

BCCA BREED EDUCATION SURVEY RESPONSES

The Breed Education Committee (formally the Judges Education Committee) undertook a brief survey, these are the responses.

1. As a breeder, owner or exhibitor are you familiar with the work of the Breed (Judges) Education Committee?

39 Yes/14 No

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| 1. Yes | 11. Yes | 22. Yes | 33. No | 44. Yes |
| 2. Yes | 12. No | 23. Yes | 34. Yes | 45. Yes |
| 3. Yes | 13. Yes | 24. No | 35. Yes | 46. Yes |
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54. Comments:

1. I was a member of the Judges Education Committee when it first was created.
2. Not always. I do know they hold seminars for those interested to discuss judging of dogs to the standard. I attended one seminar.
3. As a public school teacher of technology, several years ago I used my skills to make the slides in the judges education powerpoint easier to read but was rudely told to leave it alone. There was an overload of information on individual slides, and I only wanted to revamp the slide show so it was easier for viewers to digest the information.
4. Mostly mentoring at National Specialty and occasional breed education elsewhere
5. Somewhat.
6. The only reason I am in the BCCA is that I do Beardie rescue, and it is required to join.
7. I was present at the BCCA National when this was being presented.
8. I have not been educated to this committee.
9. I've seen them offered at National specialties
10. I am not a breeder, owner, or exhibitor.
11. I have seen them working at National specialties.
12. The committee is responsible for organizing and running the Judges' Education Seminar at the Nationals each year.
13. I've attended judges ed classes and been apart of the hands on portion a few times at specialties and other judges education classes, either handling my own dog or someone else's.
14. Yes. Have seen info at Specialties and shows
15. I was asked to show my girl one year to the judges in training so they could see coat color variations.

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56. 2. Have you ever thought of becoming a mentor with the BCCA Mentor Program? 19 Yes/33 No

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58. Comments

1. Still am as far as I know. I have presented more seminars than just about any other mentor including the AKC's Advanced Herding Institute twice.
2. I've been in breeding and showing for over 25 years and have mentored on my own and been mentored but thought that the BCCA program was by invite only.
3. I am one.
4. Have never been successful yet in breeding!
5. despite more than 20 years in the breed, I have not bred a litter and per the rules am not eligible to become a mentor no matter how much knowledge of structure and function I have to share - I would like to see inclusion of performance handlers and owners included in the mentor ranks. Perhaps with endorsement from other mentors to assure they actually have the knowledge needed.
6. I already am a mentor
7. I do not verbalize well nor do I feel I'm a good 'teacher'
8. Did not know there was such a program.
9. I am a mentor.
10. I try to help newer people as much as I can but I don't feel qualified yet to be formally be part of the program.
11. I am a mentor
12. Not at this time
13. I do not feel I have enough knowledge for this position.
14. Since I'm not a breeder or conformation handler didn't think I would meet any criteria
15. I'm old school - my idea of the perfect Beardie is probably different from today's version
16. I have considered applying although formally speaking I have not bred enough litters, even though I have owned 10 breed champions.
17. I no longer have Bearded Collies.
18. I'd love to be come a mentor, but I'm not eligible because I've never bred a litter.
19. I don't know enough about the breed myself to mentor
20. I had thought to offer to become a mentor, however looking at some other mentors I did not value the program over much
21. Am not a long time breeder.

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60. 3. a. Would you be willing to receive some training to become a mentor? 29 Yes/19 No

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54. 3. b. If so, what type of training would you think would be of assistance?

1. One on one guidance from a current mentor
2. I believe I already do a great job, but there is always room for improvement.
3. Learning a bit more about the judging approval requirements
4. Unsure of what type of training is given to someone to mentor others.
5. Whatever is needed to help me. Not sure since I thought I had to be a breeder and wasn't able to have puppies the many times I've tried.
6. Thoroughly going over the breed stand with more than one mentor. At several shows ringside as well attending any other type of education provided by the BCCA
7. Understanding of AKC Performance and Confirmation venues. How to enter your dog how to use info dog. All these procedures that you need to understand
8. opportunities to participate in judges education as an assistant presenter - get some experience answering questions from prospective judges
9. You would have to change the requirement for the number of litters whelped in home
10. Understanding of what kind of issues mentors address, plus data on the breed such as volume, health issues, health projects under BEACON, and emerging issues with the breed.
11. Hands on
12. hands on.. seminar
13. breed specific stuff
14. Not sure.
15. Seminars, one-on-one education.
16. Would depend on the full role of the mentor
17. If I were to be trained - I would want to focus much more on proper BBeardie temperament and working ability
18. But not particularly sure that I need any!
19. Do not know
20. Do not know
21. Training on health issues.
22. Mostly being able to get my hands on more Beardies, so I can put my book knowledge into more practical use. I'd like to be able to confirm what my eyes tell me or not.
23. Exactly what I would to cover as far as information goes, to educate the person wanting to become a judge.
24. Information about a standardized program for mentoring where the mentors are consistent and not just giving opinions of their pet peeves and their personal dogs that they like.
25. insider information - what can't be found in the books
26. Refresher course
27. Interesting thought
28. Hands on is always good. But understanding gait and why you see what you do is important. In the judging seminars I attended incorrect movement/structure wasn't touched on.
29. In depth review of the standard; sit in at specialties and participate Judges Ed class
30. Not knowing anything about the program - not sure I can answer the question. Would first like to become knowledgeable of the program.

55. 4. The expanded role of the Breed (Judges) Education Committee will cover Judges Education, Mentor Program and Breeder/Exhibitor/Owner Program. With that in mind, what would you like to see the Breed Education Committee offer you?

1. Addressing current breed trends (good and bad) would be helpful
2. I would like to know more about the last two programs that have been created, and how they are to be utilized .
3. More emphasis put on the natural and unsculpted showing of Beardies
4. I'm not sure. I've been very disappointed in how the show world has been going and the joy of want to get involved anymore is slowly dwindling!
5. I would like to be able to offer ringside mentorship at more shows so we can reach more judges who see either not to know the standard or ignore it.
6. How to show our Beardies more natural and their best, analyzing breeding to whom better
7. What make a beardie tick, not just what they LOOK like. And also be honest about what they are really like as dogs and as potential working animals.
8. Mentoring a non biased discussion on faults, judges and what breeders opinion is of what being bred today and brought into the ring. Is what being shown meeting the standard or preference shown because the owner consistently shows the dog?
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11. I'm only interested in agility.
12. more emphasis on presenting the breed in a natural fashion and encouraging judges to look beyond the grooming to find the dogs who truly meet the standard
13. Where mentors would be available
14. More sharing of expectation in a Breeding PROGRAM as opposed to producing puppies
15. Offer ring side mentoring at local specialties with outreach to potential judges to make them aware of the opportunity
16. Grooming tips on growing and maintaining coat, exercise tips, nutrition, grooming products
17. No thank you
18. Having experienced both conformation and several performance sports (especially agility), there seems to be somewhat of a lack of connection between the dog's conformation and how various aspects of conformation affect both the original purpose (herding) and other sports (e.g. agility). Both breeders and owners need to understand more specifically how a physical trait (e.g. well laid-back shoulder) translates into performance activities, what to look for in puppies, and how to safely navigate performance with their dogs with good information from knowledgeable breeders. Generalities don't work, as in "her structure is like my _____(previous dog bred)_____ who was perfect for agility."
19. More opportunities to mentor.
20. More opportunities for breed education other than at the national.
21. More hands on with lots of dogs to go over.
22. all of the above
23. Judge according to your breed standards.....so do important one else th breed will entirely change.....
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25. Keep the herding instinct in our breed & inform judges that trimming is not permitted.
26. the "real" standard
27. No thoughts.
28. I would like to see some more presents in sportsmanship. I was not happy that one of the mentors at the National was mentoring one moment and away from the rings this person was making disparaging comments about the judging. It was very disappointing
29. I would be happy to work on any of them, but would prefer judge's education.
30. Conformation, breed standards, and greater value is understanding of Beardies
31. Would like to see discussions on proper structure for performance dogs and more discussion on form and function
32. Concentrating on the health of the breed is paramount - proper breeding with emphasis on health and temperament issues as well as structure instead of focusing on producing winners. I would love to see judges actually judge to our standard which is not happening these days regardless of our efforts to educate them. It would be nice to offer classes on breeding and health issues for people interested in breeding and perhaps offer some sort of certificate to note that a particular breeder has passed basic courses.
33. Pay more attention to the connection between temperament/structure and working function. I think there should also be some sort of performance requirement for breed mentors to give them a better appreciation for this connection that cannot be obtained simply by doing conformation competitions.
34. Owner program
35. Owner program
36. I am no longer showing dogs, if I were I think that a mentoring program is a good idea. However, I am not sure of exactly what is meant by it as I have not read any details.
37. More educational videos on structure, movement. I'd also like to see more information on the amount and type of education that provisional (and even regular) all breed judges receive. Some of them seem ignorant of our standard.
38. I think judges education is important. I think some of them aren't well informed about the nuances of the breed.
39. More of the above. Hands on experience.
40. Understanding the standard.
41. This is a very loaded question. Every puppy buyer needs his or her breeder, but ideally, s/he also needs some unbiased advice about what an individual dog should be able to do, with training, support, grooming, and classes.
42. When a buyer is far from the breeder, is new to dogs, or has unreasonable expectations, the need for a mentor is greater, but the breeder might not want that unbiased other getting involved.
43. I don't know how the committee, whatever it's name, can solve this dilemma. People are not likely to seek this kind of information before they have an actual puppy. And by then they have a relationship.
44. I guess ideally every breeder would be open to others in the breed advising new owners and critiquing puppies. Not going to happen

45. HONEST JUDGING by a judge who actually abides by the Standard for Bearded Collies set by the AKC.
46. As an exhibitor, I have no eye. Would love step-be-step guide about correct structure, movement. Have sat ringside many times, but never seem to get it right.
47. Mentors that follow the standard and explain the standard rather than give their own opinions on how the standard should be.
48. Breeder/Exhibitor/Owner program
49. Our JEC presentation on line to refer back to after a person has attended the seminar.
50. Education
51. As a breeder I mostly go over my own dogs and those with similar attributes I may be choosing to breed to The only time I get to see/feel something different is when I judge. And now you hardly see more than a few beardies at a show except for specialties. We need more time set aside for education of our own members. Specialties are so busy it would be great to have a blocked off time
52. Handsome help with evaluating the breed.
53. Open to any options.
54. No thank you
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57. 5. List ideas you may have that would meet your personal needs in understanding the Bearded Collie (standard, conformation, structure, form and function) better.

1. Judges education should be changed up every year to address current trends and given more importance and time at the National
 2. I have a firm understanding and knowledge about all aspects of this breed.
 3. I have a fairly good idea. But when judging, to go over a dog a bit faster and writing a critique that gives meaningful information back.
 4. When I first entered the breed, I found mentors in the breed who taught me the fine points and made the pedigrees living dogs with their strengths and weaknesses. I don't see those coming into the breed seeking mentors in this way.
 5. More hands on, someone going over all the structure with me.
 6. Understanding some of the judging being done today.
 7. N/A
 8. would love to see seminars for OWNERS even pet owners to learn about beardie structure so that they are better able to evaluate their own dogs and the dogs they are considering buying, if we want more people to participate in breed activities, it would be helpful for them to have a place to go for instruction by a range of knowledgeable beardie owners
 9. Pedigree help, understanding more complicated genetics in a layman's terms
 10. We should create more video comparisons
 11. How structure is visible through movement - what judges are looking for in movement beyond the extension etc.
 12. How structure can/ can't be enhanced by various exercise and conditioning programs
 13. Judging wet Beardies.
 14. More hands on
 15. form and function
 16. At the risk of sounding arrogant, I think I understand the bearded collie pretty well.
 17. Hands on teaching of conformation.
 18. Structure and how it impacts performance
 19. I think offering some classes and or educational videos on a website would be a good way to go and more accessible to more people
 20. I'm not sure I understand what you are looking for here...personal needs?
 21. Mentioned above, and also more on correct structure and movement and how this applies to herding, agility. A brochure that we could hand out to people who ask questions about our breed when we're at dog shows would be helpful. I was acting as the breed rep at a show this weekend while I was waiting to go into the ring, and it would have been helpful if I could have given something to a couple of the families who were interested in Beardies. I didn't have anything to write with, and I wasn't able to go into very much detail about contacting the BCCA, going to the website, what it takes to own a Beardie, etc.
 22. Having been an exhibitor for many years, I am pretty knowledgeable about these things. As I said earlier, I would like to learn more about health issues.
 23. Again, just hands on experience. I know what I see outside the ring, I'd like to be to understand that feeling better. I think I have a good grasp when I do get my hands on a dog, just need more of that.
 24. Hands on a variety of Bearded Collies at different growth stages and different structures, good and bad.
 25. See above.
 26. structure - how to see your dog's strengths and weaknesses and what to look for in potential mates
 27. More hands on opportunities.
 28. Hands on breed standard with comparisons.
 29. Again I'd like to feel what structural faults cause certain faults in gait that your eyes can see.
 30. Producing a new breed video which would be available for check-out to members or a way to stream said video for members. Video would show movement, good and bad; faults, etc.
 31. Structure (Form and Function)
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59. 6. How would your ideas be best implemented?

- 60. At National specialties..... 30
- 61. At affiliate specialties..... 22
- 62. Working with a chosen mentor
on a regular basis..... 22
- 63. Working online with a
designated breed specialist..... 22

64. Other

- 65. Articles in Bagpipes..... 1
- 66. In a smaller setting if possible..... 1
- 67. breed seminars open to the public at larger shows
- 68. All of the above
- 69. Happy to work with judges, prospective judges at any
- 70. show, including regional and national specialties.
- 71. hdo g regional amd. Ationa..... 1
- 72. If working online, someone who could critique my handling
- 73. and how my dog performs would be great..... 1
- 74. I have learned a lot from targeted webinars.
- 75. That way it isn't packed into all the other events of
- 76. specialties or have distance requirements..... 1

77. 7. Any other comments you would like to offer to help the Breed Education Committee? (23 responses)

- 1. I worked with pure bred animals all my life....our pure bred organizations were founded to preserve and protect the purity of the breed and its breed standards....as an organization..be careful NOT TO CUT PATTERN TO FIT THE CLOTH.....remain true to the Beardie Standard of Excellence..... FAILURE TO BE TRUE TO THE STANDARDS has become disastrous in many purebred breeds!!
- 2. Who makes up this Committee and how was it chosen?
- 3. Find the best way, easier way to educate us. I think that's what you are doing here. Bravo! Not all of us get to all the Nationals or find the time to get to the education meeting.
- 4. More judges education and see they stick to the standard and dog not the person on the end of the lead.
- 5. If it hasn't already been revamped/restructured, the judges education powerpoint needs to be.
- 6. I am a fairly new owner of a beardie rescue and a new member of this group so I don't have much knowledge there much input at this time.
- 7. it would be great if we were able to offer new owner/prospective owners an online tutorial about beardie structure, historical information on jobs (herding, agility, obedience), and temperament. more educated owners lead to better relationships with their dogs, repeat purchases and natural breed ambassadors out in public.
- 8. Our breed needs to hold breeders accountable for over producing puppies without a goal. Our breed needs to penalize those of flaunt our Standard thru censure or other means for over trimming, over grooming and ignoring the standard.
- 9. The committee needs more visibility.
- 10. Yes, I need to understand what the term "types" mean!!
- 11. I commend you for addressing this - I think our club could do some really exciting work by offering educational opportunities, but I would hope that breed shows and beauty is only part of the picture and that temperament and health and the health of the gene pool are treated equally
- 12. The committee should do a better job of publicizing the National Specialty herding trials to the breed judges' list so that potential applicants to judge our breed can have the opportunity to see them at work. In addition, there should be a regular column in the Bagpipes listing applicants to judge Beardies...information should be solicited from these individuals about their backgrounds and why they are seeking to judge our breed. In the past, something like this was done regularly for awhile and the information provided was useful.
- 13. I have owned Beardies for 30 yrs. Love the breed, but do not want to breed or show, it is too expensive and shows not close. I really give credit to the good breeders. Interested in health of Beardies. Would like to help good breeders but do not know how.
- 14. Although I am not able to participate, I think mentoring is a good idea. Communication is important, so this survey is also a good idea.
- 15. Think it's wonderful you are looking to expand Judges Education to Breed Education. It's an unmet need. As a relatively newcomer (less than 15 years in the breed), it's appreciated.

16. The political games are hurting the Breed. People watching the judging especially at the BCCA National Specialties, are not stupid. They can see the politics in the judging. What a shame. Judge the dog and how it is being shown, not the person holding the leash.
17. best of luck. This is an important function and new technologies may make it easier.
18. How do you educate all breed judges to look at the dog and not the handler?
19. Very unfamiliar with Breed/Judges Education. Thought it was only for judges until I enquired at 2018 Specialty.
20. Make it compulsory for owners using handlers
21. NA