

ANNUAL REPORT FOR BEARDIE CAMP 2016

Beardie Camp 2016 was held at Purina Farms in Gray Summit, MO on June 14, 15, and 16 with a Welcome Party the evening of the 13th. There were 118 people attending most of which participated in the classes. Below is a list of the classes offered and the number of people who participated in each class.

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<u>CLASS</u>	<u>NUMBER PARTICIPATING *</u>	
Agility	Number	24
Barn Hunt	Number	53
Basic Grooming	Number	12
Beardie Crafts	Number	10
Beardie Evening Swim	Number	52
Beardies Can Paint	Number	8
Canine Good Citizen Test	Number	11
Communicating With Beardie	Number	32
Herding Instinct Testing	Number	38
Lure Coursing	Number	41
Make Braided Leash	Number	14
Nosework - Beginner	Number	20
Nosework - Intermediate	Number	11
Rally	Number	24
Therapy Testing	Number	6
Tracking	Number	14
Your First Obedience Trial	Number	8

* People could participate in up to five classes. **TOTAL PARTICIPATING** 378

I think it is interesting to note which classes were of the most interest. Barn Hunt, a new offering, was the most popular with 53 people participating. The next most popular class was the Herding Instinct Test with 38 participating with the majority passing. Nosework came in with 31 participants. This was the first year we have been able to offer an intermediate class since we now have many Beardies who are participating in this event at trials. Lure Coursing, another new class, was very popular, but unfortunately due to the very hot weather, we had to cancel this class. The temperature was about 100° that day, and no one wanted their Beardies

chasing a lure in that heat. Campers were allowed to participate in another class if they wanted. However, the high temperature most likely accounted for the high number of Beardies and their owners taking advantage of the pool. This was not a class per se, but a chance for owners to try their dogs in the water. Many of the dogs were quite adept at dock diving and showed off their skills while others just swam and cooled off along with their two-legged owners!

Because of the heat this year and in 2014, we have decided to move Beardie Camp indoors in 2018. I think we are all tired of worrying about the weather! We will use the smaller hall that is used for grooming at our specialty, and we have a lot of ideas to make it very camp-like.

This year the proceeds from camp - \$5,800.00 will go to the BCCA Charitable Trust. It is the feeling of those who are involved that this is the best place for the money to grow and it can and will be used for both health and rescue. Bob Leverenz has been our treasurer since 2008 and has done a better job of keeping records than I did in the early years. He reports that since 2008 Beardie Camp has donated \$23,772.43 toward the good of our dogs. In 2000, 2002, 2004, and 2006 we made at least \$3000 each year for a total of approximately \$35,000. It blows my mind!!! In the future we will probably not net that much since we will be paying about \$1500 to rent the indoor area, however, the bulk of our profit comes from our auction, so hopefully we will continue to have enticing items to bid on!

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