



BAGPIPES *EXTRA Edition*

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BEARDIE RESCUE

CONTINUED APPRECIATION • RECENT REGRET

As promised in my Annual Report (published in the September issue of *Bagpipes*), it is my pleasure now, in the Thanksgiving month of November, to *attempt* naming and thanking *all* the “continuing” rescue coordinators and volunteers—those that did not receive recognition under the earlier heading of “transition”. These dedicated workers have served faithfully over the years, and continue to do so.

THE CONTINUING ROSTER...SPANNING 27 YEARS

Moving across the country, west to east, starting with the Northwest and the California coast, I am most grateful to Sherri Bie, Jim and Jane Cooper, Beryl DeBorba, Sandy Dubin, Mary Edner, Patty Halverson, Karen Norton, Wanda Packard, Kathleen Pavlich, Ann Rambaud, Julie Sneed, Amy Steltz, Jim and Gwynn Sullivan, Beth Tilson, Beth and Jim White, and Anna Marie Yura.

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Moving next into Pennsylvania, up through the MidAtlantic and into the Northeast, appreciation goes to: Dave and Lori Bible, Stacey and the late Stephen Blau, Art Brundage (originally Alaska), Irene Carson, Lillian Esposito, Jill Farrington, Elizabeth Hayes, Kathleen Hingerty, Laura Loos, Linn McChancy, Pat McDonald, Elaine O’Carroll, Candace Swan, Carol Thurston, Brenda Wantland, and Norma and Paul Warner.

Last, but not least, we head south with thanks: Larry and Michelle Abramson, Cindy Alspaugh, Janet Atkins, Amber Carpenter, Betsy Cooke, Kathy Coxwell, Karen Drummond, Gordon Fitzgerald, Judy Howard, Carolyn Savage, Mary Jo Steger, and Meta Wasson. Plus, a very special and huge salute to Chantal Andrew, who has masterfully, and virtually independently, coordinated multiple rescues in the state of Florida.

Logo and Liaison

And this brings me to two special mentions: Kitty Hale and Dr. Stacey Blau.

Not long after Rescue got underway in the mid-80’s, a contest was held to create a logo for the Beardie Rescue Program. The logo design that won, the one still in use today, was submitted by Kitty Hale. It was perfect—simply and beautifully capturing the *heart and soul* of Rescue: a beardie’s paw uplifted to the outreached hand of a rescuer, with the canine facial expression of love, trust and gratitude. Thank you, Kitty, for this touching graphic of the essence of Rescue.

And just recently, something occurred which brings me great sadness. Stacey Blau (and her late husband) received their first beardies from Sue and me, back in the early 80’s. And almost immediately, they became active in the BCCA, attending their first Specialty in Cleveland (English breeder-judge Joyce Collis judging regular classes,) and then working hard in *multiple* BCCA supporting roles for the next two and a half decades.

The tragic and untimely death of Stephen was a serious loss to us all, most certainly to beardies and the BCCA which he so faithfully served. But Stacey carried on, serving on the BCCA Board as Rescue Liaison. Like all of you, I read her recent letter of resignation from the Board, and am deeply saddened that someone of her ability and integrity will no longer be serving in that position of leadership. But Sue and I both completely understand her thinking and action, and I know that Stacey will continue to help me with MetroNewYork rescues.

So, while my departure from serving as National Coordinator of Rescue is somewhat bittersweet, I am nevertheless filled with *overflowing gratitude* to all those named in both reports for their outstanding contributions to, and achievement in, the Rescue Program. Thanks to all of you, hundreds of beardies have been given the proverbial “second chance” in loving new homes.

Thank you also to the BCCA for recognizing both Sue’s and my contributions over the years with a beautifully-worded Proclamation, and Life Memberships, as announced at this year’s National Specialty Banquet. Thank you, Rosie, for that much-appreciated phone call and “reading.”

Finally, believing firmly in ending on a positive note, I offer special thanks to Kathy Coxwell. As the new National Rescue Coordinator, Kathy will do an outstanding job of maintaining

BRAGGIN' RIGHTS: OBEDIENCE, RALLY & TRACKING-OCT 2012

Our beardies have been busy! Please e-mail me (Laurie Lo) your brags and stories at buckeyegumption@yahoo.com.

Obedience: From the United States

New AKC CD Title (B Class) • CH Lil' Clove Hello Poppet RE MX MXJ HSAs (Poppet)

Leg 3- 1st Place (193 pts) Staten Island Companion Dog Training Club (NY) 8/12/2012

Leg 2- (180.5 pts) Lower Camden Dog Training Club (PA) 3/25/2012

Leg 1- (179 pts) Staten Island Companion Dog Training Club (NY) 8/14/11

Poppet is owned and bred by Trudy Wisner

New AKC GN Title (Graduate Novice) • CH Britannia Sebring All Time High CD BN RA HT (Greyson)

Leg 3 – 3rd place (190.5) Flatirons KC (CO) 9/15/12

Leg 2 – 2nd place (188.5) Evergreen KC (CO) 9/9/12

Leg 1 – 1st place (181) Terry-All KC (CO) 4/14/12

Greyson is owned and trained by Kathy Thomas and co-owned by Michele Ritter, Jill Floberg and Kirsten Andreassend.

New AKC CDX Title (A Class) • CH Chanium Claddagh Fainne RA CD AX MXJ OF HSAd VX (Spunk)

Leg 3- 1st place (198 pts) Doberman Pincher Club of Missouri (MO) 9/21/2012

Leg 2- 1st place (196 pts) Three Rivers KC (MO) 9/16/2012

Leg 1- 1st place (192.5 pts) Three Rivers KC (MO) 9/5/2012

Spunk has been driving his owner/handler Laurie Lo nuts for 8 years

Rally: From the United States

New AKC Rally RA Title (B class) • CH Headline's Upcoming News BN RN AX AXJ HIC CGC VA (Emma)

Leg 3- No placement (94 pts) BCCA Nat'l Specialty (CA) 10/9/2012

Leg 2- 2nd place (86 pts) Eugene Kennel Club (OR) 9/8/2012

Leg 1- 3rd place (86 pts) Eugene Kennel Club (OR) 9/8/2012

Emma is owned and trained by Suzi Beddoe

New AKC RE Title (A Class) • CH Woodsong's Danner Take a Hike, RA, HSAsd (Danner)

Leg 3 - 1st Place (89 pts) Bearded Collie Club of America Nat'l Specialty (CA) 10/9/2012

Leg 2 - 1st Place (88 pts) Flagstaff Kennel Club (AZ) 6/8/2012

Leg 1 - 1st Place (90 pts) Arrowhead Kennel Club (AZ) 4/8/2012

Danner is owned and trained by Nancy Thompson

New AKC RE Title (B Class) • CH Britannia Sebring All Time High CD BN GN RA HT (Greyson)

Leg 3 – (87) Buckhorn Valley KC (CO) 10/27/12

Leg 2 – 3rd place (95) Bearded Collie Club of America Nat'l Specialty (CA) 10/9/2012

Leg 1 – 3rd place (93) Mountain States Dog Training Club (CO) 5/5/12

Greyson is owned and trained by Kathy Thomas and co-owned by Michele Ritter, Jill Floberg and Kirsten Andreassend

New AKC RE Title (B Class) • Lil' Clove True Grit (Quincy)

Leg 3- (84 pts) Carrol County KC (NH) 9/8/2012

Leg 2- (84 pts) Lakes Region KC (NH) 8/25/2012

Leg 1- (85 pts) Lakes Region KC (HN) 8/25/2012

Quincy is owned and trained by Sonja Blanchard

New APDT Rally 2 Title (A Class) • CH Liberty's Blessed With Micah (Teddy)

Leg 3 - (189 pts) Versatile K9 Sports Club (NJ) 10/13/2012

Leg x - (199 pts) Versatile K9 Sports Club (NJ) 10/13/2012

Leg 2 - (196 pts) Garden State Bearded Collie Clan (NJ) 07/29/2012

Leg 1 - (188 pts) Garden State Bearded Collie Clan (NJ) 07/29/2012

Teddy is owned and trained by Karen & Jeff D'Elia

New APDT Rally 1 Championship Title (A & B Classes) • CH Liberty's Blessed With Micah (Teddy)

Leg 10 - (193 pts) Garden State Bearded Collie Clan (NY) 7/29/2012

Leg 9 - (195 pts) Garden State Bearded Collie Clan (NY) 7/29/2012

Leg 8 - (208 pts) It's Majic K9 Coaching (NJ) 7/28/2012

Leg 7 - (193 pts) Blue Ribbon Dog Sports (NJ) 7/28/2012

Leg 6 - (204 pts) It's Majic K9 Coaching (NJ) 6/24/2012

Leg 5 - (202 pts) It's Majic K9 Coaching (NJ) 6/24/2012

Leg 4 - (202 pts) Versatile K9 Sports Club (NJ) 6/9/2012

Leg 3 - (200 pts) Versatile K9 Sports Club (NJ) 6/9/2012

Leg 2 - (199 pts) It's Majic K9 Coaching (NJ) 2/12/2012

Leg 1 - (207 pts) It's Majic K9 Coaching (NJ) 2/12/2012

Teddy is owned and trained by Karen & Jeff D'Elia

Tracking: From the United States

New AKC TD Title • Lil' Clove True Grit (Quincy)

Tracking Club of Vermont (VT) 10/7/2012

Quincy was the only qualifier in the TD test at the trial. She stuck a very clean tracking line for her 440 yard track. She is owned and trained by Sonja Blanchard

AGILITY

by Libby Myers-Buhite

NATIONAL AGILITY TRIAL

The Agility Trial and Agility Dinner at the Nationals were flawless down to the tiniest details! The site was beautiful with its manicured lawn and quiet seclusion so that we had a wonderful sense of our agility community.

Congratulations to our three Highs in Trial

Standard High in Trial: **Pam Harris' Mary** - CH Spindrift
Something About Mary BN RA PT AX MXJ OF

1st/33 100 45.85'/57' 160 yds 3.92 yps

JWW High in Trial: **Steve Lausmann's Bailey** - Springhill's
Against All Odds HT

1st/37 100 24.75'/40' 121 yds 4.89 yps

T2B High in Trial: **Meha Harthill's Zuri** - CH Wigglesworth
Which Way Now PT AX AXJ NF

1st/21 10 points Time 2 Beat: 31.17'

Many thanks to Sharon Prassa for chairing the Trial, to Anna Marie Yura for the site, to Wendy Marciante for organizing our dinner, and to Carole Desmond for the fabulous trophies, including first place hand painted, insulated bags for the relay. Thanks to everyone for pitching in, especially Joanne Williamson, Karen Norteman, Patsy Sullivan, Jana Dozet and Gayle Dozet who worked every class, doing the scribing, timing, and gate duties, so essential for a well-run trial, and to those who came on Sunday to set up the ring and equipment: Mark Upshaw, Tammy Domico, Dave and Sharon Anderson, Jack Buhite, Jana Dozet, Gayle Dozet, Sarah and Doug Halsey, Pam Harris, Steve and Jodie Lausmann, Molly McNamara, and Shannon Smart. A great time was had by all!

NEW CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our two new October Champions! **Steve Lausmann's Izzy** (CH C-ATCH Springhill's Isabelle OA AXJ OF ExST ExSN ExJU EAC O-EJC O-OCC O-TN-E WV-E TG-N NVA) earned her C-ATE and **Bobbie Raguse's Grif** (CH Wynsum Perpetual Motion MX MXJ OF) earned his C-ATCH.

AGILITY TRIALS HELD BY BCCA AFFILIATE CLUBS

Northwest Bearded Collie Club of Puget Sound • 7/28-29/2012

In July the NWBCCPS held its annual all-breed agility trial in conjunction with their Regional Specialty. Five Northwest Beardies qualified: Suzanne Beddoe with Emma, Kathleen Harold with Hilary and Fiona, Maggie Riechman with Quinn, and Christiana Taylor with Jesse.

National Capital Bearded Collie Club - 9/8-9/2012

In September the NCBC held its annual all-breed agility Trial. Several Beardies made their AKC debuts and nineteen qualified.

Sheila Franklin: "The National Capital Bearded Collie Club held our annual all breed agility trial this weekend and several of my Bearded buddies from PA, NY and NO made the trip down. We had 22 Beardies entered and well over 30 in attendance as several of our non agility club members came and worked all weekend! Such great fun, and both judges commented how much fun they had seeing the Beardies run and how good all of them were! That is the most we have EVER had run, and it is because my camp buddies all came; they all plan to make it annual. The bonus of the East Coast: we can be in so many places in a much shorter time than many areas! I think the longest drive for any of them was 4 hours."

Heather Gahres: "This past weekend we traveled to Maryland for the National Capital Bearded Collie Club All Breed Agility trial. The club did a great job of having volunteers there that weren't even entered, and it was greatly appreciated. I know there were several Beardies there making their AKC debut including our Kit and Sheila Franklin's Joby which was a lot of fun! There were also a lot of placement ribbons hanging from Bearded crates and several new titles! I was especially proud of my boy Elton for earning his Open JWW. For those of you who don't know him, we spent 4 years in Novice because he wouldn't weave. He actually got to the point where he would make sure not to look at them because if he didn't see them they didn't exist. So after 4 years in Novice it was pretty cool to finish his Open title in 1 year :) and even more fun to do it with great Bearded friends around to cheer!"

Ruth Bryden: "Last weekend we went to the National Capital Bearded trial and met up with all Caol Ila's Lil'Clave relatives along with lots of other Bearded friends. It was her first trial doing FAST and the obstacles allowed for really nice, flowing sequences. For STD and JWW, this was her first foray into Open, and she did a great job. Glayva has had a very rough summer and was finally well enough to travel. He really enjoyed being able to meet and greet with everyone.

Of the 22 Beardies in attendance, the following 19 qualified: Ruth Bryden's Caol Ila, Claire Cifarelli's Roxie and B-Buster, Sheila Franklin's Bracey and Joby, Heather Gahres' Elton, Jeremy Haag's Kit, Terry Johnson's Indy, Streaker, and Higgins, Christa McChancy's Ethan, Linn McChancy's Callie, Linda Porter's Mika and Tori, and Trudy Wisner's Dottie, Dugan, Poppet, and Billy.

Northern California Bearded Collie Fanciers - 10/19-22/2012

Immediately after coming home from the Nationals in Southern California, we changed gears to put on our 15th and 16th all breed agility trials in conjunction with the Del Valle Kennel Club, which holds the largest AKC show of the year in Pleasanton, California. We set up on Thursday with the temperature in the mid-90's, had a very warm day on Friday, followed by a very pleasant weekend, then a downpour on Monday, the finale of our four day trial. To quote Lorie Abbott, our trial secretary, "Miracle anyone got a Q in the mud on Monday. Your club members really worked hard!" We had a wonderful crew throughout the weekend, including NCBCF club member judge Tammy Domico, Jack Buhite, Steve Lausmann, Dave and Sharon Anderson, Pam Harris, and our club President, Dawn Kinney. Shannon Smart and Molly McNamara came for the Del Valle part of the weekend, and I helped with the set-up on Thursday and our trial on Friday, before coming down with bronchitis. We cleared \$4700, which should help with all of our club activities throughout the year!

In all, ten Beardies competed: Dave Anderson with MacKenzie, Jack Buhite with Ceilidh, Pam Harris with Mary, Dawn Kinney with Buffy and Wick, Steve Lausmann with Izzy and Bailey, Molly McNamara with Stanley, Dianne Panarella with Royal, and Shannon Smart with Beckham.

Four Highs In Trial Were Presented

Friday Standard: **Dawn Kinney's Buffy** - MACH2 Dun-nachie's Buffy Slays Me RN HT MXC MJB2 NAP OJP OF

Friday JWW: **Steve Lausmann's Bailey** - Springhill's Against All Odds HT

Friday Time2Beat: **Jack Buhite's Ceilidh** - O'Duinnin Celebration Ale RE PT OA AXJ XF

Monday JWW: **Jack Buhite's Ceilidh** - O'Duinnin Celebration Ale RE PT OA AXJ XF

P.S. Please read the Annual Agility Report on the BAD website!

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and coordinating Rescue's efforts on behalf of all beardies-in-need. Kathy "knows the ropes," has been part of the Program from the start, and is herself an active "frontline rescuer."

Kathy and I shall be working together through March of next year to achieve a smooth transition: (continued on p 4)

documents, files, financial records, etc. It's a big responsibility, and the BCCA is indeed fortunate that someone of Kathy's ability has agreed to *carry on*.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

Paul (and Sue too)

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(For Beardies in shelters and homeless situations)

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DOGS ARE OUR BEST FRIENDS

And we want them to enjoy longer, healthier lives!

The BCCA Charitable Trust is excited to announce our second matching funds campaign to raise money for canine cancer research. Anonymous donors have pledged a one to one match through December 31, 2012, meaning that every dollar donated to the campaign, will be matched, up to \$5000. If you give \$50, it will grow to \$100; a \$500 donation will grow to \$1000 - that gets you twice as much bang for your buck and your donation is tax deductible. In 2011, our goal for the Canine Cancer campaign was \$10,000; we ended up with \$18,000! The funds were donated to the Morris Animal Foundation (MAF) Cancer campaign, full funding the 2012 needs for the study "Determining How Nutrition Plays a Key Role in Cancer" (11,360) and contributed to two additional studies - "Evaluating a Novel Drug for Lymphoma" (3640) and "Studying How Mast Cell Tumors Become Malignant" (\$3000). For anyone who would like to view the studies MAF funded in 2011-2012, go to <http://tinyurl.com/6n3ku84> If any are of particular interest, we can request periodic updates for those studies too, which we'll include in the BCCA newsletter.

<http://www.bccacharitabletrust.org/>

ACHY BREAKY HEART

When Billy Ray Cyrus sang his well known song he wasn't referring to Beardies, but our Beardies certainly are prone to having their hearts be achy and break due to Heartworm disease. Most of us realize that in the Deep South it's more a matter of WHEN not IF a dog is going to present with heartworm disease if they are left unprotected. Unfortunately a lot of the rescues that we attempt to help are heartworm positive as they haven't been protected with the monthly treatments.

The reality is you should have your vet check for heartworms yearly, even if you have been religious about prevention. Leaving them unchecked can be deadly. Heartworm is carried by infected mosquitoes. The disease is unique to animals but is not a threat to humans. Mosquitoes that carry heartworm are now in all 50 states, and there is no area that is totally free from the possibility of infection. Even arid areas like Arizona that used to be free of the problem now have incidents due to irrigation (mosquitoes breed in standing water).

The key to understanding the disease is to understand how it develops. Once a mosquito bites an infected host, it acquires the microfilaria. Once inside the mosquito it goes through three stages called molting in 14 days. When the third one occurs, the microfilaria migrates to the mosquito's salivary glands, which then allow them to infect Fido or Fifi when they bite them. Once a dog is bitten by an infected mosquito it generally takes about 7 months for the larvae to mature into adult worms, which is when they can be detected by blood tests. At that point they start their paths of destruction by lodging in the heart, lungs and surrounding blood vessels. These worms then start to reproduce, within these organs, and continue to grow. At maturity they can be 12 inches or more long and can live between 5 to 7 years inside of the dog. It is estimated that a dog can harbor around 250 worms in their systems. These worms begin to block ventricles of the heart or blood vessels that feed the heart, and eventually can cause a blockage that ultimately results in death.

So, how do you know if your dog has heartworms? When he or she is first infected neither you nor your vet will not be able to diagnose it. You will not see any symptoms until the worms mature, when a blood test will be positive. When it reaches that stage they hungrily arrive at the right ventricle and neighboring arteries and begin damaging them. The dog's body responds with inflammation to try to repair the damage, but the heartworms cause damage faster than the body can repair itself. The artery becomes severely damaged, and dilated. Blood clots can form and aneurysms are common. Also, a complete blockage can occur. When the artery gets blocked the blood re-routes to other arteries, but then blocks more vessels causing fluid in the lungs which reduces the lung's ability to oxygenate the blood. Over time the worms continue to grow, mature and reproduce finally filling the heart and vessels eventually causing heart failure. In these later stages you dog may experience coughing, wheezing, a change in activity level, loss of appetite and weight, or even jaundice.

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