



**ROCKY MOUNTAIN
BEARDED COLLIE CONNECTION**

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Nancy Shock

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and is getting ready to host the Bearded Collie Community in October. We won't be putting out another newsletter before the National and so I want to take this opportunity to "Thank You" for all your hard work these past few years. I cannot tell you how proud I am to be a member of the RMBC when I look at the many hours that you have volunteered to making the 2010 BCCA National Specialty a successful event. We are fortunate that all of this hard work builds us up as a club and strengthens the bonds of friendship and community. So in the midst of the kaos of the first week of October I hope all of you take the time to pause and sit back and smile and say "Well done" and enjoy the moments of friendship and Bearded Collie smiles.

Our summer got off to a great start this year with our RMBC Annual meeting and picnic. What a wonderful location to be able to spend a few fun hours together. Thanks again to Nan and Kathy Z. and Jan for organizing this fun day. The board decided that next year we should try and get the same loca-

2010-11 RMBCC Committees and Chairs

At the July Board Meeting the Board of Directors discussed the committees and chair positions.

Agility – Helen O'Connor
Awards – Kathy Thomas
Fund Raising – Laura Tappero
Herding – Renee Jarrett
Newsletter Editor – Tammy Begler (starting in November)
Membership – Meg Naylor
Obedience and Rally – Jen Sanders
Parties – Nan Matthews and Jan Schefcik
Website – Jen Sanders

EDITOR UPDATE

Mike Tupa
August and big plans ahead for RMBCC. If you don't have a part in the National BCCA Specialty coming up this fall PLEASE contact Nancy or Jill and see if there's someplace your skills and interests can be put to use. Bringing in over 300 Beardies into Colorado is no easy task and don't forget their human companions.!. And it's all right here in our back yard.

In October I turn over the Beardie Works to Tammy. It's a big job, takes time and someplace there's room for individual improvement. I am looking forward to see how she provides us with info and club news.

Hope to see you all at a club event or show or the Specialty.

President's Message continued:

tion and start earlier and buy less meat. The food was great and the dogs and their people had a good time.

The RMBCC Board of Directors met in July to plan out our activities for the 2010-2011 year. Not surprisingly we are very focused on the National for the first part of the year but we do have other events planned for the winter and spring. We will try to have our Holiday party and 'We Made it Through another National Celebration' on December 4th, board meeting January 15th, AKC herding event in May, and our annual picnic in June. We decided not to do a supported entry at any of the local shows in 2011. But, we are thinking of having some 'informal' Beardie Romps at the same place we had our picnic just as a fun way to get together and spend time with our friends and our Beardies.

I'd like to thank again Jill Floberg for her excellent service to the RMBCC as President these past years. Jill you have done an amazing job and the RMBCC is richer because of it. Thanks also to Don Means for serving as BCCA Treasurer. We all know how much time it can take and that there are many times when it isn't too fun of a job. Thanks also to Russ Kittle for serving on the BCCA Board of Directors. The RMBCC is very fortunate to have a strong membership with folks who are willing to volunteer their time and expertise.

Finally, it is with great sadness that I tell you of the passing of my sweet Stormy. She was 15 years and 11 months and gave me a great long life. I miss her every day and feel blessed to have shared my life with her.

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LOGOWEAR



You still have time, but get your order in **NOW** to ensure your logowear item, size and color. This supports *your* club, the Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection. There is a wide assortment to choose from, so follow the link below and take a look! E-mail Meg with any questions at: specialtywear2010@gmail.com

<http://www.bcca2010.com/logowear.html>

ORDER NOW

LogoWear Deadline is Approaching

Call for Assistance at the National

Nancy Shock

If you're looking for an easy way to help out with the National Specialty we need members to save old towels for the bathing area. We would also like you to save all your old grocery bags, newspaper bags, produce bags and any other bags you think would work to put out at the 'Poop Stations'.

I am also looking for someone or a group of people to sell catalogs. Duties would include selling all day at the Herding event, selling all day at the Agility Trial, and selling at the Obedience and Conformation events. You would also have a list of folks who had pre-paid for their catalogs and would distribute them also. This is a great opportunity to meet most of the people coming to the show. Please contact me if you think you could help even if it is for part of a day.

Mens sport
shirt - dark
green



Barn coat
Denim
blue



Barn coat Khaki

Outrigger
jacket red





Dear Aunt Beardie

Dear Aunt Beardie,
I am so confused about vaccinations! Some say every 3 years, some say they are dangerous, some say there are vaccinations that are needed every year! Can you help?
Yours Truly,
Wanda Watoodoo

Dear Wanda,
Aunt Beardie has no expertise on vaccinations. Maybe your people can do some research on the topic and talk to some vets about their recommendations. Some Beardie experts have additional knowledge on how vaccinations affect the breed. There has been a lot of discussion and I bet it continues for a while.
Yours,
Aunt Beardie

Not a lot of questions submitted to Aunt Beardie this summer. So not of response. Send in your questions and if Aunt Beardie can answer them you can bet we will post it.



For further reading on Vaccinations



World Small Animal Veterinary Association 2010 Guidelines: Vaccination Update - July 2010*

The recently revised World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) 2010 Guidelines for the Vaccination of Dogs and Cats define core vaccines as those “which ALL dogs and cats, regardless of circumstances, should receive. Core vaccines protect animals from severe, life- threatening diseases which have global distribution.”

Core vaccines for dogs are those that protect from canine distemper virus (CDV), canine adenovirus (CAV) and canine parvovirus (CPV). The WSAVA 2010 Guidelines Fact Sheets note that the modified live virus (MLV) core vaccines for dogs have a demonstrated duration of immunity of nine years or longer.

Veterinary immunology experts advise that vaccination for the serious viral diseases is only necessary for puppies, (with the final puppy vaccination around 14-16 weeks). Duration of immunity.....

Check Web page link for the complete study:

* <http://www.wsava.org/PDF/Misc/VaccinationGuidelines2010.pdf>

RMBCC BRAGGS

and Waggs.

Diotima's Heart Of Gold "Zeeva" went WB for 4 points at the Regional Specialty in June in MA.

Diotima's Heart Of Gold "Zeeva" went BOW for 5 points in MI this month.

So far she has quit eating remote controls.
Stopped with number 9 <BG>
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Patricia McDonald

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On Saturday, July 3rd, Luke achieved his grand champion title at the Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club show in Loveland.
Norm and Olivia Lazarus



A Letter of Thanks

Dear Members of the RMBCC,

I want to thank each of you for your cards, letters and gifts that were sent during my husband's recent heart attack. Knowing of the many friends and great support I have within this wonderful breed we all love is a bit overwhelming.

David is doing much better. The heart is very healthy and he is back walking many miles a day. (He can't walk alone as we are afraid he may lose his way home so I am also walking many miles a day. Perhaps I can lose some of the weight I have gained through the years.) We are still working on his brain function which seems to have taken a bit of a hit. He is home, but is continuing with outpatient rehab to work his mind. I see improvements but if you have ever met David you will know that it is not fast enough for him. He will be off work for at least a couple more

months and we will see from there.

Thanks again, I appreciate you all. Your continued prayers are welcome as we have a ways to go yet. I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming shows and of course at the Nationals in October.

Sincerely,
Kim and David Raleigh



Minutes of the RMBCC Annual Meeting

June 19, 2010

Meeting called to order by President Nancy Shock at 12:45 PM.

Held in conjunction with our annual meeting and picnic. Nancy thanked Nan Matthews and Jan Schefcik for finding the DeKovend Park location, and all the organizing for our event.

In place of a roll call we did a sign up sheet, according to the sheet members in attendance were: John and Jan Schefcik, Joyce Ann Burgett, Nancy Shock, Kathy Thomas, Mike and Becky Tupa, Norm & Olivia Lazarus, Janet & Russell Wood, Meg Naylor, Jennifer Wentworth, Kristi & Brooks Sweeney as guests, Duffy & Peggy Reed, Linda Abramczyk and guest Bink Smith, Kathy Zeschin, Sally Yerger & Jerry Gordon, Dean and Jill Floberg, Jody Martin, Laura Tappero, Candy Hepner, Renee Jarrett, Jody Martin, Jan Berger & guest Greek, Don & Elodji Means, and guest Paige Willingham, Jenn Sanders, and Tammy Begler.

Nancy announced the 2010 Slate of officers:

President- Nancy Shock

Vice President- Jan Schefcik

Treasurer- Meg Naylor

Recording/Corresponding Secretary- Elodji Means

Past President- Jill Floberg

Board members, Norm Lazarus (continuing 2 year term), Nan Matthews, (new 2 year term) and Peggy Reed (new 2 year term).

Nancy thanked retiring RMBCC Board member Russell Kittle.

Nancy also thanked Jill Floberg for the last three years as our club president, and thanked Don Means for being the BCCA treasurer for the past 4 years.

The new board will have a yearly planning and committee appointment meeting later this summer. Please let any board member know if you have an interest in working on any committees or let us know if there are any events that you would like to see us plan for.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The previous general membership meeting was held on December 5, 2009, the minutes were published in our February newsletter, Laura Tappero motioned that the minutes be accepted as published with no corrections or additions, Candy seconds the motion. Minutes accepted as published.

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

Meg Naylor reports that the club has a balance of \$8,311.00

Committee Reports:

Herding- Renee Jarrett

The herding instinct test was held on May 1st, entire report included in newsletter.

BCCA 2010 National Specialty- Jill Floberg & Nancy Shock

Nancy reports that things are great. The experience of our club members has really shown through this year. Well done everyone. Regarding fund raising for the BCCA, the club has fabulous items for our raffle. We have a 14karat gold necklace, \$500 cash, 5 nights at the hotel, a canvas print of the 2010 logo, or \$200 toward logo wear.

And regarding the RMBCC fundraiser, we have a framed stained glass of 2 beardies, or a hand carved statue of a standing Beardie, this is a one of a kind item And there is not a mold. These are available by raffle ticket only. Jody Martin has the tickets available at the picnic. 1 ticket for \$5, or 5 tickets for \$20.

Also regarding the RMBCC fundraiser we are selling grooming table covers and a limited number of Beardie bottles with lights.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Presidents Challenge Award-

Nancy will continue the President's Challenge Award, that was started by Jill Floberg. This is an award given to the member that sponsors the most new members to join the RMBCC during the year. This year the award went to Meg Naylor.

Committee Chairs-

Trophies

Candy Hepner told the club that the deadline for trophy donations is August 1st.

Candy thought it would be a nice gesture if the RMBCC members donated and showed support for the trophies for the National. "You can qualify for a trophy angel by donating \$250 or more and you would then get your name listed in the trophy angel section of the specialty catalog. You will also receive a special gift if you donate to the trophy

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angel level. If you would like any more information on this please contact Candy.

Newsletter editor

Mike Tupa has been the editor of our club newsletter, and the club thanks him for his efforts. Mike has “worked the bugs out” of the “newsletter by e-mail” and now he would be most grateful for someone to step forward and take over this job. Mike promises to mentor and give his full support to his replacement. Please think about this and contact Mike, he can give you the information on what this job would require. Also if there are any changes to the membership roster, such as your contact information, please contact Meg Naylor. The membership roster is e-mailed out quarterly.

Specialty logo items

Meg Naylor informed us that there are many items on the BCCA Specialty website, and reminded us to take a look as it is updated frequently. Meg showed us the Lands End all weather jacket, which has lots of features and comes in many colors. Also there is a great tote bag and a beautiful

blanket, many of these items need to be ordered prior to our national. If you see something you like, be sure to pre order so you won't be disappointed

Awards

Kathy Thomas presented the RMBCC annual awards, these are the awards that go to our club members that have written to Kathy with the information on titles that their dogs have received. Kathy gave out awards for conformation, obedience, rally, Canine good citizen, Herding, agility, versatility and versatility excellent. All information on the awards is to be included in the newsletter.

At this time, as there was such a large group of us and many people didn't know each other, we decided to go around the group and introduce ourselves and our Beardies. After the introductions Meg Naylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mike Tupa. Meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM



RMBCC Board Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2010

Board Members present at meeting: Nancy Shock, Jan Scefciik (also volunteered to take notes), Meg Naylor, Jill Floberg, Peggy Reed, and Nan Matthews

President's Message: Welcome to our annual planning meeting. Thanks Jan Scefciik for hosting us again this month.

Minutes of Previous Board Meeting:

- Previous Board meeting was held April 25, 2010. Minutes were never published because Nancy never typed them up.

Secretary's Report:

Elodji sent Nancy an AKC Survey. Board decided survey should be sent to the RMBCC membership. Nancy will pass it on.

Treasurer's Report: Meg reported \$8,292.59 as balance. There was discussion that we should look into another liability insurance policy for the club. Peggy volunteered to have Duffy Reed to take a look and see what can possibly be done.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Meg volunteered to distribute to the membership updates to the roster separate from the newsletter on a quarterly basis.

Old Business: Annual picnic discussion – we all really liked the new location and hope to have our picnic there next year. Ideas discussed were starting earlier and have less meat.

New Business:

- Yearly Plan:
 - o Holiday & 'We survived another National Party' December 4th
 - o February or March have a Beardie Romp
 - o May – AKC Herding Test
 - o Annual picnic June
 - o We decided not to have a Supported Entry in 2011
- Committee Chair Assignments:
 - o Agility – Helen O'Connor
 - o Awards – Kathy Thomas
 - o Fund Raising – Laura Tappero
 - o Herding – Renee Jarrett
 - o Newsletter Editor – Tammy Begler (starting in November)
 - o Membership – Meg Naylor
 - o Obedience and Rally – Jen Sanders
 - o Parties – Nan Matthews and Jan Scefciik
 - o Website – Jen Sanders
- Next RMBCC Board Meeting Saturday January 15, 2011
- Meeting adjourned



August 2010

Over the past month a lot of different topics have wondered through my head about what to share about my Beardies, what they mean in my life, and what I am to them.

Recently I came across a University study on “An integrative and functional framework for the study of animal emotion and mood” (Mendl, Burman, Paul, 2010) that attempted to do as the title implies. Those University folk say that they can address the emotions of our animals and describe how long term mood states arise from those short-term emotions and guide animal decision making. They hoped to measure animal emotion. The gist of the study was that animals have emotional states (surprise!), that those states drive response patterns (another surprise!) and that positive rewards (and emotional states) prove to produce positive mood states. But, the conclusion is that they cannot investigate directly with “biologically relevant and traceable phenomena and concepts.” What did it say? Got me. But you can look it up at the Royal Society of Biological Sciences Proceedings, July 2010.

The only reason I’ve allocated a paragraph to this study is that it so often fits into the mold of how we all look at the work we do with our dogs. Training a dog to heel, fetch, stay, sit, be your companion etc. takes time and is not an objective quantifiable journey. Books are good, trainers and classes certainly help, but nothing works better than spending time with your dog. There is no formula, 12 Step Method, Alpha Dog, or No Down Payment Plan for training a dog. You have to know the dog; I mean really know him, before you two can get the responses you need. I watched a “street person” (some would say “homeless”) walking the highway last week. Without a leash, verbal commands, treats or punishment his dog was following, heeling, keeping in step, responsive to his human, and when the person sat by the corner with his “need a job” cardboard sign his dog dropped next to him and promptly fell asleep. Certainly a dog well trained.

Some would say, “Poor Dog” but in truth that dog was behaving as we all hope our dogs will behave. Love of his human, attention to details, responsive to

needs, maybe offer a bit of protection when needed, and a good nap when his human sits down. There is no judgment about cloths, life style, economic situation, where they will spend the night, etc. Just love and responsiveness to his human. While certainly a life of difficulties it is a life shared and one with its little rewards for both the “street person” and his dog. (make a note: carry extra bottles of water for the homeless and their dogs)

After all these years with Beardies I’ve come to realize that we dog owners already know what the RS BSP study took months to assemble and volumes to say. We know our pets have emotions and that those emotions determine responses. We quantify our knowledge with the results we experience each day. And, we know what they didn’t study; that our Beardies create an emotional response in us, train us, teach us to be attentive, aware, and loving.

In my own way of thinking, Beardies are in some ways unique. They are very vocal about what they need, what they want, and they know how to ask for it. While not able to talk they are able to communicate their desires and wait for us to respond. They each study our response to a bark, or a lick, or a brush the side of the leg, or waiting at the door, or placing a ball at our feet, or at the dinner table’s edge, or hopping on the bed, etc. And when we give them the correct response we humans get a positive response from our Beardies. They are teaching us.!

And they do all this without the direction of a Royal Society journal published thesis.



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