

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS for 2021 Spring Meeting

BOARD OFFICER'S

AKC DELEGATE REPORT

May 2021

Prudence G. Hlatky

This report will cover the March 2021 Delegates Zoom Meeting. The minutes from both the Delegate meeting and the AKC Board of Directors February 2021 and April 2021 meetings are already available on the AKC site. Much is changing within the AKC and at a very rapid rate, especially through the use of new virtual technologies. As Borzoi now participate in such a diverse variety of AKC events, please take time to read the AKC Secretary's page in the Gazette to see what changes may have been made in your area of interest.

From the Delegate Meeting – items of note

The class of 2025 AKC Board of Directors was elected at the March Delegate Meeting. The following slate of Directors proposed by the AKC Nominating Committee were elected: **BCOA supported candidate.*

- *Rita J. Biddle, Esq., Ingham County Kennel Club
- *Dominic Palleschi Carota, Pharaoh Hound Club of America
- *Dr. Thomas M. Davies, Springfield Kennel Club
- Thomas Powers, Kennel Club of Beverly Hills

Neither of the By petition candidates were elected to office:

- Patricia M. Cruz, Heart of the Plains Kennel Club
- *Dr. Gregory J. Paveza, Elm City Kennel Club

The Bred-by Exhibitor Puppy class is still in committee. We had hoped to have a proposal for this meeting, but it's still being worked on. It has been sent to committee for wording that will allow it for specialties. The BCOA Board has instructed me to vote in favor of this addition.

Many of the items presented at the December meeting had already been presented and discussed at earlier Delegate Committee meetings. General Delegate Meeting Minutes have been published in AKC Gazette Secretary Page. If you have any questions, or comments on the minutes please contact me.

Delegate Committee Meetings – items of note

1. Still an area of emphasis is the identifying and helping "At-Risk". Emphasis on identifying and assisting "At Risk" members – Best practices being developed to assist club members and community dog owners in need. Encouraging people to reach out if they need help. At Risk – loss of income, age, illness, more dogs than they can care for. Clubs/members assist before it can become an AR issue.
2. The AKC is moving forward with the showing of Canine Partner dogs in Jr. Showmanship. It's being implemented in July 2021.
3. An interesting discussion was held about the conflicting between building membership and the perceived "elitism" found within purebred dog community. I will enlarge on this at the BCOA Annual Meeting.
4. Recommended creation of a Member/Breeders Development mentoring program that is separate from the JEC program. Also develop a library of interviews with senior breeders. Too much history and knowledge is being lost as we lose senior breeders.

5. The AKC staff is working on the rules and for Fast CAT and CAT regulations separation from Lure Coursing.

The next AKC Delegate meeting will be June 8th. At this time I do not have an agenda or information on what needs to be voted on.

Regards,
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Standing Committee Supporting Documents

Annual Awards - Nancy G Katsarelas

April 25, 2021

Mr. President, Members of the BCOA Board

Report on Annual Awards for Top Borzoi

I have included a list of the BCOA TOP Borzoi for 2020. As you will not one of our special categories does not have a winner. The year 2020 was very hard on our club member and Borzoi as far as competing events. Hopefully 2021 will see a lot more scheduled event.

The list of winner Borzoi has been submitted to the Larry Cushion Trophies and Engraving Company. They will prepare and send the finished plaques to our Ohio Specialty Hotel either the week before or the week of our Specialty. I will contact the Hotel to notify them to expect delivery closer to date of show.

If there are any questions or correction found, please notify me.

Sincerely,

Nancy G Katsarelas

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Borzoi Club of America, Inc.
Top Awards for 2020

2020 BCOA Top Conformation Borzoi

GCHS CH Majenkir Bookstor Spellbinder
Owners: Karen Staudt-Cartabona, Karen Spey, and Howard Spey

2020 BCOA Top Best of Opposite Sex Borzoi

GCHS CH Crown Jewel Princess Eugenia Of Majenkir
Owner: Jean Durdin

2020 BCOA Breeder of the Top Conformation Borzoi

Karen Staudt-Cartabona, Karen Spey, and Howard Spey

2020 BCOA Top Breeder-Owner-Handled Borzoi

GCH CH Sylvan
Ballyhoo
Owners: Patti W Neale and Christopher Neal

2020 BCOA Top AKC NOHS Borzoi

GCHB Tantezampe Kilimanjaro Trek At Rey
Owner: Kay Novotny

2020 BCOA Top AKC Lure Courser

FC Teine Ruby Stiletto SC
Owner: Anne Midgarden DVM

2020 BCOA Top ASFA Lure Courser

Avalon Perlova Go Darkly LCM2
Owners: Susan Van de Water and Sandra Moore

2020 BCOA Top LGRA Racer

CH Avalon Keep On Dancing DCAT SGRC
Owner: Susanne Cecere

2020 BCOA Top NOTRA Racer

Ch Avalon Keep On Dancing DCAT SGRC
Owner: Susanne Cecere

2020 BCOA Top Open Field Courser

CH. SVershin's Zarievo at Petya
Owner: Karen Berry

2020 BCOA Top Obedience Borzoi

FC Teine Mirage At Riju SC, CDX, BN, GO, RA, SWE, SHDN, CGC
Owner: June Mintchell

2020 BCOA Top High-Scoring Rally Borzoi

RACH Iorek's Bambi CD, RM3, RAE3, CGCA, TKN

Owners: Melissa and Dean Eelman

2020 BCOA Top Agility Borzoi

MACH2 CH Hemlock Hollow's Journey To Rule Sixty-Two BN RN JC MX MXB MXJ MJB DJ DN
CGCA CGCU TKA

Owners: Lou Avant DVM and Colleen Allen

2020 BCOA Top Junior Handler

Lila Holberg

****DUE TO NO APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED, THERE WILL BE NO 2020 BCOA
Top Versatility Borzoi award this year**

BCOA Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue (BTRC)

(A Sub-Committee of The Borzoi Club of America)

February 15, 2021 - BTRC Annual Budget Proposal Meeting

The BCOA-BTRC held the annual budget proposal meeting on February 15, 2021, 7:30pm EDS. The meeting was called to order by the Chair Barbara O'Neill with the following members present: Barbara O'Neill, Joyce Katona, Ron Williams, Karen Ackerman & Shen Smith - a quorum was established. Also present were financial advisors Karen Denning & Kelly Brunarski, and rescue advisor Dee Jones.

Minutes of October 5, 2020: As there were no additions or corrections, a motion was made by **Karen Ackerman 2nd by Ron Williams**, to approve the minutes of October 5th, 2020 as published. **MOTION CARRIED**, 5-Yes 0-No.

BTRC Secretary's Report Shen Smith reported that all support documents & Schwab statements for the last quarter of 2020 have been provided directly to the members of the BTRC, BCOA Recording Secretary and the BCOA BoD. Schwab Account balances on December 31, 2020 for Rescue Accounts #1 & #2 were:

Schwab ResAcct#1:

Investments \$751,670.10
Cash & Sweeps Funds \$240,016.67
Acct Totals \$991,686.77 \$202,431.98
Total Accts #1 & #2 \$1,194,118.75

Schwab ResAcct#2:

Investments \$158,557.04
Cash & Sweeps Funds \$ 43,874.94

2020 BCOA-BTRC Distributions: Received by the National Borzoi Rescue Foundation from Schwab was the BCOA-BTRC 2019 approved rescue distribution check in the amount of \$20,000.00. The Schwab check to reimburse the BCOA for their out-of-pocket 2019 BTRC meeting expenses of \$134.75 was received by the BCOA Treasurer.

A question was asked by Karen Ackerman regarding the status for funds allocated to the BCOA Welfare Fund by the BTRC & BCOA BoD in 2020. Shen reported the BCOA BoD had approved the BTRC Annual Budget Meeting minutes, the annual Investment Policy and the proposed distribution of \$15k in reimbursement to BCOA's Welfare Fund. In January/2021, Lyn Snyder Hoflin, BCOA Treasurer reported receipt from Schwab Account #2 of \$15,000.00 payable to the BCOA Welfare Fund from the BCOA-BTRC account.

Another question was asked by Karen Ackerman regarding disposition of an answer to a Texas group of members request for funds. Barbara indicated she had sent them a letter in answer to their questions.

2021 BCOA-BTRC Officers & Staff: Barbara O'Neill indicated she will not be seeking the chair position on the BTRC for this year, but she is staying on the committee. A motion was made by **Shen Smith, 2nd by Joyce Katona** to approve Karen Ackerman to fill the coming vacant chair seat for this year. **MOTION CARRIED**, 5-Yes 0-No.

A 2nd motion was then made by **Joyce Katona, 2nd by Ron Williams** to appoint Shen Smith to remain in the position of BTRC secretary. **MOTION CARRIED**, 5-Yes 0-No. Barbara O'Neill then asked **Karen Denning, Kelly Brunarski & Dee Jones** if they were willing to continue providing their expertise and assistance to the members of the BTRC – all three ladies indicated they would be happy to continue.

Annual Investment Policy & Re-Investment Review: Re-investment discussions for maturing funds this past year noted there would be quite a substantial amount of liquid and maturing funds. Due to the heavy fluxes in the stock & bond markets following the 2020 election there have been very few avenues available for decent interest/dividend earning investments for the liquid funds. Barbara O'Neill asked the financial advisors if they would do some research and put together a list of areas they feel some of the liquid assets could be safely invested. Barbara thanked all three advisors for their input and valued research in the current market crisis and in this pandemic climate. Barbara asked the financial advisors to contact Chair Ackerman so she can call a BTRC meeting once the advisors have information to share. Both advisors indicated it may be possible to invest in some preferred stock accounts which are different from the regular stock listed in the stock market.

After further discussion, a determination was agreed upon that no changes are planned to the Investment Policy, but all re-investments for 2021 will be conservative until further review later in the year. A motion was made by **Shen Smith, 2nd by Ron Williams**, that the **Investment Policy remain unchanged for 2021**, and until further review and discussion with the financial advisors the BCOA-BTRC will limit any re-investments to a small mix of ultra-conservative venues such as very highly rated corporate bonds, highly rated short term certificates of deposit and money markets. **MOTION CARRIED** Yes-5, No-0.

2021 Budget Proposal For Distribution Consideration: A close review was undertaken to determine the exact figure available for distribution consideration from the 2020 earnings on BCOA-BTRC ResAcct #1. A month-by-month tally resulted in \$22,815.14 available for consideration with this meeting. Discussion regarding rising inflation rates due to current government flux indicated \$7,472.00 could safely be retained in ResAcct #1 toward offsetting rising inflation.

Barbara O'Neill reported BCOA's out-of-pocket Chorus Call expense for three (3) BTRC meetings in 2020 was \$343.13. A motion was made by **Shen Smith, 2nd by Barbara O'Neill** to authorize reimbursement to BCOA in the amount of **\$343.13**. **MOTION CARRIED**, Yes-5 No-0. A motion was then made by **Barbara O'Neill, 2nd by Karen Ackerman** to authorize rescue distribution to the National Borzoi Rescue Foundation, a Borzoi-Only 501(c)3 rescue group in the amount of

\$15,000.00 for this year. **MOTION CARRIED**, Yes-5 No-0. As soon as the BCOA BoD has approved this budget and minutes the distributions checks will be mailed out from Schwab.

Unfinished Business: Tabled to a upcoming 2021 Meeting – Work on the Standing Rules

- a) Establish SR-#2021-1 - Criteria & Responsibilities for BTRC Members
- b) Establish SR-#2021-1 – Responsibilities of the BCOA Board of Directors

New Business:

a) 2021-22 Hold Harmless Forms to be created and mailed to the BCOA-BTRC members shortly.

The members thanked Barbara for her chairmanship in steering the BCOA-BTRC over the past years. As there was no further business at this time, a motion was made by **Barbara O’Neill, 2nd by Shen Smith** to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shen Smith, Secretary
BCOA-BTRC

BCOA Health Committee Report

2021 BCOA National Specialty Health Clinics and Seminar

The Borzoi community is really supporting the health clinics this year. Leo Abordo has been working closely with Barbara O’Neill to manage all the demand. To date these are the numbers we have for each of the clinics:

Heart Clinic (Echo) - 78 with 18 on the waiting list
Thyroid Clinic - 58 with 12 on the waiting list
Eye Clinic - 95 with 5 on the waiting list
CHIC DNA Repository - 53 with 12 on the waiting list.
Toxicology Webinar - 14

For everyone who will be participating in the health clinics at the Nationals, please pay close attention to messages from Leo so that this massive group of Borzois can be screened as efficiently as possible.

If anyone would like to help out with the Health Clinics on Wednesday and Thursday, contact Leo. I am sure she can find a place for you to help.

I would also like to thank everyone who has signed up for the CHIC DNA Repository blood draw. It is so important to have as many Borzoi as possible in the CHIC DNA Repository. This will benefit not only cardiac research, but any future research projects we may undertake.

Borzoi Arrhythmia Project Phase II

At this time there are two Borzoi who have been implanted with the LINQ cardiac recording devices. One of these dogs is being supported by funds from BCOA and the other—owned by a non-BCOA member—is being supported by funds from the BHWF. One more Borzoi is awaiting a device for implantation. There currently is a shortage of LINQ devices for veterinary use. However, we may have found a source for another LINQ device, thanks to Leslie Walenta. If this works out, hopefully a third Borzoi will receive an implant within the next few months.

This is a long term project that we are just at the start of. So far, we have two months of data on one dog and the second dog has just had the first download of data from the LINQ device. These devices record “events” of rapid heart rates (tachycardia) or slow heart rates (bradycardia) as opposed to a continuous recording as with the Holters. In addition, both owners are going to be given hand-held event markers. This will allow them to mark any instances of fainting, weakness, seizures, or collapse they may witness. The LINQ device will then save a 7 minute segment that includes 5 minutes before the event marker was activated and two minutes after.

We are all in debt to the owners who have been willing to have their dogs participate in Phase II of the Borzoi Arrhythmia Project. Their dedication to the future well being of the breed is greatly appreciated.

Borzoi Arrhythmia Project Phase I

Phase I is ongoing in the form of Holter testing. We are still receiving Holter reports both from breeders and owners who are renting the BCOA Holter and from individuals who have purchased their own Holter apparatus. There is still a chance that one of these reports might well give us the information we are looking for.

I have said it before, and I will say it again. Your efforts are appreciated. Each and every one of you who have Holtered your dogs and shared the results are examples of everything that is good in pure-bred dogs.

Change in CHIC Requirements

This is a reminder that Borzoi Health will be changing the Borzoi CHIC requirement starting the first day after the 2021 National specialty. The only change that is being made is a change from cardiac basic/ congenital/advanced to Advanced cardiac only so that the CHIC requirements will read:

- [Eye Examination](#)
Eye Examination by a boarded ACVO Ophthalmologist [↗](#)
- [Autoimmune thyroiditis](#)
OFA evaluation from an approved laboratory [↗](#)
- [Cardiac Evaluation](#)
Advanced Cardiac Exam [↗](#)
- [Degenerative Myelopathy](#)
DNA based DM test results from an approved lab [↗](#)
- [Hip Dysplasia](#) (Optional)
OFA Evaluation [↗](#)
PennHIP Evaluation (min age 12 months)
- [Elbow Dysplasia](#) (Optional)
OFA Evaluation [↗](#)

The CHIC DNA Repository

With so many people planning to have blood drawn from their Borzoi at the National for submission to the CHIC DNA Repository a reminder is in order. Please update the health information on all your dogs who have submissions in the DNA Repository. A new health information sheet can be mailed to OFA at any time. Don't wait! Do it now!

Respectfully Submitted by Nancy Hopkins

Legislative Affairs January – April 2021

January 12, 2021 Indiana - Indiana Senate Judiciary Committee considering [Senate Bill 1](#), which provides certain liability protections when there has been exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

January 13, 2021 – Maryland - Maryland House Environment and Transportation Committee is scheduled to hold a hearing on [House Bill 81](#), and the Maryland Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee is scheduled to hold a hearing on [Senate Bill 122](#). These identical bills place limitations on dogs being outdoors and unattended when the weather is outside a certain temperature range.

January 15, 2021 – Wyoming - Wyoming Senate Agriculture Committee is considering two bills that address the issue of animals being seized, and the payment of their care during impoundment. This includes Senate File 24, which could cause someone to permanently lose their animals even if they are ultimately found not guilty.

January 20, 2021 – Virginia - Virginia House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources, Agriculture Sub-Committee will be considering a bill which seeks to expand the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services by adding as an at-large member an expert in companion animal welfare **who is employed by a releasing agency in the Commonwealth.**

January 24, 2021 – New Hampshire - January 27, 2021, two animal bills will be reviewed by the New Hampshire House Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

January 26, 2021 – Maryland - Maryland Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee will be holding a hearing on [Senate Bill 210](#), which provides certain liability protections when there has been exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

January 27, 2021 – New Jersey - [New Jersey Assembly Bill 1365](#) seeks to prohibit the “harassing or taking” of wildlife at competitive events. Because the bill could impact clubs offering AKC-sanctioned performance events in New Jersey, including those that offer sporting, hound, earthdog, and herding events, it is imperative that AKC-affiliated clubs in New Jersey, and breeders, owners, and performance dog enthusiasts, contact the members of the New Jersey Assembly Agriculture Committee and respectfully urge them to amend A.1365 prior to passage.

January 27, 2021 – South Carolina - Two bills are scheduled for hearings by the Senate Subcommittee on Agriculture and Natural Resources on January 27, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. If the bills are advanced by the subcommittee, they will be considered by the full Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on Thursday, January 28.

[Senate Bill 186](#) seeks to create new language regarding dog training techniques and devices, and would

also delete certain exemptions under current law for hunting dogs. The American Kennel Club (AKC) supports the enactment of protections for the “use of recognized and responsible training techniques and devices” as provided in S 186, and thanks bill sponsor Senator Greg Hembree for including this provision.

January 28, 2021 – New Hampshire - February 3, 2021, three animal bills will be reviewed by the New Hampshire House Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

January 30, 2021 – Missouri - Missouri Agriculture Policy Committee is considering a bill on Tuesday, February 2, that would make several changes to protect dogs and the rights of dog owners when animals are seized on *suspicion* of neglect or abuse. The purpose of the bill is to ensure that the accused are innocent until proven guilty, and to protect their dogs that are seized and held during a trial.

February 5, 2021 – Texas - Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) announced the final adoption of amendments to the state’s rules for its Licensed Breeders Program. The changes were required by [Senate Bill 1531](#), which was enacted in 2019 and added pleas of “no contest” to animal cruelty charges as a ground for denying or refusing to renew a breeder license. The amendments ensure that the Licensed Breeder Program rules comply with the 2019 law, and make housekeeping updates.

February 5, 2021 – Georgia - The mayor and city council of Maysville, GA, will hold meetings to hear public comments on a proposed animal ordinance that would apply to the sections of the City of Maysville that lie within Banks County.

February 6, 2021 – Oklahoma - The Oklahoma Senate Agriculture and Wildlife Committee is considering a bill on Monday, February 8, to remove the commercial breeder reporting requirements.

February 8, 2021 – Washington - The Washington State House Consumer Protection and Business Committee is scheduled to consider a bill on Wednesday, February 10, that would further restrict dog ownership limits in the state and regulate the sourcing of pet stores.

February 8, 2021 – Oklahoma – several bills concerning working dogs, rescue animals and retail pet store sourcing.

February 12, 2021 – National - United States Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), which is responsible for enforcement of the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA), announced that it is rescinding [December 2017 \(updated in May 2018\) guidance](#) that described an incentive program that recognized licensees and registrants who took appropriate and timely action to address noncompliant items.

February 13, 2021 – Nebraska - The Nebraska Legislature Judiciary Committee is scheduled to consider two bills next week that provide certain liability protections when there has been exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

February 16, 2021 – New Jersey - [New Jersey Senate Bill 2868](#), which seeks to create court-appointed legal advocates for animals, has been scheduled for a vote by the New Jersey Senate on Thursday, February 18, 2021. All New Jersey dog owners are urged to contact their elected members of both the New Jersey Senate and Assembly to respectfully request:

February 19, 2021 – Iowa - On Tuesday, February 23, an Iowa Senate subcommittee will consider a bill that seeks to protect working animals and animal events

February 19, 2021 – Colorado - Monday, February 22, a Colorado House committee will be considering a bill that restricts consumer choice and makes false claims about breeders.

February 19, 2021 – California - Text of bill introduced in the California Legislature on February 16, 2021, to require BREEDER'S PERMITS and restrictions around breeding

February 24, 2021 – Oklahoma - February 25, an Oklahoma House committee is considering a bill that would restrict tethering in the state.

February 24, 2021 – Tennessee - [House Bill 361](#) seeks to authorize any officer of a governmental animal control agency to enter any property or dwelling that the officer reasonably believes is abandoned to rescue any non-livestock animal contained therein. This would expand powers to enter certain private property and confiscate companion animals without first obtaining a warrant.

February 26, 2021

New Hampshire – several bills introduced regarding animal control officers and open land definitions

Pennsylvania - State Representative David Millard introduced [House Bill 594](#) which would restrict the governor's disaster emergency power to shut down lawful recreational activities.

Iowa - Iowa Senate subcommittee will consider a positive bill that clarifies that certain animal husbandry practices are not included in the definition of animal abuse.

Minnesota - Minnesota [House File 1137](#), which is scheduled to be considered by the House Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee on Monday, March 1, seeks to modify the membership of the state's Board of Animal Health.

March 2, 2021

Rhode Island - AKC Government Relations (AKC GR) encourages Rhode Island residents to take action as soon as possible on [H. 5577](#), which seeks to create court-appointed legal advocates for animals.

Utah - Tuesday, March 2, the Utah House Labor and Commerce Committee will be considering House Bill 420, which seeks to ban retail pet stores from selling any dog unless sourced from a shelter or rescue.

March 3, 2021

Connecticut - two Connecticut legislative committees have scheduled public hearings on Animal Welfare and restrictions on pet shops.

Maryland - Thursday, March 4 at 1:30pm, The Maryland House Judiciary Committee will be holding a hearing on House Bill 1080 that addresses the issue of animals that are seized and the costs of their care during impoundment.

March 4, 2021 – Texas - Texas [House Bill 873](#), which seeks to rewrite the state's dog tethering laws, is scheduled for consideration by the House Criminal Justice Committee on Monday, March 8, 2021.

March 5, 2021 –

Maryland - Wednesday, March 10 at 12:00pm, The Maryland Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee will be holding a hearing on [Senate Bill 760](#) that addresses the issue of animals that are seized and the costs of their care during impoundment. This is identical to House Bill 1080, which was considered earlier this week.

Illinois - Tuesday, March 9, the Illinois Senate Judiciary Committee will consider a bill that provides court-appointed advocates to represent the “interests of justice” in a case involving health, safety or injury to a dog or cat.

March 9, 2021

California - bill has been introduced in the California Assembly that would regulate all breeders in the state. The bill has now been assigned to the Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

Colorado - The Colorado House has passed a bill that would limit consumer choice in the state by restricting new pet stores from opening, creating new requirements regarding what information about breeders must be made publicly available by state pet stores, and potentially allowing local referendums on this issueTexas –

Texas [House Bill 652](#) would require animal shelters to provide notice to each person who adopts an animal from the shelter of any epizootic infectious disease that occurs among the animals in the shelter within a 15-days period before and after the date of transfer.

Rhode Island - House Judiciary Committee is accepting testimony on multiple bills. Text of bills are embedded in the links. AKC Government Relations (AKC GR) strongly encourages Rhode Island residents to take action.

New Hampshire - Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at 9am, the House Ways and Means Committee will consider the [Amended HB 532](#), concerning **amended animal records database language**. The changes made by the House Environment and Agriculture Committee in [Amended HB 532](#) address the concerns raised by AKC Government Relations (AKC GR) and New Hampshire Dog Owners of the Granite State (NH DOGS).

March 10, 2021 – South Carolina - [Senate Bill 556](#), as introduced, seeks to expand and make changes to certain laws that govern trapping in the state. As introduced, this bill could potentially increase hazards for dogs whose owners participate in field trials, Coonhound events, hunting, and training for these sports, as well as hiking, wilderness camping, and other outdoor activities with dogs.

March 12, 2021

Illinois - The Illinois House Consumer Protection Committee is scheduled to consider a bill on Monday, March 15, that would limit pet stores to sourcing dogs and cats only from shelters and rescues that have no affiliation with breeders.

Tennessee - [Tennessee Senate Bill 511](#) is scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. Concerned Tennessee dog owners and breeders are urged contact committee members and politely ask them to VOTE NO on Senate Bill 511.

March 16, 2021 –

Illinois - A bill moving in the Illinois Senate that would provide an animal a court advocate in cases involving the health, safety, or an injury of a dog or cat. [Senate Bill 153](#) is similar to bills being introduced in other states in an effort to alter the legal status of animals and provide them with rights, including individual representation, traditionally reserved for children and other people lacking legal capacity.

Minnesota - [Minnesota House File 2086](#) seeks to modify the use of certain traps used in hunting, and would require the reporting of pets or companion animals found caught in the traps. While the bill has been referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee, it has not been scheduled for consideration. Concerned owners and enthusiasts are encouraged to contact their state representative and express their thoughts on the legislation.

Idaho - The Boise City Council is requesting public feedback on a number of changes to the city's animal control ordinance until March 30, 2021. This bill contains over 40 pages of changes, including requiring written permission from neighbors to keep four dogs on your property, allowing private citizens to remove dogs from cars, the potential to lose your dogs during a cruelty or potentially dangerous dog hearing due to inability to pay for long-term boarding – even if later found not guilty, and pet store restrictions.

March 17, 2021 – Texas - [Texas House Bill 543](#) seeks to restrict political subdivisions in the state, including counties and municipalities, from imposing requirements that ban the use of working animals.

March 19, 2021

Colorado -A ballot initiative proposed, currently known as Protect Animals from Unnecessary Suffering and Exploitation (PAUSE), is awaiting an appearance before the title board after being filed with the Colorado Secretary of State. Proponents Alexander Sage of Broomfield, and Brent Johannes of Boulder, penned the proposed changes to the criminal cruelty to animal statutes. As written, the ballot initiative would include livestock and would criminalize some actions that are currently accepted animal husbandry practices.

Illinois - March 23, the Illinois House Cities and Villages Committee is considering a bill that would protect working animals – including animals used in competition and exhibition.

March 20, 2021 – Texas - [House Bill 1818](#) seeks to limit pet stores that are located in counties of more than 200,000 residents to sourcing dogs from only: (1) an animal control agency, (2) an animal shelter, (3) an animal rescue organization, or (4) a breeder licensed by the state of Texas. The American Kennel Club (AKC) has also learned that the bill will likely be amended to remove licensed breeders as a source, thereby making it a full retail sourcing ban bill like [those pending in multiple states this year](#).

March 22, 2021 – Texas - [House Bill 604](#) seeks to require animal shelters and releasing agencies, including animal rescue organizations, to scan an animal for a microchip as soon as practicable after the animal is placed in their custody. The American Kennel Club supports this measure and believes it will help return lost or at-large animals efficiently to their owners.

March 25, 2021

Oklahoma - Oklahoma Senate committee is considering a bill protecting “agritourism activities” – including activities where animals are used for education, animal shows, and “activities that historically involved the utilization of working animals and other substantially similar activities.”

Colorado - Volunteers may soon be seen throughout Colorado collecting signatures to put a measure on the November 2022 ballot that they will claim will protect animals in the state.

March 28, 2021 – Missouri _ A Missouri committee is considering a bill on Monday, March 29 that would significantly broaden the definition of a “dangerous dog” in the state.

April 6, 2021 – Vermont - House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife will meet to again consider [H. 167](#), [H. 172](#) and [H. 316](#), which impact hunting with dogs, and hear testimony from additional invited guests

April 7, 2021

California - Tuesday, April 27, the California Assembly Business and Professions Committee will consider Assembly Bill 702.

Illinois - A proposal to ban dog breeding without extensive permits and requirements and to limit consumer protection has been resurrected in the Chicago City Council. The proposal is set for consideration by the council's Health and Human Services Committee on April 12.

April 12, 2021 – Texas - Four dog-related bills will be considered by Texas legislative committees this week. Texas residents are encouraged to share their thoughts on these bills with committee members.

April 14, 2021 - California - Five Things You and Your Club Can Do Today to Fight CA AB 702 – Regulation of all Breeders

April 16, 2021

New Hampshire - April 19, 2021, three animal bills that have favorably passed the New Hampshire House of Representatives will be considered by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Illinois - The Illinois Legislature returned from Spring Break and immediately continued work on bills impacting dog owners and breeders in the state.

Connecticut - two dog-related bills were placed on the calendar for action by the Connecticut House and Senate.

Arkansas - [House Bill 1883](#), the Working Animal Protection Act, seeks to protect use of working animals in human service and animal enterprise.

April 20, 2021 – Texas - [Texas House Bill 1083](#) seeks to provide for the quick termination of ownership rights in animals that are impounded by an animal shelter.

April 23, 2021 - New York - Senate Agriculture Committee will consider a bill which will prohibit retail pet stores from selling any dogs or cats. Instead, they would only be allowed to “showcase” animals available for adoption from a shelter, rescue, or adoption agency that has no affiliation with breeders.

- Submitted by Lyn Snyder Hoflin



Dear Ron –

The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) is pleased to provide our 2020 Annual Report. Within you will find a summary of research and publication highlights, current financial statements, and a list of our contributors.

2020 was a unique year as CHF celebrated its 25th anniversary and navigated the COVID-19 pandemic. CHF staff transitioned to working remotely and there were expected delays in some research as veterinary hospitals adjusted their protocols to protect public health, but our work continued with minimal interruption. The staff and Board of Directors are immeasurably grateful for your continued support of canine health research during these challenging times.

As we look to the future, please support our endowment campaign, “It’s About Time,” to ensure that CHF is here for as long as there is more research to be done toward a future of healthy dogs. Donate at akcchf.org/endowment.

Thank you again for your trust in our work and dedication to our mission of advancing the health of all dogs and their owners.

With warm regards,

Bradford Brady

Director of Development

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Established in 1995, the AKC Canine Health Foundation's (CHF) mission is to advance the health of all dogs and their owners by funding scientific research and supporting the dissemination of health information to prevent, treat and cure canine disease.

Health Clinic Update from Leo Abordo

BCOA LURE COURSING STATISTICS

Top-10 member-owned borzoi rankings for 1Q21 for AKC LC and ASFA have been submitted to Phyllis Potter and Helen Lee.

Year-end rankings for 2020 were published in the Spring 2021 Aristocrat. A total of 66 borzoi competed in ASFA in 2020, and 107 in AKC LC in 2020.

BCOA 2021 NATIONALS HEALTH CLINICS (Ohio):

For the first time we are offering two days of health clinics. With the 2020 National Specialty having been canceled (twice, in fact) due to COVID-19, demand for health clearance testing is at an all-time high. In 2021 we are offering two days of OFA echocardiograms, and one day each of OFA ECR eye exams; OFA Thyroid tests (through MSU); and OFA CHIC Databank collections (blood). The traditional Health Seminar dinner has been replaced by a webinar and is available free of charge; attendance is not limited. This year's topic is Toxicology: popular myths, household dangers, and what owners can do.

Due to price negotiation with the clinicians, and the generosity of BCOA Health Fund donors, we have been able to offer very attractive pricing this year. All clinics have sold out and have wait-lists. As of 4/28/21, these are the advance sign-ups from 76 different households:

	Eyes	Echos	Thyroid	CHIC DataBar	HF Donation
RESERVATIONS:	95	76	58	53	\$ 439.00
WAITLIST:	5	18	12	12	

Arrangements have been made for dedicated veterinary technicians to take leadership positions for each of the clinics. These professional volunteers provide expertise that will help ensure each clinic runs smoothly. In addition, the many member-volunteers to staff the check-in tables are absolutely essential to verify and keep all the paperwork organized. Thank you to each and every one!

We are working with OFA to discount the cost of the CHIC databank donations. Deepest appreciation to all BCOA Health Fund donors for financial support of this program.

BCOA 2022 NATIONALS HEALTH CLINICS (Texas):

Preparations are underway for health clinics for next year. We will again be offering two days of OFA echocardiograms. Using lessons learned for 2021, we will continue making improvements to the household limit and wait list processes, as this screening continues to be very high demand. Additional clinic offerings will be determined by member feedback, and veterinary specialist availability, and BCOA Health Fund donations.

BCOA 2023 NATIONALS HEALTH CLINICS (TBD):

Preparations for 2023 will begin as soon as a date and location are confirmed.