

BCCA Committee Report - End-of-Year 2025

1. Name of Committee Therapy
2. Name of Committee Chair/Co-Chairs Rhonda L. Hardy
3. List of Committee Members Gretchen Blackburn, Suzanne Easley Buck, Jane Cooper
4. Committee Goals for the past year

Adjust guidelines for BCCA awards to align with AKC title requirements (# of visits vs. # of hours)
Announce and Collect hours for annual BCCA Therapy Awards
Write and solicit articles for Bulletin and Bagpipes

5. Activities and Major Accomplishments

BCCA Board adopted our recommendation and changed the guidelines for Awards to align with AKC Title requirements.

Bagpipes announcements of annual awards. Currently preparing article with (hopefully) photos for the Bulletin.

6. Statistical Information (if applicable)

Therapy Dog Titles 2025

2 Bearded Collies in 2025	THDN - Therapy Dog Novice (10 visits)
2 Bearded Collies in 2025	THD - Therapy Dog (50 visits)
	THDA - Therapy Dog Advanced (100 visits)
	THDX - Therapy Dog Excellent (200 visits)
	THDD - Therapy Dog Distinguished (400 visits)
1 Bearded Collie in 2025	THDS - Therapy Dog Supreme (600 visits)

7. Additional Information/Comments/Special Highlights (please attach)

It has been difficult to obtain anecdotal information from members to incorporate in an article. Since photography is very restricted by most of the Therapy licensing organizations, photos are not easily available nor do they tell the story.

Although changing the guidelines to "visits" did simplify the process, it was still extremely difficult to obtain applications for the award. Looking for a simpler way to identify an award winner. Typically people who do therapy work are not looking for recognition.