



BAGPIPES *EXTRA Edition*

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AGILITY

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2013 AKC STATISTICS

145 Beardies earned a total of 3,148 legs in the Regular, Preferred, FAST and T2B classes in all breed and Specialty competition. 32 Beardies competed in the Preferred classes; 2013 marked the first year AKC has allowed dogs to start in Preferred at the level they had been competing in for the regular classes. 109 of these teams accounted for 236 total titles (92 Novice, 59 Open, 31 Excellent, 26 Masters, 14 Championships and 14 T2B). The agility entry at the 2013 National Specialty was the largest ever; nearly half the Beardies doing AKC agility in the country were entered for a total of 221 runs! One team competed at the 2013 AKC Invitational held in Orlando, FL in December. Fifteen teams qualified for 2014 AKC National Championships to be held in Harrisburg, PA in March, 2014; one team qualified for the Preferred Nationals competition.

BCCA AWARDS FOR 2013

The BCCA honors the top agility teams at each competition level (Novice/Open/Excellent) in both regular Standard and Jumpers With Weaves (JWW) and Veteran Beardies competing in the Preferred classes. The complete scoring systems for these awards can be found on the BAD website www.BeardieAgilityDiehards.org

Colquhoun's No Time To Relax (Miller), owned and handled by Karen Barratt of Galveston, TX is the winner of the Diehard award. They also topped the rankings in both Masters Standard and Masters JWW. Karen and Miller earned 1,289 MACH points, 32 QQs, 44 Masters Standard and 45 Masters JWW legs in 2013 along with their MACH7 and MACH8. They qualified for both the 2013 AKC Invitational and the 2014 AKC National Agility Championship. The Diehard Award is supported by BAD.

Wigglesworth Super Smooth Operator (Rezoom), owned by Jeff and Sharon Ipser of Auburn, OH, and handled by Jeff, is the winner of both the Overall Jumpers and the Denia awards. Rezoom and Jeff started 2013 in Novice and went all the way to MACH in a single season, a Beardie first. They also topped the rankings in Open Standard and Novice B JWW. The Denia award is given for competition in Standard agility to the Masters level and is supported by Emily Venator in memory of Denia, the first Beardie to earn an AKC agility title. The Overall JWW award is supported by Beth White, in honor of Mirage, the first winner.

Britannia Flashback (Flash), owned and handled by Joanne Williamson of Boxborough, MA, is the repeat winner of the Preferred Trophy. This award is given for competition in Preferred Standard and JWW and honors Veteran Beardies (born in 2005 or before). It is supported by Carl and Kay Widell in honor of Cagney, the first Beardie to earn the AXP and AJP titles.

Old Smuggler's Lion Tamer, owned by Judy Thrift of Camp Hill, PA, is the winner of the Sunshine Award for the top Beardie earning a title in Novice A Standard. This award was supported previously by the Florida club.

Recognition is also given to the teams earning titles at each level in Standard and JWW. The JWW awards are named in memory of Ryan, the first Beardie to earn an agility title, and were initially supported by Beth Canner.

STANDARD AWARD WINNERS

Novice A – Old Smuggler's Lion Tamer, owned by Judy Thrift of Camp Hill, PA

Novice B – Aberdeen's Dancing Queen, owned by Patsy Sullivan of Abington, PA

Open – Wigglesworth Super Smooth Operator, owned by Jeff and Sharon Ipser of Auburn, OH

Excellent – Spindrift Bend It Like Beckham, owned by Shannon Smart of El Cerrito, CA

Masters – Colquhoun's No Time To Relax, owned by Karen Barratt of Galveston, TX

Ryan Award Winners in JWW

Novice A – Woodsong Doris Daring, owned by Olivia and Norm Lazarus of Denver, CO, co-owned by Candace Hepner

Novice B – Wigglesworth Super Smooth Operator, owned by Jeff and Sharon Ipser of Auburn, OH

Open – Cameron Mocha Espresso, owned by Jill Scarborough of Jonesboro, AR

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Masters – Colquhoun's No Time To Relax, owned by Karen Barratt of Galveston, TX

BCCA REGISTER OF MERIT FOR AGILITY

The Register of Merit Agility (ROMA) recognizes Beardie dams producing two or more offspring having a total of at least three agility titles and Beardie sires producing two or more get having a total of at least five agility titles. A Register of Merit Agility Excellent (ROMAX) recognizes Beardie dams producing

offspring having a total of ten or more agility titles and Beardie sires producing get having a total of fifteen or more agility titles. Either Regular titles or Preferred titles may be counted toward this certification, whichever titles are higher, but they may not be added together. Only Standard and JWW titles are counted.

SIRES – REGISTER OF MERIT AGILITY EXCELLENT (ROMAX)

CH Balidorn Continue In Style, Shiela Larsen
Am Can CH Made An Impression At Diotima OA OAJ, Linda Swain and Patricia Hyde
CH Melita Skyedance PT MX MXJ MJB NJP VX, Libby Myers-Buhite and Jack Buhite
CH MACH Merewoods Ny State Of Mind CDX RE HSAs MXB MJB MJP NF CGC VX, Trudy Wisner
CH Ragtyme Blackfriar I Can Fly, Colleen Stoate and Richard Stoate
CH Ragtymebrigadoon Bring It On, Lynn and Vince Zagarella
CH Tailwind Artisan Avalanche HSAs HIAs HXAs, Keitha Smith and Ann Witte
CH MACH14 Wigglesworth Super Sonic, CD RN MXC4 MJS5 NAP NJP MXF MFS TQX VX, Sharon Ipsen and Jeff Ipsen
CH Wynsum Braveheart Of Mine RN AX AXJ VX, Carol Carlsen
Wynsum Just Cause, Mark Zayatz and Carol Carlsen

DAMS – REGISTER OF MERIT AGILITY EXCELLENT (ROMAX)

CH Cameron's Earth Angel HT, Kelly Canham
CH Chantilly's Frozen In Tyme HT, Kathleen Pavlich
CH Marjac's Sweet Cheeks UD HT, Mary Murphy-East and Judith Heeter

SIRES – REGISTER OF MERIT AGILITY (ROMA)

CH Nonesuch H'Air Jordan, Cheryl Poliak
CH Ragtyme Blackfriar I Can Fly, Colleen Stoate and Richard Stoate
GCH CH Xtc's What Can Brown Do For You?, Dawn Szecsy and Bela Szecsy

DAMS – REGISTER OF MERIT AGILITY (ROMA)

CH Cameron's Earth Angel HT, Kelly Canham
Cynamen Artisan Winter Light RE HT OA AXJ OF, Nancy Reich and Cindy Mendonca
CH Fivefields Magic Hat, Debra Elston
CH Ha'Penny Harlow At Surfsong, Lori Fournier

HERDING CONUNDRUMS

Elsa Sell

Herding Conundrum #1 from February Bagpipes. Can your Beardie, in a safe space (no traffic, fenced in) with no direct access to stock, off line/leash, walk "with you" after just a single quiet verbal command? If your answer is yes, let me know how you accomplished this.

If your answer is no, what is happening? It may mean that you think your dog is capable of doing the exercise, but when push comes to shove, nope, the dog can't. Perhaps he depends on some other action/message (like pulling on a line) from you in order to comply, or does not fully understand. Perhaps you are using multiple words, the sum of which is not understood.

One handler has written that their trainer taught that concept from the start. Practice began on leash and walking outside a round pen. Then the leash was changed to a light long line and once successful outside the round pen, the next step was walking around in the round pen. That was followed by stock pen areas, arenas, and finally open fields (but staying on fence lines) once the previous location was done successfully. The end goal is for dog and handler to be working together and these steps build that partnership. The dog learns that if it walks with the handler anywhere in a work area, then he will get to work sheep. This handler began in a farm work setting where it was essential that dogs developed ability to wait quietly until asked to begin work or to move with the handler without disturbing stock.

I am using a slightly different approach, but it also focuses on the dog learning to think about the task. Off line (or a light short line dragging on the ground and not held), the dog is asked to walk with me. As soon as dog is beyond a set distance (4 feet, 6 feet – the distance doesn't matter as much as consistency), I stop quietly (no stomping of feet nor any words, that are auditory cues). When the dog realizes I am missing and it looks for me, I turn and walk away. That cues the dog that it should come. Nothing is said until the dog is back to me and then plenty of quiet verbal praise is given. These steps are repeated until we arrive at a gate into the stock area. The first time it may take many minutes for the dog to return. With practice the dog will go less far before stopping and will return faster. When the dog is stopping after a short distance and turns around to look for me and takes a step toward me, I praise verbally and stand still. The dog returns happily for more praise. Each lesson there is gradual improvement though there will be periodic regression – that is part of learning.

If the dog doesn't grasp the concept, then using a line put very gentle pressure on it for a second while quietly saying with me. It is vital to avoid having a continuously tight line or to repeatedly tugging on the line.

Learning to walk with me takes time and patience. It is an activity that can be done at no cost other than your time; it is a very important foundation for later work. (Elsa Sell – beaconbb@bellsouth.net)

2013 BCCA HERDING AWARDS

Elsa Sell

What a year 2013 was in Bearded herding! Another Dual Champion and two more master's titles (one in started A sheep, one in advanced A ducks) are in the record book. Congratulations to everyone. Think about how closely some placements were as you read through the accomplishments below; what deed helped your dog place higher or happening caused a slightly lower score.

BISHOP AWARD. Sheep only, any course, any level – award year only. Sum of 1) the average of three highest qualifying runs and 2) the average of three highest number of dogs outscored. SR 9.4.3

DOG	SCORE
Pentangle's Captain Jack, Joanne Williamson	138.00
Pentangle's Dance in the Rain, Connie Hoffman	102.66
Artisan Here Comes the Sun, Carol Serrine & Ann Witte	99.33
Ramsgrove Ronja, Kitty Hale & Beryl DeBorba	99.00
Dunnachie Way to be at Pentangle, Deb Thomas, Kathleen Harold, Jackye Dunn	97.17
Britannia Flashback, Joanne Williamson & Michele Ritter	90.33
Chantilly Dusta Ol Fashion Love Song, Mary Lott	89.67
Pentangle's if You Please, Deb Thomas	88.16
Cynamen Artisan Rising Star, Barbara Claxton	86.67
Fairhill A Knight's Artisan, Carol Serrine & Brian Wistrom	74.50

TOP HERDING DOG. The average of three highest qualifying runs for a title in 2013 in started, intermediate, advanced, championship, and Masters. SR 9.4.1 and 9.4.7.

HERDING DOG OF THE YEAR. For started, intermediate, and advanced. Sum of 1) the average of highest number of dogs defeated and 2) the average qualifying scores that correspond to the three highest number of dogs defeated. All points/scores will apply at each level in the year of completion of the title, regardless of the year earned, except that once the Advanced title has been earned, for the next and subsequent years, points and scores must be earned within each calendar year. SR 9.4.2.

TOP HERDING DOG		HERDING DOG OF THE YEAR	
HSAs			
Aellen Be Dazzled, Suzanne Easley & Bill Buck	95.17	Pentangle's Dance in the Rain	102.66
Pentangle's Dance in the Rain	85.33	Aellen Be Dazzled	102.17
Ramsgrove Ronja	84.50	Dunnachie Way to be at Pentangle	97.17
Dunnachie Way to be at Pentangle	80.17	Ramsgrove Ronja	86.17
HSAd			
Charter the Meter's Running, Charles & Terry Manganiello	82.83	Charter the Meter's Running	85.16
HSBd			
Wigglesworth's Party Favor, Terry Manganiello & Sharon Isper	77.5	Wigglesworth's Party Favor	78.17
Charter the Meter's Running	74.83	Charter the Meter's Running	75.16
HIAs			
Pentangle's if You Please	83.17	Pentangle's Captain Jack	137
Pentangle's Captain Jack	81.67	Pentangle's if You Please	84.17
Colquhoun's Hurricane Brewin', Elizabeth Scorzelli	75.83	Colquhoun's Hurricane Brewin'	77.16
HXAs			
Chaniam Liath Keelin, Tish Pollock	79.83	Britannia Flashback	90.33
Pentangle's if You Please	74.83	Chantilly Dusta Ol Fashion Love Song	89.67
Fairhill A Knight's Artisan	69.5	Chaniam Liath Keelin	82.50
		Cynamen Artisan Rising Star	81.50
		Pentangle's if You Please	80.16
		Fairhill A Knight's Artisan	74.50

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HXAd			
Pentangle's if You Please	85.5	Wigglesworth's Party Favor	93.33
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Chantilly Dusta Ol Fashion Love Song	82.50	Pentangle's if You Please	90.16
		Pentangle's Captain Jack	89.33
		Chantilly Dusta Ol Fashion Love Song	87.17
HXBd			
		Pentangle's Captain Jack	104
HSAsM			
Artisan Here Comes the Sun	79.19		
HXAdM			
DC Pentangle's Captain Jack	78.75		
HERDING CHAMPION			
DC Pentangle's Captain Jack	89.83		

AKC NEW TITLES

January 2014

Champion, CH Alistair Wynsum Buster Brown The Man About Town, D, DN34624002, 26-Jan-14, CH MACH8 Colquhoun's No Time To Relax RN MXB3 MJG3 MXF MFB TQX x CH MACH Wynsum Many Splendored Thing RN PT MXG MJG MXF MFB TQX T2B2, Glenn W Alexander

Grand Champion, GCH CH Motlikru Buaidh Earth Angel, B, DN11297402, 13-Jan-14, CH Diotima Bear Necessity CD x CH Motlikru Buaidh Credit Card, Trina Neil & Nellie Neil

Companion Dog, GCH CH Briarpatch Top That CD RE PT OA OAJ OF CGC, D, DN06095202, 11-Jan-14, CH Briarpatch Who Was That CD RA OA AXJ OAP OJP x CH Briarpatch Picture Perfect, Anna K Gracie & Lucy C Campbell-Gracie

Companion Dog, CH Wynsum To Know Him Is To Love Him CD NA NAJ, D, DN28141702, 5-Jan-14, CH Wynsum Make My Day AX AXJ x Wynsum Listen To My Heart, Carolyn Epperson & Carol J Carlsen

Companion Dog Excellent, CH Nonesuch D'Arque Black Sensation CDX RE, B, DN17936408, 19-Jan-14, CH Meadows' Real Sensation THD x CH Nonesuch Arlin Zoom Zoom Zoom, Jaimie Short & Cheryl Poliak

Beginner Novice, Estrella's Solamente Mia BN RN MX MXJ NF CA, B, DN26177201, 18-Jan-14, CH MACH8 Colquhoun's No Time To Relax RN MXB3 MJG3 MXF MFB TQX x CH After Dark Seventh Star RN AX MXJ OF, Jennifer Scheytt

Rally Novice, CH Nonesuch H'Air Jordan RN, D, DN04275002, 12-Jan-14, CH Nonesuch Arlin Too Much Fun x CH Nonesuch Unchained Melody RN, Cheryl Poliak & Steven E Klinger

Rally Advanced, GCH CH Briarpatch Just One Look BN RA PT NA NAJ NAP NJP, D, DN22675101, 12-Jan-14, GCH CH Briarpatch Look At That CD RE HT AX AXJ MXP MJP x CH Briarpatch Jocala Inspiration RN HT OAP OJP, Anna K Gracie & Lucy C Campbell-Gracie & Carol M Lamb

Rally Excellent, CH Nonesuch D'Arque Black Sensation CDX RE, B, DN17936408, 19-Jan-14, CH Meadows' Real Sensation THD x CH Nonesuch Arlin Zoom Zoom Zoom, Jaimie Short & Cheryl Poliak

Open Agility, Artisan Hocus Pocus Dixie OA NAJ, B, DN25198103, 12-Jan-14, DC Artisan Pastoral Victory x CH Artisan Imp HSAs, Rick Micek

Open Agility, CH Brenriga Wrapped In Dreamz OA OAJ, D, DN31295202, 12-Jan-14, Moonhill Power Of Dreamz x Diotima It's A Wrap At Brenriga, Sandy McDonald & Casey Minner

Open Agility, Nonesuch Sands Of Time OA NAJ, D, DN30108404, 18-Jan-14, CH Nonesuch H'Air Jordan RN x Nonesuch Chocolate Surprise, Sue Jamison & Cheryl Poliak

Master Agility Excellent, GCH CH Headline's Upcoming News BN RA HT MX MXJ OF CGC, B, DN24100306, 25-Jan-14, CH Arlin Full Circle x CH Headline's Nose For News, Suzanne L Beddoe & Matthew W Beddoe

Master Agility Excellent, CH Lakewood Born To Be A Star RN MX MXJ, D, DN28060804, 18-Jan-14, GCH CH Lakewood Forever Cool RN x CH Nonesuch Lakewood Sugar N Spice, Tom Omnus & Julie Patzius & Cheri Omnus

Master Silver Agility, CH MACH Wynsum Rhythm And Brews RE MXS MJS XF T2B, D, DN24561001, 10-Jan-14, CH Wynsum Make My Day AX AXJ x CH Wynsum Keep On Dreaming OA OAJ, Janice Leverenz & Carol J Carlsen

Master Bronze Agility 2, CH MACH Wynsum Hard Habit To Break RE MXB2 MJB2 XF THD, D, DN05611102, 10-Jan-14, CH Briarpatch Portraitist CD HT OA OAJ x CH Wynsum Alluring Dreamweaver RN AX AXJ NAP NJP, Robert Leverenz & Carol J Carlsen & Janice Leverenz

Novice Agility Jumper, CH Fivefields Temporary Insanity NAJ NF, D, DN23082301, 5-Jan-14, CH Pattishawl Causin Applause RN NA x CH Fivefields Magic Hat Barbara Stone

Excellent Agility Jumper, Lil' Clove Key Largo BN RA OA AXJ OF, D, DN29010705, 3-Jan-14, CH Bendale Singing The Blues UD GO RE HSAdsc HIAs HXAs AX AXJ NF x CH Lil' Clove Hello Poppet CD RE HSAs MX MXB MXJ MJB NF CGCA, Terry Johnson

Master Excellent Jumper, CH Charter The Meter's Running HSAds HSBd MX MXJ, B, DN11264801, 18-Jan-14, CH Balidom Continue In Style x CH Wigglesworth's Party Favor HSAs HSBd HIAs HXAd HXAsM MX MXB MXJ MJB NAP NF, Charles Manganiello & Terry Manganiello

Master Silver Jumper, CH MACH Wynsum Rhythm And Brews RE MXS MJS XF T2B, D, DN24561001, 10-Jan-14, CH Wynsum Make My Day AX AXJ x CH Wynsum Keep On Dreaming OA OAJ, Janice Leverenz & Carol J Carlsen

Master Gold Jumper, Cameron Sugarland Express UDX RN MX MXS MXJ MJG XF, B, DN17495101, 25-Jan-14, CH Britannia Back To The Future VCD1 RE PT AX MXJ x CH Cameron's Earth Angel HT, Jill Scarborough

Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 3, CH Brandmar Come Fly With Me RN MX MXJ MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX OF OFP, D, DN21525902, 24-Jan-14, CH Rallentando Taylor Made PT x CH Ramsgrove Well Travelled, Karen J Reed

Agility FAST Novice, CH Estrella's Only Razzmatazz MX MXJ MJB NF, D, DN26177204, 3-Jan-14, CH MACH8 Colquhoun's No Time To Relax RN MXB3 MJG3 MXF MFB TQX x CH After Dark Seventh Star RN AX MXJ OF, Ann Chandoha

Agility FAST Novice, Spicewood Cynamen Early Light RE PT NA NAJ NF, B, DN25368601, 13-Jan-14, CH Artisan Steppenwolf RN HT x Cynamen Artisan Winter Light RE HT OA AXJ OF, Nancy Reich

Agility FAST Open, Chantilly's All The Wright Moves OA NAJ OF, B, DN28101206, 25-Jan-14, GCH CH Xtc's What Can Brown Do For You? x CH Chantilly's Frozen In Tyme HT, Sheila Franklin

Master Agility Champion, CH MACH Wynsum Rhythm And Brews RE MXS MJS XF T2B, D, DN24561001, 10-Jan-14, CH Wynsum Make My Day AX AXJ x CH Wynsum Keep On Dreaming OA OAJ, Janice Leverenz & Carol J Carlsen

Canine Good Citizen, GCH CH Classical's Magical Meemie CGCA, B, DN32219901, 27-Jan-14, Classical's Gentle Ben x Classical Lady Katherine Of Earnescliffe, Janet Atkins & Charles Namey & Bea Sawka

Advanced Canine Good Citizen, GCH CH Classical's Magical Meemie CGCA, B, DN32219901, 27-Jan-14, Classical's Gentle Ben x Classical Lady Katherine Of Earnescliffe, Janet Atkins & Charles Namey & Bea Sawka

Therapy Dog, Marjac's Quietly Makin'noise NA NAJ NAP THD, B, DL87631004, 22-May-06, CH Artisan Summer Sun HS HIAs HXAs x CH Marjac's Midnight Flame PT, Maggie Riechman & Joe Riechman