



## BEARDIE WORKS

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# JOIN US FOR THE FUN!!!!!!

**RMBCC SUMMER PICNIC**  
**SATURDAY, June 18, 2011**  
**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**  
**DeKoevend Park, Centennial, CO**

**A park for Beardies to run and play.....a pet photographer to take your dog's picture....the Canine Good Citizenship test...AND lots of Bearded items available for sale, so bring your checkbook or cash!**

We are returning to the ball park which was so much fun last year, but have decided to start earlier to avoid the summer heat. So play time starts at 10:00 am, and lunch will be served around 11:30. RMBCC will provide honey-baked ham, bottles of water and ice tea, and we would like everyone attending to bring a salad or dessert. There is only one table under an enclosure near the ball park, so additional folding tables, tents and chairs for the humans are needed.

## **Pet Photographer**

Heather Turner, a pet photographer, has agreed to attend the picnic to take pictures of your dog(s) or you with your dogs – whatever you wish. She will take multiple shots that you can choose from and is only charging \$20 for one 8x10 photo. Additional shots and/or sizes are available on request. We are setting up a photo schedule at 15 minute intervals, so please email [nan@themattgrp.com](mailto:nan@themattgrp.com) to get your name on the list. Photos start at 10:00 am. Please view Heather's website at [www.hpawprints.com](http://www.hpawprints.com)

## **Canine Good Citizenship Test**

Renee Jarrett has kindly agreed to run the CGC test at the picnic this year. Details on the 10-part test and how to practice are in the May newsletter. Please contact Renee for the sign-up form if you are interested - [razchaunce@aol.com](mailto:razchaunce@aol.com).

## **Directions**

6580 S. Vine Street, Centennial, CO 80122 [use this address for Mapquest] . Nearest cross streets are Arapahoe Road and University Boulevard. South Vine Street is the first light west of University. Bank of the West is on the south - Post Office on the north. Go north on Vine at the Post Office, follow the road until you see the South Suburban Ice Arena on your right. Pull into the parking lot and go to the east side. Take the bridge across the Highline Canal, down a little hill and picnic area will be on your right - the ball park is directly in front.

**Please RSVP for the picnic to Jan Schefcik, [jvsbooks@msn.com](mailto:jvsbooks@msn.com)**

# Presidents Message

by Nancy Shock

I'd like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to the 2010-2011 RMBCC Board of Directors for all their hard work this year. It has been an honor and pleasure to work with all of you. I know the RMBCC Membership appreciate your dedication to our lovely breed and appreciate all your efforts for the club.

Thank you to the membership of the RMBCC for all your support over the years and again for the wonderful job all of you did on the 2010 National Specialty.

I'd also like to say Thank You to the new 2011-2012 RMBCC Board of Directors under the leadership of Nan Matthews. I know that Nan and her board will bring many new and fresh ideas and I ask all of you to give her your full support.

I have said this many times before... some of the best friends I've ever had are because of the Beardies... I cherish all of you..

take care, Nancy





# RMBCC BRAGGS & WAGGS



From Olivia and Norm Lazarus:

## GCH CH Woodsong Pandemonium

Panda qualified for her Grand Championship at the Terry-All Show on April 9<sup>th</sup> by taking the Breed. She decided to top off her day with a Group Third Placement. Congratulations to Bob and JoAnn Morris Co-owners and Candy Hepner, Co-Breeder.

Also CH Woodsong Doris Daring RN HAS was tied for Bearded Collies Brood Bitch for 2010.

# RMBCB BRAGGS & WAGGS Continued...

From Mike and Becky Tupa:

Maureen has turned 13<sup>th</sup> and recently received a clean bill of health! Happy Birthday Maureen!

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From Joyce Ann Burgett:

In March in Canada, Winberlee's Back and Black, aka Bo took a Best In Show in Canada from the puppy class. So he also took Best puppy in Show and 4 other group placements. Bo is owned by Ann Rambaud and Ray Salmon and me. He is a 7 month old puppy out of my last litter of Ch. Winberlee's Picture Perfect, (Peggysue) RN, HT, VS and CH Diotima's Last Word( Scrum).

Bo's littermate Ella, Winberlee's It's Me Eloise took a herding group 1 at the fun match in Castlerock.

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From Nan Matthews:

RALLY SUCCESS! Carly (Ragtime Still So Vain) qualified for two legs of her Rally Novice title at the May 7-8 Mountain States All Breed Rally Trial with scores of 84 and 90! She was 9 years old in February so it definitely proves you can teach older Beardies new tricks! I hope to finish her RN title at the Longmont shows in June.

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From Kathy Thomas:

Audra, Ch Sherwood Cool Sequel at Summit CD RE PT, completed her pre-trial tested (PT) herding title at the Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club trial held over the Easter weekend.

Greyson, Britannia Sebring All Time High BN RN HT, completed the herding tested (HT) title at the same trials.



# RMBCB BRAGGS & WAGGS Continued...

From Jenn Sanders:



CH Nonesuch Riverhobo Catfish John CD RN RA

Catfish placed first in novice B Saturday and Sunday at the Mountain States Obedience Club AKC trials this May. The class was large with over 20 dogs competing each day. Go Catfish!!

# BEARDIE MINUTE

BY Mike Tupa

## Compassion and Empathy

Funny how at times of great calamity the humanity that is exhibited by our dogs can surprise us. A recent video on the internet news shows 2 dogs, survivors of the tsunami in Japan, resting in a mud hole of debris. One of the dogs is injured and cannot get up but his dog companion patiently waits by his side waiting for rescue, defending the stricken friend and providing comfort with a nuzzle or stroking paw or just with body warmth in the cold mud. The image is powerful, especially to any dog owner. The two dogs stayed that way, together, cripple and protector, in the mud, until rescue came. We are told they had to be forcibly separated so that the stricken dog could be taken for veterinary care. I hope both are already reunited.

The short video is powerful on its own. In one capsule it showed the need for support and rescue within a damaged society and landscape. I'm sure there are video's by the hundreds of families equally sharing their sorrow, protecting their elders and children, and aiding their neighbors. But for some reason this short clip held a driving statement of compassion and empathy in the midst of disaster. In 30 seconds the protection of one dog and the needs of the other were shown in a raw form with clarity and detail. We could all feel for the stricken dog and understand the warm tender emotion portrayed by its protector.

Those of us with dogs understand this example of empathy and caring. We see it most days and acknowledge the expression as another piece of our pet's special quality. Sadly, we often dismiss this expression as a pet seeking affection or another cookie. We train with treats and a pat on the head and assume that our dog is only responding with that goal in mind. We give commands and expect results offering a harsh word if they don't comply quickly enough. But the more I observe dogs the more I understand that their "view of the world" is more than the need of a chew chip or the touch of a human. It could be driven by their true caring for those around them.

It's an interesting way to see and understand dogs. They are creatures with a desire to please and a sense of empathy. And they combine those two attributes to provide support and protection when needed, even if not asked for.

Why is it that on those evenings when your back just hurts, down deep in the muscle, and as you lie curled up in your bed waiting for the medications to start working, your dog pops up on the bed, digs in and presses against your back to ease the pain? Is it a fluke or does she just know where it hurts. Or when you twisted your ankle somehow your dog just knows to walk slower, closer to your side, is more protective and less ready pull on the leash. Or when walking down the street and some noisy teens come running towards you. And your dog shifts sides to put herself between you and the teens, putting herself into a friendly yet defensive position. These are small things but examples of a great heart.

Those actions of affection and caring are not taught with the lure of another treat. They are the true essence of a dog. It's the "What can I do for you" offer of service and the genetic empathy for those around them.

I suppose I could make a connection about how dogs have the sharing and empathy genes built into them and it seems humans have to work at those two "human" qualities. And, I suppose I could point out how, in adversity two dogs do what they always do and as visible on many videos that humans do much the same. My focus in this series has been to look at the world through the eyes of a dog. And in this one short video the caring and tragedy of the tsunami experience was presented through the eyes of our canine companions.

And, I suppose I could say that if we could see the world as our dogs do maybe we would see each other differently. <

# AUNT BEARDIE

Dear Aunt Beardie,

My little sister keeps on stealing my people Mom's shoes and chews them up. It makes my people Mom very sad. I know that I am not allowed to chew her shoes. I know shoes are not toys, but Sis just doesn't pay any attention to me about the shoe thing. Aunt Beardie, can you help?

Chewy's Big Sister

Dear Sister,

Some pups chew shoes for a couple of reasons. Dogs like the texture of leather, the shoes smell like their people; and the young ones might be lonely and bored while they are left at home all day with nothing to keep them occupied. There are three things your Peeps can do for her. Make sure your Peep Mom closes the closet door tightly, to keep shoes out of harm's way. Make sure the next time Peeps take you to the pet store, they purchase a (veterinarian approved) chew toy for Sis. This one is a bit tricky and maybe you can help more than your Peeps can. If you catch little Sis with the shoe, just give her that warning bark that let's her know that shoes is not an acceptable "toy". Then ask your Peeps to say to Sis; "leave it", as they remove the shoe. The Peeps should not yell or punish Sis because she is not being a bad girl, she just needs to know the rules. My little niece tried the shoe-chew once. She responded nicely to my Peeps saying "Leave it" in a stern voice, and then immediately giving her a large chew bone. As soon as she happily took it, the Peeps said "good girl" in a nice soothing voice. Good



**Minutes of the Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection Board**  
**April 23, 2011**

Meeting called to order by President Nancy Shock, at 11:25 AM, at Jan Schefcik's home.

**Roll Call:** In attendance were- Nancy Shock, Jan Schefcik, Meg Naylor, Peggy Reed  
Jill Floberg, and Elodji Means.

**Presidents Message:** Nancy has thanks for Jan hosting another meeting for us, and Many thanks for the nominating committee for the great job selecting our new board. A motion was made by Jan to approve the minutes of our previous board meeting held on January 29, 2010, as published in our last newsletter, seconded by Jill. All in favor, minutes approved.

**Secretary's Report-** none.

**Treasurer's Report-** Meg shows the club as having \$11,095.45. And also reports that the RMBCC general liability and accident insurance coverage has been placed with AIG, Fireman's fund.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership-** Meg shows that about half of the club has renewed their membership. The deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup>. Meg wants to remind the club that any e-mail changes on the membership roster should go directly to her, as she is the one that sends the roster out.

**Parties:**

**Picnic-** Our annual meeting and picnic is coming up. The party committee has chosen the date of Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at DeKoevend Park in Centennial, it worked well for us last year, and we have scheduled the picnic to start at 10AM. The membership should have received an invite via e-mail by now. There was discussion about having a photographer come and do photos, for the members and their dogs, Nan has found a photographer for us, that will do an 8X10 photo for \$20, and Nan will be willing to coordinate this for the people that want a photo. Jan moves that the RMBCC have a pet photographer come to the picnic, Meg seconds, all in favor, motion passed. Renee Jarrett has graciously offered to facilitate a good citizen test. Jill moves that the RMBCC have a good citizen test available, and that we will accept Renee's offer to do the test, if we have a minimum of 4 people that sign up for it, Peggy seconds. All in favor.

**Old Business:**

**Web Site Update-** Meg, Peggy and Jill have been looking at other club websites, trying to get ideas for our web site. The committee has had several meetings and now has a good working idea of what updates we might want, the committee will keep us updated.

**Agility Judge bill-** The bill from our agility judge for the National, has been paid in full

**New Business:**

**Leftover Trophies-** The trophies that were not used at the national have been inventoried, and we were presented with a list, many of the smaller items will be brought to the picnic and the club will offer them for sale.

**Supported Entry-** Jan moves that we form a committee to look into doing a supported entry in 2012, Jill seconds, all in favor. The board makes a request to our membership, if you have any interest in serving on this committee, we would welcome your support, please contact any board member to let us know that you will help.

Elodji motions to adjourn the meeting, Meg seconds. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.  
Respectfully submitted, Elodji Means