



Borzoi Club of America

The Aristocrat

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2007 National Specialty	Rebecca Peters-Campbell & Colleen Thiboutot, Specialty/Facility Coordinators



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Lure Coursing. BCOA Member Owned Dogs.

Dog gets one point for itself and 1 point for each dog defeated.

ASFA Top Ten Current through October 1, 2005

1. Arwen, Phenanthren's Arwen Tsarytsin Ryhka, R. Blackstock/K. Hudson	283-16-2
2. Scarlett, FC Mayberry's Gone With The Wind, LCM 4, GRC, P. Mayberry,	206-14-0
3. Spitzer, Del Sol Spitzer, LCM5, GRC, A. Simpson/S. Van de Water	146-4-0
4. Kass, FC Tsarytsin Entzucken Reise, LCM, SC, LCX, R. Blackstock	131-3-0
5. Kazan, Chabibi's Korona-Kazan, FCh, T. Golcher/KC Thompson	108-7-0
6. Banshee, Aria's Haunted Gold, R. Linck/R. Terry	76-2-0
8. Maggy, Del Sol Magnum of Shiloh, S. Van de Water	69-2-0
9. Safari, Del Sol Safari Fire, FCh, S. Van de Water	66-0-0
10. Sprite, Del Sol Dragon's Firesprite, FCh, S. Van de Water	58-1-0

YTD NOTRA Points

As of 7/21/05, Submitted by Victor Whitlock

Rank/No.	Call Name	Registered Name	Owner	YTD Pts.
1. BZ-327	Mir	Mielikki A Kind of Magic	Tabner	6.00
1. BZ-269	Scandium	Deuterium's Scandium of Ryhka, SC, FCh	Darling/Anuta	6.00
3. BZ-417	Lucky	Coburn's Survivor	Shaw	4.00
4. BZ-422	Sara	Rosehill GL Serigraph	Tabner	3.00
4. BZ-312	Silver	FC Digitalis Black Silver of Ryhka, FCh	Darling	3.00
6. BZ-410	Phoenix	Rosehill GL Mimeograph	Tabner	1.00
6. BZ-359	Sunny-H	C'lestial Midnight Sun JC FCh	Hudson	1.00
8. BZ-362	Raichu	Lithium's White Raichu of Ryhka	Darling/Anuta	0.75
9. BZ-309	Czar	DC Dibar Mystic Czar of Brinson, FCh	Overcash (Jacob.)	0.50
9. BZ-316	Miranda	Coburns Silhouette	Shaw	0.50
9. BZ-426	Mouse	Coburn's Suntea	Shaw	0.50
12.BZ-416	Flareon-D	Lithium's White Flareon of Ryhka	Darling	0.25

2005 Conformation Statistics Submitted by Patti Widick Neale

BCOA member-owned Borzoi statistics – All-Breed points as of September 30, 2005

	BIS	Gp 1	Gp 2	Gp 3	Gp 4	Points
1. Ch. Sunburst Huntsman At Mechta, M McGraw/G Thompson	2	4	5	4	2	3365
2. Ch. Raynbo's Winter Rose, R Zucker/J Zucker	0	3	6	6	5	3164
3. Ch. Majenkir My Beau At Avalyn, K Miller/K Miller	0	4	4	6	6	2068
4. Ch. Irishbrook Kalarney, M Savage/V Savage	0	1	2	5	1	1481
5. Ch. Auroral's Across Time Sirius, J Steele/J Steele	0	3	3	3	4	1366
6. Ch. Tamarzi Carowynd's Viktoria, T Ream/M Lockhart/P Cross	0	5	1	1	1	1001
7. DC Sylvan Seabury Virago SC, F.Ch., Neale/Neale/Sillers	0	0	1	0	2	769
8. Ch. Jubilee's Heavenly Creation SC, D Hall/J Hall/C Gredys	0	1	1	2	1	664
9. Ch. Soyara's Singer of Songs Esar, P Hlatky/G Hlatky	0	0	2	2	2	638
10. Ch. Téine Too Cool, A Midgarden	0	1	2	2	1	536

BCOA member-owned Borzoi statistics - Borzoi defeated through June 30, 2005

1. Ch. Raynbo's Winter Rose, R Zucker/J Zucker	741
2. Ch. Sunburst Huntsman At Mechta, M McGraw/G Thompson	651
3. Ch. Majenkir My Beau At Avalyn, K Miller/K Miller	376
4. Ch. Irishbrook Kalarney, M Savage/V Savage	369
5. DC Sylvan Seabury Virago SC, FCh., Neale/Neale/Sillers	326
6. Ch. Auroral's Across Time Sirius, J Steele/J Steele	276
7. Ch. Majenkir My Fantastasia, K Staudt-Cartabona/R Zucker/J Zucker	269
8. Ch. Jubilee's Heavenly Creation SC, D Hall/J Hall/C Gredys	162
9. Ch. Téine Too Cool, A Midgarden	157
10. Ch. Soyara's Beautiful Dreamer, P Hlatky/G Hlatky	143

If you have questions or comments regarding these statistics, please contact Patti Widick Neale, 11122 NW CR 236, Alachua, FL 32615, zoisrus@alltel.net



BCOA 2005

Rally Obedience Statistics

Jan 1 to July 31, 2005, AKC AWARDS
as submitted by Gale Snoddy

Novice	Avg. Score	# of Trials
Laureate Adr'n Mystique's Tribute, RN - A&R Finkelstein	98.3	3
Kirov Multiphein of Highpoint, CD, RN, NA, NAJ - A. Ford	97.3	3
CH Karlyn Stardust Melody, C. Stuart, L. Deprizio	95.8	3
Téine Lyrical Magic of Riju, UD, JC, OA, OAJ - R&J Mintchell	95.0	2
CH Vera's Lil' Bit O' Faith, CD, RA - L&J Brauner	94.7	3
Windor Basic Blk Windsatin, CD, RN - G. Snoddy	94.3	3
CH Back To The Future of the Wild Hunt, JC - J. Malloy & G. Duncan	94.0	2
CH Egypt's Lotus of the Wild Hunt, JC - J. Berardi-Malloy, A. Duncan	94.0	1
Vera's Magichappensatsterling, CD, RA - J&L Brauner, G. Schmid, L. Cole	93.3	3
Kansai's Island Rumor, CD - P. Kilby	93.0	2
FC Mascha's Call of the Wild, JC, RN - W&A Ford, R. Jamison	92.7	3
Advancer		
CH Vera's Lil' Bit O' Faith, CD, RA - L&J Brauner	84.0	3
Vera's Magichappensatsterling, CD, RA - J&L Brauner, G. Schmid, L. Cole	84.0	3
CH Mascha's Matrix of the Wild Hunt, JC, RA - G. Duncan, R. Jamison	77.7	3
CH Fifth Element of the Wild Hunt, JC, NAJ, RN - G. Duncan	75.5	2
Vera's My Sterling Treasure, CD, RN - J&L Brauner & L. Cole	73.5	2
CH Karlyn Mazquerade, RN - L. Deprizio	72.0	1
Excellent		
Vera's Magichappensatsterling, CD, RA - J&L Brauner, G. Schmid, L. Cole	5.5	2

BCOA Agility Stats 2005

January 1 - July 31, 2005
as recorded in the AKC AWARDS
Submitted by Gale D. Snoddy

(Reflects only those dogs owned by BCOA members.)

	Avg.Score	# of Qual.
Novice Standard		
Fantasias Heart And Soul, NA, NAJ - T&S Moore & J. Dennis	96.0	2
Morozova's Moonstruck, CD - K&G Novotny	91.0	1
CH. Fifth Element of the Wild Hunt, JC, NA, NAJ - G.A. Duncan	90.0	1
Kirov Dance To Music At HP - A&W Ford	90.0	1
Novice Jumpers		
Fantasias Heart And Soul, NA, NAJ - T&S Moore & J. Dennis	95.0	1
Novice Preferred Standard		
CH Azuma Brave New World, JC, OA, OAJ - S. Johnson/D. Gordon	97.5	2
Novice Preferred Jumpers		
CH Azuma Brave New World, JC, OA, OAJ - S. Johnson/D. Gordon	100.0	3
Open Jumpers		
Fantasias Heart And Soul, NA, NAJ - T&S Moore & J. Dennis	96.0	1
Kirov Multiphein Of Highpoint, CD, NA, NAJ - A. Ford	86.0	1
Excellent Preferred Standard		
CH Sky Run Catera, CDX, AX, AXJ, AXP, OJP - C&P Danker/B. Skinner	100.0	3



BCOA Health Committee Update

Submitted by Ginger Jones

New Award Sponsored By The Health Committee:

We are very excited to be able to offer a new annual award and recognition for our members who support the efforts of health testing their borzoi. Beginning with the 2006 Nationals in Olympia, Washington, the Health Committee is offering a \$100 cash award to the Best in Futurity puppy if both the sire and dam have a current CHIC registration number. We will also offer a \$50 cash award to both the Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex borzoi at each Nationals if they have a current CHIC registration number. This was approved by the BCOA board at the August board meeting. Requirements for CHIC are Eye CERF, OFA Heart and Thyroid. Optional requirements are OFA Hip. For more information on CHIC, see the AKC/CHF website at: <http://www.offa.org>

Purina Parent Club Partnership Program:

The Borzoi Club of America has renewed with the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program through 2006. If you currently feed Purina products and would like to join the Pro Club or if you currently are a Pro Club member and have not yet officially declared your breed club designation for matching fund contributions, please call 1-877-776-2582 and declare "Borzoi Club of America" as your PPCP partner recipient breed club. Pro Club members please be sure to submit your weight circles before the end of the year in order for the BCOA to receive the matching funds for this calendar year. Please accept my personal thank you to all of our Pro Club members who participate in this extremely worthwhile health fund-raising cause. Purina provides matching contribution funds for your weight circle submissions to our Borzoi Donor Advised Fund, earmarked for heart research.

Updates On BCOA Sponsored Health Research Projects Through The Canine Health Foundation:

Progress report (6 months of first year) received September 15, 2005 for Active Grant #0373: Mapping Genes Associated with Osteosarcoma in Large Dog Breeds - Principal Investigator: Kerstin Lindblad-Toh, PhD, Broad Institute

Progress report received September 16th, 2005 on Active Grant #2434:

Recombinant Thyrotropin (TSH): Standard for the Next Generation of Canine TSH Immunoassays with Improved Sensitivity - Principal Investigator: Duncan Ferguson, DVM, PhD - Research Institution: University of Georgia

This project is progressing well and is now in the 18th month of the proposed 2 year study. It will be exciting to see one of our supported projects reach it's culmination in the near future as this new test essay will be something tangible for all of us to benefit by.

Progress report received September 16th, 2005 on Active Grant #305: Histocompatibility Alleles Conferring Susceptibility to Canine Diabetes, Immune-Mediated Thyroiditis and Immune-Mediated Hemolytic Anemia - Principal Investigator: Wayne Potts, PhD

This project is in the early data collection stages and the initial progress report noted that they had been slow to obtain the required level of samples for the study. Erika Werne, Director of Canine Research & Education for the CHF, gave her permission for me to publicly request sample

submissions/participation by including this request in publications and Internet news lists. If your dog (any breed) is affect and has been diagnosed with any of these three diseases and you want to help further this research study, please contact the principal investigator, Dr. Wayne Potts directly at the University of Utah Biology department either by phone: 801-585-9677 or by internet at: potts@biology.utah.edu

Your participation is greatly needed and genuinely appreciated!!!

Special thank you to a very special person, Colleen Henling, for your most generous memorial contribution to borzoi health in memory of Dick Reese and beloved Borzoi of Joyce and Roger Katona, Eva & Razy. What a truly heartfelt way to remember those so well loved and so dearly missed.

As we reach this year end and we gather together with family and friends to celebrate the holiday season, I personally wish to extend to all of you a time of peace, joy, remembrance, thanks and good health. May the new year bring us all better days ahead. §

2006 Washington National:

The Health Committee is sponsoring the following events for our National:

DINNER SEMINAR: Wednesday, May 24th - 6pm to 8pm, Osteosarcoma, Speaker Dr. Karri Meleo. Cost: \$25 per person. Dinner includes Baked Lasagna - Meat or Vegetarian, Seasonal Green Salad, Rolls, Coffee & Tea and New York Style Cheesecake.

Health Clinics:

- Microchip - Dates: TBD. Cost: \$28 includes chip registration fee with AKC
- DNA - Barbara Binder, Dates: TBD. Cost: \$33 includes registration fee with AKC
- EYE CERF - Paul Schirle, DVM, DACVO, Thursday, May 25th. Cost: TBD
- OFA HEART - Gary Wood, DVM, ACVIM (cardiology), Friday, May 26th. Cost for auscultation: TBD. Doppler ultrasound will also be available. All times TBD.

IMPORTANT!: You must bring with you to the above clinics:

- AKC registration number and date of birth for dog being examined.
- The sire and dam names and registration numbers of the dog being examined.
- Your regular vet clinic name, address and phone number.
- Previous CERF and/or OFA numbers if this is not the initial examination of the dog.



BCOA 2006 National Specialty

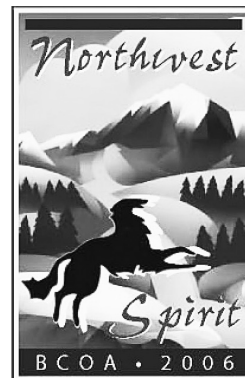
May 20–27, 2006

Red Lion Hotel, Olympia, WA

www.redlion.com

Field Events: Argus Ranch Facility For Dogs

www.argusranch.com



**Join us for a week of fun, festivities, and
the finest Borzoi in North America!**

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday –ASFA & LGRA trial; Sunday-AKC trial plus 2 JC tests – Argus Ranch

Judges: KC Artley/Holly Hamilton/Greg Ward

Monday – Obedience/Rally –Jim Thompson, Obedience; Chris Cornell, Rally

Monday – Futurity – Judge Pending

Tuesday – Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes, Melanie Richards

Tuesday Evening – Handling Seminar

Wednesday – Dog Classes – Mr. Espen Engh, Norway*

Health Seminar – Osteosarcoma

Thursday – Bitch Classes – Mr. Espen Engh, Norway*

Panel Discussion - 'State of the Breed, Where Do We Go From Here?'

Friday – Non Regular Classes, Stud, Brood, Veterans, Brace, Team – Mr. Espen Engh, Norway*

Luncheon/Annual Meeting; evening Art Auction

Saturday – Junior Showmanship - Sandi Frei; Best of Breed – Mr. Espen Engh, Norway*

Awards Banquet

*Pending AKC approval

HEADQUARTERS & SHOW SITE

Argus Ranch Facility For Dogs on-site camping, RV parking and some rooms.

As spots/rooms are extremely limited, call for reservations ASAP (253) 333-2347.

RV Parking Hookup @ \$18 per night; Twin Beds @ \$30 per night; Queen Futons @ \$40 per night

Red Lion Hotel reservations, please call 1-800 733-5466 and state that you are with BCOA.

Room Rates: reservations before May 1, 2006 – \$80.00 single/double; \$90.00 triple/quad

On site RV Reservation thru the Host Hotel only: \$40.00/day w/power - \$30.00/day without

Please call 1-866-896-4000 only

CONTACTS:

For additional information, to volunteer your assistance or to pledge a trophy donation:

Jan Leikam, Facility Coordinator or

Barbara Yoon, Trophy Chair

360 668-0214

860-684-2972

waynejan1@verizon.net

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Obedience Chair – T & T Brandtman – tntb@sunset.net

Art Auction – Irina Terra – zabava@msn.com

Catalogue Advertising – Cyndi Gredys: cg.jubilee@alltel.net

Specialty Sales – Carol Enz – hawikuh@cs.com

Vendor Chair – Jan McMinn & Jean Patten – revelstone@aol.com

Hospitality – Patty Hull – PattyHull@aol.com & Kathleen Kapaun
– qamyo@copper.net

Check out the BCOA Website for additional information on the planned festivities:

www.borzoiclubofamerica.org



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A CALL TO ALL ARTISTS!

Please participate in the **National Gallery and Art Auction** in Olympia, Washington during the BCOA National Specialty.

May 20 – 27, 2006

- It is for a good cause
- Any media is accepted
- Borzoi is the subject matter
- Two works of art per artist limit
- Full artist donation or 50% of the proceeds to BCOA
- Art will be exhibited in the National Gallery during the Specialty

So if you are an artist or have friends who are, give some thought to submitting artwork for the 2006 BCOA Art Auction.

Our auctioneer is Pacific Northwest's Nolan Rundquist, from the PSBC.

THIS EVENT IS ALWAYS FUN!

For more information <http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org> or contact the Art Auction Committee: Irina Terra at zabava@msn.com (360-387-1356) or Patricia Wiseman at plw1180b@aol.com.

"Mysteries of Borzoi Breed Type"

A breeder forum discussion

Thursday evening, May 25, 2006

BCOA 2006 National Specialty Event

Moderated by Jon Steele (Auroral)

Breeder Panel:

Kalen Dumke (Nonsuch), Michelle Luckey (Kenai),
Amy Sorbie (Kyrov), Karen Staudt-Cartabona (Majenkir),
Patti Widdick-Neale (Sylvan).



2006 Specialty Sale Items

Design on all garments may be silk screened in your choice of full color or black, white and grays.

Crew Neck Sweatshirt (Full Front Design)

Sizes: S-XL: \$25; 2X-3X: \$28

Colors: Black, White, Oxford (Dark Heather Gray), Denim Blue Birch (Light Heather Gray), Light Blue, Pine Green



Tee-Shirts (Full Front Design)

Sizes: S-XL: \$15; 2X-3X: \$18

Colors: White, Black, Oxford (Dark Heather Gray), Light Blue, Metro Blue, Sage Green (Light Green), Leaf (Med. Green)

Knit Golf/Polo Shirt (Left Chest Design)

Sizes: S-XL: \$25; 2X-3X: \$28

Colors: Black, White, Oxford (Dark Heather Gray), Light Blue, Navy

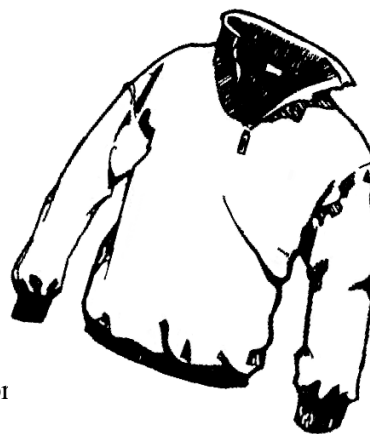
Full Zipper Sweatshirt with Pockets (Left Chest Design)

Sizes: S-XL: \$35; 2X-3X: \$38

Colors: Black, Charcoal, Birch (Light Heather Gray), Navy

LIMITED EDITION PRINT - \$25

11" x 14" Full Color Print, 100 Signed & Numbered.



SPECIALTY MUGS

11 oz. Black Mug with Full Color

Four (4) mugs - \$40

SPECIALTY CLOISONNE MEDALLION - \$10

Order form will be on the BCOA website and in the premium list:

www.borzoiclubofamerica.org

Full Color Logo and Garment Colors will be displayed on the website.

Carol Enz, Specialty Sales Chairman
P.O. Box 876, Ramah, NM 87321-0876
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2006 BCOA National Catalog Advertising Rates

Black & White Advertising

Regular

Discount

Business Card - no photo	\$20.00	\$15.00
1/2 page with photo	\$35.00	\$30.00
1/2 page w/o photo	\$25.00	\$20.00
Full page - 1 photo	\$60.00	\$50.00
Full page - no photo	\$45.00	\$40.00
Extra Photos: 1 max. (2 total on page)	\$20.00	\$15.00

*****Pledged ads that are prepaid to Cindi Gredys by March 15th receive discounted price*****

Specifications:

- If you are sending a camera-ready ad they need to be 4.75" wide by 8" tall.
- I can accept digital photos if they're from AT LEAST a 3-meg camera, 300 dpi.
- If e-mailing, scanned photos must be scanned at a MINIMUM of 300dpi.
- Send ads via e-mail, CD or hard copy by U.S. Post.

DEADLINE : April 15, 2006 ~ Note early deadline!

Pay on 'One Stop Shopping Form' OR send payment made out to BCOA, to:

Cynthia Gredys, 2006 BCOA Specialty Catalog Chairman
10912 156th Street - Louisville, Nebraska 68037-3302
cg.jubilee@alltel.net

Finding answers

to breed health problems **requires serious study.**
That's why Purina is ready to deliver some serious money.

Introducing the Purina Parent Club Partnership (PPCP) Program . . . a program for National Parent Breed Clubs to earn money through their members' participation in Purina® Pro Club®!

THE PROGRAM

The PPCP Program works through Purina Pro Club. Pro Club members who are also members of our national or affiliate breed club can earn dollars for our club to be used for canine health studies, rescue and/or education efforts. When members participate in Pro Club, they will earn valuable Purina Points for every purchased pound of participating Purina brand dog foods. And now they can earn 10% of the value of all points from valid weight circles credited to their Pro Club accounts for our breed club. For example, for every \$100 worth of qualifying weight circle points earned by Pro Club members, Purina will donate \$10 to our national parent breed club.

Canine Health Foundation Matching Funds

The Canine Health Foundation has agreed that PPCP-generated funds that are placed in the breeds' Donor Advised Fund are eligible to be matched up to 100% based on the Foundation's guidelines. That means that more research money can be applied against diseases that afflict our breed or to diseases like cancer that impact all breeds.

Current Pro Club Members and Prospective New Members

If you are a Pro Club member you will be receiving a mailing detailing the PPCP Program—it will ask you to select our club to benefit from your participation. If you are not currently a Pro Club member, joining Pro Club is quick and easy. If you care for five or more dogs, or breed one litter of puppies per year, and live in the U.S., you can qualify for membership. To enroll, call toll-free 1-877-PRO-CLUB (1-877-776-2582), 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT, Monday-Friday. When calling, please let the representative know that you are a prospective new member and want to join Pro Club as part of the PPCP Program.

Please support the PPCP Program. Together, we can enhance the lives of so many dogs—and the lives of the people who love them.


PURINA PARENT CLUB
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



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OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON 2006 BCOA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

**CELEBRATE THE GREAT NORTHWEST
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**Go to www.borzoiclubofamerica.org/national2006/trophies
Make your selection & email: btyoon@sbcglobal.net**

All checks in U.S. funds, made out to BCOA 2006 Trophy Fund, and mail to:
Barbara Yoon, Trophy Chairman
P.O. Box 244, Stafford Springs, Ct. 06076

Visa & Mastercard accepted - send number with exp. date

Dedications & Memorials: please call: 1-860-684-2972

COSTUME CLASS—2006 BCOA National Specialty

The costume class has become a tradition at our national specialty each year!!

Theme: “American Pioneers & Exploring the West”

Registration: will take place at the specialty--no entry fee!

One or more handlers and one or more dogs can make up a single entry. Participating dogs are often entered in regular conformation or performance classes at the show but this is not a requirement!

Four major prizes: Best in Class, Most Humorous, 2 Honorable Mentions.

Every entry receives a prize for participation.



Come join us for the fun! This is a chance for you to show off your creativity and your dog(s)' great temperaments!!

**For further information, please contact
Maureen Bardwell, maureen@soaringvelocity.us
or Dee Jones, lagniappehounds@att.net**



The two articles appearing in this issue are copies of original articles taken from a scrapbook. They provide an insight into conditions in 1870 Russia regarding dogs in general and wolf hunting. Note that in one article our Borzoi appear to be referred to as "Russian greyhounds" and in the other as "The so called Russian wolf-hounds are but

some sort of deerhound under another name". You will note that wolf hunting and wolf control was an important function of dogs in 1870's Russia.

Future copies of early articles will be more Borzoi specific. Some will deal with Borzoi color and some with Borzoi type. The inten-

tion is to present contemporary thinking on the subject at the time our Borzoi standard was being debated and established. Later, when research can be completed, the history of our Borzoi standard will be presented in an article.

[November 23, 1877.]

The Dogs of Russia.

LIEUT. ISMAILOFF, of the Russian army, recently contributed an article on this subject to the *Spirit of the Times*, from which we extract the following:—

In a vast country, thinly peopled comparatively to the space it covers, such as Russia, the dog is an essential item of rural economy. Villages and hamlets are widely dispersed. Whole regions of almost virgin forests alternate with immense tracts of steppe land, and in both range at liberty the wild beast and the wild fowl. On one side, then, a vigilant watcher and guardian is a necessity; on the other, the great abundance of game of all sorts makes hunting a natural and lucrative pursuit to the poor and a source of amusement and pleasant excitement to the rich, and dogs are necessary to both. I will briefly review the breeds and species of dogs most generally in use.

THE HOUSE DOG.

This is by far the most widely-spread kind of dog in Russia. Their name comes from the word *dvor*, a yard (under which denomination a rural homestead is understood), because such a dog belongs properly not to a person, but to an entire family, and is the appointed guardian of the homestead. These animals seem to understand their position perfectly well, and attach themselves to the family and dwelling where they belong, and, in a lesser degree, to the entire village or community, with whom they keep on general friendly terms. Sometimes one yard possesses several 'dvornishkas,' at other times one 'dvornishka' is the property of the whole village. Such a dog is known and fed by all, and in his turn knows and serves all, watching for the whole settlement in nightly rounds, and not confining his vigilance to one dwelling. This clever and useful animal shows great variety in personal appearance, for the simple reason that, as to breed, it is, we must confess, essentially mongrel. Still, in some remote, forgotten period, there must have been some predominant original type, for there are some general features which recur pretty regularly in the present species. The 'dvornishka' is mostly of middle size, black, grey, yellowish, or spotted, with a head not unlike a wolf's in shape, but shorter in the muzzle, tail tightly curled, ears half hanging down, and coat of thick, long, matted hair, which forms an effectual protection against the inclemency of northern winters and springs. Born and bred in the midst of the poorest population, these dogs are distinguished by an incredible power of endurance and continence. No better watcher and guardian could be desired. At night the slightest rustle will not escape their notice. It is not unfrequent for wolves and bears to venture into remote human settlements in winter, but the watch-dogs' united furious howls and barks rouse the inhabitants in time to take the necessary measures. Some of these dogs are a match for a wolf, but such heroes are rare. In summer the 'dvornishka' attends the herds and flocks in the pastures, and proves itself frequently a valuable

helpmate to the humble hunter, who never could dream of buying and keeping a regular hunting dog, Pointer or Setter.

To this same nondescript breed, so precious by its clever adaptability and manifold services, belong those much-talked-of dogs which, in some remote and desert tracts of Siberia, do duty as horses, viz., in such tracts where the snow is too deep and soft to bear the burden of a horse or reindeer. The dogs used for conveying men and merchandise are somewhat modified by climate from the ordinary 'dvornishka' type; they are somewhat lower than the middle size, and almost exclusively feed on fish. Regular dog-stations are kept at distances of six to eight English miles—nothing more, of course, than wretched tents or huts, around which dozens of post-dogs rove at liberty, ready to answer the first call. The passenger, in a half-reclining attitude, is tied down, from the waist to the feet, to a sleigh more resembling a wide board. This precaution is not to be dispensed with, because, the steppe swelling and rolling with uneven snow-drifts, he might be tossed out very easily, and as the dogs run at full speed without ever stopping, till the next station, he would have time to be snowed in or frozen before being missed, and certainly before assistance would come back for him. A team consists of from eight to twelve dogs, and the leader, an old and experienced animal, is harnessed by himself in front of the team, which he pilots with astonishing wariness and sagacity, and encourages with the tinkling of his bell. The 'Toongoozes,' a Siberian tribe, which live by hunting, train the same kind of dogs to the bear-hunt. They go out armed only with a knife, and accompanied by one or several dogs. As soon as the dogs meet the bear, they rush at him, keeping well behind and snapping at his hind legs till he raises himself up, and the hunter, seizing a favourable moment, runs up to him and cuts open his belly. Two, or three 'Toongooz' dogs will harass a bear till he is completely at the mercy of the hunter.

THE SHEEP DOG.

In all Southern, and partly also in Central Russia, sheep-breeding is carried on upon a scale approaching that of Australia or California. The owners and shepherds have an invaluable assistant in the huge and clever creatures specially called sheep-dogs. They are shepherds born, just as a pure-blood Setter is a hunter born, and two or three of these noble beasts, under the direction of only one man, will drive out to pasture a flock of sheep of several thousand head, and keep them in perfect order, never allowing them to transgress a certain line, and effectually keeping the wolves from them. A good sheep-dog can easily dispose of a wolf in single combat, but there are usually several attached to each flock. They take up their position around it, and the moment a sheep strays beyond the prescribed line, the nearest dog gently but firmly drives it back. These dogs are mostly black or grey, often immense, and always above the average size. When taken care of, their hair is remarkably long and fine, but they lose this beauty in the field, for it soon becomes tangled and matted into an undistinguishable mass, hanging in knotted fringes often down



to the very ground. In a pouring autumn rain, or the kind that lasts whole days, you can frequently see a sheep-dog lying unconcernedly in the open air, curled up in a round heap, from which the water runs down without penetrating to the warm, dry skin, protected by the shaggy, uncouth, real waterproof coat. These dogs are great favourites, and kept very commonly in the courtyards of country mansions, being most excellent and trustworthy watch-dogs, gentle and kind, and only fierce where occasion requires, in defence of house, man, or sheep entrusted to their care.

THE HOUND.

The Government of Kostoma is especially noted for this handsome breed, which is to be met with in great profusion in all the northern regions of Russia, where these dogs perform the double duty of hunters and night watchers. They are used to hunt the hare, the fox, and the wolf; they have a peculiar cadence in their bay, which is modified according to the animal which they pursue. They are not tall, though rather large; their hair is short and smooth, and the colour of their coat generally black, with white-and-tan spots about the face and paws. In the western regions the Polish hound is more generally met with. *It is of more delicate structure, and looks more like a Pointer, and its coat is more spotted—generally white, with black-and-yellow spots. These dogs are remarkably fleet and active, and able to keep up a pursuit for days at a time. Their game is hares, wolves, and boars. Another species of hound, which is at home in the Baltic provinces, has long hair and a shaggy coat.

All the kinds of dogs which we have reviewed till now are more particularly affected to the service of the poorer population. We must now pass to those which are considered articles of luxury, and paid for as such. Almost every country gentleman or landowner, in the Russia of old, kept a hunt, consisting of a certain number of hounds and Greyhounds. Since the great financial and economical change wrought by the emancipation of the serf, country gentlemen as a rule are no longer so rich, and do not enjoy such unlimited leisure, not to say idleness, as formerly. Still, there are a good many yet who have not given up their kennels. A very favourite mode of hunting is that with Greyhounds. The expense is a large one, since, besides the horses, dogs, dogs, &c., a great number of men have to be maintained—men who are proficient in only this one thing, and of no practical use whatever. The Russian Greyhounds are divided into two distinct species, yet the difference between them is not very great, consisting principally in the greater or lesser length of their hair. They are mostly white, with yellow spots or grey. Their distinctive features are the slender Greyhound shape—a long nose, wide forehead, rather long ears, and bushy tail. Both these breeds are very fleet on short distances, which is all that is required in a country where the immense forests are interrupted only by comparatively small plains. For greater distances the khorts are used, a cross of the Russian with the English Greyhound, distinguished by short hair and ears. Then, for hunting on the seemingly boundless steppes of our southern governments, there is the Crimean Greyhound, whose fleetness and great power of endurance well adapts him to the purpose. This dog is very handsome; it is white or black, with short hair; but the ears, which are not very long, end in regular curls of long silky hair; the tail is also bushy and in curls. In the Caucasus and in Turkestan there are Greyhounds much resembling the latter type. Greyhounds hunt the hare, the wolf, and the fox. English imported Greyhounds are not much used, because the climate does not seem to agree with-

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With this exception, all foreign breeds of dogs are known in Russia, appreciated, and in great demand. The French Pointer was formerly a special favourite, but is at present in a great measure superseded by the English Pointer and Setter, which breeds are propagated in Russia in perfect purity on a great scale. Scotch Setters are also highly prized.

DOG MARKETS.

The chief centres of dog commerce are our two capitals. In St. Petersburg and Moscow there are several dog-fanciers' places, where you can see dogs of every possible breed, from the huge Danish Hound, the Newfoundland, the St. Bernard, &c., to the smallest Lap-dog, *Levrette* or King Charles. At these places dogs are very expensive, because none but rich people go there.

Near St. Petersburg, in Gatchino, are situated the Imperial kennels, which include all the breeds of hunting dogs. Among others, there is a pair of enormous Italian Mastiffs, which are kept near the person of the Czar when he hunts the bear, ready to be let loose in case the Czar should have missed the beast, after letting him approach too near. Nearly all the members of the Imperial family keep their own hunts. In different parts of Russia dog exhibitions are held, where many foreign dogs may always be seen. In St. Petersburg there is at the present time a Bull-dog that was awarded the first medal at the London Exhibition; and the same owner also possesses the tiniest Terrier perhaps in existence; he disappears entirely into two tumblers. Together with the taste for English thoroughbred horses, a taste has been imported also for the different kinds of English Pinches and Rat-terriers, and these breeds are being propagated in Russia quite rapidly. In some places a cross has been effected between the common house-dog (*dvornik ashka*) and the wolf; the result is an animal very like the wolf in appearance, but, strange to say, of a remarkably meek and affectionate disposition.

In Russian provincial towns, not remarkable for cleanliness, you can meet, at any time, quantities of dogs, of good breeds, common breeds, and simply mongrel, that belong to nobody in particular, and feed on what they find in the streets. In the capitals a regular police persecution has lately begun against these poor waifs. Early every morning, while the inhabitants are still asleep, a sort of large cage on wheels drives about the city, picking up all dogs not provided with a collar; they are caught with lassoes, and the men on whom devolves this unpleasant, if necessary duty, are the firemen, who, in Russia, are recruited like soldiers."



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The Kennel.

Foreign Sporting Dogs.

FROM the specimens of foreign sporting dogs which we may see from time to time exhibited at our shows, one may pretty well judge of the sort of sport to be met with in those countries from which the various breeds of these dogs have been imported; but, to a man unacquainted with the physical nature of the different lands, the totally opposite types of dogs which are frequently introduced to the public under the same generic name are apt to be misleading. Thus, to give an instance from some of our latest shows, when a visitor sees in one place a strapping deerhound entered as a Russian wolfhound, and at another place a St. Bernard dog entered as a Pyrenean wolfhound, whilst at a third place a cross-bred mastiff and hound is classed also in the same category, the said visitor is apt to feel slightly confused in his own mind as to what a wolfhound really is or ought to be. The fact of the matter is, there is no such thing as a wolfhound breed proper, but there are many breeds of wolfhounds—i.e., of dogs that can, and will, tackle a wolf whenever opportunity offers. Now it stands to reason that in the vast steppes of Russia, a heavy Pyrenean wolf dog would have but few chances of distinguishing himself, simply, forsooth, because he could not possibly be expected to reach his quarry. In these vast and bare plains, it is, *prima facie*, a question of speed and endurance, for if the wolf be not coursed down, there is no other way of bringing him to bay. Therefore, fleet dogs are there needed, and accordingly, the so-called Russian wolf-hounds are but some sort of deerhound under another name. On the other hand, a wolf brought to bay is not yet bagged, and if only one deerhound had to perform that last job, it might prove in the end a tolerably tough performance for him; in fact most if not all wolves would deliberately face him, and I rather fancy the odds would be a good deal in favour of the wolf. To obviate this inconvenience, there are always two or more dogs slipped, so as to equalise the chances. I have never seen this sport in Russia, having never been there, but I have seen it performed in other Continental countries when the ground was tolerably like that of Russia, at least as regards barrenness: and I confess that the sport is a sport worth seeing. No one, to begin with, could credit a wolf with the speed he occasionally displays, and as to his ferocity, why, it is so well admitted that the saying "as fiendish as a wolf" has passed into a proverb wherever wolves are known and appreciated according to their true worth. As a rule, in those barren spots I am speaking of there is nothing growing but coarse grass, furze, and other stunted rough sorts of heaths, whereon the cattle may feed and thrive, if they can. In search of the cattle the wolves come. In hard weather they are in bands, and, emboldened by their numbers, they do not at all mind openly attacking a flock or a herd in broad day-light, in spite of the presence of the shepherd and his dogs. At least they used to do so. They don't now—not so often, at any rate—simply because the bands of wolves, as soon as they appear, are pretty well looked after, not only by the official *louveteurs*—i.e., government wolf-killers, but by every one else who, owning a gun, knows how

to use it, or who, owning a powerful and ferocious dog, wishes to give him wolf practice on living subjects. So far then, it is somewhat rare to hear of a flock or a herd being openly attacked by a concerted troop of wolves, but of far more common occurrence it is to hear of a wolf taking up his quarters in some lonely place, and from thence laying his tribute regularly, once a day, on the neighbouring flocks. Now, this wolf is bound to give sport. The men bring their dogs, of all sorts, by the score, and the country is well scoured, by men and dogs, until the wolf is put up. If he starts near enough for a shot, he invariably fired at; but whether shot at or not, as soon as ever he makes his appearance, far or near, the pursuit begins, and what with his being headed by some dogs, and driven crazy by the shouts of the men, the barking of the dogs, and the firing of the guns, he is soon set upon by the biggest of the dogs, and quickly despatched—not without making a fight for it, though, be it borne in mind. But that is not sport in the acceptance of the term. This is merely getting rid of the vermin in the most handy way. When, however, deerhounds are brought in to play their part, and a couple only are slipped, unassisted by any other dogs, then there is some fun, if the dogs know what they are about. First of all, both dogs and wolf, as soon as they catch sight of each other, know full well that it is, for either of them, a question of life and death, and the energy, the fire, the vigour, displayed on both sides, are admirable to witness. The intense hatred exhibited by all dogs towards a wolf can only be compared to the fiendish malice borne by a wolf towards all dogs. Such being the state of things, it is needless to say that when once an "exchange" takes place, "claret" is drawn with a vengeance. Strange to say, the wolf has generally the first grab. He dodges the moment the leading dog dashes at him, and grabs him at the neck (hence the usual spiked collars which most wolf-dogs wear when likely to be soon engaged on active service). Meanwhile, the second dog comes like a whirlwind, and generally upsets both the wolf and his companion in his furious onslaught. Then the worry begins—not always on the right side, though, but generally it is so—and soon there remains nothing of life in the carcass, on which the dogs still keep exercising their jaws. If on the contrary, the wolf has managed, somehow, to disable the dogs, he rarely wastes his time to kill them outright; he fears another attack (there he is most likely right), and so he wisely makes the best of his time, and of his legs, in order to get clear.

A well practised wolf-dog, however, as a rule, fights cunning. He does not rush in blindly; he has tried it on ineffectually too often before (as he has good cause to remember) to try it on again; he, therefore, grimly bides his chance; and there are few sights more startling, I' troth, in the whole pursuit of sport, than that of two dogs eagerly racing a wolf, and then bothering him, stopping him, turning him, and keeping him at bay. Their glistening eyes are starting out of their sockets, and their teeth fully exhibited, whilst the spikes on their collars grimly stand on end like their own hairs. Thus the three remain for a few moments, the wolf shamming, pretending to bolt one way and then another, when rush goes one of the dogs at him, and down comes the other to the rescue, and lo! you see nothing but legs in the air, and a lot of grey and tawny bundles indiscriminately mixed up, rolling furiously up and down, whilst savage growls and heart-rending howls are uttered in turns. I have stood by when such scenes were being enacted before me, and my own hair stood on end with horror at the sight. I therefore do not extol or praise such affairs, though they are a necessity, but merely relate them as they took place, and as they are even now practised. SNAPSHOTS.