

BCCA COMMITTEE REPORT - END-OF-YEAR

2014-2015

1. Name of Committee: Obedience
2. Name of Committee Chair/Co-Chairs: Laurie Lo
3. List of Committee Members: Kathy Thomas, Elizabeth Hayes
4. Committee Goals for 2015-2016: continue to promote the sports of obedience, rally and tracking
5. Activities and Major Accomplishments:
 - a) Revised criteria (removed Delaney points) for determining Top Dog awards.
 - b) Participation in Versatility Award Ad Hoc committee.
 - c) Articles for Beardie Bulletin.
 - d) Brags and "tips" for Bagpipes.
 - e) National specialty obedience and rally reports for the Beardie Bulletin
 - e) Analysis and determination of Top Dog Awards, both obedience and rally.
 - f) Analysis and determination of the Obedience and Rally medallion recipients.
6. Statistical Information (if applicable): see 5e and 5f.
7. Additional Information/Comments/Special Highlights (please attach): Competition obedience continues to be a "tough sell" amongst Beardie enthusiasts. This has little to do with the capabilities of the dogs and more to do with the preferences of the owners. The BN title has drawn some teams into competition obedience, but most go no further than that title. Beardies competing at high level obedience are rare. Even rarer are those that track. Rally remains the preferred sport, although the numbers of participants goes significantly down after the novice level.