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**No Apologies, No Regrets...**

*by NBRF Pioneer Carol Backers*

It will be 24 years this December that my friend and mentor Shen Smith called me after a BCOA board meeting and said that the BCOA had decided to support a national Borzoi rescue.

After much discussion, no one was willing to take on the leadership of this new endeavor and knowing how I felt about rescue, Shen nominated me and that was that... BCOA chose the name National Borzoi Rescue Foundation and donated \$500 to help NBRF get started, incorporated, and insured. I was told to run with it, and run with it I did!

NBRF became my life that day as I accepted the responsibility to help all Borzoi in need find the love and security of a good home. As long as I draw breath, I will always be there for any Borzoi in need. The bottom line will always be what is best for that individual Borzoi. I do this with the memory of one very special Borzoi who truly was the love of my life. Ajax was also a gift from Shen Smith at the age of 9 1/2. Ch. Utkinton Ajax of Zencor owned my heart from the moment I laid eyes on him. I was honored and blessed to share a bond with him I have never shared with anyone else before or since - dog or human.

So it is in his name and memory that I have devoted the last 24 years of my life to rescue. Please don't get me wrong, I love every Borzoi we have been blessed with, but Ajax was the one. We are so blessed with a breed that truly stands out from all others - sighthound or otherwise. I've owned several other breeds as well as one very special mix, but the Borzoi are amazing. To think of even one unwanted Borzoi in a situation of abuse or neglect ending up in a shelter for me is unbearable.

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Are you looking for a fast, fun, and easy way to finish your holiday shopping without having to brave the weather, fight for a parking spot, and deal with the grumpy hordes at the mall? Are you also looking for a way to give a little to NBRF - at no cost to you - with every purchase?

When you register for Amazon-Smile, you earn cash donations for NBRF with each purchase. If you also add a membership to AmazonPrime, you also enjoy free shipping and other perks. Many of our supporters use this combination to raise cash for NBRF when shopping for their hounds, friends, and family.

After signing up with Amazon, select "Account & Lists", at the top corner, go to "Your AmazonSmile" and pick your own charitable organization by entering National Borzoi Rescue Foundation... the list will display "National Borzoi Rescue Foundation Dix, IL." Select and you are done.

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## NBRF and NBRF International

### by the Numbers...

The numbers below reflect the period spanning from January 1, 2019 through November 24, 2019.



The total number of Borzoi taken into rescue by NBRF is to date (11/24/2019) **37 dogs!**

#### INCOME, includes but not limited to:

Donations:	\$21,108.09
Amazon Smile:	\$ 1,137.01
Fundraisers:	\$ 2,744.21
Network for Good:	\$ 2,606.44

#### EXPENSES, include but not limited to:

Veterinary:	\$38,295.15
Insurance:	\$ 1,383.00
Toll free Number:	\$ 235.09
Rescue Supplies	\$ 1,254.30

Tentative loss **\$16,316.00**



The total number of Borzoi taken into rescue by NBRF International is to date (11/24/2019) **14 dogs!**

#### INCOME includes but not limited to:

Donations:	\$ 7,419.38
Fundraisers:	\$12,000.57

#### EXPENSES include but not limited to:

Veterinary:	\$29,895.84
Shelter/ Boarding:	\$ 2,046.41
Transport, Fuel, Airline Fees:	\$15,055.33
Rescue Supplies	\$ 1,361.19

Tentative loss **\$28,938.82**

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*No Apologies, No Regrets... (continued from page 1)*



*Carol and her Borzoi*

For the last 24 years, rescue has been my life and I do not regret one minute of it. Further, I do not regret or apologize for anything NBRF has done to always put the dog first or any decision made to make that happen. NBRF hasn't been able to save every Borzoi, but we have tried our very best to never turn any Borzoi away. We will do whatever it takes to get the dog safe. I am very proud of how NBRF has grown. We are now International and have rescued Borzoi from South Korea, China, Japan, Greece, and Russia. We have contacts all over the U.S. and the world and we continue to expand.

But it is time for me to step back and turn things over to others. My husband and I are retired now and although my heart will always be owned by Borzoi and Rescue, it's time for others to carry on. I will always be there to help guide and advise but the heavy lifting will now be up to some very devoted people. I am not leaving NBRF, just stepping into a new role as an advisor.

I want to thank all the wonderful people I truly love who support NBRF. You have all made things so much easier and always put a smile on my face and in my heart knowing you are there for us. NBRF would not be able to accomplish the truly amazing things we do without your support. You are the backbone of Borzoi Rescue and NBRF. It's all of you who actually do the heavy lifting by fostering, transporting, donating, keeping track of the websites listing Borzoi and just emailing or calling with kind words of encouragement and support. You all do what you can.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank all of you for making NBRF the truly remarkable organization it is today and for your friendship all these years. I ask you all to support the "new Kids on the block" and answer their call for help when asked if at all possible.

HUGS AND THANK YOU ALL!  
Carol Backers

*Remember to always keep NBRF updated every time your contact information changes! Per your adoption agreement, please send updates to*

*[LizNBRF@gmail.com](mailto:LizNBRF@gmail.com)*



“Your kindness and tenacity in helping Borzoi in need can never be measured. Thank you for everything. Best wishes and enjoy your retirement, you so deserve it.”

**Leslie Radowill – Pennsylvania**

“Happy Retirement Carol! There aren’t enough words to thank you for all you’ve done over the years for the Borzoi. Jasper is my first Zoi you allowed me to adopt, and every day with him has been full of love and adventure. I look forward to celebrating his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday this summer!”

**Mary Jo Janchar**

“OMG ... I can’t imagine NBRF without Carol at the helm though I’m sure the team replacing her will be excellent. I have corresponded with Carol off and on for so many years! She’s been such a help. Good luck with your transition and my best to Carol.”

**Linda Foster**

“We are so thankful to Carol as she has been our mentor the last three years since we got approved to adopt two Borzoi. Buddy from Korea who is now named Dimitri and Ziva who came out of TX.”

**Sharon Haugen -  
Nevada Greyhounds Unlimited**

“Carol, you have always gone above and beyond to do the best for your beloved Borzois. Whether it was matching the dog to the adopter or making transportation arrangements from one side of the country to the other, you did it! You will be missed! THANK YOU, and enjoy your retirement with your family and your Borzois!”

**Genell Kirk – Kansas**

“Thank you Carol, for your success over many years on behalf of Borzoi in need.”

**Marcella Zobel - California**

“We are new to the group, but not sight hounds. We adopted Sylvio Jack in January 2019 and he is a wonderful addition to our pack. What a wonderful gift you gave all these beautiful Borzois - a home and loving family. Thank you!”

**Bob and Laura Drennan - Ohio**

“Jewel, now 10-1/2, is the love of life and my dental office and an ambassador of Borzoi. On our park walks, people want to know what she is and I delight in talking about borzoi and NBRF. Monica Dubosh was her foster and we are always in contact. Through the years, Jewel has saved her allowance and made many donations in honor of all those you have saved. We thank you Carol for being there and having our questions answered.”

**Linda Kronick and Jewel - Connecticut**

“My first Borzoi, Sabrina came here through your organization the day of her first birthday. She was an angel, a princess in every way from that time to her death at 12. Borzois are such amazing canines. All deserve great forever homes. Thanks for doing all you do.”

**Jean Anglim**

“I will miss you at the helm of the Borzoi Rescue organization, but I’m glad you will be available for consultation if needed. I will always remember how kind and caring you were when both of our rescues escaped the yard in the middle of the night and were gone for several hours before we realized it. With your help and advice, I got posters up and notifications posted on several social media sites and both dogs were recovered within a couple of days. You were a calm voice of support and encouragement for me during that time and I appreciated it so much! My deepest thanks go out to you and my best wishes always.”

**Robin McKee (Buck and Luke) - California**



"Lola, aka Goldie, took a long trip from Boston, Ma to Washington state in December of 2010 to become a cherished member of the Wolford family. She was the kindest, gentlest soul and was the Nanny to every dog who came after her. She absolutely loved obedience work and her favorite was the "around" command as she sprung herself in to place in the heel position. Everyone loved our little Lolita. Thank you my dear Carol, I will be forever grateful that you entrusted Lola to me."

***Tamara Cantwell (Wolford)***

"Thank you for helping to change lives for the better - not just mine and big Eddy's, but every person who has had the opportunity to meet him. I have always appreciated the time you took to talk long distance, answer my questions, and most of all, for giving me the chance to become "Borzoi for Life"! PS. The parrots still live!"

***Karen Kuper - California***

"Words do no justice to what you have freely given from your heart for so many years. For the countless dogs who have and are fulfilling their destinies, for the trust you placed in us with two of the greatest joys of our lives, for your support, advice and love. We thank you!"

***Kate and David Watts - Maine***

"From the first moment we spoke I knew how wonderful you are! You blessed our lives when you entrusted us with Tessa in 2007, then again in 2009 when Red Baron came, then in 2016 when Maggie joined our lives. Thank you, Carol, for believing in us and trusting us with these precious souls. Keith and I love you. In the order the dogs came to us....Tessa, Red Baron, and Maggie. Thank you!"

***Norma & Keith Miller***

"For the '8 loves of my life' Mesha, China Doll, Alex, Zena, Pepe, Sweets, Tala and Chief - thank you!!"

***Donna Lynes Miller - Mexico***

"I am so glad that I had the pleasure of meeting you in person while visiting Traverse City. Because of you and NBRF, Gabe and I have been surrounded with the joy of having Maks and Alexis in our family. We are constantly amazed how they make us laugh and are full of so much love and affection. We cannot ever imagine not having Borzois in our lives. Thank you for everything that you have done to support these magnificent creatures."

***Laura, Gabe, Maks and Alexis***

"Carol, what can I say? Over the past 23 years, you've helped fill my home with so much love and so much fur. Thank you from Nick and Belle, from Loki and Promise, from Shayna and Strider, and from Rocket and Vastra. Enjoy your retirement. You've earned it."

***Joel Pierson - Indiana***

"Thank you for ALWAYS being there for us!"

***Robin Clifford - New Hampshire***

"In grateful recognition of your relentless dedication and unbounded efforts on behalf of all Borzoi in need, ensuring they receive the love, dignity, and recognition they deserve and for your exemplary endeavors as Director of NBRF, I wish you all life's blessings as you pass the torch. You have inspired us all with your grace, warmth and determination with which you've given selflessly as a true ambassador for our beloved breed. For all of this and more, it has been an honor to know you and to work with you."

***Chet Weston - Nevada***

"I was not aware angels retire!! The love and joy you have provided to countless borzois and their people is awe inspiring. May you enjoy all the happiness you deserve."

***Jill Baxter - New Jersey***

"Thank you for letting us share our lives with Spice, Merlin, and Dessa. Words can not express how grateful we are for your guidance, help and friendship through the years."

***Susan and Bob Bandsma - Michigan***



"I worked with Carol for about eight years as Vice Director of NBRF. Talking with Carol by phone was a regular occurrence. My best memory was in Cincinnati at the Centennial. We were roomies there and again in Texas. I have always admired Carol's tenacity and strength.... dealing with the dogs is almost easy but Carol's absolute dedication to having people understand and help is her real strength. She will tell you the dogs come first, always. She is the best example of dedication and perseverance for our breed that I can think of. I am not the least surprised that it takes more people to fill her shoes!!! I do know that she will continue to be available for any help she can give and I urge any and all to listen.... she is a breed treasure. Much love from Texas to Carol, the mother of Borzoi Rescue."

**Billie Thibeaux - Texas**

"How do I sum up Carol Backers and her NBRF work in a few sentences? The biggest thing is in all the years I have known her the Borzoi always comes first. It's the well-being of the dog above all else. Thankfully, I didn't have a lot of rescue situations in Arizona but when I did I could always count on Carol to be there and to help me. Whether it was help placing a dog or just to talk she was always there. The Borzoi community and the Borzoi rescue community will certainly miss her efforts."

**Toni Paskey - Arizona**

"My memories of Carol will be our conversations and her asking for fostering help. I know she cares for each and every Borzoi who has graced NBRF doors. I will miss those phone calls."

**Carol Sanger, Tazi, (Omar) and Buddy (Cas)**

"A wonderful Thank You to Carol from Barysh, a Russian rescue who is so grateful to have landed in Boynton Beach, Florida! Barysh now happily plays with his new buddy Merlot and enjoys his days lounging in the sun! All of this would never have occurred without Carol's infinite knowledge of the breed and those who love and care for them! We cannot thank you enough Carol!"

**Bonnie, Merlot and Barysh!**

"Because of Carol's help and tireless work we were able to adopt Yasny out of Russia. We got him in April of 2017 and almost two years later Yasny is a wonderful member of our family. Thank you so much Carol! Be very proud of all you have done for Borzois."

**Chris and Kim Watson and Yasny**

"We haven't known Carol long just getting our rescue, Toby, in May of 2016. But the e-mails I shared with her were friendly and informative. We thank her for everything she did to get us Toby, our very sweet boy. Hope to still see her at her at the shows."

**Nancy and Mark Zimmerman - Ohio**

"Thank you Carol for the infinite wisdom dispensed in the middle of the night, the constant support of some of my hair-brained escapades and always being there with kind words through the toughest of decisions. You will never know what you mean to me. With my deepest regards, I wish you the best in your retirement."

**Lana Hernandez - Delaware**

"Enjoy your retirement. You deserve a place in heaven for your wonderful work saving needy Borzois. On behalf of myself and my current borzois (Bandit, Sarah, Sadie, and Cici) we cannot thank you enough. Except a few of my dogs, all of my borzois were permitted to own me through the blessing of NBRF. You are an exceptional person and a wonderful friend."

**Levanche T. Harris - Texas**

"I wish Carol a wonderful retirement and thank her for her tireless work on behalf of Borzoi. I only had the good fortune to meet Carol once, at Dewey Beach, but so enjoyed all of our phone conversations about my NBRF borzoi, Hannah (Rozah of Pickle Hill) and about all the dogs she wanted me to adopt! Talking to Carol was like talking to a lifelong friend - it was so easy and enjoyable. I'll be forever grateful to her, and hope she has a fantastic retirement (full of Borzoi fun, of course)"

**Mary Campagnolo - Massachusetts**

"Carol, thank you so much for all of the care, dedication and attention you put into your position as the Director for so many years. You kindly approved our first application for Alina, in 2011. Thank you so much for doing that and for letting her come all the way to Canada. She has brought such tremendous joy to our lives and made it possible for us to also adopt Sasha and Brienne. The three of them together are hilarious and we love them all. Thank you so much."

**Abigail Turner - North Vancouver, Canada**

## ***Welcoming the New Director, Ann Marie Wiseman***

Ann Marie has 54 years of experience with sighthounds. From Afghans to Borzoi (32 years); from breeder and show home to advocate and pet home. Her involvement with NBRF began 10 years ago assisting with foster care for multi-dog rescues, and most recently assisting with NBRF's International rescue.

Her business career spans several decades in the commercial real estate business consulting for private investors and public REITs. In 1999, Ann Marie co-founded Sierra Communities, a real estate investment company specializing in the acquisition and management of investor grade multi-housing communities. Ann Marie is approaching retirement this year and her transition to become more involved with NBRF could not have come at a better time!

In addition, Ann Marie served on the board of the Nassau Humane Society for two and a half years helping to facilitate the development of a new animal shelter as well as chair fundraising committees.

## ***A New Look and a Word of Introduction***

*by Anthony Vanderlinden*

We recently took over the production of the NBRF newsletter and introduced a new look. This newsletter is a transition issue; we hope to expand it next year and achieve a magazine format. As a publisher and author of (military) history works, I have published several books and magazines. You will undeniably see a historical influence in this publication, for example the front page header which is a drawing by N.A. Martinow, out of the exquisite series *Portraits of Borzoi, Exhibited by the Imperial Society of the Royal Court of Russia (1874-1879)*. This drawing depicts the dog named *Chaan*, which won a Grand Silver Medal, and was owned by His Imperial Highness Nicolai Nikolaiewitch. My wife, Mary, works in higher education and has published numerous articles. Happily, Mary has volunteered to be the editor of the newsletter.

We have three Borzoi! We rescued our first Borzoi from NBRF early in 2019. As a hobby we enjoy our dogs and are part-time dog trainers focusing mostly on obedience. In the past we taught group training classes, and today we continue to provide private lessons. We work together to assist people with their dogs, and particularly get satisfaction when we can rescue a dog from being surrendered to a shelter by educating owners and showing them how to train and foster a relationship with their dog.

Have an idea for a story? We are looking for interesting Borzoi stories and high-resolution photos for the newsletter. Please call Anthony at (336) 394-4138 to discuss your article or photos.





**Albus**

- *Loved & missed by Matt & Denise Schumitz* -  
When he wasn't exploring the grounds and bonding with Zoe, he was glued to Matt's side. If there was ever a Borzoi to cause someone to fail Foster Home 101 it would be Albus.



**Big Blue** - *Loved & missed by Kim & Ken Downey* -  
Although it was for only a very short one and half years that "Big Blue" shared his love with us, he was and will always be a very cherished member of our family. "Big Blue" took a part of my heart with him, but in its place he left memories of a gentle, forgiving, eager to please, brave and playful spirit. I can only hope that our short time together erased from his memory whatever it was that caused his anxieties, distrust and discomforts, and that he left this earth feeling every ounce of the love he deserved. Until we meet again at the foot of the Rainbow Bridge we will miss you deeply.



**Zoey** - *Loved & missed by Christopher Ritter* -  
I wanted to update you that we had to make the tough decision to put down Zoey yesterday (7/17/18). Originally rescued as Fiona, born January 21, 2008, we adopted from you in spring 2009. We feel she lived a long and happy life (10 1/2 years) and are thrilled we had the opportunity to be her rescue parents, from which we'll carry warm and lasting memories



**Pony Ann** - *Loved & missed by John Stempfle* -  
Our sweet, gentle Pony Ann died on December 27<sup>th</sup> in her bed surrounded by her loved ones. We will always cherish the many years she lived with us. We miss her paw of friendship that she would extend to us when she wanted more attention. We miss her so much.



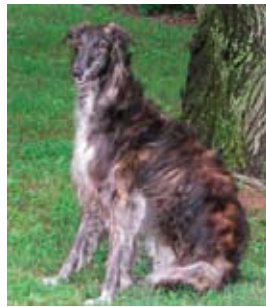


### **Liefde**

- *Loved & missed by Elaine, Mark & David Nelson* - Liefde, who we adopted from NBRF as "Ladia", passed away 9/9/18. From the information we have, she lived to be over 14 1/4 years old, a distinguished age for a large Borzoi. She had been slowing down in recent months, not able to climb stairs or go past the front yard. But she was a sweet girl to the very end. Liefde was a very special and lovely - loving girl



**Tally** - *Loved & missed by Anna Toma* - Tally left us on 2/7/17. She was my exquisite, beautiful first born four legged baby. Tally fulfilled a huge void in my life and she will be greatly missed. I will say that my four legged babies have taught me to enjoy the simple things of life and that love is unconditional. Miss my girl now and forever!



**Billy Jean** - *Loved & missed by Judy McHale* - Billy Jean came to me in 2013 at 18 months old and badly scarred by her experience with a hoarder. It took almost two years of gentle handling to overcome most of her physical and psychological issues. Billy Jean was eventually diagnosed with bone cancer and on April 27, 2018, I decided it was time to let her go. The vet came to my home and I held her close as he ended her suffering. I take these animals into my home knowing in the end my heart will be broken. But what I receive from them while they're with me is priceless.



### **Zoi**

- *Loved & missed by Mildred Bell* - Rest in peace sweet Zoi... run like the wind at the Rainbow Bridge until we see you again.



**Vashti** - *Loved & missed by Nancy Harris* - Gone too soon! Our beautiful and sweet Vashti. You were such a big presence in our lives. It is lonely without you! You are in our hearts forever and greatly missed



**Tique** - *Loved & missed by Beth Gibson* - Tique was a gentleman and a prankster. We miss his silliness. My heart still breaks thinking of his passing and suffering from the Laryngeal Paralysis. He was a beautiful soul and a wonderful addition to our family.



**Cosmo** - *Loved & missed by Julie Scheels* - You might say he was the silliest dog we ever had. He loved his pillows and blankets, and he could sing. He brought hours of joy to our lives, was never demanding, and was always a gentleman. He is greatly missed, but our lives were enriched with the time he spent with us



### **Lida**

*- Loved & missed by Irene Stevenson -*

In my grief I try to concentrate on all that Lida brought to my life. There was a lightness, an effortless charm that just subtly radiated every moment of her life. I miss my girl tossing her head, leaning in, running for the joy of movement, even on three legs. She was a gift larger than life, and I thank you for trusting me with her. One of the beauties of Lida was that she never got old. She always had a young personality, and even after the surgery, she was agile and showed no signs of arthritis. I was told that we were famous among the dog walkers - none of whom I've ever employed - because we seemed so blissfully happy in each other's company. She was beautiful, inside and out.

### **Lukas Gabriel**

*- Loved & missed by Linda Grindstaff and family -*



On 8/3/18 we said goodbye to our beloved little brother and best friend, Lukas Gabriel (Luke), the Black Borzoi. His beautiful eyes never left mine in the vet's office when I told him he would be going to sleep and be able to really rest, pain free, for the first time in a long time. He accepted and left with that trust never leaving his eyes. We've been blessed to live with an Angel all these years and hopefully he can run free and be young again with his two sisters who left us a long time ago.

### **Clara**

*Loved & missed by Kimberlie Fair*



We lost our darling Clara in February 2018. My daughter was away at school and when I called her, together we cried and laughed as we remembered the richness of our time with her. Nothing prepared me for the explosion of joy and exuberance that Clara unleashed in our home when she arrived as a puppy. That first night when she chose to spend the night in my arms, our hearts and lives were entwined. Over the years Clara's place in my piano studio was firmly established by the joy she took in the students and the love they shared with her. After greeting each student as they arrived for their lessons, she would trot over to the student currently at the bench and tap them with her nose to let them know that their time was up. Once it was clear that they got the message she would return to circle the student who had just entered and escort them to the bench. It was joyous way to start and end each lesson with fur and face rubs and little kisses. Students have commented on how still the studio is and how much they miss the "wall of fur".



### **Athena**

*- Loved & missed by the Goldmann family -*

Athena was our Dog of a Lifetime and her sweet character made an indelible impression upon people. Athena had a very special relationship with our kids - sniffing them all over and giving kisses in the morning and part of the kids' bedtime routine in the evening. We were blessed to have her in our family for 18 months and while our hearts are broken with her loss, we try to remember the sheer joy she brought to all



### **Bond. James Bond...**

Loved & missed by "Borzoi Bob"  
Marciszewski & Sally MacDowell

On 9/6/18 it became necessary for the tale of our mystery man to come to a close. Bond was a constant companion, especially when there was any inkling of thunder or fireworks. He had a very sweet personality and was always ready to absorb some pats from available hands. He was also dedicated to his role of keeping beds, sofas and dog beds from floating away. In the seven years that he was here, he was truly a lovable and warm member of the pack. Bond, may you run free and find your lost companion and the rest of our pack at the Bridge



## *Introducing a new Borzoi to your Existing Pack*

by Anthony Vanderlinden

Imagine relaxing in front of the TV with your family. Then, all the sudden you look up and a total stranger is standing next to you saying “hand over the remote, I am living here now”. This form of introduction may sound absurd and yet we do it to our dogs all the time. If this would to happen to humans, we would call the police, one of the family members may tackle and restrain the intruder... but when it comes to dogs we expect them to accept this type of intrusion and get along instantly. The fact is that K-9 introduction is very similar to human dating. We meet for coffee, if that goes well, we may do lunch and then followed by dinner and a movie. The commonality here is that all these activities take place on neutral ground outside of the home over a period of time. The same should be done when introducing a new dog to a pack.

Pick a neutral place, a place where none of the dogs have been before if possible. Not your neighborhood as K-9 territories extend further than their yards. The dogs should not be allowed to meet and greet, instead walk on leash together as a pack, keeping distance between dogs. There will be curiosity but by walking we give the dogs a purpose and a job going forward, the expectation is the same for all dogs. Any lashing out, or unwanted behavior should not be tolerated. As you walk and the dogs relax, they can walk closer or next to each other but not meet, keep the sniffing to a minimum. Depending on behavior, a short meet and greet is allowed at the end of a long walk, just before departing. We can call this the first date. This process should be repeated at least once, preferably twice, and can be done in the same location. It is important to let time go by between dates, a minimum of 24 hours is a must, several days, or a week is ideal.

The dogs will recognize each other and will know that their purpose is to walk together without confrontation. By walking them we let them accept each other, the newness of a new member quickly dissipates. The meet and greet can be extended after each walk as long as all dogs are calm.

Walking together should be repeated once the new dog gets home, meet up on the street or nearby park and walk from there to your home. Never allow a new dog to walk in the house without the pack’s knowledge, this can easily be achieved by entering the house together.

Once at home, the new dog should have a clear understanding of where their safe place is, a designated spot just for them. Toys should be kept out of reach when welcoming a new member, this avoids possessive behavior. Toys can gradually be reintroduced in the pack with supervision. Feeding should also be separate.

Walking together as a form of introduction will communicate the structure of the pack and foster acceptance while minimizing misunderstandings and confrontation. This is a positive method to start a long and happy relationship.



*The existing pack (left) is kept separate from the new pack member (right)*



## *We need your help this Holiday Season...*



*Finland (Finn), NBRF 2018 rescue, is looking forward to his first Holiday Season...*

You do not have to be a financial wizard to understand our situation. Just a glimpse at our finances on page 2 will give you enough of an understanding why we need your help. Our no-compromise approach to Borzoi rescue has been costly in 2019. While we appreciate all donations, the fact remains that our income did not even cover the veterinary care for the year. Our survival and our success are crucial to the breed as we are the only dedicated Borzoi rescue group.

### *How you can help*

**Donations:** As a 501c3 non-profit organization, you will benefit from tax deductible donations (depending on your filing). Each and every donation is important, no matter how small. You can donate once, or we can set you up for a recurring monthly donation. Donations can be done by the following convenient ways:

**Credit card by phone:** Please call NBRF Fundraising Coordinator Kate Watts at (207) 263-7836 and specify if you want to do a one-time or monthly donation

**Credit card online:** Go to our website (NBRF.org) and click the "Donate" button on the homepage

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