



*Rocky Mountain
Bearded Collie Connection*

Beardie Works
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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, let me know.*

We all mourn when we lose our beloved pets or a family member. It's important to know how much your sadness 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 January 2024

Happy New Year to all of you!! May 2024 be filled with Beardie Hugs and many smiles.

The club has some fun activities in the beginning stages of planning for this year. The committee chairs are listed in this newsletter. Please contact the committee chairs if there is an activity you'd like to be involved in. The strength of this club is the great members who love being involved in activities with their Beardies.

I heard that many folks had a great time on Beardie Walk last November. Thanks to Colleen and Nan for organizing this event.

WAA HOO The Holiday Party at the Denver Aquarium restaurant was a huge success!! Well Done Colleen!! 16 RMBCC members attended. I love the smiles in this picture.



Nancy Shock
RMBCC President

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BRAGGS AND WAGGS



7 Weeks Old and Ready to Go to Their Forever Families!

Sherwin Bearded Collie Puppies Out Of:

GCH CH Blue Moon Photo Finish and MACH Sebring Light My Fire BN RA MXB MJB XF ACT1 CGC TKN

From left to right:

- Sherwin Plum Dandy – Brennah
- Sherwin Rosy Outlook – Rosie
- Sherwin Mystical Shade – Bear
- Sherwin Mint Condition – Roy

My first litter - what a lot of work, but what an amazing experience! I chose the name "Sherwin" as the kennel name because its meaning is "Swift Runner, Bright Friend". This really reminds me of Kindle's personality, and the characteristic I'm hoping is passed on to all these puppies!

Many thanks to Kirsten Andreassend of Sebring Bearded Collies, who assisted me in many ways with this litter. And also to Audrey Williams, owner of GCH CH Blue Moon Photo Finish (Finn) for sharing Finn as the stud dog. Finn is the dog who introduced the 2022 National Dog Show to the voice of Ray Romano. (<https://www.nbcsports.com/watch/dog-show/inside-the-mind-of-dog-show-with-ray-romano>).

Can't wait to watch these puppies in all their activities!

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BRENAH



We were delighted to welcome our new Beardie puppy, Brennah, Sherwin Plum Dandy, bred by Karen Deitke, in October.

Brennah is a sweet, happy girl and a wonderful addition to our family. We are looking forward to many great times with her and introducing her to everyone at RMBCC events soon.

Russ and Janet Kittel

ROSIE



Rosie, how did you get so sweet and cute, from your Mama Kin or your Papa Finn?

It took a bit for Rosie to adjust to being the only puppy. First day as an only puppy she figured out how to jump out of the pen. This caused kennel training to start right away! Now she loves her kennel and chooses to sleep in it on her own. She is now sleeping through the night (well if you call 5:30-6am through the night, but honestly what a gift that is!), and she is potty trained. What a blessing she is!

My home is filled with more laughter, love and hair than ever and I'm enjoying everything about it!

Karen Deitke

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BEAR



My big news is that I got a Beardie puppy from Karen Deitke in November. His name is Bear and he is wonderful. I haven't had a puppy without another dog in the house to 'help teach them the ropes' for 36 years. Golly it's not easy but well worth all the work.

I have learned to pay attention when he asks to go out to potty - He Means NOW! I have learned I need to treat with both hands if I expect him to walk on my left side. Eight inches of new snow is not just something I have to shovel but is a source of joy to a four-month old puppy and his zoomies make me smile. And I have learned that it is truly beautiful in the Animas Valley at 4:30 in the morning when he needs to go potty.

Thanks Karen, Bear makes me smile every day!!

Nancy Shock

ROY



Thank you, Karen Deitke, for letting us have Roy.

He is a delight and everyone in the neighborhood knows him already. We will be training him as a Therapy dog. He is already learning his skills by visiting one of our neighbors who had a stroke.

We are just starting classes with him and hopefully we can get some learning time in as well as play time.

Norm and Olivia Lazarus

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Three Generations of Horsleys!



Three generations of Horsley's running agility together in the same class!
Nona Horsley, Kim Krueger and Luke Krueger.

Norm and Olivia Lazarus – Panda

Happy 16th birthday to our wonderful Panda!



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B.J. Walker – Cooper



Cooper

This past year, Cooper and I have been playing Trick Dog.

He has earned both the Advanced Trick Dog and Performer Trick Dog titles. He also got his second leg in Novice Rally with a first place.

Colleen Fitzgerald – Cormac



Cormac

Cormac did a wonderful job achieving his Advanced Trick Dog Title.

He may not look so happy in the picture, but he is proud of himself in his little Beardie heart."



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Becky Tupa – Abbey



ABBHEY ROAD

Looking back at 2023, I am happy with the activities Abbey (CH Britannia Abbey Road BN RA FDC SWN CGC TKP) accomplished.

During 2023 we finished her Beginner Novice, Rally Advanced, and Novice Sent Work titles. Abbey also earned the BCCA Versatility Excellent award. This girl loves to work and does it with Beardie enthusiasm, which makes her so much fun!

Meg Naylor – Paisley



CH Wigglesworth Daybar Groovy Kind Of Love CD RM RAE HT FDC AX AXJ OF ACT2 CGCA TKI

Paisley finished her Rally Masters title, as well as her Rally Advanced Excellent!

So proud of my girl.

Linda Abramczyk – Whiskey

I'm proud to say that Whiskey earned his Elite Versatility Award in NADAC this fall.

NOVEMBER 12 – WALK IN THE PARK



As always, the Beardies got LOTS of attention as we walked through Washington Park on a sunny November Sunday. Two of our club members whose dogs had gone to the Rainbow Bridge joined us with their new non-Beardie replacements – a King Charles Spaniel, a Shih Tzu and Schnoodle.

And to top off the day as we were heading back, guess who came down the walk but a handsome brown Beardie boy, named Howard, who enthusiastically said hello to his fellow Beardies. His owner did not know about the club and was definitely interested in joining us for future events.

Just for fun *(thanks to Meg for sending these along)*





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Beardie Minute

Mike Tupa

Mostly I wanted to share this thoughtful song by Curtis Salgado. Every time I play it I think of a wish for more and the loss of what we had. Look it up on YouTube, play it over and over.

GREATEST WISH

Curtis Salgado "Greatest Wish" (YouTube)

Wish I could read the mind of women

Wish I had the youth for swimmin

Wish I had movie star looks

I wish I knew every trick in the books

I'd like to feel first love again

And be twenty years younger

But the greatest wish I want to come thru

I want my dog to live longer

Wish I was the king of rock n roll

Wish I was cool and in the know

And I wish I'd wrote Blowin in the Wind

I'd like to see my late mother again

I'd like to stop poverty

And save this world from hunger

But the greatest wish I want to come thru

I want my dog to live longer

Oh, I want my dog to live longer

Cause when he goes I'll be blue

If I had the power, oh, I'd have them live as long as me and you

Cause Gods got a reason for everything.

And in the lord I trust, but this ain't right

Gods got to see the light

Cause dogs don't live longer

It tears me up oh, when I'm sad

He's the best friend I've ever had

And I don't care where his nose has been

I let him lick my face again and again

His love is unconditional and that just makes me stronger

So, the greatest wish I want to come thru

I want my dog to live longer

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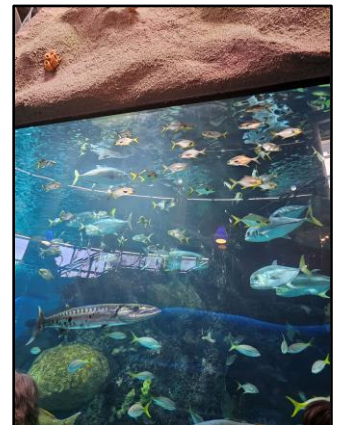
DECEMBER 10 – ANNUAL RMBCC HOLIDAY PARTY



Holiday Fun Was Had by All!

On December 10, seventeen members of the Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection gathered to share stories and exchange gifts for the annual Holiday Party. The group enjoyed lunch at the Aquarium Restaurant in Denver. Everyone brought a gift to share, and the gift exchange proved to be fun and entertaining. No coal for this group. Wonderful gifts included beautiful handmade bearded collie quilted placemats, beardie signs and other dog related items.

Thanks to all who participated and to those who could not attend, we hope your holiday was warm and special.





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AUNT BEARDIE



Dear Aunt Beardie,

My brothers from another mother have this funny habit of cocking their heads when they don't understand what my people are saying. I am curious to know why pups on their side of the family tilt their heads.

Curious

Dear Curious,

Oh goodness, it is so adorable when the pups tilt their heads as if to better understand or look as if they are questioning. The D.V.M. animal behavior experts tell us that puppies in particular, cock their heads to better hear the vibrations as they learn to catch the sound waves and decipher specific sounds and words. Humans who are observing this cute behavior, usually laugh or interact in a positive manner with the pups. Animal behaviorists believe that in this way the pups learn what makes the humans happy and results in positive attention. So, they learn the head cocking trait. Aunt Beardie is no animal behaviorist, but we Beardie moms and grandmas have our own theory about head cocking. Given the many pups we have known over time, we tend to think that head cocking is an inherited trait; maybe genetic. Some Beardie families have several pups that cock their heads in this adorable manner. Other Beardie families do not seem to display the behavior at all. Maybe it is genetic or maybe it is a trait that pups learn by observing their parents, litter mates or other dogs who cock their heads. Either way, it is really adorable.

Sincerely Yours,
Aunt Beardie

Dear Aunt Beardie,

Sometimes I think I came from "The Sopranos." Whenever we hear a siren from a fire truck or ambulance, we howl together. We do not even know why we howl. We just chime in almost automatically. Aunt Beardie, do you know why we howl at sirens?

Sing Along

Dear Sing Along,

Oh yes, the "call of the wild." Most experts think that howling is a throwback to the ancestors of dogs, the wolf. Wolves hunt in packs and experts think howling is their way of communicating their location and position in the hunt. Somehow, when dogs hear the "call of the siren" it triggers a deep-down instinct to respond. Sometimes if the neighbor dogs join in it becomes a social event. Apparently, dogs simply enjoy howling at certain sounds because they just keep on doing it. Enjoy your howling sessions whether you sing soprano or tenor.

Sincerely,
Aunt Beardie

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Luke

12/18/07– 8/04/23

GCHB CH Woodsong Tangled Up In Blue RN
NA NAJ NF OFP SWN THDD RATO CGCA TKI
VX HIC

UKC Titles NI NC NV AC and NACSW Title
NW1 - Luke took 3rd place out of 44 dogs
entered.

He received 3 Group Placements. He was
the 5th Bearded Collie in the country to
receive his grand championship.



2023 Andrew Award Luke and Norm Lazarus

True to his breed, **Luke** had the sweetest disposition and was best known for his therapy work. He spent half day every Tuesday for 10 years working at Swedish Medical Center. We received the Bearded Collie Club of America's Andrew Award for therapy in 2017, 2021 and I was honored to be recognized for 2022 for my therapy work with Luke. Luke kept working as a therapy dog after being diagnosed with liver cancer in April of 2019.

During the initial wave of Covid when the hospital was offering vaccines, the Hospital contacted us right away with the medical staff via a late-night e-mail to come in right away in order to continue the visits.



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Upon our return post-Covid, I discovered my favorite nurse had moved to another office. The message went out from the nurse's station that there was a hairy guy named Luke here to visit and less than a minute later, Luke and the nurse were reunited and hugging.

As Luke was nearing 14 ½ years, it was becoming difficult for him to catch a proper grip on the smooth floors and our visits were getting much shorter in length. As he struggled to get going, I was getting flustered and about to lift him up and carry him to the nearest elevator to exit. Little did I know I was being watched from down the end of this long hallway by two nurses and an aide who were escorting a patient from surgery to their room. I could hear someone say, "this doesn't look right" and saw out of the corner of my eye that these two nurses were running frantically at us. One of them ran to the nearby supply closet to gather two sets of socks for his feet. His feet were much too hairy, and the socks kept falling down. The other nurse ran back to the supply room, grabbed a roll of scotch tape and we were shortly on our way to complete the visit, getting lots of quizzical looks for the peculiar fashion statement we had made. Our visits ended shortly thereafter in July of 2022.

Given the nature of the job, we were on the receiving end of many kind remarks and actions. It was nice that Luke got offered snacks but the real treat for me was the comments people make to show their appreciation for just being someone's companion for a short while. It built as time went on. One nurse told me she had a picture of Luke in her locker as her source of inspiration as she starts her work day. Another said she got a dog because of Luke. The young girl behind the snack counter runs out to offer Luke a piece of cheese. The CEO takes a moment as he's walking by to greet us as he's having a phone conversation. I had two volunteer octogenarian lady friends I regularly checked in with — Cretia and Eve. Eve always had a treat for Luke. When her dog died, she gave me her expensive leftover medicine that we had been also using for Luke. She started crying when she saw Luke and died two weeks later. Cretia had no computer, so I made a copies of her special recognition award and photo so she could send them to her family members. She passed away as well.

I suggested to many of those who were the most overjoyed to get a visit from Luke to take photos of him to be kept and revisited on a blue day. That way the memory never has to end, as it will never end for me.

Luke was very special and will be forever in our Heart. — **Norm Lazarus**