

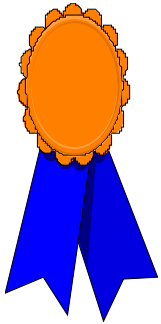
Beardie Tales

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CBCC Regional Specialty Trophy Donations Requested



Spring has just arrived and before you know it our Regional Specialty will be here. We are in desperate need of the general membership to participate in donating trophy funds to offset the club's expenses. If you took a place at last year's Regional, you will be contacted and asked to support that placement with a donation for this year. All other donations will go to our general trophy

category and be most appreciated and used where most needed. If you do not participate on a regular basis with current events of the club, this is your chance to support and participate by mailing a check. The CBCC thanks you in advance for your generosity. Please make checks out to CBCC and mail to:



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"We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare, and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made" M. Facklam

Upcoming Events/Meetings

May 6, 7 and 8, 2005

Badger KC/Janesville-Beloit KC Shows, Madison
Friday, May 6, 2005 Badger KC Show
Saturday, May 7, 2005, Janesville-Beloit KC Show
Sunday, May 8, 2005 Badger KC Show. **CBCC Supported entry.** Meeting after showing.

June 18, 2005

CBCC Regional Specialty and Sweepstakes
Saturday, June 18, 2005. Lake County Fairground, Grayslake, IL. Picnic to follow at the Fenney's.

July 17, 2005

Kishwaukee KC Show, Belvidere, IL
Sunday, July 17, 2005 Kishwaukee KC Show. **CBCC Supported entry.** Pot luck in the gazebo.

July 30 and 31, 2005

Waukesha KC Shows, Waukesha, IL
Saturday, July 30, 2005 Waukesha KC Show. **CBCC Supported entry and Sweepstakes.**

August 28, 2005

Beardie Bounce at the home of Joyce and Roy Makowski in Barrington Hills, IL. Hosted by Mary Barthold.

Rescue Tales

by Mary Barthold

Sammie, the gorgeous 12-yr-old Beardie girl that was turned into rescue last month, has found a home in Lubbock, TX. Barb and Charlie flew up from Texas, rented a car and drove back home with Sammie, who joins their 9-yr-old Beardie girl. Barb and Charlie have a huge fenced back yard and they both work from home in their insurance business. All reports are glowing, though Sammie had some trouble adjusting

to the doggy door they have. She will now go in and out on her own. BUT, she wants an audience!!

Indy, the Neardie, I was fostering along with Sammie, went home with a young family from Iowa. They already have a rescued Yorkie that thinks he's a Doberman and Indy fit right in. His new name is Biff, since he's such a happy-go-lucky fellow. They have young children and, as expected, Biff has become their guardian and is crazy about them.

On the same day that Sammie left for her new home, Gracie was returned to rescue. Gracie was one of three littermates--from an Iowa puppy mill--that passed through rescue in the summer of 2003. She had gone to a home in Bloomington, but her issues with trucks, buses, motorcycles, etc. drove her new mom nuts. They had taken her to obedience classes and we were amazed at the difference in this dog. She had come through the first time as a somewhat out-of-control girl with no training at all and she'd been shaved down because of her terrible mats. When she came back 18 mos. later, she was a delightful girl with wonderful training. Her coat had grown in, though she had the weirdest haircut we've ever seen on a Beardie. We didn't think her reaction to loud vehicles too exceptional--she'd bark and then quiet right down again. She went to a home in Streamwood that already had a Neardie, adopted through Bone. Gracie has adjusted beautifully. Her new name is Millie and she is almost a twin to the couple's much-loved Beardie that crossed the bridge last Fall. They live on a cul-de-sac with a 6' privacy fence. Perfect!! Gracie/Millie loves having a buddy to play with too.

Currently, I'm fostering a 10-yr-old Neardie named Molly. She is adorable and one of the best fosters we've had. She's so quiet, we hardly know she's here. You can see her picture and read her sad story at www.beardie.net/bone. We are having some success clearing up her horrid ear infections and are currently waiting to see how she does off meds for them. We're not sure she's 10 either. She LOVES long walks and certainly doesn't act like she's 10. She might be younger.

Cyndie rescued a purebred mismatch Beardie male named Bentley from the shelter in Racine. He's currently staying with Chris Schachter while Cyndie is on vacation. I know she has him placed, but I'm fuzzy on the details. She says he absolutely awesome--very well trained and just gorgeous. About 15 months old. His family moved and left him at the shelter. Argh!!! *****

That's it for the time being. Rescue seems quiet right now, but having said that, it will probably start raining dogs any minute.

I never got a single response to my beg for fostering help--typical. I did get a call from a Beardie owner in Bloomingdale who is not a club member. She offered assistance and would love to foster, so problem solved! Unless, of course, she's looking to get another dog that way, although I didn't get that impression.

There is legislation pending that is going to put an end to rescue in Illinois. Very sad. I'm praying, along with others, that it doesn't go through. Not sure how strenuously it would be enforced if it did pass. Seems to me the country governments would not be happy at the extra burden passage would place on them. Multiple dog owners and rescuers would be subject to impromptu inspections, fines, etc. I already have 6 dogs and am allowed 4. It's entirely likely Molly will end up a permanent resident if no one wants her. Always something, huh??

Date Line: Los Angeles **Subject:** Show Handler/ Owner Rescue Association opens to the Community. Looking for someone special to help around the kennel or on dog show trips? Would you like that companion who understands to share your home and life? Why not consider adopting a rescued handler/ owner?

The Dog Show Handler/Owner Rescue Association is currently screening families who might be interested in adopting or fostering a handler/owner rescue (or H.O.R.s for short). While there are a great many canine breed rescue organizations in our community, there has been nothing (until now) to help the displaced, neglected, or abandoned handler/owners. The need is greater than ever and the Dog Show H.O.R. Association needs your help to address this growing problem.

Who are the H.O.R.s that need help? Well, we see them every day. Some are lost or abandoned, then picked up in parks attempting to stack squirrels. Others are turned in by parents or spouses who didn't realize how much time, care, and responsibility it takes to keep these special H.O.R.s. Often, these H.O.R.s are turned in with their own dogs. A number of H.O.R.s come to us because of bad knees and their families have decided they have outlived their usefulness. Many require medical attention due to

years of caring for their dogs, yet neglecting their own diet, exercise, and medical care.

You are probably asking yourself right now, "How can I help?"

We've prepared some questions to help you decide if you might be a suitable dog show H.O.R. family:

- Do you have a fenced yard?
- Do you mind the smell of liver in the house?
- Do you have a spare RV or camper?
- Are you able to provide suitable clothing with many pockets?
- Do you have anything that can be groomed (often shag carpeting, stuffed animals, or other family members) that can calm eager hands?
- Are you able to listen for hour on end, patiently, and supportively?
- Do you have thousands of extra dollars needed to properly support a dog show H.O.R.?

If you've answered "yes" to these questions, you may be dog show H.O.R. material!

Adopting a dog show H.O.R. can be a very rewarding experience. They are usually so willing to please, and often are happy with only an occasional class

ribbon to play with. They can pick up droppings, are willing to help groom, and show your own animals, and already know directions to every fairgrounds and show grounds in the lower 48 states. They can have vast amounts of knowledge and wisdom that they are willing to impart to anyone who has the patience to listen for hours.... and hours... and hours. While some may need a bit of resocializing, better nutrition, and regular exercise, most adjust very well to their new dog show families when given appropriate time, reconditioning, patience, and access to liver.

We also get a few breeder/handler/owner rescues (B.H.O.R.s) from time to time. Dog show B.H.O.R.s are often more difficult to place as they are usually alphas and may have a harder time getting along with existing dog show breeders. They tend to be less submissive, and often will try to control the household and existing breeder's program if strong boundaries are not set. There is hope for B.H.O.R.s though. For those with experience, extra patience and a strong hand, even dog show B.H.O.R.s can find new and useful lives.

So, if you're interested in fostering or adopting either a dog show H.O.R. or B.H.O.R., please contact us. If you are not able to foster or adopt at this time, if you know of a dog show H.O.R. or B.H.O.R. in need of rehoming, or would just like to make a much needed donation, please give us a call at 800-555-HORS. You can also visit one of our Dog Show H.O.R.s and B.H.O.R.s booths located at most, major dog shows.