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## ***Borzoi Rescue – Northern California***

### **Rescue Report - 6/30/2011**

(Includes Recap of 2010)

#### **Dogs in Rescue**

All Borzoi placed through BR-NC Adoption are spayed/neutered, microchipped, heartworm/lyme tested, and current on all vet care before placement. Adoption Applications are required, references are checked, and in-home visits are done.

#### **Velvet & Venus/February 2010**

In February BR-NC took in two young Borzoi females from a generous couple that had given these girls a home as needy puppies. Velvet and Venus were littermates bred by a disreputable OR breeder who has since had all her dogs (and many other animals) confiscated. Both dogs had been starved during gestation and puppyhood, had no puppy socialization at all, no veterinary care, and little human contact. A groomer with sighthound experience first stepped in to get Velvet and Venus away from their breeder and placed the girls soon after. The new owners had no Borzoi experience but had big hearts, much dog experience, and a large, safe yard. Both dogs made quite a bit of progress in their care, but the owners had realized they didn't have the Borzoi savvy Velvet and Venus needed to thrive. After recovering from spays and other needed vet care, Velvet and Venus went to forever homes in February.

Velvet and Venus were our 7th and 8th rescues from this breeder. Thankfully, each of the dogs has a sound temperament and been quite sweet. With patience, good training, and stability, each of these dogs has bonded with its new owner and done well in its forever home.

#### **Chanel & Sophia/May 2010**

These seven-month-old littermates from northern WA were both ill when taken into rescue. Sophia and Chanel were bred on the East Coast and sold to an owner in the Northwest. In early March, the owner placed an ad to sell one girl who had become ill. The owner was contacted by Carol Backers and BR-NC offering assistance, but declined help. Finally, Sharon Osborn drove on bad winter roads through snowstorms to first bring home Sophia for better vet care and then Chanel when similar symptoms became obvious. Both dogs were diagnosed with Ehrlichia. A long-time BR-NC adopter offered to take both girls, allowing the puppies to stay together and go to a wonderful home that could offer experienced care and afford the extensive vet care these dogs needed. Chanel and Sophia went to their new home in June.

#### **Kodiak/September 2010**

Kodiak was a yearling male with no training and little socialization when given up by his owner due to changed family circumstances. He had never been in the house or a car, had no lead training, was not neutered, and had not been vaccinated. Kodiak's CA breeder did not return our calls or emails. We felt Kodiak needed a home with just the right touch and a Borzoi companion. We kept him in foster care for many months, gradually socializing him, until an owner with the right skills and home spoke for him. Kodiak was placed in July 2011.

#### **Holmes/May 2011**

Holmes was relinquished to the Rancho Coastal Humane Society by his owner who lost her home. He lived with another dog, was well socialized, lived with a cat, was house trained and generally well behaved. The owner purchased him from a local breeder who was in financial distress and moving. BR-NC "sponsored" Holmes while he was at the shelter, which helped cover the cost of his food and vet care. Holmes went home with a very experienced Borzoi owner who was on both BR-NC's and NBRF's Potential Adopter list in early June.

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**Dogs in BR-NC's Referral Program**

Dusha/February 2010

Dusha was placed by her breeder through our Referral Program. All involved were happy when Dusha went home forever with the owners of another BR-NC Referral Program dog.

**Other Dogs Assisted**

Two breeders contacted us wishing to place adult dogs. Since both breeders wished to charge for the dogs, they were offered use of our Referral Program but neither breeder followed through.

In addition, two owners contacted us for help re-homing their dogs. One owner was able to keep her dog. The second owner kept one dog and placed the other with a close friend, who has since stayed in contact with BR-NC for advice and introductions to sighthound owners in her area.

BR-NC continued to support NBRF with the Pickle Hill rescue in several ways. Some PH dogs have gone to current or former BR-NC adopters. We have forwarded adoption applications and home check findings and posted Pickle Hill rescue news to our lists, and we will continue to provide any help NBRF might need from us for the PH dogs.

BR-NC also assisted with a handful of Borzoi crosses. Although our charter restricts our funds to rescue of purebred Borzoi, we can nevertheless post information on Borzoi crosses to the sighthound lists and our Potential Adopters – some of whom will take a cross. Greyhound Rescue had four Borzoi crosses taken in from a well known cross-breeder in the Fresno, CA area. Five other Borzoi crosses needed help finding new homes in the N. CA area.

**Our New Secretary – Julie Carroll**

Sally Barron retired from her government job and also BR-NC's Board. Sally ran the lure for BR-NC for the ten years of our LGRA races and now is running her own dogs at various events. Many thanks for Sally for all her time and effort, and we wish Sally many winning runs!

Julie lives in Oakland...has Greyhound rescues and worked for PAWS, cooperating with many Bay Area Shelters. We first met Julie Carroll when she adopted our senior lady Zeenah in December 2006. In the years since, Julie has dropped everything to fetch rescues for us from all over the state, including the long trip south to get our Kodiak.

When Zeenah died, Julie was the lucky recipient of our Yuri, who has since become famous as Ambassador of the Breed Woolly Mammoth!

We were delighted when Julie said 'yes' to the Secretary job. Welcome to our Board, Julie!!!

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