



BAGPIPES *EXTRA Edition*

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HERDING NEWS

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NEW ASCA HERDING TITLE

GCH DC Lil'Clove True Grit earned her ASCA Open Farm Trial Dog- Mixed Stock (OFTDm) title on May 11. Owned by Sonja Blanchard.

HIGHLAND HERDING. MAYPOLE FUN.

Ann Witte, June 2008

Putting sheep into a free-standing pen is a challenge for all newer handlers and dogs (*note: it is a challenge for everyone*). There are a few tricks which can go a long way to aid the team to be successful at this difficult task.

From the sheep's eye view, at first the escape route is not obvious, so the first "trick" is to not let the sheep have time to think. The best way to do this is to have the sheep slowed way down until you can get the pen gate open so the progress into the pen becomes one straight shot.

There will usually be a stronger draw to one side of the pen, so the dog should maintain some slight pressure to that side to prevent the idea forming that there is an escape route that way.

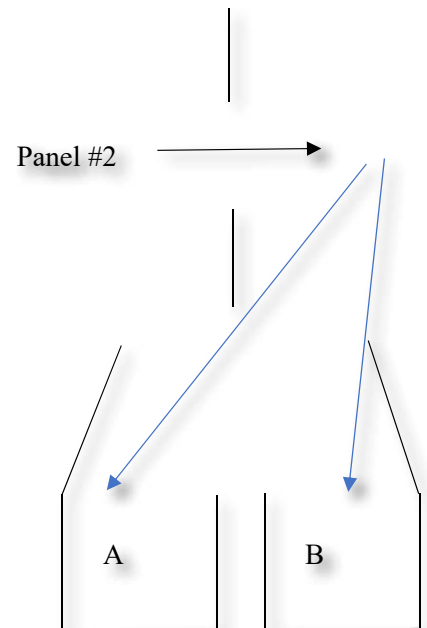
The line directly into the pen should be towards the back gate-hinge side corner; so while you and the gate become a double length "wall", the dog can push from slightly to the shorter-length "wall" side and forward. There is a big difference depending on where the gate is hinged. *Which pen would you choose after panel #2 if each pen was in the same place with respect to the panel, and the draw is to the left?*

When sheep cannot see any alternative, they will pen for their own "safety". It's the same principle for the sheep as their "hiding" in a Y or Z chute – they seem to think they cannot be seen once they are inside!

Generally, once the sheep begin to play "Ring Around the Rosie" at the pen, they will not be penned; they now know there is an escape route. If you can help your Beardedie to understand the nuances of free penning, he'll thereafter get great delight in doing this task, and doing it well.

(Note: Look at the free-standing pen at your training and trial sites. Is the gate hinged on the side of the pen that helps or hinders the task? If opening the gate moves it back into the line of travel or forces sheep to the short side of the pen, then what do you do? Do you risk having your dog move the sheep over toward the original lift line so that they could be lined up to come in toward the long you/gate/pen side? Or do you hope for the best and have the sheep coming into the short side of the pen and risk ring around the pen multiple times and a thank you? What if the draw is also on the short side of the pen? Now you have two disadvantages to manage.)

DRAW



WHO AND WHERE IS THIS BEARDIE?



HC Sallen Cherokee (Tag) HS HXAds HXBd accompanied Ann Witte to a training clinic in Sweden.

WHACKY QUACKERS

I have two groups of male ducks for training, having traded out my flighty sheep with due respect for my precious lower extremity joint replacements. Three older ducks have been together several years as one group and the other group has 13 year and a half old Blue Swedes. They each have their separate nighttime predator protected places within a fully fenced/roofed



Here's a couple of photos of one really aggressive guy trying to get at two on the other side of the fence panel.



I guess the separation program will be needed until the hormonal raging is done. If you don't own ducks and were considering doing so, be prepared! There is more to having ducks (or any

duck house. Nights there is no food or water. Daytimes there is scratch and bugs and pasture for nutrition, and ample water for drink and play. Mostly the two groups sorted themselves into separate spaces daytime during winter and spring.

About 6 weeks ago, the younger group started fighting - in reality this is mating without any female ducks in the picture. As the author of the below website link writes: "Ducks are very intelligent animals with complex social relationships. Put male ducks in a flock with other ducks and in general, they are just jerks. For about half the year, the drakes (male ducks) are pretty chill and generally nice. Mating season is another story (spring & summer). Their hormones go into overdrive. They become territorial. Multiple male ducks mean you could have some fighting. They mate and mate and over mate."

<https://www.thecapecoop.com/understanding-backyard-duck-behavior/>

As a result, I now have four separate groups – the elder three, nine young ones that generally are not terrorizing group members, two and two. The twos are securely separated from the others and each other with wire fencing. All spend considerable time fence walking or running, head/neck dipping, quacking, and trying to fight through the fence – it is amazing to watch and tiresome management to keep the lots separate. Periodically I put the two groups of twos back together or a two group and the larger group – with immediate nasty heckling behavior. With gates opened correctly, the subordinates know exactly where their safe spaces are.



Another photo of the older group about to move the young group away.

livestock for that matter) than going out to train with your Beardie. Sheep and cattle are far better behaved than ducks!

The mission of the Bearded Collie Club of America is to protect the long-term welfare of the breed by providing a variety of opportunities for Beardie owners, breeders, and the general public to learn, connect, and compete, while supporting research into breed-specific health issues and rescuing Beardies in need.

FROM WILD CHILD TO CAREFUL CANINE: NOVICE AGILITY AT THE NATIONAL SPECIALTY

David Williamson

Hang on to your hats! On Sunday and Monday, September 15th & -16th, agility handlers and their dogs will enjoy a great time in the ring while providing an exciting experience for spectators. Whether you're a contender or an onlooker, it surely will be a great couple of days. If you're thinking about entering an agility event at the National as a beginner this year, this article is for you; the focus is on the Novice level's rules, skills, and performance in the four classes offered, Standard, Jumpers with Weaves, FAST and Time to Beat.

For the dog just starting agility, the Novice classes are divided into two divisions: Division A is for dogs that have never acquired any AKC agility title and for persons who have never put an AKC agility title on any dog. Division B is for dogs that have acquired a Novice Standard or Novice Jumpers title and for persons who have handled a dog to any AKC agility title. All the information you might need can be found in the latest edition of the online AKC publication [Regulations for Agility Trials](#).

Four titling classes will be offered at the National. The Novice Standard class has a course containing 14 to 16 obstacles where the emphasis is on accurately performing each piece of equipment; the course should require minimal handling technique on the part of the exhibitor. Comprised of spread jumps, single bar jumps, tire jump, broad jump, pause table, tunnels, six weave poles, and the contact obstacles (seesaw, dogwalk, a-frame), the course should flow nicely for starter dogs.

In the Novice Jumpers with Weaves class, the focus is on speed and jumping ability. Without the table or other contact obstacles to slow them down, dogs and handlers should be able to race through the course of 14-16 obstacles comprised mostly of jumps. Oftentimes judges will include a tunnel or two, and you can always count on performing a set of six weave poles.

FAST is an acronym for Fifteen And Send Time, a class where handlers make up their own courses using the 15 obstacles set out by the judge. Each obstacle/obstacle combination is assigned a point value from 1 to 10, and you are free to pick the obstacles you perform. Distance handling is necessary in the Send Bonus portion of the course, and if completed successfully, 20 points are added to your score. To qualify in Novice FAST, you must accrue a minimum of 30 points, complete the Send, and get your Beardie over the last jump. The top score for FAST is 80 with the Standard Course Time being 32 seconds for 20/24/26 inch dogs and 35 seconds for 12/16 inch dogs. Watch out! Each second over SCT takes a point off your score.

A combination course from Standard and Jumpers With Weaves classes, the Time To Beat class features flowing courses (no dogwalk or table) where all dogs run exactly the same course consisting of 17-19 obstacles. This includes a set of twelve weave poles, and you get three attempts at them. A wrong course or a dropped bar will disqualify your run, but refusals aren't scored. However, you do take more time when you go back and complete the obstacle, but you can still qualify if you come across the finish line under the Maximum Course Time. The scoring of qualifying runs is a bit complicated, but the explanation, chart, and examples in the agility regulations booklet will help you understand the process.

HOW AGILITY IS SCORED

Agility is a time and fault sport where the qualifying requirements are more challenging as the competition class levels get higher. There are two types of faults: time and penalty. Time faults are given for every second a dog goes over the Standard Course Time as set by the length of the course. Below are examples of penalty faults that a judge may assess a handler and dog:

- Taking an obstacle out of sequence
- Missing a contact zone
- Displacing a bar or panel on a jump
- Jumping off the pause table before the judge is through counting
- Running around or refusing the next obstacle
- Exceeding the amount of time set by the judge for running the course
- Touching the dog or any obstacle while running the course
- Outside assistance may be penalized
- Failure to control the dog may be penalized

QUALIFYING PERFORMANCE

A perfect score in any Novice class (except FAST) is 100. The minimum score to qualify is 85 in Novice Standard and Jumpers with Weaves, and you'll need a score of 50 (which includes the 20 point Bonus) in Novice FAST.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

...about contacts: The upside contact is judged only on the seesaw, but the downside contacts are judged on the seesaw, the dogwalk, and the a-frame. You don't want a fly-off at the seesaw, so make sure your Beardie is on the down contact until the plank hits the ground. At a minimum, your Beardie only has to get one foot in a contact zone (painted yellow), but you don't want to make the judge have to think about whether or not you were "clean." Then there's something known as the four-paw rule: If the dog gets on the correct contact obstacle with all four paws but jumps off, you cannot reattempt the obstacle.

...about jump bars: If you or your Beardie knock down a bar on a jump that is presently being performed or will be performed, you'll receive an F (failure) on the scribe sheet, and you won't have a qualifying run.

...about the broad jump: Your Beardie must clear the span of boards without visibly moving or stepping on any boards. If he touches or knocks over the corner markers, he is not faulted as long as he goes between them in the direction indicated by the course.

...about weave poles: They're not faulted at the Novice level! Well, sort of... Wrong entrances and popping out of them don't count as refusals, and you get three attempts at performing them before you must go on. If there is a pop-out, you must go back to the beginning of the poles and complete the whole set. After three attempts, the judge will ask you to go on.

...about faults: In Novice Standard, you must earn a score of 85 or higher. You can have no more than two refusals, no more than one wrong course, and no more than two table faults. Time faults are accrued -- one for every second over Standard Course Time.

In Novice Jumpers, you can have no more than two refusals, but don't earn a wrong course fault because you won't qualify.

...about Preferred classes: These classes allow the dog an additional five seconds on the Standard Course Time, and the dog also competes in lowered jump heights:

4 inches	for dogs 11 inches & under at the withers
8 inches	for dogs 14 inches & under at the withers
12 inches	for dogs 18 inches & under at the withers
16 inches	for dogs 22 inches & under at the withers
20 inches	for dogs over 22 inches at the withers

...about measuring: If your Beardie needs to be measured at the Specialty, there are a few things you can be doing in the meantime to make the process smoother and less scary. Watch this training video and use the hints to practice measuring your

BCCA THERAPY AWARDS

It's that time of year again! Please submit your therapy hours for the calendar year 2018 to be considered for the BCCA Andrew Award. You may either mail your signed visit sheets to Carol Bond, 273 Washington Av, Saint James, NY 11780 or email the filled out PDF to Beardie007@hotmail.com The deadline is August 1, 2019. This will be a hard deadline in order to tally hours and generate the awards in time for the BCCA National in September.

[Link to Therapy Dog Visitation form](#)

[Link to Therapy Visitation Extra Hours form](#)

You may also submit your visit sheets for the following awards:

THE AVERY AWARD

The Avery Award honors the memory of 11-year-old Avery Dudasch, who showed great courage, hope, and faith in her battle with cancer. A certificate will be presented annually at the BCCA National Specialty Awards Banquet to any Bearded Collie and his/her handler, who have performed pet therapy visiting ill children (at a hospital setting) during the previous calendar year. To be eligible, the dog must be certified through a therapy organization that requires certification and carries liability insurance (e.g. Delta Society/Pet Partners, Therapy

AKC NEW TITLES

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Champion, CH After Dark Shake It Off PT, B, DN45932305, 14-Apr-16, 6-Apr-19, Blk, CH Papaw's Powered By Bing PT CGC x After Dark Instant Karma HSAs CGC, Maryann Szalka & Jack Szalka

Champion, CH Mccrystal Forever Timeless, D, DN47768201, 23-Oct-16, 19-Apr-19, Blk, GCH Tolkien Mister Brownlock x GCHB Sengalas Amelia Mccrystal PT, Kristen Webb

Champion, CH Nonesuch Wyndmist Love Is In The H'Air, B, DN35919402, 14-Jan-13, 21-Apr-19, Br, CH Nonesuch H'Air Jordan RN x Osmart Gold Eagle Is Sioux, Cheryl Poliak & Cyndie D Reinheimer

Champion, CH Winterlyn Blazing Jasper THDN CGCU TKN, D, DN47290301, 3-Jun-16, 21-Apr-19, Br, Caramac Change The Beat x Pipadene Upper Crust For Winterlyn, Judy Thrift

dog. It also shows a way you can help your Beardie relax during the measurement procedure. [LINK to video](#). If your Beardie requires measurement, don't forget that dogs must be measured before they run. Also, be sure to mark on the entry form that your dog will need to be measured so the trial secretary can provide the judge a list of those dogs. Plan to arrive early that morning so you won't have to rush. Remember: the calmer, the better.

If any of these rules and regulations have confused you, ask your local agility exhibitors to clarify things. And don't forget that there are going to be plenty of nice Beardie folks standing around the rings who will gladly help you as well.

The trial committee has been working diligently to make sure you will have an enjoyable two days when you participate in agility at the 2019 National.

Dogs International, Therapy Dogs, Inc.) and the handler must be a BCCA member in good standing. Additional eligibility requirements can be found under Standing Rule 07/08-03. The BCCA Therapy Committee will be responsible for verifying recipients of this award each year.

THE CASEY AWARD

The BCCA will recognize any physically challenged OR rescue Bearded Collie doing therapy work by issuing a Casey Award at the National Specialty Awards Banquet. This award is in memory of Casey, who overcame his early life in a puppy mill and an injury which cost him a leg, to become a much beloved therapy dog to thousands of people. To be eligible, dogs must have some sort of physical challenge (e.g. missing a limb, deaf, blind) OR be a rescue Beardie. In addition, the dog must be certified through a therapy organization that requires certification and carries liability insurance (e.g. Delta Society/Pet Partners, Therapy Dogs International, Therapy Dogs, Inc.) and the handler must be a BCCA member in good standing. This certificate will be given to the same dog only once.

Thanks for dedicating your time and Beardie to such a worthy endeavor. You have brightened many peoples' days and put smiles on their faces!

Grand Champion, GCH Alamos Wish Upon A Shooting Star RI CGCA CGCU TKN, D, DN39567101, 12-Mar-14, 19-Apr-19, Bl, GCH Alamos Aquila The Hunter RN CGCA x Runningmtn Star Dancer At Alamos BN RA CGCA TKN, Jane Mohr Cooper

Grand Champion, GCH Newman De Chester, D, DN51061501, 10-Feb-17, 7-Apr-19, Bl, Seagull Let's Talk About It x Victory Wind's Glenmorangie, Jacqueline Armstrong

Grand Champion Bronze, GCHB Ha'Penny Harwood Brave Heart, D, DN37401002, 18-May-13, 14-Apr-19, Br, CH Ha'Penny Moon Shadow x GCHS Ha'Penny Deja Harwood Heartbreaker, Mrs. J Richard Schneider & Michele Marini

Grand Champion Silver, GCHS Carowynd Star Attraction At Dunhill, D, DN45758201, 7-Mar-16, 7-Apr-19, Br, CH Dunhill Brampton Fly Me To The Moon x GCHG Dunhill Celebration, Carolyn O'Neil & Ray Harrington

Companion Dog, Highland's Autumn Joy CD BN, B, DN49920505, 14-Jun-17, 13-Apr-19, Blk, GCHG Ha'Penny Mirimar The Fab Fawn x CH Highland's Autumn Twilight CGC, Ms. Beatrice Bockowski & Ms. Lillian Esposito

Beginner Novice, Papaw's Ryleigh The Pixie BN RE, B, DN34277406, 7-May-11, 28-Apr-19, Blk, GCHP Wigglesworth Thriller x CH Tailwind Papaw Ooo La La, Pennie Smith

Rally Novice, Denters Whirlwinds Bourbon On The Rocks RN FDC BCAT, D, DN50222901, 10-Jan-17, 28-Apr-19, Blk, Rembrand Rum And Coke x Shorelines Fishermans Fairytale, Lisa Werkhaven

Rally Novice, Nonesuch Aprilgold Magic In The H'Air RN, D, DN45694202, 13-Feb-16, 5-Apr-19, Blk, GCH Nonesuch Arlin Green 'N Gold RN x CH Nonesuch Born To Lovett, Becky & Preston Pilgrim & Cheryl Poliak

Rally Intermediate, Papaw Kirbee Luv Bug RI, D, DN43709607, 1-Jun-15, 19-Apr-19, Blk, CH Tailwind Papaw Uncommonly Good x High Jack Putcha Papaws Up, Ms. Pennie J Smith

Rally Advanced, CH Britannia Brand New Day At Summit PCD BN RA FDC CGC TKA, B, DN36858305, 31-May-13, 20-Apr-19, Blk, GCH Britannia Sebring All Time High CDX PCDX BN GN RAE2 HT TKP x CH Britannia Not How You Say Tart BN RN TD, Kathy Thomas & Kim Raleigh

Rally Excellent, Runningmtn Hairloom Away To Me RE, B, DN41191708, 11-Jul-14, 19-Apr-19, Blk, CH Moonfellow Elixir O'Dreams PT x CH Runningmtn Justine Morgan CDX RAE2 PT, Joan Morse

Rally Excellent, CH Spindrift Love Come's Softly BN RE PT OA AXJ NF SIN SEN RATS CZ8B CGCA TKN, B, DN33570302, 22-Apr-12, 13-Apr-19, Br, GCH Nonesuch Arlin Green 'N Gold RN x CH Spindrift Something About Mary CD BN RE PT MX MXB MXJ MJS XF T2B2 CGC, Pamela Harris & Mark Harris

Pre-Trial Tested, GCH Runningmtn Race The River PT, D, DN36798302, 21-Apr-13, 14-Apr-19, Bl, CH Pentangles Catch The Breeze PT x CH Runningmtn Deja Blu RN PT, Connie Hoffman & Tish Pollock

Open Agility, Cameron's Flash Of Glory OA NAJ OF, B, DN48982601, 28-Feb-16, 7-Apr-19, Blk, Cameron's Moving Violations x Britannia Reflected Glory, Richard Masley & Rosanna Masley

Master Century Agility, CH MACH2 Estrella's Only Razzmatazz MXC MJB2 XF T2B, D, DN26177204, 7-Sep-09, 12-Apr-19, Br, CH MACH10 PACH Colquhoun's No Time To Relax RN MXG3 MJB4 MXP4 MXPB MJP4 MJPB PAX MFB TQX T2B x CH After Dark Seventh Star RN AX MXJ OF, Ann Chandoha

Master Century Agility 2, CH AGCH MACH7 Wigglesworth Pride And Prejudice MXC2 PDS MJB3 PJG NAP NJP MFG TQX NFP T2B7, D, DN39736101, 24-Jan-14, 14-Apr-19, Blk, CH Windfiddler's Best Of Times x CH Wigglesworth Full Throttle MX MXB MXJ MJB, Lawrence Dalan

Master Agility Excellent Preferred 5, CH PACH Meadows' Emerald At Gemineye CD RAE HT FDC AX AXJ MXP5 MXPS MJP5 MJPS PAX XFP THDN CGC TKI, B, DN22895702, 15-Sep-08, 7-Apr-19, Blk, CH Meadows' Truth Or Dare x CH Meadows' Simply Charming, Meg Naylor & Claudia McNulty

Master Bronze Agility Preferred, CH MACH8 Wynsum Rhythm And Brews BN RAE MXB4 PDS MJC3 MXPB PAX MFG TQX T2B5 CGC TKN, D, DN24561001, 27-Mar-09, 20-Apr-19, Blk, CH Wynsum Make My Day AX AXJ x CH Wynsum Keep On Dreaming AX AXJ, Janice Leverenz & Carol J Carlsen

Master Silver Agility Preferred, CH PACH Meadows' Emerald At Gemineye CD RAE HT FDC AX AXJ MXP5 MXPS MJP5 MJPS PAX XFP THDN CGC TKI, B, DN22895702, 15-Sep-08, 7-Apr-19, Blk, CH Meadows' Truth Or Dare x CH Meadows' Simply Charming, Meg Naylor & Claudia McNulty

Novice Agility Jumper, Britannia Ripple In Time BN RI PT NA NAJ NF CGC TKN, D, DN48680201, 29-Nov-16, 27-Apr-19, Blk, CH Parcana Lord Corwin CDX NAJ OA x CH Britannia Not How You Say Tart BN RN TD, Joanne M Williamson

Novice Agility Jumper, GCHS Larkangen's American Trendy Girl NAJ CGCA CGCU TKN, B, DN31297401, 21-Apr-11, 13-Apr-19, Blk, Goonie's Highlander Lad x Larkangen's Trendy Miss Wendy, Patricia L Rusko

Master Bronze Jumper, CH Highlander Carry On Bravely MX MXJ MJB XF T2B2, D, DN36213304, 8-Apr-13, 6-Apr-19, Br, GCHB Spindrift Bend It Like Beckham RN PT MX MXB MXJ MJB MXF T2B2 x GCH Highlander Shall We Dance HT, Joseph E Root & Beth Tilson

Master Century Jumper 2, CH MACH5 Estrella's Orion The Dark Hunter RN MXS2 MJC2 MFG TQX T2B THDA CGC TKN, D, DN32083002, 18-Oct-11, 27-Apr-19, Blk, GCH Highlander He Shoots He Scores BN RE PT OA AXJ NF CGC TKI x CH After Dark Seventh Star RN AX MXJ OF, Jennifer W Phillips

Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 2, Skyedance A Lark Ascending BN RE HT MX MXJ MJS NAP MJP2 OF NFP T2B, B, DN20759701, 23-Feb-08, 12-Apr-19, Blk, CH Melita Skyedance PT MX MXJ MJB NJP x O'Duinnin Celebration Ale RE PT AX MXJ MJB MJP3 MJPB XF T2B2 T2BP3, Libby Myers-Buhite & Jack Buhite

Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 2, CH MACH8 Wynsum Rhythm And Brews BN RAE MXB4 PDS MJC3 MXP2 MJP2 MFG TQX T2B5 CGC TKN, D, DN24561001, 27-Mar-09, 5-Apr-19, Blk, CH Wynsum Make My Day AX AXJ x CH Wynsum Keep On Dreaming AX AXJ, Janice Leverenz & Carol J Carlsen

Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 4, Linus CD BN RAE OA OAJ MXP2 MJP4 MJPB XFP THDN CGC, D, PAL263800, 22-Nov-13, 14-Apr-19, Blk, Karen Deitke

Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 16, CH PACH4 Brandmar Come Fly With Me RA MX MXJ MXP15 MXPS2 MJP16 MJPS2 PAX6 OF OFP T2BP TKN, D, DN21525902, 26-Mar-08, 13-Apr-19, Blk, CH Rallentando Taylor Made PT x CH Rams Grove Well Travelled, Karen J Reed

Master Bronze Jumper Preferred, Rivercity Sweet Little Maile Girl AXP MJP2 MJPB XFP T2BP2 THDN CGC, B, DN29958205, 1-Jan-11, 27-Apr-19, Br, CH Nonesuch H'Air Jordan RN x CH Rivercity's Sugar Magnolia, Mrs. Christy Stine

Agility FAST Novice, CH Tweeddale's Winslow Making Me Proud NF CGC TKN, D, DN45591201, 25-Mar-16, 12-Apr-19, Blk, CH Moonstone Get Out Of My Way BN RA HSA HSDs HSAsM FDC AX MXJ XF x Tweeddale's Black Magic Woman MX MXJ XF, Karen Jeanette Reed

Agility FAST Excellent, CH Balderdash Taylored In Vermont CD BN RE HSAs HIAd HXAd OA OAJ XF CGCA TKA, B, DN41331407, 20-Nov-14, 28-Apr-19, Blk, DC Pentangle's Captain Jack BN RAE HSAs HSBd HIAd HIBd HXAdM HXBdM MX MXJ MXF T2B x GCH DC Lil'Clove True Grit VCD1 BN RAE TDX HSAs HSBd HIAd HIBd HXAdM MX MXJ MXP MJP XF CGC TKI, Sonja Blanchard

Agility FAST Excellent, CH Moonstone Get Out Of My Way BN RA HSA HSDs HSAsM FDC AX MXJ XF, D, DN35705404, 30-Jan-13, 28-Apr-19, Blk, GCH Brenriga Wrapped In Dreamz BN RA PT FDC MX MXJ OF x GCH Moonstone One Way Or Another BN RE, Linda J Porter & Sandy McDonald & Casey Minner

Agility FAST Excellent Preferred, Linus CD BN RAE OA OAJ MXP2 MJP3 MJPB XFP THDN CGC, D, PAL263800, 22-Nov-13, 13-Apr-19, Blk, Karen Deitke

Agility Master FAST Excellent, CH MACH2 Estrella's Only Razzmatazz MXC MJB2 MXF T2B, D, DN26177204, 7-Sep-09, 14-Apr-19, Br, CH MACH10 PACH Colquhoun's No Time To Relax RN MXG3 MJB4 MXP4 MXPB MJP4 MJPB PAX MFB TQX T2B x CH After Dark Seventh Star RN AX MXJ OF, Ann Chandoha

Master Gold FAST, CH MACH5 Estrella's Orion The Dark Hunter RN MXS2 MJG2 MFG TQX T2B THDA CGC TKN, D, DN32083002, 18-Oct-11, 26-Apr-19, Blk, GCH Highlander He Shoots He Scores BN RE PT OA AXJ NF CGC TKI x CH After Dark Seventh Star RN AX MXJ OF, Jennifer W Phillips

Preferred Agility Champion 4, CH PACH4 Brandmar Come Fly With Me RA MX MXJ MXP15 MXPS2 MJP15 MJPS2 PAX6 OF OFP T2BP TKN, D, DN21525902, 26-Mar-08, 12-Apr-19, Blk, CH Rallentando Taylor Made PT x CH Rams Grove Well Travelled, Karen J Reed

Preferred Agility Excellent, CH MACH8 Wynsum Rhythm And Brews BN RAE MXB4 PDS MJC3 PAX MFG TQX T2B5 CGC TKN, D, DN24561001, 27-Mar-09, 12-Apr-19, Blk, CH Wynsum Make My Day AX AXJ x CH Wynsum Keep On Dreaming AX AXJ, Janice Leverenz & Carol J Carlsen

Time 2 Beat, CH Tweeddale's Black As The Ace Of Spades HT FDC MX MXJ XF T2B CGC TKA, D, DN43063802, 4-Jul-15, 13-Apr-19, Blk, CH Moonstone Get Out Of My Way BN RA HSA HSDs HSAsM FDC AX MXJ XF x Tweeddale's Black Magic Woman MX MXJ XF, Deborah Alexander

Time 2 Beat, Tweeddale's Magic Tartan Of Brooknoll BN RN MX MXJ XF T2B, D, DN39041807, 28-Jan-14, 27-Apr-19, Blk, CH Aberdeen Always A Cool Cruiser x Tweeddale's Black Magic Woman MX MXJ XF, Jan Burgan & Linda J Porter & David Burgan

Time 2 Beat 8, CH AGCH MACH7 Wigglesworth Pride And Prejudice MXC2 PDS MJB3 PJG NAP NJP MFG TQX NFP T2B8, D, DN39736101, 24-Jan-14, 21-Apr-19, Blk, CH Windfiddler's Best Of Times x CH Wigglesworth Full Throttle MX MXB MXJ MJB, Lawrence Dalan

Agility Course Test 2, CH Highland's Little Drummer Boy BN RN CAA BCAT ACT2 CGC TKN, D, DN32438302, 16-Dec-11, 31-Mar-19, Blk, CH Highland's Blast Off BN RN CGC x CH Highland's First Lady, Susan Vance & Lillian Esposito

Scent Work Container Novice, Starlight Midnight Express HT SCN RATN CGC TKN, D, DN49119102, 13-Jan-17, 7-Apr-19, Blk, Alistair's Uppercut x GCHS Larkangen's American Trendy Girl NAJ CGCA CGCU TKN, Mrs. PAMELA HARRIS & Patricia L Rusko & Mr. MARK HARRIS

Scent Work Interior Novice, CH Spindrift Love Come's Softly BN RA PT OA AXJ NF SIN SEN RATS CZ8B CGCA TKN, B, DN33570302, 22-Apr-12, 6-Apr-19, Br, GCH Nonesuch Arlin Green 'N Gold RN x CH Spindrift Something About Mary CD BN RE PT MX MXB MXJ MJS XF T2B2 CGC, Pamela Harris & Mark Harris

Scent Work Exterior Novice, CH Spindrift Love Come's Softly BN RA PT OA AXJ NF SIN SEN RATS CZ8B CGCA TKN, B, DN33570302, 22-Apr-12, 6-Apr-19, Br, GCH Nonesuch Arlin Green 'N Gold RN x CH Spindrift Something About Mary CD BN RE PT MX MXB MXJ MJS XF T2B2 CGC, Pamela Harris & Mark Harris

Canine Good Citizen, Balderdash Pot Of Gold CGC, D, DN54129303, 12-May-18, 13-Apr-19, Fn, GCH Dunnachie Xavier BN RN HXAs HSAsM CGC TKN x GCH DC Lil'Clove True Grit VCD1 BN RAE TDX HSAs HSBd HIAd HIBd HXAdM MX MXJ MXP MJP XF CGC TKI, Sonja Blanchard

Canine Good Citizen, Chantilly's Casey Jones CGC, D, DN54086108, 23-Apr-18, 28-Apr-19, Blk, CH Sebring Rollin In The Dough x Firstprizebears Natalie Wood, Ms. Debbie/Kim Brunner/Wallace

Canine Good Citizen, Gracelands Teddy Bear CGC, D, DN35913902, 26-Feb-13, 27-Jun-18, Br, CH Nonesuch H'Air Jordan RN x GCH Connemara Gracelands Winner At Bellagio, Carly Major

Canine Good Citizen, Sebring Light My Fire CGC, B, DN53329503, 3-Feb-18, 20-Oct-18, Blk, CH Firstprizebears Haagen Dazs x CH Sebring High Fashion, Karen Deitke & Kirsten Andreassend

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How Do Dogs Overheat?

There are just two basic ways your dog can become a hot dog – from external or internal factors.

External. This is the cause of overheating that we think of most often – dogs exposed to high temperatures and/or humidity, such as dogs left in cars or left out in a yard without shade.

Internal. Exercise generates heat. Muscle contraction and movement of the musculoskeletal system produce a tremendous amount of heat! In one study, activity was more important than temperature/humidity in contributing to heatstroke ([references in blog](#)). Of course, if your dog is exercising in hot/humid temperatures, the risk of heat stroke is greatly amplified!

The Discomfort Index

There is a formula that takes temperature and humidity into account and produces a number called the Discomfort Index, or DI. At this link: <https://keisan.casio.com/exec/system/1351058230>, just plug in the current temperature and humidity and it will give you the corresponding DI – pretty cool (or maybe not)! One study showed that dogs are quite comfortable when the DI is less than 22, they are moderately uncomfortable when the DI is 22 to 28 and very uncomfortable when its above 28 ([1](#)).

How Do Dogs Cool?

We all know that the most important cooling system for dogs is evaporation of moisture from the upper respiratory tract – the mouth, nasal passages, pharynx, larynx, etc. ([2](#)). A second way that dogs cool is by dilating the blood vessels under the skin and expelling the heat from the vascular system through the skin.

Why Are Some Dogs More Susceptible to Heat?

1. Genetics. Susceptibility to overheating is partly genetic – a study of elite and poor-performing Alaskan Huskies identified a single region in the genome that was associated with heat tolerance ([3](#)).
2. Physical structure. Physical characteristics are also associated with the ability of dogs to cool. In one study, brachycephalic dogs (dogs with short faces, such as Pugs, Shih Tzu, etc.) were shown to have poorer cooling mechanisms ([4](#)). This is not surprising given that

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brachycephalic breeds have a shorter upper respiratory tract and often have folds of extra tissue in the oropharynx that can interfere with air flow.

3. **Body Condition.** The more surprising result of the above study was that poor body condition (using the Purina BCS measure) was more important than brachycephaly in a dog's inability to cool. The higher the dog's BCS, the warmer they got during exercise and the lower their tidal volume (air flow into the lungs) was. In addition, obese dogs are more likely to die if they do experience heatstroke ([1](#)). There's yet another reason to keep your dog fit!

Track Your Dog's Heat Susceptibility

I recommend keeping a record of your dog's heat susceptibility. This is a simple matter of recording the following each time you take your dog outside:

- Dog's Name
- Date and Time
- Temperature, Humidity and DI
- # Minutes of Exercise
- Strenuousness of Exercise (scale of 1 to 3)
- Dog's Distress Level (on scale of 1 to 3, where 1 is slightly panting, 2 is moderate panting, and 3 is panting with the tongue curled).

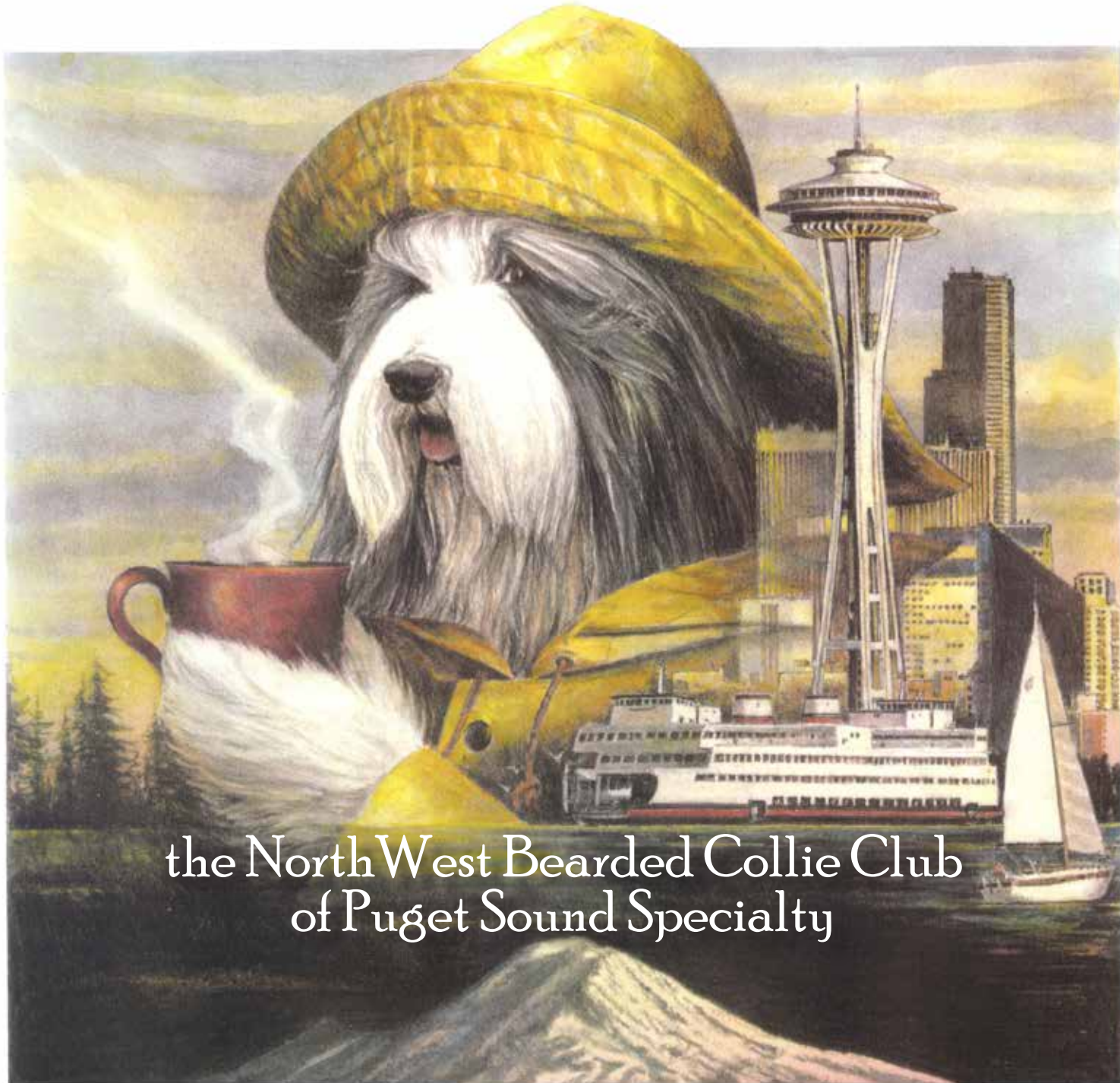
After a few outings, you'll have a pretty good idea of how much of what type of exercise will be best for your individual dog given the current DI.

What's The Best Way to Cool a Dog?

A recent study compared three mechanisms for cooling dogs after 15 min treadmill exercise in a room at 30 degrees C (86 degrees F) ([5](#)). Dogs that were dipped in water for 5 minutes at ambient temperature had cooled in 16 minutes. Dogs that were placed in a kennel on a cooling mat at 4 degrees C (39 degrees F) with a fan took 36 minutes to cool. And dogs that were just in a kennel with a fan took 48 minutes to cool down. The authors suggested that water immersion is a method for not only treating but also for preventing overheating when dogs exercise. Want to know more? We've prepared a 60-minute webinar that answers pretty well every hot (or cool) topic on the subject! Check out our [Keeping Your Dog Cool Webinar](#). Of course, if you are a member of Fit For Life® or Fit To Be Tied®, you get this and lots of other "cool" webinars free! Interested in learning more? Join us today! [Avidog-Zink Fitness Memberships](#)

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