

## **BCOA Standing Committee Reports Autumn 2016**

### **Annual Versatility and Lifetime Achievement Awards (Kay Novotny)**

We have received one submission for a lifetime achievement certificate from Lenore Abordo, for her bitch, BISS BIF GCH DC Oxota Avalon Switchblade, CGC, TT, FCh, SC, RTD, RN.

### **Aristocrat (Helen Lee, Editor)**

I need cover photos and editorial content. Ads would help too. My thanks go to Nancy Hopkins for her health article in the last issue.

**BTRC (Shen Smith)** Please see pdf's.

### **Championship Medals (Chris Danker)**

Thru the end of August, there has been a total of 110 Borzoi completing their championships. Of these, 83 are first owned BCOA members and will receive a medal. I am waiting to hear back from one member who is listed 1st, but the address is for the 2nd listed non-member. So the number may go up to 84 once she sends me a copy of the registration papers....if she is listed first.

**Health (Nancy Hopkins)** Please see pdf's.

### **Junior Showmen (Barbara Tyler Lord)**

BCOA 2016 Junior Statistics

from *Canine Chronicle* (January 1, 2016 up to and including September 30, 2016)

Elise Patti - 136 points  
Madison Gilbert - 44 points  
Riley Capton - 21 points  
Kalista Ganser - 20 points  
Dante Ketelsen - 7 points  
Isabelle Veed - 4 points  
Sierra Marvin - 4 points  
Jordan Wilkinson - 3 points  
Emma Gauthier - 3 points  
Gianna Bertsch - 2 points  
Ashlynn I. Kohler - 1 point

*Club Members*, please contact me privately with any contact information on any of the above listed Junior handlers who are not BCOA club members (either family or junior). I would appreciate receiving any of their contact information which would allow me to invite them and their family to join the Borzoi Club of America.

*Juniors*, please feel free to contact me with any corrections or comments at: Warwindfarm@gmail.com

### **Keeping in Touch (Edna Ogata)**

Activities:

August 7, 2016      Birthday card to D. Kostishack  
August 24, 2016     Birthday card to W. Reddick

### **Legislative Liaison (Rita Rice)**

APHIS - Animal Welfare Act - Retail Pet Store Rule (RPS Rule)

10/1/15 Guidance for Breeders, Brokers and Importers

The complete AWA and current regulations (Blue Book) are available here: <http://tinyurl.com/largc6w>

AWA - passed in 1966, sets general standards for humane care and treatment required for certain animals sold at wholesale, through a broker, publicly exhibited, used in biomedical research, or commercially transported.

The AWA does not apply to coldblooded animals or farm animals used or exhibited for agricultural purposes. The USDA has authority over animal abuse only by those whom USDA regulates or require regulation under the AWA. Individual state laws control all other animal abuse.

The AWA (as reinterpreted) focuses on the welfare of the animal; it's not a consumer protection law.

By using face-to-face transactions, the buyer provides public oversight and helps to insure the animal's health and humane treatment. The goal is to ensure that the USDA monitors pets sold to the public, at retail, sight-unseen for health care and humane treatment.

A Retail Pet Store (RPS) is a place of business or residence at which the seller, buyer, and the animal available for purchase are physically present so that the buyer may observe the animal in person before purchasing and taking custody of it.

Retail Pet Stores do not need a USDA license because the animals are already subject to public oversight.

Bullets:

- The number of breeding females you have on your premises isn't relevant if all pet animals are sold in face to face transactions
- A facility with four or fewer breeding female dogs (etc) isn't subject to USDA regulation as long as all of the animals offered for sale were born and raised on the seller's premises
- Rescue groups that participate in face-to-face transactions, such as off site adoptions, are subject to public oversight. If the group handles transactions that are not face to face or are wholesale, they will need a license.
- Shipping even one animal sight unseen can disqualify the seller/adopter from the RPS exemption.

"Commercial" USDA Regulated Transactions

- No change to "brick and mortar" store – they are still exempt
- No change for current USDA licensees
- No change for boarding kennels

Rescue:

- There is no definition for rescue in the AWA or regulations; the same regulations apply to the activity or the group's method of sale or placement. Groups that participate in face to face transactions are subject to public oversight and won't need a license. Any group that has any transactions regarding dogs for use as pets that are not face to face may need a license.
- The final rule doesn't apply to government owned or operated shelters or to agents of the government.
- The USDA considers most rescue groups to fall under the definition of dealer, including transporting of animals for compensation.
- Compensation includes any remuneration for the animal, regardless of whether it is for profit or not for profit.
- Rescue groups using sight unseen transactions and utilizing foster homes would have to list all of the sites housing animals so that USDA could conduct inspections. If all sales are face to face, they would be exempt from licensing.
- Volunteers that transport regulated animals may need to register as Intermediate Handlers or Carriers. Volunteers will need to register if they receive any remuneration for the transport, including reimbursement for expenses.

Breeders who assist Rescue:

- Breeders would need a license (even if they are otherwise exempt) if they assist rescue groups who conduct sight unseen transactions.
- Breeders who assist via transport for any compensation may need to register as an Intermediate Handler.

Breeders do NOT need a license IF:

- They have four or fewer breeding females on their premises

- They have more than four breeding females, but sell all pets face-to-face
- They have more than four breeding females, but do not sell to the public (preservation of bloodlines)
- They sell or adopt dogs not raised on their premises only in face to face transactions

Breeders DO need a license IF:

- They have a combination of more than four breeding females and dogs for adoption, and sell or adopt some of those animals sight unseen
- They sell or adopt dogs not born and raised on their premises and sell them sight unseen
- They sell pets sight unseen to buyers outside of the US

Details:

- Face to face transactions do not have to take place at the kennel or residence of the seller. The buyer, seller, and animal may meet at any mutually agreeable location
- Video doesn't constitute face to face
- The rule doesn't regulate advertising; only the final sale
- The buyer must be the purchaser or a family member or friend, but they may not be a veterinarian, dealer, transporter, intermediate handler, agent or employee and must meet the requirements for a face to face transfer
- Breeding Female is defined as intact females with the capacity to breed; owner must provide evidence of age/infirmary to exempt an intact female
- The number of Breeding Females includes visiting breeding females
- Premises are defined as any single address
- Co-ownerships are defined based on the intact female's place of residence, but the non-resident co-owner may not be exempt dependent on their involvement with the negotiation or sale of the animals on regulated sales

Imports/Exports:

- Imports as pets must be over 6 months, have current rabies and other vaccinations, and not show signs of infectious disease
- Breeders may import dogs younger than 6 months to use in their breeding program

Exemptions:

- Working dogs (herding, guarding, hunting, breeding, racing, sledding, security, therapy, etc)
- Breeders of working dogs are exempt as long as all pet animals are sold face to face (or have four or fewer breeding females)
- Breeding and working dogs may be shipped sight unseen

Inspections: Home vs Kennel

- Inspectors are trained to recognize the differences between home and kennel, with the focus on the health of the animals and direct hazards to their health or safety

There are restrictions: READ THE FINE PRINT!

### **National Borzoi Rescue Foundation (Liz Dunan-Burge)**

3rd Quarter Report

July 1, 2016 thru September 30, 2016

In the third quarter of 2016, NBRF has had 6 borzoi come in to rescue making our total for the first nine months of this year 34 borzoi.

Our veterinary expenditures were \$4,388.69 for the third quarter. Additional expenditures for the third quarter, which include but is not limited to our toll free number, internet/website, postage, rescue supplies, fuel reimbursement for transports and insurance have totaled \$3,436.75. NBRF received \$1,462.20.

NBRF - International, which does not use any funds from NBRF nor the Beverly Taylor Trust Fund, but is financed by those individuals who specifically state they wish their funds to go for International Borzoi in need, has financially assisted several borzoi in Russia this quarter that are staying in Russia and being fostered, rehabilitated and placed in forever homes by rescue there. NBRF-International has brought 4 dogs into the USA this quarter, two from Korea and two from Russia. Expenses for NBRF-International for this quarter have been quite high due to the two dogs that came from Korea. In Korea we must contend with boarding fees, as there are rarely individuals who can foster the dogs while awaiting medical clearance to fly, transport fees of the rescues to and from the boarding facilities to the vets, and high vet expense. Our

expenses for the third quarter totaled \$8,205.45 and with an income \$8,333.09 from adoption fees, a Go Fund Me page fundraiser and donations made specifically to NBRF-International.

We have found Korea to be a very difficult country to work within and any BCOA member that has friends, family or military stationed in Korea, we would appreciate you contacting us so we can see if you (your contacts) may have the special skill sets we need to help the few very deserving borzoi in need in Korea.

We would like to thank for the following BCOA Members for assisting NBRF and NBRF-International in our third quarter, these members have answered our call for help for a borzoi in need by either fostering, transporting, doing a home visit, making a donation, or making us aware of and assisting with a borzoi in need; Rita Rice Bob Marciszewski and Sally MacDowell, Barbara Lord, Cricket Murray, Kay Cassella, Amy Sikula, Shirley McFadden, and Liz A. Duncan-Burge.

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### **Registry of Merit (Barbara Ewing)**

Applications have been received for the following sires and dams who qualify with the designations shown:  
Dams:

Valinor's Circuit de Monaco at RivrRun ROMX  
GCH Kirov Embrujada, FCh, CC500, CM500 ROM

Sires:

GChS Aruzia Priority One, JC ROMX-C  
GCH/DC K-C WIndSheer Stayin' Alive CD RN SC FCh ROM-C

It was suggested by a member that additional ROM points be available to dogs earning higher GCH levels, bronze, silver, etc. After consulting with several members, and keeping in mind the intent of the ROM program, I feel this should not be awarded.

When the program was originally conceived, the intention was to keep all areas of competition "level", e.g. not allow points earned in one area of competition to overpower those earned in other areas. The point total was originally capped at 10 per category. Several years ago, bonus points were added for the new GCh title, and also for multiple titles earned in other competition. While a few dogs have gotten into the ROM based on these bonus points, in most cases they have been meaningless, and just serve to complicate the scorekeeping.

Additionally, the ROM requires a minimum number of point earners for dams (3), and sires (5). This is to prevent one high-earning offspring to influence admission into the ROM, rather than above average overall production. Allowing additional points for higher levels of GCh would skew the scoring towards these individual high earning offspring in conformation, since comparable multiple levels are not available for all areas of competition. Since there are already systems in place that recognize those dogs who achieve great awards in conformation, I do not see the need to duplicate that award through the Register of Merit.

Another change to the program that was suggested is that offspring that earn ROM recognition count towards the title points of the parent(s). I think this is a reasonable change to the program, and would suggest 5 points for a ROM and 10 for a ROMX.

### **SPECIALTY-RELATED (Barbara O'Neill)**

#### **Futurity**

The 2017 will end November 16, 2016. There are 42 new Bitch nominations with 38 new Litter nominations. Currently there is \$2,895 in the 2017 Futurity account and \$355 in the 2018 Futurity account. The 2018 Futurity begins November 16, 2016.

#### **National Specialty Guidelines**

Guidelines are currently up-to-date. Region 5, with Carol Enz as Show Chairman, will be up next for 2018 with Region 1 up for 2019.

### **2017 National Specialty – Hunt Valley, Maryland**

Roy Silguero & Curtis Judd, Facility Coordinators, continue with plans. Laurie Courtney has agreed to chair the auction. Lois Schultz will be the Pee Wee Class chair and it will be held on Friday evening with the Costume Contest. I'm waiting for additional information for the premium list which has a deadline of December 15.

### **Club Inventory & Medals**

The medallions have been received from Creative Casting. The eight Veteran Sweepstakes bronze heads have been ordered from Garry Newton. In addition, the specialty 1<sup>st</sup> Place bronze heads have been ordered. We will need to discuss a deposit for them as we ordered a large number of heads due to the aging and health of vendor. The vendor has told us that the BCOA owns the mold.

### **Website (RLynn Shell)**

Don't know if the Board would be interested, but figured I should pass this on. My opinion is that it would not really be the best. We are a non-profit club (.org, .club), and are focused on Borzoi, which better utilizes our name being spelled out.

There you have it!

R. Lynn Shell

Gryffyn's Aeyrie Borzoi and Silken Windhounds

<http://www.gryffynsaeyrieborzoi.com>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: BCOA Web Site

Date: 2016-10-15 13:57

From: "Lyn Jolley" <jolleylyn@comcast.net>

To: <gryffyn@borzoi.cc>

I AM THE OWNER OF <http://www.BCOA.COM> [1] AND WOULD LI LIKE TO SELL THIS DOMAIN.  
MAKE OFFER

### **Breed Welfare Report (Dee Jones)**

**AKC Trailer:** Baton Rouge, LA Animal Control has been approved as the official recipient of the AKC Trailer to be housed in the Central Gulf Region. The Director has signed the contract with the AKC, agreeing to all terms. Fund raising can now start in earnest. I have some pledges to donate, but no one has specified amounts yet. The recent flooding in LA, extending from east of Baton Rouge to west of Lafayette, has created many problems that make it difficult to discuss this project with prospective donors.

The French Bulldog Club has contributed \$1000 to the trailer. They held their national specialty in Baton Rouge this past spring.

If anyone would like to contribute personally or knows of someone who would like to do so, please contact me privately at [borzoi@bellsouth.net](mailto:borzoi@bellsouth.net).

**Costume Contest:** The theme of the Costume Contest for 2017 Nationals will be *The Russian Hunt – Days of the Czar*. Start working on your costumes. I think there could be some fabulous entries.

**Placement Assistance:** Just a reminder to members, we now have a program in place to assist in advertising dogs who need a new home. Details can be found on the club website.

### **BR-NC – Nancy Joeckel Reporting:**

All Borzoi placed through BR-NC Adoption are spayed/neutered, microchipped, heartworm/Lyme tested, and current on all vet care before placement. Adoption Applications are required, references are checked, and home inspection visits are done.

### **Third Quarter Dogs in Rescue**

Royce 2014 — Royce remains in foster care to resolve several chronic medical problems.

Shanti 2013 — Shanti remains in foster care as we search for an appropriate home for him.

**Third Quarter Dogs in BR-NC's Referral Program**

BR-NC's Referral Program gives owners/breeders access to excellent pet homes while retaining full control over all aspects of placing their dogs. In return, BR-NC receives a \$100 donation to help cover the expenses of the Borzoi we take into Rescue.

The following Borzoi was in the Referral Program this quarter. All Referral dogs are current on vet care and microchipped before placement. Yearlings & adults are spayed/neutered. Puppies are to be altered at one year, and BR-NC will supervise those contracts.

Sam 2014 – 2-year-old male

**Other Dogs Assisted by BR-NC**

BR-NC and NBRF worked together to transport Rescue Alice from S. California to her new home in Seattle.

**NBRF** – see elsewhere