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Website: Meg Naylor



Dear RMBCC Member:

Your Board met in July to outline the 2013-2014 events and programs which are listed below.

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| September 21 | Walk in the Park (see last tab in newsletter for more details!) |
| October 19 | 3rd Annual Agility Day at Diane DuBose's training facility in Indian Hills |
| December 7 | Holiday Party –Mimi's Cafe, I225 and Alameda, Aurora, CO |
| April | Herding Instinct Test |
| May 17 | Annual Picnic at DeKoevend Park |
| June 7 | Supported Entry, Flatirons Kennel Club |

In addition, we hope to host a couple of fun walks or runs at Washington Park and/or Glendale Farm, a 17 acre off -lease park, in Douglas County

We have discussed a Health and Wellness Round Table for the past two years, so in September you will be receiving a brief survey to determine: 1) your interest and 2) what topics you'd like to have covered.

As always, I highly encourage you to let me know about any other programs or events you would like RMBCC to host – this is your club, give us your feedback!

Look forward to seeing you and your Beardies this year!

Fondly,

Nan Matthews

President

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Beardie Minute by Mike Tupa

Puppy Times

I am sitting here with a little black and white puppy, Abbey, chewing on my shoe laces, then barking at the other sleeping dogs, then chewing a corner of the rug, then a corner of the molding, now squeaking her stuffy toy. And I'm sure she will be back to seek some belly rubs and a feathering of her ears. It's often said that at 4 months a puppy is similar in character to a year old human. And in many ways that is true. They are curious, investigating (and tasting) everything, they demand attention and food and potty chores and a constant watch to make sure that they don't chew cords, leaves, the plants, and anything else within reach. And there is so much more in reach for a little puppy.

Our little Abbey is all Bearded Collie in coat and temperament. Her lovely black is under grown with gray, her pigment is filled in and her foot pads are turning black as well. She grows her legs one day and gets longer other days. Her head and ears toggle back between being too small and too large. The changes are so sudden that images of The Hulk's transformation come to mind, transforming from human, and expanding piece by piece into something larger more magnificent. Her temperament ranges from gruff-leave me alone to lick-lick-lick I'm your buddy. She is always at our side but will only handle just so much "lap time" before she starts to wiggle out.

You would think a back yard would be scary for one only 6" off the ground but she now has little trails under shrubs, ground cover beds, and the pine tree. While I know the ground cover beds and flowers will come back they sure look weather beaten now. Very quickly after we first brought her home she discovered two or three "hiding places" in back of shrubs or under flower beds. Her favorite is back behind the ferns and bluebell bed under the dogwood. There she has made herself a comfortable (probably quite safe) bed on top of the Sweet William ground covers. If I were small enough I think I'd join her there as well. It looks like a little fairy land with shade, sunshine, colors and smells. And a few sticks to chew on.

Having a puppy means you have to learn the puppy language. We work on teaching "come," "stay," and all those important early commands. But she is also teaching us her vocabulary. Quiet mouthing and occasional licks means she likes the back rub you are giving her. The licks and mouthing become nibbles then grabs at the skin as she becomes more agitated. Usually this means there is a need to go outside for a squat. Even from the first day in our house she will sit by the door and give us a "help me" look to be let outside. It works only when we see her but lately she has given a little high pitched whine and even a bark to get our attention. Rub her back and she will roll over for some belly rubs. Continue and she will move about so that you can massage her shoulders, hips, legs, etc. Touch an ankle or elbow and she will lick your hand if she wants it massaged. I obey her requests only because the touch of her is magic to my fingers.

One has to imagine all that change occurring in your body. Limbs growing at unequal rates, muscles growing with each new adventure and the need to experience and learn, completely learn, your new environment. Sore muscles and joints must go along with that. (not to mention teeth and jaw changes) All this happens seemingly with a happy romp and a joyful laugh as Abbey is growing into a bigger version of her puppy self.

It's been said that it would be so nice if a puppy stayed that way, cute, fuzzy, button nose and all. But frankly I really enjoy, now more than ever, our adult companions. They are laid back, aware but also knowledgeable of what is going to happen. A puppy in their world is an annoyance that they put up with and occasionally even play some mouthing games with. Pulling coat, biting and even excessive barking are controlled by the elders and the subtle language is impressive. We spend days attempting to structure a report to accomplish something and they seem to convey the same narrative in a quick gesture, look and posture. So much to learn from our canine companions.

RMBCC Beardie Works September 2013

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

BEARDIE MINUTE

BRAGGS & WAGGS!

AUNT BEARDIE

THERAPY DOGS

MORE...

Braggs and Waggs!



Kim Krueger

Frapper got her CGC and PT. So she is Risa Caramel Frappuccino RN
PT CGC



Ruth Jeram

Sera - The day she earned her AKC Herding Tested Certificate!



Meg Naylor

Bieber and I had a great weekend at the Greeley shows with Best Of Winners on both Saturday and Sunday. This finished his championship at 18 months old with 4 majors! I'm so proud of my boy, **CH Gemineye America's Heartthrob HIC**.

Olivia and Norm Lazarus

Doris received two scores of 100 on August 9th and 10th, which were her 2nd and 3rd qualifying runs, to receive her first Agility Title NAJ (Novice Jumpers with Weaves).

<http://youtu.be/kxBolBa0b1c>



Membership & Website Report – Meg Naylor

New RMBCC Members

Judy & Chris Alexander
Regular Joint Membership
7128 Mt. Meeker Road
Longmont, CO 80503
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Judy purchased a puppy from Laura Tappero, who is also the Alexander's sponsor.

Welcome, Judy & Chris!

Thank you to members for all of your membership renewals, and especially for those that made donations to the club.

We Need MORE Brags for the next newsletter!
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Aunt Beardie



Dear Aunt Beardie,

Dear Aunt Beardie,

My big sister is afraid of thunder and lightning. She gets all shaky and nervous when one of those summer storms moves in. I tell her it's ok; we are safe inside with our people, but she still shakes and trembles. How can I help her?

Misty

Dear Misty,

A really good thing to calm a frightened dog is the Thunder Shirt. I have used it on my nephew several times during those loud storms. The Thunder shirts are available at most stores that carry dog supplies. It is not just the noise, but the smells, the barometer, and the sudden-ness of the disturbance that freaks out the Beardies. If your People do not have a Thunder shirt handy when a storm moves in, a snug fitting t-shirt or tank top may give her some comfort too. I did have to tie mine to make snug. Tell the people to be sure she is in a quiet, safe place. Sometimes it helps to turn on a fan or something with a steady noise that has background noise to it. They might try spritzing a little "Rescue Remedy" on her skin (avoid the eyes and face). That worked well for my people-Aunt Millie when she had to speak in church. Those are just some ideas I have tried or heard of. Good luck, Misty!

Dear Aunt Beardie,

What is a good game to play with my new little brother? He is about 3 months old and has a ton of energy and loves to run.

Vanna Playnow

Dear Vanna,

There are many good games to play with a puppy. Most important, be sure the play area is secure and safe. Also be sure no one gets hurt; like no body blows. You can flip a toy and let him catch it and then run away from him. He will love the chase game and it may just spark his little herding instinct. Have fun!

Aunt Beardie



My Therapy Dog experiences have been positive, meaningful, satisfying, fun and rewarding. I think it's one of the most unselfish activities you and your pet partner will probably ever get the chance to do.

Care facilities are equalizers. All kinds of people drawn together by illness. Time spent away from loved ones and familiar surroundings is stressful. Clients get real emotional when they talk of missing their pets. The positive human-canine interaction and medically-proven canine-assisted stress reduction is the focus of my work as a Therapy Dog volunteer.

We work for Denver Pet Partners (DPP). They service 63 care facilities and are one of several organizations that offer a wide variety of volunteer opportunities in Denver and surrounding areas. Each facility has its' own procedures, rules and scheduling opportunities. New workers start out being placed on a predictable qualification level, meaning that you will not be exposed to risky situations. Staff members are always on duty if assistance is needed.

The fun: It begins at home when I pull out Luke's vest. He jumps up and down. His enthusiasm is not to be questioned. His mom (Doris) and sister (Panda) look on with envy. I toss them a treat and we leave quickly. Luke transforms from the world of spoiled domestic prince to Rock Star status upon arrival at the Swedish Medical Center parking lot. It takes some time to get from the car to the

Volunteer office due to all the attention he gets along the way. Staff, visitors and patients by the main entrance look on and smile approvingly, so we stop and Luke receives smiles and pets. The receptionists at the front desk are next. They won't let Luke walk by without a hello and pets. If they're busy, we need to catch them on the way out or they'll look at us disapprovingly as we leave. Then we stop by the Human Resources office. They're wild about Luke. When we were introduced to them by my boss as we were getting our i.d. badge photos taken, all the HR women were in stitches and, at just the right moment, he rolled over on his back and the office went nuts. Numerous cell-phone photos are taken every visit.

A facility visit generally lasts an hour to hour-and-a-half. On a day like today when there were several room visit requests by staff and family members, I will extend my stay to 2 and a half hours. I continually observe Luke for signs of stress.

Due to an overall shortage of workers, opportunities are plentiful and flexible scheduling is available.

This is the type of work that you need to perform with commitment and enthusiasm. For social interaction, this is on a level that can't be beat. Almost all of the staff and clients we've visited during our year and a half of Therapy work are dog lovers, which paves the way for very pleasant experiences. Yes, Beardies know no strangers. Instant friends are made during every visit.

Humorous experiences are many. A frail elderly woman just out of surgery tugged vigorously as she tried to pull Luke onto the bed with her. A disoriented patient insisted that Luke was her dog and wanted him to come home with her.

Emergency rooms are of course intense at times. An Englewood police officer in need of immediate stress-reduction therapy asked to pet Luke after he was done helping his fellow officers strap a DUI suspect to a bed. A surgeon in the same area needed similar care during a separate visit.

Awkward moments are few - An elderly man escorted us to his wife's room because she's the biggest dog-lover of them all. Surgical gloves and contact warnings were affixed to the door. I briefly explained the situation to the man, got a nod of approval from the exiting nurse and, unfortunately, the visit never happened.

There's paperwork, reading material, training classes, continuing ed, a practical application test, some expense - all take time and effort. I think it's well worth it.

Best wishes, Norm Lazarus



3rd Annual Beardie Agility Day!

Saturday, October 19, 2013

Button Text

9:00 - 1:00 at Indian Hills (10 minutes west of C-470 off Highway 285

For our 3rd Annual Beardie Agility Day, we are fortunate to be returning to Diane DuBose's training facility in Indian Hills. Experienced dogs AND novices are invited, since we are planning runs and exercises for all levels of agility knowledge. Even if agility is not your performance sport, RMBCC members and their dogs are welcome and encouraged to attend just for the fun and camaraderie. The schedule for the morning is below:

- Coffee and morning snacks
- Warm up exercises using obedience and rally commands
- For novice dogs and handlers, Diane will discuss how to get started and what it takes for success. Everyone will be able to try out the equipment including jumps, tunnels, A-frame, dog walk, etc.
- Experienced dogs who are already trialing will run several courses
- And to finish, a RELAY RACE with everyone participating - it was the HIT of the last two events! Dividing into teams with novice, intermediate and advanced dogs, we set on the starting line....and wait for the baton.....
- Lunch will end the day

Cost: \$25 for the first dog and \$15/dog for the second or more. Please bring cash or a check made out to "Diane DuBose." If you are just coming to watch or cheer on the participants, there is no charge.

RSVP to Nan Matthews, nan@themattgrp.com with how many dogs you are bringing. You will need a crate, water for your dog, poop bags and a chair.

Directions: 10 minutes west of C470 off Highway 285 (Hampden Avenue). Head west into the foothills, exit at Indian Hills on Parmalee Gulch Road. From that exit, it is exactly 3.1 miles to Diane's house. Pass the fire station and elementary school on the right and two churches on the left. Parmalee Gulch will take a hard left curve. DO NOT TAKE THAT CURVE. Go straight onto the dirt road, which is Supai Road. There is a street sign on your left. Within 20 feet take a left into the first driveway – address is marked on a big piece of flagstone – La Boheme, 23782 Supai Road. Go up the driveway and park in the grass next to the agility field.

If you get lost, call Diane DuBose at 303-638-8062 or Nan Matthews 303-521-9780.

For any other questions or more information, contact Nan Matthews, 303-843-6414, nan@themattgrp.com

RMBCB Board Meeting

July 28, 2013

The first board meeting of the 2013-2014 club year was called to order at 10:31am at the home of Nan Matthews. Those in attendance were Nan Matthews, Renee Jarrett, Meg Naylor, Kathy Thomas, Christie McSweeney, Jill Floberg and Laura Tappero. Nancy was out of town for her job.

President's Report – Nan welcomed Laura and Kathy to the Board.

Treasurer's Report – Balance in our checking account is \$8,803.61. This is a decrease in funds of \$640 from the end of fiscal year 2012.

Secretary's Report – None. The secretary has contacted Peggy for the minutes from the last Board meeting and will contact Nancy for minutes taken at the Annual picnic.

Committee Reports:

Membership – Judy and Chris Alexander were approved for joint membership. Their application was presented by Laura from whom they have a new beardie puppy. The application was moved by Jill, seconded by Renee and unanimously approved.

Meg reported that nine member households had not renewed their membership at the time of the meeting. She will send another reminder at the end of August. We had 47 member households in 2012-2013.

Herding – Renee will contact Cathy Balliu for possible dates for an instinct test next Spring. April seems to be the most favorable time for the test due to weather.

Parties – Nan and Christie will look into the possibility of holding the holiday party at a member home or we may go back to meeting at a restaurant. Nan will also contact South Suburban Park again for our annual picnic. The date of May 17th was discussed.

Supported Entry – We will again hold a supported entry in conjunction with the Flatiron Kennel Club show the first weekend in June. There was a lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of holding a supported entry in 2014 due to low number of entries for 2013. Part of the problem of low numbers can be attributed to few local litters born in 2012. It appears that more puppies will be eligible for sweepstakes 2014. The board will try to communicate in a better way to the members next year to encourage more participation in the event. Jill will put out a call for nominations for sweepstakes judge in August. The decision to hold a supported entry in 2014 was motioned by Laura, Jill seconded the motion. All were in favor except for one negative vote. The motion was carried.

Health and Wellness Discussion Group – Nan again brought up the club holding a discussion group on the topics of health and wellness. The board agreed that it would be a good idea but we need to consider the best way to present the format. It was decided that we would have a facilitator but not have an official presenter for the different topics. Nan will send a survey out to the members to see what topics would be of interest and how long the session should last (1/2 day, full day). Members interested in topics could bring information on websites they have found valuable, etc., and share these with other attendees.

Bylaws – Kathy will contact Nancy about making updates, if feasible. Any changes would need to be put to a vote of the regular members.

Website – Nan requested that Laura submit a bio for the website. It was suggested that we might have a "for sale" area on the website where members could find homes for equipment they are no longer using (crates, x-pens, pop-up tents, etc.). We will also be adding a section for the yearly performance and conformation awards, and our versatility dogs. Kathy will forward the awards and versatility information for the past 10 years to Meg. There was also a lengthy discussion about using Weebly for our newsletters. This service is not private and would cost the club \$100 to make it so. There was also discussion about archiving newsletters on the website.

Christie offered to investigate the possibility of holding a beardie walk for club members. She will look at Washington Park sometime in September.

Nan will be contacting members about the different committees and their willingness to serve. A list of committee heads will be finalized at the next meeting and published in the newsletter.

Jill motioned to adjourn, Renee seconded, and the meeting was completed at 1:05pm.



FUN WALK IN WASHINGTON PARK WITH BEARDIES!

Saturday, September 21

Meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Northwest corner of Washington Park near the parking area by the lake (Downing and Virginia Ave. park entrance). No need to call- just come with your Beardie(s), some water, leash and poop bags for a fun walk around the lake together. Look for Nan Matthews and Kristi Sweeney and their Beardies – we will be looking for you, too.

Questions?

Nan Matthews cell #303-521-9780 (can call in the park)

Kristi Sweeney phone #303-758-1705