



BAGPIPES *EXTRA Edition*

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HERDING REPORT AND NOTICES

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Titles Report. Since Michele already posts the AKC titles elsewhere, I will just report AHBA titles in this section (end Sept is the next report form AHBA).

ROMI(X) and ROMH(X) Reports. These have been updated on the website. Newly added awards are below. Congratulations to everyone.

New ROMI • 2014

Artisan Branwyn
Dunnachie Don't Get Me Started
Papaw Tailwind Hat Trick
Pentangle's Forever Young
Pentangle's Synchronicity
Spindrift James B MacGregor
Tolkien Raintree Mister Baggins

New ROMI • 2013

After Dark Seventh Star
Chaniam-Bedlam's Easid
Chaniam Liath Keelin
Chetcote Vintage Ebony

New ROMH • 2013

Aellen Ryderwood Moon Struck
Chaniam-Bedlam Easaid

New ROMHX • 2013

Pentangle's Synchronicity

The 2013 awards will be available at the specialty; the 2014 awards at next year's specialty. I encourage all owners whose progeny are active in herding to check the reports for any omissions or corrections.

National Specialty Herding Trial Reminder. I will be contacting Awards winners, HIT, and RHIT after the trial for a paragraph or two on your Beardie's success, and one photo (see May Bagpipes for announcement). The herding committee will have two pages in the national specialty Bulletin issue and your input will provide interest and the human stories beyond the statistics.

Honoring Titles. If your Beardie has a new AKC or AHBA title listed in the last several months, you are invited to send me a paragraph describing highlights of your Beardie's training and how it went in the trial – whatever was most important to you. These will be featured in a future Bagpipes or Bulletin.

Help for those Beginning to Herd. The Beardie herding community is always welcome to bring innovative ideas to the herding committee. As an example, it has been suggested that effort be made to offer more help to those who are just beginning to herd. That is a great idea and so I'm asking those already engaged in herding to help out with this project. The only requirement is that you either have trained with the handler or watched the handler training your Beardie.

Go to this link and complete the survey on contact information for yourself and trainers - www.surveymonkey.com/s/LJGX65K
The information will be collated for an article for the BCCA website herding section.

As of September 1, there have been seven responses. Come on, people, there are more than seven Beardie people training in herding! Share your information about trainers.

PROPOSALS FROM AKC OBEDIENCE AND AGILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The following link contains proposals from the AKC Obedience Advisory Committee. One of the proposals is to allow deaf dogs to compete, please go to the trouble of reading, evaluating and submitting feedback on each and every topic.

To earn a Utility Dog Excellent title, the dog must have received qualifying scores in both Open B and Utility B at 10 separate licensed or member obedience trials.

[Obedience Advisory Committee Proposals](#)

[Your Feedback](#)

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[Agility Advisory Committee Proposals](#)

[Your Feedback](#)

2014 AKC AGILITY NATIONALS: AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE BEARDIE CONTINGENT

David Williamson

Packing up their vehicles during the last week of March, three talented women and their Beardies headed to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for the 2014 AKC National Agility Championships held on the 27th - 30th. Miranda Mulders with Kizzy (Houston, Texas), Deborah Alexander with McKenzie (Lake Charles, Louisiana), and Joanne Williamson with Flash (Boxborough, Massachusetts) arrived in Harrisburg well-prepared and ready to compete.

The qualifying period for the 2014 event ran from December 1, 2012, through November 30, 2013, and requirements for eligibility were threefold: 4 double Q's, 20 qualifying legs in Master Standard and/or Master Jumpers with Weaves, and 500 MACH points.

I wondered how these dedicated women shaped their training paths to this year's nationals, and I asked them about their successes, setbacks, and bumps along the way.

How many years have you been competing in agility?

D: Nine

J: Eighteen.

M: Ten.

In what venue(s) do you compete?

D: AKC, some CPE, and once in NADAC.

J: AKC, although I used to do NADAC as well until NADAC got rid of most of the obstacles!

M: AKC and occasionally NADAC.

How many dogs currently live at your house?

D: Four. Morgan, who just earned her MACH 2 and is 8 yrs old, Maggie, who is 11 yrs old and retired, McKenzie, 6 and Alex, 2.

J: Two. Flash, 12 years old, who retired from agility competition in April of 2014; Jack, 6 years old.

M: Two. Rembrandt (Remmie) who is 13 years old and retired and Nakiska (Kizzy) who is 6.

How involved is your spouse in helping with/accompanying you to trials?

D: He's now retired from agility due to medical reasons.

J: My spouse prefers not to attend trials for the most part but helps out with the dogs at home.

M: John rarely accompanies us. He has his own activities (triathlons) that take up his spare time. He sometimes joins me at trials further away from home where I have to spend the weekend. We have always enjoyed the National Specialties together, and he did travel with me to Harrisburg.

Do you go through any warm-ups before agility practice/trials?

D: I always do leg stretches.

J: None really, although I probably should do some stretching given my advancing years!

M: I like to sometimes actually run part of the course during a walk through. If I can't, I warm up with short sprints somewhere else. I also do lots of hamstring stretches and some calf and quadriceps stretches.

What warm-ups do you take your dog through before agility?

D: Jumps, tricks, and stretches.

J: Stretching, backing up exercises, games to encourage focus, practicing stays, rehearsing any planned fancy moves on the practice jump.

M: I walk and run with my dog a bit, depending on space. I will play tug with a big, deflated tennis ball (Kizzy's trademark), and I will play catch with her. I make her walk backwards, spin both ways, and I give her a couple of stretches. I may do warm up jumps, starting one jump height lower and then the actual height. I practice her stay. I keep doing all this until the moment we enter the ring.

What's your proudest agility accomplishment?

D: Earning a MACH and qualifying for Nationals.

J: Overall, earning the first Beardie MACH with my homebred Sean and our placing 8th at the 1998 AKC Nationals, our first year in Excellent.

M: With Kizzy, [I worked to] turn her from a girl that I had to peel off the start line to a girl that pulled on her leash to go into the ring. It took us two years to get our Novice Standard title, but then she picked up momentum and this last year we accomplished many goals. I truly turned my anxious slow girl into an agility addict!

Especially over the past decade, technology has really impacted agility instruction. What kind of technology do you use in training and/or trialing?

D: Manners Minder, videos, and filming our training.

J: I teach weave poles by the channel method with wires which I think produces a dog who really understands all aspects of weaving.

M: I bought Silvia Trkman's training DVDs for, among other things, weave performance, tight turns, creating more speed and confidence, and running contacts. But even from her system I don't use everything. Her way of thinking though, suits us most often. It wasn't until I started training running contacts that Kizzy became much faster, happier, and more confident during trials.

What has given you the most difficulty in the training of your current agility Beardie?

D: Contact training: 2 on 2 off.

J: Contacts. Sean spoiled me as he had beautiful, natural running contacts without any real training at all. Since Sean, I have struggled to find a method that for me produces fast, competition-reliable performance.

M: I would like to find yet another way to make her turns even tighter. Kizzy doesn't like tight pinwheels or 180s, and they slow her down tremendously. I need to find a way to make her keep going during those set-ups.

Favorite training treat: What does your Beardie work for?

D: Smoked turkey.

J: String cheese.

M: Ham off the bone!

In case you want to test your mettle, links to all the course maps are listed below. Set up the whole course or just a tough-looking sequence; you'll find plenty to work on with your Beardi!

[T2B](#) | [Round 1-JWW](#) | [Round 2-STD](#) | [Round 3-Hybrid](#) | [Round 4-Challengers](#) | [Finals](#)

AKC NEW TITLES

JULY 2014

Champion, CH Nonesuch Wildwood Drama Queen, B, DN28626904, 4-Jul-14, GCH CH Nonesuch Arlin Green 'N Gold RN ex CH Wildwood Arcadia Devil'n disguise RN, Cheryl Poliak & Terri Stepankow

Champion, CH Raintree Ultimate Driving Machine, D, DN34225502, 5-Jul-14, GCH CH Aberdeen Who's That Guy ex CH Raintree Between Love And Madness, Brian Davies

Champion, CH Runningmtn Race The River, D, DN36798302, 25-Jul-14, CH Pentangles Catch The Breeze PT ex CH Runningmtn Deja Blu RN PT, Connie Hoffman & Tish Pollock

Grand Champion, GCH CH Dreamchaser Strathearn Soulmate, D, DN27604503, 5-Jul-14, CH Strathearn's Hart And Soul ex CH Strathearn's Dream Chaser, Debra Quadland & Graeme Burdon & Thomas Dixon

Grand Champion, GCH CH Larkangen's American Trendy Girl CGC, B, DN31297401, 5-Jul-14, Goonie's Highlander Lad ex Larkangen's Trendy Miss Wendy, Patricia L Rusko

Obedience Master 1, Bedlam's Joyful Journey UDX OM1 RN HSA d HSBd, D, DN11155106, 11-Jul-14, CH Cameron Center Stage At Bedlam RE ex Bedlam's Easy On The Eyes CD RE, Laurie Lo

Beginner Novice, Bergerie's Double Down On Eleven BN CA CGC, D, DN36375007, 20-Jul-14, Aramis De Chester ex CH Aphrodite De Chester, Michelle Molloy & Stephen Finney

Beginner Novice, Britannia Live Long And Prosper BN RN CGC, D, DN34434905, 27-Jul-14, CH Britannia Beam Me Up Spotty RN ex CH Britannia Nip 'N The Air RA, Audrey Woods & Michele Ritter & Megan Woods

Rally Novice, Bardmoor Back To Before BN RN CGCA, B, DN29505301, 19-Jul-14, CH Motlikru Buaidh Ever After RA ex Bardmoor Bibidi Bobidi Boo, Gail Marantz Romine & Steven Turner

Rally Novice, CH Bardmoor Basket Case BN RN CGCA, D, DN26510201, 19-Jul-14, CH Motlikru Buaidh Ever After RA ex CH Stonebay Merriment At Bardmoor, Gail Marantz Romine & Steven Turner

Rally Novice, CH Risa's Braveheart Of The Bonny Loch RN PT, D, DN32616101, 19-Jul-14, CH Risa To The Spindrift Spirit PT ex CH Nonesuch Geta Risa Outa Ewe PT, Karen Louise Gutheil & Jana Dozet

Rally Excellent, Spiritwood's A Beautiful Morning RE, D, DN28001103, 27-Jul-14, GCH CH Tolkien Raintree Mister Baggins ex CH Spiritwood's What Lola Wants, Betty Winfield

Novice Agility, CH Wigglesworth Flying Fish NA NAJ, D, DN35756102, 5-Jul-14, CH Daybar's All Schook Up ex CH MACH2 Wigglesworth Walk This Way CD RA MXC MJB2 MXF MFB, Miriam Harthill & Diane Lipman

Open Agility, Alistair's Rae Of Sunshine At Big Lake OA NAJ, B, DN34624003, 5-Jul-14, CH MACH8 Colquhoun's No Time To Relax RN MXS3 MJC3 MXF MFB TQX T2B ex CH MACH Wynsum Many Splendored Thing RN PT MXG MJC MXF MFB TQX T2B2, Ann Chandoha

Open Agility, Tailwind Papaw Not A Pansy OA OAJ, B, DN03890301, 12-Jul-14, CH Wigglesworth Jokers Wild ex Tailwind Hell Cat, Anita I Weiss & Keitha Bayliss & Leslie Papa

Agility Excellent, CH Springhill's Against All Odds PT AX OAJ OF, D, DN28921801, 19-Jul-14, GCH CH Pentangle Rock'N Ryland P RN TDX HSAs HIAs HXAs OA OAJ OF ex CH Cameron Springhills Im Hillary PT, Steve Lausmann

Master Silver Agility 3, CH MACH8 Colquhoun's No Time To Relax RN MXS3 MJC3 MXF MFB TQX T2B, D, DN07142402, 5-Jul-14, CH MACH2 O'Duininn HMT A Bud For Boo MXC MJS2 ex CH Pentangle's Magnolia Blossom RN NJP, Karen Barratt

Novice Agility Jumper, CH Alistair Wynsum Buster Brown The Man About Town NAJ, D, DN34624002, 5-Jul-14, CH MACH8 Colquhoun's No Time To Relax RN MXS3 MJC3 MXF MFB TQX T2B ex CH MACH Wynsum Many Splendored Thing RN PT MXG MJC MXF MFB TQX T2B2, Glenn W Alexander

Novice Agility Jumper, Alistair's Eye Of A Hawk At Big Lake NA NAJ, D, DN34624001, 5-Jul-14, CH MACH8 Colquhoun's No Time To Relax RN MXS3 MJC3 MXF MFB TQX T2B ex CH MACH Wynsum Many Splendored Thing RN PT MXG MJC MXF MFB TQX T2B2, Karen Barratt

Novice Agility Jumper, Risa Caramel Frappuccino RN PT NAJ, B, DN32616103, 13-Jul-14, CH Risa To The Spindrift Spirit PT ex CH Nonesuch Geta Risa Outa Ewe PT, Kim Krueger

Open Agility Jumper, Alistair's Rae Of Sunshine At Big Lake OA OAJ, B, DN34624003, 25-Jul-14, CH MACH8 Colquhoun's No Time To Relax RN MXS3 MJC3 MXF MFB TQX T2B ex CH MACH Wynsum Many Splendored Thing RN PT MXG MJC MXF MFB TQX T2B2, Ann Chandoha

Open Agility Jumper, GCH CH Scotdale's Blue Light Special NA OAJ, D, DN26372803, 12-Jul-14, CH Scotdale's Smooth Operator ex CH Scotdale's Diamond In The Sky, Wendy Kregor & Karen R Shaw

Excellent Agility Jumper, CH Estrella's Orion The Dark Hunter AX AXJ OF CGC, D, DN32083002, 25-Jul-14, GCH CH Highlander He Shoots He Scores RA HT OA AXJ NF ex CH After Dark Seventh Star RN AX MXJ OF, Jennifer W Phillips

Excellent Agility Jumper, CH Wynsum To Know Him Is To Love Him CD OA AXJ, D, DN28141702, 6-Jul-14, CH Wynsum Make My Day AX AXJ ex Wynsum Listen To My Heart, Carolyn Epperson & Carol J Carlsen

Master Excellent Jumper, DC Pentangle's Captain Jack BN RE HSAds HSBd HIAds HIBd HXBd HXAdM MX MXJ MXF T2B, D, DN20787705, 19-Jul-14, CH Pentangle's Sam-I-Am ex CH Pentangle's Synchronicity RA HSAds HSBd HIAds HXAd, Joanne M Williamson

Master Bronze Jumper, GCH CH Headline's Upcoming News BN RA HT MX MXJ MJB OF T2B CGC, B, DN24100306, 26-Jul-14, CH Arlin Full Circle ex CH Headline's Nose For News, Suzanne L Beddoe & Matthew W Beddoe

Master Bronze Jumper, GCH CH Spindrift Bend It Like Beckham PT MX MXJ MJB XF T2B2, D, DN25590006, 27-Jul-14, CH Nonesuch H'Air Jordan RN ex CH Spindrift Something About Mary CD BN RA PT MX MXB MXJ MJB XF T2B, Ms. Shannon K Smart

Master Gold Jumper, CH MACH2 Wigglesworth Super Smooth Operator MXS MJG AXP AJP XF, D, DN32017902, 19-Jul-14, CH MACH14 Wigglesworth Super Sonic CD RN MXC4 MJS5 NAP NJP MXF MFS TQX ex CH Wigglesworth Sobe Wonder Girl NAJ XF, sharon and Jeff Ipser

Master Century Jumper, CH MACH Wynsum Many Splendored Thing RN PT MXG MJC MXF MFB TQX T2B2, B, DN14096503, 25-Jul-14, Wynsum Just Cause ex CH Wynsum Diamonds Are Forever RN AX AXJ, Glenn W Alexander & Carol J Carlsen

Time 2 Beat 2, GCH CH Spindrift Bend It Like Beckham PT MX MXJ XF T2B2, D, DN25590006, 26-Jul-14, CH Nonesuch H'Air Jordan RN ex CH Spindrift Something About Mary CD BN RA PT MX MXB MXJ MJB XF T2B, Ms. Shannon K Smart

Canine Good Citizen, Gemini Cricket Of Alamos CD RE THD CGC, B, DL90588804, 4-Jun-14, CH Highlander Wildest Dreams PT ex CH Alcyone Of Alamos, Jane Cooper

Canine Good Citizen, Majela Chanium An Milis Aon CGC, B, DN36525702, 30-Jul-14, CH Chanium Claddagh Fainne CDX RN HSAd AX MXJ OF ex GCH CH Chanium Aon As Mhain At Majela, Maureen Larroux & Jean Larroux

Canine Good Citizen, Ragtyme Scott Fabulous CGC, B, DN22661602, 1-Jul-14, CH Ragtyme Ever And Always RN NA NAJ ex CH Scott Sheer Bliss, Cindra L Malone & Lynn A Zagarella & Vince Zagarella

Advanced Canine Good Citizen, CH Legacy's Song For Nicholas Gone West BN RA CGCA, D, DN31220403, 13-Jul-14, Breaksea American Gothic ex CH Breaksea Another Song, Monika Helgemo & Laura Price & Judith Leroy

Therapy Dog Advanced, Hateya Sam THDA, D, PAL252219, 24-Jul-14, Deborah Lively

Therapy Dog Advanced, Sweetwater's Bethpage Black RA THDA CGC, D, DN23498805, 1-Jul-14, CH Nonesuch H'Air Jordan RN ex GCH CH Sweetwater's North Wind, Carol Bond

Therapy Dog Excellent, Hateya Sam THDX, D, PAL252219, 25-Jul-14, Deborah Lively

Distinguished Therapy Dog, Hateya Sam THDD, D, PAL252219, 28-Jul-14, Deborah Lively

got pumpkin?

You may want to move that can of pumpkin from your kitchen pantry to your beardie's medicine cabinet. Canned pumpkin is an excellent source of dietary fiber, with about 7 grams of fiber in a one-cup serving. Pumpkin is low in fat and packed full of nutrients, including beta-carotene, zinc, iron, vitamin A and potassium. Dogs seem to naturally love pumpkin, mine do.

Pureed pumpkin can help dogs with both constipation and diarrhea. Adding a tablespoon or two (in proportion to their size) to their regular meal is known to help keep dogs regular. It can also help dogs with indigestion or upset stomachs. The soluble fiber in pumpkin slows digestion, which is beneficial in the management of diarrhea. Since the fiber absorbs water, it "bulks" up the stool, helping to control the loose, watery stools characteristic of diarrhea. Incorporate pumpkin to the diet by adding up to 1 tablespoon per day for smaller dogs and 2 tablespoons per day for larger dogs. Make sure that pumpkin is the only ingredient (don't use the stuff made for baking a pie); you don't want to add any salt or spices.

If you are looking to take a few pounds off of your beardie, try reducing a portion of their food and replace it with the same portion of canned pumpkin. Since fiber provides a feeling of fullness, adding pumpkin to a dog's diet may help achieve weight loss by reducing the daily caloric intake. Pumpkin is high in vitamin A (which is fat-soluble and is stored in the liver until needed) so too much can become toxic. Please use pumpkin in moderation.

Cooked pumpkin is better for dogs than raw; and pureed pumpkin is easier for them to digest. Home-made pumpkin puree is easy to make and freezes just as well as canned. You can oven-roast, boil, stew or microwave your pumpkin and puree it in your blender or food processor. Skip using the big pumpkins used for carving since they are too watery. Use the smaller pumpkin meant for pies to get best results.

Even pumpkin seeds are good for dogs. Ground raw pumpkin seeds may help to treat some intestinal parasites, such as hookworms and tapeworms. Grind them to powder before adding a teaspoonful per 10 pounds of body weight to your dog's regular food. Roasted pumpkin seeds are a great dog treat - just go easy on the oil and salt. Either raw or roasted seeds can be used, whole or powdered, along with pumpkin puree to make biscuits, cookies and other treats.

FIRM UP! is wonderful product that I found and take with me when I travel with the dogs -'cuz *stuff* happens. It's dehydrated pumpkin that you can easily add to food or mix with water.

What you get with FIRM UP!

- USA Grown, pesticide free pumpkin and apple.
- An excellent high fiber, low fat supplement that supports digestive and immune support.
- Two understandable ingredients: USA grown pumpkin, USA grown Apple Fiber
- Convenience. Simply Mix with water for a canned pumpkin consistency. Each 4 oz bag makes the equivalent of 3 cans of other digestive pumpkin brand canned supplements, making it very cost effective.
- Great for travel, camping, pet related events and as a daily digestive supplement to promote regularity.

For more information on this product visit www.dydusa.com .

So now that you know a pumpkin is not just for carving or making a pie; why not try this simple recipe and make some Beardie happy?



Healthy Pumpkin Balls

This treat is not only easy, but delicious and filled with fiber, vitamin A, beta-carotene, potassium, and iron.

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin
- 4 tbsp molasses
- 4 tbsp water
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- ¼ tsp baking soda
- ¼ tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp cinnamon (optional)

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Mix pumpkin, molasses, vegetable oil, and water together in a bowl
3. Add the whole wheat flour, baking soda, baking powder and cinnamon to the mixture and stir until dough softens
4. Scoop out small spoonfuls of dough and roll into balls on your hands (wet hands work best)
5. Set the balls onto a lightly greased cookie sheet and flatten with a fork
6. Bake approximately 25 minutes until dough is hardened

Yield depends on the size of the treat.

Remember, treats should be fed in moderation!

Maryann Szalka, BCCA Health Chair