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Presidents Message

I hope this newsletter finds all of us staying warm and healthy. It is not winter yet but the weather sure is behaving like it. Remember to keep the dogs in on these cold days and nights.

We had a good turnout for the agility day. Lots of fun was had by all. Our herding day was postponed until spring. We should have lots of puppies old enough to try their paw at sheep herding. We have lots of fun things planned in the spring for our 4 legged friends and us. We hope to see you at some of our events.

I want to congratulate Jill Floberg for being chosen to judge at our Supported entry May 30, 2015.

Don't forget our Christmas Party on Dec 7th at Mimi's café. We had such a good time last year we decided to go back. Remember to bring that great Beardie gift for the exchange and cookies for sharing. There is more info in the newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you at some of our Beardie events or at some of the shows this coming year.

Enjoy your Holidays and have a very Happy New year!

Laura Tappero

2014-2015 President



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Holiday Party!!

December 7, 2014

11:00 - 2:00

Mimi's Cafe

Email Sally to RSVP

Please join us for the

ROCKY MOUNTAIN BEARDED COLLIE CONNECTION'S

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

WHAT: Food, Fun, Gift Exchange and Holiday Cheer

WHEN: Sunday, December 7 - 11:00 am-2:00 pm

WHERE: Mimi's Cafe

205 S. Abilene Street

Aurora, CO 80012

303-364-6464 (tel:303-364-6464)

Breakfast or Lunch?

We will have breakfast and lunch options that you can order off of Mimi's menu. Everyone is responsible for paying for their own meal – Mimi's has asked us to only pay with a credit card.

Gift Exchange: If you would like to participate, bring a wrapped dog-related gift for the Beardie loving human in the club. Please keep gifts in \$10-\$15 range.

Cookie Exchange? For our dessert, please bring two dozen of your favorite holiday cookies. Some we will eat, and the rest we can take home to share with our family and friends.

RSVP: By December 1 to Sally Yerger, sallyyerger@comcast.net (<mailto:sallyyerger@comcast.net>) or 303-931-9956 (tel:303-931-9956). Please give her the name(s) and number of people attending.

Directions:

Mimi's is located in Aurora near I-225 and Alameda. Take the Alameda exit off I-225, go east, and then turn north on South Abilene. The restaurant will be on your left hand side.



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Beardie Minute by Mike Tupa

November 2014

YAWNING AS A MEASURE

Lately I've been digging into that multi volume kings, queens, crows, lions, deirwolves and dragons tale that creates a whole world which at times is more engrossing than real life outside the pages. A couple pieces of the story grabbed me that are worth sharing here. Within the story (no give-away here) one family is linked to a particularly large breed of wolf. The link is critical to their life and explores people sharing the thoughts, smells, and senses of their "pet." The close bond is a critical part of the story line (oops, sorry) and links this fanciful tale to some real life events that we experience with our pets.

Dogs in our life are neither out hunting game nor taking down knights who threaten us but we do share a lot of emotions and that interaction is what creates the tight bond. As an example, a recent study from Japan caught pet dogs yawning when their people yawned. That sensitivity of the humans was a surprise because the dogs never yawned when other people, not their owners, yawned. The study from University of Tokyo concluded that "this attachment can shape the dog's responses in a way similar to humans, that is, to be more sensitive to a familiar yawn than to a stranger." Goodness. I've seen it with dogs in my home. I yawn and they yawn, I go for the refrigerator, they follow, I hit the couch and they find the cozy corner, I sit at the dinner table and they sit under my feet, I'm particularly sad or feeling pain and they are in my lap, etc.

I like to think it is kind of like pulling out your smart phone while standing in line and watching to see how many others do the same. Like a good reflex yawn we all react to these little gestures with a matching response. Wave to a stranger and they will wave back to you.

There are generalizations about dogs being creatures needing a pack leader, living on instinct with minimal mental reasoning, or being creatures which are only the object of human emotional surrogate. I've learned these are all bunk. Dogs are creatures with a special outlook on life, creatures which demand emotional attachment, and strive to be companions. Their motives are directed while often overlooking their own needs to be part of our life. And often their actions direct what we do. After all, there are times when I do believe my Beardie is asking me and then taking me for a walk and not the other way around.

The point here is that our dog companions are so much part of our interactive environment that we just don't think of their reactions to what we do as being special or purpose driven. I grew up on a farm where animals were just animals. No real connection between the cows in the barn and my feeding or milking. Yes, some had their temperament. Some even affectionate but nothing I could point to that tied me to their personality or tied them to mine. The dogs in our homes are different. There is a bond there that lasts a lifetime and lives beyond their time with us.

Somehow they imprint us with their behavior, without talking communicate with us, expect us to react to their actions, and maybe even share their dreams during those dream filled full moon nights outside the castle walls. <

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Braggs and Waggs!

Meg Naylor



Ernie achieved her Versatility Award and was presented her certificate at the BCCA National Specialty!

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As a registered dog with TDI, we have started Therapy visits to senior facilities.

Molly McNamara

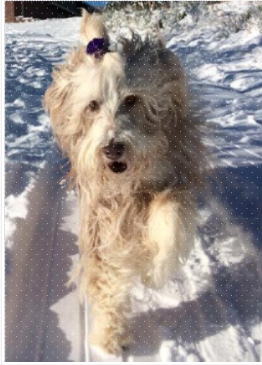




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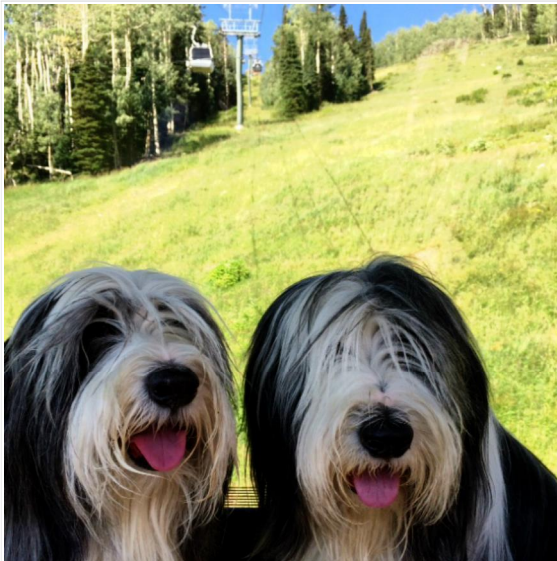
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Kathy Zeschin



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Aunt Beardie



November Aunt Beardie November 4, 2014

Dear Aunt Beardie,

My big brother has jumped up on people ever since he was a young pup. Well, now he is a big boy and he still jumps up on people. My people yell "get down" and "off", but the next time he does it again. Is there anything my people can do to stop him from jumping? Like, why can't he just wag the way I do?

Thanks, Aunt Beardie,

Wanda B Agoodog

Dear Wanda,

I read in a dog behavior book that jumping up on people is a form of dominance rather than a simple greeting. It is cute when puppies jump up on people, but a 50 pound Beardie can do some damage, so your people need to work on controlling your brother and eliminating the jumping. Most trainers tell people to have the dog sit to get a treat and be petted. If the dog jumps up to greet the person, he does not get petted or get the treat. Start over with the dog sitting, have the person walk up to pet the dog or give a treat. The dog gets petted and the treat only when he sits still and doesn't jump up on the greeter. This takes a persistent approach and some time, but it works. Also, your people should have the dog sit when they get home after being away for a while to keep the behavior consistent. And they may want to have the dog sit before and after releasing him from his kennel, if he is kenneled for a short time, as well as any other time the dog is inclined to jump up.

Sincerely

Aunt Beardie

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AGILITY DAY 2014! What fun!



We had our 4th annual Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Agility Day, and it was a beautiful day in Colorado. We were in Indian Hills enjoying 70 degree weather. A dozen or so including both beginners and experienced, brushed up on basics, ran some courses, and had great fun with the real great chili lunch topped it off!

Linda's friend from Steamboat joined us, and Cathy has full outside agility arena to our club. Once the snow has melted, think about a Beardie Agility weekend up in Steamboat



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Beardie Walk in Georgetown



A Walk In Georgetown

Jody Martin who lives in Georgetown, kindly agreed to be our hostess, planning a lovely early Fall walk around one of Colorado's prettiest mountain towns on September 20th. Of course, our Beardies were invited, too! It couldn't have been a prettier day for a walk around town. We got plenty of attention for our good looking dogs and most everyone in town knew Jodie's Bea. Along the way, Jodie's neighbors set out water for the dogs and greeted us. After a nice walk, we went back to Werlin Park for a picnic and an off-leash romp (dogs).

Our 6 dogs herded a few poor dogs who joined them in the dog park. A fun day for most!

We welcome your ideas if you have a park that would be a nice place to walk the dogs this spring!

Kristi Sweeney
Events Coordinator RMBCC



RMBC Board Meeting Minutes

November 23, 2014

The meeting, held at the home of Kathy Thomas, was called to order at 10:56am. In attendance were Nan Matthews, Renee Jarrett, Meg Naylor, Olivia Lazarus, Laura Tappero, Jill Floberg, and Kathy Thomas.

The minutes from the July board meeting were read and approved as published; motion for approval from Renee and seconded by Meg.

President's Report: Laura wanted to make sure that everyone had her updated e-mail address: shanaspree@q.com.

Treasurer's Report: The club treasury has \$8,868.03. The balance reflects all expenditures since the July, 2014 report and includes the donation to hospice in memory of Gail Wall. The next large expense will be the club insurance which comes due at the first of the year.

Secretary's Report: The club received two cards of thanks: one from Helen O'Connor (and Gail Wall's family) thanking the club for the card and donation in Gail's memory; the second was from the Sangre de Cristo Foundation thanking the club for the donation to the hospice that assisted Gail.

Membership: Meg reported that all members renewed their membership except for three families.

Herding Instinct Test: Renee has been in contact with Cathy Ballui and it appears that the next instinct test will be scheduled at the end of April.

Annual Picnic: Nan will make reservations for South Suburban Park after the first of the year. The preferred date will be May 16th.

Website: Meg requests that anyone that has items to add to the calendar to please contact her. There have been some glitches with adding pictures to the website but with the help of Karen Norteman we can continue to add/update photos.

Supported Entry: Congratulations to Jill on being selected as our sweepstakes judge for 2015. The AKC paperwork has been completed, signed by Linda Taylor (BCCA Recording Secretary), and sent to AKC. Kathy gave a copy to Jill to send to Flatirons with our signed contract. Nan will contact Onofrio at the appropriate time regarding the number of dogs/class so we know the number of trophies to have on hand and ensure that rosettes are ordered. We will utilize our trophy cache for the class placements but will purchase items for the BB, BOW, BOS, Selects, and BIS/BOS (both puppy and veterans).

Holiday Party: This year's holiday party will be December 7th at MiMis. Nan has sent out announcements via e-mail.

Obedience/Rally/"Manners" Day: The potential dates for this program will be in mid-March. Nan will contact Blue Springs to secure a date (either Mar 15th or 22nd). The program will be aimed at general manners training but could go more indepth depending on the attendees. The hope is that attendees will leave with the tools needed to ready their beardie for the CGC test which we plan to have Renee offer at the annual picnic.

Agility: The agility day held in October went very well. Meg informed us that a friend of Linda Abramczyk in Steamboat Springs has a outdoor agility facility. We have been invited to have club members travel to Steamboat for an agility day next June. More details will be forthcoming.

New Business

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Nan presented to the board a flyer for a potential seminar in Canine First Aid and CPR. She will send the flyer to the members via e-mail to ascertain if there is interest in sponsoring such an event.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 pm (with a 30 min lunch break during the meeting) with a motion from Nan and seconded by Olivia.