

# The Jollie Collie

## The Northwest Bearded Collie Club of Puget Sound

### President's Message

#### *Greetings,*

Spring is here and in typical Northwest fashion, it is very wet. I would like to thank Jill Lensegrav for volunteering to take over as editor of the Jollie Collie. We haven't had a new issue in quite some time so we all are looking forward to getting some Beardie news. Jill is very talented and I know she will put together a great newsletter for us. Please send Jill brags, articles, upcoming events announcements and any other information you would like to see published in our Jollie Collie. Contact Jill at [jilllensegrav@nventure.com](mailto:jilllensegrav@nventure.com). I would also like to thank our outgoing editor Terry Davis for the fine job he has done for the past few years.

Let's hope the rain lets up in time for the annual meeting/awards luncheon and herding instinct test on April 17<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held at Fido's Farm in Olympia. You can check their website at [www.fidosfarm.com](http://www.fidosfarm.com) for directions. Please let Mary Lott know if you plan to have your pup take part in the instinct testing. Her email address is [marylott@earthlink.net](mailto:marylott@earthlink.net). Herding starts at 9:00 AM with a potluck lunch to follow at noon. The club is providing fried chicken. Please bring a side dish, dessert and drinks. We will honor our talented dogs

and present awards for their 2010 accomplishments following lunch. We hope to see many of you there.

Our next big event is the Regional Specialty and All Breed Agility Trial on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>. The event will be held at Argus Ranch. There is limited housing available at Argus and Beardie folks will be given preference but reservations must be made soon. Go to [www.argusranchonline.com](http://www.argusranchonline.com) for more information and directions. The Specialty show will be followed by the club's annual auction dinner on Friday with the agility trial on the weekend. Information and a premium for the Specialty can be found at [www.baravevents.com](http://www.baravevents.com). Agility information and premiums can be found at [www.r2agility.com](http://www.r2agility.com). If you have any questions about either event, please feel free to contact either me at [beardies@dunnachie.com](mailto:beardies@dunnachie.com) or Vaughn Hoffman at [vaughnhoffman@comcast.net](mailto:vaughnhoffman@comcast.net). We can always use help with both events and it's a great opportunity to meet Beardies and their people and experience the fun of an agility trial.

On other matters, our annual charity donation is being coordinated by Deb Thomas. Send your suggestions for charitable donations to Deb at [pentangle@fairpoint.net](mailto:pentangle@fairpoint.net). Also, The Board would like to make our meetings more than just business. We would

like to present a program at each meeting. Some program ideas being considered include: Grooming, Canine Good Citizen, Nose Work, and/or emergency first aid for your Beardie. If you have an idea for a program, please send your idea to Linda Perkins at [beardiebrat@comcast.net](mailto:beardiebrat@comcast.net) or Jackye Dunn at [beardies@dunnachie.com](mailto:beardies@dunnachie.com).

Thanks to the nominating committee for coming up with a great slate of officers and board members for next year. The officers and board members for 2011-2012 are Linda Perkins, President, Jamie Stevens, Vice President, Connie Hoffman, Secretary, Vaughn Hoffman, Treasurer, Jackye Dunn, Past President and Board Members Julie Froning, Deb Thomas, Tish Pollock and Jill Lensegrav. Welcome to our new officers and board members and our deepest appreciation and thanks to outgoing board members Amy Steltz and Mary Lott.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming meetings and events. In the meantime, Happy Spring!

*~Jackye*



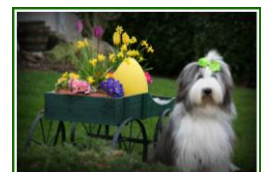
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*~A Rescue Success Story* written by Karen Norton  
*and much, much more!!!*



# Member Brags!!

Kathy Haas is very happy to share that **Fignit** had an awesome weekend at January shows in Portland winning 2 BOB, 1 BOS, an Award of Merit, and Group 3 to finish requirements to make him Washington State's first Beardie Grand Champion. He followed up a couple of weeks later with a 99 to finish his Rally Novice title. Way to go **Gch Meadow's Imagine That RN!**



**Gch Meadow's Imagine That RN**



**Running Mtn Deja Blu (Sage)** became a registered therapy dog with the Delta Society in January and is now visiting folks in a retirement home. Sage is owned by Kristen Carlberg. **Congratulations Sage and Kristen!**

**"Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work."  
-Aristotle**



**HC Pentangle's Touch the Skye**

**Skye** earned BCCA Top Herding Dog and became a Herding Champion. Many thanks to Joe Kapelos, Ewetopia, trainer and Deb Thomas, breeder. It was a very good year for Skye.

Connie and Vaughn Hoffman

Mary Lott is pleased to report that **Jazz** had a fabulous year:

My **FIRST** and foremost thanks go to the dogs before who have taught me so much with so much patience and yes, devotion.

My second thanks go to my "community" of Beardie folk who have challenged me, cheered me on, kicked my butt, been there for me, discussing, discoursing and dissecting dog behavior and the human approaches.

My third thanks of course goes to her breeder (as to prior breeders) for just plain allowing me the privilege of ownership.

UKC-CD, AKC-RN, AKC HSad, Hlas, Bishop Award +, ASCA ATDDs, AHBA RD III, plus others and gulp AHBA Championship points. Have no idea where the year went or how we got there but indeed many many thanks to ALL involved.



**Chantilly Dusta OI Fashion Love Song (Jazz)**

## *Patrick*

**Ch Pentangle's Forever and Back PT**  
2010 Bearded Collie National Specialty  
Award of Merit 12



I couldn't be more proud of my Patrick! He also just earned his first AHBA title in herding HTAD1- s. Thank you to my handlers, Trina Neil & Becky Giddings.

Owned by **Julie Froning** and bred by **Deb Thomas, DVM.**



### **A brag of a different kind...**

Dr. Debra Thomas is now employed full time with:

**Horse Cart Small Animal Hospital**  
9111 34th St S  
Yelm, WA 98597  
360-458-2600

**Congratulations Deb!**

<http://www.horsecartvet.com/>

## Member Brags Continued...

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2010 was a great year for **Dunnachie Bearded Collies**. We are very proud of our **McKenna**, Am Can Ch Ragtyme Make 'Em Believe AX, AXJ, NAP, NJP, NF. She went Best Veteran and took Best of Opposite Sex from the Veteran class at the NWBCC Regional Specialty in July and then went Best Veteran in Sweepstakes at the BCCA National Specialty in October. Her daughter **Fiona**, Ch Dunnachie Pants On Fire, NA, NAJ, NF won Best of Opposite Sex and her grandson **Riggs**, Dunnachie Play'n With Fire took Best of Opposite Sex in Futurity at the National Specialty. Riggs and Fiona have carried their winning ways into 2011. Riggs earned his first major at the Puyallup show in January and Fiona took a Group 2 at the PDFC show in Bremerton in March. Thanks to the judges that have honored our dogs and to Dixie and Christy for showing them so beautifully.

### Jackye Dunn and Kathleen Harold - Dunnachie Bearded Collies



McKenna - NWBCC Specialty



Fiona - National Specialty



Riggs - Puyallup



Fiona - Bremerton

## Beardies as Therapy Dogs

by Jamie Stevens

When we were looking for our first true Bearded Collie, I wanted a dog who could do therapy work with the elderly. Not only do we have family members living in long term care settings and using acute and extended care services, but I was retiring from years of working with people with disabilities. Our old "Nearlie" had often gone to work with me and our inherited Corgi had been raised at a residence for young people with autism. I had seen the beneficial influence both these dogs had and wanted to continue to share this benefit with others.

The Bearded Collie Club of America has begun to showcase the use of Beardies for therapy. There are many Beardies who have provided this service for years. We were thrilled when BCCA sponsored a Therapy Dog Parade at the Nationals in Colorado in 2010. There were some dedicated, amazing dogs and their partners featured at that event. Although Cal was too young to be certified as an "official" Therapy Dog at that time, he was able to participate as a Therapy Dog "in-training." To be certified, a dog needs to be a year old.

Being certified by a therapy dog agency is not required to visit in some long term care facilities; but if not covered by agency liability insurance, you as the owner carry the financial responsibility should something happen even if accidental. In order to protect everyone, we had Cal certified this year by Therapy Dogs International.

There are 3 commonly used agencies: Therapy Dog International, the first agency to certify therapy dogs established in 1976, Therapy Dog Inc., and Delta Society which

started with its home in the Seattle area. We selected Therapy Dog International for our certification as they offered testing in Sequim which was not far from us. Cal's mom and grandma were recently certified through Therapy Dogs Inc. Kristen Carlberg and Sage were recently certified through Delta. Club members Maggie Reichman and Dixie Keltner have been active doing therapy with their beardies in Sequim. Check out the websites for details of the different organizations:

#### Delta Society:

<http://www.deltasociety.org/>

#### Therapy Dogs International:

<http://www.tdi-dog.org/>

#### Therapy Dogs Inc:

<http://www.therapydogs.com/>

Each agency has their own policies, testing procedures and rates. Most of the tests have elements of Canine Good Citizen test and TD Int'l certified for both CGC and TD at the same time. Once you are certified, if you wish to continue over time, you will have to continue to pay fees and periodically be reevaluated. The TD Int'l fee for our test was \$10 with \$40 to the agency for the certification with a \$40 annual renewal fee. But remember, the fees are primarily to maintain the liability insurance coverage.

Once certified, the process for visiting appears to be different with the different agencies. Some require observations of you and the dog, others do not. Some help you find a place to visit, others leave that to you but also provide some suggestion. You can visit schools where the students read to

your dog. You can visit hospitals, hospice, nursing homes, rehab facilities, assisted living and other residential programs. All you need to do is ask. Some facilities require background checks before you can bring in your dog.

BCCA has a form for recording your hours and offers awards annually based on hours volunteered. There is also a Yahoo group, Bearded Pet Therapy:

<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/BeardiePetTherapy/?yguid=424590954>

Beardies make great Therapy Dogs. They are funny, sweet, sensitive, and people love them. There is nothing better than to watch the faces of the humans when a Therapy Dog says "Hello, please pet me for both our joy!"

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you want to talk more about becoming a Therapy Dog team.

Jamie H. Stevens and Cal  
[Jamiehs@centurytel.net](mailto:Jamiehs@centurytel.net)



Spindrift Rookie of the Year "Cal"

## NWBCCPS

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*Please contact me and let me know what you would like to see in upcoming issues of the Jollie Collie.*

We're on the Web!  
[www.nwbcc.org](http://www.nwbcc.org)

## About the Club

The NWBCCPS was formed by a group of Bearded Collie Fanciers in the early 1980's. Since that time, the club has grown in size and scope. The NWBCCPS has an active annual schedule, which includes diverse events that appeal to a broad range of interests. All NWBCCPS events are open to the public, and attending an event is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the breed. The club's mission is to promote and protect the Bearded Collie, and to that end the club is the major underwriter of Bearded Collie Rescue in the Pacific Northwest, as well as a visible and active entity promoting education, responsible ownership and mentoring to the public. To learn more, or to join the club, please plan to attend an upcoming event.

## Calendar of 2011 NWBCC Events

Stay tuned for more details...

- Sun, April 17** Annual Meeting, Potluck, Awards and Herding Instinct Test - Fido's Farm
- Sat, June 18** Brown Bag Picnic and Grooming Seminar - Location to be determined
- Fri, July 29** Regional Specialty - Argus Ranch
- Sat/Sun, July 30-31** Agility Trial - Argus Ranch
- Sat, August 27** Bearded Collie Bounce - Home of Christiana Taylor
- Sat, October 15** CGC Program - Location to be determined
- Sat, December 10** Christmas Party at the Home of Jill Lensegrav

## Open Your Heart to Kooper

A Rescue Story by Karen Norton

NWBCC has had a successful couple of years in rescue. Thanks to a few dedicated people we have been able to help place 3 Beardies in their forever homes. We have also unofficially helped several neardies and rehomed.

Rescue is only successful because NWBCC members have watched for dogs in need and stepped up to help out. And we are indebted to people who aren't members but just did the right thing.

We still have one dog that hasn't found his forever home and I am hoping this article will generate interest and result in a placement. Kooper deserves no less!

This guy is about 8 years old and in good general health. He is active, happy and just wants to have fun! He came into rescue because of a divorce, overwhelmed owner, and separation anxiety. Locked in the garage for long hours he decided he would be better if he could get out. So he kept trying. We all know the kind of destruction an anxious,

60 pound (a bit overweight) male Bearded Collie can do. However, the one that suffered the most was Kooper. His then owner was taking him to the pound with the plan of tying him to their fence one night. A guardian angel took him, found a foster home for him and contacted BCCA Rescue.



**Kooper**

Kooper has been in foster since last September with a woman who works with separation anxiety dogs. He has made good progress and is now ready for his forever home.

His foster Mum believes he needs just the right forever home. He

would do best in a home where he won't be left alone for very long. He'll need to stay on his medications, have his environment managed and his training continued so he can get better and better. His foster Mum is happy to work with Kooper's new family. Kooper plays well with other dogs but does let them know when they are irritating. Exercise needs to be a part of his wellness regime. Plus a good healthy dose of love, understanding and play will help him be all he can be!

The majority of prospective forever homes want a younger dog or a female. Heck, 8 ain't old! He has many years of love left to give! Are you able to open your heart and home (or know someone who can) to this wonderful dog? Please contact me ASAP! He is in the Seattle area and I can arrange a meet and greet.

Please contact Karen Norton [knorton311@aol.com](mailto:knorton311@aol.com) or phone 206-419-6614 today!