
Borzoi Canada Assistance Network Guidelines

PROCEDURES

When a Borzoi is surrendered to Borzoi Canada Assistance Network or Representative, efforts will be made to immediately collect as much information about the dog as possible.

This should include:

- The reason the dog is being surrendered.
- CKC registration, Pedigree, name of breeder; sex and age if possible.
- Name of current owner, address and all contact information
- Vaccination status , medical history, whether altered, behavioral history, and problems or concerns.

The owner, or agent for the owner, must sign a surrender agreement prior to acceptance of the dog into the rescue program.

If the breeder of the dog is known, they will be contacted and informed a Borzoi from their breeding is in rescue. If it is determined the breeder will not or cannot take the dog, the breeder will be requested to take financial responsibility for the dog's care, boarding fees and medical care until the dog is placed in a new home. If this is not possible, the owner will be required to surrender the dog to Borzoi Canada Assistance Network at no cost.

Whenever possible, rescued Borzoi will be placed in a foster care home prior to being adopted to enable Borzoi Canada Assistance Network to provide adequate temperament evaluation and medical screening. Each situation should be dealt with on a case by case basis to ensure the needs of the individual dog are met.

Euthanasia is always a difficult decision and the burden of this decision should not be placed on one person alone. If agreement has been reached by the Borzoi Canada Assistance Network Committee and on the advice of the attending Veterinarian, the Borzoi will be humanely euthanized if euthanasia is deemed the only solution for a particular Borzoi.

Conditions for euthanasia would include:

- Extremely poor health, diseased or severe medical condition that will not enable the dog to have a satisfactory quality of life (to be assessed by a Veterinarian).
- The Borzoi is unable to be placed due to extreme behavioral problems that would not permit a safe adoption.
- Aggressive or dangerous behaviour towards people, dogs or other animals.

REQUESTS FOR RE-HOMING ASSISTANCE

Borzoi Canada Assistance Network will offer to assist the current owner, or agent to re-home their Borzoi when they can no longer properly care for their dog. In this situation Borzoi Canada Assistance Network will attempt to help the current owner find a suitable new home for their Borzoi .

If the breeder of the dog is known, they must first be contacted and informed a Borzoi from their breeding has been presented to be re-homed.

Borzoi Canada Assistance Network accepts no legal or financial responsibilities in these situations.

Background information about the dog to assist with placement will also be required as follows:

- The reason for the re-homing request.
- CKC registration and Pedigree if possible; name of breeder; sex and age ,
- Name of current owner, address and all contact information
- Vaccination status, medical history, whether altered, behavioral history, problems or concerns.

FOSTER CARE

The goal of foster care is to ensure a smooth transition for a rescued Borzoi into a new, loving home. Certain Borzoi placed in foster care will require someone who has had experience caring for dogs who may have lived in stressful living conditions in their past. Foster homes must provide for the health, comfort, socialization and behavioural rehabilitation required to ensure the Borzoi is suitable to be placed safely into a new home.

Foster home candidates will be approved in advance by the Borzoi Canada Assistance Network Committee. Borzoi Canada Assistance Network will keep a list of volunteers who are willing and suitable to provide foster care if required. When ever possible, rescued Borzoi will be matched with a foster home based on the unique geographic, health and behavioral situation and needs of each dog.

Foster care providers will be responsible for providing appropriate daily care, grooming and initial veterinary care for the Borzoi until further medical needs are assessed and determined including spay/neuter surgery if appropriate. An estimate of veterinary expenses is required prior to any elective medical intervention.

The most important function of the foster home will be to provide a common sense observation and evaluation of how the dog would cope in a new home. Foster homes should also be aware of common Borzoi or Sighthound traits that may not apply to other breeds, such as strong prey drive and touch sensitivity.

Foster dogs must be carefully exposed to a variety of situations in order to help determine their temperament and suitability for re-homing and to what extent socialization and behavioural rehabilitation may be required.

These situations would include supervised and careful exposure to:

- Adult humans of both sexes
- Children of both sexes and ages
- Other dogs of both sexes, other breeds and sizes including small breeds if possible.
- Cats if at all possible
- Reaction to traffic and crowds of people
- Behavioural response to removal of food or possessions
- House soiling or destructive behaviour if left unattended
- Response to crating
- Response to walking while on a lead

Results of these personal observations should be documented and reported to the Borzoi Canada Assistance Network Coordinator or appropriate Borzoi Canada Assistance Network Committee member for use in developing socialization strategies and suitable placement.

All foster care expenses will be approved in advance by the Borzoi Canada Assistance Network Committee.

Itemized requests for reimbursement, with receipts must be submitted promptly to the Borzoi Canada Assistance Network Coordinator for processing.

ADOPTION PROCEDURES

All potential adopters will be required to submit a completed Adoption Application to the Borzoi Canada Assistance Network Coordinator. Once the application has been reviewed and found to be satisfactory, a phone interview will be conducted and the application will be held in an inventory for future reference. If Borzoi Canada Assistance Network is advised of a dog in need the applicants will be contacted. At that time an in-home visit will be scheduled and the applicant will be given an opportunity to meet the Borzoi.

When a rescued Borzoi is ready for adoption the Borzoi Canada Assistance Network Coordinator and Committee members equipped with the advice of the foster home will determine the most appropriate placement for the Borzoi.

When possible an in home visit with the Borzoi to be adopted will be made before the dog is permanently placed with the prospective new owner to ensure proper placement.

If the person or family adopting the Borzoi rents their home, a letter from the landlord stating the Borzoi is permitted in the rental property for the length of the owner's stay in their residence is required.

To the greatest extent possible, the Borzoi Canada Assistance Network Coordinator, Borzoi Canada Assistance Network member or Volunteer will maintain contact with the homes of all Borzoi placed. Efforts will be made to ensure all rescued Borzoi remain in good homes.

In the event provisions of the adoption agreement are violated by the adoptive home, Borzoi Canada Assistance Network will take all steps possible to retrieve the Borzoi from the adoptive home. Provisions have been made in the Adoption Agreement to address this need and the new owner must sign and agree to this condition before the adoption is finalized.

STRAY BORZOI

Stray Borzoi should be handled within the laws of the local jurisdiction to determine if the owner can be located and the dog returned to their care. After these laws are followed Borzoi Canada Assistance Network can offer assistance to find a suitable home with Borzoi or Sighthound experience.

If the agency is willing and the Borzoi is deemed a good candidate for adoption, Borzoi Canada Assistance Network may attempt to find a suitable foster home until a loving home can be found.

BORZOI FOR SALE ON THE INTERNET

Borzoi Canada Assistance Network will not offer to purchase a Borzoi listed for sale on the Internet but instead could contact the seller to offer assistance finding a Borzoi friendly home.

Only under exceptional circumstances when neglect or abuse is suspected should Borzoi Canada Assistance Network consider intervening. Such action would require input and support from all Borzoi Canada Assistance Network Committee members.

FINANCIAL APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS

To ensure financial accountability, two Borzoi Canada Assistance Network Committee members will be required to approve expenditures up to \$150.00. Expenditures over \$150.00 will require the approval of three Borzoi Canada Assistance Network Committee members. The Borzoi Canada Treasurer will require these approvals along with appropriate invoices prior to releasing funds to the Payee. This protocol will be in place to protect the Treasurer and Borzoi Canada Assistance Network Committee members if expenditures are ever questioned by club members or during the annual audit.

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Note: The term “agent” refers to the owner's legal representative