



*Rocky Mountain
Bearded Collie Connection*

Beardie Works
October 2026



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RMBCC Officers	Committee Chairs	
	Agility: Kim Krueger	Hospitality: Colleen Fitzgerald Nan Matthews
	Awards: Kathy Zeschin Olivia Lazarus	Newsletter: Nan Matthews
	Constitution/Standing Rules: Nancy Shock	Obedience/Rally: Meg Naylor
	Herding: Meg Naylor	Barn Hunt: Olivia Lazarus
	Therapy Dogs/ScentWork: Norm Lazarus Olivia Lazarus	Membership/Insurance/Taxes Meg Naylor
	Condolences: Laura Tappero	

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 ltappero@myctl.net



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RMBCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I joined Karen Dietke on the trip to the Beardie Nationals October 5th through the 10th in Texas. It took two days each way and was 11 hours of driving time.

It was a fun time with lots of activities for the Beardies, Herding, Agility, Fast Cat, Obedience, Rally, and Confirmation. We stayed really busy and had a good time meeting with the other Beardie owners.

I look forward to the Walk in the Park in November.

We had our Board meeting on September 27th.



Olivia Lazarus
President

RMBCC BOARD MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

Secretary's report: The minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's report: Balance: \$4985.28. Payment to National total \$250 which paid for membership and a colored ad in the brochure for National.

Committees

Membership: Meg Naylor sponsored new members, Daina and Joel O'Connor of Fairplay. who was approved by a vote of the board. Welcome Daina and Joel!!!

Hospitality: Colleen Fitzpatrick-The board discussed options for the timing of the holiday party, and it was decided to have the party on January 9 or 10 with a theme of "bouncing into the new year with our Beardies." More details later.

Paint Your Beardie's Picture: Karen Dietke has participated in Painting with a Twist, where the



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business prints a picture of your Beardie, and you paint it. This activity was suggested for March or April, 2027.

Walk in Washington Park: This will take place in November, date to be determined. It was also suggested that members meet for lunch/brunch at one of 3 dog-friendly breweries near the park as an alternative to walking the entire park.

Scent Work: Olivia Lazarus reported that Roy participates in scent work and encouraged club members to give it a try, as it is a lot of fun.

Misc.: The BCCA National was held in McKinney, TX. Karen Dietke and Olivia Lazarus plan to attend. The events will be livestreamed.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2027, at 7:00 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Deb McAlister, Secretary

Annual Holiday Party - January 9, 2027



Let's "Bounce" into the New Year with a Holiday Gathering.

The NEW DATE is Saturday, Jan. 9 from 11:00-1:30pm

Location is the same- Chuy's Denver Tech Center

Food plan is to be determined, and a flyer will be sent out in November with all the details.

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BRAGGS AND WAGGS

Karen Deitke –Kindle, Sebring Light My Fire



BCCA National Specialty!

2nd Chip Versatility

Veterans Sweeps Best Of Opposite Sex

Agility — MACH4 Title! 7 of 8 Qualifying Runs With 5 Placements

*High Combined Champion

*High Combined Veteran Champion

*Trial 1-High In Trial JWW

*Trial 2-High In Trial Standard

*T2B2 Title

*1st Agility Relay-Team Truly Ignited!

Obedience

1st Novice Obedience B

High In Trial Veteran

Rally

2nd Masters

2nd Excellent

1st Advanced

High In Trial Veteran

BCAT Fast Cat Title

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Karen Deitke –Rosie, Sherwin Rosy Outlook



BCCA National Specialty!

3rd Chip Versatility

Agility -Excellent FAST title

*Trial 1 - Standard High In Trial

*Trial 2 - FAST High In Trial

*3rd Agility Relay Team Running Commentary

Obedience

2nd Beginner Novice B

Rally

1st Rally Novice

Conformation

4th Bred By Bitch

4 FastCAT - Qualifying runs fastest at 8.48 seconds



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Olivia and Norm Lazarus – Roy, Sherwin Mint Condition



BCCA National Specialty!

Fast Cat

Roy got to try Fast Cat and when he figured out what he needed to do, got 4 Q's.

Rally

Then we did our first trial in Rally. I wanted to see what he would do since he doesn't listen to his stay command in class, but at the trial he paid attention and we got a score of 87 and a 4th place.

Confirmation

In confirmation he took 2nd place in Bred By.

We had a fun time, and it was great talking to the other Beardie people.



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Russ and Janet Kittel – Brennah, Sherwin Plum Dandy



Brennah got her Canine Good Citizen, Community Canine and Canine Good Citizen-Urban titles this summer. Now she's back to Herding and beginning Agility.

2026 Walk in the Park



BEARDIE WALK IN THE PARK.....AND LUNCH ***Sunday, November 15, 10:00 am - ?*** ***Washington Park***

Please join RMBCC members and their Beardies for a lovely fall walk in Washington Park on Sunday, November 15. After our walk we thought it might be fun to head over to Platt Park Brewing, 1875 South Pearl Street, Denver, CO 80210 for lunch and beverage.



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Beardies are invited as we will sit on the patio. Of course, this is weather permitting. Seating on the patio is first come first served so we will take a chance with our lunch gathering.

The walk starts at the south end of the park, so would recommend parking in the South High School lot – 1700 E. Louisiana Avenue, Denver, CO 80210. Cross the street at the stoplight and look for all the Beardies.

Please bring water for dogs and humans and the always necessary poop bags.

Please RSVP if you can join us.

Send to Colleen Fitzgerald – colleen@fitz1.com



About two months ago while driving through my neighborhood, I saw a turquoise colored van with windows painted along the side filled with pictures of happy dogs looking out. The sign on the van said HIKE Doggie which immediately took my interest since I was looking for an option for Skye to get some really good exercise. Her human takes her for two walks a day but not at the speed or distance that a 5 year old Beardie needs.

After reviewing their web page – www.hikedoggie.com - and a visiting with the Barrett Marcum who has the franchise in my area, Skye started her twice a month hikes. She gets picked up around 7:30 am and along with 11 other dogs heads to different parks like Myers Ranch in Conifer or Reynolds Park in Jefferson County for a 2-3 hour hike. AND does she love it - coming home around 1:30 pm averaging about 5 miles a session!

Each handler works with four dogs grouped together depending on enthusiasm, speed and endurance. Here are a couple of pictures which she sends after each visit plus some comments:



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Skye was another powerhouse on the trail. She kept up her strong hiking pace while making sure there was plenty of fun mixed into the workout. Every so often, she let's out a bark to encourage her fellow pups to play, because apparently a mountain hike should include cardio AND recess! With four pups in the group, there is never a dull moment.

A couple of guidelines to be aware of:

- Dog must be neutered or spayed
- Be current on their vaccines (Rabies, Canine Influenza, Distemper, Bordetella, Leptospirosis)
- Be at least 6 months old or 4 months old if leash trained

I mentioned to Barrett I was writing an article about HIKE Doggie for our newsletter, and he said that any Beardie interested can have the first hike free! A \$90.00 savings.

Nan Matthews

HOW IT BEGINS

A puppy is a puppy is a puppy.
He's probably in a basket with a bunch of other puppies.
Then he's a little older and he's nothing but a bundle of longing.
He doesn't even understand it.

Then someone picks him up and says,
"I want this one."

From "Dog Songs" by Mary Oliver



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Dear Aunt Beardie,

Dear Aunt Beardie,

My younger brother, Bo needs to “take a chill pill” in the evening when my people gather to watch TV. He gets all excited and runs around and will not settle. Do you have any advice to help him slow down and relax?

Sincerely,

Mo

Dear Mo,

Oh, those young ones can really get excited at times. If he is not reacting to external scary things and maybe he is just full of himself, there are a few things your people can try. The technique that worked best for one of my little darlings was to play a game that challenged his brain and provided some physical exercise as well.

Your people might try a structured training session with a few steps such as *“sit, down, shake paws, roll over, chase a ball, rally style moves, or teach him a new trick.”* That might provide a few minutes of mental and physical workout to relax him. One of my pups relaxed when we played The Beatles music. Another one of my gang played with his puzzle toy and then headed for his kennel for a nap. It seemed to fulfill his need for a mental challenge, so he could rest afterwards.

The main idea is that little Bo has some stimulating fun so he can settle down after playing. Have fun!

Sincerely,

Aunt Beardie