

## WELCOME!

Welcome to the new CDHA newsletter. Our goal is to publish 4 times a year and showcase CDHA events, while also letting everyone know what other events are going on in the area. The Recap section is to review CDHA events that happened since the last newsletter. The Breed Showcase is an educational piece about a herding breed. The "**Did You Know?**" section is a brief educational piece for people who may not know what something like Rally Obedience is. In thanks for all your efforts, we will try to recognize everyone who has volunteered at the events in the recap section.

## 2016 RECAP

### What We Did Last Year

CDHA kicked off 2016 with a conformation fun match in conjunction with Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club at The Ranch in Loveland on February 6th. Thank you to our judges and exhibitors!

We held a sanctioned Barn Hunt trial February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> in

Invariably someone will be missed. If there is an omission, please let me know and I'll catch it up in the following newsletter. The recognitions area is the "brag board" as it were. We want to know what all the members are up too, so if we know about titles earned, etc, we'll talk about it here. Please send your photos to Julie or Molly. Member dogs only, please.

### WELCOME NEW

#### MEMBERS:

BARBARA LUCE  
SHERRY MACLELLAN  
SUE AND GEORGE  
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conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Cluster at the National Western Complex in Denver.

We held our Annual Meeting on March 6th at the T-Bar Inn in Wellington. 11 members and 4 guests attended. Prior to the

## DID YOU KNOW?

Speaking of Rally...for those who don't know, what is it? Rally is an obedience sport where the dog and handler move through a course of ten to twenty stations. At each station, a different task is required of dog and handler.

Communication between dog and handler is encouraged. Novice Rally is entirely on leash but Advanced and Excellent level trials are done off leash. While Rally initially was created as a way to introduce people to obedience in a more relaxed environment, it has grown into quite a competitive ring on its own!



meeting, we held Herding Instinct Evaluations on March 6<sup>th</sup> at Rancho Terra Norte and tested 12 dogs.

CDHA held the Ranch Dog Gymkhana at the Larimer County Fair on August 7<sup>th</sup>. 12 handlers participated in our always-popular herding demonstration to the public.

On October 28<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual Herding Group

conformation show in conjunction with the Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club show in Greeley. We received 249 total entries for sweepstakes and regular competition plus 8 beginner puppy entries. Additionally, we held a Barn Hunt trial and Colorado's first Farm Dog Certification test concurrently with the dog show.

The annual CDHA fall herding trial/test was held on December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at The Ranch in Loveland. We had 29 trial and 12 test entries on Saturday and 31 trial and 10 test entries on Sunday. We also held another Farm Dog Certification test which sold out quickly!

## 2017 ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

Mark your calendar to attend CDHA's Annual Membership meeting on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be starting the day at Rancho Terra Norte, 1227 E County Road 82, Wellington, CO hosting our annual Herding Instinct test from 10 am to 12 noon (cost \$25/dog). Then we will be shifting to the T-Bar Inn located on Cleveland (the main street) in Wellington, CO to convene our Annual Membership Meeting at 1 PM. At the conclusion of the meeting, we will return to RTN for members to work their dogs (cost \$10/dog to benefit CDHA).

### The 2017 Slate of Officers

President – Val Manning  
Vice President – Amy Turner  
Treasurer – Cindy Kelly  
Secretary – Molly McNamara  
Directors – Maggie Buzzard, Julie Campbell and Alice Baker-Meuten

### **CDHA Dues are Due for 2017**

It is time to renew your membership by paying dues for 2017. Individual memberships are \$20, household \$25, or associate \$15. You can renew online at [www.cdhaherding.org](http://www.cdhaherding.org)

## Upcoming Local 2017 Events:

- **March 19, 2017 - CDHA Herding Instinct Test, RTN Wellington, CO 10 – 12 noon. CDHA Annual Meeting, T-Bar Inn, Wellington, CO 1 PM. CDHA Members Herding Fun Day, RTN Wellington, CO (weather permitting) following the Annual Meeting.**
- April 15 & 16, 2017- BVKC Spring AKC Herding Tests & Trial, Course A, B, and C - all levels on sheep/ducks and sheep. HT & PT/PT Boundary tests on sheep & goats. Judges: Darlene Laurin (second test judge Anita Ramsey), closes on April 1, 2015 at 8 PM. Trial Secretary: Ellen Hughes ([herdingsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:herdingsecretary@gmail.com))
- April 28, 2017 - RTN AHBA Trial, HTAD and HTD sheep & ducks, JHD & HCT goats, judge Ken Theus, DVM.
- April 29, 2017 - RTN AHBA Large Flock Ranch Trial, judge Ken Theus, DVM
- April 30, 2017 - RTN BSDCA French Course Trial, judge Ken Theus, DVM
- July 8, 2017 - RTN AHBA Large Flock Ranch Trial, judge TBD
- July 9, 2017 - RTN BSDCA French Course Trial, judge TBD

- July 10, 2017 - BVKC HIC and Farm Dog Certification, judges TBD
- July 12, 2017: RTN AHBA Tests & Trial, HTDs, HTADs course 5 with take pen & gate sort, HRDm, JHDg and HCTg. Judges: TBA
- July 14/15 & 15/16, 2017 - BVKC AKC Herding Tests & Trial. Course A, B and C, all levels on sheep. HT & PT (boundary) tests on sheep. Judges: A & B Both days and Saturday Tests: Cynthia Binder, DVM, C course both days and Sunday Tests: Laura De La Cruz
- **August 5, 2017 – CDHA Demo at the Dog and Pony Show, Larimer County Fair.**
- **August 6, 2017 – CDHA Ranch Dog Gymkhana, Larimer County Fair. Details to come!**
- Thursday, September 28, 2017 - RTN AHBA Ranch Trial. HRDs & HRDm (sheep & goats) all levels. Judges: TBA
- Friday, September 29, 2017 - RTN Fall AHBA Herding Trial & Tests. HTADs all levels course 5 with take pen & gate sort (sheep) shed (ducks), JHDg & HCT goats or sheep. Judge: TBD
- Saturday September 30, 2017 - Herding for The Cure benefit for Hope Lives. Events include Chili Cookoff and Sheep Herder's Olympics following the completion of the AKC trial.
- September 30 & October 1, 2017- BVKC Fall AKC Herding Tests & Trial, Course A, B, and C - all levels on sheep/ducks and sheep. HT & PT/PT Boundary tests on sheep or goats. Judges: TBD, trial both days & tests on Saturday. Tests on Sunday, TBD.
- **October 27, 2017 – CDHA Conformation Show, Island Grove Park, Greeley. Details to come!**
- December 9 & 10, 2017 – CDHA AKC Herding Trial & Tests, Ranchway Indoor Arena at The Ranch/Larimer County Fairgrounds, Loveland CO. Judge: TBA

## LOOKING FOR CDHA ONLINE?

Our website - [www.cdhaherding.org](http://www.cdhaherding.org)

Facebook - @Continentaldivideherdingassociation

Yahoo members group page – [cdha\\_membership@yahoo.com](mailto:cdha_membership@yahoo.com)

*Continental Divide Herding Association is an AKC Herding organization that is dedicated to the advancement of all herding breeds through the promotion of herding tests/trials and seminars along the Front Range of Colorado under the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club.*

*In addition to hosting herding trials/tests in December annually, CDHA sponsors various herding instinct tests and demonstrations through-out the year. This organization of approximately 50 members actively promotes the sport of livestock herding.*

## Breed Showcase

The Bearded Collie, affectionately called the Beardie, was developed in Scotland as a herding dog. Its ancestors likely included herding dogs from the European continent, such as the Poland Lowland Sheepdog (Polski Owczarek Nizinny) and the Komondor, blended with the sheep herding dogs of the British Isles. It was developed as an independent worker, able to make decisions concerning the welfare and safety of its charges without depending on the shepherd, who might be miles away. The Beardie is still used as a shepherd's helpmate — not only in its native Scotland, but all over the world.

Due to its heritage, the Beardie can exhibit a range of styles from very upright and loose-eyed to silent with moderate to stronger eye. They have the innate ability to handle all types of stock. The loose-eyed Beardie tends to work closer to the stock and in a more upright position than a dog with more eye. Some Beardies can be vocal and must not be penalized when the bark is used by the dog to move or control stock; expect Beardies to respond to a challenge from the stock with a force bark and bounce, using grip only when warranted. Most Beardies will work silently when more accustomed to working stock; a few may use a consistent “work bark” while moving the stock.



## Thank You!!!

- Lori for running the Barn Hunt trials!
- MJ for volunteering at many CDHA Barn Hunt events!
- Julie for organizing the Ranch Dog Gymkhana at the Larimer County Fair!
- Patti and Suzanne for organizing the December herding trials/tests!

2016 Board Members:

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News to report for the next newsletter? Suggests for the next issue?

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