



RMBCC Beardie Works December 2022

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Board Members: Meg Naylor Nan Matthews	Therapy Dogs/ScentWork: Norm Lazarus Olivia Lazarus	Membership/Insurance /Taxes Meg Naylor

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR: Laura Tappero

While my duties as chair might make you believe I am the bearer of bad news, let me reassure you that I can bring good news also. Especially the good news as it pertains to your Beardies accomplishments. But, and this is the biggy, *I can only do this if you, the membership, lets me know.*

We all mourn when we lose our beloved pets or a family member. It's important that to know how much yoursadness at this time is shared.

If you have news for me, good or sad, please e-mail me @ Shanaspre@Q.com



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From Our President December 2022

RMBCC members,

As autumn slips into winter in Colorado and we prepare for the upcoming holiday season, I wish all of you are able to spend time with those you love.

I am caring for my sister's Lab and Corgi for a week. My sweet Beardie, Joy, loves the cold weather. She happily sits out on the deck on a frosty morning and watches the day get started across the Animas Valley. The Corgi will join her for a while, but it's the Lab mix that is so funny... we've decided his tail gets cold, and he wants inside as soon as his morning business is done. The look that Joy gives him clearly says "Whimp" as he demands to come in. Ya gotta laugh..

I hope some of you attended the club's Holiday Party on December 4th at the Aquarium Restaurant. I tried to find a place with good parking, in the middle of the metro area, and a menu that offered a variety of food choices. Unfortunately, due to some Elder Care scheduling conflicts I won't be able to attend. I will be there in spirit... take pictures and share your smiles with me.

May our Beardie community stay strong and active. I know many are struggling with all types of challenges. Hug your Beardie and let them bring a smile into your heart.

Take care all,
Nancy





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RMBCC Board Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2022

The meeting commenced at 7 PM.

President's Report: The annual BCCA meeting was attended by Olivia Lazarus. Kudos to Karen Deitke for designing the advertisement for the catalog for the National Specialty

Secretary's report: The minutes of the previous July 30, 2022 Board meeting were corrected and approved. The correct amount sent to National was \$250, not \$275.

Treasurer's report:

Beginning balance: \$7456.35

Ending balance: \$7179.59

It was moved and approved that the club purchase a holiday sheepdog lighted porch decoration for \$39.95.

New Business

Committee Reports

Agility: dog foundation conditioning has been postponed.

Awards: Kathy Zeschin and Olivia Lazarus achieved awards. Luke and Norm Lazarus received an award from BCCA for all the volunteer work they have done at the hospital. This is the second year they have received this award.

Constitution and Standing Rules: No report

Herding/instinct: Herding chair vacant. Nan Matthews offered to work with Meg Naylor to put on an instinct test at Kerry's facility

Membership/insurance/taxes: Meg Naylor reported no new members, and one non-renewal.

Hospitality: Chair is vacant. Members were surveyed about the holiday luncheon which will be on Dec. 4. Results of the restaurant and time TBA.

Newsletter: Nan Matthews Deadline for submission is Nov. 18, 2022.

Therapy Dogs: Norm Lazarus' award was reported in the August Beardie Works.

Scent Work: Not scheduled as not much interest.

Barn Hunt: Not scheduled as not much interest.

Condolences: Lara Tappero reported sending cards.

Fast Cat: Karen Deitke put information in the newsletter.

3. General Ideas

Walk in the park

Having a professional photographer photograph our Beardies perhaps during the annual picnic.

Games to play with your beardie

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Deb McAlister, secretary

BRAGGS AND WAGGS

Norm Lazarus and Luke



Luke received the Andrew Award at the National BCCA Dog Show this year for having the most Therapy Hours for 2021.

In May of 2012 Luke started working as a Therapy Dog. He has volunteered at Swedish Medical Center for 10 years.
Congratulations to Luke and Norm.

B.J. Walker and Cooper



On October 14, 2022, Cooper won BOB at the Continental Divide Herding Association dog show in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Congratulations to Cooper!

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Becky and Mike Tupa and Maureen

Our sweet departed, but never forgotten, Maureen (CH Sweetheart Beauchien CD RN HT) received her Register of Merit Excellent from the BCCA.

Colleen Fitzgerald and Cormac



A frisbee Halloween hat....

Nan Matthews - Dulcie and Skye



A senior – Dulcie at 14 – and a youngster – Skye at 2 –
enjoying the fall leaves after a long walk.

Karen Deitke – Kindle and Linus



Kindle:

Agility Fast Open, BCCA Versatility Excellent Award



Linus:

Agility Master Fast Preferred, Master Jumper Preferred 9, Master Agility Preferred 6

Congratulations to both Kindle and Linus!

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NEWEST PERFORMANCE SPORT FROM AKC!!



Sure, you think your dog is fast. But have you ever wondered *how* fast? Can your dog outrun Usain Bolt, who has been called the fastest runner in the world? They just might: Usain's fastest time has been clocked at almost 28 mph – yet dogs have been known to reach speeds of 35-45 mph.

Well, you no longer have to wonder how fast your dog can run. Fast CAT® – which stands for Coursing Ability Test – is a timed 100-yard dash where dogs run one at a time, chasing a lure. It's over before you know it – and it's nothing short of awe-inspiring to watch your dog run at top speed, ears back, eyes focused, legs strong. And if your dog is *really* fast, you might earn bragging rights if their name makes onto our list of top 20 fastest dogs by breed! All dogs can participate in Fast CAT, whether purebred or mixed breed.

Fast CAT is a timed straight 100-yard dash for dogs. Dogs are held at the start line, and the coursing lure is activated prompting the dog to follow chasing it to the finish line and into a catch pen. The

course is completely fenced, and dogs are run individually.

- A. The dog's time to complete the 100 -yard dash is converted into MPHs using the formula below, rounded to the nearest hundredth of a mile:

$$204.545 / \text{Dog's Time} = \text{MPH}$$

Example: The dog's time is 8.14 seconds.

$$204.54 / 8.14 = 25.13 \text{ MPH}$$

- B. A handicap system is applied to a dog's MPH to determine the number of points earned. The handicap system is based on the height of the dog at its withers:

- 18" or greater = handicap is 1.0.
- 12" up to less than 18" = handicap is 1.5.
- Below 12" = handicap is 2.0.



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- C. Points = MPH multiplied by the dog's handicap. Titles are earned at specific point levels and the highest suffix may appear after the dog's name:
- BCAT = 150 points
 - DCAT = 500 points
 - FCAT = 1,000 points
 - FCAT# = Each additional 500 points

Top 20 by Breed by Year: The AKC Fast CAT website will feature the Top 20 Fastest Dogs by Breed by Year national standings. The standings will be updated as event results are processed.

If you are interested in trying Fast CAT, contact Karen Deitke karen.deitke@gmail.com. If enough people sign up, she will set up a course in the spring for Beardies.



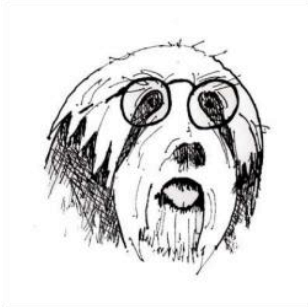
SAVE THE DATE
Friday, May 26, 2023 -
morning

BCCA Herding Instinct
Test

Elizabeth, CO

Judge is Carrie Sparks

Aunt Beardie



Dear Aunt Beardie,

My humans are getting ready for holidays, and they expect guests. Food and decorations are everywhere. My little cousin, Vinny investigates everything that comes into the house. I am concerned that he might get into something that is bad for him. What should I watch out for, and what should I keep him away from?

Sincerely,
Minnie

Dear Minnie,

You are wise to be concerned about holiday items that are harmful to the little ones. Every holiday season I remind my humans of the dangers to my little darlings.

Some of the decorations are even poisonous! Common holiday items that may tempt Vinny include chocolate and Poinsettias. The pups like to explore the Christmas tree also. The needles can be very harmful to their little intestinal tracts. Flocking is bad news too. Live trees are often treated with preservatives to make them last longer. But the preservatives mixed with the water can be poisonous if the pup were to drink it. Tinsel is tempting and can cause intestinal obstruction if pup eats it. Ornaments can be tempting. Lights can be tempting. (Since your humans are having company over the holidays, there just might be some medicines around that need to be kept away from the pups). Acetaminophen, antidepressants, Ibuprofen, Naproxen, allergy and cold medicines; especially with ephedrine, and many more medicines must be kept in a place safe from the pups.

Communicate to your humans to put all those tempting, dangerous things in a place that is secured. And Minnie, you can keep pups entertained with tug toys or a game of ball, or even “zoomies”. Your humans must watch the pups too. They might provide entertaining treats such a safe chew bone, or a lick-o-mat in their kennels during busy times. And the good news is that often the holidays bring fun new toys for the pups!

Enjoy!
Sincerely,
Aunt Beardie

"Aunt Beardie welcomes your thoughts or suggestions on her newsletter articles. Email your thoughts to becky2pa@aol.com."

Get to Know Your Board

Board members were asked to write about the first time they saw a Beardie and knew it was the breed they wanted in their hearts.



Nan Matthews and Bailey

I grew up with Lassie Collies; then had two Samoyeds after moving to Colorado; and after seeing an Animal Planet show about agility decided that I'd like to get a dog who would be good at that sport. After some research and visiting several agility trials, learned that herding dogs were generally considered to be the best in. Didn't want a Border Collie since my brother had one and it was way too hyper for me, but kept noticing this black and white, shaggy, medium size dog called Bearded Collie.

Met a few Beardie owners who told me the breed very smart, liked to "have a job," and loved their owners. Found two breeders who had puppies, and after sitting in a pen with five squirming, joyous, enthusiastic youngsters knew a Beardie was for me. Bailey, Ragtyme Mister Soul Man, joined our household, and for eight years he and I happily ran agility courses earning a Novice title and several legs in Advanced. He went to the Rainbow Bridge last year at 15 ½, and I hope he is still weaving and jumping his way through the meadow.

Karen Deitke



My Journey to the Bearded Collie started with my first childhood dog, Starr. I picked her from a litter of 6 puppies when I was 12. The 5 other puppies had standard "fur", but this one had hair, and was different, which drew me toward her. No idea what breed she really was.



In my 20's I moved to Colorado, bought a house and was ready for a dog. I loved hairy dogs like Starr but wanted something a bit bigger, but not too big. I was in search of a medium sized long haired dog. However, because of cost, my search was limited to rescues. The closest

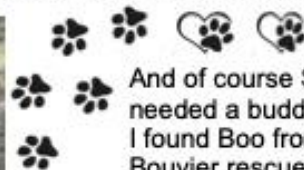
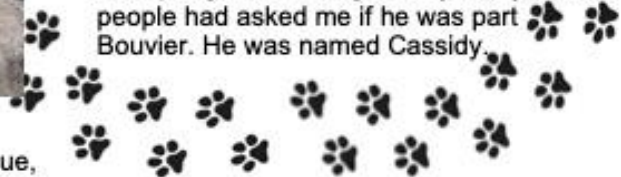


Cassidy lived 14 years and I felt lost without him. He was an amazing dog and was fully trained from day one. I was in search



I could find was a large long haired dog. He came from The Denver Dumb Friends League. He was labeled an Old English Sheepdog mix. Though many many times people had asked me if he was part Bouvier. He was named Cassidy.

of another long haired dog with a similar temperament, even contacted the Bouvier rescue, but there were none. Then I stumbled across the description of the Briard, a "Heart Wrapped In Fur", I felt this was the breed for me. Then came Sulley



And of course Sulley needed a buddy so I found Boo from the Bouvier rescue and they made quite a pair!

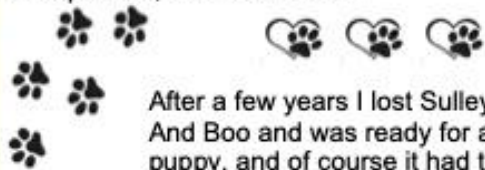


When Sulley & Boo were 9, life was ... hard...I needed an outlet, a hobby to invest myself in. I wanted to try agility but Sulley & Boo were getting up there in age. I had come to love the hairy herding

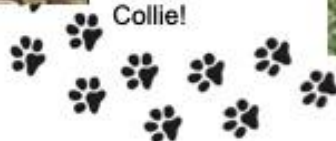
dogs so thought of the bearded collie. And honestly I wanted something a bit smaller. I got Linus from the BCCA rescue at 6 months old and he has been the best dog, best agility dog, best companion, but not smaller!



After all these years I realized that the medium sized long haired dog I was searching for so many years ago was the Bearded Collie!



After a few years I lost Sulley And Boo and was ready for a puppy, and of course it had to be a Bearded Collie, so along came Kindie!





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A Beardie Minute

by Mike Tupa

Is it Fact. Is it Fiction

Often find interesting bits of topic that could be true or real but probably are not either. The following is an article that falls into those categories. Take it for what it's worth. (I prefer to believe every word). There was no reference or author noted, so read on. Unlike "Social" media there is no opportunity here to comment or Like-Dislike.

FEMALE DOGS ARE JUDGING YOU

Female dogs remember when people exhibit incompetent behavior, yet males don't seem to notice. That's the conclusion of a small new study in Japan, says *The Daily Telegraph* (UK). Researchers recruited 30 dogs and put each one in a room with two strangers holding a clear plastic box. In full view of the pup, but without ever looking at or interacting with it, the first person took the lid off the box with ease, while the second person struggled and failed.

The two people then repeated the task but this time the boxes contained a treat. The male dogs had no preference between the "competent" and "incompetent" participants, but the female dogs ran over to the successful box opener 83 percent of the time. "These findings indicate that female dogs can gauge a human's competence and adjust their behavior based on their evaluation," write the authors, from Kyoto University. "Conceivably they predicted that the competent person would open the baited container (first) and get food." The reason for the gender divide remains unknown; the dogs' age and neuter status had no impact on their decision-making.

Interesting at the very least. Think of the Show Ring or Obedience & Herding Trial results. "Strive to be Competent" may be the lesson of this research.