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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Jill Floberg

The dog days of summer are well under way. Only it seems that this year the dog has bitten in ways other than heat. It's been a very pleasant summer temperature wise, but oh what fun Mother Nature has wrought. Tornadoes, hail, wind, rain. Minor disturbances!

The annual picnic this year was well attended with old and new faces both 2 legged and 4 legged. See the list of all the 2008 award winners in this newsletter. On August 1st, the Board finished a satisfying day in our 2009-2010 planning session. We promise an interesting year. It will be dominated by committee planning meetings for the 2010 National Specialty being held in Loveland. We will have a few RMBCC activities as well, but they will be low key.

The 2009 BCCA Challenge Cup is being spearheaded by Joyce Ann and further information will be forthcoming. Last year our club won the challenge with our beautiful washtub (hand painted with a beardie scene) filled with Colorado items. We received cash plus the bragging rights along with a lovely trophy engraved with our name.

2009 National Specialty is being held in Minneapolis, MN this year. The dates are October 4-10. Visit the BCCA web site for more information. [www.beardie.net/bcca](http://www.beardie.net/bcca). I will be sending an e-mail closer to the date appealing to any members who plan to attend to donate a block of

## EDITOR UPDATE

Mike Tupa

A first for RMBCC. A newsletter that is sent electronically. How times have changed. Back in the old days we used a lot of cut and paste to mock up the newsletter and then a "xerox" machine to print it up. I wonder what the next iteration will be for this club and this newsletter. I'm sure some younger Beardie owner knows where it's going to be in 20 years. Me, I just plug along keeping up with the tail of progress.

It's electronic so it must be easier? No. It's the same amount of work to assemble the publication. Maybe a little bit more work since more of you now have some great articles to input. The real savings is the cost and delay of depending on the USMail system to get the word out. And the work of printing, folding, envelopes, etc.

Welcome to the 21st Century Beardie Works edition!.

As always, your articles for the next newsletter are very much appreciated. Keep them coming in and I'll keep inserting them into the next issue. I would especially like to have some personal graphics (photo-shop, camera art, sketches, crayon masterpieces, etc) that could be scanned and inserted in the next issue.

Oh, if the links don't work please visit them anyway. I'll get it figured out for the next newsletter.  
Mike

## President's Message continued:

your time to help in the logo wear booth.

Nine new members joined us last year. We welcome them. You will find their information listed in the membership roster. Kay Schulz was the recipient of the President's Challenge. She sponsored the most new members last year. I will again put this challenge out to the membership. It is for any member who knows of someone with beardies who you know would benefit from knowing and connecting with others of the same breed.

Good Luck to all of you this next year in whatever endeavor you undertake with your dogs. Our immediate plans for the club will be to host a welcome party for all new and old members alike. More information to come.

# Have you checked this out

[www.2009bccaspecialty.com](http://www.2009bccaspecialty.com)

This is where you will find everything you  
need to know about the 2009  
specialty being held in  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Are you going? No, it doesn't matter, check it out.  
Lot's of good things you can buy and enjoy for years to come.

Logo Wear  
Uncle Buck commemorative paper weight  
The Mercantile

# Gibson's Story

I was told my story should be heard so to the best of my recollection, this is it. My name is Gibson, and I live in Greeley, Colorado. My best friend Mark says I am 5 1/2 years old, we're not too sure so read my story. I use to live down in the Bayou, New Orleans. The life I use to know ended on August 31, 2005, the day of the big storm.

I remember it started raining, it rained and rained and rained, and there was lightning, thunder and strong wind. The thunder was loud, real loud and the wind was so strong, I couldn't stand. I was so scared I ran away from my home, I don't know how far I ran because the rain never stopped and water was everywhere. I climbed on top of what I thought was a house; I know it sounds funny but that's how high the water was.

I was scared, cold, tired and hungry. I wanted to go home but where was home. Finally some people tried to catch me but they were not my parents, they said they would take me home and I was so scared I went with them, no I didn't go easy, I put up a fight and they had to chase me but finally I gave in. They kept talking about Katrina, I don't know her, but she is someone bad. They put me on a boat and in a cage, I didn't know that that cage was going to be my new

home. They kept picking up other lost fellows like me and then took all of us to land. They called us Katrina victims.

Soon we were sent to Texas where I stayed for a few months, then we were split up for other locations. In April 2006, I was on my way to Larimer County, Colorado. When I arrived, I looked awful, my hair was so matted and for the first time I smelled like a wet dog. I hadn't been groomed in weeks, months! So instead of combing me, they shaved off all my hair. I had lost about 10 pounds. I still just wanted to go home.

After nine months of living in my cage, this couple came in and asked to see me and as always, they left, but the next day I was told they wanted to see me again, I GOT ADOPTED !!! They named me Gibson and took me to my new forever home. That is why I don't know my age or exact birthday but my adoption day is December 8, 2006, and my new parents are Mark and Gloria Beaty.

I have been trying to put my past behind me but it is so hard. Loud noises remind me of the thunder and I get scared again. I love my new home and my family loves me but I know I do not like Katrina she is bad.



*Dear  
Aunt  
Beardie*

**Dear Aunt Beardie,**

I would like my neighbor, Rocki, to be my friend. We only get to meet through the fence, and when I go to say hi, she barks and pounces at the fence, and then her people call her inside so we don't get to talk. Once when we were both on our walks on lead her person walked Rocki over to me and my sister to meet us as we walked on lead. Well, I don't understand this, but Rocki lunged at me and showed her teeth. Why was she so mean to me?

Your Friend, Sally Playtime

Dear Sally,

Rocki was not being mean to you. She was probably just being protective. Although Rocki may want to play with you, when you are in your yard and Rocki is in her yard, she must feel that she has to protect her yard, and that is the likely reason that she barks through the fence. When you are both walking on lead, she probably feels that she has to protect her person. Not all breeds are as ready to play as the Beardies. Maybe you could meet on common ground and not on lead sometime where Rocki feels free to just play.

Yours Truly, Aunt Beardie



#### Web Site, Guidelines and rules for entries to the website

##### Update or add

1. Add membership awards on the membership page 1X a year
2. Update yearly calender
3. Board Members update
4. Updated By-Laws, Standing Rules and Constitution
5. New form for submitting reimbursement from Treasurer

##### Photo Rules

1. Update 2X yearly in August and February
2. 4 photos per page
3. 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve for membership
4. Exception is Rainbow Bridge which will remain the same, pictures to be added as received.
5. Picture must reflect a title earned within a year.
6. One picture per household, per page, per year
7. If more than 4 photos are submitted those photos would be put up during the next cycle
8. If fewer than 4 photos are submitted than the top photo is removed and all others move up, etc.

##### Flicker

1. Flicker photos may be submitted directly by the member or sent to Jenn to be entered.
2. Pictures submitted to Jenn will be entered once a month.

Monthly entries to be posted on or near the 15<sup>th</sup> are to include:

1. Calender changes
2. Photos for Jenn to put on Flicker

##### Counter

1. Number of hits on web reported to President in August and February

# Dog Heatstroke Survival Guide

Know how to treat and prevent this dangerous condition.

Robert Newman

What is heatstroke?

In simple terms, heatstroke occurs when a dog loses its natural ability to regulate its body temperature. Dogs don't sweat all over their bodies the way humans do. Canine body temperature is primarily regulated through respiration (i.e., panting). If a dog's respiratory tract cannot evacuate heat quickly enough, heatstroke can occur.

To know whether or not your dog is suffering from heatstroke (as opposed to merely heat exposure), it's important to know the signs of heatstroke.

A dog's normal resting temperature is about 100.5 to 102.5 degrees Fahrenheit. Once a dog's temperature rises above 105 degrees, physiological changes start to take place, and the dog begins to experience the effects of heatstroke. At 106 to 108 degrees, the dog begins to suffer irreversible damage to the kidneys, liver, gastrointestinal tract, heart and brain.

If a dog is experiencing heatstroke, you may observe excessive panting; hyperventilation; increased salivation; dry gums that become pale, grayish and tacky; rapid or erratic pulse; weakness; confusion; inattention; vomiting; diarrhea; and possible rectal bleeding. If the dog continues to overheat, breathing efforts become slowed or absent, and finally, seizures or coma can occur.

The amount of damage a dog sustains when stricken with heatstroke depends on the magnitude and duration of the exposure. The longer and more severe the exposure, the worse the damage will be.

What to do

1 Pay attention to your dog. Recognizing the symptoms of heatstroke and responding quickly is essential for the best possible outcome.

2 Get into the shade. If you think your dog is suffering from heatstroke, move it into a shaded area and out of direct sunlight. Apply cool water to the inner thighs and stomach of the dog, where there's a higher concentration of relatively superficial, large blood vessels. Apply cool water to the foot pads, as well.

3 Use running water. A faucet or hose is the best way to wet down your dog's body. Never submerge your dog in water, such as in a pool or tub - this could cool the dog too rapidly, leading to further complications, including cardiac arrest and bloating.

4 Use cool - not cold - water. Many people make the mistake of using cold water or ice to cool the dog. When faced with a dog suffering from heatstroke, remember that the goal is to cool the dog. Using ice or extremely cold water is actually counterproductive to this process because ice and cold water cause the blood vessels to constrict, which slows blood flow, thus slowing the cooling process.

5 Don't cover the dog. One of the keys to successfully cooling your dog is ensuring the water being placed on the dog can evaporate. Never cover an overheated dog with a wet towel or blanket. This inhibits evaporation and creates a sauna effect around your dog's body. Likewise, don't wet the dog down and put it into an enclosed area, such as a kennel. Any air flow during the cooling process is helpful in reducing the dog's body temperature. Sitting with the wet dog in a running car with the air conditioner blowing is an ideal cooling situation.

6 Keep the dog moving. It's important to try to encourage your dog to stand or walk slowly as it cools down. This is because the circulating blood tends to pool in certain areas if the dog is lying down, thus preventing the cooled blood from circulating back to the core.

7 Allow the dog to drink small amounts of water. Cooling the dog is the first priority. Hydration is the next. Don't allow the dog to gulp water. Instead, offer small amounts of water that's cool, but not cold. If the dog drinks too much water too rapidly, it could lead to vomiting or bloat.

8 Avoid giving human performance drinks. Performance beverages designed for humans are not recommended because they are not formulated with the canine's physiology in mind. If you can't get an overheated dog to drink water, try offering chicken- or beef-based broths.

## Heat Stroke Cont.

See a veterinarian

Once your dog's temperature begins to drop, cease the cooling efforts and bring the dog to a veterinarian as soon as possible. Your dog's temperature should be allowed to slowly return to normal once cooling has begun. A dog that's cooled too quickly may become hypothermic.

Even if your dog appears to be fully recovered, the veterinarian needs to check to determine if the heatstroke caused any damage to your dog's kidneys and liver. The effects of heatstroke can continue for 48 to 72 hours longer, even if your dog appears normal.

William Grant, DVM, a veterinarian for 20 years and former president of the Southern California Veterinary Medical Association, has treated hundreds of cases of heatstroke, ranging from mild to fatal.

According to Grant, the most common cause of death following heatstroke is disseminated intravascular coagulopathy (blood coagulating throughout the body), or DIC, which can occur hours or days after the heatstroke episode.

DIC can also be caused by pyometra or septicemia, but Grant says heatstroke is the most common cause. "Once a dog develops DIC, it may bleed in the thorax, abdomen, nose and intestine," Grant says. "Once the blood-clotting factors are consumed, there is an inability of the blood vessels to prevent leaking; the condition is almost always fatal." For this reason, follow-up veterinary care is essential following a heatstroke episode, even if your dog seems to be completely fine.

Prevention is the best medicine

The best treatment for heatstroke is prevention. Especially during the summer months, it's essential to be aware of the potential for heatstroke. Knowing the signs of heatstroke, and taking the necessary steps to prevent it, will ensure your dog can have a safe and active life year-round.

Valerie & the Gang

Don't blame the dog, train the dog!

Please visit our websites

[www.freewebs.com/travellingtearaways](http://www.freewebs.com/travellingtearaways)

[www.freewebs.com/bessamour](http://www.freewebs.com/bessamour)

## Greeley Invitation

Linda

On August 15th, Mike and I will again be hosting the Great Greeley Beardie Picnic. Please RSVP to Linda Peters via email: [ljvhp@comcast.net](mailto:ljvhp@comcast.net); we will let you know about starting time as soon as we know the show times for the beardies. As usual, we will provide bratwurst, tea, and lemonade....please bring a dish to share, any other beverages you may be wanting, and, of course, your dog for a romp in the back yard. If you are planning to be in Greeley, please plan to join us...if you're not entered in the show, just come to Greeley for the picnic....it's always great fun for people and dogs.

## CGC results for RMBCC participants

June 20,2009

After a great meeting and a wonderful, shared meal, we had 5 participants for the CGC test. With a little wind in the air and plenty of distractions, almost all of the dogs passed with flying colors. The participants were Meg Naylor and her dog, Jewel, Robert Morris' Panda, Sally Yegger's Rubarb, Mark Beaty's Gibson, and Jody Martin's Raymond. All showed great promise and I hope that these dogs will continue with further obedience/rally/agility training but most of all, that they will get to spend more time with their human partners and have a great life together. Thanks to all that participated. I was glad to test these wonderful dogs.

Renee Jarrett

## RMBCC BRAGGS

We're pleased to announce that Doris competed in a herding trial on the 16th and 17th of May at Cathy Balliu's and did very well. She qualified for the second leg of the started level on the 16th and placed 5th out of a field of 16. On the following day she qualified for the third leg, placing 4th out of a field of 14. By doing so she obtained her HSAS title and got two ribbons by placing. We're real proud of her.

Norm and Olivia Lazarus

Doris' puppy from Aspen, Panda, got another point this past Saturday at the Colorado Springs show. This was the seventh win in a row in Conformation for her, giving her 11 total points in three weeks time, including a three-point major. She won points during all four days at the Wyoming shows and both days at the Longmont show.

Norm and Olivia Lazarus

Also, with Doris' Rally win and novice title in Colorado Springs this past weekend, she qualifies for a Versatility Dog Title (Herding, Conformation and Rally).

Norm and Olivia Lazarus

### Braggs from ZiZi and Jill

We have completed 7 months of ZiZi's first year as a special in the conformation ring and our expectations have been far exceeded. ZiZi is nationally ranked in both breed and all-breed points. Although this fluctuates from month to month she has stayed in the top 15 in both rankings. She has accumulated 2 Group 2 placements, 8 best of breeds, and 8 best of opposites. This from a total of 19 showings this year.

I am very proud of this girl of mine and all the thanks in the world to her breeders, Amy Stelz and Michele Ritter.

Submit your Brags to the editor for the next issue.

## Morning Routine

Janice Schefcik

I lie in bed, freshly awake and I listen. I listen for the panting and movement of restless dogs waiting in anticipation for a sign that I'm awake. I lay stone still and barely squeeze open one eye to take a peek and locate my loving and loyal companions. I don't want to get up yet and pray that sleep will overtake me before eager and hopeful dogs jump on the bed, loom over me with wide smiles and then whines that translate, "let's go, get up, it's time for a walk." "Now please, not later, sun has been up for awhile and you should be too."

Caught!! My eye trick didn't work and here they come.

"Ok, OK already!" I drag myself out of bed, feet hitting the floor and I struggle into my clothes that are lying beside the bed. I straggle down the stairs, sip a glass of water and head for the leashes. All the while doggie bodies swarm around my legs with impatient excitement. Bodies wiggle and heads bob as I try to locate the collar and snap on the leashes. Pushing, shoving, "me first, me first." Mission accomplished and out the door we go, careful to not let my companions sweep me off my feet in their eager rush to get out the door. I measure out the leashes so we walk side by side and tangles are least likely to happen.

Sniff, sniff, BUSH! Legs up. " Hey, don't pee on each other.!" Off again, sniff, sniff, sniff.

My sleep fog is lifting and I start to take notice of the smells and sights of a cool, clear morning and I am happy. Happy that I have two fuzzy alarm clocks that get me up every morning even when I don't want to. Happy that those two alarm clocks love me unconditionally and I realize how lucky I am.

# MINUTES OF THE RMBCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JUNE 20, 2009

Meeting held in conjunction with annual picnic and awards, at E.B. Raines Park

Meeting called to order at 10:45 AM by President Jill Floberg.

Attendance: Joyce Ann Burgett, Kay Shultz, Norm Lazarus. Nancy Shock, Mark Beaty, Gloria Beaty, Rod Cornish, Nan Matthews, Russ Wood, Jody Martin, Janet Wood, Mike Tupa, Becky Tupa, Kathy Thomas, Steve Thomas (guest), Meg Naylor, Kathy Zeschin, Jan Schefcik ( guests Joe Arnett & Lynn Swanson) Olivia Lazarus, Renee Jarrett, Jan Berger, Greek Taylor, Jill Floberg, Elodji Means.

Nancy Shock moves to approve the minutes from the last General membership meeting on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, Kathy Thomas seconds. Minutes approved.

Presidents Report:

Jill starts her third term in office as president. Kathy Zeschin and Laura Tappero will be leaving. We will have 2 new board members, Jan Schefcik as Vice President, and Elodji Means as Secretary. Jill thanks everyone for their past and future club support.

This is our second year for "The President's Challenge", presented to the club member that brings in the most new members. Our club has grown this year by 9 new members. This year the award goes to Kay Schulz, Kay brought in 3 new members.

Secretary's Report:

Norm Lazarus as out going secretary, reports that \$100 was donated to the RMBCC by Dianna Rich in memory of Lexi. Two condolence cards were sent. One to Tammy Begler for her loss of Loop. And one to Vince and Lynn Zagarella on their loss of Shakira. Please contact the club secretary in case of illness or loss.

Treasurers Report:

Meg Naylor reports that we have \$9,507.85 in our account. The money will remain liquid, as interest rates are very low, and with our National coming up we will need access to our funds.

Committee Reports:

Party Committee: (Awards Picnic and December Holiday Party) - Jan Schefcik and Nan Matthews

Jan reports that she and Nan will explore other places for our Holiday party as the Breckenridge Brewery has been too noisy in the past. Saturday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> has been suggested, more information when a new site is selected.

Membership: Meg Naylor

Meg reports that most of the current membership has renewed. We are still in the grace period, and Meg will make an effort to contact the people that haven't renewed.

Newsletter: Mike Tupa



Mike would welcome writings for our newsletter. Any brags, photos, web links go to the newsletter. The deadline to get articles in for the next newsletter is August 1st. The newsletter is prepared every 3 months thereafter, on a deadline schedule of the 1st. Nancy S. verifies that the news letter is sent via e-mail, is our opportunity to go green, and mentions that the general membership has been very favorable on our new format. Mike T. tells us that regarding reprint of articles we must give full credit to the author, and a full sentence or a paragraph is cause for full credit, the same with any photos. However you can refer to an article that you have read along with a general outline. Mike again stresses the welcome on input to the newsletter and sharing of interesting articles.

Agility Report: Helen O'Connor, none at this tim

Conformation and Rally: Jenn Sanders, none at this time

Awards: Kathy Thomas

Will be given out after our picnic lunch to expedite the meeting and awards to be printed in next newsletter.

Web Report: Jenn Sanders

Jill reports that our web is updated twice a year and we need to send photos that you want to share to Jenn, but remember to send articles to the newsletter. Jenn needs web info in August and February.

Herding: Renee Jarrett

Renee tells us that she would be willing to consider a 2<sup>nd</sup> herding instinct test. If interested you should e-mail or write to Renee. She will let us know if there is enough interest, otherwise we will stay with the one in the spring.

Fund Raising- Nan Matthews and Candy Hepner

Myra Savant-Harris Seminar was well attended and a great success for our club in spite of the poor economy, we netted approx \$2,000 profit.

New Business:

The club would like to do a special welcome to new members, and their Beardies. In the past we have done a Halloween party, but this year we are planning a post Halloween affair on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Jill asks for input on this idea. We do have access and have reserved Blue Springs training center on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Nancy S. points out that our objective with this party is to get together as "Beardie people" get to know each other, and enjoy our Beardies. There is a small cost of \$75 for the Blue Springs facility.

Jill tells our membership about the raffle tickets for the 2009 National. These are available now and you can get the information by visiting the 2009 National web site. Just go to [www.bcca2009.com](http://www.bcca2009.com) or contact Carol Schiernbeck at [schiern@aol.com](mailto:schiern@aol.com).

You don't need to be present at the National to win.

Report on 2010 National: Nancy Shock and Jill Floberg

Jill and Nancy are co-chairs of this committee. Nancy points out that in 2004 when our club did the National and we all joined together, worked hard, cemented friendships, had fun, and now we encourage people to come and participate. This is not just for show dogs, we really want to encourage everyone's participation. Nancy explained about different fund raisers that we have done, and that we are open to ideas. Nancy then presented the logo for 2010, a drawing by Chet Jezierski. Nancy explained the concept of logo wear and pointed out the various logo wear being worn by members. Jill is currently taking orders for logo wear for the Minnesota Specialty, again visit the web site [www.bcca2009.com](http://www.bcca2009.com). The 2010 host hotel, the Embassy Suites, is now open and it's beautiful.

Our club will again participate in The Challenge Cup for 2009. This is a basket of goodies to be auctioned at the national specialty. Goodies can be edible for people or dogs, or fun stuff for people and dogs. Our club will again participate for the 2009 National. There are 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placements. Part of the proceeds will go to each club that wins. Joyce Ann has again generously coordinated our club basket. This is a challenge that we won last year, and we did receive the Challenge cup (this was not available for display at this picnic). This year the theme is Colorado wine. And Joyce Ann will send out suggestions on a list of ideas.

Jill then passed around the order form for the paper weight with the 2009 national specialty logo on it. This is the 2009 fundraiser and can be viewed on the same web site as listed above.

Jill tells the club that the Next Board meeting is at her home on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 with a potluck lunch, and that everyone is welcome to attend.

Nancy S. moves to adjourn, seconded by Mike T. all in agreement. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Elodji Means, Secretary



Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection

would like to invite you to the


## Beardie Winter Welcome


Sunday, November 1 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Blue Springs and Katydid  
2980 W. Oxford Avenue  
Englewood, CO 80110  
303-781-9027

A special gathering for all RMBCC members to formally welcome our new 2008 - 2009 members – plus a fun-filled afternoon with your dogs. Light refreshments will be served. Here is the program:

 Yes, Beardies can retrieve... with Jenn Sanders

 Dancing with dogs by B. J. Walker

 Readings with Denver's dog psychic, Joyce Leake, to learn what your Beardie is really thinking.....

There are 10 spots available at \$20/reading. To schedule an appointment, please email Nan Matthews, [nan@themattgrp.com](mailto:nan@themattgrp.com)

**We hope to see everyone in November!!!**

Please RSVP to Nan Matthews, [nan@themattgrp.com](mailto:nan@themattgrp.com) or Jan Schefcik, [jvsbooks@msn.com](mailto:jvsbooks@msn.com)

## 2008 RMBCC ANNUAL AWARDS

We would like to honor all those beardies and their owners who have achieved new titles during 2008. It is very encouraging to see more and more of our members receiving versatility awards from the BCCA. Many hours of training and dedication go into qualifying for this award. Congratulations to all those who have earned new titles in 2008. Keep up the good work!

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Call Name</u>	<u>Owners</u>
<b>Conformation Championships</b>		
Ch Britannia One In A Zillion RN HT CGC	ZiZi	Jill & Dean Floberg
Ch Donalea's Kash Raises the Ante	Kash	Don & Elodji Means
Ch Mik-Ren's First Comes the Action RN	Greer	Renee Jarrett
Ch Wimberlee's Picture Perfect HT CGC	Peggy Sue	Joyce Ann Burgett
<b>Rally</b>		
<i><u>Rally Novice</u></i>		
Ch Brynmar's My Love RN OA AXJ	Brodie	BJ Walker
Ch Donalea's Frankly My Dear RN OA OAJ	Frankie	Don & Elodji Means
Ragtyme Mister Soul Man RN	Bailey	Nan Matthews & Rod Cornish
Ch Wimberlee's Picture Perfect RN HT	Peggy Sue	Joyce Ann Burgett
<i><u>Rally Advanced</u></i>		
Ch Sherwood Cool Sequel at Summit RA HT	Audra	Kathy & Steve Thomas
Ch Summit's No Strings Attached CD RA PT	Ian	Kathy & Steve Thomas
<i><u>Rally Excellent</u></i>		
Ch Summit's No Strings Attached CD RE PT	Ian	Kathy & Steve Thomas
<b>Canine Good Citizen</b>		
Ch Woodsong Doris Daring PT CGC	Doris	Olivia & Norm Lazarus
<b>Herding Titles</b>		
<i><u>Herding Instinct Certified:</u></i>		
Ch Donalea's Kash Raises the Ante HIC	Kash	Don & Elodji Means
Mik-Ren's Release Your Inhibitions HIC	Willy	Renee Jarrett
Mik-Ren's Forever's Never Long Enough HIC	Ginger	Renee Jarrett
<i><u>Herding Tested:</u></i>		
Ch Mik-Ren's First Comes the Action RN HT	Greer	Renee Jarrett

## **Agility Titles**

### Novice Agility Preferred:

Gemineye's Precious Jewel NAP OAJ	Jewel	Meg Naylor/Micheal Bain
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### Novice Jumpers Preferred:

Gemineye's Precious Jewel NAJ	Jewel	Meg Naylor/Micheal Bain
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### Open Jumpers Preferred:

Gemineye's Precious Jewel OAJ	Jewel	Meg Naylor/Micheal Bain
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### Advanced Jumpers Preferred:

Gemineye's Precious Jewel NAP AJP	Jewel	Meg Naylor/Micheal Bain
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### Agility Fast Open:

Ch Shanaspree Kick a Field Goal RN MX MXJ OF	Kailey	BJ Walker
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## **Versatility Awards**

Ch Britannia One In A Zillion RN HT CGC	ZiZi	Jill & Dean Floberg
Ch Brynmar's My Love RN OA AXJ	Brodie	BJ Walker
Ch Donalea's Frankly My Dear RN OA OAJ	Frankie	Don & Elodji Means
Ch Mik-Ren's First Comes the Action RN HT	Greer	Renee Jarrett
Ch Wimberlee's Picture Perfect RN HT CGC	Peggy Sue	Joyce Ann Burgett

## **2008 SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD**

This year the Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection would like to honor Kay Schulz with the RMBCC Special Recognition Award. Years back when we were looking for a newsletter editor for BEARDIE WORKS Kay stepped forward and accepted the task. She has been very dedicated to performing this service which, at times, can be trying when working with so many different individuals to get minutes, articles, announcements, brags, etc., collected, organized, printed, copied, and mailed to the membership in a timely manner. We want to thank Kay for generously contributing her time and effort as our newsletter editor. Thank you Kay!

# A Beardie Minute

Mike Tupa

I spent the past week without my dogs. On a cross country “road trip” to visit relatives and their kids and all that makes life so rewarding. But the trip was one of those quickies I do and as such I traveled “without the girls.” And everyone wondered where they were, and, oh, couldn’t my wife get some time off also. Even my family has priorities.

But the trip was missing a piece of the fun. Without our dogs (and my wife) the trip was just another “hit the road-gas station to gas station” destination oriented trip. Dogs create a pace for a road trip that is different. Your stops are longer, you get more exercise, you see more of the rest areas (and find those strips of grass at the truck stops) and you pick up a couple other hamburgers (hold the onions) for your quiet passengers in the back seat.

Our dogs are amazing. I’ve mentioned before that they just settle down in the back seat, quietly waiting for the next stop. If we don’t stop within the first half hour they give a big huff and we almost don’t hear from them again until the first gas stop, three hours later. Then they gladly hop out, sniff everything, do their thing, get a drink and gladly hop back into the car to take their place for the next jump in time to the next gas station or rest area. We almost have to force a longer walk with them. I think I’ve even mentioned that when we get within 10 miles of our family farm, after 14 hours driving, they are up ears alert and ready to run the grounds. They have made the trip maybe 5 times in their 10+ years of life but every time after the first time they know where they are.

I have to believe almost everyone who travels with dogs sees this same routine. Dogs are a creation of acceptance and patience. They happily do what we ask, wait for the next request and jump at that opportunity as if it will result in more food or a winning lottery ticket. Gotta love them.

I don’t know if Beardies are unique in this matter. After an hour on the road our OES (yes, we once owned an OES) would start barking and barking and barking..... you know the routine. We would stop, let her out, get back in and go another hour before her routine started again. Loved that stupid dog but she was not a roadie. I see dogs, usually Labs, hanging out of the passenger window, nose in the wind, ears back,

tongues flapping, and a look of glee in their eyes. They are actively experiencing the trip, bug by bug; smell by smell. And of course you can see those little terriers on the drivers laps (even at interstate highway speeds) seemingly directing the driver to share the steering wheel for some undefined doggie purpose. My Beardies might like a sniff of fresh air or even a look over my shoulder to see what I’m doing (or eating) at the steering wheel but always they seek a quiet secure place in the back seat to curl up and wait for the next adventure. I wonder if others find the same trait in their Beardies.

Did you know that truckers have dogs with them? Yep, I saw several on this trip running their dogs, usually some smallish terrier type, at the back of a rest area or a quiet part of the truck stop. I should note, the dogs were running the truck drivers standing around watching. But even they recognized the purpose of a companion on a trip. Especially a companion who gets you away from the road, gives you a purpose, and reminds you of home.

Oh, I should say my mother was excited to see me at her birthday. But she did ask about the dogs. Her neighbors at her apartment complex also asked for the “girls.” 6 months ago at a quick walk through we met with maybe 5 people but last week the whole complex knew of the “girls” and wondered why I didn’t bring them along this time. For their benefit, and mine, I wish I had. When I move into a senior apartment complex I want a Beardie with me. I’ll bet I’ll be the hit of the geriatric crowd.

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