

# Applying for Membership

You may be a first time borzoi owner and have been encouraged by your pup's breeder to join BCOA. Or you may be a longtime lover of Borzoi who has decided it's time to join with others who share that love.

Whichever describes you, there are a few things to consider before completing the application.

Before you even looking at the application

1. Read carefully
  - a. Code of Ethics <https://borzoiclubofamerica.org/pdfs/BCOA-CodeofEthics.pdf>
  - b. Guidelines for Breeders of Borzoi <https://borzoiclubofamerica.org/pdfs/breederguidelines.pdf>
2. Your signature on the application signifies acceptance of the Code and Guidelines in their entirety.
3. 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, Inc.
4. Each member of the Club accepts the responsibility to protect the interests of the breed by conducting themselves in a manner which reflects credit upon them as an individual, the Borzoi breed, and on the Borzoi Club of America.
5. We urge members to participate in the operation of events and programs by serving on one or more of our many committees. Choose those that best use your talents and interests.  
<https://borzoiclubofamerica.org/aboutbcoa/about-committees.php>
6. After your application, dues check & two sponsor forms have been received,
  - a. your application will be read at the next BCOA Board meeting.
  - b. Your name will be published in the Board meeting minutes.
  - c. If no letters are received protesting your application, you will be approved as a member at the following Board meeting.
  - d. The BCOA Recording Secretary will notify you when you are approved.
7. Your privileges as a member, including counting the wins of your dogs for top awards, start on the date you are approved as a member. The application process may take 6 -9 months.

## The Process

1. Applicants need two current BCOA members (who do not reside in the same household) to fill out a Sponsor Form. <https://borzoiclubofamerica.org/pdfs/membersponsorform.pdf>
2. If no BCOA member has visited your home in the last two years, you may list as a reference a) a veterinarian who has treated your dogs for at least five years b) a member of a kennel club or training club who has known you and your dogs for at least five years; please provide contact information for those people.
3. A. Complete the fillable pdf. Download it to your computer and email to the Recording Secretary [recsec@borzoiclubofamerica.org](mailto:recsec@borzoiclubofamerica.org). and use the BCOA Store <https://borzoiclubofamerica.org/cart/cart-dues-NEWMEMBER.php> to pay your first year's dues + \$5 fee

OR

- B. Send the completed application with your check, payable to BCOA, to:

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\$40 (Single membership) or \$45 (Household membership) or \$45 Foreign membership (outside North America).

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