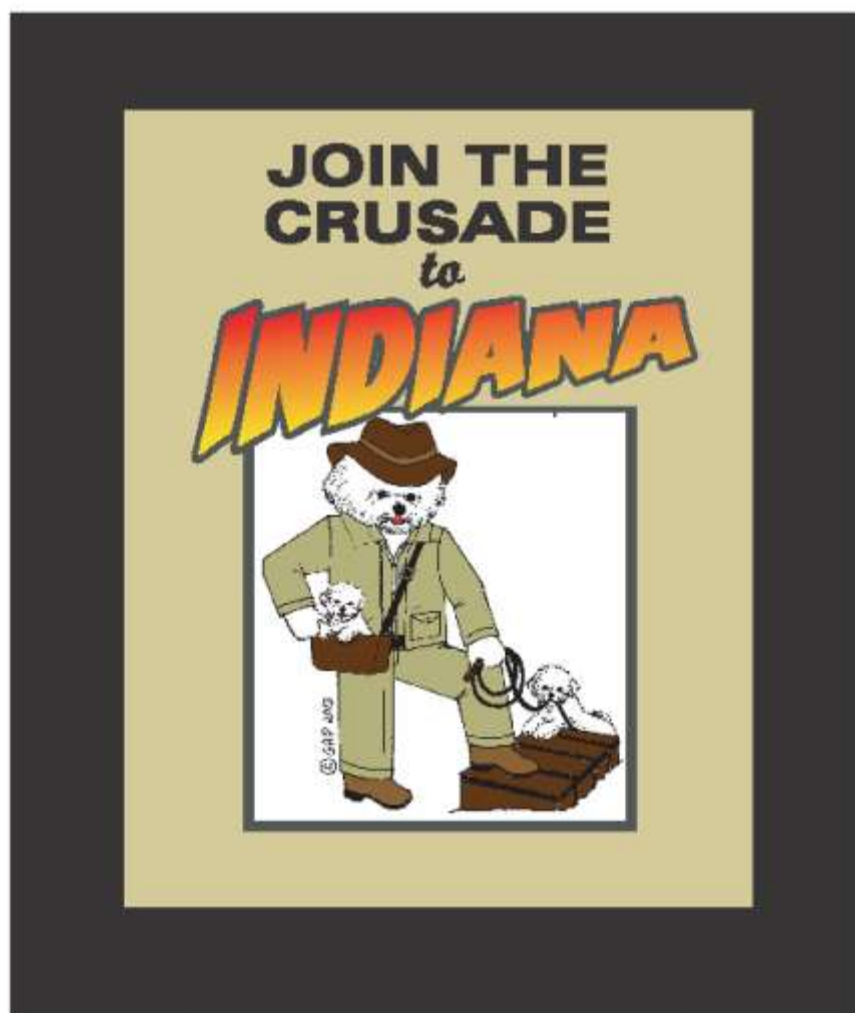


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**Minutes of the 49th Annual Meeting of
The Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.
MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
INDIANAPOLIS, IN**

Roll Call

Abbott, Paula	Haines, Carol	Noonan, Nancy
Abbott, Matt	Halstead, Vickie	Orvos-Russell, Robyn
Adams, Cynthia	Hamilton, Richard	Paulson, Karen
Agrusa, Paula	Hamilton, Shirley	Potts, Terrell
Andrew, Kathy	Hanson, Kieth	Pritchard, Harriet
Anneser, Susan	Hanson, Sandra	Ramich, Lynn
Antetomaso, Gail	Harker, Betty A	Ribble, Betty
Ball, Wendy	Hendricks, Paula	Ross, Linda
Beckham, Judy	Hollan, Debbie	Rowe PhD, Linda
Blair, Cheryl	Huddle, Virginia	Rubin, Joanne
Blanding, Mayno	Hunkins, Sharon	Savage, Betsy
Carlton, Lorrie	Hunter, Dale	Scarborough, Shauna
Chesbro, Howard	Kennedy, Sheri	Shetzer, Alan
Chesbro, Karen	Kern, Zandra I	Shetzer, Jan
Day, Rick	Lamb, Deborah L	Sikes, George
Dorris, Patricia	Lamb, Steven N	Sikes, Avanel
Endo, Lillian	Letsche DVM, Larry	Swindle, Sue
Erickson, Daniel	Lockwood, Kim	Uva, Stephanie
Feldman, Sheila	Loynachan, Kathleen	Van Keuren, Lindsay
Fitch, Anna	Mathog, Deena	Vogel, Kathie
Fitch, Larry	McDonald, Loretta	Wallace, Robert
Fry, Lee	McDonald, Nancy	Wallace, Brenda
Gibb, Debra	McFarlane, Diana	Wotton, Myra
Glass, Jean	McNamara, Judy	Zhen, Luo
Goldman, Pam	Monson, Dena	
Graeber, Karen	Newton, Shyla	
Gryan, Nita	Ng, Koon Keung	

Total members present: 78

The meeting was called to order by Kieth Hanson, President, at Windham Indianapolis West at 1:10 pm on May at 10:10am on May 10, 2013. Roll was taken with 78 members present and a quorum was declared by the Recording Secretary.

The president expressed his hopes for all having an enjoyable weekend.

A motion by Larry Letsche was made to approve the 2012 Annual Meeting minutes as printed in the Summer Bulletin and was seconded and approved.

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NEW MEMBERS

The president asked each new member and their sponsor to stand as their names were called:

Jan & Alan Shetzer, sponsors Myra Wotton/Betty Ribble
Steve & Debbi Lamb, sponsors Lynn Ramich/Polly Street
Mr. Shin and Mrs. Lee, sponsors Rick Day/Harriet Pritchard
Mary Ann Clark, sponsors Laura Purnell/Laura Huddleston
Paul Agrusa, sponsors Ceil Ruggles/Paula Hendricks
Regina Herman, sponsors Maggie Hyde Sherwood/Kathie Vogel
Sheri Kennedy, sponsors Sherri Watts/Sue Swindle
Cheryl Blair, sponsors Dale Hunter/Sandra Greenway
Zandra Kern, sponsors Gail Antetomaso/Lynn Ramich
Viva Luo & Roy Ng, sponsors Joanne Rubin/Ceil Ruggles

The president welcomed the new members and expressed the hope that each would have a chance to meet current members and, more importantly, that they were made to feel at home by the membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Judy McNamara

The Treasurer's Books were verified and found in order by George Sikes.

The ending balance as of May 1, 2012 was \$28,224.56. The specialty income is \$40,741.67 **which includes last year's specialty and this year's to date. The total income for the year is \$65,213.16.** The specialty expenses are \$41,947.90 which includes last years and this year to date. Our expenses for the year were \$60,541.64 for a net income of \$4,670.52. Checking account balance is \$32,895.08, PayPal is \$500 and our business savings are \$35,104.91. The interest on these savings is \$17.44. Total funds as of 4/30/13 are \$68,517.43.

There is significant Health-related financial information which will be reported on by the Health Committee later in the meeting.

BOARD MEETING DISCUSSIONS

Kieth began with discussion of old business reserving new business as well as the committee reports for later in the meeting.

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- A committee was formed of Karen Chesbro, Gail Antetomaso and Judy McNamara to review, revise and reorganize the membership application and sponsor forms. They will be available in the upcoming Bulletin. The changes included:
 - *Stressing sponsor involvement. The board hopes that sponsors will try to give as much information about the applicants as possible especially as we try to broaden the membership base.
 - *Broaden participation of rescue and performance events
 - *If you have questions or comments as you review the new forms in the bulletin, feel free to ask the Board.
- The BFCA website has been revamped and a lot more user friendly. A big thanks to Deb Gibb for her work.
- The Pictorial will no longer be printed but will be online the BFCA website. The cost of producing and shipping it out was around \$3,000.

BFCA/RESCUE TRUST REPORT - Gail Antetomaso, Lynn Ramich and Matt Abbott

Matt Abbott is the new treasurer of the rescue effort. Lynn introduced a new member, **Zandra Kern, who is Lynn's right-hand** for rescue in the Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Virginia and DC area. More dogs are surrendered from that area than any other.

We are getting older dogs which Rescue has usually been able to place after some re-training. Their older owners were not consistent with house breaking or with feeding appropriately. The Rescue foster parents need to do a lot of rehabilitation to have an adoptable Bichon. The only two they have not been able to place are two Bichons with diabetes. They were rescued before their illnesses were known. A brood bitch was rescued which was later found to have an aggressive form of cancer which gives her about 2 years to live. We have one dog with a temperament problem with whom Zandra is working. One little boy has a congenital eye problem with one eye removed and another to follow. A hoarding situation was found in Cincinnati and an attending vet called asking for help. BFCA Rescue committed to taking the Bichon which when seen was found to be a Soft-Coated Wheaten. All in all, rescue has slowed except for 10 which were surrendered the weekend before the National.

Matt Abbott presented the financial report for rescue. On May 4th, the ending balance was \$28,398. There was an additional \$426 in PayPal. Income was \$9,250. Expenses are \$12,955 of which 85% was vet bills. So we are down about \$3,700. The Maryland Bichon Res-

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cue donated \$10,000 to BFCA Rescue from their fund-raising activities.

Gail thanked Lynn and Matt for their hard work. She reported that we are still looking for fosters. It was suggested that new puppy owners be asked to help in this area. The rescue committee helps with training of new fosters. A volunteer can do as much or as little as they want.

Phyllis Peppard made bracelets that will be in the Raffle and Silent Auction. The money they raise will go to Rescue.

Kieth praised the Rescue group for their wonderful job. BFCA is very fortunate to have this group working on behalf of Bichons.

HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT - Nancy McDonald

Nancy started with good news and bad news. The bad news is that Lisa Des Camps is leaving the committee. The good news is that Joanne Rubin and Sheryl Kapella are joining. They will be great assets and hard workers. The money that is spent for research is an investment in the future. The critical decision for granting funds is that the study must relate to the Bichon. The study on bladder stones has identified a solid carrier variant which supports the bladder stone occurrence in male Schnauzers. But with the Bichons it is different. The variant only appears in 20% of the dogs tested so far. The study indicates that there may be a second variant present. More participants will probably be needed—please take part if asked. The full report will be in the Bulletin.

The Health Committee found two studies this year that looked promising. The committee **was not able to use the Pauline Schultz fund since we couldn't find a patella study.** However, a study was found that does research in identifying stem cells which are the most critical in regeneration of the stifle tissue after injury. After approval by DeeDee Sorenson, the grant was awarded.

Our Donor Fund which is matched by the AKC defines the specific canine bacteria found in canine periodontal problem. The BFCA donations help with these types of studies.

The BFCA has also joined the Purina Partnership whereby those who purchase Purina Pro-Plan for their dogs through the partnership result in a 5% donation by Purina to BFCA.

The big excitement this year is the calendar project. Paula Hendricks presented the information for this great project. Receipts are going to go the BFCA club, rescue and health fund. Only 13 of the beautiful Bichons were able to be in the calendar. Those Bichons were

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chosen first on their CHIC and/or 5-Star certifications. All were chosen based on being National Specialty winners and the top ten winners from June 2012. All submitters paid to have their Bichon in the catalog and everyone was thanked by Paula.

The Health Committee members were also thanked: Lisa Des Camps, Vickie Halstead, Nancy McDonald, and Paula Hendricks. Paula Agrusa whose professional expertise resulted in such a beautiful calendar was given special thanks. Also thanked was Deb Gibb for her work with the website and Facebook; Judy McNamara helped with all of the financial issues; and Matt Abbott who takes care of all the money issues for the sales of this calendar; Bernice Lucas has been in charge of the Canada sales and Brenda Wallace is in charge of US sales.

Local clubs were encouraged to buy a case of calendars to sell at a \$4.00 profit in their club area. Posters are also available to be posted in grooming shops, vets, etc.

JUDGES EDUCATION - Lorrie Carlton

The Judges Education Chair was also praised for the seminar held earlier in the day. Kieth felt it was one of the finest seminars, extremely well organized and informative, that he had seen. A big thanks goes to Lorrie Carlton.

2013 SPECIALTY UPDATE - Lillian Endo

Lillian welcomed everyone and reported the Boxers are gone. The show room is a mess and patience is requested while it is vacuumed and the plastic laid. Please bring any issues directly to Lillian and she will work with the hotel staff. Lillian offered a big thank you to all her committee members.

AUCTION REPORT - Katherine Dillon

Kat asked for a show of hands for those who were at Atlanta where the first auction was held. This oil painting was originally donated by Diane Ayres herself to that auction and depicted a small boy with a fishing pole accompanied by his Bichon. It was won by Judy McNamara after hard-fought bidding against Gene Mills. This charming piece has been donated by Judy and will be offered in the Silent Auction.

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We now have the capability of offering payment by credit card.

Paula Abbott has agreed to be the chair for the Raffle and Silent Auction next year and Kat will assist.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Our unopposed slate of officers for the coming term as published in the Bulletin is:

Judy McNamara - President

Gail Antetomaso- Vice President

Lillian Endo - Treasurer

Diana McFarlane - Recording Secretary

Nancy Noonan—Corresponding Secretary

Directors: Kat Dillon, Karen Chesbro, Shauna Scarborough, Keith Hanson, Myra Wotton,
Kathy Andrew

There being no opposing slate, the President requested that the Recording Secretary cast one vote for the proposed slate. Myra Wotton and Kathy Andrew, the two new members were introduced.

Kieth then thanked the two retiring Board members: Lisa Des Camps who has been instrumental in bringing up our website as well as the Pictorial and many other areas where she has provided her help. Avanel Sikes who has served on the Board for sixteen years, ten as treasurer, four as president and two as director. Avanel has done incredible work for the board, has brought the Treasurer position up to the outstanding condition it is now. She will be missed but she deserves her retirement.

Kieth then introduced the new President, Judy McNamara, presenting her with the gavel.

Judy greeted the members and announced that the reserve winners will receive a three-point major which has recently been approved by AKC. She also informed the members that the Membership directory will be printed and mailed on election years only. Changes to addresses, phone numbers and email will continue to appear in the Bulletin.

Judy introduced Avanel and George Sikes for the 2014 Specialty report. This duo will be the show chairs for the 2014 National at Houston. Avanel reported the Specialty will be at the Sheraton Houston. The conformation and junior showmanship will be judged by Toby Frisch and sweepstakes and our special attraction, Bred-by-Exhibitor, will be judged by Wendy Kellerman.

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We will be returning to our Thursday - Friday format on May 1-2. The Houston local club will be holding back-to-back specialties on May 3-4 in the same location. Judy Beckham gave the particulars known to date on the shows. Further details will be posted on the Bichon website.

PRESIDENTS CLOSING REMARKS

Judy announced that there will be a 4-6 month puppy class included in the National Specialty.

In 2015, we will be in Topeka, KS on Thursday and Friday with two all-breed shows following. The hotel is a convention center and is connected to the show arena down a hall. Onofrio does superintend these shows in the same ring as the National show. Our judges are under contract and they are Edd Bivin and Rick Day.

Judy wrapped up the meeting with the following information.

- Annual Parchments will be available at the catalog table Saturday and Sunday. Please pick them up and save the club the postage.
- Cocktail hour is 5:30, dinner at 6:30.
- The local clubs will meet with Karen Graeber.
- CGC testing will be on Saturday after judging in the show room. Pam Goldman will be the tester.
- Calendars are on sale.
- Regarding the picture in the Silent Auction, Judy noted that it is special because of Diane Ayres who has done a great deal for this club.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.

2012/13 Annual Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report—Judy McNamara

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA

Treasurer's Report

Financial Statement Beginning May 1, 2012 and Ending April 30, 2013

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CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE MAY 1, 2012			\$28,224.56
INCOME:			
National Specialty			
2012	\$25,441.67		
2013	<u>15,300.00</u>	\$40,741.67	
Health			
Donations	\$ 1,790.00		
Calendar	<u>8,440.00</u>	10,230.00	
Dues		10,565.99	
Sales		660.50	
Breeders Directory		2,690.00	
Membership Apps		225.00	
Miscellaneous		<u>100.00</u>	
Total Income			\$65,213.16
EXPENSES:			
National Specialty			
2012	\$32,389.25		
2013	<u>9,558.65</u>	\$41,947.90	
Bulletin		\$ 1,124.08	
AKC Delegate		2,247.15	
PayPal		137.72	
Sales		152.25	
Insurance		1,635.00	
Judges Education		50.16	
Printing		1,308.33	
Ads		130.00	
Tax Return Preparation		500.00	
Telephone		106.22	
Dues and Fees		60.00	
Miscellaneous		57.45	
Treasurer's Expense		153.72	
AKC Flyer		74.46	
Webmaster		599.00	
Web Hosting		107.88	
Hurricane Sandy Relief		250.00	
Health Fund			
Printing	27.32		
CFH Grant From			
P. Schultz Fund	\$ 2,500.00		
Calendars	<u>7,374.00</u>	<u>9,901.32</u>	
Total Expense			<u>60,542.64</u>
NET INCOME			<u>4,670.52</u>
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE APRIL 30, 2013			\$32,895.08

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Treasurer's Report Continued—

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE APRIL 30, 2013		\$32,895.08
PAYPAL BALANCE		500.00
BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE APRIL 30, 2012	\$35,104.91	
Interest income	<u>17.44</u>	
BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE APRIL 30, 2013		<u>\$35,122.35</u>
TOTAL FUNDS APRIL 30, 2013		<u>\$68,517.43</u>

JUDY MCNAMARA, TREASURER APRIL 30, 2013

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
 Member of the American Kennel Club, Inc.

May 1, 2012 - May 1, 2013

During the last few months, Gail Antetomaso, Judy McNamara, and I have been working on an updated online application form along with a new online sponsor form which better reflects the newly relaxed requirements for membership in the BFCA. We researched applications of other parent clubs and took ideas from them which we felt would work for the BFCA, and added our new areas of interest together with our previous requirements of being a breeder.

The new application now includes rescue, performance, and therapy questions in addition to the breeder areas on past forms. The sponsor form reminds them more intensely of their responsibilities toward the applicant. Sponsors are asked for a serious commitment to become a mentor. It also asks for the sponsor to provide the most comprehensive information possible so that the Board can make a more informed decision on membership. We rely heavily on sponsor information because we do not always have knowledge of the applicant ourselves.

The new application and sponsor forms were approved by the Board of Directors in late March 2013. These forms are currently being used and seem to be working well. I would like to thank Deb Gibb for her part in setting up the forms for use online. Of course, many thanks go to Gail and Judy as their input was invaluable in the completion process. Many hours went into this effort. Thank you also to Kieth for his assistance and suggestions.

Because it took many hours to complete the revisions of these forms, work on updating the membership information provided online is still ongoing. This will hopefully be completed soon.

Finally, there were more applicants this year (May to May) than last year and there are an additional 3 being processed currently. The actual numbers are as follows:

	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>
New Members Welcomed	14	6
Applications being processed	3	5

Respectfully Submitted,
 Karen Chesbro
 Membership Administrator

Sweepstakes & Special Attraction Critique—Dale Hunter

It has indeed been an honor and privilege to judge the 38th BFCA Sweepstakes and Special Attraction Bred By Competition. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the hard working Show Committee, the Officers of The Club, and the Fanciers that took the time, effort and financial commitment to show their lovely Bichons to me.

I judged the 25th BFCA Sweepstakes, thirteen years ago and I must say that the overall quality of our puppies has improved in many ways, such as in coat, head, temperament, and uniformity in size.

SWEEPSTAKES

Puppy Dogs 6 mos and under 8mos

1 - Beribboned Mission at Skyfall with Kaden

Gorgeous head, lovely dark eye and black halos that completed the picture, excellent handling and presentation

2- Brereton's Rise and Shine

Well balanced, excellent presentation, very free on the move, pushed no 1.

Puppy Dogs 8 mos and under 10 mos

1 - Belle Creek's Illusionist

attractive proportions, lovely expression, very free movement

2 - Judges Choice One Block Over

Lovely presentation, very confident on the move, also very close decision between 1 and 2

Puppy Dogs 10 mos and under 12 mos

1 - Victoire's Basil Pesto

Beautiful expression, moved out well, loved his outline, nice size

2 - Belle Creek's French Fry de Coquette

Lovely balance with reach and drive

Puppy Bitches 6 mos and under 8 mos

1 - Clas Haus Simply Irresistible of Escapade

Well balanced moving on the go round, nice size, lovely head, more mature on the day than no 2

2 - Absolutely Affinity G' Day

Good angulation front and rear, moved well nicely balanced bitch, good pigment

Sweepstakes & Special Attraction Critique Con't—Dale Hunter

Puppy Bitches 8 mos and under 10 mos

1 - Judges Choice Strolling the Avenue

Moved out well, lovely presentation, well proportioned head with a dark eye

2 - Clashaus Bridgit New to Escapade

Very attractive bitch, good head carriage

Puppy Bitches 10 mos and under 12 mos

1 - Vogelflights Taywyn a Toast to You

Lovely head, beautiful balance and with correct layback of shoulder, nice rear, love her size

2 - Musicbox 7 for a Secret

Moved out well, lovely head, kept a good topline on the go round.

Best in Sweepstakes

Beribboned Mission at Skyfall with Kaden

He is a very exciting young dog, which I am sure has a great future ahead of him

Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes

VogelflightsTaywyn a Toast to You

She has great movement, just needs a little more confidence. She went on to Winners Bitch and Best Puppy in Show.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION—BRED BY EXHIBITOR

Dogs 12mos and under 15mos

1 - Belle Creek's All I Care About is Love

Nicely balanced, lovely movement, excellent presentation

2 - Four Oak's I'm Sexy and I Know It

Good coat well proportioned in body

Dogs Open

1 - Overtop Precision Magic

Beautifully presented, lovely proportions, sound in movement, very good pigment

2 - Clas Haus Having a Good Time

Nice proportions, showed well, moved with enthusiasm

Dogs Champion

1 - Ch. GCh. Absolute Affinity Agrape Bullet Proof

Lovely presentation moved very well coming and going, and with an impressive profile

Sweepstakes & Special Attraction Critique Con't—Dale Hunter

Dogs Champion Con't

2 - Ch. Bell Creek's Flight to Dejavu

Good construction giving nice reach and drive, showed very well effortless movement, pretty head

Bitches 12 mos and under 15 mos

1 - Belle Creek's All That Jazz

Very balanced, nice expression, very feminine

2 - Jabree's Dazzling Sweeter Than Candy

Lovely expression , good reach and drive on the move

Bitches 15 mos and under 18 mos

1 - Weseman's Running From the Law at Wendan

Good expression, nice tailset

2 - Belle Creek's Click Your Heels

Good movement coming and going, very close decision between 1 and 2

Bitches Open

1 - Gloryb and Overtop's Purple People Eater

Lovely coat, nice proportions, good pigment another splitting of hairs
Between 1 and 2

2 - Fluffette's Party Girl

Nicely presented, lovely coat, very sound bitch that moves well

Bitches Champions

1 - GCH Shyladawn's Timeless Beauty

Her expression melts your heart, beautifully presented

2 - ChGCh Belle Creek's Over the Rainbow

Another lovely bitch, pretty head, moved well

SPECIAL ATTRACTION BRED BY BEST OF BREED

ChGCh Absolute Affinity Agape Bullet Proof

Could not take my eyes of him. He was on, and in it, to win it.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION BRED BY BEST OF OPPOSITE

GCH. Shyladawn's Timeless Beauty

Exquisite bitch, love to take her home. She went on to take an Award of Merit

Officer's Reports

President's Report—Judy McNamara

Greetings from hot and dry Oklahoma. Congratulations to all of the winners in Indianapolis. A big thank you to the membership for your generous support of BFCA this past year. A special thank you to show chair Lillian Endo and all of her show committee for their hard work to make our 2013 Specialty a success.

The board has approved the use of Constant Contact to communicate with the membership and local clubs between quarterly bulletins. We also have a link with Amazon.com. If you purchase items from Amazon through the BFCA website, the club will get a small % of that purchase. Be sure to read the Recording Sec. Report for full details. The new membership guidelines, application and sponsor forms are also in this bulletin. Please familiarize yourself with the new forms. The Health Report contains information on the Purina Partners Program.

The Specialty next year will be in Houston. Show chairs George and Avaneil Sikes are already starting to work. We will be returning to our Thursday-Friday format. Also next year, we will be having our first 4-6 month class. It will be a great way to socialize all of those young babies that were just too young for the sweeps.

The Houston Club will be hosting two back to back specialties on Saturday and Sunday in the same hotel so that will be added chances for 3 major shows. Plan on a big weekend in Houston!

As summer days are here, don't forget to take your dogs out for a walk, a jog or just have a romp in the back yard! Enjoy your time together and why not even earn a CGC title. A polite, confident, trained Bichon is the best ambassador the purebred fancy can have.

Officer's Reports

Secretary Report—Diana McFarlane

The National was brilliant. I hope that all of you that attended had a really amazing time. The Boxers may have preceded us but the Bichons held the hearts of the Wyndham staff. Thanks, Lillian, for a class act.

The board has accomplished quite a lot since May. We have become affiliate partners with Amazon to help fund the club. Look for additional information in this Bulletin under Breaking News. We have also signed up with Constant Contact as tool to help us communicate with you, our members, more frequently. We have used it for legislation alerts and to work with our local clubs so far. The information will come to you from news@bichon.org. Please add this address to your address book or your safe sites to ensure that you get the latest and greatest.

The Annual Membership dues have been sent. Please send your check today. If you have not received a dues notice, contact me at dwmcfarlane@roadrunner.com or call me at 760-434-5730. If you use PayPal and have an address change, I would appreciate an email with the details.

Ballot Proposals 2013 Summer Bulletin

Board Member	Ballot 03-13A	Ballot 04-13A	Ballot 04-13B		Board Member	Ballot 06-13A
			San Diego	Topeka		
Antetomaso, Gail	Approve	Approve		Approve	Andrew, Kathy	Approve
Chesbro, Karen	Approve	Approve		Approve	Antetomaso, Gail	Approve
Des Camps, Lisa	Approve	Approve		Approve	Chesbro, Karen	Approve
Dillon, Katherine	Approve	Approve		Approve	Dillon, Katherine	Approve
Endo, Lillian	Approve	Approve		Approve	Endo, Lillian	Approve
Hanson, Keith	Approve	Approve		Approve	Hanson, Keith	Approve
McFarlane, Diana	Approve	Approve		Approve	McFarlane, Diana	Approve
McNamara, Judy	Approve	Approve		Approve	McNamara, Judy	Approve
Noonan, Nancy	Approve	Approve		Approve	Noonan, Nancy	Approve
Scarborough, Shauna	N/A	Approve		Approve	Scarborough, Shauna	Approve
Sikes, Avaneil	N/A	Approve		Approve	Wotton, Myra	Approve

Ballot 03-13A Membership Application Revision

Ballot 04-13A - The BFCA shall use the PayPal Card Reader at the National and for other events as approved by the Board.

Ballot 04-13B—The site for the 2015 National Specialty.

Ballot 06-13A—The BFCA shall use Constant Contact for club communication.

Committee Reports

Delegate Report George Sikes

Delegate Meeting

The Delegates approved an amendment to the Rules for Pointing Breed Field Trials to permit the Irish Setter Club of America to hold a gun Dog Championship open to walking handlers only.

There was a vote on a proposed amendment to Article VII, Section 1, of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club. This amendment would have precluded any former AKC employee from serving on the Board of Directors. There were not two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was not adopted.

It was reported that AKC had retained the Edelman PR firm to assist in its public relations outreach and communications efforts.

Board Meeting

The Board adopted a procedure for the selection of Conformation Judges Review Committee. The Committee is to consist of two Executive Field Representatives and three judges randomly selected from a Board-approved pool of judges. The full details are in the June 2013 minutes.

The Board approved the creation of a new AKC Community Canine Testing Program which targets the pet-owning public. The program builds on the skills learned in the CGC program. Effective October 1, 2013, dogs that pass the Community Canine test will receive the title of Community Canine (CMC).

The Federacion Canina Dominicana (Dominican Republic) was added to the list of foreign registries with pedigrees acceptable for AKC registration.

The National Owner Handled Series competition may be offered at any independent Conformation Event (All-breed, Group Specialty) beginning with the 2014 qualifying period (October 10, 2013.)

Committee Reports

BFCA 2012 Raffle/Silent Auction

Kat Dillon

Your humble Auction/Raffle Chair went to this year's National with just a bit of trepidation about donations. My fears were will we have enough donations will they be unique items as to entice folks to buy A LOT of Raffle Tickets and or Bid on Items. Shame on ME, have no fear BFCA Member's came through! WAAAAHOOOOOOO

I APPLAUD you, from across the United States and into Canada we received great items! I believe this year we will make more money than last year, that is my gut speaking to you, **it has not been confirmed! But I'm thinking we can trust my gut!**

It really is TEAM WORK that makes this work. Rick Day for instance, no matter how tired he is ALWAYS says yes when asked to help. Rick never fails to make us Laugh and invites us to have FUN! Rick, Mary Spruiell and Wendy Ball start out selling the raffle tickets ahead of time so folks can get their names on them before the evening begins.

Stephanie Uva even changed her airline ticket to be there in time to help set up the raffle, **another CAN DO Attitude! Thanks Steph. Dan Erickson's helped with setting up the Raffle and the Silent Auction as well -and then Dan Volunteered to pack up the Challenge Trophies, which is quite a job—thanks Dan.**

A HUGE thank you goes to Paula Abbott, not only for your help setting up of the Raffle and Auction but for agreeing with "enthusiasm" to become the new Chair Person for the Raffle/Silent Auction—Rick Day and I will be still be part of it, we are not going anywhere but she **will be The Boss...! Thank you Paula.**

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, A Big Shout Out to you ALL who donated; there would be NO RAFFLE OR SILENT AUCTION without YOU! This is the only way our Club makes money to **continue putting on the National. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL...Kat Dillon**

Friendship Committee

Laura Purnell

We have sent out two sympathy cards since last quarter. One was sent to Wendy Ball upon the death of Wendy's mother and another was sent to Sandra Wienke upon the death of her husband. We also sent a get well card to Jean Glass.

Please continue to keep me informed if any member needs a card for any reason.

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Bulletin Report Shauna Scarborough

I am in need of covers for the bulletins. If you can do some sketches for me, I would truly appreciate it.

2013 National Specialty Lillian Endo

I hope everyone had a great time at the 2013 National Specialty in Indianapolis! This event always manages to be so successful and organized because of the great teamwork of the BFCA Board and the support and help of all of our dedicated members! I cannot thank all of you enough!!! It just shows how the love we all possess for our bichons brings us together for a great event and cause. I look forward to continue working with all of you in future Specialties.

Thank you again and see you in Texas!!

Sales Report Kathy Loynachan

Thank you, thank you, thank you for supporting the BFCA table during the specialty. We did very well thanks to you and hopefully you are enjoying your purchases. I brought many calendars to Iowa with me and am just waiting for you to put in your order. They would make great gifts for those who purchase a puppy from you and remember the profits go into the health fund, so we all benefit, especially our little white critters. As usual, Gayle Sarnier's note cards and her prints were good sellers and we appreciate the good prices Gayle gives us on her artwork. We appreciate all of the help our artists give our club.

The BFCA board is considering several new items to add to our sales page on the club web site. Within the next couple of months, I hope we have some new items for you to enjoy and for your Christmas shopping. Please keep checking the sales page for these new items.

Have a great fall and remember BFCA when doing your Holiday shopping!!

Committee Reports

Membership—Karen Chesbro

Membership Report—Summer 2013

New Member (Sponsors)

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(Gail Antetomaso & Lynn Ramich)

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Cheryl Blair
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(Dale Hunter & Sandra Greenway)

Luo Zhen(Viva) & Ng Koon Keung(Roy)
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(Ceil Ruggles & Joanne Rubin)

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New Member Applicants (Sponsors)

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All BFCA members are invited to send comments (both pro & con) regarding applicants. Comments must be received by the Recording Secretary, Diana McFarlane 3606 Haverhill St. Carlsbad, CA 92008-2174 forddiana@roadrunner.com by AUGUST 1, 2013.

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Obedience—Linda Ferrullo

Obedience and Rally

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer! Congratulations to all that had entered the BFCA Obedience and Rally competition on 5/11/2013 and Thank You to Judge Ms. Patricia A. Strong for Judging! High In Trial was earned by CH. Petit Ami's Nobel Art CDX TDX VCD1 with a score from the Utility B class with a 189.5. He is owned by Barbara A. Chaffin and Paula Hendriks.

Risgae's Camillia Blossom's Valley Girl CD was close behind from the Novice B class with a score of 189 to take 1st place in the Novice B class and owned by Beverly M. Keeling. CH. Rayburn Yoannewyn Mitzies Bella Mia owned by Marie Rayburn took 2nd place in the Novice B ring and also 1st in the Rally Novice B class. Novice A class was won by That's My Favorite All Star and also 2nd place in the Rally Novice A class owned by Julie & Dave Adams and Darlene & David Scheiris.

Rally Excellent and Rally Advanced B was won by Chase Your Dream CD RAE and owned by Linda Freidline, 2nd place in Rally Advanced B went to Camelot's Attractive Nuisance RN CD CGC and owned by Pam Goldman. Rally Novice A class was won by Shkays Fenugreek of Vogel Flight owned by Sheila Feldman & Kathie Vogel.

Effective June 1, 2013 Rally is now considered a separate AKC event and is not tied to any other AKC event. AKC member clubs may now hold Rally Trials without regard to the number of Obedience Trials they are also holding. Since Rally entries are dropping, I am not sure this is such a good idea but some clubs may consider this wonderful. The AKC also approved an AKC Rally National Championship, and amended the regulations to provide for it. The first event will be held in the Spring of 2014 in conjunction with the Companion Events Extravaganza.

AKC's Canine Good Citizen Program - The CGC Program is designed to recognize owners who have trained their dogs to have good manners at home and in the community. All dogs, including mixed breeds, are eligible and do not have to be registered with the AKC to earn a CGC. Effective January 1, 2013 the CGC became an official title that can appear on the records of dogs registered with the AKC. Before taking the test, owners are required to sign the Responsible Dog Owners Pledge. The CGC test is performed on leash. Dogs wear well fitted buckle or slip collars. Training collars are not permitted (prong, electric) Harnesses may be used. The evaluator checks to be sure that the harness if used is not the type that restricts the dog from pulling or jumping up. The CGC is in 10 parts, pass is the only option and you must pass all 10 tests to qualify for a Canine Good Citizen title certificate.

Test 1: Accepting a friendly stranger. Test 2: Sitting politely for petting. Test 3: Appearance and Grooming. Test 4: Out for a walk (walking on a loose leash.) Test 5: Walking

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through a crowd. Test 6: Sit and Down on Command. Test 7: Come when called. Test 8: Reaction to another dog. Test 9: Reaction to a distraction. and Test 10: Supervised separation.

As of July 1, 2013 the AKC has added 3 new optional titling classes to the obedience world of titles. They are known as the Pre-classes. Because these are optional titling classes they may not be offered at every show. Make sure that you check for it. For the Pre- Novice class and all the pre classes, you have to perform a qualifying score 3 times at licensed trials. There is no Group sit and down in the pre novice class. All the exercises in this class are done like the regular Novice class except there is a sit or down after the recall exercise (judge posts sit or down at start of show) and you walk around the ring and back to your dog like you do in the Beginner Novice class. Your dog will earn the PCD title when completing 3 qualifying scores. The Pre Open classes are the same as the regular Open class except the jump heights are lowered to half the height, rounded to the nearest multiple of 2" of your dog at the withers. Most Bichons will have to jump 4 " if they are 12" or less. There also are no Group exercises. Qualify 3 times and earn the PCDX title. Pre Utility is the same as the Utility class except the jumps are again half the height of your dog at the withers and rounded to the nearest multiple of 2". The handler also will be allowed to give one verbal command during the signal portion of the utility signal exercise without penalty and on the scent work only 4 leather and 4 metal will be used instead of 5 each as in the regular Utility class. Qualify 3 times and earn the PUTD title.

That's all the news I have. Have a wonderful summer and find the time to practice 10 minutes a day with your dog!

Linda Ferrullo



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Summer 2013

I've been talking about only seniors being relinquished to rescue. It hasn't stopped.

When we take in seniors, there are so many issues in which we have to be aware. No one wants to adopt a dog to find out one or two months later that the dog is in kidney or liver failure. This is the reason we do a senior blood panel on these dogs. If there is an issue, you can honestly tell the adopter. Being open about issues may take a little longer to place the dog but the adopter fully understands what they are adopting. We recently placed an 8 and 11 year old Bichons that were hypothyroid, found from the senior panel. The adopters were fine with it. **If we hadn't done the panel and the placed the dogs, adopters would have complained, asked for part of the adoption donation back or, returned the dog.** Cost of a Senior CBC starts at \$100. If we have to look further and do more testing, we have to add another \$75 or more. Often these seniors have never had dentals. You cannot place a dog whose breath is so bad **that you can't get near the pet. Dentals can cost us anywhere from \$350 to \$900, depending on how bad the teeth are. We've had sweet pets that have had 35 teeth extracted. Finally,** we do urinalysis on all incoming Bichons and we all know why. This can cost \$100. Remember when fecals were \$6? Today fecals are anywhere from \$35 to \$50.

You can see that senior relinquishments can cost us anywhere from \$700 to \$900. If we are lucky, the senior has been well cared for but those dogs seldom come into rescue. Our adoption donation for seniors can be anywhere from \$125 to \$250, depending on age and health of the pet.

Then there are the surprises...which we shouldn't be surprised. Joanne Rubin has started to volunteer for us. We seldom get dogs in Oregon but she volunteered and two suddenly came into rescue. One is 5 year old Hanna. No vet records, owner claimed to have never vetted the dog. We get a very sweet little girl covered in flea dermatitis, a very bad patella and obviously having been bred numerous times. Backyard breeders tend to lie the most. Hanna also needs to be spayed, urinalysis, fecal and her core vaccines. **Nancy Mulkewicz brought in a sweet 11 year old with a fatty tumor the size of a baseball and it's affecting her walking. We were told she had a fatty tumor, we never expected this. So, it's another emergency.**

Long gone are the days when we saved the easy ones. It's not just Bichons, its all breeds. The seniors are wonderful pets. They just want to be loved and feel secure. Sure they cost us a lot more in time, dollars and care, but they really are worth it.

If you can open up your hearts (and pocketbooks), the BFCFACT needs your help. Remember that we are a non-profit public charity and cash donations are tax deductible.

Lynn Ramich



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Regions Bank Balance as of July 08, 2013 \$19,872.30

INCOME

Adoption Rescue	6,550.00
Contribution	2,082.50
Pay Pal Transfer From	3,500.00
Relinquishment Contribution	200.00
TOTAL INCOME	12,322.50

EXPENSES

Vet Expenses For Rescue	22,762.15
Expenses for Rescued Bichon	682.40
Spay Certificate For Rescue	552.00
Tax Preparation Fee	500.00
Check Image Fee	60.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	24,556.55

Prepared By Matt Abbott, BFACT Treasurer

Committee Reports**ROM/ROMX—Dianne Mallon**

REGISTER OF MERIT/REGISTER OF MERIT EXCELLENT AWARDS

Summer 2013 - Submitted as of 7/8/13

Congratulations to the following dogs that have been awarded ROM/ROMX titles:ROMOWNER(S)

GCH CH BI BELOT' S PURPLE HEART O' MI NE

PAULA & MATT ABBOTT *
PAULA HENDRICKS *
BILL DENNIS*Note: * Denotes BFCA member*

Qualifications for ROM/ROMX

It is the responsibility of the Owner of a proposed dog to submit the required information to the ROM/ROMX Chairperson for confirmation. The Owner must be a BFCA member in good standing.

To be eligible for a Register of Merit (ROM) title, the subject dog is to have been the sire of seven (7) or more Champions of Record or the dam of five (5) or more Champions of Record.

To be eligible for a Register of Merit Excellent (ROMX) title, the subject dog is to have been the sire of twenty-five (25) or more Champions of Record or the dam of ten (10) or more Champions of Record.

Application Process

To apply for your ROM/ROMX please submit the following two documents:

- 1) An AKC Progeny Report for the sire or dam, listing the Champions of Record available from the AKC On-Line Store or a copy of publications from the AKC Gazette, AKC Awards, BFCA Banquet Awards Booklets or Bichon Reporters verifying the Champions of Record.
- 2) A copy of current AKC registration, showing all owners of the sire or dam.

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BREAKING NEWS

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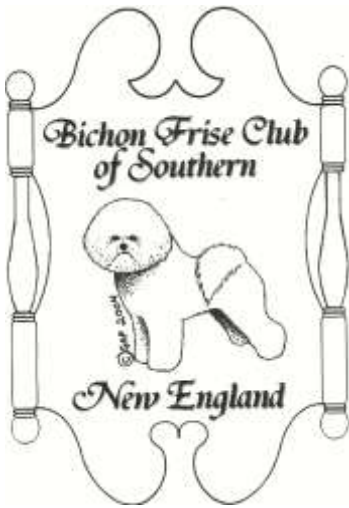
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The easiest Amazon link to find on the [bichon.org](#) website is under the SHOP menu--the link called [AMAZON PARTNER](#). Please bookmark this link or "right click" and drag it to your desktop as a shortcut. Whenever you want to shop at Amazon.com, use this link or shortcut to start shopping so that the BFCA will get credit.

This is a good time to review the Bichon website. We've added more Amazon links and a few banners on several of the pages. For example, do you have new puppy owners? Send them to the Breed Information menu and under the Care and Training section you will find products of interest for the new puppy owner. Or, visit the Grooming Tips page where tools are shown that they might want to purchase. There are also great books on the Suggested Reading page (and some authored by BFCA members).

Remember, there's no need to purchase any of the products you click on at the [bichon.org](#) website. They are just there to prompt you to start your Amazon.com shopping experience from our website. Almost anything you purchase once you are at the Amazon.com website should result in a referral fee to the BFCA at NO COST TO YOU.

This is a great way to support the BFCA. Please refer friends and family to the [bichon.org](#) website and tell them about this unique way of supporting the breed.



2013 BFCSNE Officers & Board: President, Sue Anneser; Vice President, Ginny Humphrey; Corresponding Secretary, Enid Zimble; Treasurer, Karen Chesbro; Recording Secretary, Nancy Noonan; Board Members, Linda Carlson, Gloria DuBois, Carol Dundulis, Chris Murdocco, Gerry Paolillo, Brenda Wallace

Happy Summer! It has come on with a vengeance in the Northeast! Despite the oppressive heat and thanks to an air conditioned building we once again had a very successful 27th annual specialty show on Saturday, July 6 in West Springfield, MA in conjunction with the "Yankee Cluster" shows, five all breed shows with some specialty shows included. Normally we have had our show in November during the Thanksgiving Classic, but this year we decided to try a different time of year. Our entries were up, and no worries about traveling in snowy weather or missing our Thanksgiving turkey because of last minute show preparations. Seemed like a win/win!

Nancy Noonan was our show chair and did a great job working with a new host club in getting all the preparations organized. Thanks so much, Nancy for a job well done. A good time was had by all. Trophies were grooming related items such as L.L. Bean tote bags of various sizes to carry all the winner's show/grooming items. Again this year we had our trade mark mug class trophies with a marching Bichon logo, done by talented artist Gerry Paolillo, suitable for the 4th of July celebration. Thank you Gerry.

Karen Chesbro was our sweeps judge, and our conformation judge was Pat Hastings. Please see the entire list of class placements on INFODOG, Farmington Valley Kennel Club results. Speaking of results, the major winners were as follows:

SWEEPSTAKES: GRAND SWEEPS & BEST PUPPY IN SWEEPS, Judges Choice Strolling the Avenue; BEST OPPOSITE SEX PUPPY IN SWEEPS, Judges Choice One Block over, BEST JUNIOR SWEEPS, Dove-Cotes Dovahkiin; BEST OPPOSITE JUNIOR SWEEPS, Dove-Cotes Bang Zoom to the Moon.

CONFORMATION: BEST OF BREED, GCH Letoile It's All About Me; BEST OF WINNERS, AWARD OF MERIT & WINNERS DOG, Ecco Lormi's True Grit; OPPOSITE SEX, GCH Windstars Rhinestone Cowboy; WINNERS BITCH & AWARD OF MERIT, Dove-Cotes Lucy Lu of Hi Jinx; SELECT DOG, CH Dove-Cotes the Big Easy; SELECT BITCH, Judges Choice Strolling the Avenue; BEST PUPPY, Dove-Cotes Tenerifes Tapioca Puddin; OPPOSITE SEX PUPPY, Grandesign Lorrans Spitfire.

Other events that have been keeping us busy include, our annual awards banquet in November which took place at a Connecticut Olive Garden Restaurant. During our meetings in March, April and May we respectively had a round table discussion concerning heartworm medications and other health related issues, a great grooming seminar presented by our own Karen Chesbro and Chris Murdocco, and a hands on Impulse control seminar presented by some area professionals which included clicker training and other positive methods of teaching and controlling our dogs.

Future plans for the rest of the year include a picnic meeting in September, a handling class in October given by our own Maggie Hyde Sherwood, and participation in another annual "Meet the Breeds" also in October. Our most recent, very successful fund raiser was selling 200 of the BFCA Health calendars for health and rescue which will also enable our club to further support the future of pure bred dogs. Thanks to all our members who helped in this effort. Great Job!

Bichon Frise Club of Western Pennsylvania

The BFCWPA activities for this quarter included meetings on March 3, and May 5, 2013, Rally competition classes on May 4 and June 2 and 16, 2013 and our club Specialty Show, May 26, 2013.

The March 3rd meeting was held at the Cozy Inn Pet Resort with a presentation and demonstration of canine hydrotherapy. This meeting was open to the general public and was attended by several guests with nine members in attendance.

At the May 5th meeting the Nominating Committee presented the candidates elect for the next term to be voted on at the Annual Meeting, July 14, 2013.

Member, Shawne Koenig, taught Rally competition sessions on May 5th, June 2nd and 16th at Boyce Park. The practice sessions are in preparation for the Fun Rally Match to be held at the Annual Picnic on July 14th.

The club's Specialty Show was held May 26th at the Lawrence County Farm Show Grounds in conjunction with the Trumbull County Kennel Club. There were seventeen entries in Conformation judged by Ms. Mimi Winkler, one entry in Veteran Sweepstakes and five entries in the Puppy Sweepstakes judged by Mr. Dennis Brown. There was a luncheon, raffles, calendar sales and trophy presentations.

Discussions this quarter were finalizing plans for the Annual Meeting and Picnic, dates and locations for future meetings and activities, Responsible Dog Ownership Day and Meet The Breeds, the holiday party and fund raising.

You Are Invited To The
2014 BFCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY



WHEN — April 28-May 2, 2014

WHERE — Sheraton North Houston
Houston, TX

Details will be forthcoming.