

The Shaggy Rag

June 2011

The Bearded Collie Club of Southern California

Founded January 12, 1997

BCCSC website: www.bccsc.net



President's Message

Hi Beardie Friends,

I have just gotten home from another outstanding herding event. Many thanks to all that attended and to Sandy Dubin for her organization and encouragement to make this such a success. The clinic was very informative and if you have never done herding, this is a good way to try it. Take it from your dog, they want to herd and they will be very thankful if you participate. You know the saying, "try it you'll like it." That's what their hoping for.

Our Regional Specialty is just around the corner, Thursday, July 7, 2011. Besides conformation, we will have rally. Everyone can do rally. Take a class and enter. It's a great show, and every Beardie is great. We have a great time. Hope to see you then.

We elected our new Board for the following year. It is going to be a busy one, with BCCSC activities and planning for the National Specialty for 2012. I want to thank those that will be serving as Board members this year. It is a thankless job but we do it because we love our Beardies. If it weren't for clubs like ours, we wouldn't have activities where we can meet others with the same love for our dogs. I want to thank the following Board members for agreeing to give up time to help us with our BCCSC business: Noli Caswell, Anna Marie Yura, Wendy Marciante, Carole Desmond, Sandy Dubin, Debbie Elston, Carol Scott. The Board is working on the schedule of activities and should finalize that list very soon and post it on our website. This is going to be a busy year with our activities and getting ready for the National Specialty.

Our National Specialty 2012 is fast approaching. Thank you for volunteering because we will need everyone. Our chairperson, Anna Marie Yura has been hard at work and many people have been selected to chair activities/jobs for the National. Committees are hard at work making arrangements. Our club has formed a National Core Committee. We meet every month, until the Specialty, to oversee BCCSC's responsibility in organizing the 2012 National Specialty. It has proved to be a very creative and supportive committee. All the members of the Core Committee participated in the 2011 National Specialty in Colorado and many are planning to attend the Specialty in Maine. Besides volunteering at the National Specialty, practice, practice with your dog and get ready to enter as many events as you can for this event.

Check our website for current information.

Hugs to the Beardies,

Celia, Aynsley, Brandy and Dakota

Beardie Board Room

PRESIDENT

Celia Sawyer
26320 Belle Porte Ave.
Harbor City, CA 90710
(310) 326-4410
Csaw14@aol.com

VICE PRESIDENT

Noli Caswell
4263 Shepherds Lane
La Canada, CA 91011
818.952.5510
Caz5510@yahoo.com

SECRETARY

Wendy Marciante
32 Rue Fontainebleau
Newport Beach, CA 92660
949.706.0738
wendy.marciante@mac.com

TREASURER

Anna Marie Yura
746 18th Street
Santa Monica, CA 90402
310.451.2804
a.yura@verizon.net

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Carole Desmond
Sandy Dubin
Debbie Elston
Carol Scott

SHAGGY RAG

Susann Brody-editor
SBrody99@yahoo.com
818.715-9040

WEB SITE

Noli Caswell
www.bccsc.net

NEWSLETTER POLICIES:

Deadlines for the **Shaggy Rag** will be published via e-mail at least one month in advance of publication. When you get the email, please send your photos, brags, ads. etc., in on time. The Shaggy Rag will be published in March, June, September and November with due dates to the editor one month before.

The Editor reserves the right to edit copy.

Please send FULL RESOLUTION PHOTO(s) and/or text in an email to:

Susann Brody, sbrody99@yahoo.com, editor of the Shaggy Rag, and I will format something for you.

Send payment to Anna Marie, BCCSC Treasurer, for advertising, litter listings, and brags.

Professional ads submitted for full page ad must measure (live area) 7 1/2 x 10 inches.

Questions? Email addresses, phone numbers and mailing address located on the left on this page.

Prices are as follows:

- A brag without photo, maximum of two lines (approximately 25-30 words): FREE
- Full page black and white: \$50.00
- Full page color: \$80.00
- Black & white photo: 1/4 page \$15.00, 1/2 page \$25.00,
- Color photo: 1/4 page \$25.00, 1/2 page 40.00
- Litter listing: \$15.00

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Please contact:
Wendy Marciante
949.706.0738
wendy.marciante@mac.com

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS:

Please send address, phone number,
e-mail, and name changes to:
Anna Maria Yura
310.451.2804
a.yura@verizon.net

Calendar

- July 7, 2011 BCCSC Regional in Ventura, CA.
- July 8, 2011 Board meeting in Ventura, CA, following the Bearded Collie entries.
- Oct 22, 2011 Herding Event at Moorpark. General and Board Meeting.
- Dec 2011 Date TBD (before Eukanuba) Holiday function/General/Board Meeting.
- Jan 2012 Date TBD Herding Event. General and Board Meeting.

**Advertisements and statements in this newsletter are not necessarily endorsed by the Editor of the BCCSC.*

Board Business!!!

**AT THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING,
THE NOMINATED SLATE WAS CONFIRMED AS FOLLOWS:**

**President - Celia Sawyer
Vice President - Noli Caswell
Secretary - Wendy Marciante-Berry
Treasurer - Anna Marie Yura**

**Directors:
Carole Desmond, Sandy Dubin, Debbie Elston and Carol Scott**

Meet Your Board

Celia Sawyer – President



Noli Caswell – Vice President



Wendy Marciante – Secretary



Anna Marie Yura – Treasurer

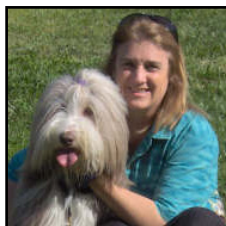


Carole Desmond, - Director

Debbie Elston– Director



Sandy Dubin – Director



Carol Scott – Director



Interested in Pet Therapy?

by Pam Schuman

I belong to Love On A Leash. The website is www.Loveonaleash.com. The dog must have basic obedience training. The application can be obtained from the above website. They have to stand, stay, sit, etc. The dog must be put in a sit position: You walk away, and the person doing the certification (who they may or may not know) will approach them, pet them, walk around them and walk back to you. At that point, you can call the dog. All dogs must be on a lead of a specific length to work in a hospital or facility setting. Many members of our group also belong to TDI (Therapy Dogs International).

I don't know if it's just Beardies, but my dogs are particularly attuned to me and their environment. If they have on the leads and bandanas they wear to "work," their whole attitude changes. They can be at a bedside or next to a wheelchair. If I ask them to put only one paw up on the bed, they will. If I ask them to put up two, they will do that while remaining seated on the floor. If I tell them it's ok, they will raise up on their hind legs with their paws on the bedside, but only with permission. They would never jump up on anyone when they are working. However, when they are not working, they bounce with the best of them.

My first therapy dog was Magic (CH Simi Gone West Desert Magic). After his daughter, Nina (CH Melita Nauti Nina) came to live with us, I certified her as well and she also became a Canine Good Citizen (CGC). They worked primarily at Ventura County Medical Center in the Pediatric Oncology Unit. This is something both Chad and Nina have continued to do.

Once the Paws For Reading program started, Magic and Nina were two of the original members. At this time, there is a lovely Memorial up on the wall (see picture on next page), and on it is a brass tag with Magic's name and the date he passed away. A month after we lost Magic, Chad (Ch Traleigh Castlecombe Chadbury) lost his human owner. We got a call from Meredith Bar-David (who was a co-owner). Nina and I drove up to meet Chad, and Chad came home with us, and they have been best buds ever since. We had Chad certified as a therapy dog and a CGC as well (of course, Nina taught him everything he knows).

Just in the past, they have "worked" at the hospital, the library, and at UCSB, where they provide stress reduction, during finals week.

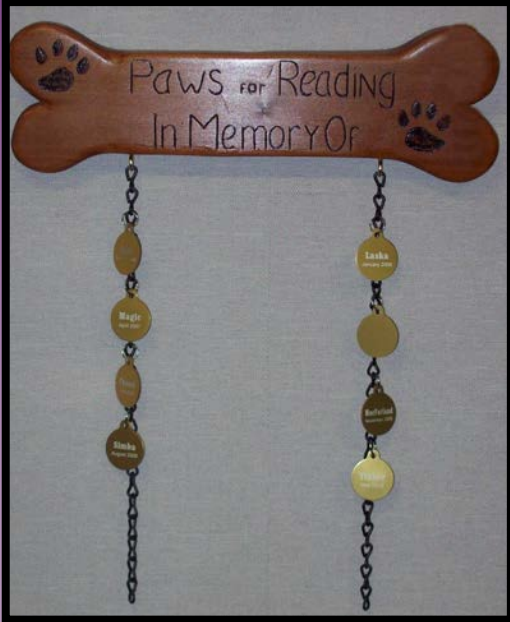
Of course, they are still romping at the park and sheep herding once a week.

I would love to find someone who could train these bright, beautiful Beardies how to drive!!!



Chad featured in the Ventura County Star, Ventura's local newspaper, for the 5th Anniversary of the Paws for Reading program

Pet Therapy



Paws for Reading
In Memory Of

One of the grandparents of a child in the Paws For Reading program made this in memory plaque of dogs who have died, who "worked" in the program, including Magic, CH Simi Gone West Desert Magic HC, TD, CGC February 15, 1995 - April 19, 2007



Nina and Magic



Sandy Dubin and Whiskey
at Henry Mayo Hospital with other volunteers. Sandy has been at this hospital for about 11 years with Noah, Teddy and now Whiskey



The BCCSC would like to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to Patty Rusko for donating all of the proceeds of her doing Canine Good Citizen testing to our club!!!

Day of Beauty & Cupcakes

BCCSC March Club Event

by Wendy Marciante-Berry

It would be a supreme understatement to describe this particular Club gathering as 'Sweet'!!! Our Members timed their arrival perfectly – the clouds had receded and the sun finally shone on them and their fun-loving Beardies as Debbie Elston welcomed everyone into her home for an afternoon of Beauty and Cupcakes.

Debbie and Noli (and Scully!) demonstrated Beardie grooming at 'home,' which included some very helpful tips for line-brushing, nail trimming, whitening, ear cleaning, and dealing with those delicate facial areas. There is always something new to learn and a new product to try when grooming your Beardie – who better to learn from than your fellow Beardie Mums?

Everyone left on a serious sugar 'high' after sampling the scrumptious offerings Members brought - most made from scratch - ranging from classic all-time favorites to indescribable delicacies best defined as completely sinful.

Wendy Marciante earned 1st prize overall for "originality, creativity, presentation and craftsmanship" for her red velvet, chocolate ganache-stuffed cakes, whose décor paid homage to our Herders.

Noli decorated her delicious vanilla cakes with a hand-frosted Beardie head – perhaps emotionally trying to cut into, but oh so savory! Noli's expressive Beardies garnered her 2nd Place overall and 1st Place for BeardieStuff!

Sandy Dubin's chocolate cakes melted in your mouth and her peppermint frosting (mixed with a pretzel surprise) was sweet and invigorating – as was her 3rd Place win.

Jaquelin Mangel put a 'healthy' twist on her chocolate mint cakes by using sugar-free and natural ingredients and took home 4th Place.

Anna Marie Yura couldn't decide between decadent double-chocolate and refreshing strawberry shortcake, so we got both and she earned an Honorable Mention!

Kimberly Nicholson also took home an Honorable Mention for her cupcake grouping frosted to look like a giant flower.

Everyone took home something memorable; a grooming tip, a new recipe and a hug from a friend. It was a 'Sweet' day indeed!

Note from Editor: I am quite impressed by just the looks of the cupcakes. I can't imagine how wonderful tasting they were!!! We have some very talented members! Bravo!





The Cupcake Contest



Wendy Marciante-Berry

1st
PLACE



Noli Caswell

2nd
Place

SECOND



3rd
Place

Sandy Dubin



Jaquelin Mangel

4th

Anna Marie Yura



Brandy - Yummy!

Honorable
Mention

Kimberly Nicholson



Beauty - Grooming 101

By Debbie Elston



Be prepared

Grooming table

Nail trimmers and/or dremel

Brushes: Chris Christenson, Mason Pearson, Sonia Kashuk

(from Target) Pin brush, wood pin brush

Combs: Greyhound comb, moulting comb (has alternating long & short teeth), flea comb, twirling teeth comb

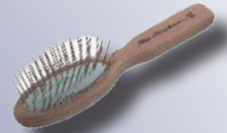
Ear cleansing solution & gauze or cotton balls plus ear powder and tweezers or forceps

Shampoo & Conditioner (see survey for brands)

Towels

Dryer

Spray bottle with grooming spray or water with a little conditioner



Start grooming by fully brushing out the coat. It is recommended to “line brush”, which means to start at the feet and work your way up the body a line at a time being sure that all tangles and matts are removed. It is best to lightly spray the coat to prevent breakage. Most people train their dog to lay on their side on the grooming table.

Once you have finished brushing a section, you should go thru it with a comb to be sure it is all clear.

The ears should be clear of excess hair in the ear canal. Put a small amount of ear powder in each ear and either use your fingers or forceps to twist and remove the hair. It is then a good idea to use an ear solution to wipe out the ear.

Nails should be trimmed.

Check on teeth.

Wet the dog thoroughly and use enough shampoo to work up a good lather.

It is a good idea to leave the shampoo on for a few minutes to work out the dirt, possibly using a whitening shampoo for feet, face & shawl area.

You normally would leave the whitening product on for about 10 minutes or so.

Rinse the dog being sure to get all the shampoo out and then apply conditioner. Again rinse well, towel dry & then follow with blow dryer. Many people use either Oster, Edemco, or Metro Force dryers, but they are very pricey. On www.Progroom.com, one can view all the choices from a hand held to an inexpensive one on a stand all the way up to the \$500.'s It is very important not to overheat your dog, so many of the dryers have just a low heat setting.



Noli demonstrating



What do you use?

Those attending the festivities were asked the following questions and the answers are shared here:

Question: What shampoo & conditioners do you use?

Answer: All Systems Pure White Lightning, Nature's Specialties Oatmeal Shampoo & Conditioner with Aloe, Silk products or Pantene Long & Silky, Isle of Dogs Evening Primrose Oil.

Question: How often do you shampoo your dog(s)?

Answer: Most people answered every 2 weeks, with variations for dirtiness!

Question: What's your favorite grooming spray?

Answer: Fraleigh Ultra Phixx leave in conditioner, Crown Royale spray, any conditioner diluted down.

Question: What coat friendly collars do you use?

Answer: White Pine, rolled nylon chokes, round collars

Question: What's your favorite brush?

Answer: Maden brush & poodle comb, Mason Pearson, Christenson anti-static wooden pin brush #20, Sonya Kushik brush from Target, Doggy Mann slicker, various moulting combs, twirling pin combs, wide tooth greyhound combs

Question: How often do you really brush?

Answer: From daily to once or twice a week.

Question: How do you keep whites, white?

Answer: No "dirty" food like canned, whitening shampoos, vinegar in water, cornstarch at shows.

Question: What foods do you use?

Answer: Canidae chicken & rice or Salmon (no grain), Wellness Core, Blue Buffalo Lamb & Rice or Wilderness, home cooked, cottage cheese, veggies, sweet potato, raw egg as additions.

Question: What supplements do you use?

Answer: Salmon oil, cranberry gel caps, pet tabs, Dogzymes, Plaque-Off, fish oil, vitamin C.

Question: What dental care do you provide?

Answer: Yearly dentals, bones, gentle home scaling, out patient no anesthesia dentals, plaque off supplement, regular brushing.

We discussed preventing matts, removing undercoat, sweet smelling, grooming feet for shows, line brushing,

Thank you Debbie Elston for these articles!!



Herding...herding..herding!!!



Another herding fun day for the BCCSC!

In the 3 or so years we have been having these BCCSC herding events, we had the biggest entry of herding dogs we've ever had. From 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. we had a total of 53 runs, using two arenas simultaneously, with two herding handler/testers. Approximately half were newbies and half were repeaters.

Newbies were a Border Collie, Puli, German Shepherd, several Corgis, an Australian Cattle Dog, Soft Coated Wheatens, a Labradoodle and a mini labradoodle, a couple of Bouviers.

The mini labradoodle looked like a terrier mix and he was REALLY good!!!!

From 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. we had 8 dogs in the beginning clinic (twice as many as last time).

We had 18 beardies attending. It was a wildly fun day.

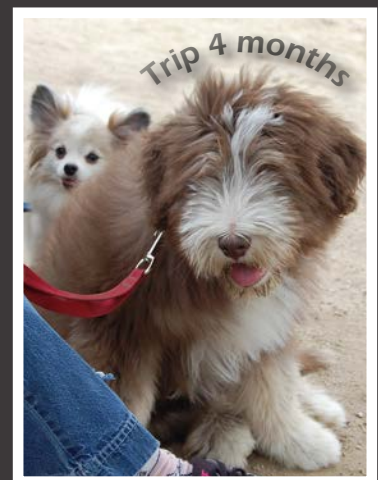
With two arenas the sheep got plenty of rest. The weather was perfect: Overcast, even a tiny drizzle to cool down all the heavy breathing! Then the sun came out.

Our youngest Beardie was under 4 months old. Our oldest Beardie was 14 1/2, was in the clinic, and did really well! Ms. Flora McDonald!!!! She was so beautiful...looking all fanciful with pink ties in her pony tails!

Sandy Dubin



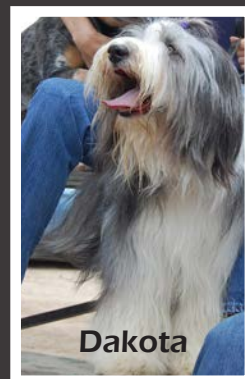
Thank you



Sandy, thank you so much for doing these herding events. Everyone has a great time. Our Beardies and the other breeds of dogs that have joined us thank Ted and his daughter for being such an awesome teacher/trainer for all of us humans!!!



Herding...



Regional Specialty 2011

JOIN US FOR THE 2011 BCCSC Regional July 7...
followed by three days of supported entries July 8-10

by Anna Marie Yura

Ladies and Gents ...it might seem a little early to begin thinking about our big event -- the 2012 BCCA National hosted by YOUR CLUB -- but it is not too early to plan on attending our 2011 Regional. Our 9th Annual event will again be at the Ventura Fairgrounds.

Before most of you have opened your sleepy eyes, BCCSC members will be at the show grounds to prepare for the show and set up the site. Our "own" day starts with coffee and donuts and by 8 AM we are ready for the Rally/Obedience part of the show to begin. Our Judge this year is Nancy Craig.

Over the past years, Rally has become increasingly popular – try it ... Rally is like obedience BUT on a leash, which makes it a lot easier on you and your dog. Contact Patty Rusko if you want to give it a try – she offers regular, convenient classes!

By 10:30-11:00 we are ready to welcome Lisa Voss *who will judge Sweeps (for those of you who do not know about showing, Sweeps are the FUN classes where your puppy/older dog gets to show, but not for AKC points. Sweeps classes are 6-9 months, 9-12 months, 12-16 months, 16-20 months for Puppies, and Veteran classes are 7-10 years, 10-12 years, 12 and up. In Veterans Sweeps you can enter your dog whether or not it is altered. However, to enter Sweeps it is a requirement that you enter your dog(s) in the Regular classes, too. Don't be shy, come on out and try it. The first step is to enter your dog.... how? Look in the Premium List, where you will find clear and simple instructions. New this year: You will have received a colorful postcard in the mail from BaRay telling you how to access the Premium List On-Line (www.barayevents.com). If you want a printed copy, their website also includes those instructions.

If you have questions you can always contact one of us and we'll be happy to walk you through the process. The Board Members' telephone numbers and e-mail addresses are on page 2 of this newsletter ... please don't hesitate to contact us, we are happy to help.

Those of you who know Lisa *can already imagine the fun! There is nothing like Beardie puppies and their owners trying to get in sync and move around the ring – hopefully in the right direction! With Lisa's wit and humor it is guaranteed to be a riot.

Following Sweeps we'll be having those delicious boxed lunches from the Corner Bakery... you'll find an order form in the Premium List. Don't forget to place your order with Noli (caz5510@yahoo.com) before July 2nd. There is no food service on the show grounds on the day of the Specialty, so if you do not want to go hungry, place your order! The BCCSC will have cold drinks available.

By 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., well known breeder/judge Arlene Rubenstein – another judge whose wit and humor is well known – will be ready to start judging our Altered classes. Your Beardie doesn't even have to have a full coat and can be clipped, shaved, whatever ... it's been a lot of fun every year. Everyone entered will receive a Rosette and a prize. Following our Altered dogs we are ready for the "serious" stuff...the Puppy classes. This is almost like Sweeps, but this time you get AKC points for taking first. After the puppies come different classes, such as: Bred By Exhibitor, American Bred and Open, concluded by Winner's Dog and Winner's Bitch (that's where the points are!!)

After the puppies we have the glorious Veterans competing (NOTE! In the Veteran classes your dog may be neutered/spayed), and Best Veteran Dog and Bitch go on to compete in BEST OF BREED. In this class only dogs/bitches who have achieved their AKC Championship may compete.

(continued on page 14)

Regional Specialty (con't)

The Bearded Collie Club of Southern California Invites You To



2011 Annual Regional Specialty

Thursday, July 7, 2011

Seaside Park, Ventura, CA

Obedience & Rally Obedience: **Nancy E. Craig**

Sweepstakes: **Lisa Voss**

Regular & Non-Regular Classes: **Arlene Rubenstein**

BaRay Event Services, Inc.

Online entries at:

www.barayevents.com

Entries close 12PM, June 22, 2011

Show Secretary: Anna Marie Yura

Followed by three days of supported entries at the same location:

Friday, July 8, Channel City Kennel Club

Saturday, July 9, Santa Maria Kennel Club

Sunday, July 10, Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association

Entries close **NOON**, June 22, 2011

Show Superintendent: <http://www.jbradshaw.com>

Join the BCCSC for ringside happy hour following regular classes

Anna Marie Yura -- Show Chair

a.yura@verizon.net

Regional Specialty 2011 (con't)

One dog/bitch is selected BEST OF BREED (that's the one who gets the big prize – the points for the total entry of dogs). Fortunately there is also a Best of Opposite Sex, a Best of Winners, 3 Awards of Merit and 2 Grand Champion Point Awards. All will receive beautiful Rosettes and Prizes. Don't miss this! There is nothing more stunning than a group of beautiful, full-coated Beardies compete...they are all winners!

We'll end the competition with Stud Dog and Brood Bitch competition. To close this exciting day, the BCCSC invites you to join us for a glass of wine and something to nibble on while you peruse our tables loaded with silent raffle items. You will find many useful and attractive items available, so don't miss the bidding!

It is costly to put on an event like this. Please give us your support by coming out and stay, if not the entire day, for as much of it as you can. Enjoy meeting your fellow club members and have fun! Support the Silent Raffle and help your Club. If you can't attend you can contribute to the event by sending a donation (trophy or general) to the BCCSC*.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!!!

Recommendation: If you need to book a hotel room in Ventura, do it soon. The Hotel sells out quickly this time of the year.

* send trophy donations made out the BCCSC to: Wendy Marciante-Berry, 32 Rue Fontainebleau, Newport Beach, CA 92660



Beardie Health



Saliva Test for Food Sensitivity and Intolerance for Dogs

Dr. Dodds has a new diagnostic screening for food allergies. Dr. Dodds, as many of you know, is a world renowned vet who has changed vaccination protocols, watches over many of our Beardies by collecting blood and testing it for various things, especially Thyroid. Dr. Dodds is very happy to consult with owners on any puzzling medical issue.

Dr. Dodds revolutionary patented, canine food sensitivity and intolerance diagnostic test uses an important new approach to nutrition. Salivary diagnostics can more accurately identify the foods to be avoided than can serum food "allergy" testing. This salivary diagnostic system tests saliva for emerging food reactant antibodies in healthy dogs, as well as the existing antibodies in dogs with known or suspected food intolerance. The test kit can be obtained directly from Hemopet or your veterinarian can order the kit for you. It is really a very simple procedure. After following directions for collecting the saliva, and adding it to the special double-sleeved tube that we provide, the tube is sealed and sent to Hemopet for analysis. Testing protocols are for gluten and other food ingredients. The primary dietary antigens to be tested are: corn, wheat, soy, beef, eggs, and milk. This food sensitivity diagnostic testing will identify pets needing appropriate personalized foods and treats.

Nutiscan saliva screening should be used annually or more often, as warranted. Visit [www. Hemopet.org](http://www.Hemopet.org) for more details.



Braggs



Cynamen Heart N Sol completed the requirements for an International Championship April 10, 2011.

Thank you to Bill and Terri Stewart for stepping in to handle Paddy at the last minute.

Darlene and Paul Foley

Paddy



Congratulations to Belle, owned by Sheila Mangel, for earning Belle's International title in April in Chino, California



CH Classical's My Turn, HIC (Turner), made his debut as a Special (following a one-year hiatus), and was awarded back-to-back Breed wins at the Mt. Palomar Kennel shows May 21 and 22.

Our sincere thanks to judges Mr. James E. Noe and Mrs. Marion D. McPherson for their placements. Turner is owned by Wendy Marciante-Berry and bred/co-owned by Julie Kempster & Bea Sawka. He is always presented beautifully by James Bettis.



Rabies Protocol--Great News!

Rabies Protocol for California changed. Please go to page 16 to read in layman's terms the recent bill that California passed relating to the Rabies shot.

It's a hot point for many of us Beardie people as well as for other owners of different breeds of dogs. Great reading!!

Beardie Health

AB 258 (Hagman) *Rabies: vaccinations*

Existing law imposes various requirements upon dog owners in rabies areas designated by the State Public Health Officer. Any person who violates these requirements is guilty of an infraction, punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

Violation of these requirements also results in impounding of the dog by the local jurisdiction. Among the requirements imposed under existing law is that a dog 4 months of age or older must be vaccinated against rabies.

This bill would exempt from the vaccination requirement a dog whose life would be endangered due to disease or other considerations if the dog received the vaccine, as determined by a licensed veterinarian on an annual basis.



The bill would also require a dog that is exempt from the vaccination requirement to be confined to the premises of the owner, keeper, or harbinger and would require, if the dog is off the premises of the owner, keeper, or harbinger, the dog to be on a leash not to exceed 6 feet in length and to be under the direct physical control of an adult.

Existing law authorizes a city, city and county, or county to provide, by ordinance, for the issuance of a license for a dog that has attained the age of 4 months or older and has been vaccinated against rabies. Under existing law, the license period shall not extend beyond the remaining period of validity for the current rabies vaccination.

This bill would prohibit, in the event that a dog is exempted from the vaccination requirement, the license period from extending beyond one year.

By imposing a higher level of service upon local agencies and by changing the definition of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that with regard to certain mandates no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

With regard to any other mandates, this bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs so mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

Puppy Corner!!!

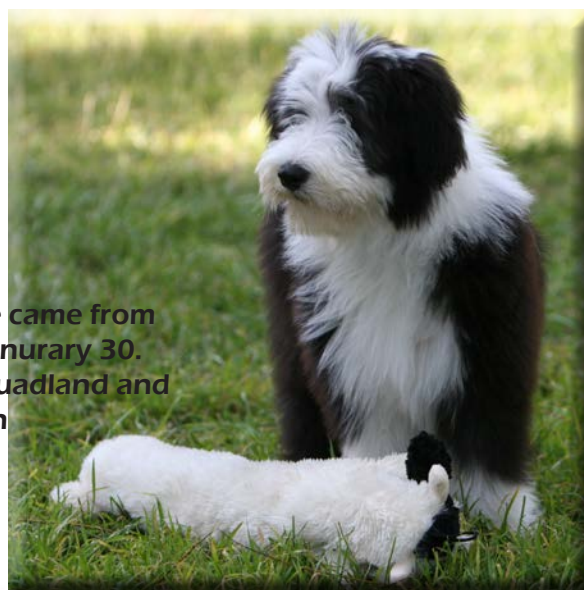
The BCCSC welcomes our members' newest additions!



Dreamchaser Capture Your Heart
"Hartley"
Carole and Jim Desmond

Sisters

Hartley and Sapphire came from
Canada. Born on January 30.
Bred by Deb/ Geoff Quadland and
Tom Dixon



Dreamchaser Sapphire Skye
"Sapphire"
Susann Brody

A New Beardie Puppy Arrives.....After bidding a sorrowful goodbye to our Beardie, Palmer, of 13+ years, we were undecided as to whether immediately find another Beardie (there are no other breeds!!!). The emptiness and quiet in our home was almost unbearable. The "not seeing" a warm and loving Beardie boy sleeping at our front door was too difficult for both my wife, Debra and I. So, the Beardie quest began.. With Sandy Dubin's assistance, we located a soon-to-be available litter in Dallas.. Brandmar Kennels, lovingly owned by Susan Lybrand. Her beautiful girl, Tessa, had given birth to a lovely gang of Beardies. We selected our boy, now called Truman, from photos. We fell in love with the little guy, via the internet.

On March 19th, I flew to Dallas and Susan met me at DFW with Truman. We were instant friends. He was a trooper on the flight home to LAX. Truman walked into his new home and immediately knew he belonged. He is a bright and sweet little guy who learns very quickly. After 9 days he is well on his way to being potty-trained and sleeps all night. When not sleeping, he thinks it is okay to chew the furniture. However, raw carrots, as a substitute seem to be working.. At least we feel good about reinforcing his eyesight..

Our daughter's Beardie, Huntley ("Nash's" brother, owned by Sandy Dubin) and Truman are fast friends.. Huntley is young enough to appreciate the energy of a puppy. There is something incredibly special about a new puppy.. Truman brings an energy and air of excitement to every day for us. We clearly know that he will never be Palmer but that isn't why we found Truman. We wanted another Beardie who could steal our hearts in his own way.... he has.... You all now know that our family are Beardie fanatics.... We are thrilled with our new boy..



Brandmar Jenuwin It Happened One Night
"Truman"

Debra, Steve & Stephanie Shaiken

Editor's Note: Puppy's Corner is a new addition to the Shaggy Rag.

If you get a puppy, please EMAIL me a picture with or without yourself to SBrody99@yahoo.com. Please put "Shaggy Rag" in the subject line and tell me about he or she, call name, AKC name, age, etc.!

We love Beardie babies and it's great to share the excitement!!

National Specialty 2012



BCCA 2012 National Specialty

Tentative Schedule

Saturday, 10/6	Herding (all day) Bel Canto Ranch, Lancaster, CA BBQ
Sunday, 10/7	Herding (all day) Bel Canto Ranch, Lancaster, CA BCCA Board Meeting
Monday, 10/8	Agility (all day) Expo Center, City of Industry, CA Welcome Party Bad Dinner
Tuesday, 10/9	Pacific Palms Resort, City of Industry, CA Obedience, Rally Health Symposium BCCA Annual Meeting
Wednesday, 10/10	Puppy and Veterans Sweepstakes Futurity Parades Auction Dinner and Auction
Thursday, 10/11	Dog/Bitch/Judging Judges Education
Friday, 10/12	Junior Showmanship Best of Breed Brace, Stud/Brood Bitch Awards Banquet



Bearded Collies March 2011

“Shaggy” Means Shaggy

Our standard clearly says the Beardie is a “natural” breed, with a “shaggy” coat of “medium length,” “allowing for plenty of daylight” and “following the natural lines of the body.” It says that the coat should not to be “so profuse in length or density as to obscure the dog’s body,” and that to ensure the natural appearance of the breed, “trimming and/or sculpturing is to be severely penalized” by judges in the conformation ring. It is fairly accepted that a mature coat will hang flatter, and that with regular grooming, the coat may grow beyond “medium length.” It’s what you do with that coat that has become the issue.

This is neither the time nor the place for Dog Show Grooming 101; let’s just say that although a dog may have a mature coat of length, it should still maintain a shaggy, natural appearance and follow the lines of the dog’s body. What the coat should not look like is a flat-ironed curtain of hair that has been trimmed just before reaching the ground, nor should the beard and ears be trimmed in a rounded fashion, like for the Bichon Frise. Unfortunately, (continued below)

the issue of trimming has reared its ugly head before in the breed. When newly AKC-recognized, the trimming of the breed became a battle, as more handlers (professional and amateur) began grooming dogs for the show ring the way they groomed other breeds. There was scissoring of feet similar to as done with the Cocker Spaniel, plucking around the eyes as with the Bichon Frise, and the making of an artificial part down the back as with the Maltese. Judges were unsure of this new breed, so handlers were allowed to shape our breed’s ring appearance because they won with the dogs, and in order to compete, losing exhibitors would soon follow these grooming trends.

Over the years, the skilled groomer who understands how to balance length of coat while maintaining a more natural outline has evolved. Unfortunately the recent trimming trend includes not only scissoring the feet and stifles but making blunt cuts to ear-fringes and beards.

Trimming is a severe fault that not only ruins the dog’s outline, it destroys type. Judges must take a stand for the Bearded Collie and the years of work that breeders have committed to protecting this natural, shaggy breed. As long as judges continue to put up sculptured dogs, professional handlers and owner-exhibitors will continue their trimming ways.

Being severely penalized and thereby potentially losing will not help pro handlers earn a living nor amateur exhibitors receive awards sought, thereby forcing all to abide to the breed standard. Judges enforcing the standard is the only solution to this man-made offense.

People who know and love the breed understand the importance of not sculpturing a Beardie. The casual owner or observer they may see this scissoring as a more polished look. To the judges in the ring however, it should only be considered a severe fault that alters the breed’s correct appearance. —Gail Miller Bisher, New York, N.Y.; gailmiller1@mac.com

BCCA 2012 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

October 6 – 12

by Anna Marie Yura

Remembering the excitement when our Club first decided to present a bid for the 2012 BCCA National, I am happy to say the enthusiasm has not diminished. On the contrary, it has increased! This is the first time a BCCA National will be held in Southern California and we couldn't be more proud to play Host. The BCCSC Show Committee (The Core Committee) has been working hard ... our first task was to locate the perfect setting for a show of this magnitude, which I believe we definitely found in the Pacific Palms Resort in Industry Hills – a breathtaking Golf and Resort Center overlooking 650 acres of rolling hills and valleys. Amazingly, this rare jewel of a place is situated within about a 30-minute drive from most of LA's major airports, a 15-minute drive from downtown and, in 45-minutes, you can be at the beautiful Pacific Ocean beaches. Also featured at the resort are two world-class golf courses (voted #1 in the U.S. in 2010). The Resort has 292 beautifully decorated, oversized rooms, all with their own balcony and a view of either the San Gabriel Mountains or the Anaheim Hills.

Driving up the hill to the hotel is a unique experience, as you feel the peace of the place descend on you, the noise of the city disappear -- serenaded all the way by melodic birds! It's like driving into a piece of heaven.

The tree-covered parking lots have space for some 2,000 cars and the Resort offers valet parking. When entering the hotel you'll be met by the stunning bejeweled glass ceiling in the three-story lobby. A welcome desk will be set up at our Hospitality Suite on the mezzanine level, which will be open every day to help you with everything you might need.

The Specialty will start with two days of Herding at the Bel Canto Ranch in Lancaster (contact Sandy Dubin if you have questions), followed by one day of Agility (on grass) at The Expo Center, which is just around the corner from Pacific Palms. On Tuesday we start with Obedience and Rally at the Palms; Wednesday is Sweeps; and Thursday we have Dog and Bitch Judging. Friday is our last day and the finale of Best of Breed judging.

Numerous other activities are planned and a tentative list of events is published on page 19 of this Shaggy Rag.

Of course the highlight of the event are the DOGS. Hundreds of them!!!

While we have lots of activities planned, there will be ample time for leisure. I am sure we all will have a wonderful time at the Pacific Palms. It is truly a unique place with beautiful grounds, golf courses, walking trails, lakes and fountains. Should you feel like a dip, there is a heated swimming pool, also with a stunning view. The hotel has vast lobbies, a gift shop, golf shop, spa and beauty shop, not to mention their two gourmet restaurants 'Red' and 'Cima.' 'Red' offers alfresco dining around Celebration Lake, which is where we'll have our first **party** - the Welcome Party on Monday Night.

A small concession (at the time of this writing, it is Mexican) is also open for a quick breakfast or lunch. Monday thru Friday an additional outdoor concession (furnished by the hotel) will be open ringside each morning through lunch.

Wednesday night it is **party** time again with our Auction Dinner at the Colonial Pavilion, a 9000-square foot space enclosed by a huge tent, which is located on the second floor terrace – again the view is spectacular! After having enjoyed a delicious dinner and an adult beverage or two, we are ready for the AUCTION. Make sure you come and bid on a few items – you'll see Beardie things here you never dreamed of. It's also a lot of fun – so don't miss it. Noli and Carol Scott are in charge of the food, decorations, etc., so it is guaranteed to be great.

The last of our **Parties** will be the Banquet, which is held on the last night (Friday), where the dogs and their accomplishments will be honored. I know Noli and Celia are creating some new twists for this occasion – this is truly a memorable event and I hope you can attend.

The BCCSC Core-Committee is happy and lucky to have secured help from some of the most experienced members of the BCCA in helping to host this event. We could not have done it without you. THANKS!

Our Planning Guide full of all the Event specifics will be available on-line in early Spring of 2012 – look for it. In the meantime, contact any of the BCCSC Board if you have questions. We'll be glad to help.

To see the features of the Host Hotel, Pacific Palms, visit www.PacificPalmsResort.com