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## Beardie Minute by Mike Tupa

## PUPPY THOUGHTS

It's been said that all infants are universally cute, no matter what species, and that is one factor that bonds the parents, and others, to them. Certainly that works for humans and puppies. And I suppose for baby dolphins and chimps and most others. Although some species do eat their young.... Maybe that's just for mammals. Either way I can say that puppies are universally just plain cute. No matter the breed or the breeding. Always loveable, always worth a hug for the lick you receive.

Our new puppy, Abbey, is darn cute. Without bias I can say she's the cutest puppy of the litter even knowing that other puppy owners from that litter will counter that theirs is more special. Abbey came to us with her button nose, fluffy fur, and attitude. That was enough for her to fit directly into our home. Since that time her personality has emerged even more strongly and now it is hard to think of our home without her.

I know all puppy owners must feel the same. A puppy is crazy stupid at times. Beardies especially. They chew the chair leg even when a bone is right nearby. They want to dash out the door without even knowing what they are dashing out into. They play chase games with invisible friends running through the house with wild abandon. A leash is something to chew. Dry leaves are the snack of choice. That flower bed is a perfect place to hide and chew sticks. And she knows there is a special place under our bed that she can hide and dart out to lick our feet in the morning. (she doesn't fit under there any more). She grows so fast we are scared that she will never stop growing and become as big as Clifford the Big Red Dog on TV, still growing even when she's bigger than the house. We joke that when we put her in the kennel for the night, when she was a little one, she would emerge in the morning a full size bigger. We even weighed her evening and morning to make sure she was the same dog!

One phase we are happy to have behind us. Puppies will "mouth" your hands, wrists, arms almost continuously as their temporary "baby" teeth come in and as they fall out. Continuous mouthing with every opportunity. And we all learn not to pull our hands out of their mouth because it will only cause them to bite down harder. For anyone who has not experienced this adventure here's a summary: Beardie Puppies mouth, almost all the time. Everything is oral and anything that fits in their mouth is part of the environment that must be tested for taste, chew ability, or comfort. Thank god our son didn't go through that phase with our fingers. Well, fingers are especially special. I can say that Abbey never forcibly bit down hard to "chew" my hand or skin. She was always testing and when she learned that I would massage her gums she would take my hand for comfort as her old teeth became loose and her new ones started poking through the gums. Now with new teeth she is not as orally demanding and I can say that there are days with more soft licks then pokers testing your flesh.

Puppies also have other habits that are at times frustrating but all go through stages and we know that as one stage starts another ends. Right now she is a "ball dog". Can't get enough of running after a ball or stuffy or whatever you can throw and she bring back. We are working on moderation. Don't want her to go Border Collie on us. And she seems to understand. Run with a purpose, bring the ball back, and after a time stop for a hug. It all works out.

Carri is the champion of the house, the alpha bitch of the group, the one who teaches everything to the pup. She's not demanding or bitchy but she does teach by example. The ball game is one where she has taught Abbey to watch the ball, catch it in her mouth, bring it back to our feet, etc. Also taught her not to interfere when Carri is playing ball. In truth Carri also has taught by example how to sit on command, where the door is when you need to go out, how to respond to commands like "come, look back, stay, where is the ball?" and others. I believe she has also taught Abbey how to handle the daytime when we are away from the home. "Be quiet, sleep, wait, time will come when they return and then you can be a bit crazy for them." "Sleep at their feet and they will give you treats." "Don't take that ball from my mouth." And I'm sure there are more lessons shared.

I've written about dog-human language and how we share a conversation even when it's not in recognizable words. There are the usual words we teach that are important for her safety and our well being. But now we are working on the other part of the language and she is teaching us some of hers. An example: I let her out (usually at 3am) because she has awakened me with a soft nudge, we head downstairs and I let her into the back yard. She does her stuff, wanders around and I call her in. She always comes up to the deck and then looks at me, then the back yard, then off she goes to finish her toilet duties. On the way in she circles around me for a pat on the head, and I get another thanks at the top of the stairs. And another thanks in bed with a couple licks, usually on my hand as she snuggles into the covers at our feet. It's a subtle language we share but when taken in as a whole the inflection becomes clear.

A puppy brings a new dimension to the household. Especially one with older dogs already entrenched in the structure and routine of the day. The puppy investigates everything, is bouncy, is as excited about dinner as she is about a new (or forgotten) toy. Our household is now more energized and I find myself in her shoes experiencing my days with new energy and awareness.

Cute? You bet. A refreshing look on life? For sure. Worth the chewed fingers and chair legs? Without a doubt. This one is a keeper.

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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



**RESCHEDULED 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL  
BEARDIE AGILITY DAY**  
**Saturday, January 11, 2014**  
**12:30 pm – 3:30 pm**  
**Denver Dog Sports**  
**4300 Forest Street, Denver, CO 80216**



For everyone who was disappointed with our having to cancel the annual agility day due to snow, we have a new date!! On January 11, 2014, Diane DuBose has reserved the Training Ring at Denver Dog Sports – a beautiful indoor training facility - located at Forest and I-70.

Much of the program will stay the same, but with a larger space we can set up a course for the experienced dogs while the beginners are learning the ropes. As you recall, 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 afternoon is below:

12:30 – 1:00	Sign in and set up crates
1:00 – 3:00	Introduction to agility
	Warm-up exercises
	Newbies get acquainted with the equipment
	Experienced dogs run a few courses
	If we can, a relay race or tunneler course to finish

3:00 – 3:30

Get together in the break room for some sodas, snacks, cheese and crackers, etc.

**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](mailto:nan@themattgrp.com) with how many dogs you are bringing. You will need a crate, water bowl, treats, and a chair – and some snacks, if you would like.

**Directions:**

From I-70 going east, take Exit 277 toward Monaco/Dahlia/Holly. Merge onto Stapleton Drive. Turn right onto Forest Street. On the north side of the facility, turn left, go through the gate and park behind the building. Come in the back door.

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

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## Braggs and Waggs!



From Meg Naylor:

Bieber, CH Gemineye America's Heartthrob HIC, at the BCCA 2013 National Specialty winning **FII** month Sweepstakes class.  
So proud of my handsome boy!



From Ruth Jeram:

CH Blu Chip's Serendipity ("Sera") owned by Ruth Jeram and Kim Raleigh

BCCA National Specialty: 1st place 16 -20 mo bitch Sweepstakes

2nd place Bred-by-Exhibitor bitch Regular Classes

Sangre de Cristo KC, Los Lunas, NM: 10/10/13 Winners Bitch and BOS

10/11/13 Winners Bitch and BOS to finish champion

Valencia Valley KC, Los Lunas, NM 10/12/13 Select Bitch

10/13/13 BOB



From Janet and Russ Kittel:

Lexie competed in her first AKC herding trial at the BCCA National in September and received Reserve High in Trial for her Started run on sheep. She also was awarded Memorial Challenge Trophy for being the bearded collie bitch earning the highest score on sheep during the National herding events this year. Russ is enjoying training and both look forward to more herding in the year ahead.

From Kathy Thomas:

**NEW GRAND CHAMPION**

**GCh Britannia Sebring All Time High CD BN GN RE HT  
"Greyson"**



Greyson is owned by Kathy Thomas and Jill Floberg and beautifully presented by Kim Raleigh.

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**BEST BEGINNER PUPPY at the 2013 BCCA National Specialty**

**Britannia Brand New Day at Summit  
"Rayne"**



Rayne is owned by Kathy Thomas and Kim Raleigh.



Kathy Zeschin

Riley has completed 3 agility titles since turning 8 at the end of January. He finished his Open Fast title in February and then earned both his Excellent Standard and Excellent Jumpers titles in July.



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From Tammy Begler: Spencer and Kenda's backpack trip trailer



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## RMBCC Board Meeting

### November 3, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 1:02pm at the home of Kathy Thomas. Those in attendance were Nan Matthews, Renee Jarrett, Meg Naylor, Jill Floberg, Laura Tappero, Nancy Shock and Kathy Thomas. Kristie Sweeney was unable to attend.

#### President's Report

- The minutes from the July 28 Board Meeting were accepted as published. Laura moved and Nancy seconded the motion to approve.
- The Walk in the Park was a success, attended by 8 members and numerous beardies. It was Jill's 70th birthday so a celebration was held in her honor. Thanks to Christie for arranging this event.
- The agility day at Diane DuBose was cancelled due to inclement weather. We are looking to a date in January to reschedule.

#### Secretary's Report – none

#### Treasurer's Report

Our club balance is \$8,919.81. Insurance will be our major upcoming expense which is due the first of the year.

#### Committee Reports

Membership – Leanna Whitcher and Tam Bentley were elected as regular, joint members via an e-mail vote. Leanna and Tam have a beardie from Lynn.

Holiday Party – The party this year will be held on December 7th at MiMi's at 225 and Alameda from 11:00am - 1:00pm. The restaurant has agreed to billing each person separately. Nan will send an e-mail announcement to the membership in early November. There was discussion of having a cookie exchange as we did a few years ago.

Supported Entry – Balloting for the sweeps judge is underway. Nan informed the board that 16 ballots have been received at the time of this meeting. She will send a reminder out to get your vote in if you have not done so. Linda Taylor, Secretary of the BCCA, has been notified that we will sending the AKC paperwork for BCCA approval. The committee has decided to not purchase trophies this year but will use the Oak Hill Pottery remaining from the 2010 national specialty.

Herding – Renee has been in contact with Cathy Balliu for a date to schedule the herding instinct test. April appears to be the best time for Cathy's schedule. A possible date of Saturday, April 19 was discussed. When a firm date and time is confirmed, Renee will inform the membership.

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## Old Business

Website – The discussion regarding our use of Weebly for publication of the RMBCC newsletters was continued from the previous meeting. Currently, when a new newsletter is entered on Weebly, the previous newsletter is over-written and no longer available for review. Additionally, there is no security on the “free” Weebly account. Tammy contacted Weebly and learned that a private account could be established for a fee of \$100 per year. Among the benefits of this type of account is that it is privacy-protected and we will be able to archive newsletters. Nancy moved and Laura seconded that we expend the funds to purchase a private account.

Bereavement Guidelines - The guidelines were discussed and some revisions made. We will set up a Send-Out Cards since the original account has been depleted. Revised guidelines will be completed by Meg and sent to the Board.

## New Business

Dr. Kim Krueger has been certified for canine conditioning and rehabilitation. She contacted Nan to offer to conduct a program for the RMBCC membership. A basic conditioning course which could benefit puppies, dogs and older dogs would be a potential program. This would include basic core strengthening and proprioception (awareness of movement derived from muscular, tendon, and articular sources). Examples of methods for strengthening would be use of a wobble board, peanut ball for balance and strengthening, and basic ground exercises that do not utilize equipment. Nan will look into a possible date in March.

Renee has been approached by Hildy Morgan (as a representative of the regional Collie Club) to inquire whether the RMBCC might be interested in co-sponsoring a herding or obedience/rally trial as a fund-raiser for both clubs. After discussion, a herding trial was dismissed since most recent herding trials have not filled and could be a potential money loser. An obedience/rally trial, if held the Friday before an established conformation show when specialty shows are being held, could be a potential money maker. Renee will contact Hildy and discuss what would be expected from each club (workers, etc.) and how profits would be split.

The idea was presented about holding a “parking lot garage sale” in conjunction with the summer club picnic. This would be an opportunity for members to find new homes for gently used dog equipment (x-pens, crates, grooming tables, etc.). Kathy offered to coordinate a list of items member want to find a new home. A list of items would be sent to the membership a couple of weeks before the picnic so that individuals could contact each other and make arrangements for exchange.

The next meeting of the Board will be February 22, at 10:00am at Meg’s home.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28pm with Jill making the motion and Laura seconding.