

# The Lone Star Borzoi Club Quarterly

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## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Well, I survived the first issue and here is our next one! Terry Steele was kind enough to send a member profile for this issue, knowing firsthand the trials and tribulations of trying to wrest such things from members from his experiences while editing the the newsletter for the Abilene Kennel Club. Mary Jane Dewitt sent along a Veteran's Profile for this issue.

Also in this issue is an article sent by a recent addition to our club, Donna Lynn Musgrave. It deals with her experiences in training her borzoi, Moxie, for agility competition. I've also included helpful tips sent to me via the wonders of email for dealing with the unfortunate situation of trying to find a lost dog. In addition, there is an order form for our eagerly awaited t-shirts and information on how to purchase an NBRF (National Borzoi Rescue Foundation) t-shirt that benefits borzoi rescue.

If you have not yet been able to attend one of our meetings, don't hesitate to call any of the Officers or Board Members for information.

Please send any of your news to me. Especially Club Member profiles (don't be shy!) and Veteran's profiles.

Send your info and comments to:

Lynn Shell

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Thanks in advance for your support and creative contributions!

Have a joyous



## UPCOMING EVENTS / SPECIAL DATES

### April

3-4: Brazos County Kennel Club dog show (Bryan, TX)

3: Sanctioned B-OB match, in conjunction with Brazos County Kennel Club show

7: Entries close - Bee-Tex Kennel Club show

10-11: Baytown Kennel Club dog show (Crosby, TX)

14: Entries close - Beaumont Kennel Club / NASA Area Dog Fanciers

24-25: Bee-Tex Kennel Club dog show (Beeville, TX)

24: **LSBC Meeting** - at the Beeville show

28: Entries close - Denton Kennel Club

28: Entries close - Borzoi National Specialty

### May

1: Beaumont Kennel Club show

2: NASA Area Dog Fanciers show

5: Entries close - Stephenville Kennel Club

8-9: Dee Dee Rose Obedience seminar; contact Susan Pilkerton 281-469-6656, [spla@ix.netcom.com](mailto:spla@ix.netcom.com)

15-16: Denton Kennel Club dog show

19: Entries close - San Jacinto Kennel Club

22: F.O.R. Dogs Conformation Fun Match/CGC Test, email [teri2@idt.net](mailto:teri2@idt.net) for info

22-23: Stephenville Kennel Club dog show

22-29: BCOA Nationals - Denver, CO - **LSBC meeting TBA**

27: Hospitality Suite hosting at the Nationals

### June

5-6: San Jacinto Kennel Club dog shows

9: Entries close - West Texas Kennel Club

26-27: West Texas Kennel Club dog show

26: **LSBC Meeting** - at West Texas show cluster

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have a lovely opportunity to host the hospitality suite at the BCOA National Specialty on Thursday afternoon. Lone Star Borzoi Club members attending the specialty should make themselves available at that time to assist with this affair. Many thanks to the folks who made this possible. Please check with the co-chairs to find out how you can help.

Also, PLEASE submit your handwritten member profile data promptly to Lynn Shell. We are fortunate to have a member donating a photo album for pictures at the National also. It would be great if we could all have a shirt with our logo to wear! Let's do and be our best!!! Remember, "Texas" means "friend"!!

With grace and ease,  
Billie Thibeaux

## NEW ADDITIONS

Margaret Lucia has welcomed into her home a "Peach-let" from Susan Vandewater. She waited anxiously for news of whether she would be getting this red and white girl and is relieved that the wait is over and they once again have the pitter-patter of tiny 'zoi feet about the house.

## IN THE DAWGHOUSE



~~Shirley Garrett

## LSBC WEBSITE

Don't forget - you can have a Member Personal Page connected to our Member Directory for only \$15 - that's a one time fee for set-up and includes 4 pictures, contact info, a brief "bio" and a link to a website if you have one of your own. Additional edits are charged a minimal fee. All proceeds go into the club coffers.

We also provide Litter Announcements on the site for only \$5 for a six-month run.

Pretty cheap for worldwide exposure!

**Doggie definition: SPECIALTY** - Whatever your dog is good at, such as bringing home dead cats or chewing the walls

## **BRAGGING RIGHTS**

At the International Kennel Club show in Austin, Shirley Garrett's dog Flash earned V-1 ratings all three days and earned his International Championship. In addition, he got a group 2 on Friday and Saturday. Bella, shown in the puppy division, took SG-1 ratings all three days (which are the highest possible ratings for a puppy - they are shown separately from adults, including in the groups), and got 2 group 2's (Friday and Saturday) and a group 1 on Sunday!

Susan Vandewater and her pack have been on a roll. Blazer finished his championship at Abilene, and Talie (a visitor being handled by Susan) also took a major at Abilene. Sunbird took a 5-point major under Judy Doniere in Victoria. Brighty took Best of Breed from the open class at a lure course in San Antonio on Sunday, after earning 9 points towards her ASFA field championship on Saturday.

Liz Thibeaux and Savey earned a 5-point major at Victoria - on bonus for Liz's birthday. Billie was pleased with the beautiful competition and especially the sportsmanship surrounding ringside. Not only was she proud of her daughter, who got worked hard by judge Jon Cole, but also proud of folks' present response. Savey then took two more majors at the San Antonio cluster to finish her championship.

Margaret Lucia's homebred and "best bud", Ben finished his championship with a bang at the Victoria show cluster, taking back-to-back majors.

Margaret Strother new boy, Rugby, took Reserve Winners Dog during his debut at the Cy-Creek shows. He had gone for "practice", but made Margaret very happy by taking Winner's Dog / Best of Winners for a 4-point major. He certainly made up for his kennelmate who had to be pulled because of an injury.

At the same show cluster, Laurie French finished her Rising Star bitch, Skye, in high style. Skye took the breed on Sat and Best of Opposite Sex on Sunday. Lynn Wall's dog, Boru won the points on Saturday.

Veni Harlan's bitch Storm garnered a 4 point major at the Ocalaosa KC show, with her dog Singer taking Reserve. He then picked up back-to-back majors the next two days.

Shirley Garrett's Herc took Winner's Dog at the Faith City KC show in Wichita Falls. Then Bella earned a Herding Instinct Certificate at the San Antonio cluster!

At the same San Antonio shows - Jackie Corsette finished Spinner, taking back-to-back majors, completely owner-handled.

## **HELP - LOST DOG!**

One of the most frightening things for many dogowners, is to discover the disappearance of a beloved canine companion. I recently went through this stressful experience with a young Borzoi that had been placed in a new home. Through the networkings of the world wide web, Morgan's new owners were able to get in touch with me (they had lost my new number). They had already done many things on the following list, suggestions sent to me after I posted on a Borzoi discussion list, and Morgan was retrieved a few days later.

The following tips have worked great for those that have submitted them to me, and may assist you if you ever find yourself in this plight:

1. Call the police - lost pets are reported to the local police department more often than you may think,
2. Make color posters - a red heading will draw attention to it,
3. Use a picture of your dog in the poster (or any Borzoi) - a great majority of the general public has no idea of what a Borzoi/Russian Wolfhound looks like,
4. Offer a reward, keeping in mind the following:
  - a) most people will not go out of their way for \$25 - they work much better trying for that "jackpot",
  - b) if unethical people have your dog in their custody, \$25 means nothing to them since they can probably sell it for much more,
5. Provide copies of your reward poster to all vets and shelters and pass out to firemen, police, mail carriers, utility workers, highway workers - people that are on the street or out and about for most of the day. Put copies in people's mailboxes and give copies to the kids at local schools,
6. Poster placement can be critical - put as many up as you can in the vicinity where the dog was lost, especially at large, busy intersections,
7. If you're on the internet, post to any discussion list with permission to forward (from personal experience, recently we located an owner within 12 hours of a post to the Borzoi discussion list),
8. Put up posters at local truckers' hangouts,
9. Check with city street workers who do dead animal pickup - it's not good news, but at least you would know for sure,
10. Dog I.D. - tags, tattoo, microchipping.

## **YOU KNOW YOU'RE A DOG PERSON WHEN...**

You can't see out the passenger side of the windshield because there are noseprints all over the inside

## CLUB MEMBER PROFILE

Terry Steele  
Borchi Kennels

"I came here from North Dakota, where up until that time I had lived my whole life. I am a cook by profession and have worked in many restaurants, supper clubs and food service departments since 1971. I am currently working as a cook at Abilene Regional Hospital and have been there the last four years.

My first dog was a Long-coat Chihuahua that was given to me by my sister and her husband in 1978. Trying to get "Lady" to walk on a leash was something I thought would never happen. It seems she was a little bit spoiled by being carried around wherever I went (she fit so well under my coat, or even in my pocket for a while).

I looked up an obedience class which was sponsored by the Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club in Fargo, ND, and called about getting some help in teaching Lady some basics. After attending classes, the instructors invited us to come to the local show (something I didn't even know existed) to watch. I took Lady with me (carried, of course), and after watching and finding it somewhat fun and interesting, I left for home and set Lady down for a second, and guess what? She actually decided to walk on a leash for me! It seems I was hooked!

I became a member of the Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club, was elected to the Board of Directors and served as club Treasurer for one year. I have lived in the Abilene, Texas area since October of 1981, and have been a member of the Abilene Kennel Club since 1982. Throughout the years as a member of the Abilene Kennel Club, I have previously served on the Board of Directors twice, once as Vice President, have been the newsletter editor for one year (currently starting the second year) and will be serving on the 1999 Board of Directors. I am also a member of the BCOA along with the LSBC.

After joining the Abilene Kennel Club and finding out from a Chihuahua breeder that I trusted, that my current Chihuahua was not necessarily a good quality show prospect, I retired him from showing and started looking for a different, larger breed of dog. I purchased my first Borzoi from Barbara Lewis of Abilene. I didn't know anything about Borzoi at the time and allowed her to help pick out my puppy. In January of 1983 I started into the Borzoi world with Alborak's Andreyka, and have owned, shown and bred (or attempted to breed) since.

The only AKC championship I have completed so far has been from my first homebred litter. He was CH Borchi's Anfrejenko, CD. He completed his obedience title exactly six months to the day of finishing his championship title. He did this in only

## 'ZOI CONNOISSEUR

### SATIN BALLS

#### INGREDIENTS:

10 pounds hamburger meat  
1 large box Total cereal  
1 large box oatmeal  
1 jar of wheat germ  
1 1/4 cup vegetable oil  
1 1/4 cup of unsulfured molasses  
10 raw eggs  
10 envelopes of unflavored gelatin  
pinch of salt

Mix all of the ingredients together, like a meatloaf. Roll into small palm-sized meatballs if desired. Divide into 10 quart freezer bags and freeze. Thaw as needed.

This recipe has been checked by several vet / labs and has been found to be a total canine diet. It may be fed by itself or as a supplement. It is excellent for helping put weight on a dog.

*Recipe originally posted to the WellPet list.*

*(Club Member Profile, cont'd)* four shows and finished the year out in the top ten BCOA Obedience Borzoi. My only other titled Borzoi is another homebred that I have at home now, and he is Int. CH Borchi's Balagan Mudreitz. A recent injury has ended his show career.

Currently I have at home a 14 year old smooth-coat Chihuahua, a 9 year old Saluki (who needs a good home if you know of one), and four Borzoi ranging in age of 5 months to 12 years old."

## RAINBOW BRIDGE

It is with great sadness that I report two borzoi which have left club members to cross the bridge. The first is Bronson, Marion Heise's four-legged soulmate, co-owned with Richard Terry and Sara Whittington-Rowe. Bronson was featured in our inaugural issue's Veteran's Profile and his unexpected passing has left an empty space in the hearts of those who knew him.

The Thibeaux family lost their first rescue girl, Nikki. She had been rescued two years ago through NBRF after having been passed through many homes. Billie couldn't stand the thought of putting her through another placement, and so she was adopted by them. Nikki had established herself as the "social director" at Tierra Pina and her friendship and services will be sorely missed.

## **DOG PROPERTY LAWS**

Gleaned from the internet, I'm sure many of us can relate to this:

1. If I like it, it's mine.
2. If it's in my mouth, it's mine.
3. If I can take it from you, it's mine.
4. If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.
5. If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.
6. If I'm chewing something up, all the pieces are mine.
7. If it just looks like mine, it's mine.
8. If I saw it first, it's mine.
9. If you are playing with something and you put it down, it automatically becomes mine.
10. If it's broken, it's yours.

## **NATIONALS AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Member Janet Browne is the Auction Chairman at the Nationals this year. The auction will be a traditional 50/50 auction. If you have an item that you wish to donate, send a description to Janet at P.O. Box 61, Taos, NM 87571 or call her at (505)758-5654. Also let her know if you wish to donate the entire proceeds of your item(s) to BCOA, or if you would like to receive your 50% (perhaps to spend on that must-have item that someone else brought!). You can either bring the item to the Nationals yourself, or you may ship them (insured US Mail or UPS) to: Rene Green, 7548 South Jasmine Way, Englewood, CO 80112.

## **MEMBER WEBSITE ADDRESSES**

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<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Bluffs/1428>  
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The Hlatkys / Soyara  
<http://www.borzoi.net/Soyara>  
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<http://www.borzoi.net/shefaro>  
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<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Estates/5857>  
Chuck and Francie Stull  
<http://www.kristull.com>  
Susan Vandewater  
<http://www.borzoi.net/borzoi-del-sol/index.html>

**The Lone Star Borzoi Club site is at:**

<http://www.geocities.com/Petsburgh/2084>

## **DOGGY DEFINITIONS**

Sofas....are to dogs like napkins are to people, After eating it is polite to run up and down the front of the sofa and wipe your whiskers clean.

## **A TRIBUTE...**

### **I ONLY WANTED YOU**

They say memories are golden  
well maybe that is true.  
I never wanted memories,  
I only wanted you.

A million times I needed you,  
a million times I cried.  
If love alone could have saved you  
you never would have died.

In life I loved you dearly,  
In death I love you still.  
In my heart you hold a place  
no one could ever fill.

If tears could build a stairway  
and heartache make a lane,  
I'd walk the path to heaven  
and bring you back again.

Our family chain is broken,  
and nothing seems the same.  
But as God calls us one by one,  
the chain will link again.

-Author Unknown

~~Goodbye, my love. See you at the Bridge.  
~~~In memory of Ch. Chataqua's Starfighter of  
Rivendell, JC, CGC, TDI  
1/23/92 - 2/25/99

~~Marion



## **THINGS WE CAN LEARN FROM DOGS**

Allow the experience of fresh air and the  
wind in your face to be pure ecstasy

## **BORZOIS - IN AGILITY??**

Sure! Borzois aren't just pretty faces, you know. Oh, sure, they are that, but if you're looking for an outlet in which beauty, grace and elegance can really be shown off, then you might think about Agility! In case you're unfamiliar with it, Agility is a sport in which the dog runs an obstacle course of tunnels, an A-frame (scaling wall), weave poles (navigated in a serpentine motion), a seesaw, and a narrow bridge. The handler runs along, telling the dog where to go next.

Moxie (Rabrega Abilene Mox) has just finished the Beginners Agility class at FlashPaws Training Center, one of the most successful training centers in the country. There we encountered some "Borzois challenges", but had more fun than I have with any other dog sport! Since Agility is fun and very intrinsically motivating for the dogs, no negative or punitive methods are used, just treats, toys and praise. Moxie didn't have a high food or toy drive, but cutting back her breakfast on the day of class made her much more responsive!

In Beginners, the dog learns how to perform each obstacle. Jumps were no problem for Moxie, of course. She also, surprisingly, loves the tunnels. She crouches down and dashes through them! Borzois are big - but they're \*flexible\*!

Moxie's bane was the narrow plank obstacles, the dog walk, and the seesaw. She had to be taught 1) You do have back feet! And 2) Now here's what to do with them! That first night, practicing with a plank only twelve inches off the ground, was quite a sight - me leading Moxie forward with a bit of food, one instructor spotting her front end, and another instructor placing her back feet one after another on the plank! They were very kind and patient, and eventually Moxie got the idea. Now she runs nimbly across the dog walk, about four feet off the ground, with no problem at all. That is a sight you have to see, folks!

At the end of Beginners class there was a "test" to determine who would go on to Intermediate, and who would have to repeat Beginners. From a shaky start, Moxie had come a long way. She has a lot of enthusiasm, though she isn't as "fired up" as the typical Golden or Border Collie. And YES she passed! Intermediate is where \*I\* get trained, to handle her on the course through sequences of obstacles.

Agility is great fun, and a great challenge. A dog does not have to be obedience trained to get started in it, though command of the "basics" will eventually be necessary. The dogs love to get out and work, and it's great to feel the partnership between you grow. Borzois aren't a "typical" Agility breed, but we who know and love them, know how fast and agile they are! If you have a couch potato with willingness and drive, give Agility a try!!

~ Donna Lynn Musgrave

## **COURSING THE 'NET**

The internet has become a fabulous tool for communication and learning. New sites are appearing daily in the areas of the dog fancy and the pet public. In this issue I am highlighting a more recent sight that is an enormous gateway into the world of borzoi - Borzoi.Net. This site has links to any borzoi kennel that has submitted their URL, including several foreign sites and there are also some LSBC member sites listed. There are also site listings for borzoi rescue, borzoi clubs (we are listed!), veterinary information links, borzoi artwork and stamps and other borzoi-related treasures, and a link to the borzoi chatroom, where you never know who will show up to "talk" online. They also highlight a website each month. This site will definitely keep you busy for while, and it's located at:

<http://www.borzoi.net>

## **BCOA SUPPORTED ENTRY**

Good news!! The BCOA has approved our application to hold a BCOA Supported Entry at the Abilene Kennel Club show cluster in January 2000! The ball is definitely in our court now. The judge currently slated for this event is Michelle Billings, and Rhanda Glenn has agreed to judge our Sweepstakes classes.

Co-Chair Terry Steele also sent information that the TravelLodge has offered the club a deal as a "host hotel" for our event. If we reserve a certain number of rooms, we will not have to pay for Rhanda's room, saving our club extra expense. The rooms are \$52 + tax, with a \$25 refundable pet fee.

Now we need to get hopping on trophy donations for the event. You may contact Sara Whittington for more info on trophies.

## **HANDLING SEMINAR**

Professional handler Carl Sanders has agreed to host a handling seminar which will help raise funds for our club. He has hosted several in the past, with excellent turnout. It will be limited to 50 participants with their individual dogs, plus observers. The fee will be \$100 per person participating, and \$50 for observers. He utilizes a video camera so you can analyze your performance with him, and offers grooming tips for your specific dog, and other vital information for the show hobbyist. We expect the seminar to fill up fast, and will be distributing flyers at shows once the details are ironed out.

"There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face"

~~Ben Williams

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## VETERAN'S PROFILE

Wind N' Satin Danger's Edge  
"Grace"

D.O.B. August 15, 1992

by Ch Wind N' Satin Black Legacy, CD SC ex. Ch  
Sar Shan Sa's Swan Lake, JC

"It took us two weeks to name "Grace".  
Nothing seemed to fit until one of our friends said she  
looked like the movie star Grace Jones. Tall,  
longlegged and ebony. So Grace it was.

We showed her several times as a puppy  
with no placements, and then her teeth developed  
bad pitted enamel damage. She is a very special girl  
and is head honcho and couch potato at Dele M."

~~Mary Jane Dewitt



**GRACE**

## THE UNWRITTEN RULES OF DOGSHOWING

After trying forever to obtain that elusive  
second major, you have no problem getting the third  
major the next day.

# Lone Star Borzoi Club T-Shirts!!

Classy embroidered logo on a polo shirt. Show your club spirit in high style!



Available in sizes Medium to 2X - Large and in the following colors: black, white, charcoal, ash, heather gray, natural, maroon, navy, royal (blue), red and ivy (similar to hunter green). The fabric is "Cotton Delux", 90% cotton, 10% polyester.

Price: \$17.00, with name stitched on other side \$20.00 Drink "koozies" \$5.00

Quantity\_\_\_\_\_ Size: Med Lg X-Lg 2X-Lg Koozie (no color applicable)

Color (circle one): BI Wh Ash Ch H-Gr Nat Mar Nvy Roy

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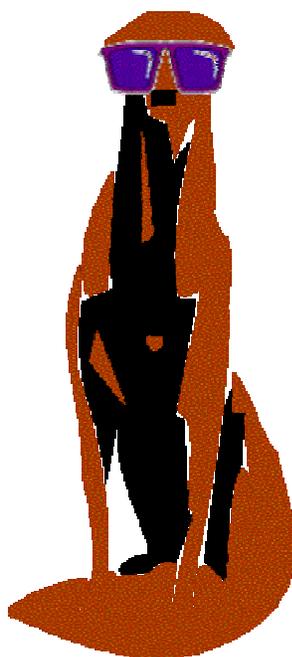
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*DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: June 5*

Our future's so bright.....



we've gotta wear shades!