

Beardie Bulletin

The Bearded Collie Club of Gauteng—Summer 2008

Chairman's Message

Dear Beardie Friends,

Well, 2007 was a very quiet year for our club, partly due to work commitments and also due to the ongoing disappointments of organizing activities and then having only the "old faithfuls" pitch!

But we are back with a bang and proud to announce the launch of our new electronic newsletter, which we hope to circulate more often than the printed version, from now on.

We welcome contributions from all our members, either articles of interest that you might have come across, or anything interesting about your own Beardies'

achievements.

The article on some of our club members dogs achievements, in this issue of our newsletter is testimony to the versatility of our wonderful breed, and once again you are urged and encouraged to do something with your Beardie, they certainly thrive on the extra attention and time invested and those brains are, oh so bright!

Please be reminded that membership renewals are due now, and you will be contacted in the near future to verify all your contact details and of course confirm that we have your correct email address, so that we can ensure that you receive

our newsletters this timeously.

We do hope that we will see lots more of you at some of our Beardie get-togethers this year; always a chance to socialize for both owners and dogs of course.

With best wishes for a Beardie filled and fun 2008.

Regards
Eileen Ashton

We're on the web!
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Dates to Remember in 2008

- *Grooming clinic—Saturday 16 Feb 2008 1 Greybe street Rynfield*
- *Bearded Collie Club Annual General Meeting Barnard Stadium Kempton Park 29 March 2008*
- *Bearded Collie Club Championship Show Goldfields show grounds 22 June 2008*



Bailie and Family at the Beardie Christmas party held in December

Beardie Club Championship Show 2007 Results

Best in Show

Ch Scottsdale Ocean Drive of Ashvale owned by E Ashton

Reserve Best in Show

Ch Scottsdale Indigo owned by E Ashton

Best Puppy in Show

Ashvale Carducci owned by L Dunsmore

Best Junior in Show

Westmilwunda Ocean Dream for Ashvale owned by E Ashton & K Furk

Best SA Bred in Show

Westmilwunda Ocean Breeze owned by K Furk

Best Veteran in Show

Ch Scottsdale Highlight for Ashvale owned by E Ashton



Capetown News by Kathy Hindon

This year has been a busy one for the Hindon Beardie boys in Cape Town. They have had the usual dog school socialising, ring-craft and obedience classes once a week. Jake has continued working at agility at which he has loads of drive, ability and potential (now if we can just conquer those weave poles and continue to improve on that darn recall he might EVENTUALLY catch up to his cousin Willow!) They have also each had new projects to focus on. In Jake's case it was another TV ad and joining Pets As Therapy and in Jethro's it was joining Pets As Therapy



How did the therapy visits start?

I have always been interested in doing therapy work with the boys. For the last year and a half the boys, Jethro mostly, had been visiting my Dad who had been living in a frail care until sadly he passed away in August this year. He and the other residents of the frail care home all looked forward to the boys' visits – it was wonderful to see their faces light up as they trotted beside me into the lounge or their rooms, tails a-swinging! The recep-

tion they received and the difference they made caused me to (seriously, this time!) investigate the possibility of joining Pets As Therapy (www.pat.org.za) and visiting on a more formal basis. This I duly did and Jethro passed his Pets As Therapy assessment and qualified as a Visiting Dog in March 2007 and Jake followed suit in April 2007. Both boys were placed as visitors at Leliebloem House children's home and Marsh Memorial Homes for children where Jethro has mostly been visiting. He has made a positive impact on the children who look forward to his visits. They love to pet him, feed him treats and take him for walks around the gardens. Next year Jethro will be moving on to visit a frail care centre which will suit his gentle nature better and Jake will continue visiting the children, whose energy fits his boisterous nature to a tee

Jake's "Television Career"!!!

Jake has just added a second television advertisement to his "portfolio". His first was a German coffee advert



filmed in March last year. Here's Jake waiting his turn.

This second one, in December this year, was for a UK pet insurance. Jake was one of 9 dogs and 2 cats. The ad was filmed at a film set company located in a dirty, dusty old goods yard on the Foreshore in Cape Town where the wind was howling as usual and everything that could move was blowing and banging in the wind – quite a challenge for any dog, let alone a slightly noise sensitive Beardie! On top of all the noise, he was (as were all of the others in turn, including a 55kg Bloodhound!) thrown up into the air by the wranglers to land – hair flying - on his feet on a mattress facing the camera. They did this several times until they got the flying effect they wanted. Then he was put onto a high table in front of a huge fan blowing his hair back and was air-sprayed intermittently with an air gun which made a high pitched noise. Next, he was doused with water and made to shake! I admit that once or twice he tried to bolt off the table and come to me, particularly when his chest was being blown at with the air gun and when the wind was roaring over the set so loudly that it sounded as though a plane was flying low overhead, but he did SO well! I'm so proud of my boy! He was one tired, wet, happy and dirty dog by the end of it all and slept like a log for the rest of the evening and night after a special supper as a reward for his hard work and good behaviour!

Beardie agility



Willow has had a great year in the agility ring achieving clear rounds and regularly being

placed first at shows in Cape Town. Willow proves that being steady and reliable pays off as she increases her speed around the ring to qualify each time.

Proving that she is a versatile Beardie, Willow's other great achievement is helping Angela with her work in the therapy room helping out by comforting depressed adults and children. Her presence eases their anxiety.



KZN News by Karen Furk

World of Dogs and Cats-

WODAC returned to Durban this November after four years of being held at the Coca Cola Dome in Joburg. A three day event held on the Friday afternoon through to the Sunday.



This year the **Kwa-Zulu Natal Top Dog** contest was held on the Friday evening at Wodac. It is a team event for the top local dogs who have to qualify from shows held through out the year. Both Denver and Calico qualified for the Herding team which ended up being top group

team this year.

Calico also finished the evening by being awarded **Reserve Top Puppy** and top bitch puppy by an Australian Judge.

On the Sunday Denver was entered in the Challenge of the Champions, the judge was from Germany and when judging the Herding Group he chose Denver as his Group Winner. Later in the day in the main ring the seven group winners competed for Best in Show, again being



put through their paces by the judge. Denver loving the big crowd didn't put a foot wrong and was chosen as **Reserve**

Best in Show, The working group winner the Doberman was Best in Show.

Beauty and Brains – DMA/ Aptitude Tests



The KZN Aptitude Sub Committee held their **DMA/Aptitude testing** recently and Harlow went along with his two friends a staffie and a shiba. The test takes approximately an hour each dog and they are put through various different situation type tests. Harlow and his friends all passed, making Harlow the first Beardie to participate in these tests and pass.

Congratulations to.....

Ch Scottsdale Ocean Drive at Ashvale —



Gabriel on becoming the Top Herding Dog 2007 in both the Kusa and Animal Talk ratings. Gabriel had a wonderful year in the ring winning numerous

herding groups as well as Best in Shows at both All breeds shows and a working and herding shows. Gabriel also congratulates his son **Westmilwunda Ocean Dream for Ashvale— Wesley** on qualifying for KA Supreme Puppy Competition to be held in Cape Town in March as



well as the Super 7's Top Puppy Competition. He was also the Beardie Puppy of the year.

South Africa welcomes...

"Jordache" (Breaksea Hocus Pocus for Ashvale, imp UK)

Jordaches' pedigree combines some of the UK's top winning dogs, including the 2006 Top Producing Bearded Collie Stud Dog, Ch Gillaber Drummond, who he has on both sides of his pedigree.

His arrival will add some more diversity to our gene pool in South Africa, and he looks forward to making his debut in the ring in 2008



2008 Membership

Please be reminded that your membership renewal is now due and payable.

Single Membership R30

Family Membership R50

Banking details

Bearded collie Club of Gauteng

Absa Bank Branch code 632005

Account number 9062013341

Savings account

Congratulations.....!

The SHOWDOGS Team would like to congratulate your Club Committee most sincerely for your achievement in winning the public vote for the **SHOWDOGS SPECIALTY SHOW OF THE YEAR**

This is a clear vote of confidence from the exhibiting public that your show in 2007 was of such a high standard that it was worthy of winning top accolades. Clearly, you and your committee have a winning formula and your efforts to provide a quality show are highly appreciated. May you continue to be supported richly! While the prizes in store for your club are not enormous, they come to you with all our best wishes and congratulations for a job well done. SHOWDOGS will be donating a set of large, American-style rosettes (Best in Show, Best Puppy in Show and Best Junior in Show) which you may use to replace or supplement your existing prizes. Here's wishing you a most successful 2008 and perhaps we'll see you on the winner's list next year too!

Warm regards and congratulations

Joy and Elrena

The SHOWDOGS Team

New Champions

The following Beardies gained their conformation championship title this year :

- **Ch Ashvale In Your Dreams** (brown bitch) - owned by Eileen Ashton
- **Ch Scottsdale Promise you May for Ashvale** (slate bitch) - owned by Eileen Ashton.
- **Ch Ashvale Heaven can Wait** (brown bitch) - owned by Eileen Ashton

Rainbow Bridge — Chancy 09/08/1992— 23/06/2007

Ch & Ch (Zim) Sammara
Touch of Puff of Westmildwunda HD 0.0

"Chancy" arrived in South Africa in whelp in early 1995. After being campaigned in the show ring both in SA and Zim and producing two litters of puppies she was content to stay at home where she

liked nothing better than to curl up on your lap in the evenings. Chancy took all new puppies under her wing. Sweet dreams Chancy.



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