



# BARKS FROM

## President's Message

Happy Winter!! My winter wish for you all is a wonderful holiday season full of love, laughter, friends/family and relaxation. I hope you had a great year both in and out of the rings n whelping boxes n have exciting plans for the new year.

Thanks to all who participated in the yearly Christmas Party n made it so much fun and thanks to those who helped at our winter point show n cluster clean up... it only works because of you! I look forward to seeing you all next year!!

Cheryl



## From the Editor

Please submit items for Barks, including brags, to [ClancyPBGV@gmail.com](mailto:ClancyPBGV@gmail.com) by February 10. I'm happy to include photos as space permits if they are submitted in JPG format. All submissions must be electronic and formatted to allow for copying and pasting.

-Submitted by Megan Esherick

## Calendar of Events:

12/20 7 pm therapy dogs at Berks Heim

1/3 General Meeting

2/7 Banquet

2/10 Barks Deadline

Sunshine -- nothing

Breeder Referral -- 4 contacts -- 2 for breeding Berner; second email was a clarification as he has a male

2 contacts for Basset Hound breeders

TV Show -- November show was Kristine Kitsch with Rhodesian Ridgebacks

December show was Erica Venier with Cavalier Spaniels

ALSO -- Collected at the Christmas Party for ARL --

Dog Items -- 15 lb bag of Iams, 11 cans of Purina, 2 jars of PB, 37 oz container of Milk Bone Soft treats, 16 oz bottle of Oatmeal conditioner; 16 oz bottle of KennelSol disinfectant, dental dog toy, 5 Xmas stuffed dog toys, 14 bags of various training treats, med pop up soft kennel

Cat Items -- 14 lb box of Super Scoop Litter, 2 ball toys, snugarooz cat toy; cat teaser wand

Plus - \$28 in cash

Thanks to all who donated.

It is awards time again for 2023

Titles in front of your dog's name and those behind

What I need is the FULL name of your dog (Titles included) and the FULL name of the title won. Also your name

I also need to know if you want a plaque or certificate. Please check the awards section of the policy book to see what you can have.

If you can e-mail this info to me at [Melcairn@verizon.net](mailto:Melcairn@verizon.net)

All titles must be in my hands by Monday 1/8/2024

Any questions call or e-mail me

Diane K Ondo  
AKC Breeder of Merit- AKC Judge  
Melrose Cairn Terriers & Japanese Chins  
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Our BCKC Awards Banquet will be held Wednesday February 7th, 2024 at Mimmo's at 290 Morgantown Rd, Reading PA 19611. We'll have a lovely private room and buffet choices will be decided later. Again, members with sufficient points are free and others will pay. More info later.

Barbara McLaughlin

BCKC Scholarship info is being mailed to our county high schools and if you know of high school seniors pursuing a future education in animal sciences, please ask them to check with their guidance department or myself.

Barbara McLaughlin

### **Member Brags and Bitches**

From Megan Esherick:

CH AGCH MACH8 Clancy's Pumpkin Spice Ale VCD1 BN RAE MXG2 PDS MJC2 PJS MFG TQX T2B5 BCAT ACT2 SWA SCE SBE PCMH THDN CGCA TKP became the first Agility Grand Champion PBGV on October 27 and finished her MACH 8 title on November 25. Spice placed third in the Northeast Agility Championship Finals at the Thanksgiving Cluster.

CH C-SNITCH Skycastle Waldhorn of Gebeba VCD1 BN RE MX MXJ T2B NF NAP NJP SWM SHDE PCSH CGCA TKA earned his CPE Sniffing Team Champion title on November 18. Wally is the first PBGV to earn this title.

From Dave Esherick:

MACH5 C-SNITCH RATCH Rainyday's Singapore Silk Torpedo CD BN RAE MXC MJC MJP MFP PADS PJS T2B4 MFS SWM SHDE FCAT THDE CGCA earned her C-SNITCH title on October 15 and made the finals for the Northeast Agility Championship.

**“Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they're worthless,  
but because they’re priceless!”**

On Wednesday, December 6th the Berks County Kennel Club participated in the Winter Blast Cluster at the Expo Center in Oaks, PA. This was our third year of involvement in this cluster, and again it proved to be a success for our club. However this would not be possible without the support from club volunteers on both Wednesday (show day) and Sunday (cluster clean-up day). I’d like to thank **Cheryl Burns, Barbara McLaughlin, Michelle Oswald, Kate Kurtz, Diane Undo, Bob Rynkiewicz, Paula Fultz, Judy Swanson, Laura Jones, and Christine Kitsch (and her husband)** for showing up and/or giving graciously of your time and talents.

As you may or may not know, each year we offer a Holiday Lottery Tickets Tinsel Tree Raffle which has always been successful and fun, and adds a bit of extra income for this show. This year was no exception and as a bonus, Laura Jones donated a brand new crate which we added to our raffle items. Thanks Laura, for being so thoughtful and generous.



Our point shows are in the process of being scheduled for 2024 and I have agreed to remain the chairperson for both of these events. I can’t stop now, I’ve just gotten the hang of it! If anyone has any judge suggestions please send me an email. All prospects will be considered.



Many thanks to Christine Kitsch for volunteering to chair our breakfast hospitality for the September show. We are still looking for a Trophy Chairperson. If you are interested or have any questions about the position please contact me or Michelle Oswald. Michelle will be available for the transition to a new chairperson.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

Peace, Denise Hileman  
BCKC Show Chairperson