

BCCA Rescue FY 23-24 Report Narrative

From July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, we received and processed 98 applications, which averages about 8 per month. 28 of those are either reactivated applications or updates made to current applications on file. Processing each application includes responding to the applicant; notifying the area coordinators and volunteers; and posting to several Rescue-only sites, as well as saving the application to Dropbox under the appropriate state. This does not include the vast number of inquiries we receive via telephone and email.

This past FY, we were able to recruit two new Rescue Coordinators/Volunteers; one for Idaho and one for Northern/Middle Ohio/Erie, PA. Sadly two of our long-time Coordinators: Deb Quadland and Ginny Bing-Mraz passed away.

As of July, 2024 we had 393 active applications in our database. With the help of volunteers, we are able to keep these files current by reaching out to applicants on a three-year cycle. Applications from 2021-2023 were contacted in 2024 and updates were made as needed. Those no longer wanting to remain in active status were removed from our database.

This year, nine Beardies were brought into rescue: Two from CA, two from OH, two from TX, one from SC, one from IA, and one from MI. Of the nine rescued, two have been placed with long-term fosters due to their ages; 13 and 14.5. One elder girl has been diagnosed with and is being treated for Cushings and Pancreatitis.

Due to on-going interest from our members, our BCCA President, Pat Colombo, allowed us to form a committee to investigate, research, and draw up a proposal that would allow Rescue to launch a Program to possibly purchase Beardies from puppy mills and other Internet sources under limited Circumstances . This Program was approved by the BOD for a one-year term on November 2023, to be reassessed in November, 2024.

Pat Columbo, President, also authorized Kay and Patty to mentor Tammy Everitt on Rescue Administrative duties, to one day fill a vacancy if one of them should retire. Tammy has proven to be a reliable and hard-working addition to our team and has stepped up to do any project we have asked of her.

The Beardedie Hair Clip fund raiser, implemented, maintained, and funded by Lisa Depies, our AZ/NM Coordinator, continues to be extremely successful. The profits for this Fiscal Year that were donated to Rescue amounted to \$3,799.91. Since the inception of this program, Lisa has donated more than \$19,300 to Rescue. We cannot begin to thank Lisa enough for the substantial expense she incurs personally to advance this program.

Respectfully,

Patty Halverson and Kay Sakowski
BCCA Rescue Co-Administrators
Tammy Everitt, Intern Administrator