



BAGPIPES EXTRA Edition

May 2021

2020 BCCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY UPDATES

Carol Serrine, 2020 Show Chair • cas4beardies@earthlink.net

Just a quick update to all who are planning to attend the BCCA 2020 National Specialty.

Entries for some events are off the Richter Scale! Other events are modest in participation. The special events and meals we have planned have what I consider low attendance. I don't think attendees know what they will be missing. A good case in point is the Auction evening. I know the mantra - been there and done that. Here is the conversation as I know it and the BCCA 2020 response:

Skeptical Sally: Off-site - I am not leaving my Beardie in a hot car whether the place is seven minutes or seven seconds from Purina!

Perky Pam: Off-site-yes, the Opera House of Pacific is seven minutes down the highway from Purina. We have made arrangements for you to leave your Beardie in the cool of the grooming room with a dog sitter with the entire facility guarded by Purina Security.

Skeptical Sally: \$35 for a dinner - who can afford that and it probably will be a swiller meal at that! I want to go out with my friends who I seldom see!

Perky Pam: If you have not eaten at the Hawthorne Inn in past trips to Purina Farms, you have missed the best food in the area. They are catering our Auction event. There are no BCCA evening events scheduled for June 19 and June 21 - you can go elsewhere with friends. You have one night - June 20 - to enjoy friends, fine food, entertainment, and help Rescue.

Skeptical Sally: I don't need another Bearded Collie anything!

Perky Pam: Most of us are of a certain age and have Beardie Collie items we want to divest ourselves of rather than

accumulate. The point of the Auction is not to fill your house with more Beardie stuff. Rather, it is to socialize with fellow Beardie folks and support the BCCA Rescue program.

Skeptical Sally: Every time I bid on something I really want, I am outbid.

Perky Pam: Well, lady luck is fickle, but to help things out we are offering several options from making a donation instead of bidding along with the opportunity to win a 50-50 raffle and a prize of \$400 in cash if you have the lucky paddle - but you must be present to win!

Skeptical Sally: I have to get my dogs ready for Dog and Bitch Conformation the next day.

Perky Pam: The Auction is from six - nine pm. Our judge Michael Canalizo has asked for a late morning start around 10:30 or 11:00 am, as he will be taking the red-eye into St. Louis the night before.



This is just to say that your BCCA 2020 National Specialty team has worked every angle to keep this dog show alive for two-plus years. Twenty-one committee chairs have worked tirelessly to make this show work for you. Someone made the comment, "It just looks so disorganized." I can guarantee you and actually challenge anyone to ride the wave that this 2020 BCCA Specialty has been on. So, here is my appeal as the show chair, please flex just another step, come our way and support this team effort by attending special events created with your enjoyment in mind. And, if you are reconsidering, you can sign up for more even if you have already submitted yours. Online registration is available at <http://www.bcca2020.com/master-registration-form>

HERDING

Elsa Sell, chair • beaconbb@bellsouth.net

With so little going on in trials, I found the links below for study. These materials cover best livestock handling practices that result in a better market product and thus are economically beneficial. Learn how livestock move in response to people, how handling techniques minimize and reduce stress. The insights gained will help understand how stock respond to a dog's presence.

GENERAL

How a handler's (or dog's) actions resemble a predator (Temple Grandin). Written article. https://www.grandin.com/behaviour/principles/acting_predator.stress.handling.html

CURT PATE

Sheep handling in an arena; going into a pen. Video (12 min) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKqLSkfpXQ>

CATTLE

Ron Gill: Person, 1 cow, small pen - changing direction. Video (about 10 min). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gycWs6q1GBw>

Ron Gill: Stockmanship. (Video about 30 min - at least watch first 10 min; some commentary by Grandin on proper construction of working facilities). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XH1zaK45o7c>