TENDING: BEAUCERON HERDING TAKES OFF

Congratulations Gideon on Group 3 at Eukanuba

DCM DNA Project - cheek swabs needed

Herding Tending Style

ABC Names new Rescue Chair

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As 2015 comes to a close it is fun to reflect on the year and look forward to the future. The American Beauceron Club pulled off the first successful full Journee in many years and learned a lot about our dogs and what to do to help make future Journees even more successful. We started work on the Dilated Cardiomyopathy and Journee Funds for which approximately $4000 have been raised. Our tireless secretary, Carol, has gotten our insurance premiums down to a more manageable level which has helped to put the club in the best financial situation it’s been in in some time. This will allow for making more frequent Journees a reality as well as fund projects to help make our breed the best it can be.

Looking to the future…It is time to get your membership renewals in, if you haven't already. The deadline for renewal is January 1, 2016. We welcome Kara Starowski as Rescue Chair. As Janice moves into her new position as board secretary, we will need to fill her vacant Region 2 Director position. Please contact any board member if you are from Region 2 and would be interested in serving as Director. Hopefully, by the time this issues is released we will have an announcement for a 2016 National and Journee in Region 4. Now that we have a good start on funds for the DCM Project we need to start submitting samples and pedigrees to the University of Missouri. Please find in this bulletin the forms and information on samples needed. Feel free to contact Adrienne Scott or me with any questions.

Lastly, I would again like to thank Carol Cossey and Adrienne Scott for all they have achieved for this club in their roles as board members over the past 4 years. You will both be greatly missed. I know we can continue to count on you both to support out beloved dogs and the club even as you leave your board positions. You both have set exemplary examples of what this club needs from its members to thrive!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holidays and new year,

Amy
Procedure:
In an effort to find the DNA mutation in the Beauceron:
Any dog suspected to be affected should have a Cardiac Workup including:

1. An echocardiogram (ultrasound of the heart function)
2. A possibly chest x-rays & EKG
3. A basic blood panel
4. Check of kidney function
5. A copy of the submitted dog’s pedigree

The MU cardiologists are also pulling blood samples to check for some enzymes that appear to be a good biomarker of heart problems – if someone is taking a dog in for a workup, ask them to have their cardiologist contact Dr Stacey Leach (LeachSB@missouri.edu) or Dr Mark Harmon (HarmonMW@missouri.edu) for a quick consult on what they recommend be collected. If a Beauceron owner is within travel distance of Columbia, our cardiology team would be happy to do the exam and workup – an appointment can be made by calling the teaching hospital – 573-882-7821. Any dog that is sampled for DNA and has had a cardiac workup should send a copy of the report with the sample (or send later if a sample has already been sent).

In addition to the affected dogs, it is very helpful to also bank DNA from clinically normal related dogs – parents and siblings (plus grandparents, if still living) are very important to bank, but half-siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, and other relatives of DCM-affected dogs are also useful. In breeds with a small gene pool, most dogs are related somehow so just about anybody is potentially useful. It’s better to bank some that ultimately are not real informative than to miss the ones that we wish we had, so encourage people to send samples in.

If a DCM-dog dies or is going to be euthanized, a necropsy is very important and useful for the research. Drs Leach & Harmon can provide information on tissues that would be most useful, but most cardiologists are aware of what samples are going to be diagnostic. I know for some of these that we’re working on, they are trying to get some heart muscle snap-frozen as soon as possible after death, for some specific tests. But at a minimum, it is important to confirm what was going on, and looking at the pathology can sometimes give good clues for solving these diseases.

Confidentiality

This information is kept strictly confidential. We do not disclose names of dogs or owners participating in the research. We need pedigree information to be able to see how the affected dogs may or may not be related to other dogs in the study, and to assemble all the sampled dogs into an extended research family. Most of the research team only sees the samples identified with a breed code and DNA number – only 1 or 2 people, (here in my office) actually see the pedigree copy with names, and those are translated into our research families with the samples all coded.
Sequencing Process and Cost

To identify the causative mutation, we have been using Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS), where the entire genetic sequence of 1 individual is generated. This sequence data goes through a series of evaluations, and a mutation report is generated. This tells us where there are changes from the dog reference sequence and from the other 125+ WGS’s we have generated, and how likely these differences are to cause the disease we are targeting. This technique used to be very time-consuming and expensive – now we can do a WGS in about 2 weeks (once it goes onto the sequencer), and our cost is $5000. Evaluation and analysis of the sequence and mutations identified costs about $1000, so running one dog plus analysis is $6000. For some diseases, we could not identify the mutation from the first sequence generated, so we did a second dog with the same disease, then looked for what was the same in the sequence of those 2 dogs, and different in every other WGS – and this has allowed us to identify several new mutations that would otherwise not have been found. The DCM mutation for Standard Schnauzers was found by sequencing one DCM-affected dog – we did not need to do a second one.

For DCM in the Beauceron, if we have DNA from one well-documented case, and you think your club (or a group of concerned fanciers, or one generous individual) can come up with $6000, we can generate the WGS and search for the mutation. There are no guarantees this will work – although our tools are improving all the time, it is still a difficult task and does not always succeed. However, once the sequence is generated we have that data, it does not go away, and as new evaluation tools become available a new mutation report can be generated. As tools get better and better, the chances of identifying the mutation keep rising.

Results: DNA Test for DCM in the Beauceron Breed

When we find a mutation that looks plausible, first we test the other affected dogs that have been sampled to see if they have the same mutation. If the other affected dogs do have it, then we test immediate family members to see if the pattern seen in the genotypes matches the pattern we expect to see (parents should test carrier, siblings should be normal or carrier, and clinically normal dogs should not test affected/at risk if they are old enough to expect to see disease). We also survey other breeds to see if the mutation is found in breeds that do not have the disease, and if we have additional DNA samples banked from the breed, we do a general survey to see how common the mutation may be in the general population. If everything checks out as it should, then we begin offering the DNA test. For any dog that is in the DNA collection here or through the CHIC DNA Bank (banked by a blood sample – swabs are not eligible), we give a reduced test fee as a “thank you” for having samples available for research. Typically, our DNA test fee is $65, but the previously banked samples are $35. Once we are sure the test is working properly, we offer it via our partnership with OFA, where it can be ordered online, and DNA collected with a cheek swab – this is available to owners all over the world.

How We Can Start/Help the Collection Process

While samples are being collected and DNA banked, we can assemble the research families.
DNA Repository Submission Instructions via Cheek Swab

Your sample kit contains the following items:

**Buccal Swab Kit:**
- 4 Buccal Swabs
- Pre-printed Bar Code Labels
- Submission Instructions
- Return Mailing Label to UC Davis
- Return Mailing Label to OFA
- Health Survey

**Directions for submitting DNA sample via Buccal Swab:**
1. Before collecting sample, make sure that the animal is not chewing any food. If the animal has been eating, let it drink water, or wash its mouth with water.
2. If sampling multiple animals, sample ONE at a time and complete the process to avoid any cross contamination of the DNA samples.
3. Four buccal swabs are included in each kit. You may split the collection into multiple sessions. Remove the brush from the envelope and brush the inside of the animal’s cheek, or brush the gums. Rub firmly for 5 to 10 seconds, but take care not to injure the cheeks or gums.
4. Wave brushes in the air for several seconds to air dry before inserting them back in the labeled brush envelopes.
5. Place the bar code label pre-printed with the dog’s registration number on the brush envelope in the blank area to the left of the instructions.
6. Place the samples in an envelope and use the pre-addressed label for UC Davis. If submitting multiple samples, repeat steps 1 through 5 for each dog independently, taking care to avoid any sample cross contamination and using the correctly labeled envelopes for each swab. All the samples may be mailed back together.
7. Complete the health survey for each dog, and send it to the OFA using the OFA mailing label provided. The health survey is a critical part of the repository. The samples are of little value without the corresponding phenotypic history and genealogy. If there are any significant health changes for this dog in the future, please email the OFA at ofa@offa.or with an update.
8. Thank you for participating in the CHIC DNA Repository.

**UC Davis Mailing Address**
UC Davis
Veterinary Genetics Lab
PO Box 1102
Davis, CA 95617

**OFA Mailing Address**
OFA
2300 E Nifong Blvd.
Columbia, MO 65201
CANINE DNA RESEARCH

Individual Dog Information

Blood – Tissue – other

Registered Name ___________________________ Call name ___________________________

AKC# ___________________________ Birth Date ___________________________ Male / Female - - Intact / Neutered

Sample Submission Date: ____________________ Color ___________________________

Sample submitted for which research project? _____________________________________________

Owner: name ___________________________ Alternate ___________________________

address ___________________________ Contact ___________________________

phone (day) ___________________________ ___________________________

phone (eve) ___________________________ ___________________________

fax ___________________________ ___________________________

e-mail ___________________________ ___________________________

Does this dog exhibit any of the following conditions? (Please attach history for any Yes answer)

Y - N Allergies Y - N Digestive difficulties

Y - N Arthritis Y - N Heart Problems

Y - N Autoimmune Disorders Y - N Hernia (where? ___________________________)

Y - N Bite or Tooth Abnormalities Y - N Reproductive Problems

Y - N Cancer / Tumors Y - N Seizures

Y - N Cataracts / Vision Problems Y - N Skin / Coat Problems

Y - N Deafness / Hearing Impaired Y - N Skeletal Abnormalities (Hip Dysplasia, etc.)

other (please list): Y - N Temperament Problems (shy, aggressive, etc.)

Testing done on this dog:

OFA/PennHip Y - N age at test: __________ result:_________ #__________

CERF Y - N age last tested:_______ result:_________ #__________

Thyroid Y - N age last tested:_______ result:_________

other (please list):

Other Comments / Questions / Concerns?

Please circle your response to the following;

- I am / am not willing to provide additional blood samples if needed for research.

- I will / will not consider donation of a tissue sample (spleen, kidney, or liver) upon the death of this dog, and will discuss this decision with my veterinarian so that a notation is placed in my file.

I submit this sample and pedigree for the purpose of DNA research; I understand that the identity of dogs and owners participating in the research will not be revealed; and I have supplied complete and accurate information, to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: ___________________________ date ___________________________
New Rescue Chairperson:

The ABC Would like to introduce our new rescue chair, Kara Staroski.

I am so pleased to accept the position as rescue chairperson! My name is Kara Staroski and I am from Guilford, Connecticut. I have had five Beaucerons come into my life, including an ABC foster and a private foster who is now a permanent member of my household. I have also served on the board for a local shelter and fostered for Bernese Mountain Dog Rescue. In addition, I am active in several dog sports, although my passion is conformation showing. I am excited to bring new ideas to the table, and better ways in which we can help our breed. Most importantly I would like to improve the network of ABC members and Beauceron fanciers across the country who are willing to help Beauces in need. We are in dire need of responsible people willing to help pull dogs from shelters, transport, and most importantly open their hearts to a temporary house-guest and be a Beauceron foster parent. Thank you all for allowing me to give back to my breed and help keep the Beauceron out of shelters! -Kara Staroski

How can you help rescue? Currently we are trying to figure out how much volunteer manpower we have across the United States. While foster homes are the most important there are a few other jobs that are overlooked. Oftentimes a shelter a Beauceron is in can be far from their foster home. My own foster went from Connecticut to Colorado! Shipping is a costly expense for rescue, we would much prefer to set up a series of ABC members willing to do legs of a transport, or underhound railroad. Transporting a dog is an easy way to help a Beauceron in need. Another area where we are in need of assistance is shelter evaluations. If you go through various adoptable dogs website you will see dogs listed as Beaucerons that clearly are not even a Beauce mix. We need folks who are willing to go into area shelters and confirm whether or not dogs are Beaucerons. If you can help with any of these jobs please let us know so we can add you to our rescue database. If you are unable to help with foster, transport, or evaluations you can always donate to the ABC's rescue fund. Many of the dogs we receive need veterinary care, and of course to be spayed or neutered before being placed in their forever homes.

Contact info: Kara Staroski 860-707-8048

Rescue Email: rescue@beauce.org

Facebook: Americanbeaucer Club-Rescue (Don't forget to “friend” us to see latest updates and pictures!)
AKC/Eukanuba National Championship 12/12/2015

BEAUCERONS
JUDGE: Mr. William (Bill) P. Shelton

BEAUCERONS, Puppy Dogs 6 Mos & Under 9 Mos
1  29 ARMORED ROSE ACHILLES, DN433040/01. 04/21/2015. BREEDER: JENNIFER ROSE. By CHAOS DE TRAPPIST-Ch NENA WARRIOR SOUL. OWNER: KRISTEN ROBERTS.

BEAUCERONS, Puppy Dogs 9 Mos & Under 12 Mos
1/R 23 LE GRANDE LUCIAN DU JOIE DE VIE, DN419633/08. 03/07/2015. BREEDER: Daniel Robertson. By Ch De Joie Du Chateau Rocher CA-Huntress Zora Bleue Du Chateau Rocher. OWNER: Clay & Lisa Hall.

BEAUCERONS, Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs
1  27 LOVEL L'AMOUR DE MA VIE, DN418592/01. 01/26/2015. BREEDER: Cindy Hartwell / Elaine Wallace. By Ch Hadrian Chevaliers du Roland-Ch Heaven Sent L'Amour de ma Vie CGC. OWNER: Cindy Hartwell / Elaine Wallace.

BEAUCERONS, Open Dogs
1/W 11 JETT THE RED REBEL DU CHATEAU ROCHER, DN392446/01. 01/19/2014. BREEDER: Karla Davis. By Gch Ch Falcon Blue Du Chateau Rocher-Ch Glamour De L'Ame Du Loup. OWNER: Kristen L Priddy.

BEAUCERONS, Puppy Bitches 6 Mos & Under 9 Mos
1  18 VESPA WARRIOR SOUL, DN440190/01. 05/25/2015. BREEDER: Laila Ooms. By Colin Mereva-Desire Warrior Soul. OWNER: Carolyn Mills. AGENT: Billy Huntington.

BEAUCERONS, Puppy Bitches 9 Mos & Under 12 Mos
1/R 10 LILITH L'AMOUR DE MA VIE, DN418592/08. 01/26/2015. BREEDER: Cindy Hartwell & Elaine Wallace. By Ch Hadrian Chevaliers du Roland-Ch Heaven Sent L'Amour de ma Vie CGC. OWNER: Cindy Hartwell & Elaine Wallace.

BEAUCERONS, Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches
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BEAUCERONS, Open Bitches

BEAUCERONS, Best of Breed Competition
BB/G3 7 GCH CH DE JOIE DU CHATEAU ROCHER TT CA CGC, DN223789/02. 06/18/2008. Dog. BREEDER: Karla Davis. By Ch Arco Du Chateau Rocher-Ch Veronique De La Negresse. OWNER: Chad Neal & Marlene Palmer.

19 CH IAGO DU CHATEAU ROCHER, DN384137/05. 11/06/2013. Dog. BREEDER: Karla Davis. By Ch Gr Ch Fenix Noir du Chateau Rocher TT-Ch Ch Fantasy in Bleue du Chateau Rocher. OWNER: Karla Davis.
The Beauceron is a very versatile breed that has proven his worth as a protector, agility dog, obedience competitor, and even lure courser. However we can’t deny our breed’s roots, the Beauceron is first and foremost a herding dog. On October 18th six New England Beaucerons got to try their hand at breed appropriate herding. They spent the day at the beautiful Creepy Hollow Farm in Spencer, Mass. The group was instructed by renowned herding instructor Susan Sullivan, who specializes in c-course, or tending dogs.

Learning more about the history of why our breed was once referred to as a “living fence” was the foundation of the herding clinic. The Beauce, along with most other Shepherds, did not work in the typical Border Collie style of herding. In the pastoral regions of Europe fencing was, and in many cases still is, uncommon for livestock. Farmers would harvest crops, and then allow their livestock to come through and graze on any produce that would remain. As an added bonus the animals would naturally fertilize the fields, it was a near perfect set up. Except for one minor hiccup. The very next field over was filled with growing plants, very tempting for hungry sheep. The solution to this costly problem was the Beauceron. The dogs would stay on the border paths between the fields making sure the flock stayed where it was supposed to be. The dogs had to be quick and agile, but sensible enough to conserve their energy, as they would often work...
for twelve hours a day and would control flocks of hundreds of sheep. These abilities, despite being many generations removed, are still evident in today’s Beauceron.

The morning of the clinic was spent introducing the dogs to the border area. One of the very first things you noticed about the picturesque New England farm was that all of the pastures were criss crossed with small footpaths. Those footpaths served as the border areas. Everyone worked on teaching their dogs that their space was in the footpaths, or just beyond, not on the side with the handler. It was fascinating to watch as each dog tried to work out what their handler expected of them. Some of the dogs were so used to handler instruction it took them a few tries to understand that it was ok to make their own decisions and go with their instincts.

In the afternoon portion we introduced the dogs to the sheep. The flock consisted of approximately twenty-five “dog broke” sheep, who were great for the beginner dogs. Each dog was introduced differently depending on their confidence and natural abilities. For the dogs who were unsure of the flock we let them off lead and encouraged them to release their inner sheepdog! They were allowed to build up some drive and have a little fun working the sheep. The Beauces who seemed more comfortable with the flock were encouraged to work the border. Their owners also had to learn a completely different style of handling. Tending dogs need to learn to focus on the sheep, and their handlers needed to learn to trust their dogs!

Overall everyone participating agreed that it was a wonderful experience. Watching the dogs, most of who had never even seen a sheep, show off their natural abilities was incredible. Especially amazing was watching everything just “click” in some of the dog’s minds. As they saw the sheep and their paws hit the border pathways you could see something light up in their eyes. Despite being many generations, and decades removed from their working forefathers our Beaucerons truly impressed us. Due to the success of the event we plan to hold another herding fun day in the Spring.

**Participating Dogs**

“Jackal” UCH Just Double Dew It de la Valle Katahdin CGC
“Jenga” Just Dew the Bleau du Chateau Rocher
Owned by Kara and Cam Staroski
“Demi” Demi du Bois Noir
Owned by Maureen Mcclatchy
“Viper” Fabulous Viper du Chateau Rocher CDX, RAE, OA, OAJ, CGCA, CDX - C
Owned by Pam Woodes
“Fantome” Gershwin’s Fantome de Nanrox
Owned by Gidget Matulis
“Maddie” La Noire Madame L’Amour De Ma Vi
Owned by Sandy Martin
Beauceron’s Inner Sheepdog Revealed

By: Susan Sullivan

I was very excited to test a number of Beauceron and evaluate their potential as tending dogs. I had observed a small sampling of the breed that had been very nice tending dogs. I looked forward to seeing more representatives of this fascinating breed.

I started herding in 1990 with my German Shepherd Dogs. I’ve been fortunate to have trained with some very good people including Carol Weigand and Ulf Kintzel. I am an AKC herding judge and have given clinics for over fifteen years. I give lessons in Massachusetts from May to November. Many of my students have been able to compete at the highest level. I enjoy instinct testing and seeing the dogs turn into sheep dogs in a matter of minutes.

The dogs that participated in the introduction to tending continue to build my respect for this breed. We had a wide variety of dogs from a young female that was less than ten months old, a young male who was also just around a year, rescue dogs, a competition obedience dog, a very talented agility dog and an older male. All showed good interest. Some took a good bit of coaxing to really engage, but I worked more on getting them to not worry about making mistakes and they started to gain interest in the stock with each exposure. This was especially true of the competition dogs as I think they are sure that this is all a trick. The young female also was hesitant and needed less constraints in order for her to have enough confidence to realize that she could make the sheep move. A couple of the dogs had the drive to be taught to honor the border immediately and were tending a small graze by the end of the day. All of the dogs demonstrated instinct and interest. Some will take a few more exposures to be able to work a border and tend, but all have excellent potential. I was impressed with the calm attitudes all of the dogs possessed. This breed seems to be very thoughtful, obedient and wanting to please. I believe all of the dogs could go on and earn titles in the AKC program with consistent training.

All of the dogs demonstrated excellent temperaments and physical soundness. These are critical characteristics of a tending dog. These dogs were excellent representatives of the breed. It was very nice to see them all hanging out together with no animosity. All of the owners should be very proud of their lovely dogs, and I hope that I see you out earning titles on your beautiful dogs.

Above: “Maddie” La Noire Madame L’Amour De Ma Vi Owned by Sandy Martin
**New Member Application**

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**DCM Fund**

To date the DCM Fund has raised $4,000. Our goal that is needed to take part in DCM research is $6,000. We are not at our goal yet, if you haven't donated please consider donating to this worthy cause for our breed.

Donations can be sent to:

**ABC Treasurer**

* Susan Walls, 914 Debbie Street
  Whitemarsh Island, GA 31410

**ABC Membership Renewals**

- Renewals are due
- Renewal form provided in this issue on page 23
Until recently the Beauceron has remained one of the dog world's best kept secrets. In the last few years public interest in our breed has increased exponentially. We need to do our best to keep the breed safe and make sure that they end up in the right hands. One of the best ways we can educate the public is by making sure that our breed is well represented at meet the breed events. Here are a few tips to make sure that your Meet the Breed event runs smoothly.

**The Setup:** Find out from the host of the event what kind of space you will have. This will make a big difference in the quality of your display. If you have access to a banner or poster that displays the breed name, use it! People always ask how to spell the breed name, seeing it written is a big help. People don't want to stop and read tons of text. For example, printing out the AKC standard for people to read would most likely be a wasted effort. Don't forget crates for pets and chairs for people. Both will need rest. People enjoy seeing pictures of the dogs working. Posters, photo albums, and scrapbooks are always a great addition to displays.

**The People:** Be friendly! You are there to educate, so make sure you are approachable to the public. Be prepared to answer the same questions, over and over. Be patient, and try to remember your first experience with a Beauceron, and all of the questions you had.

Bring plenty of water for yourself, all that talking will make you thirsty.
Get to know any other dogs at your booth. Regardless of which dog you have at the end of your leash people will ask about all the dogs in your display.

**The Dogs:**
Any dog going to a MtB event has to be well trained and socialized. They need to be rock solid even in stressful situations. Try to have enough dogs so they can be swapped out during the day. Breaks are import for hardworking Beaucerons!

Bring plenty of water from home and treats that they like.

Know your dog! Know what their stress signs are, panting, drooling, whining and tongue flicks can all be ways your dog is telling you that they have had enough. Don't be afraid to say no. If your dog has had enough for the day don't let people bully you into taking them back out into the public eye. Let them rest in a crate.

My last bit of advice is on how to find Meet the Breed events. Keep an eye out for any local dog events. Many Dog shows, pet fairs, and pet expos have MtB or breed showcases. Send out an email or give a call to the event coordinator and inquire if they have have MtB booths, or if they do a parade of breeds. It never hurts to ask. Bring your dog, bring a friend and have a good time!

Dogs attending the CT Pet Expo Meet the Breeds “Jackal” UCH Just Double Dew It de la Valle Katahdin CGC
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“Mickey” Disney du Bois du Nord and “Image” Image du Murier de Sordeille
Owned and loved by Elaine Giannelli

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**Versatility Bronze: Deja Bleue du Chateau Rocher**

AKC GCH
UKC CH
ATTS temperament test
IPO BH
CAA (coursing ability advanced)
# 2015 Beaucerons * Breed Standings

NEW STATS • Starting from January 1, 2015 up to and including November 30, 2015.

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OR PAYPAL TO TREASURER@BEAUCOE.ORG
CONTACT SUE TRAVER FIRST TO MAKE SURE WE STILL HAVE YOUR SIZE
SKTRAYER@FRONTIER.COM OR 419-836-1421
Myth and reality are more often separated by perceptions, rather than fact, that have been documented through time. Just like many other subjects, the reality of bitework is lost in a tunneled haze of allegory tales. The dogs most fundamental mechanism to which it employs each and every day of its life is the same tool that segments of human society wish to habituate in our thoughts and perceptions about dogs. This tool I speak of is the dogs ability to bite. Dogs bite for many reasons. Before anyone can understand dogs, you must be able to separate a dogs motivation or drive to bite and segment what is good and useful for the individual dog. My theory being that bitework when being exploited in a dog of sound body and stable nerves enhances the overall intuitiveness needed to motivate a dog to perform tasks well beyond sit, heel, down, and stay. Clearly any logistical person will agree that dogs that BITE are not good for society as a whole. Responsible dogs are a by-product of responsible owners who become owners because of us the breeder. The dogs that are a problem exhibit fear, anger, idiopathic and most unfortunately, learned biting behavior. Stable and social are prerequisites to be able to work a dog in 1st its prey and later in its life the dogs defense drive. For me prey drive is the most misunderstood of the 2 correct motivations to bite. I can’t count how many occasions I’ve witnessed trainers mistake this phrase of training as the time to install the dogs defense drive... WRONG. For me, prey work is play work. All good dogs want to play games. A dog with little or no prey drive would be one that could care less about a ball being thrown about or one that might run after the ball when thrown yet when the dog arrive at the ball shows no interest. A greyhound that will not chase the mechanical rabbit has no prey drive. A police dog that will not run down a fleeing suspect has no prey drive, a show dog that will not even follow bait has no prey drive. The relationship bond only grows stronger if the dog is trained non-corrective with the reward of a prey toy, sounds like play toy. The combination of high prey when mixed with educational play games = major attitude. This results in extreme confidence, a bold nature that responds in precise, calculated moves that get the dog what it
wants, another game. Show me any top winning Champion show dog or any dog doing well in its game so to speak and I will show you a dog that has its prey drive honed to deliver that winning performance over and over again. Prey drive is the mark of a WINNER. Prey play bite training is an EXCELLENT method of testing and evaluating an individual dogs’ strength of nerves, spectrum of behavior, pain sensitivity, environmental sensitivity, stress management, focus and attention span. This type of training generally begins between 7-8 weeks of age. This time frame is critical to the success of any prey play motivational-based method. We as owners/surrogate mothers need to take over the responsibility of molding and teaching all basic commands such as, sit stay down, fetch, give as well as responding to the dogs name should be imprinted before a puppy begins losing teeth. This work is totally non-corrective. Any negative reinforced methods will inhibit during the imprinting stages. This imprinting phase is where the dogs olfactory, psychological and physical being draw information to dictate action or perhaps a better term “reaction”. Training a young dog in bitework allows a breeder or smart owner the opportunity of exploring the dogs spectrum of reaction to many of life's scenarios. To work a dog in defensive drive has only 1 purpose and that is to bite a human being. If a dog is unable to be around strange or familiar people without going into a chemically imbalanced fit of aggression, do your dog and your legal bills a HUGE favor and re-evaluate the training/animal before it has the chance to destroy you or someone else’s life.

About Esa Rasimus:

I still remember the summer of ‘94 when I met my 1st Beauceron “tess de Sirus” bred by Tom Kirkland owned by Craig McCraken. I was instantly hook on the breed. She was a tazmanian devil on wheel, very confident, very pushy but I knew what she wanted in life. It was a great honor to watch her sprout into a well balanced K9 family member as well as many of her offspring. As a prior Doberman owner I started looking for a new breed that would better suit our colder Canadian climates yet still hold the elegance of black/tan markings and the intelligence of a herding breed all rolled into 1 package.

Max Webster D’Lesperance was the stepping stone to my acquired passion to test/push the Beauercorns limits with any viable task given. I eventually started showing in the rare breed conformation ring in 1997 then quickly moved onto various working venues. Lets not forget the Beauceron ‘is’ a working breed. My appreciation for the various working disciplines/events literally took my breath away, to say the least. Ring was the sport that ended up becoming my passion. The level of training which eventually becomes a ‘lifestyle’ in order to succeed was something I was willing to dive into both feet forward. It was a long road but the battle was well worth the challenge. In 2001 I attempted my first brevet title with Nais de la Castle du Clos Thomas at the National d’Elevage in France. Since then I’ve been fortunate enough to attend/participate in most every NE to date. Given the opportunity to train Ring in France was a dream come true. After several attempts with numerous training clubs, I was lucky enough to find a club that would push my training limits with becoming comfortable enough to achieve my goals and dreams. Cherie du DGV was the make or break turning point in my training regime. I’m truly blessed to have such a wonderful team/female to participate with. Some of our accomplishments include, Sch. BH, Ring 1 Champion Canada, Ring 1 and 2 Champion Nationale D’Elevage France, 2nd place Grand Prix SCC (coup de clubs) first time a Beauceron let alone North American placed on the podium.

This past July was a monumental turning point for the Beauceron in Canada, breed recognition with the CKC was finally approved, now that the windy road is behind us its time for the rest of Canada to step up and carry the torch forward…

Left: Cherie du DGV performing the pallisade
PLANNED LITTER FOR 
EARLY SPRING 2016 RICKA X HARTZA

Sire: “Hartza” CH Espagne Hartza de Subeltz Beaucerones, DYS A, LOE2114589
***Cardiac Echo performed in Spain by Cardiologist, results Normal***
( Ultimo des Assiers, Cot. 6 Elite A X CHCS 2014 Ana de Subeltz Beaucerones, Cot. 4, Recommande)

Dam: “Ricka” GCH Fredericka du Chateau Rocher BN CD RA NAJ OA OJP CGCA TT
DN28961107, OFA Good, OFA Cardiac Echo Normal, CHIC #106318
( CH. Bailey Bleu du Chateau Rocher X Ursa Noire du Chateau Rocher)
Show/Performance Puppies expected, Contact Debbie & Mike Baker (714) 892-8544 or PM Debbie Baker on Facebook
The holidays can be a stressful time of year for all of us, including for our dogs, but by taking the time to install a few preventative measures we can avoid some delays in our schedule and serious accidents. One of the biggest challenges large dog owners tend to face this time of year is counter surfing; the hardest part of dealing with counter surfing is that it's a self rewarding behavior, even if your Beauceron doesn't always find food they will remember a single grand reward just enough to try it again, and traditional punishment will often lead most dogs to only do it while no one is watching. For a Beauceron who's already an established thief, your best course of action is to not allow your Beauceron within the vicinity of food, by way of gate, crate, or even a door. It's a good plan to make sure you never leave your Beauceron unattended with food on a counter top in everyday situations leading up to the holidays, but the bustle and rush of our preparations tend to make us even more forgetful, so taking the extra precaution of securing your Beauceron outside of the kitchen, even if they're normally well behaved, is a helpful measure in preventing accidents.

Another issue many owners face during the holidays, particularly with adolescents, is rude people greeting behaviors, such as placing paws on guests, jumping, excessive licking, or heavy mouthing. Even if your Beauceron goes to regular training classes and knows how to calmly greet people, the stimulation they tend to face during the holidays can be overwhelming enough for even the most well-mannered Beauceron to forget their P's and Q's. As guests trickle into your home be sure to keep a close eye on your Beauceron, and if you see them becoming more bouncy or exuberant, you may need to place them away in a quiet room for a brief cool-down. Another related problem to be on the lookout for are those guests who heavily encourage and reward bad behavior in dogs, particularly when you
have an impressionable young Beauceron or puppy involved; we all know these guests, the ones who encourage jumping onto people, rude or aggressive begging, and even eating directly off dinner plates! And the worst part is, many of these type of guests are just as hard to stop as the counter surfing dog; again in these situations, your best plan is to find a place to secure your Beauceron away from the bustling activities.

So by now you're probably thinking "but I really want my Beauceron to enjoy the holidays too, how can they if they're locked away for most of the day?" Well, your Beauceron can thoroughly enjoy the holidays with a special treat of their own too, with a little pre-preparation planning. Most dogs enjoy special food treats, and by giving it to them in the form of a puzzle they can be just as thoroughly entertained as your guests. First and foremost, however, always be sure to test out any new toys with your Beauceron when you can watch them closely; the safety of any toy is a great concern to all pet owners, and you'll want make sure your Beauceron cannot tear apart, shred, shatter, or swallow any part of the object before you leave them unattended for any amount of time with it. Also, when using food make sure to only use food sources that you already know your dog is okay with, as adding a large amount of a new and novel food source could have messy consequences at the most inconvenient hour.

The most well known and classic of all food puzzle toys is undoubtedly the Kong; what makes a Kong toy such a good option is it's sturdy rubber construction that holds up well to chewing, and large hollow center. Unfortunately, because of the way in which the hollow center is formed many dog owners find that solid food spills out too easily, so here is the key to making your Kong a better and longer lasting experience, you're going to fill your Kong with moist or wet foods, then freeze it. I find that layering your foods makes the toy all the more interesting, as well as easier to fill if you wish to use something more runny like yogurt, by using something firmer like peanut butter to create a plug for the hole at the bottom of the Kong, and over the main opening. You can be super creative with what you put in, or even simple if you have a dog on a restrictive diet by using canned dog food. Another creative trick many people use is poking a dried bully stick, chicken foot, or similar chew treat into the filled Kong before freezing it.

Another great food puzzle idea for your Beauceron if they're normally kibble fed, is to buy a slow release food toy made for kibble and hard treats such as the Kong Wobbler, Busy buddy Kibble nibble or Magic mushroom, or Star mark Bob-a-lot. Out of those four toys, I have found the most durably built to be the Bob-a-lot, however not as easy to find as the closely matched Wobbler. On the day of your festivities try this, instead of feeding your Beauceron a meal from their normal bowl fill the toy instead, and when you need to shuffle your Beauceron out away from the stimulating environment, give them their meal in a toy, this will keep them preoccupied and out of the way.

I hope that everyone will celebrate happy and safe holidays with their Beaucerons this year.
The ABC membership year runs from January 1st through December 31st of each calendar year. Please mail your completed renewal form along with your annual dues check payable to American Beauceron Club to the Membership Secretary by January 1st. Dues will be considered incomplete unless accompanied by a signed renewal form. If you wish to pay your dues by PayPal, please go to www.paypal.com and send your payment to Treasurer@beauce.org.

MEMBER INFORMATION
(Please print or type)
Name: ____________________________ Name: ____________________________ (Joint Membership Only)
Please check here if there are no changes to your contact information.)
Address: ____________________________________________ Phone (home): ______________
City: ____________________ State _______ Zip+4 ____________ Phone (work): ______________
Email Address: ____________________________ Phone (cell): __________________________
Kennel Name (if applicable): ____________________________ Website: __________________________

Please note, your phone number and email address will be included in the annual ABC Membership Directory unless specified otherwise. □ Yes, you may publish as indicated above. □ No, please do not publish. I wish this information to remain private.

The ABC is sending important club information, announcements and special club mailings to its members via e-mail. Please indicate if you would be willing to receive information from the ABC via email:
□ Yes, the ABC may send special club information to me via email at the email address provided above.
□ No, please continue to mail all club information to my home address.

VOLUNTEER
The American Beauceron Club has no paid staff and is run entirely by member volunteers. Please indicate which of the following you would be willing to help with (check as many as apply):
□ On a committee:
□ Rescue □ Health □ Events □ Education □ Ways & Means □ Web Team □ Newsletter □ Membership □ AKC Delegate
□ Please contact me with more information

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (Check One)
□ Regular $30.00 per year for one (1) adult (18 years or older), entitled to one (1) vote and one (1) newsletter
□ Joint $45.00 per year for two (2) adults, residing at one address, entitled to two (2) votes and (1) newsletter
□ Junior $15.00 per year for one (1) child (10-17 years of age), no voting privileges and one (1) newsletter
□ Foreign $35.00 per year for one (1) adult who resides outside of the USA, no voting privileges, and one (1) newsletter
□ Donation to ABC Rescue: $ ____________________________ (Donations will be specifically allocated to Rescue)

$_______________ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

IF PAYING DUES BY PAYPAL, PLEASE CHECK HERE: □

Please make a check or money order (in U.S. funds only) payable to: American Beauceron Club
Send your completed renewal form and dues payment to: Janice Bourell-Casey
Membership Secretary
1159 Holmden Ave
Cleveland, OH 44109
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED HEREIN IS TRUE AND COMPLETE. I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AND CODE OF ETHICS OF THE AMERICAN BEAUCERON CLUB (ABC) AS WELL AS THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB (AKC). I UNDERSTAND THAT MY FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE AGREED UPON REQUIREMENTS MAY RESULT IN THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF MY CLUB MEMBERSHIP, WITHOUT REFUND OF DUES PAID.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT(S): _______________________________________________ Date: ___________________________

_______________________________________________ Date: ___________________________

Are you 18 years of age or older? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, please provide your date of birth: ___________________________

Parent or Guardian must sign below.

SIGNATURE OF GUARDIAN: _______________________________________________ Date: ___________________________

RENEWAL FORMS MUST BE SIGNED AND ACCOMPANIED BY DUES PAYMENT IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED VALID

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN BEAUCERON CLUB!

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Only 100 calendars will be printed! Sales will be on a “First come, first served” basis.

**Cost of calendars:** $17.00 (US Dollars only) per calendar. Add $2.50 shipping per calendar for mailing in the USA and $3.50 per calendar for mailing to Canada. If you are ordering 6 or more calendars shipping to the same address, email Sue Traver for boxed shipping rates. Overseas rates will vary, so please email Sue for overseas rates before sending payment.

**Payment may be made using PayPal website for on-line payments.** Direct your payment to Treasurer@beauce.org and include delivery address for calendars ordered. Please email Sue to let her know you have ordered calendars via PayPal.

**Payment by check** should be made out to: American Beauceron Club

**Mail all order forms and checks to:**
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c/o Sue Traver
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Millbury, OH 43447
(419) 836-1421

Email Sue at: Waysandmeans@beauce.org or sktraver@frontier.com
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