

Unique Zoitiques

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From a long cold winter to a long hot summer, we're either too hot or too cold. This column will show Borzoi with collars. My only reason for choosing this was due to a recent find of two Borzoi with collars. In order to fit it into a theme, I came up with showing Borzoi that had collars painted on or embedded within the porcelain.

This first one was made in England, supposedly by Staffordshire. It isn't the prettiest Borzoi you might choose for a breeding program; however, as with many of my statues, it has a place in my collection. Measuring 7½" tall x 7" long, the gold color collar with adorning chain was painted on and glazed over. This is a rather uncommon piece and I value it at \$55.



For a for deco piece, this 5½" tall x 5" long standing plain white figure has a common look of a Borzoi with ears straight up and looking back. It has slight definition of long hair on the neck, brisket and feathering while the tail is quite fluffy. This is simply marked Foreign on the underside but appears to have some carving into the ceramic as well that almost appears to say Germany. A lesser quality ceramic as you can see by the pinhole that occurred during the firing process. Still an uncommon and desirable piece I value at \$45.

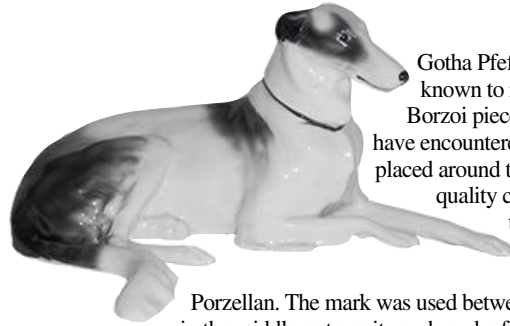
Perhaps you have seen this Borzoi in a similar pose within a high gloss ceramic ash-tray. That is the usual way you will find this pose. It appears the dog is scratching or biting at a flea; something we have all seen our Borzoi do. This is a very fine porcelain or bone china. The Japan mark on the bottom is engraved into the porcelain.

Measuring 2" tall by 5" long, this is a must have for collectors and valued at around \$35.



The mark on this statue is "The Norwood Company Cincinnati, Ohio". Never hearing of that company, my first guess was that it was an importing company like that of Ebeling and Reuss (E&R). Upon further investigation, it appears I was correct in my assumption as the company imported items from Germany.

This is 3" tall x 7" long and more than likely made of ceramic and not porcelain. I have a small sitting Borzoi with the Norwood mark on it but it doesn't have a collar so I did not include it here. Not very common, I value this at \$40.



Gotha Pfeffer porcelain factory is known to make several different Borzoi pieces and all of the ones I have encountered have the thin collar placed around the dog's neck. This high quality china piece measures 4" tall x 8" long and has the mark that has the company name along with Porzellan. The mark was used between 1934 – 1942. It runs in the middle as to rarity and can be found at auction now and then. It normally will sell between \$50 - \$125, depending on the seller.



Another Gotha Pfeffer piece, this one has an older mark of a green GP only and dates between 1900 – 1934, which means it was just prior to the previous figurine. The Borzoi stands 7" tall x 9" long and is made of the same lush porcelain material. This is a much more difficult statue to come by and is valued at \$150.

Here is the pair that prompted me to write about Borzoi with collars. The bottoms are simply stamped Germany. It isn't often that you will come across a pair of dogs that actually face opposite direction. Like so many bookends; they



use the same dog on two different bookends yet when you place them side by side, they are the same model. They measure 4" tall x 7½" long and I have never come across this set before. A nicer type of porcelain and rare, which I value at \$150 for both.



A more common find, yet quite lovely figurine, is the standing pair made by Karl Ens. The mark on the base states ENS Porzellan Volkstedt. Volkstedt was the manufacturing company of Rudolstadt, Thuringia, Germany. In the 19th century the company attracted subsidiary and rival workshops in Rudolstadt such as Beyer Bock, Karl Ens and a few others. About a year ago, several of these figures appeared on eBay nearly weekly for a very fair price. It is not known

if they were from old stock or a reproduction. They have since faded out. Most of those were in plain white form. I have had this particular piece for about 20 years. A very fine porcelain measuring 7½" tall x 10" long, this piece should still fetch in the neighborhood of \$200 in decorated (painted) form.

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That wraps it up for the fall 2016 issue of BCOA's *Aristocrat* Unique Zoitiques column. If you have any requests for a type of collectible you would like me to include or perhaps you have something you would like to share with the readers, just give me a shout at borzoi@mc.net and we can take it from there. I'm really Borzoi-like and quite friendly. :>)