



# BEARDIE WORKS

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# Presidents Message:

Dear RMBCC Member:

It is with a lot of pride and enjoyment that I write this first letter to you as your 2011-2012 President. It was just four years ago when I attended the herding instinct test with my 10 month old puppy, Bailey, that I started getting to know and be involved with the RMBCC. Little did I know how many friends I would make or how much I would learn about our wonderful dogs by associating with the Club. I encourage all of you to come to a meeting, join a committee or just set-up a play date with a fellow Beardie - it will make a big difference in both your and your dog's lives.

Your Board met the end of July and came up with lots of ideas which were reflected in the recently completed membership survey. 24 of you responded which is almost 50% of our membership! Thanks so much for your input and comments. From an agility day to tracking seminar to therapy dogs, we hopefully have created programs/events to reflect everyone's interests. A tentative calendar is included in the newsletter.

On a sadder note, the RMBCC is mourning the loss of one of our long time members, Jo Byrd Parker, who passed away on August 27.

Look forward to seeing everyone this fall or at our annual Christmas Party!

Fondly,

Nan Matthews  
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WHAT FUN WE HAD!!!

The annual summer RMBCC picnic was held June 18 at DeKoevend Park in Centennial with almost 30 humans and who knows how many Beardies in attendance.

The dogs loved the playtime in the park - watching 15 Beardies romp and run is a joyous thing! Their owners enjoyed the excellent food and honey baked ham plus the chance to buy Beardedie gifts at reduced rates. Renee Jarrett was kind enough to again run a Canine Good Citizenship test. Five dogs participated and everyone passed - even with all the distractions of dogs playing in the ball field and lots of tempting food on the table.

Overall, Heather Turner, the pet photographer, was well received and produced some good shots of both the dogs and people. The group photo above is from Heather as well as the beardedies below. Do check out her website at <http://www.hpawprints.com/>



# Jo Parker

*We will miss you...*

On August 27, 2011 we received word that our dearly beloved friend, mentor, breeder and judge had passed away. Jo is survived by Nancy Mallon and Carole Borra, 5 grand children and several great grand children.

Jo was a member for the Queen City Bearded Collie Club until it dissolved and then became the Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection. She enjoyed the clubs and was willing to pass on the information on the breed at any time. The dogs were the joy of her life.

Jo was very involved in the dog show world. While living in Texas she belonged to several kennel clubs and started out breeding and raising Cocker Spaniels. Then Jo went on to a long and successful time breeding, showing and judging Shetland Sheepdogs. Jo became interested in and bought her first Bearded Collie in the early 70's before they had AKC recognition and again had great success breeding, showing, and judging her new breed. She was considered one of the pioneers of the breed. Jo enjoyed traveling to many parts of the country to show her dogs and meet with many friends at the shows.

Jo was an American Kennel Club judge for several breeds, judging shows all around the United States. She strongly believed that dogs should be bred to the breed standard they were developed to be and to be able to do the jobs they were bred for. She was very involved with the Bearded Collie Club of America and was president of that organization at one time. On the local level she was a life member of the Flatirons Kennel Club Inc. and enjoyed working at their shows in many ways through the years. She also wrote many columns for different breed magazines.

Jo will be missed by many who learned from her vast knowledge.

Betty and Freed

# Aunt Beardie:

Dear Aunt Beardie,

My little friend, Cleo is so much fun, but she gets really anxious when our people leave for work. She has torn up their stuff a few times even though I barked her not to. I want to help but I tried bringing her my toys and sometimes she just tears them up rather than playing toys with me.

Cleo's Friend

Dear Friend,

There are several things that may help. First, communicate to your people that they should take both of you for a short walk before they leave in the morning. Then, let them know that they should get one of those toys to put bits of food in for Cleo to work at while they are away. She will probably work at getting the kibble out of the toy for a couple of hours and not be anxious. If your people are acting all sad and guilty for leaving the two of you at home, let them know they should not get all emotional. Cleo is picking up on that and getting anxious. Also let them know that they should be non-emotional when they come home. They can give each of you a dog treat when they leave, and when leave quietly so that leaving is pleasant experience rather than a big guilt scene. I know how challenging this is for you and your people. The other thing that makes anxious dogs feel secure is to have your people set up a smaller space or room for the two of you with a blanket, water, and perhaps a kennel with the door open; rather than having the run of a big empty house.

My Best,

Aunt Beardie

# Beardie Minute

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Mike Tupa  
September 2011

## Knowing Noses

Watching my girls on the floor in front of me last evening I was thinking about just what it is that makes our Beardies so endearing. Is it their cute black nose? There's so much character in that black nubbin. Our now passed Dylan had a blue nose and even that was the delightful part of his character. Notice how the nose "rubber" changes color back into the white hair. The whole wonder of the wet point of contact on a dog is worth at least an hour of on-the-floor examination. It reflects light and although black as tar it has a luster that reflects light and is a mirror to your companion's soul.

I know that a cool moist nose is the sign of a healthy dog. And I know that sun burn on the bridge of their snout and nose "rubber" occurs with prolonged exposure to the sun. A runny nose, one that changes colors, or one that bleeds, or when a dog just isn't poking her nose into your business, are all signs that something is changed. It may indicate anything from seasonal allergies, vitamin deficiency, bad food, foreign bodies, tumors, and any sort of malady. Yes, it's as important of a health gauge as feeling the forehead of your child to see if he has a fever.

The one part of a dog's nose that intrigues me most is that black part and how it morphs into the white skin on the top of the snout and how it continues down to their upper lip, covered with a nice white mustache. The delicate hairs on the upper lip are sensitive and I love just brushing them to get a reaction from my little girl. It's something so private and personal that she is surprised by my gesture and maybe a bit by my understanding of something that is so personal for her.

I know she thinks I'm a silly human for my attention to something she must not even think of. It's like her lightly brushing the hair on the back of my hand to see if I will give a reaction. Well, wait, she does that with my pant leg many times a day. I think she's playing with me!

Animals without fingers need their noses, snout and lips to manipulate their world. Picking up food at the point where they can't see it requires a strong sense of smell, sensitive lips and whiskers to give form and position to what is going into their mouth. And the nose of your dog is one marvelous

creation for that purpose. Smell and touch organized to put the teeth around something desirable.

At dinner the familiar nose is poking up under my elbow hoping for some attention and probably a piece of the meal I'm eating. Sometimes I think maybe she's nudging my elbow to cause me to spill something so that she can just snarf it up. A nose can find anything especially something that is worth eating, or anything that smells good.

In the morning when I let the dogs out they will almost always follow the back yard fence, sniffing for who visited our yard the night before. If a fox (frequent in our neighborhood) spent the night in our yard (and flattened my groundcovers) they know it, follow it's track and roll in the scent of the wild animal. (Disgusting!)

Dog noses are used to sniff out disaster victims, bomb, IED's, infections, and even lost sheep. The sensitivity of a dog's nose is legend and often, I believe, under rated as a feature and driving force of our beloved animal.

A fun experience for you to try. Close your fist and place it over your nose so that you have a "nose" like your dog. Doesn't the world look different? Your "nose" points to what you are interested in. It creates a focus, something to look down and something to look past.

I am waiting for the time when I am down on the floor looking at my dog's nose and she leans over and inspects my mustache. Maybe even just to sniff the remains of the evening's dinner. Now that would be something to consider. They are watching us as much as we are watching them. <->

# Norm Lazarus, Director

Name: Norm Lazarus

Board Position: Director

I've been a member of RMBCC for seven years and previously held the position of corresponding/recording secretary.

I was born in Connecticut and moved to Colorado in 1972.

I retired from the Regional Transportation District in 2004. I'm an avid music collector and an active member of a volunteer organization. I enjoy many activities, none of which involve time clocks.

Dogs:

Doris is the seven year old champion. She had one litter of seven and is active in agility, rally and herding training.

Luke is one of Doris' son and is three years old. He's a Grand Champion and is involved with tracking and agility.

Panda is Luke's sistern is a Grand Champion and is involved with conformation.

The dogs are from the Woodsong kennel. Doris was bred, and the puppies co-bred, by Candace Hepner.



# RMBCCC Braggs and Waggs:

## Braggs from Kathy Thomas:

Greyson, Britannia Sebring All Time High BN CD RN HT, completed his CD on September 17th; three times in the ring and three Qs with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 4<sup>th</sup> place, and finished with a 1<sup>st</sup> place. Not bad for an intact boy at 27 months.

Audra, GCh Ch Sherwood Cool Sequel at Summit CD RE PT, completed her Grand Championship at the Greeley Kennel Club shows.

## Braggs from Ruth Jeram:

My blue girl CH Britannia Spotacular in Blu, a.k.a. "Monica" got back-to-back Group Is at Rio Pecos KC in Roswell, NM Sept 10 and 11 and went BEST IN SHOW on Sunday.





# RMBCCC Braggs & Waggs cont...

## Braggs from Renee Jarrett:

Owen, UKC /INT and now AKC CH Mik-Ren Always and Forever, HT , got his AKC Championship at the Denver shows.

And his sister -

Ginger, UKC Champion Mik-Ren Forever isn't Long Enough went up over 2 bitch specials to get a 3 point major at the Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club in July.

## Braggs From Tammy Begler:

Kenda achieved her WPD (Working Pack Dog) title from the Greater Swiss Mountain dog club of America. She appeared in the GSMD of America Newsletter with her packing buddies. Kenda also completed a 70 mile high altitude Colorado hike this summer with her BFF Catfish and Jen Sanders.



## **Herding Instinct Test October 15, 2011**

**SAVE THIS FIRST PAGE FOR DIRECTIONS, SEND IN THE 2<sup>ND</sup> PAGE AND READ ON FOR OTHER REQUIRED INFORMATION**

This is a test to find out if your dog or bitch has the instinct to herd sheep. The dog has to be 6 months or older. This is not an AKC title only a RMBCC and BCCA title. No other tests or trials will be held on this date. Little or no training needs to have been done to participate. Each dog will have approximately 10 minutes, and the judging will start at **9:00 am** and go until we are done. I will place you as close to your desired time as requested. I will send you a confirmation of receiving the form, money, and your scheduled time through your email.

**Cost: \$35.00 per dog      Deadline: Oct. 7, 2011**

Send the enclosed form (disclaimer and information form--**2nd sheet only**) along with a **check made out to RMBCC with an AKC registration copy.** (Non-Beardies or non-registered Beardies do not have to send an AKC registration). If you have a ILP number or PAL #, either is fine. Re- testing any dog is encouraged too.

**Renee Jarrett**

**450 Green Mountain Drive  
Loveland, CO 80537**

Email: [razchaunce@aol.com](mailto:razchaunce@aol.com)  
Phone number--[970-667-8293](tel:970-667-8293)

Bring your camera, water for you and your dog, perhaps a snack, coat (check weather), and a chair. A port-o-potty is on the *premise*.

### **Directions to Cathy's place:**

**From the north**---take I-25 south to Hwy 52 exit (Dacona; Ft. Lupton--#235) Turn east on HWY 52 and go 9 miles to Ft. Lupton. At the 2nd light, (Denver Ave) turn right (south) and go for about 1 1/2 miles. This is Ct. Rd 27. There is a vegetable farm on the SE (Vallano Brothers). Turn left (east) on Ct. Rd 10. Go 1 1/2 miles look for Valdemar Farms mail box-- North side of road -- also a big red barn. Address is 14741 Weld County Rd 10. You will pull on the east side of the house and go through the gate and park against the south fence unless the field is extremely wet.

**From the south**-- You could take the same instructions as above turning off I-25 at the same exit (235) and going east on HWY 52, **OR** you could take another. Take I-25 to I-76 east bound to HWY 85 North (sign says Greeley/ Brighton). Go past all the exits for Brighton and look for Ct. Rd. 8. Turn east on it and go 1/2 mile to stop sign. Turn left (north) on Ct Rd. 27 and go 1 mile north to Ct. Rd 10 where the Vallano Vegetable Farm sign is. Turn east on Ct. Rd 10 and go 1 1/2 miles to Valdemar Farm--north side of road. You will pull on the east side of the house and go through the gate and park against the south fence unless the field is extremely wet. Keep this sheet for your information. If you would like more information about herding, go to [www.beaconforhealth.org/XARA/index.htm](http://www.beaconforhealth.org/XARA/index.htm)

**Send in the following sheet and a copy of the AKC registration to me ahead of time—by Oct 7, 2011.**

**For Breeders, make sure that all your local buyers of puppies over the last year or two get this information. Pups must be 6 months or older.**

All participants must fill in all information in the bold print area, and a copy of the dog's AKC registration (if the dog is a registered AKC Beardie) and send to the address below.

Send to: Renee Jarrett 450 Green Mountain Drive Loveland CO 80537

### Disclaimer Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that the Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection (RMBCC), the Bearded Collie Club of America (BCCA), the owner of the property, the tester, and anyone else assisting with the test will not be responsible in anyway for accidents or injury to dogs or persons attending the RMBCC Herding Instinct test or any event held on this premise. I agree to be held personally and financially responsible for any injury my dog may cause to the stock at this site. The owner of the stock will decide the severity of the stock's injury and will require \$100.00 for the injury per sheep.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(This information is sent in to BCCA for your certificate if your Beardie passes. If you don't have a Beardie, you may take this form once the bottom is filled out by the judge and take to your parent club if they give out herding instinct certificates).

**Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection--- Test Recording Form (Please print clearly if you want your certificate to be correctly done)**

**Breed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Registered Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registry AKC #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sex:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birth date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sire's name :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Reg #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dam's name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Reg #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dog's call name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Preferred test time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner's name :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Breeder's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner's address:**

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
(street address) (City) (Zip Code)

**Owner's phone #'s** \_\_\_\_\_ **#'s** \_\_\_\_\_

**Designate whether home or cell**

**Owner's email address to confirm:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Print neatly)

**Breeder's address (if different from owner's):**

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
(street address) (city) (state) phone number)

*Participants do not fill in the information below:*

Sponsor: Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection 10/15/2011  
Tester: Cathy Balliu Location: 14741 Weld County Road 10 Ft. Lupton, CO  
Stock: sheep Class: HIC Entry # \_\_\_\_\_  
Qualify: \_\_\_\_\_ Did Not Qualify: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge's Signature \_\_\_\_\_



**BEARDIE AGILITY DAY**  
**Saturday, October 1, 2011**  
**9:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**Indian Hills**  
**[10 minutes west of C-470 off Highway 285]**

Diane DuBose, an experienced agility teacher, has kindly agreed to host a Beardie Agility Day at her training facility in Indian Hills on Saturday, October 1.

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, all members and their dogs are welcome and encouraged to attend just for the fun and camaraderie. The morning schedule is below:

- ❖ 8:30 – 9:00 Coffee and morning snacks
- ❖ 9:00 am Warm up with all the dogs using obedience and rally exercises
- ❖ Experienced dogs run several courses which Diane will set up. [Ribbons or prizes will be given for the fastest, best jumper, or most enthusiastic]
- ❖ For the novice dogs and handlers, Diane will discuss how to get started, what the handler and their dogs need to know, and what it takes for success. We may pair an experienced handler with a novice handler, so everyone gets involved. Novice dogs will be introduced to all the equipment including jumps, tunnels, A-frame, dog walk, etc
- ❖ Relay race with all the dogs. Prizes for the winning team!!
- ❖ 11:30 am Lunch and play time for the dogs. Diane will set up her grill for brats or hamburgers. All attendees are asked to bring a salad or dessert. RMBCC will provide the meat, buns, condiments and refreshments.

Cost: \$5.00/person – bring cash or a check made out to Diane DuBose to the event.

**Please RSVP to Kathy Zeschin, [Kathy@zeschin.org](mailto:Kathy@zeschin.org) with 1) how many dogs are coming and 2) what you are bringing for lunch. Please have 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, contact 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](mailto:nan@themattgrp.com)

Please contact me for any corrections to the information in the Beardie Works!

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Thank you!