## Annual Agility Report for 2022 - BCCA Agility Committee August 15, 2023

## **Committee Co-Chairs:**

Libby Myers-Buhite of Santa Clara CA Joanne Williamson of Charlton, MA, Awards Statistician

#### Goals met for 2022-2023:

All agility titles, including FAST, Time2Beat and those of the Premier program are now counted toward the Register of Merit for Agility. Dams, as well as sires, now need at least two offspring and five titles to earn the Register of Merit for Agility (ROMA). The ROMAX still requires two offspring with 15 titles for sires and 10 for dams.

## **Activities and Major Accomplishments:**

## A: BCCA Awards:

Joanne Williamson has done all the statistics for the BCCA Awards and AKC annual reports since 1996.

#### **B.** Trials:

## BCCA:

The Bearded Collie Club of America holds at least one annual National Specialty agility trial.

#### **Affiliate Clubs:**

The Northern California Bearded Collie Fanciers hold two weekends of all-breed agility trials annually. **Jack Buhite** chaired the NCBCF's 77<sup>th</sup> and 78<sup>th</sup> agility trials in April 2023. 10 were stand alone specialties. 68 were all-breed trials.

#### C. Publication:

The Agility Committee fosters the sport of dog agility through publication in the **Bagpipes** and the **Beardie Bulletin**. Milestones, explanations of new classes and rule changes, AKC statistics and national competitions, agility events, awards, tributes, stories, and agility exercises are published in the Bagpipes. The annual reports appear on both the BCCA and BAD websites. All AKC Titles and BCCA Awards are published in the Bulletin, as well as National Events and articles on the sport.

The **Beardie Agility Diehards** (BAD) pay for all agility pages above the yearly allotment and for the publication of USDAA, NADAC, CPE, UKC, and UKI titles as well. Over the last 26 years the Diehards have sponsored articles in 85 issues of the Bulletin and contributed \$23,805 toward the publication of 293 agility pages.

#### **D. Internet:**

The BCCA website's Agility Section contains agility articles and a link to the Beardie Agility Diehard website (www.beardieagilitydiehards.org).

**The BAD website**, created by **Karen Norteman** and launched on New Year's Day 1998, has a large section devoted to BCCA Agility, listing the current BCCA Agility Committee, the complete list of BCCA Agility Award winners since 1996, the Register of Merit for Agility, the National Specialty results starting with the first trial in 1996, and the annual agility reports. There are pdfs of all AKC Agility legs earned by Beardies from 1 January 2012 through 30 June 2023 so that BAD Members can update their pages. The website features a Rainbow Bridge page for all BAD Agility Beardies. Currently there are 968 Agility Beardies on the Website, including 915 at home and 53 abroad. Of these, 840 have earned legs and titles in the six United States and two Canadian dog agility organizations and 690 are BAD.

The Beardie Agility Diehards Discussion Group was moved to BeardieAgilityDiehards@groups.io on August 5, 2021 and currently has 154 members.

The Beardie Agility Training & Performance Facebook Page was started in in 2017 by John Youngblood. Currently, it has 88 Members. This group is designed to be an online resource to help in the training and performance of Bearded Collies in dog agility. To join, contact John.

## These New Pages on the BAD Website are nearly completed:

All AKC Standard Titlists since 1994: beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/AKCstandard.html All AKC Jumpers with Weaves Titlists since 1998: beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/jww10.html All AKC FAST Titlists since 2007: beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/FAST07.html All AKC Triple Q Beardies since 2019: beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/AKCpremier.html All AKC T2B Titlists since 2012: beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/T2B.html All AKC Premier Beardies since 2017: beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/AKCpremier.html

## The following pages have been updated through June 30, 2023:

BAD Members and Beardies with all titles: beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/MEMBERS.html 690 BAD Beardies with all agility titles: beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/BADstats.html All non-member Beardie agility titles updated: beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/BADstatsN.html Rainbow Bridge Agility Beardies: beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/bridge.

All 2022 Beardie AKC agility legs earned: beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/AKC\_legs\_2022.pdf All AKC legs earned between 1 Jan and 30 June 2023: beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/AKC\_legs\_1Q 2Q 2023.pdf 2022-23 Championships in all venues: beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/MACH2Qs.html 2022-23 USDAA titles updated: beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/USDAAbea.html

2022 BCCA Register of Merit for Agility: beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/BCCAROMA.html 2023 BCCA Master Versatility and Versatility Excellent Awardees: beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/vb.html Links to all BCCA National Agility Trials: beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/BCCAntls.html

E. AKC Correspondence: None needed this year.

## **Statistical Information:**

## American Kennel Club- January 1-December 31, 2022 – Annual AKC Report from Joanne Williamson:

113 Beardies earned a total of 2,139 legs in the regular, preferred, FAST, T2B, and Premier classes and the ACT program. 79 competed in the regular classes with 44 in preferred and 10 in both; 5 participated in the ACT program with 2 in both ACT and the regular or preferred classes and 3 in ACT only. 87 of these teams accounted for a total of 264 titles including 15 MACHs and 4 PACHs.

Lawrence Dalan and Bing (Wigglesworth Pride And Prejudice) earned MACHs 15, 16 and 17, thereby setting a new beardie record for number of championship titles completed; they were also awarded an AGCH2 title, another beardie first for this talented team. Jennifer Phillips and Ryan (Estrella's Orion The Dark Hunter) became the breed's third AGCH in February. Patsy Sullivan and Mackenzie (Aberdeen's Dancing Queen) completed PACH and PACH2 and Lori Weinberg and Spark (Nonesuch Flint And Steel) their MACH and MACH2 in 2022.

Six beardies attended the 2022 AKC Agility Invitational held in Orlando, FL in December. The medallion for the top scoring beardie in the competition was awarded to **Larry and Bing** who also made the 20" class finals.

Wigglesworth Pride And Prejudice, owned by Larry Dalan (400/129.368 sec) Aberdeen's Dancing Queen, owned by Patsy Sullivan (400/155.719 sec) Nonesuch Flint And Steel, owned by Lori Weinberg (395/140.368 sec) Wigglesworth Wynsum Gone With The Wind, owned by Larry Dalan (375/115.622 sec) AllAround Our Lucky Penny, owned by Suzanne O'Malley (360/159.581 sec) Highlander Carry On Bravely, owned by Joseph Root (300/108.588 sec with 1 NT)

Ten teams (7 in regular; 3 in preferred) qualified for the 2023 AKC National Agility Championships held March 16-19 at the Build Ford Tough Complex at Expo Square in Tulsa, OK.

MACH2 PACH2 Aberdeen's Dancing Queen, owned by Patsy Sullivan CH MACH2 Allaround Our Lucky Penny, owned by Suzanne O'Malley CH Charter's True North, owned by Joanne Williamson CH MACH2 Highlander Carry On Bravely, owned by Joseph Root MACH2 Nonesuch Flint And Steel, owned by Lori Weinberg Tweeddale's Let Freedom Ring, owned by Cathy Cox MACH Tweeddale's Magic Tartan Of Brooknoll, owned by Jan Burgan CH AGCH2 MACH17 Wigglesworth Pride And Prejudice, owned by Larry Dalan CH MACH Wigglesworth Wynsum Gone With The Wind, owned by Larry Dalan CH PACH Wynsum Turning On The Charm, owned by Jan Leverenz

## American Agility Venues in which Beardies Compete:

## American Kennel Club- AKC

792 Beardies have earned legs, of whom 685 Beardies have earned trial titles and 24 have earned only test titles since 1994. 7 Beardies have earned 1<sup>st</sup> trial legs, 7 Beardies have earned 1<sup>st</sup> trial legs, 26 have earned 1<sup>st</sup> trial titles, since 1 January 2022

90 Beardies have earned 294 AKC Championships:

Agility Grand Champions: 3 AGCHs, 1 AGH2

Master Agility Champions: 83 MACHs, 47 MACH2s, 30 MACH3s, 18 MACH4s, 16 MACH5s, 11 MACH6s, 9 MACH7s, 9 MACH8s, 7 MACH9s, 5 MACH10s, 4 MACH11s, 3 MACH12s, 3 MACH13s, 2 MACH14, 1 MACH15 1 MACH16, 1 MACH17, 1 MACH18

Performance Agility Champions: 25 PACHs, 10 PACH2s, 2 PACH3s, and 2 PACH4s

## United States Dog Agility Association- USDAA:

At least 175 Beardies have earned legs since 1992 and 140 have earned titles. 3 Beardies are new since last year.

14 Beardies have earned 16 USDAA Championships: 1 triple champion (ADCH-Bronze), 9 champions (ADCH), and 6 Performance Champions (PDCH).

## North American Dog Agility Council- NADAC

At least 189 Beardies have earned legs since 1996.

6 Beardies have earned 12 NADAC Championships: 6 NADAC Champions (NATCH), 3 NATCH2s, and 2 NATCH3s,

of whom 2 also earned the NADAC Versatility Championship (Vers-NATCH),

# **Canine Performance Events- CPE:**

At least 90 Beardies have earned legs since 2003.

18 Beardies have earned 56 Championships:

14 C-ATCHs, 2 CT-ATCHs, 1 CT-ATCH2s, 2 CS-ATCHs, 6 C-ATCH2s, 5 C-ATCH3s, 4 C-ATCH4s, 2 C-ATCH5s, 2 C-ATCH6s, 1 C-ATCH7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 3 C-ATEs, 1 C-ATE2, 3, 4, and 5, 1 CT-ATE, 1 CS-ATE, and 1 CS-ATE2

## **United Kingdom International- UKI**

At least 16 Beardies have competed in UKI since this organization came to the USA in 2010.

One Beardie has completed a Championship - IAC

## **Commendations:**

Beardies have been competing in agility since 1992. To date, 114 Beardies and 70 handlers have earned 386 Agility Championships in 7 venues.

#### **AKC Premier Program**

**The AGCH is the Premier Program Agility Grand Champion Title** and recognizes dogs that show consistency and versatility across all classes of the AKC agility program. To earn the AGCH title, the following number of qualifying scores must be earned at the highest level in each of these classes: Standard & Jumper with Weaves – 100; Fast and Time 2 Beat – 75; Premier Standard and Premier JWW – 50. These qualifying scores may be earned from either the Regular or Preferred classes or a combination of both these classes. Qualifying scores are grandfathered.

The PAD/ PADP or PJD/ PJDP requires 25 Standard or Jumpers Premier legs including 5 in top 25% The PJD Silver 2 or PJD Gold2 requires 150 or 175 Premier Jumpers legs including 5 in top 25%

## **AKC Regular Program**

The MACH is the Master Agility Championship. In order to acquire the Master Agility Champion title, a dog must achieve a minimum of 750 championship points (combined seconds under standard course time) and 20 double qualifying scores obtained from the Master Standard Agility class and the Master Jumpers With Weaves class.

The PACH is the Preferred Master Agility Championship with the same requirements as the MACH.

The TQX is the Triple Q Excellent Title. In order to acquire the TQX, a dog must receive 10 triple qualifying scores from the Master Agility Standard class, the Master Jumpers With Weaves class and the Master FAST class on the same day.

The BCCA Agility Committee congratulates the 16 Beardies and 14 handlers who earned 2 Premier Agility Championships (AGCH and AGCH2), 15 MACHs, 4 PACHs, 1 TQX and 4 Premier Standard and Jumpers Titles in 2022.

AGCH2	Bing	CH AGCH MACH6 Wigglesworth Pride And Prejudice	Lawrence Dalan	10. ?.22
AGCH	Ryan	CH AGCH MACH6 PACH Estrella's Orion The Dark Hunter	Jennifer Phillips	2.06.22
MACH	Ross	MACH Tweeddale's Black As The Ace Of Spades	Deborah Alexander	1.14.22
MACH	Gracie	MACH Wynsum Victory Through Grace	Kathy Tomlinson	1.23.22
MACH	Spark	MACH Nonesuch Flint and Steel	Lori Weinberg	2.12.22
MACH	RaeRae	MACH Alistair's Rae Of Sunshine At Big Lake	Ann Chandoha	2.25.22
MACH	Tartan	MACH Tweeddale's Magic Tartan Of Brooknoll	Jan Burgan	5.22.22
MACH	Currie	MACH Cameron's Flash of Glory	Richard Masley	7.24.22
MACH	Ash	CH MACH Wigglesworth Wynsum Gone With The Wind	Lawrence Dalan	7.30.22
MACH2	Penny	CH MACH2 Allaround Our Lucky Penny	Suzanne O'Malley	5.22.22
MACH2	Claymore	CH MACH2 Highlander Carry On Bravely	Joe Root	8.13.22
MACH2	Spark	MACH2 Nonesuch Flint and Steel	Lori Weinberg	10.02.22
MACH5	Szaffi	MACH5 Wookiee Gang Ambermoon	Richard Masley	3.11.22
MACH5	Bolt	MACH5 Cameron Lightnin Strikes Twice	Lori Weinberg	4.23.22
MACH15	Bing	CH MACH15 Wigglesworth Pride And Prejudice	Lawrence Dalan	3.17.22
MACH16	Bing	CH MACH16 Wigglesworth Pride And Prejudice	Lawrence Dalan	6.21.22
MACH17	Bing	CH MACH17 Wigglesworth Pride And Prejudice	Lawrence Dalan	10.29.22
РАСН	Mackenzie	MACH2 PACH Aberdeen's Dancing Queen	Patsy Sullivan	2.19.22
PACH	Maile	PACH Rivercity Sweet Little Maile Girl	Christy Stine	7.08.22
РАСН	Lager	CH PACH Wynsum Turning On The Charm	Janice Leverenz	11.19.22
PACH2	Mackenzie	MACH2 PACH2 Aberdeen's Dancing Queen	Patsy Sullivan	10.29.22
TQX	Ross	CH MACH Tweeddale's Black As The Ace Of Spades	Deborah Alexander	1.28.22
2 Handlers and 2 Beardies completed Premier Titles in Standard and Jumpers:				
PJD Silver 2 Bing		CH MACH14 Wigglesworth Pride And Prejudice	Lawrence Dalan	2.20.22
PJD Gold 2 Bing		CH MACH17 Wigglesworth Pride And Prejudice	Lawrence Dalan	11.26.22
PADP	Mackenzie	MACH2 PACH Aberdeen's Dancing Queen	Patsy Sullivan	7.10.22
PJDP	Mackenzie	MACH2 PACH Aberdeen's Dancing Queen	Patsy Sullivan	4.23.22

#### Thank you:

The Agility Committee thanks **Joanne Williamson** for 28 years of recording and analyzing AKC and BCCA statistics and **Karen Norteman** for designing the BCCA and BAD websites. We also thank **Joanne Williamson** and **Libby Myers-Buhite** for their columns in the Bulletin and Bagpipes, including: all Agility titles earned in 2022, AKC Statistics for 2022, the BCCA Awards, the Register of Merit for Agility, the 2022 Invitational Standings, and the National Agility Championship Standings. **Joanne** contributes many AKC updates and training articles to the Bagpipes, as well.

We especially thank Lillian Esposito and Michele Ritter for doing such a fine job with agility publication in the Bulletin and Bagpipes. It has been a pleasure working with all of you!

And finally, many thanks to those who made our 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Annual BCCA National Specialty Agility Days at Level Up Dog Sports in Mechanicsville, Virginia an event to remember. Linda Porter chaired with her committee: Judith Morris, Jan Burgan, Merilynn Bergstresser, and Cathy Cox. Sheila Franklin coordinated the workers, Libby and Jack Buhite organized the Fun Relay, Joanne Williamson calculated the Highs in Trial and all of the Special Awards, and Linda Porter, Judith Morris, Carol Lamb and Joanne Williamson donated prizes. A special anniversary cake was brought to the trial to celebrate 25 years of being BAD. Libby Myers-Buhite founded the Beardie Agility Diehards (BAD), who began corresponding in the fall of 1996 and whose "name day" was first celebrated on 1 April 1997. Libby continues to manage the Beardie Agility Diehard website.