

fBCCA Herding Committee 2018 Annual Report for Board

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Activities, Major Accomplishments

- Record AKC herding trial stats in BCCA Herding electronic database
 - Regularly encourage members to check their dog's records there and with AKC
- BCCA funded server and domain registration (beardieherding.org) which are used for electronic database. Electronic database moved from shared server at Newtek to a private server in March and added security.
- Reviewed and passed on to 2019 National Specialty Chair the member nominations for herding trial judges. Two judges have been obtained and contracts are to be signed soon
- New herding award donated by Joanne Williamson in memory of her Pentangle's Captain Jack. This award started in year 2017 and is for top scoring dog on ducks.
- Worked with owners and AKC to resolve data recording errors for qualifying runs. The frequency of problems increased in 2017. Elsa provided details on the problems to the AKC delegate who chairs the Herding, Earthdog, and Coursing Committee in the spring and to the AKC herding rep in August. Among the problems is that there is no system for performance to notify reporting after a correction is made; reporting never knows and can't generate a new report. I never know it happened and we still work off the original quarterly stats reports. One of the worst errors discovered recently was from 2012! There are fewer known errors so far in 2018.
- Provided herding articles and reports for most monthly Bagpipes and the Bulletin.
- Calculated yearly BCCA herding awards – all herding ROM's, Bishop, Jack Awards are electronically calculate on the database server. Top Herding Dog and Herding Dog of the Year Awards are calculated with a combination of electronic and manual work.
- A new ranch style course (D) was introduced by AKC in 2018 and we already have 3 started D titles in Beardies (see stats report).
- Changed herding committee electronic meeting to Google Groups because Yahoo groups had become increasingly dysfunctional in the spring.
- Updated various reports on herding section of website
- The gradual decrease in BCCA instinct tests probably reflects both the lower number of Beardie litters and fewer HIC tests offered. Generally in the years of Beardie camp the number of HICs is higher (16, 14 – 18 results not yet available due to health issues in secretary's family).

Statistics for Recent Five Years

	2018*	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
AKC						
Test						
HT	7	18	24	13	9	17
PT	4	18	16	17	16	10
Trial						
Started						
HSA _s	5	12	8	15	4	4
HSA _d	3	4	3	1	2	1
HSB _s	0	2	1	1	1	0
HSB _d	0	3	3	1	0	2
HSA _s M	2	1	3	1	1	1
HSD**	3 in July					
Intermediate						
HIA _s	2	7	2	5	0	3
HIA _d	0	2	3	2	1	0
HIB _s	0	0	0	3	0	0
HIB _d	0	5	2	1	1	0
Advanced						
HXA _s	1	4	2	4	0	3
HXA _d	1	3	2	0	0	3
HXB _s	0	0	0	0	0	0
HXB _d	0	1	0	0	0	0
HC						
	2	1	1	0	0	1
BCCA						
Instinct Test	0	14	35	24	40	77
ROMI		4	4	4	8	3
ROMIX		1	0	0	0	1
ROMH		6	2	5	0	2
ROMHX		0	0	1	0	1

*First 6 months of 2018 except HSD

**New course 2018

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