



The Finnish Borzoi Club's requirements and general instructions for breeders

Member breeders are welcome to submit breeding or litter announcements for publication on the website and the magazine of the Finnish Borzoi Club, following the instructions below.

Basic information of the breeding plan/litter to be sent to the breeding committee (sbk.pentuvalitys@gmail.com):

- Names of the Sire and Dam
- Pedigree to the 6th generation with registration numbers of the Sire and Dam OR a www-address to the five-generation pedigrees of both parents in the Finnish Kennel Club database Koiranet: jalostus.kennelliitto.fi or the international borzoi pedigree database The Borzoi Files: www.theborzoifiles.net.
- health check results of the parents.
- the highest achieved show and performance results from both parents.*

Note: The veterinary health check results of the parents have to be submitted in a written form, with all the needed information on the dog's identity (microchip or tattoo number). A copy of the original form is sufficient.

A litter announcement will be published 6 months before the estimated mating time at the earliest. The breeders are advised to update the information regularly, at least once a month. The breeder must inform immediately when the puppies are sold, or if the plans have been changed. If the breeder does not update the information, the litter will be removed from the list

Material sent to the breeding committee will not be returned. The breeding committee is not responsible for the accuracy of reported information.

Requirements for a litter announcement to be accepted for publication:

- The breeder must have been a member of the Finnish Borzoi Club for at least 12 months. The membership begins when the payment has arrived to the account of the Club and the membership has been verified at a meeting of the Board.
- The Dam must be at least 24 months and not older than 8 years at the moment of mating. Should the Dam be older than 8 years, a health certificate signed by a vet showing that the bitch is healthy and in good condition must be provided (a copy is sufficient).
- The Sire must be at least 24 months old at the moment of mating.
- At least one parent has to be tested healthy (N/N) for DM (degenerative myelopathy). An official certificate of the test has to be provided. Alternatively, at least one parent has to be healthy (N/N) by parentage.

The Club Recommends that:

- The existing offspring (registered in Finland) of a dog that is bred not exceed 15 individuals in the first generation and 30 individuals in two generations. In addition, the existing offspring (registered in Finland) of any of the parents of the dog not exceed 30 individuals in two generations.

- The inbreeding coefficient must not exceed 6,25%, calculated with 6 generations.
- Both parents have a valid certificate of a heart screening with ultrasound by a cardiologist, with a result of “no signs of DCM/cardiac failure”. The Club recommends the use of the official DCM/heart screening form, which can be downloaded at www.borzoiklubi.net/pdf/2014/dcmlomake.pdf. A heart certificate is considered valid for 24 months.
- Both parents have a valid certificate of an eye examination by an ophthalmologist, with a result of no abnormalities. An eye examination certificate is considered valid for 24 months.

The breeding plans/litters that fulfil the abovementioned recommendations will be listed with the note: ”The litter fulfils the breeding recommendations of the club”

In addition, The Club recommends that

- neither of the parents of the planned litter has a faulty bite or a narrow underjaw (canine teeth pressing against palate)
- before deciding to breed a dog, breeders research carefully the close relatives of the dog for occurrences of heart and eye diseases or gastric torsion (GDV) as well as other diseases.
- the dogs used for breeding have at least the FCI qualification ”Very Good” (or a local equivalent) from a dog show plus a successfully completed run in a lure coursing competition, and/or oval track racing license.

*The most common show/performance related abbreviations used in the announcements:

CH=champion	CACIB=FCI competence certificate	TRIAL=trial runs for Finnish racing
LCH=lure coursing champion	towards international beauty	license completed
RCH=racing champion	championship	COMPL=a successfully completed
CAC=national competence	VG=the dog has been awarded the	race or course.
certificate towards championship	qualification ”very good” in a dog	
CQ=certificate quality	show	
CACIL=FCI competence certificate	EXC=the dog has been awarded	
towards international lure coursing	the qualification ”excellent” in a dog	
or racing championship	show.	

These requirements and guidelines are effective as of 15 May 2014. For more information, please contact the breeding committee: sbk.pentualitys@gmail.com