

Borzoi Rescue – Northern California

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Borzoi Rescue – Northern California is an independent, non-profit California corporation whose primary mission is to provide assistance with rehabilitation, medical care, and permanent re-homing for any Borzoi in a rescue situation. Our principal geographic area of concern is Northern California, Oregon, and Nevada, but BR-NC will assist any Borzoi, anywhere, who is abandoned or otherwise homeless.

To this end, BR-NC:

- ❖ maintains and provides information on all aspects of Borzoi rescue, such as direct links to all regional and national rescue groups, a list of volunteers willing to provide transportation or foster care for needy Borzoi, and names of veterinarians willing to provide low-cost services
- ❖ claims Borzoi from shelters or other rescue organizations or individual owners who must give up their Borzoi due to personal circumstances
- ❖ provides all needed veterinary care, spay/neuter procedures, and foster care in order to medically and socially rehabilitate rescued Borzoi
- ❖ does in-home checks of prospective adoptive owners and provides follow-up educational services for new owners of rescued Borzoi
- ❖ coordinates closely with other Borzoi rescue organizations, other dog rescue organizations, and with local and national Borzoi Clubs
- ❖ operates a Referral Program for breeders and owners who wish to notify BR-NC's Potential Adopter List about dogs available for permanent placement.

BR-NC supports activities that allow rescue Borzoi and their adoptive owners to participate and demonstrate the original purpose of the breed. According to the Breed Standard, "The Borzoi was originally bred for the coursing of wild game on more or less open terrain, relying on sight rather than scent." Supported activities thus include various performance events such as straight-track and oval-track racing, lure coursing, and open field hunts.

Further, BR-NC holds a wide goal of educating the general public, the dog-owning public, and individual Borzoi owners about the breed's history, description, temperament, and care.

CONSTITUTION

1. Borzoi Rescue – Northern California shall work closely with all existing Borzoi rescue organizations.
2. The corporation shall have a Director, Secretary, and Chief Financial Officer, who shall also compose its Board of Directors.
3. The corporation shall have its own Constitution and By-Laws.

BY-LAWS

1. BR-NC will accept any purebred Borzoi.
2. The first priority for any rescue Borzoi is to try to locate the owner and/or breeder.
3. A surrender agreement, shelter receipt, or bill of sale must be obtained for each Borzoi.
4. Borzoi will be purchased, if necessary.
5. Should a Borzoi be lost to BR-NC through the “first come-first serve” basis of some facilities, every effort will be made to provide the adoptive owner with BR-NC information and follow-up.
6. All rescue Borzoi not able to be returned to owner or breeder will be spayed/neutered and permanently identified.
7. Every effort will be made to place rescue Borzoi in compatible foster homes until adopted.
8. A rescue Borzoi will be kept as long as is necessary to find the right home.
9. All prospective owners will be thoroughly screened.
10. All prospective owners will sign an Adoption Agreement.

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11. A donation of \$300 will be requested of the adoptive owner, unless adjusted by the members of the Board.
12. Any rescue Borzoi placed by BR-NC and no longer wanted or able to be kept by the adoptive owner will be returned to BR-NC.
13. All surgery other than spay/neuter will be agreed on by at least two members of the Board.
14. At least two members of the Board must agree on the euthanization of any rescue Borzoi except in cases of emergency. Someone representing BR-NC must be present with the Borzoi at enthanization.
14. The criteria for euthanization by a veterinarian are:
 - (a) Severe trauma
 - (b) Severe temperament problem
 - (c) Last-stage terminal illness
 - (d) Extreme old age disability
15. Events that fulfill our mission will be supported or sponsored by BR-NC.

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