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President's Message

Dear BCCSC Members,

As we move into this cooler season together, I want to take a moment to celebrate what makes our Bearded Collie Club so special—our dogs, our friendships, and the joy we share through this wonderful breed.

Whether you're enjoying long walks with your Beardie, preparing for an upcoming show, laughing at their mischievous antics around the house, or simply enjoying a quiet cuddle at the end of the day, we are united by the love of this unique and spirited companion. Their boundless energy, intelligence, and unmistakable humor remind us daily why we fell in love with the breed in the first place.

Our club is more than just a gathering of dog lovers—it's a community. Each one of us brings something special, whether it's years of experience, fresh enthusiasm, or simply a story that makes the rest of us smile. Together, we create a space where new friendships are formed, knowledge is shared, and our Beardies are celebrated in all their glory (mud and all!).

I encourage you to stay connected, participate when you can, and celebrate your Beardie moments both big and small. Whether it's a training milestone, a funny photo, or just a wagging tail that brightened your day; these are the things that remind us of the joy our dogs bring. And if you haven't yet tried volunteering for an activity, I promise it's one of the best ways to get to know fellow members and feel even more a part of the club.



Thank you for being such an important part of our Beardie family. Here's to many more happy tail wags, muddy paw prints, and heartwarming moments with our dogs as we continue to share the love of this remarkable breed.

With warm regards,

Susann and a gaggle of Beardies



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Friendly Reminder – Membership Renewal

Our annual membership fee is due during the month of October. You'll be receiving e-blasts with the renewal form link, and it's always available on our club website at bccsc.net.



Late Fee Notice: If payment is made after November 1, dues are considered delinquent. Please add \$10.00 to your renewal.

For those who pay on time – thank you so much, we truly appreciate it!



Easy Payment Option: You can also use Zelle to send your membership fee directly to our treasurer. The email address is listed on the renewal form.

Our club's Beardie Blast newsletter is sent via email, so please feel free to send ads/brags/advertising to Susann Brody at any time. Susann can design something special for you OR you can do it yourself OR have it done and submit it.

The Beardie Blast is sent to all current members!! Please send checks to the Mary Parker, treasurer, payable to the BCCSC.

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Life Through a Bearded Collie Lens

Life with a Bearded Collie is never boring. One minute they're zooming around like furry racecars, the next they're stealing socks, and somehow—without opposable thumbs—they still manage to rearrange the couch cushions.

Beardies have perfected the art of selective hearing (“Come here!” means nothing, but the sound of a cheese wrapper? Suddenly they're Olympic sprinters). And let's not forget their decorating skills—muddy paw prints on the floor, wet beards on your pants, and just the right amount of dog hair woven into every meal. Truly, they're multi-talented!

But that's what makes them so special—equal parts mischief, comedy, and heart. They keep us laughing, humble us daily, and remind us that joy is found in the little things: a wagging tail, a goofy grin, or a Beardie sprawled out across your pillow like royalty.

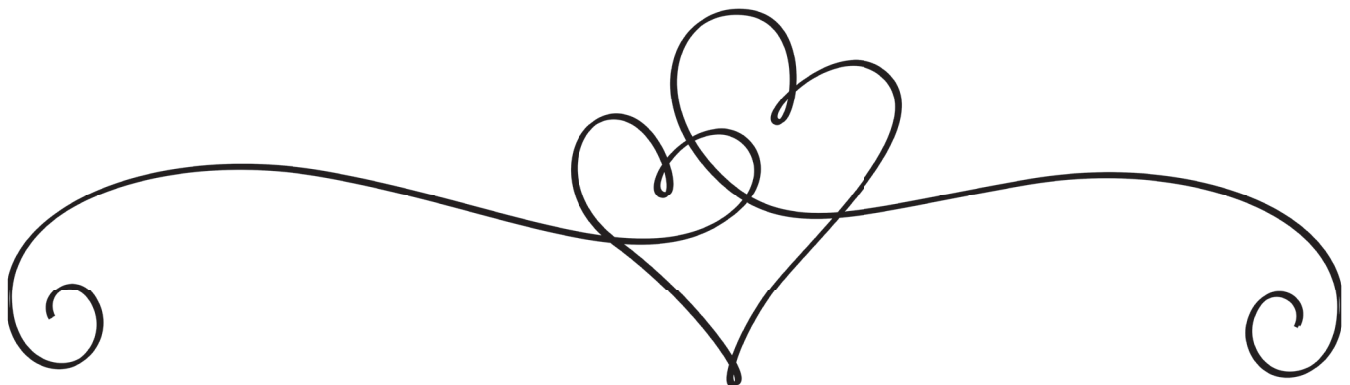
Here's to embracing the chaos, laughing at the silliness, and loving every minute with these bearded clowns we're lucky enough to call family.

Yours in muddy paw prints,
The Gaggle of Beardies



Please feel free to reach out to any one of us on the Board with questions. We are here for all members. We would love to hear from you with ideas for events you would like to attend.

I'm honored and thrilled to share with you Sue Cassidy's contribuion to our Shaggy Rag Newsletter. She is witty! Thank you, Sue, for adding humor to our Newsletter when we put the call out for assistance. You inspired me to do the above "Life Through a Bearded Collie Lens." I hope our members enjoy these fun articles as much as I did adding them for you. See page 4!



SUE CASSIDY'S ANDIE

Andie's Confession - (AKA Poopie McPoopFace)

Andie:

Hi. My name is Andie (with a heart over the 'I') Cassidy. And I have a problem. It's poop. I love it. I seek it. I roll in it. I accessorize with it. Some girls wear pearls. I wear poop.

Archie:

I'm her older brother, Archie Harrison Cassidy, and I'd just like to make it clear: I do not approve. I am a dignified Bearded Collie. A gentleman. A scholar and Springhill Bearded Collie lineage. My hobbies include lounging regally, supervising the kitchen, and judging Andie's life choices.

Andie:

Don't listen to him. Poop is... delicious. Also stylish. Have you ever tried strutting through the living room wearing a fresh smear of mystery turd? ICONIC. Mom screams, Dad faints, and I get an extra bath! It's basically a spa day.

Archie:

You mean prison shower.

Andie:

Call it what you want, Archie. The truth is, nothing bonds you to Mother Earth like rolling your entire body into something disgusting.

Archie:

Meanwhile, I'm forced to live with the fallout. Our car smells like a sewage plant. Our groomer now charges "hazard pay." And every time people see us, I get tarred with the same brush—literally, because Mom is always brushing us together after Bath Number 472.

Andie:

Archie just doesn't understand passion. Some dogs chase balls. Some dig holes. Me? I roll in poop like it's Coachella and I'm the headliner.

Archie:

And there you have it. The shame of our household. I try to keep my beard fluffy and pure, but I share a roof with... her. Sigh...

Andie (proudly):

Hi, my name is Andie ((with a heart over the 'I)'), And I'm a poopaholic.

Sue Cassidy for Poopy McPoopFace



MEAGHAN EDWARDS PRESENTS:

Violet & Bubbles

(Bubbles is mom of the puppies)



Nola & Violet



Bingo & Bluey



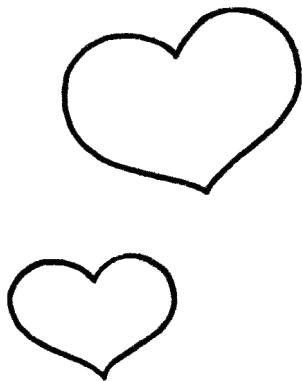
BRUCE & KIMBERLY NICHOLSON PRESENT:

Bruce with Poppy & Ducat



DUCAT & POPPY

Kimberly & Bruce with Ducat & Poppy



SHERRY & JEFF DAVIS PRESENT:

Dude



Sherry & Jeff Davis with Dude



CAROLE DESMOND PRESENTS:



ENZO



ENZO



SUE CASSIDY PRESENTS:

Archie & Andi



LONNIE CARPENTER PRESENTS:

SIDNEY & BART



BART & JANE



FERN & ROSS BLOOM PRESENT:



FOZZIE



LINDA EMERSON PRESENTS:

Hartford, Bentley & Swiffer



Bentley



Swiffer



Hartford

RHONDA HARDY PRESENTS:



Matilda



Matilda & Lucy



LINDSEY JO RISCALLA PRESENTS:

Lindsey with Jack & Max



Madelyn

Jack & Max with Madelyn



MARY & CHRIS PARKER PRESENTS:



ELLIE



MARY & CHRIS PARKER (CONTINUED)

ELLIE & NOAH



JOSEPH PERRET PRESENTS:



Luna Perret



Luna

Joe and his wife adopted Luna from Salt Lake City from a loving family that could no longer give her the attention she needed. So Joe got up at 4:00am and took a flight out of LAX at 8:00. Joe got Luna at 12:00 and drove her back to LA in 11 hours. He and Luna bonded on the way home.



SUSAN & JIM RUPPEL PRESENTS:

Georgia & Rainey



JENNIFER SANDERS PRESENTS:



Happy, Penny & Hope



SPECIAL HOLIDAY GATHERING



SUE BRODY PRESENTS:

Deeks



Gibbs



Jewel



Kensie



Emerald (mother)



Tootsie



A gaggle of Beardie love

SUE BRODY (CONTINUED)

Pet Therapy: Bringing the Comfort and Companionship of Our Beardies to Those in Need



Deeks & Emerald



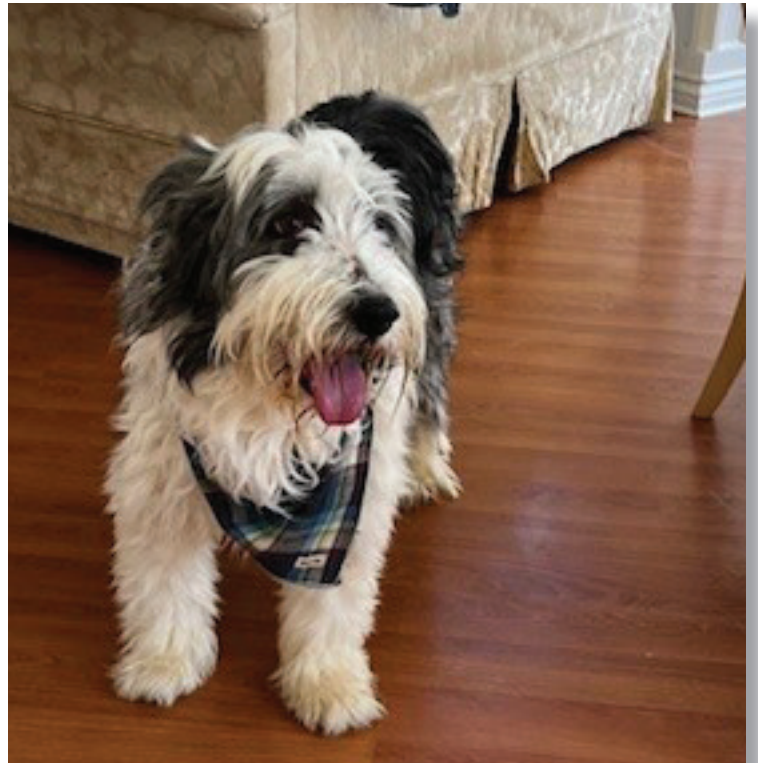
Emerald & friends



MARILYNN & TOM SEVERSON PRESENT:



Eric



Parker



Barron & Jack

THE JOY OF HAIR

How to Brush a Bearded Collie for those who live among the clouds of hair

🙏 First, take a breath — and maybe a prayer,
You're about to dance with a mountain of hair.

🪮 Gather your tools: brush, comb, and spray,
A towel (or two) — it's brushing day!

🐾 Start at the bottom, work your way high,
A Beardie's coat is a layered sky.

🐶 Lift the hair gently, part by part,
Patience and kindness — that's where you start.

🌀 Behind the ears, the tangles
hide,
Like secret knots the wind supplied.

💖 Be tender there — don't rush or
pull,
A gentle hand keeps grooming full.

🐾 Down the legs and under the
chin,
That's where the real adventure
begins!

🌿 Their silky beard collects the day
—

Leaves, crumbs, and whispers of play.

💧 Spritz a mist, and let it glide,
Your brush will sing as you smooth each side.

🎀 The tail — a flag, a story unfurled,
Of happy trots through a muddy world.

🌸 When you finish, they shimmer and shine,
A walking poem, perfectly fine.

🐶🐶🐶 They'll shake, they'll grin, and proudly declare,
"See? Beauty lives in every hair!"

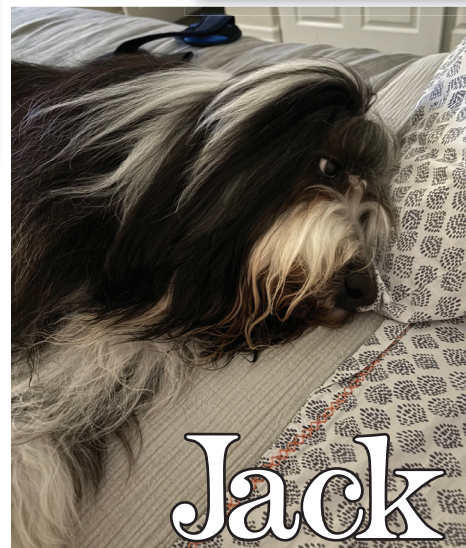


CAROL WATHAN - ANNE & MARK DUNDON PRESENT:



Left to right - Tootsie, Honey (kissing Tootsie), Anne, Jack (obscured by Anne's left leg), Gigi (front¢er), Jill (black girl obscured by Carol's leg), Ginger (top), Grayson (behind Carol).

CAROL WATHAN - ANNE & MARK DUNDON (CONTINUED):



MEMORIAL FOR "MIGO"

Amigo (Migo) Lacayo, passed on to the heaven that would not be heaven if dogs were not there... I lost him after a harsh illness from which he could not be saved on April 10, 2025, at almost 13 beardy years of life.

MIGO was a hippie of the dog world, with a bohemian beard that makes even the most seasoned baristas jealous. With a coat that seems to have attended Woodstock and a perpetually carefree expression, the Bearded Collie is the free spirit who believes that life is one big, joyful frolic in a meadow of happiness. Known for herding imaginary sheep and spreading good vibes wherever they go. Migo was a Beardie a four-legged embodiment of "peace, love, and belly rubs."

Migo was a combination of: devotion with a dash of devilish trouble intelligence peppered with impish behaviors a magnificent whirling fur, a non-stop wag with a dog attached,

a pleading face in the window, A your not alone nudge under your elbow when you are feeling down An inquisitive tilt of his head when your voice is heard. a spirit filled to the brim with a sense of humor. An



audience, a companion, and a wonderful friend! A typical beardie, who could hear you get your keys out from five rooms away-yet cannot hear your shout of "Come" from ten feet."

and so my beloved Amigo,

May Mother Earth guide your feet.
May Father Sky keep his arms around you.
May Grandfather Sun warm your cold days.
May Grandmother Moon keep
the glow in your heart.
May the Star Nations light the way to the
next destination, and the Great Spirit
always keep you shielded from the pain.
May you run free with the blessing of wind
on your face.

Carmela and Paco Lacayo



MIGO (CONTINUED):



A little boy asked the last Pope Francis, do dogs go to heaven? The Pope responded "if there are no dogs in heaven then it won't be heaven..."
I miss Migo very much, so does Paco!!

Thank you,

Carmela



IN MEMORIAM



It is with profound sadness that we must share the sad news of the loss of our dear friend and fellow Board Member, Pam Schuman.

Pam left us suddenly on September 10th and leaves behind a loving family and many friends whom she treasured. She was a devout animal and Beardie lover for many years, a dedicated community volunteer who spent countless hours in hospitals, libraries and on college campuses with her beloved Beardie, Livi spreading joy and happiness to so many.

Pam was quick to step up to any need our Beardie Club had and we'll miss her generous & kind spirit and her random phone calls just to say hello. Livi, at 14 years of age and in poor health, left this world only a few days later and we'd like to imagine them together again just as they are in this picture below.

Pam & Livi

Love

