



BAGPIPES *EXTRA Edition*

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VERSATILITY (AND AGILITY) NEWS

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I hope you are all staying safe and well. Here in New England, the dog show/trial scene has been incredibly quiet for the past three months and from the looks of the AKC event cancellation page is likely to remain quiet for the rest of 2020. Almost all our agility, herding, rally, obedience, and conformation shows are already cancelled (sadly into December). In nearby upstate New York, there were two outdoor AKC agility trials at the end of June but it is not clear when or even if our NE trials will be allowed to go on. Remember when we used to do agility outdoors...seems to me like a dim memory from a galaxy far far away.

So now for the good news! In mid-June, AKC announced they would accept video submissions to qualify for the ACT1 title until December 31, 2020. ACT (Agility Course Test) is an entry level agility activity designed for beginner dogs and their handlers. Level 1 courses have 10 obstacles: an A-frame, a table, a tunnel, and several single jumps. You have 60 seconds to complete a course (your time will be determined from the video) and the dog must pause on the table for 5 seconds. You must have a qualifying run on two different courses to earn the ACT1 title. If you go to the ACT page on the AKC website - <https://www.akc.org/act> - and click on the link to the virtual program, you will

find directions for building the course(s) and preparing the video, an on-line entry form, and the maps for the courses. The ACT1A/ACT1B courses are the same obstacle setup but one (A) is numbered from 1-10 and then the numbering is reversed for the second course (B) so you run it backwards. The ACT2A/ACT2B courses have the same positions for the A-frame and tunnel but different positions for some of the jumps and the table. To be eligible for ACT, your dog cannot have earned any AKC agility titles. The instruction page tells you to either submit the video directly or via a You-Tube link but they will accept links to other streaming services like Vimeo as well. You must pay via PayPal but you don't need a PayPal account as you may use PayPal's guest service.

ACT titles count towards all the BCCA versatility awards so this might be a good time to try some agility training and gain a qualification in another venue.

The AKC Agility Department announced the expansion of the virtual ACT program to include the ACT 2 class. ACT 2 is the next level of AKC agility above the entry-level ACT 1. More info at <https://tinyurl.com/yewcyvrd>

HERDING NEWS

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SPEAKING OF SELF-ISOLATION

Will your hair styling (in relative human terms) resemble this once the COVID-19 pandemic has cleared away? Click this link - <https://tinyurl.com/yxc3dnkp> - to read about Prickles the sheep in Tasmania.

Be safe out there no matter how your state is faring with COVID-19 (Georgia is among those with a climbing number of cases and hospitalizations the last few weeks). I hope some trials will happen this fall with safety precautions. Our local club is having two trials in one day, in mid-August. It's quite hot then, but I surmise there was a lot of pent up demand to be out trialing.



A CHANGE IS IN THE AIR

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Agility sure has changed. The last trial held in my area before the quarantine was March 13-15. Purina Farms shut down until the end of August, cancelling numerous agility trials, specialties, and other events. However, the weekend of June 19-21, an agility trial was held near me in Wood River, Illinois. I couldn't attend due to injury, but what follows are the precautions put in place as to how the trial was run.

Covid-19 safety measures included -

- Limit of 50 people in the building at one time.
- Social distancing.
- Exhibitors not being allowed to stay in the building unless it was their scheduled walk through and running time.
- People were allowed to bring dogs in or out and to use the rest room. This was done with the limit of people in mind.
- Preassigned crating. Exhibitors had to fill out a crate tag with the dog's name and person's phone number with the tag to be left on the crate.
- No personal chairs could be brought into the building.
- Masks required while in the building with the exception that exhibitors could have chosen not to wear the mask while waiting at the gate or during their runs. Masks were to be put back on after the run.

- No printed course maps, they were posted outside and on the secretary's website.

Other interesting changes were with the running orders. This trial had 175 runs on Friday and 350 each on Saturday and Sunday.

- Friday - both Premier classes, both Open classes, and both Novice classes
- Saturday - both Master classes (large dogs), both Open classes, and both Novice classes
- Sunday - both Master classes (small dogs), both Open classes, and both Novice classes

In August we will see a three-day trial 300 runs each day. Master and Excellent small dogs will be limited to 40 handlers per trial; Master and Excellent large dogs limited to 40 handlers per trial; and Open and Novice Standard and Jumpers with Weaves limited to 40 handlers per trial.

It will be interesting to see what requirements Purina Farms will have. In my area, we have four venue options for trialing, all less than an hour away. Three of the four are one-ring-only facilities; two have turf and other two use mats.

Marlin and I are looking forward to running agility again, but it sure will be different! How have things changed in your area? If you would like to share, please reach out to me at cheri_omnus@msn.com

Stay safe out there!

2021 BCCA SPECIALTY UPDATES

Just a quick update to our members who were not able to attend our first Virtual Meet up on Zoom June 30. Here are the items we discussed:

The Wildwood Hotel reservations that were made for the September 25-October 1, 2020 National Specialty have been automatically cancelled by the hotel.

To make a new reservation for the June 2021 BCCA Specialty, you MUST make your reservation over the phone and say you are with the Bearded Collie Club of America. You will NOT get the BCCA rate if you try to book on-line.

All judges remain in the same for the June 2021 BCCA Specialty.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE SCHEDULE:

- Obedience and Rally have their own day!
- The Welcome Party is off site at Labaddie Brewery, a local craft beer brewery just five minutes from Purina. Beardies are welcome, so bring them along!
- Farm Dog Certified testing will be available, info included when the premium comes out, judges will be Maryann Szalka and Brian Wistrom.

- NEW! There will be three Sweepstakes competitions. Puppy (six months to under 18 months), with the usual three months class divisions; Junior (18 months to under thirty months) also with three month class divisions, and Veteran (7 years and up.) The Junior Sweepstakes is offered so that puppies who would have been eligible for the September 2020 BCCA National Puppy Sweepstakes, will have a Sweepstakes to compete in.
- Please take a moment and learn how YOU can participate in our Virtual Specialty at www.bcca2020.com
- Sponsor a Trophy and view the wonderful array of trophies in a YouTube video - <https://youtu.be/pyyR4iC2IBc>
- Learn how to enter the Virtual Puppy Parade and submit your photo with a little vignette about your adorable baby.
- Learn how to enter the Virtual Veteran Parade and submit photos and a tribute to your Beardie veteran.
- Learn how to enter the Virtual Therapy Parade and submit photos and a story about the wonderful work your Beardie does to heal and bring hope.
- Learn how to enter the Virtual Beardies at the Rainbow Bridge and submit photos and a personal eulogy.

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.

PLAN TO JOIN US ON TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020 AT 7:00 PM FOR OUR SECOND VIRTUAL MEET UP

You will learn about our auction and five 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. There will be door prizes for attendees

OFA 2020 1ST QUARTER DATA FOR BEARDED COLLIES

OFA ID	REG. #	TEST	NAME	SEX	DOB	Result	CHIC #
BC-EYE354/28M-VPI	DN52956301	EYE	Sebring I'm Your Soul Man	M	1/28/2018	Normal	
BC-EYE355/16F-VPI	DN56594606	EYE	Sebring something in the ways she moves	F	1/24/2019	Normal/ Breeder Options Noted	
BC-EYE353/12F-VPI	DN58036501	EYE	Sebring's Driving Miss Chantilly	F	5/22/2019	Normal	
BC-EYE187/63M-VPI	DN43126802	EYE	Sebring Rollin In The Dough	M	2/11/2015	Normal	119886
BC-EYE352/25F-VPI	DN53626802	EYE	Sebring Summer Breeze	F	4/17/2018	Normal	
BC-4675F25F-VPI	DN54086101	HD	Chantilly's Nadia Comaneci	F	4/23/2018	Fair	
BC-CA69/12F/P-VPI	DN58455601	CA	Mccrystal Lightning Thief	F	5/27/2019	Normal - Practitioner	
BC-TH787/34M-VPI	DN49920507	TH	Highland's Kari Blue	M	6/14/2017	Normal	149173
BC-EL881M34-VPI	DN49920507	EL	Highland's Kari Blue	M	6/14/2017	Normal	149173
BC-4674G34M-VPI	DN49920507	HD	Highland's Kari Blue	M	6/14/2017	Good	149173
BC-EL880F24-VPI	DN54086101	EL	Chantilly's Nadia Comaneci	F	4/23/2018	Normal	
BC-TH786/24F-VPI	DN54086101	TH	Chantilly's Nadia Comaneci	F	4/23/2018	Normal	
BC-EYE351/34M-VPI	DN49920507	EYE	Highland's Kari Blue	M	6/14/2017	Normal	149173
BC-TH785/32F-PI	DN50649202	TH	Britannia Rings Around The Moon	F	7/11/2017	Normal	
BC-CEA52/6M-NOPI	DN57594404	CEA	Charter's True North	M	2/13/2019	Normal	
BC-EL879M61-VPI	BY586067	EL	HpnotiQ's Nissan Skyline	M	12/31/2014	Normal	
BC-4673E61M-VPI	BY586067	HD	HpnotiQ's Nissan Skyline	M	12/31/2014	Excellent	
BC-EL878F34-VPI	NOREG2136277	EL	Fluffy	F	4/1/2017	Normal	
BC-4672F34F-VPI	NOREG2136277	HD	Fluffy	F	4/1/2017	Fair	

OBEDIENCE NEWS

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The following bearded collies have been ranked in Front and Finish based on scores earned in Open and Utility classes. The scores are subsequently converted into First & Foremost (F&F) points. These conversions help to account for score variances across judges. Dogs must earn a combined total of eight points or more in a given year to be listed. Congratulations to these beardies and their owners on being ranked in 2019.

F&F PTS BEARDED COLLIE AND OWNER

- 293 Majela Chaniam Vimiusa By Stealth UDX2 OM4 (L Lo)
- 38 OTCH Britannia Sebring Serenipity UDX2 OM3 BN GN GO RE PT (B Cox/K Andreassend/M Ritter)
- 18 Harvest Without A Trace CDX BN RM (B Cox)
- 13 DC Balderdash Bedazzled At Balgrae CDX PCD BN GO RM RAE HSA's HSB's HIA'd (J Williamson)

AKC NEW TITLES

MAY 2020

Rally Novice, CH Highland's Give Me Your Answer Do RN OA NAJ NF ACT2 CGC TKN, B, DN43948901, 6-Sep-15, 29-May-20, Blk, CH Britannia Top Spot RN x GCH CH Highland's Pillow Talk, Robin Deily & Lillian Esposito & Michele Ritter & Barry Coles

BCAT, Allaround Mockingjay:Girl On Fire CA BCAT, B, DN45238001, 28-Feb-16, 23-May-20, Br, GCH CH Raintree Rock Around The Clock x CH MACH4 Estrella Theres A Breeze Allaround BN RI HT MXC MJB2 MJP NF CGCA TKI, Gretchen Blackburn & Darron Blackburn

Trick Dog Novice, GCH DC Aellen Silk'N Sky RN HIAs HXAs HSAsM FDC NA NAJ TKN, B, DN28141801, 8-Jun-10, 15-May-20, Blk, GCH CH Pentangle Rock'N Ryland P RN TDX HSAs HIAs HXAs OA OAJ NJP OF THDN CGCA TKN x CH Aellen Ryderwood Moon Struck HSAs, Therese D Leonard & Janice Kehoe

Trick Dog Novice, GCH CH Aellen Zing! Went The Strings Of My Heart RN HIAs HXAs HSAsM TKN, D, DN37036404, 11-May-13, 15-May-20, Blk, CH Sengalas Frankly Classical RA x GCHS CH Aellen Jive Talkin HT, Janice F Kehoe & Therese Leonard

Trick Dog Novice, Balderdash Pot Of Gold BN RN PT FDC NFP CGC TKN, D, DN54129303, 12-May-18, 17-May-20, Fn, GCH CH Dunnachie Xavier BN RN HXAs HSAsM CGC TKI x GCH DC Lil'Clove True Grit VCD1 BN RAE TDX HSAs HSBd HIAds HIBd HXAdM MX MXJ MXP MJP XF CGC TKI, Sonja Blanchard

Trick Dog Novice, Charter's True North TKN, D, DN57594404, 13-Feb-19, 20-May-20, Br, GCH CH Wigglesworth Aberlour Black Magic x DC Pentangle's Liz She Is HSAs HSBd HIAds HIBd HXAds HXBd AX OAJ NF, Joanne M Williamson

Trick Dog Novice, Risa Spindrift Fairy Dust TKN, B, DN58887102, 16-Jul-19, 18-May-20, Blk, CH Starlight Midnight Express HT SWN RATN CGC TKN x Risa's Making Her Own Rules HT, Mrs. Kim Krueger D.V.M.

Trick Dog Novice, HC Tweeddale's Star Spangled BN RE HSAd HSBds HSDs HIAds HIBd HIDs HSAsM HXAdMsM OA OAJ OF RATO TKN, B, DN43063803, 4-Jul-15, 19-May-20, Bl, CH Moonstone Get Out Of My Way BN RA HSAd HSDs HSAsM FDC AX MXJ XF x Tweeddale's Black Magic Woman MX MXJ XF, Terry Johnson & Linda J Porter

Trick Dog Intermediate, Balderdash Pot Of Gold BN RN PT FDC NFP CGC TKI, D, DN54129303, 12-May-18, 18-May-20, Fn, GCH CH Dunnachie Xavier BN RN HXAs HSAsM CGC TKI x GCH DC Lil'Clove True Grit VCD1 BN RAE TDX HSAs HSBd HIAds HIBd HXAdM MX MXJ MXP MJP XF CGC TKI, Sonja Blanchard

Trick Dog Intermediate, Britannia Ripple In Time CD PCD BN RM RAE HSAs HSBd OA OAJ NF CGC TKI, D, DN48680201, 29-Nov-16, 20-May-20, Blk, CH Parcana Lord Corwin CDX NAJ OA x CH Britannia Not How You Say Tart BN RN TD, Joanne M Williamson

Trick Dog Intermediate, CH Dunnachie Treasure Like Fyvie OA AXJ XF CGC TKI, B, DN36670305, 29-Apr-13, 15-May-20, Br, GCHB CH Spindrift Bend It Like Beckham RN PT MX MXB MXJ MJB MXF T2B2 x CH Dunnachie Don'T Get Me Started NA OAJ, Kathleen Harold & Dawn Kinney & Jackye Dunn

Trick Dog Intermediate, GCH CH Dunnachie Xavier BN RN HXAs HSAsM CGC TKI, D, DN36670308, 29-Apr-13, 27-May-20, Bl, GCHB CH Spindrift Bend It Like Beckham RN PT MX MXB MXJ MJB MXF T2B2 x CH Dunnachie Don'T Get Me Started NA OAJ, Sharon Prassa & Joe Prassa

Trick Dog Intermediate, Wigglesworth Daybar Groovy Kind Of Love ACT2 TKI, B, DN55251103, 24-Jul-18, 20-May-20, Blk, GCH CH Wigglesworth Aberlour Black Magic x GCH CH Daybar My Gal Friday BCAT CGC, Meg Naylor & Sharon Ipser

Trick Dog Performer, CH Balderdash Taylored In Vermont CD BN RE HSAs HIAd HXAd OA AXJ XF CGCA TKP, B, DN41331407, 20-Nov-14, 18-May-20, Blk, DC Pentangle's Captain Jack BN RAE HSAs HSBd HIAds HIBd HXAdM HXBdM MX MXJ MXF T2B x GCH DC Lil'Clove True Grit VCD1 BN RAE TDX HSAs HSBd HIAds HIBd HXAdM MX MXJ MXP MJP XF CGC TKI, Sonja Blanchard

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 **AUG 1, 2020**.
Email your reports and articles to Michele Ritter

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THE THERAPY BEARDIES

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WHO WILL WIN THIS YEAR?

Andrew Award

Presented to the bearded collie that has performed the most service hours in therapy work during the previous year.

Avery Dudasch Award

Presented to any bearded collie that has performed pet therapy visiting ill children at a hospital during the previous year.

The Avery Award honors the memory of 11 year old Avery Dudasch, who showed great courage, hope, and faith in her battle with cancer.

Casey – The Wonder Dog Award

Recognizes any physically challenged or rescue Bearded Collie doing therapy work.

A "Casey" is in memory of Casey, who overcame his early life in a puppy mill and an injury that cost him a leg, to become a beloved therapy dog to thousands of people. To be eligible, dogs must have a physical challenge (e.g. missing a limb, deaf, blind) or be a rescue bearded collie. This certificate will be awarded to the same dog only time.

TIME TO ENTER THE BCCA THERAPY DOG AWARDS!

Add up your volunteer hours from

JAN. 1 - DEC. 31, 2019.

Send them to [Gretchen Blackburn](mailto:gretchen.blackburn@woof@grandecom.net) at woof@grandecom.net.

The necessary forms are on the BCCA web site.
<https://beardedcollieclub.us/about-the-bcca/forms>

- 1) Therapy Dog Visitation Form
- 2) Therapy Visitation Extra Hours Report

Eligibility

To qualify for a BCCA award, at least one owner of the Bearded Collie must be a BCCA member in good standing. In the case of a junior handler, at least one family member (including grandparents/aunts/uncles) of the junior handler must be a BCCA member in good standing.

Deadline for submitting hours

August 20, 2020

QUESTIONS?

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