

BORZOI HEALTH AND WELFARE FOUNDATION

Information Sharing Agreement:

You have consented to provide the Borzoi Health and Welfare Foundation, Penn State, and researchers that request access to data collected on your borzoi. By doing this you will be helping us gather information that will help us do the following:

- Determine how widespread sudden death and heart abnormalities are in Borzoi
- Provide data to support a Borzoi specific cardiac study if arrhythmias and sudden death are widespread and common in our breed
- Determine what sexes tend to be affected by arrhythmias (in some breeds, one sex is affected more often than the other, in other breeds, both sexes are affected equally)
- Determine if cardiac arrhythmias run in families which is the start for a researcher to decide if a genetic test might be possible to develop.
- Develop guidelines to help breeders safeguard their bloodlines from sudden death and/or dilated cardiomyopathy.
- Develop norms for sighthound hearts for pathologists to use in the future/
- Determine if other cardiac problems can be identified through this research

What you will get for your generous sharing of the information:

- **BHWF will pay for all costs related to harvesting, shipping, and necropsy of the heart.**
- Confidentiality.
 - Your dog's name will never appear on anything related to these results.
 - Your kennel name will never appear on anything related to these results.
 - Your name will never appear on anything related to these results.
 - The results will never be shared with any kind of personal identifiers.
 - The only way results will be shared is through statistics such as:
 - percentage of male/female affected
 - age distribution of affected animals
 - general statements about whether or not arrhythmias appear to be found in families or how they may be inherited based on pedigree analysis
 - degree of frequency and/or distribution of arrhythmias and sudden death in our breed.
 - Norms to be used in further study of sighthound hearts.
 - These are examples of how the information may be shared. You will NEVER see your name, your dog's name, or your kennel name on shared results
- Periodic summary of what we have found out as outlined above.
- Potentially and hopefully, a Borzoi focused cardiac study.

What you agree to share:

- 3-generation pedigree of the dog tested at the reduced rate
- AKC registration number/Registered name of the dog
- Any previous Holter results from Alba Medical (Be sure to ask for the Holter Report and the Full Disclosure - both need to be shared)
- Any previous Cardiologist reports or diagnoses
- Age of death and sex of any dogs you have owned who have died of sudden death or died suddenly (no pedigree, names or other information needed at this time, though we may ask if you would be willing to provide it if it will help us establish a familial pattern, but then ONLY with your permission)
- Willingness to provide any additional necropsy reports if one is obtained

Please fill out the following form and send it either via e-mail to: celestialbz@mac.com (Subject – Attention - Holter) or snail mail to: Nancy Hopkins, 8902 Troy Dr., San Antonio, TX 78221

I, Nancy Hopkins, pledge to you that I will take the greatest care to protect all information that may identify you, your kennel, or your dogs.

Health Information Sharing

Contact information of owner

Your name _____ Phone number _____

Email address _____

Background

Registered name of the borzoi participating in the Borzoi Cardiac Pathology Study

1) *Registered name* _____ Registration number: _____

Call name _____ Sex _____ Date of Birth _____

Owner _____

To your knowledge, have any related dogs died suddenly or been diagnosed with cardiac disease?

_____. If yes, please describe where in the pedigree these dogs can be found.

In addition to the information above, I agree to provide the following information for the Study:

- 3-generation pedigree of the dog tested at the reduced rate
- AKC registration number/Registered name of the dog
- Any previous Holter results from Alba Medical (Be sure to ask for the Holter Report and the Full Disclosure - both need to be shared)
- Any previous Cardiologist reports or diagnoses
- Age of death and sex of any dogs you have owned who have died of sudden death or died suddenly (no pedigree, names or other information needed at this time, though we may ask if you would be willing to provide it if it will help us establish a familial pattern, but then ONLY with your permission)
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I give permission for a representative of the Borzoi Health and Welfare Foundation to work with my veterinarian or the veterinary clinic receiving my borzoi in order to facilitate participation in the Borzoi Cardiac Pathology Study.

Signed _____

Date _____

I give advanced permission for the information I provide the BHWF Health Committee to be sent to and used by a Canine Health Foundation-approved researcher for a Borzoi focused cardiac study. Initial _____