



BAGPIPES *EXTRA Edition*

July 2013

HIGHLAND HERDING

Ann Witte

"HAIR'S THE FACTS, MA'AM"

Well, at least the dog's coat! Most "modern" show Beardies have large and heavy coats; great perhaps for Scotland in mid-winter, but a real hindrance to any real working dog in this country.

FACT - dog hair is very warm of itself. Once the Beardie is mature and he has the adult coat grown in, the coat should be far thinner and more fitted than that of a puppy. That said, FACT - even the Bedouins knew that loosely woven wool is both warming and cooling.

So - keep the dog thoroughly combed out - don't even allow mats to form in the first place, and your Beardie will be able to work all day regardless of outside temperatures. As to trimming - though not allowed in shows (but then the dog is in air conditioning and not working hard) the working dog should be trimmed judiciously. FEET first - in order to avoid mats and mud, you can trim the feet around them and between the toes but do NOT shave the toe hair - just scissor to a level with the toes and primary pad. Often, as the dog will grow thick hair on the bridge of the muzzle between the eyes, you should trim this area close so the dog can see clearly. You might need also to trim the anal area and "pants" or "skirts" to keep the dog cleaner.

Remember that originally, Beardies did not have such hairy faces and the coat was far shorter and thinner than today. Some puppies need to be shaved, but try to leave at least 4" of coat on all of the dog.

Simply put - if he doesn't LOOK like a Beardie, you cut off too much

NEW HERDING TITLES

Elsa Sell

HIC

earned April 27 at the Rocky Mountain BCC sponsored event

Mik-Ren's Blessings Bark It Again Sam, Boone, Renee Jarrett Spindrift Loves Everlasting Courage, Bodi, Vicki Dudasch Cynamen Artisan Summer Love, Issabella, Vicki Dudasch Woodsong's Light Me Up, Willow, Susanne Hanssard Gemineye Love Is In The Air, Farley, Linda Abramczyk Gemineye America's Heartthrob, Bieber, Meg Naylor Woodsong's Storm Chaser, Wilson, Mary & Fay Shultz Gemineye Goddess Of Love, Izzy, Cindy Williams

AKC HERDING TESTED

Artisan Crystal Stargazer HT, 5/31/13, Ann Witte
Pentangle's Stand Back HT, 5/31/13, Joyce and Hank Price
Runningmtn I Feel The Earth Move HT, 5/26/13, Tish Pollock

AKC HXAd

Chantilly Dusta Ol Fashion Love Song, HSAds HIAds HXAds, 5/25/13, Mary Lott

BRAGGIN' RIGHTS/OBEDIENCE/RALLY/TRACKING

Laurie Lo

Braggin' Rights is changing its format; Sharon Domier has graciously agreed to take over the Braggin' Rights duties. Please e-mail her your brags and stories at sdormier@yahoo.com.

Rupert • Sharon Domier and Shane Peters

Rupert, Fivefields Talk of the Town RN HT CGC APDT RL1 RLV, now adds CDSP and CD-C to his list of accomplishments. Rupert turns 12 next month and hasn't actually taken an obedience class or practiced heeling, but we thought his recent forays into APDT Rally would work and Sharon's entry fees were waived because she serves on the trial committee.

Note: CDSP stands for Companion Dog Sports Program and the novice level requires the following skills: heel on leash, figure eight off-leash, stand for exam, recall over jump, and honor stay (while other dog is heeling on leash). CDSP allows treats to be given at the completion of each exercise and before the team moves on to the next exercise. There are no group stays, and jump heights may be modified for dogs with disabilities.

Mary • Pam Harris

Mary, CH.Spindrift Something About Mary BN RA MX MXJ XF, completed her CD at the NCBCF specialty with HIT and a score of 196. She had gotten her first leg at the national in 2012 with HIT. I'm very proud of my girl. She also earned a leg in Rally Ex B at our regional specialty before running to the breed ring to compete in Veteran Bitches. She was awarded first in brood bitch while showing off her beautiful kids, Isis and of course Beckham (BOB!) It was a hot day, but filled with lots of rewards!!! Next time I will try to limit what I enter!

Tallulah • Kim Krueger

Tallulah, Artisan Mambo in May RN PT earned her RN on June 1st with a score of 92.

Frappuccino • Kim Krueger

Frappuccino, Risa Caramel Frappuccino RN HT. earned her RN on June 1st with a score of 88.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

The deadline for therapy teams to submit a completed therapy hours form, is July 31st. The form is available [at this link](#). Download the PDF, fill in the blanks and click the email button to send to [Debbie Furlow](#).

The BCCA honors Therapy Beardies and their humans with a certificate for the following levels of volunteer hours achieved in a year.

- Level I – a minimum of 25 service hours
- Level II – a minimum of 50 service hours
- Level III – a minimum of 100 service hours
- Level IV – a minimum of 200 hours of therapy work
- Level V – a minimum of 300 hours of therapy work

The Andrew Award is presented to the Therapy team who achieves the highest number of hours within the year. The Casey Award is given to a team that includes a rescue Bearded Collie or a Bearded Collie with a physical disability. The Avery award is given to therapy teams who work with children in a hospital.

Beardie items for

Sale



- 14 K-9 gold jewelry pieces
- John Stanbridge statues, also a set of his bookends
- Various professionally framed Bearded Collie prints
- Dannyquest statue - brown bearded collie holding a basket with a lamb
 - Robert Harrop statues
 - JonArt 48" x 48" whelping box, used twice
- Assorted Bearded Collie books including many years of Bearded Collie Bulletins
 - Many Bearded Collie Club (UK) year books

Email me at chelsicbeardies@aol.com if you are looking for bearded collie things, I just might have what you are looking for.

Put "Bearded Collie Items for Sale" in the subject line, so your email will not end up in the Spam folder

MARCH AKC DELEGATES MEETING REPORT

Kathy Coxell, AKC Delegate

The meeting of the AKC Delegates was held on March 11-12, 2013 at the Newark Airport Doubletree Hotel. Because of the schedule of committee meetings, it is impossible for me to attend all the committee meetings I would like to attend. The delegates are presently involved in trying to solve this problem with schedule changes, changes in meeting lengths, etc., but so far there has been no consensus and nothing brought before the Board of the AKC.

Because Beardies and a large number of other breeds are so versatile, it would be of great benefit if the committee meetings were scheduled so that delegates could attend more than the one or two they attend now. It is important that the BCCA delegate attend the Parent Club Committee, which I always do; then I have to juggle which committees I can attend. Herding, Health, Obedience, Tracking and Agility as well as Health are all committees whose business affects our breed. I hope there will be some schedule adjustments made which will make it possible to attend more committee meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parent Club Committee: The committee discussed the following issues:

Parent Club of Excellence designation and requirements; the Complete Dog Book project; the CGC title; voted to oppose three versus four delegate meetings; addressed the issue of parent clubs and superintendents publishing addresses; learned that Limited Registration remains intact; clarified the wording for reserve major points in the premium lists; heard from the Basenji Club delegate regarding the issue of using an electronic balloting service.

Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Committee: analyzed the results of all performance entries and finances involved, projecting that these events would break even by 2014; discussed the use of social media for the promotion of venues; reported on the new Barn Hunt event; voted to support the admission of agility clubs.

Obedience, Tracking and Agility Committee: announced the growth in agility, obedience, rally and tracking, reporting a 9.5% increase overall; sent letters inviting everyone to join the companion events chat list; discussed things that need to be done to increase participation in events; voted unanimously to support the admission of agility clubs; discussed the possibility of a wait list in instances where there are limits on entries; discussed the new judging schedule; discussed how to improve rally, possibly revamping the rally application form, making it more financially feasible, based on entry numbers; got agility and tracking updates; discussed the fact that there are no reports disseminated by the AKC on disqualified dogs; addressed the issues of allowing bitches in season and the refunding of entry fees.

Canine Health Committee: discussed the following issues: veterinary outreach program; how much is given to veterinary medicine, police, etc. by clubs and possible guidelines for those contributions; the mechanism for verifying health testing for Breeders of Merit and how to help parent clubs monitor this; meeting conflicts, especially with the Parent Club Committee. In addition the committee approved an amendment coming to vote that would place "health and welfare" first in the by-laws; went over plans for the National Parent Club Canine Health Conference

to be held in St. Louis in August.

DELEGATES MEETING

Presidents' Report

These are the latest entry statistics from the President's Report for calendar year 2012: Performance 252,587, Conformation 1,575,717, Companion 1,368,164

Starting with Performance, field trials increased by almost 1,000 entries, while coonhounds declined by 3,300 and earth dogs by 170, respectively. Herding had an increase of over 1,500 entries, followed by more than 3,000 in hunting tests and almost 5,200, or 31%, in lure coursing. In the conformation arena, All-Breed Shows declined 1 ½%, or 22,300 entries. Group shows were up 4%, 1,650 dogs, and Specialties declined by 3600. The Open Show and Beginner Puppy contributed by 300 and 2,220 entries respectively.

For Companion, obedience is at plus 7,300, up almost 5 ½%, as well as tracking being up 5 ½%, while rally dropped by 8 ½%, or 6,400. Our fastest growing sport, Agility, surged by over 11%, with an increase of more than 117,000, and ended the year with over 1,150,000, the second sport to exceed more than one million in a calendar year.

The year ended with an overall growth of 103,538, up more than 3.35%. Our aggregate entries for 2012 were 3,196,468, the most ever in the history of the American Kennel Club. A ten-year comparison shows an overall increase by 489,000 entries.

Vote on AKC Board Members for the Class of 2017

Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, the Nominating Committee, Gretchen Bernardi, Mississippi Valley Kennel Club, Chair; Karolynne McAteer, Irish Setter Club of America; Patricia A. Sample, Anderson Obedience Training Club; Patti L. Strand, Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon; Meg Weitz, Devon Dog Show Association, appointed by the Board of Directors at its July 2012 meeting, has nominated the following Delegates as candidates for such vacancies on the Board of Directors as are to be filled at the annual meeting of the Club on March 12, 2013. There are four vacancies for the Class of 2017. Class of 2017: Carl C. Ashby, III, Unites States Kerry Blue Terrier Club; Alan Kalter, American Bullmastiff Association; Gail A. LaBerge, Atlanta Obedience Club; Harvey M. Wooding,

Westminster Kennel Club.

Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, the following Delegates have been endorsed in writing by the required number of Delegates as candidates for vacancies on the Board of Directors for the Class of 2017, to be filled at the annual meeting of the Club on March 12, 2013. Class of 2017: Lee Arnold, Southern Colorado Kennel Club; Judith V. Daniels, Mt. Baker Kennel Club; Dr. Thomas M. Davies, Springfield Kennel Club.

The following delegates were elected to serve as Board members in the Class of 2017: Alan Kalter, Harvey Wooding, Lee Arnold and Carl Ashby.

FINANCIAL REPORT

• Cash flow rebounded and AKC delivered \$15,000,000 that's available for continued investments in our people, our projects and to shore up our ability to make good on the promises we've made to its terrific employees over many years. • Secondly,

achievements were made despite unexpected turnover. • The AKC charities remain strong and able to produce and do their good works. • And the February results year-to-date are promising.

Revenues were boosted when AKC gradually increased prices of dog registrations in 2012. It was announced at the beginning of 2012, but it went into effect somewhat slowly as we honored subscriptions and offers that were already out there during 2011. But offsetting this, there was a continued drop in litter and dog registrations, and a related drop in other revenues that were related to those registrations. How big was that drop? Well, there was a 7.7 percent decrease in litter registrations and a drop of 10.6 percent in dog registrations when comparing 2012 to 2011.

Third, the unexpected management turnover in the spring of 2012 in the Marketing area contributed to a fall in new expected revenues there; and unexpected management turnover, such as Jim Stevens' departure and in a number of other areas also created challenges to achieving target results in revenue. But the Board of the AKC and the management took prompt action as soon as it was apparent that revenues would not keep pace with expectations. They slashed plans for future controllable expenses as much as possible. But some were already spent, accounting for most of the \$800,000, represented there by point-eight, an \$800,000 increase in expenses. In all other areas, expenses were able to be held in check during the second half of the year just ended.

While the increase in revenues was there, largely from that increase in dog registration prices, expenses were held back and the net operating income jumped from nearly a breakeven \$800,000 up a healthy \$2.5 million, or about four percent on revenues. In the area of investments, investment gains, the results are dramatic. We can see there was a \$9,000,000 turnaround from minus a million to plus seven million on returns on investments held by AKC. The other figures just above that, what we say here is dollars to CHF and the Museum of the Dog, are largely the amount AKC donates to the Canine Health Foundation, with the smaller amount to the Museum of the Dog. Today, all other nonprofit affiliates of the AKC have evolved to a point where they fully support themselves and do not take funds from the AKC.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Coxwell, BCCA Delegate



2013 BCCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY PROPOSED SCHEDULE

(still subject to change)

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27-28

RVs may park in the Overflow Lot only

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Herding Tests and Trial #1

HIC Testing

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Herding Tests and Trial #2

HIC Testing

Event Center available for set-up AFTER 3 PM

Main RV Lot available for set-up AFTER 3 PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

National Specialty Agility Trial

Agility Relay

BAD Dinner (after the agility trial and relay events)

Annual Board Meeting in the evening

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Obedience & Rally (Morning)

Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes (Afternoon)

Welcome Party, followed by the Annual General Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Dog Judging (Regular Classes)

Dog Judging: Veteran Dog, Performance Dog, Sexually Altered

Dog, Stud Dog

Parade of Titleholders, Therapy Dogs, & Rescue Dogs

Awards Banquet and Auction

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Bitch Judging (Regular Classes)

Bitch Judging: Veteran Bitch, Performance Bitch, Sexually

Altered Bitch, Brood Bitch

Top Twenty Tournament

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Junior Showmanship

Beginner Puppy 4-6 Months Competition

Best Puppy

Best of Breed Competition

Informal Celebration Party; Specialty awards presented