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Whippet kennel "Synergy"
In the past Borzoi kennel "Bilans"

My adventure with cynology began in 1993, but the dogs have been with me at home since I was a child. Borzois have been integral part of my life for more then 25 years. But it was even earlier when I had decided that one day I would live with a borzoi. As a young boy I saw a photo of one in a book. Now I wouldn't give him more than "very good" on the ring but at the time I was completely enchanted, I set my mind on this breed and there was no turning back. However, life in the countryside, in a block of flats, in communist Poland, didn't let my dreams come true for many long years. About 10 years later I began to visit dog shows in Poland and I had a chance to see a borzoi live for the very first time in my life. Their movement, elegance and, their importantly, temperament confirmed what I had learnt only from books and had been subconsciously



predicting for so long. Borzoi is a dog for me. I didn't wait long to buy a first one. It was on 1994, but I had to wait 8 years for my first litter.

Since then I've had puppies quite regularly. Last litter with number 13 was born on 2013. Together they are 80 borzois born under my kennel name "bilans". Some of them was Nationals and International champions. I have at the moment only 2 borzois at home. And unfortunatelly for some emotional reasons I decide not breeding my beloved breed any more.

Since 2008 Im co-owner and now owner of whippets under prefix "Synergy". Now I can tell my second love after my borzois. They are totally diferent but smaller and I was thinking about one smaller breed at home. After this last years I can tell that it was good decision. I have at the moment 14 Whippets and with co-ownership We bred 14 litters. In the pedigrees for the most part are English lines, the same what I prefer with borzois. Many of them are Champions and International Champions. My give me more than 50 CACIB from many european countries. My youngest boy gave me one of most proudly moment in my live – he won European Junior Winner 2018 and he was 3rd on the Junior Group on this show.

I made my debut as a judge in 2008. When judging Sighthounds I'm looking for an overall balance and sound, smooth and covering gait. I feel proud that in just a few years I could judge Borzoi Speciality Show in Sweden and Finland, Whippet Show in Sweden and Denmark the whole group 10 at several specialty shows around the Europe. I have already judged in Poland, Germany, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Luxemburg, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Belgium and Italy. Now Im also a judge for whole group V and VIII, part of group IX, Junior Handling and Not Recognised by FCI Breeds.

Invitation to judge on Specialty Show for Whippets and Greyhounds is very precious and very important for me. I haven't had the opportunity to judge in the Czech Republic for a long time, and the quality of dogs in these breeds is very high recently. I believe that each breeder who is a judge highly appreciates such opportunities. I would like to express my gratitude to the Committee for inviting me and I'm looking forward to see many truly beautiful dogs and to participate in a very special event along with other dogs friends.