculous. She is also one of the two researchers for our CHF Grant #373 mentioned in the bullet point above. I do not have specific information regarding the break down of the funding request; whether it is a one time payment or if this can be spread out in installments. Thanks in advance for your consideration of this proposal.

Dear Ms. Jones and the Borzoi Club of America,

I am writing to ask if the Borzoi Club of America might be able to once again assist Morris Animal Foundation in furthering canine health by co-sponsoring a study to benefit purebred Borzoi. Since funding our first canine study in 1950, Morris Animal Foundation has provided \$19 million in financial support for 558 canine studies. Here are just a few examples of our research that improves the lives of dogs:

- Foundation funding supported the development of the first parvovirus vaccine, saving the lives of thousands of dogs.
- Early Foundation-funded studies helped veterinarians learn how to manage kidney failure through nutrition.
- Scientists used our funding to develop a simple blood test to provide early detection of lymphoma in dogs.
- A recent MAF study successfully used abdominal magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) to distinguish between benign and malignant lesions in the liver and spleen of dogs, with a 90 percent noninvasive, diagnostic accuracy rate.

The studies described below have the potential to greatly benefit all breeds of large and giant dogs and are in need of sponsors:

D04CA-109 *Treating Osteosarcoma Bone Pain with Radiation, Adriamycin and Intravenous Pamidronate*

Established Investigator Grant

Timothy M. Fan, DVM, University of Illinois, Year 3 of 3: \$55,033

Dogs with osteosarcoma, a common bone cancer, often suffer severe bone pain. Conventional therapy for this cancer includes amputation of the affected limb followed by chemotherapy. For dogs who are poor candidates for surgery, however, local pain control can be difficult to achieve. Effective, non-surgical options for alleviating pain include using combined radiation and systemic chemotherapy; however, the analgesia is generally short-lived. Investigators will evaluate whether combining this

standard treatment with drugs that prevent further bone destruction, such as pamidronate, will decrease the pain and improve quality of life for dogs with osteosarcoma.

D06CA-071 Influenza Virus Infection in Dogs in Shelters

Established Investigator Grant

Cynda Crawford, DVM, Ph.D., University of Florida, Year 1 of 2: \$83,908

Canine influenza virus is a rapidly emerging threat to any dog, but particularly those in shelters. It causes highly contagious, acute respiratory disease that can spread rapidly in high-population environments such as kennels and shelters. The majority of dogs have a cough that can be treated, but some develop life-threatening pneumonia. This study will determine the prevalence of influenza virus infections in shelters and its relationship with other respiratory pathogens, such as canine distemper virus and bordetella, and will identify the factors associated with its spread. The study results will help develop effective guidelines for managing respiratory infections, particularly influenza, in shelters.

D06CA-066 Mapping Genes Associated with Canine Mast Cell Tumors

Established Investigator Grant

Kerstin Linblad-Toh, Ph.D., The Broad Institute, Year 1 of 2: \$95,563

Mast cell tumors (MCT) are the most common skin tumors in dogs. Survival rates are dependent upon the tumor grade. While dogs with grade 1 tumors often experience long-term survival, those with grade 3 tumors usually die within six months. This cancer has a particularly high occurrence in certain breeds, which suggests a significant genetic component. This study will use a new approach to identify genes that contribute to an increased risk of developing mast cell cancer in golden retrievers and related breeds. Identifying these genes will help scientists rapidly develop genetic tests that would indicate a predisposition to this cancer and would help develop therapeutic strategies based on tumor grade.

These studies have been rigorously reviewed by our scientific advisory board and ranked in the top ten percent of all proposals received.

Morris Animal Foundation greatly appreciates your past support and asks that you consider joining us again to support canine health by co-sponsoring one of the above studies for a minimum donation of \$3,000. Or, co-sponsor two studies for \$6,000.

To learn more about the studies described above please contact me directly by phone (303) 708-3425 or email and I will be happy to send you excerpts from the investigators' proposals. Please visit our new interactive website to learn about Morris Animal Foundation www.morrisanimalfoundation.org. Additional studies needing sponsorship are described on the study sponsorship page of our website at http://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/current_studies

Any contribution that you can make is greatly appreciated by the Foundation and the scientists who dedicate their careers to help animals. The dogs are the ones who thank you most of all. 100% of any gift at any level goes directly to animal health since our administrative and fundraising costs are paid through an endowment.

Sincerely,

Dave Riggs

Study Sponsorship - Morris Animal Foundation

Phone: 303.708.3425, Fax: 303.790.4066

Toll-free: 800.243.2345 x 225

www.morrisanimalfoundation.org

Judges Education –Shen Smith, Patti Neale

At least 6 judges signed up for Nat'l Judges Study Group.

Keeping In Touch – Edna Ogata & Phyllis Brettell **

No report received.

Legislative Issues – Bill Hemby **

No report received

Membership Committee – Edna Ogata **

No report received.

National Show Committee and Guidelines - Barbara O’Neill **

The National Specialty Policies and Guidelines are up to date.

2007 National Specialty – Barbara O’Neill

Nothing new to report

2008 National Specialty – Barbara O’Neill

Lorrie Scott and Michael McLain have been busy completing the show committee line up and will be in Rhode Island to make a presentation. Beginning in 2008, the AKC will require an application fee of \$100 for conformation and obedience and another \$100 application fee for rally. An additional specialty expense will be a new requirement that we must have two exercise pens regardless how much dog walking area is available.

Rescue Committee – Lorrie Scott

No report received.

Standardized Trophies - Barbara O’Neill **

Insurance on the bronze challenge trophies was far more expensive than expected. A Hold Harmless Agreement was sent to Todd and Toby Brandtman in lieu of an insurance rider.

Trophy Supported Entries – Jim Gibson

Special thanks to those who responded to my plea for a copy of the last Borzoi Activity (TSE) schedule. It saved me a lot of work rebuilding it.

BCOA Sales – Carol Enz **

No report received

Ways and Means – Fred and Carol Vogel **

No report received

Statistical Committees

Statistics are published in the Aristocrat.

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BVLAA 2006 – Karen Ackerman **

Nothing new to report.

Conformation – Christopher Neale **

No report received.

Junior Showmanship – Barbara Lord **

I am in the process of editing and submitting the write-up for the Junior Showman spotlight page in the upcoming issue of the Borzoi Connection.

Karen Mays kindly contacted me with some updated information from Jon Steele regarding a junior he had witnessed handling Borzoi. As I informed Karen when we spoke, this was one of the children I had been trying to contact and invite to join our club previously, unfortunately, the address provided by AKC had been incorrect and the letter was returned. I thank Jon for the information and ask the board, that in the future, to save time and allow me to contact these kids in a timely fashion, please contact me personally at: warwind@tds.net OR (920) 989-2712.

Edna Ogata has forwarded me a junior application that we need some guidance on as to how to proceed. The application comes from:

Akane Takemura
2-2-7 Akasaka
Komoro City, Nagano Ken. 384-001
JAPAN

Akane lists herself as a 17 year old student, kennel name Sparkling Star JP and she is sponsored by: Jiro Takemura.

Please advise as to how to proceed with this application and, how I am to keep track of these stats for junior competition if her application is approved.

LGRA – Carol Enz **

No report received.

Lure Coursing – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock **

No report received.

NOTRA – Victor Whitlock **

No report received.

Obedience – Bonnie Nichols **

Statistics received and sent to Jeremy Freshwater for the BC.

Open Field – Karen Ackerman **

Nothing new to report

Register of Merit – Barbara Ewing **

No new ROM applications received.