

BCCA Herding Mentor Program for AKC Conformation Judges.

Purpose. Mentors can assist AKC conformation judges learn how characteristics of the Bearded Collie as described in the Breed Standard relate to herding work. While the herding committee recognizes that modern Beardies rarely have the original working conditions available in a non-agrarian society, the breed standard was originally developed for working dogs.

Herding Mentor Qualifications. A Bearded Collie Herding Mentor for AKC conformation judges must meet all qualifications listed below.

1. Has personally trained and trialed at least one of their own Bearded Collies through all levels in AKC including the level of the HX on either sheep or cattle in AKC trials
2. Has continued to train and trial their own Bearded Collies at other levels in AKC trials, or in any other recognized herding trial program offered in North America.
3. Has been a member of the BCCA for a minimum of 5 years.

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The best locations to observe a number of Beardies in AKC herding events are at the national specialties or regional specialties that hold herding trials.

1. **National Specialties:**
 - a. 2011 - Herding Test, Trial including A course ducks and sheep, and possibly instinct tests to be held in New Braintree, MA at Two Shadows Farm on Sat and Sun, October 1 and 2, 2011. Judges: Gerard Baudet and Anne Marie Ely.
 - b. 2012 - Herding Test/Trial/ and or/ Instinct Test to be held in Southern California on Saturday October 6 & Sunday October 7, 2012. The site has not yet been arranged for. Judges – Joel Levinson and Adrian Lopez.
2. **Regional Clubs**
 - a. June 8, 2011. Northern Ca Bearded Collie Fanciers. Vacaville, CA. 2 trials. Course A, ducks and sheep.
 - b. Great Plains Bearded Collie Club, Omaha, Nebraska
 - i. May 7 & 8 (Limit 40 sheep) Saturday: Alan Koebke, Sunday: Jim Buzzard
 - ii. June 3, 4, 5 (Limit 40 sheep) Friday: Scott Lucken, Sat. Sherol Hathaway, Sun. Sean Hathaway

- iii. October 21, 22, 23 (Limit 50 sheep) Friday Rick Hardin, Saturday Lucinda Hawks, Sunday Joyce Norris

3. **Other Trials**

- a. May 28-30, 2011. All Breed Herding Club of Western Washington. Gig Harbor, WA. Course A, ducks, sheep, cattle; Course B, ducks, sheep; Course C
- b. July 15-17, 2011. Pacific NW Herding Club. Battle Ground, WA. Courses A & B, ducks and sheep; Course C, sheep

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