



BAGPIPES *EXTRA Edition*

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HERDING NEWS

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TRANSHUMANCE

When you see that title and wonder if Elsa has slipped off the rowboat from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, you are close but not totally correct. I have had more reading time and yes, the topic is related to herding. The May 2020 issue of the National Geographic Magazine had a number of interesting topics – among them rapid rate of insect disappearances around the globe and transhumance. Below I paraphrase portions of the transhumance article.

In 2019 UNESCO recognized transhumance as the name for twice-yearly livestock migrations which have taken place for millennia. Representatives from Italy, Greece, and Austria submitted the bid to UNESCO in 2018. The word comes from French and derives from the Latin words *trans* for “across” and *humus* for “ground”. It refers to the seasonal movement of people and their livestock to and from summer and winter grazing grounds, which has been practiced for thousands of years by pastoral cultures on every inhabited continent. The utilitarian task and way of life is inscribed on UNESCO’s List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity – along with Byzantine chant, the reggae music of Jamaica and Argentine tango.

Excavations and radiocarbon dating suggest that an area of Iran was first settled by herders around 7050 B.C. and in the Aude Valley of southern France (sheep and goats) about 4500 B.C. These migrations were/are between and upper and lower altitudes and between upper and lower latitudes and with many varieties of livestock – cattle, sheep, goats, yaks, water buffalo, cattle, pigs. This [link](#) shows a map of documented migrations of one area in centuries past. This Wikipedia page also describes transhumance in different countries – a fascinating read.

These migrations were, and in some cases, still are important for the pastoral society as the products of the flocks (i.e., milk, butter, cheese, yogurt) may be a major component of the population diet or economy. The cheese makers for example

depend on access for their animals to wild pasture. Its diverse forage gives specific flavors to the milk produced by the animals; that in turn affects the flavors of the cheeses.

The migrations may have been on foot or horseback; now in some regions where pastures are accessible by road, much is done by truck. Cultural development centered around transhumance – such as shrines, churches, inns, villages, festivals, feasts, folk songs, and a way of life for those engaged in it. Research has shown that the pathways for migration support biodiversity by linking grasslands and forests, often where there is fragmentation from development and intensive agricultural practices. The spaces can even provide migratory corridors for wildlife and habitat for both animals and plants. It has been suggested that the practice is more sustainable than intensive livestock farming.

In many languages there are words for the higher summer pastures, and frequently these words have been used as place or product names: e.g. Hafod or Hendref in Wales, Shieling in Scotland, Booley (or Boley, Boola, Bouley, Guaile) in Ireland. In Wales there is a raw milk cow cheese named Hafod.

Reading about transhumance led me to another subject that those interested in grazing animals may wish to study further – namely, what is the effect of grazing on changes in other species utilizing that land (e.g., migratory birds that are dependent on lush ungrazed ground cover) or on plant species that replace grazing forage when it is overly grazed (e.g., shrubs and trees) or on smaller vs. larger uncontrolled fires? By the time you have pursued a few down the line topics, you’ll look up and see that the day has gone by swiftly. You can then join others around the world in saying, we’re now one more day closer to the pandemic’s end. Stay safe: if you’re in the risk groups, wear a mask in public and be meticulous about hand washing. Hopefully you are gradually able to return to live training; the Beardies will be delighted.

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 Bearded Collie owners, breeders, and the general public to learn, connect, and compete, while supporting research into breed-specific health issues and rescuing Bearded Collies in need.

AGILITY NEWS

Cheri Omnus

In case you have not heard, the 2020 National Specialty at Purina Farms has been cancelled; it has been rescheduled as a BCCA specialty for June 15 - June 23, 2021!

Agility dates are Thursday June 17th and Friday June 18th. We will offer the following classes both days.

All standard classes
All Jumpers classes
All Fast Classes
Time 2 Beat

A VIRTUAL CELEBRATION OF BEARDIE BEAUTY, BRAINS, AND INGENUITY

"It's no use going back to yesterday, because I was a different person then." Lewis Carroll

Beardie owners and lovers across the United States have been impacted by a series of events that have changed our lives forever. By most standards the cancellation of a dog show, albeit a National Specialty seems a small matter. But to the 2020 Specialty committee chairs and countless individuals who held hotel reservations and supported the many efforts to raise money for a gala 2020 BCCA National Specialty at Purina Farms it is, at the very least, a disappointment.

However, not all is lost. While the 2020 BCCA National Specialty was cancelled, it has re-emerged as the "2021 BCCA Specialty" and will be held at Purina Farms June 15 - 22, 2021. And, because our BCCA Specialty team knows that in times like these when major events are postponed, *"Imagination is the only weapon in the war against reality."* (Lewis Carroll). To meet the challenge, we have come up with what we believe is an imaginative and ingenious idea - a virtual experience of what to expect when you do attend the 2021 BCCA Specialty in person.

Without further ado - **You are cordially invited to our virtual meet ups held once a month during June - August 2020 and daily the week of September 25 - October 1, 2020, the dates of the former 2020 BCCA National Specialty.**

Our first meet up is scheduled for Tuesday, June 30th at 7:00 PM CST. We will use the ZOOM platform and for those unfamiliar with it, we will have a training session before our June meet up on Monday, June 29th at 7:00 PM CST. It is not hard to use.

A CALENDAR OF SPECIALTY ZOOM EVENTS

6/30/20 - Meet our committee chairs; changes to the Specialty; how to reserve a room at the Wildwood Hotel; trophies and trophy sponsorships; door prizes for attendees.

7/28/20 - Learn about our auction and 5 different ways to participate in the auction, plus view a few items we know you will want to begin saving for; learn about the virtual activities for the September Specialty week and how to participate in those activities; door prizes for attendees.

We will have 2 rings of turf and will go back and forth between the 2 rings each day. Lisa Potts will be our judge.

On Thursday evening we are going to have the agility dinner. All are welcome! Menu to be decided. On Friday we will have the glory runs and the relay after all the regular classes have been completed.

We will have some fun surprises for those who are entered!

Please mark your calendars for these dates! It will be here before you know it!

8/25/20 - Enjoy a travelogue of sights to see in St. Louis; meet our judges; learn about the Magic of 7 Raffles to be pulled nightly during the September meet up; door prizes for attendees.

9/25/20 - Listen to a herding interview with Tracy Parciak, owner of Rotti Ewe; take a look at the herding facility; meet the sheep; enjoy the Photography Exhibit presentation; Raffle #1 winner pulled.

9/26/20 - Meet our Rescue Beardies around the country; enjoy a logo wear fashion show; Raffle #2 winner pulled.

9/27/20 - Learn about agility at Purina; get a few tips on agility course maneuvers; meet our Precious Puppies in photos and videos; Raffle #3 winner pulled.

9/28/20 - Come to the virtual Beardie Bash at the Labaddie Brewery; meet the owners; hear about the special activities for this Welcome Party; toast the evening with Zoom friends; Raffle #4 winner pulled.

9/29/20 - Learn about Obedience and Rally at Purina; meet our show photographers; listen to a fine musical excerpt from Broadway Beardies; hear about more auction items and info; Raffle #5 winner pulled.

9/30/20 - View photos of Beardies who have graced our lives and who have passed on and view a tribute to our oldest Veterans (12 - 14+ years) in photos; Raffle #6 winner pulled.

10/1/20 - Receive your personal invitation to attend the 2021 BCCA Specialty; learn about dates for premium, master registration form, and catalog ad availability; Raffle #7 winner pulled

And in closing, we feel this quote best personifies the grit and determination of our 2021 BCCA Specialty team, "For, you see, so many out-of-the-way things had happened lately, that Alice (we) had begun to think that very few things indeed were really impossible." Virtually, everything is doable!

For more information or questions, please contact Carol Serrine at cas4beardies@earthlink.net

AKC NEW TITLES

APRIL 2020

Trick Dog Novice, Allaround I Live For The Applause At Magnolia TKN, B, DN58902802, 9-Aug-19, 21-Apr-20, Blk, GCHS Highlander Macbean At Burlesque RN HT x CH Allaround Swift Running Brooke RI HT AX AXJ DJ DN CGCA TKN, Miranda Young & Andrea Hobe

Trick Dog Novice, Allaround Southern Roots CGC TKN, B, DN58902801, 9-Aug-19, 2-Apr-20, Blk, GCHS Highlander Macbean At Burlesque RN HT x CH Allaround Swift Running Brooke RI HT AX AXJ DJ DN CGCA TKN, Andrea Hobe

Trick Dog Novice, Artisan Mambo In May RA PT FDC CGC TKN, B, DN24773601, 1-May-09, 3-Apr-20, Blk, Chetcote Ebony Artisan PT x CH Artisan Night Moves, Kim Krueger D.V.M.

Trick Dog Novice, CH Blessings Wigglesworth Unstoppable RA NAJ NJP CGC TKN, B, DN37015702, 12-May-13, 15-Apr-20, Br, CH Blessings Bacalls Onetruluv CGC x CH Aberlour's Lovely To Look At, Christa McChancy & Linn McChancy & Charles Mcchancy

Trick Dog Novice, Risa Rocking The River RN HT FDC NA NAJ ACT2 CGCA CGCU TKN, B, DN43036703, 28-May-15, 2-Apr-20, Blk, GCHB Highlander Bending The Rules At Risa PT x CH Nonesuch Geta Risa Outa Ewe PT, Kim Krueger D.V.M.

Trick Dog Intermediate, Bradiba's Amazing Assorted Truffles RN CGCA TKI, D, DN47831901, 20-Jul-16, 15-Apr-20, Blk, Philemon Paparazzi x Romantikstreet Chocolate's Toffee, Christa McChancy & Linn McChancy

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Ad reservations for the next BEARDIE BULLETIN are due **SEPT 1, 2020**.

Contact the Lillian Esposito to reserve ad space
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BAGPIPES DEADLINE

The deadline for the next BAGPIPES is **JULY 1, 2020**.
Email your reports and articles to Michele Ritter

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