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Thank goodness the elections are finally over, as well as the holidays. Time for some back to basic living with your Borzoi! Children everywhere are probably still playing with their spiffy new toys. I’m sure you guessed that is my lead-in for this issue of the Aristocrat’s Unique Zoitiques: Borzoi toys, or at least objects to be played with.

These little plastic Borzoi have small bases so they could easily stand up and a child could pretend to have them lined up for a dog show. They date back to around the 1960s, before warnings were given that a child may swallow it due to it being so small. My husband and I are bickering about where they originated. I believe they were available from gumball machines where the “prize” was encompassed within the plastic domes where the bottom could be opened. Mike thinks they came as a prize within a box of Cracker Jack, also back when the prize was more than a crummy tattoo, etc. Measuring only ¾” tall, I found these at an antique show many years ago and paid around $1 each. Once I found one, my search was on to find all that I could and, as you can see, I found several in a plethora of colors. Today they’re probably worth $5/each, but very difficult to find.

Here is a Borzoi doll, all dressed in her pretty pinafore. While she is on the homely side, her body is made of stuffing with cloth clothing, and her head, arms and legs are made of clay then painted. This is the only doll I have come across since I purchased it about 8 years ago. She stands 12” tall and I actually use her as part of a Christmas display where she sits under the tree. I believe I only paid about $15, and it may not have been worth it for the maker to produce another one. However, I wouldn’t part with it for even $50!

If you’re an old-timer in Borzoi, you may recall this next toy appearing in an old issue of Borzoi International. What better squeak toy than a Borzoi apparently doing the Kozachok, which is a dance usually performed by Russian Cossacks. He measures 6” tall and I remember purchasing him in the early 1990s. At the time I had purchased several but over the years gave most of them away to other friends with Borzoi. When I bought them, they were around $6.50 each. With them no longer in production, they are valued around $15 each, if you can find any.

This next item can be considered a toy, although it is basically a large decal placed on the side of a semi-truck. I bought this from Germany a few years ago and thought it was a clever idea. So clever that I even thought about making some of my own. However, my ambitions always run rampant in my mind until it’s time to actually do it. That being said, I never did pursue creating my own. I believe I paid around $25 with shipping. A great idea, especially since our neighbor is a truck driver.

Here is a darling wooden Borzoi that is jointed at the legs. You can place him in a running, standing, prancing or reclining position with great ease. I’ve had this high up on a curio cabinet because, as you all know, Borzoi love to chew wood! It has a wonderful black coat of paint, giving it the appearance of a silhouette. I’ve had this for several years as well and believe I purchased it on auction but cannot fully remember. Unlike a common breed where you can find all sorts of this type of toy, the Borzoi is difficult to find anything novel, so I value it at around $50.

Borzoi on wheels! This is an adorable 12”x14” pull toy that I’m quite certain I bought at one of the Borzoi specialty auctions. It may have been in Houston in 1992 but I can’t guarantee it. When you have as many Borzoi things as I do, you tend to forget where they all came from over the years and buying it at a Borzoi auction, I know I paid a lot for it. Sometimes it’s best to forget how much you pay for something. This is a thick cut of wood in the shape of a Borzoi that was placed on a wooden

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Notes on the online version of *The Aristocrat*

*The Aristocrat* will be published online on a quarterly basis. It will be posted on the BCOA website as a PDF so that you can print it if you like.

We will not be doing ads as part of the Aristocrat as we have the BCOA online ad feature already. The issues will include all the content that was previously included in the Aristocrat section of the Borzoi Connection (new title holders, statistics, articles from committee chairs and of course, annual awards and specialty results).

If you want to include BCOA TSE results and photos, contact Helen W. Lee at savladai@borzoi.net for information on how to submit the best quality photos.

The quarterly deadlines are: Feb. 15, May 15, Aug. 15 and Nov. 15. There will be a separate specialty issue each year.

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CH Aashtoria’s Iced Mocha (D) HP39793003, 26-Dec-2010 by CH Zabava Mercury JC x CH Svora’s Secret Rendezvous JC ROM, br: Robin Riel & G Ariel Duncan & Victoria Newbill, ow: Marilyn McGraw & William McGraw & Robin Riel
CH Aashtoria Svora Taiga Ice Queen (B) HP39793008, 26-Dec-2010 by CH Zabava Mercury JC x CH Svora’s Secret Rendezvous JC ROM, br: Robin Riel & G Ariel Duncan & Victoria Newbill, ow: Shirley McGFadden

CH Aashtoria’s Fantasy On Ice (B) HP39793002, 26-Dec-2010 by CH Zabava Mercury JC x CH Svora’s Secret Rendezvous JC ROM, br: Robin Riel & G Ariel Duncan & Victoria Newbill, ow: Stuart McGraw & Robin Riel & Justine Spiers

CH Aruzia Moonstone Of Rivervue (D) HP38370803, 13-Aug-2010 by GCH CH Aruzia Priority One JC x CH Borscana Coyote Latrans JC, br: Lorrie & John Scott, ow: Virginia Jones

DC Avalon Wns Rising Sun SC FCH (D) HP21967003, 10-Jul-2006 by DC Windsatin Ty Slezi Of Zemny SC FCH SGRC x FC Avalon Rumor Of Angels SC FCH GRC, br: Sandra Moore & Mary Childs & Dora McDonald, ow: Sandra Moore & Shelby Bergstresser

CH Avalon Oxota Katana Swift And Silent (D) HP40594906, 20-May-2011 by DC Avalon Victorian Pyre RN RA RE SC CGC FCH VFCH GRC x Avalon Tigress In The Dark JC SC FCH VFCH GRC CC CM, br: Leonore Abordo & Sandra Moore & Joan Garth, ow: Marylee Jenko & Sandra Moore

CH Belisarius Jp M-P Fate (D) HP42857001, 05-May-2009 by Belisarius Jp S-K Love Potion x Belisarius Jp White Arny, br: Kyoko Ozeki, ow: Mai Ozeki
CHA Bibikov’s Darling Nickie (B) HP17782901, 08-Sept-2005 by CH Majenkir My Beau At Avelyn x Rothesby Snowfinch, br/ow: Frances Wright
CH Chrysalis Endless Night (B) HP34477506, 15-Jun-2009 by CH Manitias Brilliant In Black x GCH CH Chrysalis Winter Gold, br: Pamela Leichtnam & Janis McFerrin, ow: Pamela Leichtnam

CH Coburn Meyta Noir D’Cocoa (D) HP30297523, 01-Apr-2008 by Meyta Marché Du Monde x CH Fusilier Fan Danzer At’Coburn, br: Pat Shaw & Laura Hyatt, ow: Laura Hyatt

CH Dipauls Butch Cassidy (D) HP28368701, 27-Nov-2007 by CH Rising Star Dipauls Brigadoon x CH Risingstar Ont Wings Ofa Dove, br/ow: Paul & Diane Spohn

CH Edenrock Ice Maiden At Calaron (B) HP26435701, 29-May-2007 by CH Shelmari Carjo Icing On T’Cake x CH Calaron’s Dreamsicle, br/ow: Delores Swan & Penny Keiffer

CH Folly Quarters’ Zosia JC (B) HP229557901, 18-Apr-2008 by Astara’s Bring It On x CH Folly Qtrs’ Svetlana Zoyanovna, br/ow: Maggie Rice

CH Gryffyn’s Aeyrie Revelation (D) HP33690206, 14-Nov-2008 by CH Kyrov Ever And Always Oaklara x CH Gryffyn’s Aeyrie Anduril JC, br: R Lynn Shell & Victor Whitlock, ow: Rebecca Neal

CH Joshua’s Evening Star Of Truhaven (B) HP34487803, 12-Apr-2009 by CH Virshina Joshua Man’O Morozova x CH Virshina Neston Of Joshua JC, br: Cynthia Tellefsen & Beverly Peck, ow: Nicole Russ & Beverly Peck & Cynthia Tellefsen

CH Kc Windsheer’Nvorel Boogie Fever (B) HP26858901, 04-Jul-2007 by Mandolin-Mielikki Aloha x CH K-C’s Echo Of The Wild West SC, br: Kasey Parks & Leah Thorp & Lynne Gillespie & Pat Hardy, ow: Kasey Parks & Lynne Gillespie

CH Korsakov’s Talk Of The Town (B) HP36471806, 02-Nov-2009 by CH Borscana Stratocaster x CH Korsakov’s Once Upon A Time, br: Jame Bishop & Morgan Bishop, ow: Marie White & Jane Bishop

CH Ksar Ice Storm (D) HP24640607, 04-Dec-2006 by CH Tiarra’s Majenkir Masterpiece x CH Ksar Majenkir Darla, br: Susan Pennington & Marshall Pennington, ow: Susan Pennington & Johnnie Roe

CH La Verite Texas Hold ‘Em SC (D) HP39714006, 11-Jan-2011 by GCH CH Aria’s Ain’T No Angel x La Verite Nacogdoches SC, br: Richard Terry, ow: Pat Hardy

CH Majenkir Bookstor Vintage Glamour (B) HP37176004, 05-Feb-2010 by CH Majenkir Navron Mambrino x GCH Majenkir Bookstor Glamour Girl, br: Karen Staudt-Cartabona & Karen Spey, ow: Karen Staudt-Cartabona

CH Ostrov Zabava Casanova (D) HP34843404, 03-May-2009 by CH Zabava Bering Strait x CH Zabava Monoceros, br: Patricia Wiseman

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& Kristina Terra & Irina Terra, ow: Patricia Wiseman
CH Ostrov Zabava Swarovski (D) HP31507701, 18-Apr-2008 by CH Zabava Winter Palace x CH Zabava Monoceros, br: Patricia Wiseman & Kristina Terra & Irina Terra, ow: Patricia Wiseman
CH Oxota Avalon Lady Beretta (B) HP40594905, 20-May-2011 by DC Avalon Victorian Pyre RN RA RE SC CGC FCH GRC x Avalon Tigress In The Dark JC SC FCH VFCH GRC CC CM, br: Leonore Abordo & Sandra Moore & Joan Garth, ow: Robin Riel
CH Raynbo’s Charmed I’m Sure (B) HP33701302, 04-Dec-2008 by CH Majenkir Metallic Colt x CH Raynbo Majenkir Swan Princess, br: Roni Zucker & Jennifer Zucker & Karen Staudt-Cartabona, ow: Roni Zucker & Jennifer Zucker
CH Regius In The Footsteps Of Dawn (B) HP29802404, 23-Jan-2008 by CH Majenkir Metallic Colt x CH Raynbo Majenkir Swan Princess, Stars Will Align, br/ow: Doreen Carlstad
DC Swanmanor Kismet O’Kinovar MC LCX FCH (B) HP09102303, 15-Jun-2008 by DC Téine Windmaster Of Foxwood SC ROMX x CH Katz Capricious Charm JC, br/ow: Christopher Moyer & Kelly Brunarski
GCH DC Horse And Hound Bretagne At Scheremetjew SC (B) HP38399803, 03-Jul-2010, by CH Sylvan Scotch And Soda JC SGRC x CH Kansai’Z Ride Of The Valkyrie, br: Pam Buffington, ow: Karin Johnson & Julia Johnson
GCH Karanoff Pikovaya Dama (B) HP38446301, 31-Aug-2010 by GCH CH Aashtoria Wildhunt 4 Your I’s Only RN x CH Karanoff Kikimora JC, br/ow: Karen Klein
GCH Maringa’s Brand New Day (D) HP33493601, 7-Mar-09 by Maringa’s Good N Plenty x Svershin’s Koroleva JC, br: Stephanie Moss & David Hardin, ow: Stephanie Moss
GCH Maskova’s Zilver Strand Mystere (B) HP37296108, 17-Apr-2010 by CH Veronda’s Maximus Of Majenkir

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Companion Dog (CD)
Bucksilver Shon’Ai Kel Duncan CD BN RN (D) HP26993706, 15-May-2007 by CH Bucksilvers Windweaver CDX x Bucksilver Painted Lady, br: Virginia Graff & Nancy Thurston, ow: Diana Robinson

Beginner Novice (BN)
GCH Bucksilvers Golden Saber CD RN RA RE RAE (D) HP11853002, 09-Sep-2004 by CH Kenai Wind Sheer At Qamyo x Bucksilvers Champagne On Ice, br: Virginia & Kenneth Graff, ow: Diana Robinson
CH Calaron Charley’s Angel UDX RN SC BN (B) HP12536301, 04-Oct-2004 by Calaron’s Popsicle x Rising Star Keepsake, br: Penny Keiffer, ow: Karen Haberkorn
Fiery Run Uslada BN JC (B) HP21819401, 29-Jun-2006 by CH Borchis Amras Numenesse x CH Téine Faerie Fire Light RN SC, br/ow: Elizabeth Tolley & David Nutting
CH Kansaiz Calling All Angels SC RN (B) HP12956104,12-OCT-2004,by CH Osdow Av Fjascho JC x CH Kansaiz’z Call To My Heart JC, br: Karen Murray, ow: Marie Agun

Rally Novice (RN)
Aruzia Bright Moon Over Tahoe CGC JC SC RN (D) HP38370806, 13-Aug-2010 by GCH CH Aruzia Priority One JC x CH Borscana Coyote Latrans JC, br: John & Lorrie Scott, ow: Steven & K Carol Artley
Golightly A’Castilleja RN JC (B) HP24182403, 31-Oct-2006 by Golightly Rh Mirror Image JC x Golightly Rh Double Delight SC, br: Christa Olson & Marcella Zobel, ow: Janet Epperson

Rally Advanced (RA)
L’Zhar Sparks Fly RN RA (D) PAL255242, 19-Dec-2003 by unknown x unknown, br: unknown, ow: Janet Epperson
CH Virshina Oronzova Sweet Sizzle RN RA JC OAP OJP (B) HP04846102, 28-Jan-2003 by CH Oronzova Virshina Play With Fire CD JC MX AJX x CH Virshina Sweet Pea CD JC FCH, br: Suzanne Deghi & Chris Bradley, ow: Suzanne Deghi

Rally Excellent (RE)
CH Windrift Elizabeth At Tahoe BN RN RA RE JC SC CGC (B) HP31312605, 07-Jul-2008 by DC Ashtoria Irshbrook Wldhnt Lemans RN RA SC GRC FCH x DC Windrift Chihawk Nymphet MC LCX FCH, br: Jon & Nancy Reimer, ow: Steven & K Carol Artley

Junior Courser (JC)
CH Agga of the Gobi Desert (D) HP28584603, 21-Mar-2007 by Maxx Attack From The Steppes x Panorama Grotius, br: Christopher Holland, ow: Christine Phillips
Bon Ami Perfect Alibi Howff Carbonel JC (B) HP38429505, 27-Jul-2010, by GCH CH Zharov Téine Jansen x Nickolai Olovo Kalsru, br: Kelly Patti, ow: Leigh & Vickie Littleton
C’Lestial Madonna Lily JC (B) HP40426310, 14-May-2011, by C’Lestial Pure Perfection SC x FC C’Lestial Wheel Of Fortune SC FCH

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Senior Coursier (SC)

Adams’ Maestro Sandman SC (D)
HP37364002, 08-May-2010 by Lynhara’s The Zan Man x Adams-Wintersnow Flurry-Misty, br/ow: Deborah Adams, oe: Thomas Curtis

Aruzia Bright Moon Over Tahoe CGC JC SC RN (D) HP38370806, 13-Aug-2010 by GCH CH Aruzia Priority One JC x CH Borscana Coyote Latrans JC, br/ow: John & Lorrie Scott, oe: Steven & K Carol Artley

Imagine Chryseis Of Troy RN JC SC (B) HP33366804, 23-Oct-2008 by CH Aldemoor’s Citation SC x CH Krestovskaja Anastacia RN RA SC, br/ow: William & Peri Neill

Marisksha Singed Cedar SC (B) HP41306301, 13-Jul-2011 by My Silver Zar x My Sweet Yanna, br/ow: Wendy & Frank Erdman

Field Champion (FC)

FC Avalon Oxota Cinqueeda SC (B) HP40594901, 20-May-2011 by DC Avalon Victorian Pyre RN RA RE SC CGC FCH VFCH GRC x Avalon Tigress In The Dark JC SC FCH VFCH GRC CC CM, br: Leonore Abordo & Sandra Moore & Joan Garth, ow: Sandra Moore

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DC Oxota Avalon Tanforan O Starstift JC SC (D) HP37104202, 08-May-2010 by DC Avalon Victorian Pyre RN RA RE SC CGC FCH GRC x FC Avalon Tornado V Rosehill SC, br: Leonore Abordo & Sandra Moore & Mary Childs & Joan Garth, ow: Jamie Bobrowski & Leonore Abordo

DC Téine Katz Sun Glacier JC SC (D) HP34883504, 17-Jul-2009 by DC Téine Windmaster Of Foxwood SC ROMX x DC Annwn Edessa SC LCM, br: Anne Midgarden, ow: Kitty & Jimmy Sawyer

FC Zoiboyz Eclipse Of The Heart SC FCH (D) HP37997003, 10-May-2010 by Romashka’s Aramis JC x FC Zoiboyz Tornado V Rosehill SC, br/ow: Tom Golcher & KC Thompson-Golcher

FC Zoiboyz Enchanted Isle SC (B) HP37997003, 10-May-2010 by Romashka’s Aramis JC x FC Zoiboyz Tornado V Rosehill SC, br: Tom Golcher & KC Thompson-Golcher, ow: Melissa Pearre & Rebecca Peters-Campbell

Lure Coursier Of Merit (LCX)

FC Windrift Edge Of Night MC LCX (B) HP33126061, 07-Jul-2008, by GCH DC Ashtoria Irshbrook Wildhnt Lenmans RA SC GRC FCH x DC Windrift Chihawk Nymphet MC LCX FCH, br: Jonathan & Nancy Reimer, ow: Jonathan Reimer & Melissa Reimer

Therapy Dog (THD)

Coburn Meyta Kessiah THD (B) HP30297520, 01-Apr-2008 by Meyta Marché Du Monde x CH Fuslier Fan Danzer At’Coburn, br: Pat Shaw & Laura Hyatt, ow: Joan & Alan Hackel.
An international Borzoi organization was the dream of Arvid Andersen of Murugi Kennels in Sweden. In 1981, he organized the first meeting of what became the International Borzoi Council. Held just outside of Jönköping in southern Sweden, it was attended by 65 Borzoi breeders from six countries (Sweden, England, the U.S., Finland, Germany, Norway and Australia).

The International Borzoi Council has met every three years, moving around the globe: Sweden (1981 and 2002); the U.K. (1984 and 1993); the U.S. (1987 and 2005); France (1990); Canada (1996); Australia (1999); Russia (2008) and Switzerland (2011). The conference is scheduled to return to the U.S. in 2014.

Three goals were established at that first conference that would become the driving force of the meetings over the next several decades. The first was to establish the International Borzoi Council. The second was to record and study the history of the Borzoi. The third was to study the standards from the major kennel clubs of the world and to hopefully write one international Borzoi standard that would be recognized worldwide. At the conclusion of the first conference, it was decided that the group should continue to meet every three years, and during each conference a Borzoi specialty would be held.

Attendees found the historical aspect of the conference very educational, because little historical information on the breed in its native land was available unless one could read Russian. Breeders learned that some of the historical information that had been reported in the past was incorrect. One reason was the difficulty in getting accurate translation from Russian. It was not until 2008, at our 10th conference in St. Petersburg, Russia, that the Russian breeders were first able to attend. Their input has greatly added to understanding the ancient history of the Borzoi.

Whenever the word “Borzoi” appeared in Russian texts, the assumption was that it referred to the breed as we know it today. However, borzaya means the more general “Sighthound.” Psovaya Borzaya, which means “long-haired Sighthound,” is the Russian name for the Borzoi we recognize today. Many of the translations were actually about Greyhounds or other Sighthounds. Also, many of the Russian terms used prior to the Russian revolution no longer exist, making it almost impossible to find someone who can translate accurately. If the translator is not familiar with canine terminology, the translation is often confusing or completely wrong.

During the next 20 years, the writing of an international Borzoi standard kept the discussion at the conferences very intense at times. Some of the major breeders wanted the description to fit the dogs from their kennels. But over time, the breeders who kept attending the conferences started to think in terms
of promoting the breed instead of just their individual dogs. Studying the history of the Borzoi over the last several centuries, we have learned that to be historically correct, the Borzoi must be a functional breed. In writing one international Borzoi standard, those members representing the different major Borzoi standards that existed at the time needed to compromise to preserve the functional Borzoi.

"At the first conference, people said that if you put the British and the Americans in a room together to discuss the topline, there would be blood on the walls!" remembers Jean Clare of Ryazan Borzoi in England, who has attended all of the International Borzoi Conferences. "In fact, it was all quite amicable. In my group, we passed around various photos, and finally found a bitch with a topline we all liked. This was Eng. Ch. Shelbor Red Velvet. Karen Staudt-Cartabona was in the group, and she drew some sketches of acceptable toplines. Later, all of the delegates met together, and it was agreed to change the word 'arch' to the softer 'curve' with reference to the topline."

"Lesta," gray-black bitch, born 1910 at Perchino, 1912 golden medal at the jubilee show of the Imperial Hunting Society in Moscow. "A bitch that has good underjaw, length of neck, front legs set under her body, excellent feet, pasterns and length of leg. She appears to me weaker in her rear, with her rear feet pointing outward, and she stands with her rear too far under her body. She lacks muscling in her thighs. Hocks that stand parallel would enhance her topline." — Sillers

Black-brown marked bitch named "Podruga," of the type of Boldareff, another famous Borzoi breeder/kennel in Russia at the end of the 1800s. "This bitch has a long, lean head with good underjaw. Her neck is of good length and she stands with good return of upper arm. Her body is substantial. Lower hocks would make her look more pleasing. If shown in the U.S., she would be groomed to give her a more pleasing shape, and therefore a different look." — Sillers

Clare notes that the various standards have their strengths and weaknesses. "The American standard gives a brief description of the breed, but is very short on detail, although the General Appearance clause is excellent," she explains. "In the American standard there is no clause describing temperament, the description of the back is poor as it does not identify the position of the highest point of the curve, and there is no mention of the desired front angulation other than that the shoulders should be sloping. The English standard is written on the same lines and contains rather more detail."

The most detailed of all is the FCI standard, she continues, "and the Important Proportions clause at the beginning is excellent. But the FCI standard can be rather difficult to read and places an unnecessary emphasis on faults. A well-written standard should concentrate on the desired attributes of the breed, and so make the listing of faults unnecessary."

By incorporating all the strengths of the various standards, the International...
Borzoi standard is the best of all. Clare concludes, “which is hardly surprising, as a number of enthusiasts have done a great deal of work on it. They have attempted to incorporate much of the detail of the FCI standard into the more easily assimilated format of the American and English standards.”

In the early to mid-1900s, Borzoi were used in the art of Louis Icart, who owned Borzoi and was a Borzoi fancier. Much of his artwork depicted beautiful women with Borzoi and was not drawn in a realist style. To enhance the dogs’ beauty, he exaggerated their elegance, movement and flowing lines. Many breeders today like this Art Deco expression of our Borzoi. However, if this exaggeration is carried too far in a breeding program, the Borzoi usually are very elegant, but no longer have a flexible topline to remain functional.

Indeed, the topic the present council is most concerned about is the Borzoi topline. We are concerned that many judges evaluate an entry and make their placing solely on the topline instead of evaluating the entire dog. They tell us that the Borzoi topline is the hallmark of the breed, and that the more curve is always better – without regard to the location of the curve on the topline or if the dog’s topline is flexible (meaning functional).

Understanding the history of the breed leads to an appreciation of how a given standard has evolved. I always wondered why the English standard prior to 1986 described the curve of the back starting as close to the shoulders as possible. Kristina Terra of Zabava Borzoi in Washington State gave a lecture at our most recent conference in Switzerland this July that described the development of the Borzoi starting in the 13th Century. From that I learned that during the early 1800s, as Borzoi were crossed with other Sighthounds, one strain produced dogs in which the rise of the topline began closer to the shoulders in males, whereas the bitches had flatter backs.

This does not explain why the English standard written prior to 1972 describes the curve of the topline starting at the withers. Those that I have asked about this so far have not been able to answer this question. I just find it interesting that all of the other Borzoi standards during this period described the curve as being further back on the topline. Why was the English standard different? At least from Kristina Terra’s presentation I have an explanation on how it was genetically possible to select for it in our gene pool.

Historically, Borzoi have always varied in type. Their owners were only concerned about their hunting ability, so at times bred them to other Sighthounds. Early on, Scenthounds were used to chase the game into small clearings where the Borzoi were waiting. They needed instant speed to capture their prey before it escaped back into the woods. As the hunting terrain changed, so did the structure of the Borzoi, so they would be able to catch game over a greater distance.

“Over time there was a difference in the terrain where Borzoi were used for hunting. As the country was gradually de-forested the Borzoi structure also gradually changed,” Kristina Terra writes. “Most Borzoi (or Psovaya) were bred in the central part of Russia. In the beginning, the dogs were used on meadows and small clearings, and so what was required of the dogs was a burst of speed (brasso, or in some literature the word used is brassok) on short distances. As the country was deforested, the hunting style changed to match – bigger fields required dogs with more stamina. Different Sighthound breeds were added to make the original Borzoi have more strength on long distances. So, the differences in Borzoi types were not really geographical; they were more ... chronological ... Some kennels kept Borzoi with more influences of the older lines, whereas others had more of the new blood in them. Central Russia is enormous in size. When you consider how difficult travel was during this time, you can understand when the Borzoi were crossed with neighboring Sighthounds; the results were a variety of types in the breed, and this variety still remains today.”

In 1801, Russia’s serfs were emancipated, which resulted in a decline in the number of Borzoi. Without serfs, the large estate owners could...
This standard, while accepted by the International Borzoi Council and intended as an aid for judges and breed fanciers, is not recognized by the various national kennel clubs, and does not replace the AKC, FCI and KC standards.


GENERAL APPEARANCE
Well balanced, graceful, aristocratic, dignified and elegant flowing lines.

CHARACTERISTICS
A coursing hound which must be courageous, powerful and of great speed.

TEMPERAMENT
Alert, self assured with quiet dignity.

HEAD AND SKULL
Head long, lean and in proportion to dog's size and substance. In females, finer than in males. Well filled in below the eyes. Measurement from inner corner of eye to tip of nose equal to or very slightly greater than measurement from inner corner of eye to occiput. Skull very slightly domed and narrow, stop barely perceptible. Head fine so that direction of bones and principal veins can be clearly seen. Jaws long, deep and powerful. Nose large, black and slightly overreaching. From end of nasal bone, nasal cartilage slopes slightly down to nostrils. Lips black rimmed, thin well stretched along the jawbone. Viewed from above skull would look somewhat narrow and somewhat oval shaped, converging very gradually to tip of nose. Occipital process accentuated.

MOUTH
Jaws strong with perfect, regular and complete scissors bite. Eg: Upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to jaw. Full strong dentition desirable.

EYES
Relatively large, dark and expressive. Set obliquely and placed well back, not too wide apart. Eyelids black and forming an almond shaped opening. Eyes not bulbous, staring or sunken.

EARS
Small, pointed and delicate, set high. When in repose, folded back along the neck with the tips nearly touching the occiput. Should be active and responsive, may be erect when alert, tips sometimes falling over.

NECK
Slightly arched; reasonably long and well muscled widening gradually to shoulders. Free from throatiness, flattened laterally, set at an angle of 50-60 degrees to the longitudinal axis of body. Length of neck should be approximately equal to length of head.

FOREQUARTERS
Shoulders muscular but not loaded. Shoulder angle of 110-120 degrees. Fine at withers and not accentuated. Forelegs clean and straight. Seen from front, narrow like blades; from side wider at elbow narrowing down to pastern joint. Elbows in vertical line to withers and directly backwards, neither turning in or out. Pasterns slightly sloping, strong and flexible. The distance from withers to elbow is almost half the total height.

BODY
Chest, rib cage relatively long, of narrow oval cut, great depth of brisket reaching to elbows, giving great heart and lung room, especially in mature dogs. Breastbone slightly pronounced with adequate width between elbows and abdomen, very tucked up. Back rather bony, muscular and free from any cavity, rising in a graceful curve prolonged by a well balanced fallaway. Highest point of curve is situated over the last rib. Curve is more pronounced in dogs than in bitches. Loins broad and very powerful with plenty of muscular development. Fallaway long, broad and well muscled, widening over hip joints. Width between pelvic prominences at least 9 centimeters.

HINDQUARTERS
Quarters wider than shoulders, ensuring stability of stance. Thighs long, well developed with good second thighs; hind legs long and muscular; stifles and hocks well angulated, hocks broad, clean and low. Posterior line of hock vertical. Seen from side, legs slightly set back, where a line can be dropped from the end of the pelvis through the knuckles of foot. Legs straight and parallel viewed from the rear.

FEET
Hare foot, neither turning in nor out, hind feet longer. Toes close together and well arched over strong thick pads. Removal of dew claws optional.

TAIL
Long, rather low set, tailbone reaching well below hock joint, or measured between thighs reaches top of nearest hip bone. Well feathered, carried low in a graceful curve. From level of hocks may be saber or slightly sickle shaped but not ringed. In action, not rising above level of the back.

GAIT
Front, straight with long reach, pasterns springy. Hind, straight with powerful driving hocks. When trotting legs converge towards the centre line. Viewed from the side appearance in action should be that of effortless power with noticeable drive and ground covering stride. A flexible back is desirable.

COAT
Silky in texture. Can be flat wavy, or rather curly. Short and smooth on head, ears and front of legs; much longer on body with heavy feathering on backs of legs and hindquarters, tail and chest. Neck carries a large curly frill. More profuse in dogs than in bitches. Undercoat dense, soft, subject to seasonal and climate changes.

COLOR
Any color of pattern acceptable.

SIZE
Desirable height at withers: dogs 32 inches (81 cm), bitches 28.5 inches (75 cm). Dogs and bitches which diverge from this ideal size are not to be penalized as long as balance and efficiency are maintained. Height at withers equals height at hips or withers slightly higher. Length index is about 105 for males and 107 for bitches.

FAULTS
Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree of functional significance.

NOTE
Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.
In June 1937, the seventh rotational show of the Pure bred Dog Fanciers Association of the Leningrad area took place in Leningrad, Russia (now St. Petersburg). The Borzoi expert Mr. A.A. Mesenzev judged the Borzoi. I have included photos of some of the Borzoi that he judged to show the variation in topline in the entry plus I have included the comments he made about the topline in his critique. My comments follow. — Sillers

**NOJAN**

Mesenzev: “Nojan is an excellent, exceptional dog. Excellent topline. The back is correct, starting from the shoulder blades, the protruding lumbar muscles merge seamlessly into a long, straight small of the back. Wider in the rear than in front. The chest lacks depth, still needing the width of three fingers to reach the elbow joint. 2nd Gold Metal.”

Sillers: “Nojan is a dog that stands balanced, has a pleasing head and length of neck, his front is set under his body, has good length of tail, and strong pasterns. He has flowing lines over his topline as well as his underline. I can see power in his rear, which might be why his croup looks too steep. His topline appears to be flexible. He appears tense and I think when he relaxes his topline would not look so steep in croup. I would wait to evaluate his topline until he is moving.”

**KAPRISA-DIVENSKAYA**

Mesenzev: “Kaprisa is an exceptional bitch. Neck long, horse-like. Excellent construction. The curve of the back starts at the shoulder blades with no sign of a sunken area. Strong lumbar muscles merging into a broad small of the back. 1st Gold medal and Champion title.”

Sillers: “She looks very ‘houndy’ and gives the impression that she can run like the wind. Excellent underjaw, lean head, balanced neck, long tail and low hocks. Beautiful flowing lines. The curve of her topline is a little too far forward for my interpretation of the standard.”

**KRASOTKA**

Mesenzev: “Back curving into a good top line. First Silver metal.”

Sillers: “A photo of a bitch of a different type. She stands balanced and has a moderate topline. The standard at the time mentioned that the topline in bitches can be flat. She needs more depth of chest and underjaw. The front legs are positioned too far forward on her chest. Compare the thickness between the top of her skull and her throat to the other photos. It is too thick for my liking. Her tail length is short in length. Ears are attached more to the side of the skull.”

**TIRANKA II**

Mesenzev: “Ears set too low and slightly too big. Excellent neck, chest and ribs; a typey and sound bitch. Presented in wonderful condition. 2nd Gold Medal.”

Sillers: “Obviously, this bitch is out of coat. I include her in this article to show the extremes in topline in Borzoi at this show and how the judged still ranked them. She stands balanced. Has a rose ear but it is set low and to the side of her neck. The Borzoi standard describes the ears in repose as folded back along the neck with the tips nearly touching behind the occiput. She has length to her rib cage and a good tuck up.”

no longer care for the large number of Borzoi in their kennels. (Some kept around 400.) Many owners just left their estates and moved back to the larger inhabited communities. Then the number of Borzoi diminished even more when it became fashionable to hunt on horseback with guns.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, the Grand Duke Nicolai Nicolaievitch, the uncle of the Tsar, wanted to hunt with Borzoi in the fashion and grandeur of the past. He sent his men all over Russia to bring back good examples of Psovaya Borzaya. These dogs were the foundation stock of his famous Perchino kennel. [See also Sighthound Review, April 2011 issue, pages 72-81.]

The first description of the Borzoi in print was written in 1888 by Nikolai Petrovich Ernolov. The Ernolov family had bred Borzoi for more than 200 years, and Ernolov was considered an authority on the breed at that time. The description of the Borzoi that he wrote was approved by the Imperial Hunting Society. In it, he said, “We have to keep in mind that at the time, all Sighthounds were first and foremost functional animals that hunted and were selected on their ability in the field.”

Ernolov also wrote in the introduction to the standard: “There no longer are any purebred Borzoi, as all modern Psovaya Borzaya had been crossbred with either shorthaired Sighthounds or mountain Sighthounds. Chart Polskis were brought from the West (Poland); but the near-eastern Sighthounds were added to the breed in the Volga region earlier, most likely in the 1700s. During the fourteen Imperial Hunting Society exhibitions, not a single purebred Borzoi was shown. Since it is clear that we do not have the breed in its original and pure form, now we should only be preserving and improving the breed through correct selection, as well as treat shorter dogs (26.25 inches / 67 cm) for bitches.
and 28 inches / 71 cm for dogs) with great width and lean muscles the same as
tall dogs with flat muscles and ribs, as long as such dogs do not have narrow
chests and narrow rears.”

In the late 1800s as today, Borzoi breeders did not always agree on the
 correct description of the Borzoi topline. At future International Borzoi
Council Conferences, this topic will be researched, and we hope to eventually
develop educational material that will be available to all Borzoi judges from
around the world. The curve of the Borzoi’s topline adds to its elegance,
but if it becomes exaggerated, or if the curve is positioned too far forward
on the topline, the Borzoi is no longer functional and its movement is not
effortless.

Accompanying this article are early photographs of Borzoi, many taken at
the Perchino Kennel in Russia. I choose them to demonstrate the difference in
Borzoi type that existed in the late 1800s and early 1900s so one can appreciate
why we have such variation in Borzoi type today. The history presented at

the International Borzoi Conferences has given me a greater appreciation for
these Borzoi, which at first glance do not look as pleasing to the modern eye.
I have judged Borzoi specialties in nine countries, and I see Borzoi today with
similar structure and type as those in these photographs. The short critique on
each dog is my personal opinion.

Unfortunately, many Borzoi breeders around the world are not interested in
our international conferences. When the topic is mentioned, their response is
“What has the International Borzoi Council done for me!” If you just stand at
ringside waiting for the International Borzoi Council to do something for you,
it will never happen. What you learn from the International Borzoi Council
is directly related to your input into the organization. The knowledge I have
gotten from talking to breeders from around the world, plus the Borzoi history
that has been presented at our conference, is priceless.

The International Borzoi Council is trying to establish a list of e-mail addresses
of interested individuals from around the world so we can keep them informed
of our endeavors. You can be added to the list by contacting Wendy Finlayson
at mayvaleborzoi@xtra.co.nz

Please visit our website at internationalborzoiconference.org.
The Veteran Dog
by Terry Russo, Lookout Kerry Blues

In the short time since the following occurred, I can hardly believe the outpouring of comments and feelings that it has evoked. It all began 6 months ago and came to a head when I attended yesterday’s meeting of our local breed club. I wasn’t even going to attend the meeting until I noticed when checking the entries on-line that there was a certain lone entry listed. I knew then that I must attend and I must finally speak my mind … and my heart.

I sat down at my computer and carefully composed my thoughts. Tears came to my eyes as I wrote it and I feared that I could not read it aloud to the membership. And that was the case. As the President called out a request for ‘meeting adjourned’, I stood up and said “I have one more thing” and handed the copy to a member who was seated next to me. “I’m afraid I won’t be able to read this to you all, but if Lynda would, I’d appreciate it.”

The following is what I wrote:

“I see that the *Smiths* have entered their dog in the Veterans Class. Apparently there is no one in this Club who knows that it is customary to offer a round of applause for those that are entered. Six months ago, at this same show, I entered my Veteran Dog in this same class.

Not one person applauded.

Not one person came up and said anything.

Not one person came over to give him a kind word or a pat.

Not one person made him feel he belonged again.

He was no threat to anyone. He wasn’t going to beat anyone, take any points, or win anything. He was just an old dog who thought he was special again - back in the ring for the first time in many years. Maybe he even recalled his “Glory Days”. He would have loved to have met anyone there. He would have welcomed you like an old friend. You didn’t have to say anything nice about him if you didn’t want to. But just in case you can’t think of anything to say about a Veteran Dog, here are some suggestions:

“It was nice to see him out there”.

Or go up to him and tell him he’s a “Good Boy”.

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Or tell his owner that you are glad that they brought him.

Those aren’t exactly compliments but they will please his owner and make her glad that she brought him. I don’t think that’s asking too much. One day, all too soon, all your beautiful young dogs will be old dogs too. Maybe one day you’ll enter them in a Veterans Class. And I hope that you do. Or, like many of us, you remember that old friend, now gone, and wish you still had the chance. They deserve it. It may be their final time in the sun - their last time out in front of people. Their last time to ever be in the ring.

My old dog is a fool. He thought he was wonderful that day. He thought he belonged. Instead, he was ignored. I have thought about this for 6 months now and wasn’t going to say anything but on his behalf, and that of any other veteran, I hope that something like this never occurs again. As a club of fanciers, you should feel ashamed. Even if you dislike the dog or his owner, at least show Good Sportsmanship and do the Right Thing. Show others that you have respect for your breed. Make that Veteran Dog feel wanted and special again. Let him know that you are glad to see him. It will make his day. You may never get the chance again.

Thank you.”

Addendum: Hundreds and hundreds have responded to this article from all over the world…owners, breeders, handlers, and judges. But among all the kind, heart-warming and sometimes heartbreaking responses, one has stood out and touched me more than any other…

It was from a lady who told me that she always stayed for the Veteran Dog Class and applauded and congratulated the entries – and she had a favor to ask of me. Would I mind just giving her my boy’s call name … so she could always think of him and include him?

Maybe those of you reading this might do the same…in his honor.

He’d like that.

His name is Ajax.

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Rhonda Robins is a BCOA member from Pensacola, FL. She is pictured here on Christmas Eve 2011 with Skyler Tryst’s Tribute To Khanzade, CGC, TD (Trystn), her second year manning the kettle and Trystn’s first. Trystn exceeded expectations in handling the crowds who wanted to know what he is. The couple to the left has a toy poodle, Mia. Can you spot her all dressed up in her Christmas attire? They were a perfect “Mutt and Jeff” team.

**Silent Auction**

To end on a high note, this is an authentic toy made in Russia, as marked on the underside. The Hunters are out with a brace of Borzoi chasing down the fox. One hunter has a rifle, another has a handgun and the last man has his tally-ho horn to call the hunt. When you move the accordion-type base opened and closed, the hunters raise and lower their guns and horn. It measures 5” tall x 5” wide closed position, or up to 12” wide when opened. I purchased this probably 15 years ago at an antique from a vendor selling Russian items. It is the only one I have ever seen. My original price tag is still attached showing $58. I currently value this rare hand-made toy at $200. This past year has brought happiness and sorrow to many folks. I’ve been blessed being able to get two new puppies, enabling me to get back in the show ring. However, it doesn’t put a hindrance on my thirst for finding that next special Unique Zoitique. How about you? Haven’t you found something to share with the BCOA membership? If so, drop me a line and we can work on getting it out there for others to drool over. Until then, peace, love and prosperity to all.
# BCOA 2011 Conformation Statistics

**January 1 to October, 2012**

*Submitted by Greg Hlatky*

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RALLY NOVICE
1. Kirov Mujer Bonita At Highpoint RN 96.67 3
   W & A Ford
2. Kirov Agave At Highpoint JC, RN 96.25 4
   A & W Ford
3. Wildwood Misty Blues At Rey BN, RN, OA, OAJ 94.67 3
   K & G Novotny
4. Veras Organized Chaos RN 81.67 3
   J Brauner
5. Windrift Itzaparty At The Wild Hunt JC 81 2
   J Berardi-Malloy & G Duncan & R Jamison
   (TIE) Konstantin's Summer Solstice 81 1
   K Haberkorn
7. Majenkir Sparkling Design By Regal Mi Lovna 72 1
   K & W Ackerman

RALLY ADVANCED
1. CH RijuTéine Catch Me If You Can JC, CDX, RA 99.33 3
   J Mintchell & A Midgarden
2. CH Riju Téine Fun & Games JC, CDX, RA 98.67 3
   R & J Mintchell
3. Paradise Spirit Me N' Bobby McGee CD, RE 98 1
   K Haberkorn
4. CH Virshina Oronzova Sweet Sizzle RA, JC, OAP, OJP 92.33 3
   S Deghi
5. CH Rising Star DiPauls Tzeitel RAE2, JC 91.67 3
   J Browne
6. CH Windrift Elizabeth At Tahoe BN, RA, SC 78.33 3
   S & K Artley

RALLY EXCELLENT
1. Paradise Sprirt Me N' Bobby McGee 96 1
   K Haberkorn
2. Téine Firebird Flight Of Fancy CD, RA, JC 90 1
   N & C Miller
3. GCH, DC Aria's Aramon At Tahoe CD, BN, RE, SC 89 3
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4. CH Rising Star DiPauls Tzeitel RAE2, BN, JC 85.5 2
   J Browne
5. CH Windrift Elizabeth At Tahoe BN, RA, SC 84 1
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6. Kelcorov's Harvest Moon RA, JC 72.5 2
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Open Field Coursing 2012
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NOFCA Top Ten

1. FC Kirov Embrujada CC,CM, Emmy, B. Ewing ................................................................. 97
2. Kirov Pulsatilla, Puzzle, B. Ewing ................................................................................. 73
3. Del Sol Endless Endeavor WNS, Legs, S. Van De Water ................................................ 54
5. Rio Brava of Star Canyon, Flame, S. Barron/C. Cordtz..................................................... 20
6. Del Sol Dance of Faith, Faith, JC, FCh, GRC, S. Van de Water ....................................... 10
8. Ch. Kachina- Valeska Dream Dancer, Cheyenne, C. Enz ............................................... 7.5
9. Ch. Kirov All Aflame JC, Allie, B. Ewing ....................................................................... 5
10. Kachina-Valeska Rainbow Dance, Lady Hawke, C. Enz ............................................... 3

With regard to the top ten for open field coursing, these ratings only reflect those BCOA members participating in NOFCA hunts. Results are based on NOFCA News website covering hunts held from January 1, 2012 through January 31, 2012 inclusive. Submit any corrections to Karen M. Ackerman, PO Box 507, Upton, Wyoming 82730.

OPEN FIELD COURSING NACA

Since the beginning of 2012, the North American Coursing Association had the following BCOA members and their hounds compete in open field coursing. All of the Borzoi listed below have accumulated points toward their open field titles.

Ch. Sunburst Die Fledermaus Rosalinde,Rosie, R. and B. Rice

Téine Calligraphy, Lucida, A. Midgarden
Téine Bat Out of Hell, Bella, A. Midgarden
Zharkov Téine Black Jade, Jade, A. Midgarden
Téine Swan Song, Cygnet, A. Midgarden

Astara’s Steel & Glass, Andrei, W. and K. Ackerman
Majenkir Sparkling Design by Regal Milovona, Sparkler, W. and K. Ackerman
Majenkir Electra Mayhem at Varykino, Hawkeye, W. & K. Ackerman/K. Staudt-Cartabona
My Majenkir Regal Vixen of Varykino, Wild Fire, W. & K. Ackerman /K. Staudt-Cartabona

Ch Kachina-Valeska Dream Dancer, Cheyenne, C. Enz
Zvjozgnij Barhat, Barhat, C. Enz

FC Kirov Embrujada, CC,CM, Emmy, B. Ewing
Ch. Kirov All Aflame, JC, Allie, B. Ewing

The points were earned at hunts held between January 1, 2012 and October 31, 2012. These results were submitted by Linda Sanders, NACA Recorder. Please submit any corrections to Karen M. Ackerman, PO Box 507, Upton, Wyoming 82730. These lists are only indicative of BCOA member owned Borzoi and are not reflective of all open field coursing Borzoi.
# ASFA Lure Coursing Rankings

*Submitted by Tom Golcher*

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# AKC Lure Coursing Rankings (Bowen System)

*Submitted by Tom Golcher*

## BCOA member-owned Borzoi January 1 to October 5, 2012

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2012 LGRA Top 20 BCOA member-owned Borzoi
Through to October 19, 2012
Submitted by Carol Enz

1 Jenny-M FC Mielikki Dir Shepard at Silkenswift FCH SGRC2 McCartin
2 Lucy FC Jedawn’s Show Girl SC SGRC Hall/Myers
3 Ziva Mielikki Liaison Officer Ziva David SGRC McCartin
4/5 Bounce-M Silkenswift Bounce Into First Dawn GRC McCartin/Dalzell
4/5 Eclipse Zoiboyz Eclipse Of The Heart GRC Thompson/Golcher
6 Bristol Del Sol Bristol Speedway GRC Van de Water
7 Insanity Del Sol End Of Reason WNS GRC Van de Water
8 Troubadour Petya Svershin Troubadour Berry/Doane
9 Socks FC WindnSatin Phast On The Take SC FCh SGRC Van de Water/Children
10/11 Encore Zoiboyz Encore Thompson/Golcher
10/11 Lump Gryffyn’s Aeyrie Here For You Shell-Whitlock

NOTRA TOP 10
Submitted by Victor Whitlock

BCOA member-owned Borzoi as of November 9, 2012

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BCOA Junior Showmanship AKC Statistics
January 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012
Submitted by Barbara Tyler Lord, BCOA Junior Showman Chairman, warwind@tds.net

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PLEASE NOTE: Now that the AKC has eliminated the Show Awards format, it has
become more difficult to locate and keep track of points for our member and non-
member junior showman. With that in mind, if you have any comments, questions or
corrections regarding these statistics or if you know any young people who might be
interested in joining the BCOA as Junior members, please feel free to contact me by
e-mail or write me at PO Box 90 Forest Junction, WI 54123
2012 AKC National Lure Coursing Championship
September 8-9, 2012 – Romulus, NY
The event was held at Sampson State Park in the beautiful Finger Lakes region near Romulus, New York. For the two-day event there were 220 dogs entered. Included in this number were: 35 Field Champions, 10 conformation champions, 28 Dual Champions (conformation and field champions) and 9 Grand Champions.

Saturday Top BCOA Borzoi
Open Stake
1st - ATLAS – AVALON SELENIUM VGER’S ATLAS @ RYHKA SC co-owner Sandra Moore
2nd - LOTUS – VALINORS CIRCUIT DE MONACO AT RIVER RUN SC owner Karla Smith DVM
3rd - DANika - CH JEDAWN’S PRINCESS AURORA SC FCH CGC co-owner Charlotte Hunt

Specials Stake
3rd - LUCY – FC JEDAWN’S SHOW GIRL SC GRC co-owner Dawn Hall
4th - CJ – FC AVALON WNS RISING SUN SC. Co-owner Sandra Moore

Sunday Top BCOA Borzoi
Open Stake
1st - ATLAS – AVALON SELENIUM VGER’S ATLAS @ RYHKA SC co-owner Sandra Moore

Specials Stake
1st - LUCY – FC JEDAWN’S SHOW GIRL SC GRC co-owner Dawn Hall
4th - CJ – FC AVALON WNS RISING SUN SC. Co-owner Sandra Moore

Borzoi Best of the Best - LUCY – FC JEDAWN’S SHOW GIRL SC GRC co-owner Dawn Hall

2012 NLCC Winner Pharaoh Hound Iko.

ASFA: 2012 Grand National
September 14, 15, & 16, 2012 – Falcon, CO
The 38th Annual Grand National was held in Falcon, Colorado hosted by the Colorado Lure Coursing association (CLCA).

Saturday Top BCOA Borzoi
Open Stake
1st - Silkenswift New Year’s Red Dawn - owners Tom Golcher & KC Thompson

Field Champion Stake
1st – FC Zoiboyz Eclipse of the Heart, SC, FCh, GRC - owners Tom Golcher & KC Thompson
2nd – Rosehill Swann at Zoiboyz, SC, FCh, TT - owners Tom Golcher & KC Thompson

Sunday Top BCOA Borzoi
Open Stake
1st - Silkenswift New Year’s Red Dawn - owners Tom Golcher & KC Thompson

Field Champion Stake
1st – FC Zoiboyz Eclipse of the Heart, SC, FCh, GRC - owners Tom Golcher & KC Thompson
2nd – Rosehill Swann at Zoiboyz, SC, FCh, TT - owners Tom Golcher & KC Thompson

2013 International Invitational
LKC, MGA, and TSSC are working hard on the 2013 II to be held April 13 and 14 in Muncie, Indiana (just a little north of Indianapolis). So be sure to mark your calendars and schedule vacation time as it is fast approaching. There will be additional information posted on the ASFA web site shortly. A Facebook page – 2013 ASFA II – has been set up to post information. The fields are very large with little to no sight lines. There will be electrical hookups for campers and many more amenities.

2013 ACoD
Mark your calendars! It’s not too early to be thinking of the 2013 ACoD. It will be held in Denver, Colorado on March 23 and 24º. Tom Golcher, BCOA ASFA Delegate will plan to attend.

No further action by AKC or the ASFA affecting the sport of lure coursing has been noted.
Aristocrat Mission Statement

The Aristocrat is the official publication of the Borzoi Club of America and is published quarterly in order to inform, educate and entertain the members by providing historical and current information on the Breed and issues affecting the well-being of our Borzoi.

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• To provide a convenient forum for the reporting of statistics on the accomplishments of the members in conformation and performance events.

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    ▪ Best Opposite Sex in Conformation
    ▪ Obedience
    ▪ Open Field Coursing
    ▪ Lure Coursing
    ▪ LGRA
    ▪ Breeder of Top Conformation Borzoi
    ▪ Top Junior Showman
  o Photos of the Specialty Conformation and Performance Winners
  o Judge’s critique of Conformation classes
  o Catalog pages and performance results
  o Candid photos as available

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