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The Shaggy Rag



The Bearded Collie Club of Southern California

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President's Message

Dear Beardie Friends,

I'm so glad the sun is out and the weather is getting better. The girls and I have been outside digging in the garden. Dakota digs the dirt and I replace it. It's taking a little longer planting seeds than I anticipated.

We have some activities coming up in March and April and hope to see you at these events. Our Regional Specialty is coming up in July and we will again have rally before the conformation events. I hope you are taking classes to get ready for rally this year. It's lots of fun and your dog only needs to be able to follow your direction with basic obedience. The hard part is to interpret the signs and that's why a class is important. You need an AKC registration number to compete. We hope to double our entries from last year. It's lots of fun and you use a leash to compete. How hard can that be? If you get started now, you should be ready for July.

Again I want to remind you that we are hosting the 2012 National Specialty. It is my hope that our members will participate in at least one of the events. Our club has and is offering herding workshops to acquaint beginners with herding. The rally match at our Regional Specialty is another way to practice before 2012. If you have never done agility, now is the time to start taking classes so you will be ready for 2012.

Spring is here. The weather is great. Take some time to play with your Beardie.

Celia, Aynsley, Brandy and Dakota

SHARE YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE SHAGGY RAG

Let everyone know how you and your dog are doing. Send your publicity to Susann Brody and have it published in the Shaggy Rag. See next page for rates and details!

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From The Editor:

Hi Beardie Enthusiasts. I am Susann Brody, your new editor-in-chief. I have helped produce the last several Shaggy Rag newsletters with the assistance of Jennifer Waldeck. I am going solo. Celia Sawyer will help me by assigning different topics to members, but I could and would appreciate your help by sending me articles, pictures and anything you think might be of interest to other Beardie Lovers!

All Shaggy Rag ads and articles, brags and pictures should now be sent to me at my email address located to the left of here, under "Shaggy Rag." Thanks 

Special Thanks!!!

I would like to thank Jennifer Waldeck for her assistance in producing the Shaggy Rag. It was an honor and privilege to work with you!!
Thank You for all your hard work and organization, Jennifer!!!

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Calendar

- March 27 - Beardie Bounce and General Meeting.
Grooming for Home and Show
Cupcakes and Beardie Beauty!
Where: Debbie Elston's house, 467 E. Yale Loop, Irvine
Time: 1-3 p.m.
Debbie's phone number is: 949.336-6211
- April 16 - Annual Meeting and Fun Day
Where: Woodley Park
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Bring your picnic lunch, your beardie, and be ready for fun and games!
- May 14 - Herding Fun Day
Runs scheduled from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by a Herding Clinic from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Space is limited. Contact Sandy at hairydog@sbcglobal.net to reserve your space.
- July 7 - BCCSC Regional Specialty, followed by 3 days of supported entries

Introducing... **CH Highlander MacAgatha**

Aggie

She finishes her Championship on January 19, 2011, at Rose City Classic in Portland at 17 months old!!

She also received a 4 pt Select in Breed on the last day of this show, January 23, 2011.

***Special thanks to Breeder Beth Tilson, Stud Dog owner Sherrie Bie and handler Wendy Bettis.

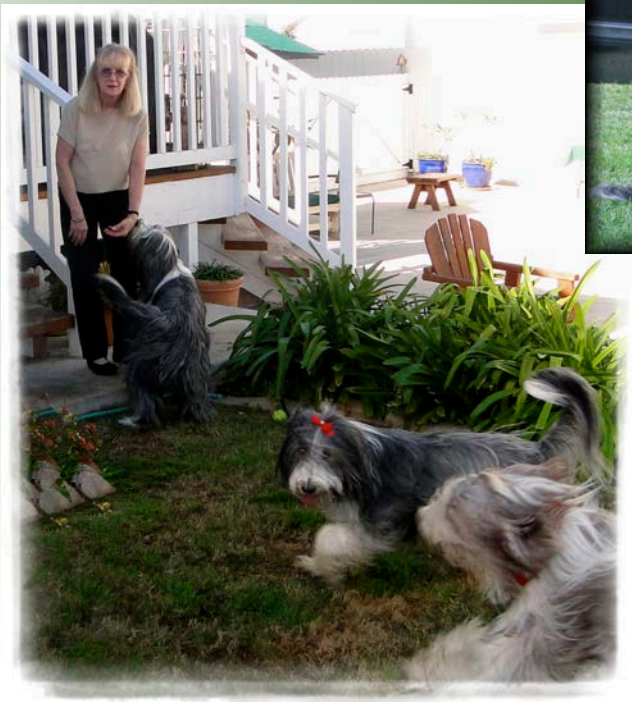


Holiday Party

Bearded Collie Club of Southern California 2010 Holiday Party by Wendy Marciante

December 12th found many BCCSC members and their Beardies enjoying an unseasonably warm, sunny day in Celia Sawyer's back yard. A champagne brunch, including Celia's made-to-order waffles, was served to the moms while the Beardies bounced and chased and hoped to find a waffle or two made for them. As luck would have it, photos were taken after a few hours of romping, and the sight of dirty Beardies in elf hats capped the day with lots of laughter!

The BCCSC again this year made toy and financial donations to a Marine family in need through the coordinating efforts of Roger and Nancy Hull.





Meet the Breed

2010 BCCSC hosts the Meet the Breed

by Patty Rusko

The Bearded Collie Club of Southern California again hosted the Meet-the-Breed booth for the Eukanuba National Championship held in Long Beach, California, December 4th and 5th. 164 breeds (whose booths encompassed all the halls and banquet rooms of the Long Beach Convention Center!) were represented at this event.

Our booth was designed with a herding theme, but the many versatile talents and capabilities the Bearded Collie has to offer such as agility, therapy, obedience, conformation – not to mention their loving companionship as a family pet - were shared with the visiting public. The booth was built to look like a herding corral with Club members' Beardies perched atop bales of hay draped in Highlander-tartan. Our booth's backdrop was a 15-foot mural vividly portraying the Bearded Collie in the field with sheep.

I would like to thank Mary Morgan, Carol Scott, Sandy Dubin, Wendy Marciante, Meagan Edwards, Richard Skinner, Debbie Elston, Noli Caswell, Celia Sawyer and Cathy McLaren for stepping up and manning the booth to share our wonderful breed with the public. They answered all types of questions. I believe the most frequently asked question was: How often do you brush? A special thanks to Celia and Cathy for all their creativity and help with setting up and breaking down (in the rain) the booth.

Each person greeted by our lovely shaggy ambassadors with a kiss received a sticker to wear... "I've been kissed by a Beardie."

I hope you enjoy the pictures.

Patty

Thank you Wendy Marciante and Mary Morgan for your pictures!!!



Meet the Breed



Joanne Williamson, President of BCCA, admiring BCCSC Booth



Meet the Breed



Eukanuba



WEEKEND SHEEPHERDER'S LAMENT

WORDS BY SKIP NICHOLSON
(SUNG TO THE TUNE OF "MY BONNIE LIES OVER THE OCEAN")

Well, I thought I would herd with my Beardie.
From a long line of champions came she.
My wall would be covered with ribbons.
How hard can this sheepherding be?

Look back. Come bye. Away to me, Beardie, to me, to me.
Look back. Come bye. Oh, bring back those sheepies to me.

I studied that DVD closely.
I knew every lesson so well.
But when my dog got in the trial field,
She scattered those sheep all to hell.

Look back. Come bye. Away to me, Beardie, to me, to me.
Look back. Come bye. Oh, bring back those sheepies to me.

She chased them around me in circles.
She would split them and gather them in.
Then turn back and drive through the middle.
And scatter those sheep once again.

Look back. Come bye. Away to me, Beardie, to me, to me.
Look back. Come bye. Oh, bring back those sheepies to me.

An old ewe backed up to the fence line.
Head lowered, she just wouldn't budge.
My dog ran the other sheep past her.
And ran the flock over the judge.

Look back. Come bye. Away to me, Beardie, to me, to me.
Look back. Come bye. Oh, bring back those sheepies to me.

The trial time was over so quickly.
I turned to that judge in dismay.
He said to me, "Better luck next time,"
as the ambulance took him away.

Look back. Come bye. Away to me, Beardie, to me, to me.
Look back. Come bye. Oh, bring back those sheepies to me.

The years have flown by so quickly.
My dog has won titles galore.
And now when we're out in the trial field,
We're not "bowling for sheep" any more.

Look back. Come bye. Away to me, Beardie, to me, to me.
Look back. Come bye. Oh, bring back those sheepies to me.
Now, look back. Come bye. Away to me, Beardie, to me, to me.
Look back. Come bye. Oh, bring back those sheepies to me.
That'll do.

Herding Day with the BCCSC!



Belle

The clinic was a great idea. I feel that everyone should have a brief introduction to what is going on in the ring because this allowed me to understand why herding works. Ted did a great job and I would love to continue learning in Ted's clinics

Jaquelin

Annie was just wiped out when she hit the car. Combination of excitement plus a little heat, but she had a wonderful time.

Louise



Annie



Chad

Fun is what it was all about. We really had a good time. Chad is going to take some lessons with Ted. I think he'll get the hang of it now that he knows what a sheep is. Thanks again for a terrific day!

Pam

I really didn't know what to expect from Abbie, and I was really pleased with her response, not just to the sheep but to the whole situation. Thanks again and thanks for keeping me involved in the "Beardie" days (and yes I am definitely developing an appreciation for your breed of choice!).....

Rita Russell



Abbie





Dakota

For me, being a newbie in herding, the clinic was awesome. I would highly suggest the clinic as Ted did a great job on teaching us and our dogs. He broke it down, A, B and C, so you knew what your were supposed to do in the ring .. You can put us down for the next class.

Thanks to Sandy and Ted today I feel we can get a HT and PT on Dakota .. The clinic was awesome. I would highly suggest it to everyone even if you already herd. He covered alot of points.

Patty



LuLu

I always introduce LuLu to different experiences and environments. By far she is the most focused at herding of the many things we do. There is a lot to be said about letting her natural instincts surface. Lulu blossomed this weekend. I take her out on the trail for several hours at a time, and have to say she is more spent after her time at herding than she gets on the trail.

Sandy, I know that you spend so much of your time and energy into the success of the day, it truly shows.

Thanks, Art Miller



Maggie

Maggie had a GREAT time herding the "sheepies" and rolling in the dirt!

Ted was, as always, absolutely awesome.... wish we had met you all when Maggie was younger ~ thanks for letting the old girl have FUN!

Marti



Viva

Noli Caswell helps Eli and his border collie, Viva, into the arena to try this thing called sheep-herding.



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Sheila: I think everyone present came away with learned skills to practice and a beginning love of herding.



Hello All You Wanna-be Herders,

I had my first herding lesson with Peggy Richter at Bel Canto Ranch in Lancaster. Peggy Richter is a herding judge and one of the people to set up AHBA rules and regs. She has been trialing her Belgian Sheepdogs for years. I really loved my lesson today with wildman Nash, who was a VERY good boy. As in any good lesson, I went home with a lot of tips I need to remember in training. She even gave me some tips to do at home. Peggy is available on weekends and some week days.

Bel Canto is the ranch that the BCCA is going to be using for our 2012 National 2-day herding trial. Many upright breeds (non-border collie) train with the sheep there. The owner is EveLynn McGuinness who has Belgian Tervurens.

EveLynn would love for us beardie people to come up and take lessons the next couple of years to get the sheep more used to seeing bearded collies before our National. It's a wonderful facility and we will be offering: Instinct testing, geese runs, HT, PT, A course sheep and B course sheep even! We're very excited.

Her place today was gorgeous with no stickers, while in Valencia it was overcast. Please let me know if you would like to come out herding whether it's once a month or even every other month to get your dog ready for HT or PT.... I know I hope to do that or more.

Please email me at hairdog@sbcglobal.net if you are interested.

They are charging only \$40 for your first lesson and \$50 thereafter, which is a good price for these lessons!!!

**Happy herding,
Sandy**



Nash

These herding fun days are the highlight of my time in the BCCSC. I love watching dog after dog, doing what they were bred to do for hundreds of years and the owners getting a kick out of it also.

Sandy

Best of Breed



2009

Best of Breed



2010

Believe it.

bred by
Beverly Barton &
Dana Frady

exclusively handled by
James Bettis

owned by
Anna Marie Yura

*Multiple Best In Show
Multiple Best In Specialty Show*



Louie

GCh Brigadoon Daybar
BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Advertising & Photography by *Beuchat*

Melita Midnight Prairie Star ★ Dakota ★



Owned and Bred by Celia Sawyer and Patricia Rusko

2010 BCCA National Specialty Best in Futurity

Pictured left to right: Barbara Marshall (the judge), Patricia Rusko (Breeder), Celia Sawyer (Breeder), Anna Marie Yura (Owner of Stud Dog, GCH, CH Brigadoon Daybar Believe It or Not (Louie)





CH Classical's My Turn, HIC (Turner) was selected to appear in a Purina print ad.

He won the slot (and the hearts of the entire crew!) after competing with Mister Dickens and "Coal."

Turner is owned by Wendy Marcianti and co-owned by his breeders Julie Kempster and Bea Sawka.

Turner



CHAD



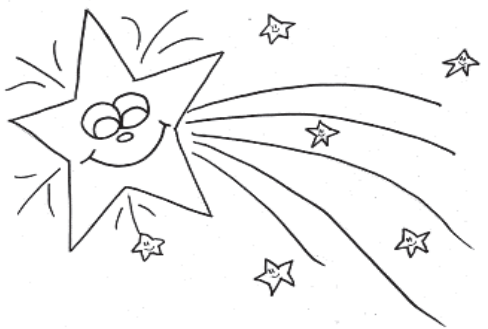
Congratulations to Ch Traleigh Castlecombe Chadbury (Chad). At the age of 10, he had never seen a sheep. At the Herding Fun Day, organized by Sandy Dubin, he had his "big chance" and passed. Goes to show that you can teach an old dog new tricks. The bonus is that he had such a good time with Ch Melita Nauti Nina (Nina) cheering him on from the sidelines.

What a great day! We're heading back to do it again.

News ..News...and more News



Bloom update:
Philip, 1st time standing in braces



Belle Brag: Belle was selected a finalist and will be featured in a special photo gallery section inside the PetBook and will appear on www.AAA.com/PetBook along with other contest finalists.

Clicker Expo

I had the opportunity to attend a 3-day seminar entitled "Karen Pryor Clicker Expo." At the Expo there were trainers from all over the world. Each day there were about 20 seminars, so you had to pick and choose which one you most wanted to go to. 410 people attended and 80 % of them were professional dog trainers, so I felt honored to be there and able to sponge up all the knowledge I can about training my own dogs.

Besides basics of clicker training and advanced training, they also had seminars on aggression, dog food choices and behavior modification, among others. And at lunch time most of the outdoor tables had a placard in the center as a "table discussion." So if you had a particular interest, you could sit at that table and chances are you could get questions answered, or network or just enjoy what you love. Some of the table topics were : Search and Rescue, Shelter work, Aggression, Pet Therapy, Small Animals, Agility, Advanced Clicker.... just to name a few.

The main gist of clicker training is positive reinforcement, which you can apply to people, also, not just animals.

I found the seminars very helpful in grasping what I needed to learn, with videos, power points, and best of all, labs where you can bring your dog to participate! It was a very wonderful experience.

Sandy and Nash



(left to right) Helix Fairweather (A presenter and bearded owner), Victoria Stilwell, and I. Victoria is the star of Animal Planet's show 'It's Me or the Dog.' She was a speaker two nights in a row and was very down to earth and VERY funny! I just had to get a picture of her with a bearded.

Career Day at Trinity Elementary

A wonderful opportunity - Career Day - APRIL 7th, 2011



I would like to share this wonderful opportunity with BCCSC members.

Trinity Elementary is down the street from U.S.C. , in a rough neighborhood, where you don't take leisurely walks at night. Low-income and high crime. When you walk onto the campus you would never feel that sense of doom. The principal, counselors and staff and kids give you the feeling of high achievement. The campus has many murals around that say things like "We're going to college." "We are achievers." "We will become someone when we're older." The positive attitude from the principal and teachers, etc. is very contagious. The kids cannot wait for Career Day, when 100 adults come and talk about their careers. We're talking about REALLY COOL careers, so cool that we adults wish we could listen in on all of their presentations that they give in their assigned classrooms. We are just as awestruck as the kids.

At 8:00 in the morning, as we drive into the parking lot, we are greeted by murals welcoming us and 5th graders meeting us as we get out of our car and walk us up to the auditorium, as a line of kids wave and yell "hello" (especially happy to see a dog, Whiskey, their excitement grows).

Then all 100 of us march out onto the playground where there's a microphone and a few hundred kids sitting waiting for us. One by one we go up to the microphone and introduce ourselves (name and our occupation). As I sit and wait my turn, I get goose bumps from the adults who are unassuming, taking time out from their hectic lives, coming to this school to share their careers with these kids, some of them probably not having a clue what their jobs mean at this point..... but cheering loudly just the same. I wish I could remember them all, but to give you an idea..... FAA administrator, FBI criminal agent, helicopter rescue pilot, actor, author, monster maker for the movies, court reporter, animal trainer and her dog, WWII veteran, photographer, several LAUSD administrators, scuba diving scientist, L.A. Police Department, LAPD cadette, LAPD animal cruelty officer, gym and fitness instructors. But the buzz among us adults was "Wow, I'd love to hear about their job! Some careers I'd never even heard of but sounded so interesting! !!

The volunteers who talk about their career go to two classrooms and talk to the kids.

Then we go back to the auditorium for lunch, El Pollo Loco,,,, yum..... Then some of the kids came to sing to us. Their music teacher played the piano and about 100 kids lined the entire perimeter of the auditorium all around us and more of them on the stage. They sang two songs we all knew and could chime in with. Seeing all these kids that I might feel sorry for in another situation, having them belt out these songs to us out of love, was an amazing sight. As my throat tightened and my eyes filled with tears, I looked around the room and everyone at my table was also crying. Even the helicopter rescue pilots looked emotional as they looked on. These kids looked as confident as if they were huge stars in a Hollywood movie!!! One of the kids' clubs that sang to us is the "Visionary Club." This club is for students who wear glasses. They are treated with respect and have a club that stresses the fact that they are not to be made fun of because they wear glasses. They have special T-shirts and learn to sing and were also serenading us. This presentation to us adults during lunch is my second favorite part of the day. I cannot see ever missing out on this opportunity ever again.

If ANYONE from the BCCSC is interested in this very special experience, please contact Sandy Dubin at hairy-dog@sbcglobal.net

This year it will be on April 7th. The kids and staff want to hear about any career you have or if you are retired, what career you did have.

You won't be sorry you made this decision. It's a very cool feeling you get at this very special school.
Sandy and Whiskey



Jennifer Waldeck, Secretary . 5927 E. Creekside Ave., Unit 31 . Orange, CA 92869

BCCSC is so Happy for you! Congrats!

Hello to all my Beardie friends. I am happy to announce that Dr. Joel West and I will be married in Riverside on March 20th (the first day of Spring). We are having an intimate family ceremony. Now that's funny!

There are eight children plus spouses, 15 grandchildren plus two spouses, and three great-grandsons. Including Joel and I...that comes to 36! That doesn't include the Rabbi and Cantor and their spouses.

I will be moving to Brentwood where Joel is still in practice. For our Honeymoon, we are taking a river cruise through Holland and Belgium and then on to April in Paris for four days. We look forward to visiting with Jetty and Cees in Rotterdam.

Fifty years of my life have now gone their way since I started exhibiting dogs in 1961. First, I raised Keeshonden for a number of years and then imported the first two Beardies into California. When my legs just wouldn't hold me up in the ring running with the Beardies, I downsized to my Lowchen. I have stopped breeding, exhibiting and judging. My Tunnel Vision of my dogs slowly opened to a new world after my spouse, Irwin of 44 years, passed away.

I have waited over six years for that special man to enter my life and Joel is that man.

Continued success with the clubs. I shall always hold you dear in my heart.
Jean Richland, Melita Road Bearded Collies and Majestic Court Lowchen

