



# BEARDIE WORKS

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# Presidents Message:

Dear RMBCC Member:

2012 is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of the  
Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection!!

What a wonderful milestone for any group to reach that number of years in existence, and we hope to celebrate our accomplishments at the Annual Picnic in June. If anyone has pictures or memorabilia from the club, please let me know, since we hope to put something together for everyone to enjoy. In addition, please see Mike Tupa's Club History article

From social events to seminars, this year's programs have been well received by our members with a large number participating in each. RMBCC has hosted:

- October 1 Agility Day at Diane DuBose's training facility in Indian Hills
- October 15 Herding Instinct Test coordinated by Renee Jarrett
- December 11 Holiday Brunch at Kathy Zeschin's home
- January 28 Therapy Dog Presentation by Carolyn Corbett of K9cares
- March 3 Tracking Day at Belmar Park taught by Jean Hilbig and Lynn Kaemmerer
- June 2 RMBCC hosting a Supported Entry at the Flatirons Kennel Club

For pictures and more details about each of these events, check out the rest of the newsletter.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic this summer. Date and location will be posted in our May newsletter.

Fondly,

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## RMBCC 25 years and Growing...

It's always interesting to think back about how something starts. First it starts with a lot of curiosity about a topic, then group discussions, then actual meetings and then something more formal. For RMBCC curiosity started in 1986. Beardie lovers gathered around grooming tables at local dog shows to learn more and as the discussion expanded so did the topics, the group size, and the purpose. We all began to realize that we shared more in common than just our love for our dogs and that something more was in order.

So in 1986 Beardie lovers from the Colorado Front Range communities gathered to look at ways they could share dog care, training, showing, and their love of the breed. At an informal gathering less than a dozen future members outlined what they wanted to do with a dog club and how it should be structured. Using established Beardie club rules and code of ethics the Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection formed its charter and began hosting scheduled meetings, educational events, fun activities and an active newsletter. The early club started with nearly a dozen members and within only a few years rounded up most of the regional Beardie owners to join the club and with a group of over 2 dozen members actively explored herding, show ring, grooming, health issues, agility, breed standards, genetics, Beardie Rescue, brags, and Aunt Beardie suggestions. All of this with the purpose of sharing some fun together while learning about the breed.

Since that time RMBCC has been an important regional promoter of the Bearded Collie Breed through BCCA sponsored and AKC Licensed events. Beardie puppies are celebrated, dog show events continue to be RMBCC touch points around the grooming tables, and the competition in the show ring continues. Herding, Obedience, and Agility events are also actively supported with entry, training sessions and club workshops to help members build skill and have fun with their dogs. Ongoing workshops on health issues and therapy dog testing continue to bring in new members. The annual RMBCC picnic continues to amaze everyone about how a couple dozen dogs can run, play, chase Frisbee, and act foolish without even a glimpse of aggression among the group. Very much like the members of this club. When playing, learning, and competing RMBCC reflects the temperament and character of the Bearded Collie.

Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Club!  
Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Thank you to all current and past members!



## **BEARDIE AGILITY DAY Saturday, October 1, 2011**

More than 16 people and at least that many dogs gathered at Diane DuBose's agility training center in Indian Hills for the RMBCC's First Annual Beardedie Agility Day.

Designed for both novice and experienced dogs, we started with a variety of exercises to get everyone warmed up and ready to go. That was followed by having the beginners watch the experienced dogs run several courses. Then Diane and others helped the novices try out the jumps, dog walk, teeter and chute. Both the beginner owners and dogs had a great time being introduced to agility, and the fun and teamwork it offers to both dog and human. But it was the last event – the relay race – that was the hit of the day. In teams of three including novice, intermediate and experienced dogs, everyone ran the two different courses Diane had set up loudly cheered on by the enthusiastic spectators.

The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place relay winners won beautiful Beardedie prizes, and everyone who participated were awarded a ribbon for their time and commitment.

And if this alone didn't make for a wonderful day, we finished with a most tasty lunch with Jon and Kathy Zeschin manning the grill with hamburgers, brats and veggie burgers.

Everyone felt that this should become an annual RMBCC event, so look for an announcement for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Agility Day in early fall.

### **Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Test Results:**

Also we had 5 beardedies pass their CGC (Canine Good Citizenship) at the annual picnic and again to see the dogs show good manners is terrific. Those dogs are Peggy and Duffy Reed's "Burlesque Major League", Nan Matthew's "Ragtime Still so Vain", Kathy Zeschin's "Britannia Sebring happy Days", B. J.'s "Brynmar's Simply Irristible", Kim Krueger's "Artisan Mambo in May". Thank you for proving that these dogs can show good citizenship.

## Herding Instinct Test results:

The annual herding instinct test for our local club was held on Oct. 15 and 16, 2011, and the days were beautiful. We had 8 beardies, 2 Belgian Tervs, and 1 Old English mix. 3 of our beardies passed. Dennis Fraucen's Abby, Joy Schindler's and John Metty's girl (forgot the call name), and Elizabeth's/Stephanie's Flaagen and Renee Jarrett's Sam made us all proud. I hope that the other beardies and their human parents will come back and try again when our next herding test in 2012 happens.

We want to encourage all beardedie owners in the area that if they haven't had their pups, whether they are in homes as conformation, performance, or just good companion dogs should find out whether the natural interest in herding is there. To see your dog turn on to the stock is so very special. We will offer one this year (2012) so stay tuned to a future newsletter for when this will take place.

## RMBC Holiday Party:

On December 11<sup>th</sup>, 24 RMBC members gathered for food, fun and holiday cheer. As part of the festivities, we also had a spirited gift exchange with some very creative and clever gifts for beardies and their people. The pictures shown below capture the mood of this most enjoyable day.

A big thank you to Nan, Peggy, Meg and Michael, and Jody for their help and yummy contributions—couldn't have done it without them!

Kathy Zeschin



# Therapy Dog Presentation

By Carolyn Corbett, Executive Director and Founder, K9cares



Cooper & Rachel



Carolyn & Caitee

More than 20 people got together on Saturday, January 28, 2012 to hear Carolyn Corbett talk about the founding and background of her therapy dog organization, **K9cares**.

Through a weekend workshop sponsored by the Delta Society Pet Partners plus additional testing, dogs and owners can become certified therapy teams in a variety of areas at:

- Hospitals and acute care facilities
- Schools and libraries in reading sessions with children
- Domestic violence shelters
- Criminal justice system

It was a special treat for everyone to welcome Cooper, a Beardie, and his owner Rachel Funez who told us about Cooper's therapy assignments in libraries and schools listening to children read to him.

Please check out their website at [www.k9cares.org](http://www.k9cares.org) for more information, workshop schedules and other information.

# Aunt Beardie...

Dear Aunt Beardie,

My new big brother loves to go for rides in the car but he will not sit with me in the back. He keeps bolting into the front seat and he wants to hang his head out of the window; like, even when we are driving! I am afraid he will get hurt. How can I convince him to ride with me in the back?

Windy Sity,

Dear Windy,

You are correct to be concerned that brother could be injured. Let your people know they MUST put him in the back where he is safe. Next time they take you to the pet store, show them the dog seat belts or hammocks that fasten to the back seat. Or if your car is large enough, your people could train him to ride safely in a dog crate. They might have to entice him with treats to convince him that it is more fun in the back than in the unsafe front seat.

# Braggs and Waggs...

NEW GIRL IN TOWN...

**Kim Krueger's** new puppy Caramel Frappucino!



NEW BOY IN TOWN...

Jenn Sanders new puppy Grover!



# Braggs and Waggs cont...

## From Renee Jarrett:

Braggs: Mik-Ren's Forever Isn't Long Enough, (Ginger) received her two majors this past year by going over specials at 2 all breed shows and hopefully will be finishing her championship this year. While in-group, she was short-listed both times. Her brother Owen was in group this year twice also.

My elkhound Lars also took a group 2 the first time in an all breed hound group and was ranked #20 in elkhounds across the country by the end of 2011.

Mik-Ren's First Comes the Action, (Greer) had her first litter this past March and one of her kids, (Reagan) Blessings Mik-Rens Here Barkin at Ewe, Kid, followed in her mother's paws in doing well at a national futurity by getting Best of Opposite at the 2011 National Specialty, then following with a 4<sup>th</sup> placement in the 6-9 month bitch class out of 20 + competitors and then has gone on to get a major plus 4 more points toward her American Championship. Thank you to the McChancy's.

## From Nan Matthews:

Ragtime Mister Soul Man (Bailey) made his first 100 and consequently a blue ribbon at the Windsor Agility Trial in December. Since turning five last July – the magic age when Beardie boys seem to grow up – he has earned four blue ribbons, one yellow and one qualifying score! He now has two legs in each of the Novice disciplines and perhaps he may earn a title at the CKC show in February.





# Braggs and Waggs cont...

## From Nan Matthews:

Ragtime Still So Vain (Carly) scored an 81 in her first Advanced Rally Trial in Greeley. For her first off-leash attempt, we were very pleased.



## From Kathy Zeschin:

Riley (Nonesuch Living the High Life RN OA NAJ NF) is sporting a big beardie smile because he ended the year earning his OA on December 30th. In three qualifying runs, Riley was awarded two blue ribbons (each with a score of 100) and one second place finish. Happy New Year, Riley!



# CH Britannia Sebring All Time High CD BN RA HT

## Greyson



What a wild ride the past 12 months have been!

- In January 2011, at the age of 1.5 years old Greyson earned the Beginner Novice obedience title, and the Rally Novice title.
- In April 2011, Greyson earned the Herding Tested title.
- He completed the Companion Dog obedience title in September 2011.
- In November 2011, Greyson became a Champion.
- And, in January 2012, he completed his Rally Advanced title.

What a beautiful, biddable, happy boy. We are so pleased to have him as a member of our beardie family.

Kathy and Steve Thomas

From Tammy Begler:

Kenda (CH Woodsong's Cruz'n Kenda Blur, PT) Received her AKC Therapy Dog Title



## Puppies Expected!

Emie has been bred to a nice Pennsylvania male, Howard.  
Puppies are expected mid-February  
Inquiries welcome - contact Meg Naylor, Centennial, CO  
303.400.1993 or [naylormk@mho.com](mailto:naylormk@mho.com)

AmGCH & CanCH Talamore Last Comic Standing (Howard)  
AmCH Meadows' Emerald At Gemineye, HIC CGC (Emie)

## RMBCB Website Update

As you may know, we're currently in the process of updating the RMBCB website. Thanks to those that have submitted new photos - and we can always use more! We're looking for pictures in every category, whether it's a casual shot or a performance photo.

We are also including a **Breeder Listing**. This is open to all members at no charge. Just include your name & kennel, contact information (e-mail/ phone number/website), and any additional comments.

Send your photos and breeder listing information to Meg Naylor at [naylormk@mho.com](mailto:naylormk@mho.com)

## RMBCB Special Recognition Award

The Board of Directors for the RMBCB has charged the Awards Committee with creation of a new award to honor beardies and/or members of our club that have accomplished something "special" over the past year. Members may nominate their own beardies or other members or their beardies. Some examples: rescue dogs who have overcome bad life experiences and are now serving as therapy dogs or working on AKC titles or simply have become wonderful companion animals; members who work with the rescue program; members who are going to nursing homes with their beardies; a dog that accomplished a special "feat" over the past year; or recognizing a member who goes above and beyond. These are just some examples and other situations may come to your mind. Please write a short nomination statement and submit it to the Awards Chair by May 18, 2012. This award will be presented at the annual meeting.



**RMBCC 2011 ANNUAL AWARD APPLICATION  
RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. One brass plate will be given for each AKC title earned. Members may apply for any AKC event title (i.e., conformation, obedience, rally, agility, herding, tracking), BCCA HIC and versatility titles, AKC CGC, and therapy dog certification. Associate members will be presented with a certificate of accomplishment but may order awards at the cost incurred by the Club.
2. Titles must be confirmed by the AKC. **Please attach a photocopy of your title certificate to the application.** The period covered will be for the calendar year 2011.
3. All persons applying must be members of the RMBCC in good standing, as well as with the AKC, at the time in which the title is awarded, achieved and presented.
4. If you are a regular member and this is your first award, please indicate on the form below that a plaque will be needed to hold the award plate(s). A separate application is required for each dog if more than one dog in your household has received titles during 2011.

**APPLICATIONS FOR AWARDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE AWARDS CHAIRPERSON  
(LISTED BELOW) BY MAY 18, 2012. NO EXCEPTIONS!**



Members Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title(s) awarded: (Championship/grand championship, obedience, rally, tracking, herding, agility, BCCA HIC and versatility awards, CGC, therapy dog)

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***ATTACH A COPY OF THE TITLE CERTIFICATION TO THE APPLICATION***

Dog's Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you are a regular member and have not received a plaque: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return by May 18, 2012 to:** Kathy Thomas, Awards Chairperson  
1007 S. Summit View Dr.  
Fort Collins, CO 80524