

BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**Please send this completed application with your check, payable to BCOA, to:
Patricia Paris, BCOA Membership Chairman, 3550 Mountain Rd., Haymarket VA 20169-1720 (703) 753-7006**

Please include a check payable to "BCOA" for the application fee and current year's dues: \$45 (Single membership) or \$50 (Household membership) or \$50 Foreign membership (outside North America) or \$5 application fee for a Junior membership. (No dues required for members under age 18). Applicants will need two current BCOA members (who do not reside in the same household) to fill out the Sponsor Form. A BCOA member must have visited the applicant's home within the past two years. Sponsors are not required for Junior or Foreign applicants. After your application & two sponsor forms have been received, your application will be read at two BCOA Board meetings. The application process may take 6 – 9 months. The BCOA Membership Chairperson will notify you when you are a member.

CODE OF ETHICS

The purpose of this Code is to set forth principles of practice that the BCOA Board would like to have members adhere to as they strive to preserve the quality of the breed. The Code represents the minimum in ethical practices. To this end, the member agrees:

1. To abide by and uphold the principles of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Borzoi Club of America, Inc.
2. To understand and abide by all Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club.
3. To accept and breed only to the Standard of the breed as set forth by the BCOA and approved by the American Kennel Club, striving always to maintain the highest quality for the breed as outlined by the Standard.
4. To abide by the "Guidelines for Breeders of Borzoi" as set forth by the BCOA.
5. To require that any agent, employee or other person acting on behalf of the member comply with all principles outlined in this Code of Ethics and Guidelines.
6. To provide the best possible environment for the physical and emotional well-being of the dogs including fully complying with local laws governing health inoculations, curbing of animals, and restraint and control of their actions on and off their home premises.
7. To put the welfare of each dog above personal gain, profit and/or personal convenience, remembering that each dog (purchased, bred or sold) is a lifetime responsibility.
8. To make every effort to assist the novice and educate the public regarding the Borzoi and provide accurate information as to their general upkeep, the maintenance of their well being, grooming and training needs.
9. To strive always to behave in a sportsmanlike manner and refrain from misleading and false advertising, maligning or giving false statements regarding dogs, breeding practices and BCOA members.
10. To support ethical trade practices and sell only to responsible persons. To avoid at all cost the wholesaling of litters of Borzoi puppies, or the sale of breeding stock or individuals to pet shops or other commercial sources of distribution and never to provide dogs for the purpose of raffle, lottery, or auction.

Nothing in this Code of Ethics should be construed to be in violation of the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club or the Constitution and By-Laws of the Borzoi Club of America, Inc.

Each individual applying for membership shall receive a copy of this Code of Ethics and the "Guidelines for Breeders of Borzoi" and, in joining the Borzoi Club of America, thereby signifies acceptance of the Code and Guidelines in their entirety. Any documented violation of the Code or Guidelines shall be dealt with as provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Borzoi Club of America. Each member of the Club accepts the responsibility to protect the interests of the breed by conducting themselves in a manner designed to reflect credit upon them as an individual, the Borzoi breed, and on the Borzoi Club of America.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Kennel Name: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Occupation: _____ Birthdate (Junior Applicants Only) _____

Sponsored By: (1) _____ (2) _____

Please answer all questions completely by printing in dark ink. Continue on additional sheet if necessary, numbering each answer.

1. Are you currently in good standing with the AKC? _____
2. Have your privileges ever been suspended by AKC? _____ If yes, please attach an explanation.
3. If you are a member of a local all-breed, obedience, specialty or national club, are you currently in good standing with that organization? _____
4. Have you ever been suspended or disciplined by a local all-breed, obedience, specialty or national breed club? _____ If yes, please attach an explanation.
5. Names of clubs currently or formerly a member and any office held:
6. Have you ever been denied membership to any club? _____ Which club(s)? _____
7. Indicate your main interest in Borzoi: Breeding _____ Conformation _____ Obedience _____
Agility _____ Lure Coursing _____ Open Field Coursing _____ Racing _____ Other _____

I have been a Borzoi pet owner since (year) _____ Exhibitor since (year) _____ Breeder since (year) _____
8. List all dogs currently owned by you, Borzoi and other breeds. Indicate all dogs you co-own and the co-owners.
9. List all litters (and the breed) in the last five years of which you are breeder or co-breeder, and the year whelped.
10. Do you keep any dogs as house pets? _____ Do you board other dogs? _____
11. Do you have puppies for sale? Regularly _____ Sometimes _____ How often? _____
12. Do you have adult dogs for sale? Regularly _____ Sometimes _____ How often? _____
13. Do you plan to breed Borzoi in the future? _____
14. What policy or restrictions, if any, do you have for "placing" your dogs with buyers?
15. Do you offer public stud service of your dogs? _____ How many litters have your stud dogs sired to bitches not owned by you? _____ What policy or restrictions, if any, do you have for offering stud service of your dogs?
16. Is any part of your involvement in dogs based on a profit motive? _____ Specify.
17. Have you read the BCOA Code of Ethics? _____ Do you agree with it? _____ Do you feel anything should be added to it? _____ Specify.
18. Have you read the BCOA "Guidelines for Breeders of Borzoi"? _____ Do you agree with it? _____ Do you feel anything should be added to it? _____ Specify.
19. Give a brief, but specific, statement as to why you want to become a BCOA member.
20. State what contribution you feel you can make to the operation of the Club and what area of interest, skills or talents you might be willing to volunteer.

Your signature indicates that the above information is correct. I agree to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies, and the Code of Ethics of the Borzoi Club of America, Inc., and I will voluntarily forfeit my membership in the event I fail to do so.

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____
_____ Date: _____

Borzoi Club of America, Inc., Constitution & By-Laws, "Guidelines for Breeders of Borzoi" and the Borzoi Standard may be accessed by visiting www.borzoiclubofamerica.org or by contacting Karen Mays, BCOA Corresponding Secretary, 3336 Bagley Passage, Duluth, GA 30097 – karen@zencor.com.

American Kennel Club Rules and Regulations may be accessed by visiting www.akc.org or by contacting the AKC, 5580 Centerview Ave., Raleigh, NC 27606-3390.