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Minutes of the 53rd Annual Meeting of The Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.

MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
Atlanta, GA

Roll Call

Abbott, Matt	Hollan, Debbie	Ross, Linda
Andrew, Kathy	Hunkins, Sharon	Rowe, Linda
Antetomaso, Gail	Hunter, Dale	Savage, Betsy
Ardagna, Danielle	Jones, Donna	Scarborough, Shauna
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Bender, Paula	Letsche, Larry	Smith, Katheryn
Cook, Linda	Mathog, Deena	Swindle, Sue
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Endo, Lillian	McKay, Heather	Vogel, Kathie
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Fellbaum, Carol	Mitchell, Kay	Watts, Sherren
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Gibb, Debra	Moore, Shannon	Winkler, Mimi
Goldman, Pam	Newton, Shyla	Winston, Laura
Graeber, Karen	Noonan, Nancy	Wise, John
Hamilton, Shirley	Patrick, Carol	Wise, Leanne
Hanson, Keith	Potts, Terrell	Woodring, Diane
Hanson, Sandra	Pritchard, Harriet	Wotton, Myra
Hearn, Ann	Ramich, Lynn	Yamasaki Kazuko (Kay)
Hendricks, Paula	Ribble, Betty	Yamasaki, John
	Richards, Cheryl	Total members present – 67

Call to Order

With a quorum present, the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Bichon Frise Club was called to order by President Judy McNamara at 1:00 PM.

President's Opening Remarks – Judy welcomed the membership and announced that the Board met the day before, as normal. She thanked the Board members for their hard work and requested that the Board members stand and be recognized. She also welcomed our new members and asked them and their sponsors to stand for recognition. They are Carol Fellbaum (sponsored by Ceil Ruggles and Judy Beckman), George and Janet Hartman (sponsored by Barbara Chappell and Kathie Vogel), Heather McKay and Scott Nelson (sponsored by Vickie Halstead and Shirley Hamilton), Cherylinn Richards (sponsored by Vickie Halstead and Shirley Hamilton), Katheryn Smith (sponsored by Joanne Rubin and Mimi Winkler), Laura Winston (sponsored by Kathy Andrew and Sharon Hunkins), Diane Woodring (sponsored by Nita Gryan and Janet Weiderhold), and Laurie Zelek (sponsored by Karen Chesbro and

Nancy Noonan). She thanked Ann Hearn for visiting the hotel and storing all the boxes shipped to her and then bringing them to the hotel. Kayley Kovar was thanked for donating grooming equipment and ex-pens for use at the Specialty and for leading the entertainment portion of our hospitality night. She mentioned that there is a special \$5.00 in and out hotel parking fee per day for our group and that members should check their hotel bill because the typical \$9.00+ per diem service fee has been waived for our group. As a courtesy, any member who is listed in the Breeder Directory and has no pups available should either refer folks to another breeder or give them Nancy Noonan's phone number for further help. Judy thanked Judy Beckham for all her hard work on the Auction and Raffle.

Report from the Board -- Judy McNamara

- We will again be publishing the Membership Directory and maintaining the membership roster will be the responsibility of the Treasurer. A contact information form will be included with the annual dues notice. Members are asked to complete it even if their contact information has not changed and return it with their dues payment.
- The Board approved purchasing a SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) certificate for \$150.00 yr. This is security technology for establishing an encrypted link between a server and the client.
- The Board voted to change a bit of the language in the Judges Selection Guidelines. The 1st Round Sweeps and Special Attraction nominees will no longer be required to be a BFCA member, but must be a bichon breeder.

Reports of the Secretaries – will be published in the Summer Bulletin.

Treasurer's Reports – Lillian Endo

As usual the books were closed a little before the year end. As soon as all the expenses and income for this year are in, we will publish the details in the Summer Bulletin. The tentative Treasurer's Report through 4/30/17, shows a negative \$(16,661.61). The combined income for 2016/2017, is \$61,717.25. The combined expenses for the same period are \$78,378.89, so far. Of the total funds, \$95,386.21, \$12,248.11, is segregated for the Health Fund. An itemized report will be in The Bulletin.

Judges Selection Committee – Betty Ribble

Betty reported that the Electronic Ballot is working quite well and encouraged more members to use it. The Opt-Out Form for members wishing not to be considered as a judge will be offered in both the paper and electronic ballots, but she cautions that the deadline date will be firm and the form must be signed. To reiterate what Judy already announced there will be a change in the 1st round Judges Selection Procedures. The nominee does not have to be a BFCA member, but for Sweepstakes and Special Attraction, he/she must be a Bichon breeder.

Betty announced that the vote for the 2019 Specialty judges resulted in Pauline Johns for Conformation Judge, Maggie Hyde Sherwood for Sweepstakes Judge, and Mayno Blanding for Bred-By-Exhibitor Special Attraction Judge.

Betty will be retiring from the Judges Selection Committee and suggests that since we are getting fewer and fewer paper ballots that one person can handle both the electronic and paper ballot tallying.

Rescue – Zandra Kern. There were 64 Bichons rescued last year. Zandra said they continue to need helpers to foster; even if is just overnight or for a few days until the dogs are placed in their forever home. Information about fostering can be found at www.bichonrescue.org. Or, by clicking the link at the bottom of the BFCA website's home page. They raised \$11,500.00, last year at the annual Bichon Bash. This year it will be held on September 17th at Bull Run Park in Manassas, VA. Everybody and their Bichons are welcome. Some Bichons will again be wearing cameras so the event is seen from the dog's perspective. Some of these videos are shown on You Tube. There is a rescue newsletter and anybody wishing to have their name added to the mailing list should contact Zandra. The Bichon Emporium will

be selling items at their booth during the Specialty. The Emporium made \$3,000.00, last year. They will be exploring other fund-raising efforts too.

Agility -- Shirley Hamilton. Shirley thanked the BFCA members from the Twin Cities area who volunteered their time to support this all-day event. She also thanked all the members who made donations in support of the Agility Trial. She said that *Dog News* is doing an article on multi-titled bichons and asked anybody whose bichon has received titles in more than one field of endeavor to contact her. Hunting Horn Jewelers has donated a beautiful necklace valued around \$500 +/- as an auction item and encouraged members to bid on it because the proceeds will go to Agility.

Health – Nancy McDonald. Nancy passed out a flyer about the Morris Animal Foundation's Calcium Oxalate Bladder Stone Study. The Health Committee urges us to have our Bichons participate in this study through DNA. Please contact Nancy and she will send the swabs and instructions to you. Last spring in the final report of the first study, the researchers identified three chromosomal regions associated with the risk of calcium oxalate bladder stone formation in Miniature Schnauzers. One of these regions also imparted risk in Bichons Frises. The new study is a continuation of this research and is a gift to us and our Bichons. She said it is our responsibility to be certain there is plenty of DNA available, so get the information about participating in the study out to everybody you can, including your vet, so he/she can enter Bichons he/she is treating.

Other research that the Health Committee is participating in is on Intralymphatic Immunotherapy for the treatment of Canine Atopic Dermatitis. This is an inflammatory skin condition affecting approximately 10% of dogs and manifests with itchy skin, ears, and secondary infections. Nancy said, as we all know, Bichons are very susceptible. Antihistamines are effective in about 25% of dogs. Corticosteroids are extremely effective but they have troublesome side effects, so long-term use is strongly discouraged. Cyclosporine is effective with few serious adverse effects but the cost can be a limitation. Oclacitinib has shown good efficiency but long-term effects have not been studied. Allergen-specific Immunotherapy (ASIT) appears to be the only treatment that induces a clinical cure and has no side effects. However, the percentage of atopic dogs responding to this treatment is only 60 – 70%, and in many dogs the response is only partial. This study theorizes the efficiency of subcutaneous ASIT is limited by the skin's ability to stimulate the immune system. This study will test an alternate route of administration using ASIT.

Nancy also handed out Morbidity/Mortality Forms. Every year members are asked to complete these forms about what illnesses their bichons have had or why their death occurred. It has been very interesting when viewing past M/M responses, that our Bichons have no ear infections or bladder infections or atopic dermatitis. Mostly, there are reports on deaths. What causes our Bichons to die is extremely important but also what do they struggle with getting to that point? Nancy questions when does an aging Bichon begin losing its sight? And are there ACL tears in the knees? Those who have been breeding for many years probably accept ear infection or bladder infections or hot spots as normal. However, the question remains, are there lots of those seemingly normal occurrences? So, the Health Committee wants information on frequency of "normal" occurrences. The Committee is not the health police. Who you are is not what they are after; that is private. They just want information.

The Committee has been busy reviewing and updating all the articles on the website and is 95% finished. As a moneymaker this year, the Committee is raffling off a new grooming table and arm, so please buy lots of tickets. Also, Lisa Welch has designed a silver dog pad on a leather dog collar, which will be in the silent auction. Nancy urged the membership to also remember to shop at the Health Table.

2017 Specialty Show – John Wise. John reported that the hotel has concentrated the dogs to a couple of floors which is good, and reminded us all to be considerate of other hotel guests. There are public x-pens outside the ballroom for exhibitor use. Please be mindful about keeping things picked up not only on the grounds but also in your rooms. John also mentioned about the \$5.00 daily in/out parking fee and to be

sure that our hotel bills do not have the \$9.94 daily event fee because that has been waived for our club. There are two grooming areas. The main one at the end of the show room and for overflow, there is space available in the Capri room. John reported that the seminar was warmly received. Dr. Carmelo L. Battaglia's books were all sold out, but anybody wishing one can give John \$20 (our Specialty price) and he in turn will order the book and ship it to you free of shipping charges.

2018 Specialty Show -- Judy announced that it will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Tucson, AZ from April 30th – May 4th. Kathy Andrews will be serving as Show Chair with Lillian Endo assisting. The room rate will be \$109.00, plus tax. The conformation judge will be Luc Boileau; 4 -6 mo. Puppy to be announced; Obedience will be Nancy Grimm; Sweepstakes will be Karen Graeber; and Bred-By Special Attraction will be Rick Day.

Election of Officers/Directors – Judy announced that the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee was unopposed so asked the Secretary to cast one vote to confirm the election.

Your new Board is: President - Gail Antetomaso; Vice President – Myra Wotton; Recording Secretary – Wendy Ball; Corresponding Secretary – Kathy Andrew; Treasurer – Lillian Endo; Directors – Matt Abbott, Debbie Hollan; Diana McFarlane; Judy McNamara; Lynn Ramich; and John Wise.

She announced that Nancy Noonan and Shauna Scarborough are retiring from the Board and thanked them for their years of service. Shauna will also be turning her *Bulletin* editorship over to Mayno Blanding. Nancy will still be Breeder Referral Coordinator. She also thanked all the committee chairs and members noting that without these folks and the work they do throughout the year, we would not have much of a club.

Future Specialties – Myra Wotton. She explained that hotels no longer want our business and are making it difficult to negotiate room rates and reasonable food and beverage minimums so we can get the ballroom and meeting room fees waived. Typically, we are now asked to commit to a \$10,000.00, F&B minimum instead of \$6,000.00. We are a small club that requires the use of a huge amount of meeting space and newly renovated hotels aren't any longer interested in hosting dog shows at their facilities. Destination cities with nearby international airports have higher room rates. An offset to that dilemma would be hotels located an hour or more from smaller airports thus requiring the use of car rentals or public shuttle services.

She asked the members whether they would prefer hotels near destination cities and close to larger airports with room rates of \$169.99 - \$189.00 plus tax per night rather than a lesser room rate and having to travel one to two hours from an airport. With a show of hands, the members preferred the higher room rates. One member suggested that we might try to hold our Specialty just before some weekend all-breed shows. The BFCA Constitution and By-Laws state that our Specialty must be held in April, May, or June. There is a time restraint since airlines have an embargo on shipping dogs after May 15th, and members have expressed that they do not want the Specialty held near Mother's Day. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please contact Myra.

Our 2019 Specialty will be held at the Sheraton Orlando North located just outside Orlando. The per diem room rate will be \$126.00, plus tax and there will be no pet fee. The hotel has agreed to discounting room blocks for a few days prior and a few days after the Specialty in case folks want to do some sightseeing, perhaps at Epcot Center, Universal Studios, or Disney World.

Local Club Meeting – Linda Rowe will be chairing the Local Club Meeting to be held at the back of the room immediately following this meeting.

There not being any old or new business, the meeting was adjourned and the floor turned over to our new President, Gail Antetomaso, for remarks.

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA
Treasurer's Report
Financial Statement Beginning May 1, 2016 and Ending April 30, 2017

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CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE APRIL 30, 2016 \$56,339.51

INCOME:

2016 National Specialty	\$13,560.88	
2017 National Specialty	14,235.00	
Sales	229.00	
Amazon Sales	415.89	
Dues	8,840.00	
Breeder Directory	2,510.00	
Application Fees		462.48

Health

Donation	1,195.00	
Sales	252.00	
Raffle	1,310.00	
Silent Auction	555.00	
Purina	<u>303.00</u>	3,615.00

Agility 2016

Entry Fees	17,534.00	
Raffle Donation	<u>315.00</u>	17,849.00

TOTAL INCOME**\$61,717.25****EXPENSE:**

2016 National Specialty	24,835.92	
2017 National Specialty	5,445.10	
Bulletin Expenses	1,582.00	
Recording Secretary Expense	729.53	
Judges Education	1,623.17	
Cash Deposit Fee	7.45	
Service Fee for Cash Deposit	13.60	
Website	1,360.51	
Website Domain (5 years)		299.40
Sales for resale	350.00	
Sakes (Shipping)		13.45
Dues-Postage & Printing		155.05
WordFence	308.89	
Paypal	199.40	
AKC Delegate	851.30	
Check Printing	129.98	
Federal Tax Return	500.00	
State Tax Return	10.00	
Breeder Referral	106.69	
Eukanuba-Medallion Pledge	215.00	
Liability Insurance	785.00	
AKC Judges List	25.00	
AKC Dues	25.00	
Secretary of State	20.00	
Shipping (Historian)	129.98	

AKC Fees		59.88	
Constant Contact Renewal		378.00	
Equisure		600.00	
Agility 2016			
Facility Balance	2,730.00		
Trial Secretary	3,058.69		
Meals	900.00		
Judges Fee & Exp	1,895.90		
Judges Meals	403.58		
AKC Run Fees	3,207.00		
Awards	18.67		
Raffle	317.74		
Refunds	790.00		
Printing	<u>1.18</u>	13,322.76	
Agility 2017			
Facility Deposit	300.00		
Balance for Facility	2,766.00		
AKC Fees	300.00		
Ribbons	537.11		
Bridge Loan	8,000.00		
Trophies	<u>345.00</u>	12,248.11	
Health			
Sales	772.40		
Website	504.43		
Donation (CHF)	10,500.00		
WordPress	99.99		
WordFence	154.44		
Paypal	<u>17.46</u>	12,048.72	
Total Expense			<u>78,378.89</u>
NET GAIN/LOSS			(16,661.64)
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE APRIL 30, 2017			\$39,677.87
PAYPAL BALANCE			500.00
BUSINESS SAVING BALANCE May 1, 2016		55,186.45	
Interest Income		<u>21.89</u>	
BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE APRIL 30, 2017			55,208.34
TOTAL FUNDS APRIL 30, 2017			\$ 95,386.21

LILLIAN ENDO, TREASURER APRIL 30, 2017

AGILITY

Shirley Hamilton

Our 2017 BFCA All-Breed Agility Trial is now all put to bed. But we do want to take this opportunity to once again send out our thank you's to all of you who helped us make it so successful. First to our Twin Cities area members who arrived each morning at 6:30 and stayed until 4:00 — you are so wonderful to work with and generous with your time. And then to all of you who are too far away to come, thank you for all of your donations for our volunteer raffle. Once again your gifts were so appreciated by our many exhibitors/volunteers. We received letters from many of them thanking us for making the trial on to remember. BFCA members, you are the best!!!



BREEDER REFERRAL REPORT

May 1, 2016 - April 30, 2017

by the

Breeder & Information Source Committee

Nancy Noonan (Coordinator), Kathy Andrew, Susan Levine & Kathy Loynachan

Phone: 860-405-5215

E-Mail: bfcabreeder@comcast.net

Annual Cost: \$106.69

Month	E-Mail	Calls No Message	Calls Left Message
May 2016	6	6	7
June 2016	2	0	3
July 2016	7	2	8
August 2016	3	2	5
September 2016	3	7	4
October 2016	2	4	6
November 2016	2	3	8
December 2016	5	1	4
January 2017	5	0	10
February 2017	4	5	5
March 2017	5	7	6
April 2017**	1	2	5
TOTALS	45	39*	71

* The Voice Mail Message refers callers to the BFC website.

** Since this report was requested in mid April 2017, the April stats reflect only 1/2 month activity. Summary Stats:

- This activity breakdown is only for the BFC Breeder Referral phone and e-mail address, plus those inquiries coming from our listing on the AKC website. It *does not* reflect any of the follow-up inquiries.
- The average initial conversation lasts between 10 and 25 minutes. It has been the committee's privilege to help educate folks about the information found on the BFC website and to excite them about our fantastic breed. Thank you for this continued opportunity to be educators. The Breeder Directory has 5 more listings than last year. Revenue was \$2530.00, which includes 3 late fees. The overall volume of inquiries was **down 58%**. As we know, AKC continues to report that registered bichon litters are still declining and the popularity of the breed has waned. Media campaigns to "clear the shelters" have stirred the public conscience to adopt mix-breed puppies. Internet sites such as Breeders.net, the AKC Classifieds, and Facebook postings about puppies being more and more prevalent might also suggest that the public may be preferring those sources for information.

Respectfully submitted, *Nancy Noonan*

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT

May 1, 2016 - April 30, 2017

The Corresponding Secretary is mainly responsible for receiving printed and e-mailed correspondence from organizations and the general public. It is either then sent to the President for direction and dissolution and/or to the BFCA Committee or Chairman involved. If directed, he/she then responds to the inquiry. All is saved on a flash drive and/or in hard copy form to be turned over to the Recording Secretary for preservation. Typical types of correspondence received include:

- AKC Event Correspondence and Notices.
- AKC Club Officers Report.
- Eukanuba and Meet-The-Breeds Information and Invitations.
- Kennel Clubs wishing Specialty information and data.
- Magazines looking for article and ad support.
- Commercial enterprises looking for BFCA business.
- Non-Profit organizations wanting donations.
- John Q. Public letters wanting breed information.
- John Q. Public inquiries with complaints about breeders. Response to inquiries are handled via e-mail, phone, or letter. Also, each year Crufts Invitation Certificates are mailed to the owners of our National Specialty's Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex, Best Bred-By-Exhibitor, Award of Merit and Select winners.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Noonan

BFCA Health Committee Report to the Board, 2017

Morris Animal Foundation is continuing the study, Genetic Risk of Developing Calcium Oxalate Urinary Stones with Dr. Eva Furrow as the lead researcher. If you recall, Dr. Furrow communicated personally with the health committee. As in the first stone study, DNA from dogs with calcium oxalate stones as well as those without is needed. Without help gathering DNA, the researchers are limited to local dogs. This study is a significant benefit for our Bichons. In the first study, three chromosomal regions associated with risk of calcium oxalate bladder stone formation were found in the Miniature Schnauzers. One of these regions also imparted risk in Bichons. A flyer on how to participate in the study will be handed out at the general meeting. It is hoped that our members will share this information with others as well as their vet and many will send in DNA.

The research grant from AKC/CHF the committee believes will benefit our breed is Intralymphatic Immunotherapy for Treatment of Canine Atopic Dermatitis; also called Allergen-Specific Immunotherapy, ASIT. ASIT is very safe, cost effective and may produce a clinical cure. However, only about 60% to 70% of dogs respond to it and some only partial. It is theorized that the efficacy of subcutaneous ASIT is limited by the skin's ability to stimulate the immune system. This study will test an alternate route.

As everyone realizes, the cost of research is high. What the health committee sells or raffles during the National Specialty show adds a few dollars. Neena Pellegrini has always been generous with her donations. This year she is providing items for us to sell and will take back with her items we don't. She also has some ideas to raise funds so perhaps new adventures will be available next year.

The AKC Health Conference is this August. Thank you, board, for allowing a representative from the health committee to attend. This conference is outstanding in its cutting edge scientific information as well as allowing attendees to interact with the researchers.

Previously, each year at the BFCA general meeting, members have been asked to tell the committee any morbidity and/or mortality incidences with their Bichons. It is noticeable that no one reports "normal" illnesses such as bladder infections or hot spots. This will be encouraged at this year's meeting.

Reviewing the Bichonhealth.org website was a bigger job than any committee member believed before it was started. However, it is finished awaiting Diana final organization when it will be proofed. The amount of time Diane gives to BFCA on this project is amazing. We are grateful for her work.

Respectfully,
Nancy McDonald, chairman

Conformation Critique

Mimi Winkler

After watching the video, I must admit that the perspective you get sitting ringside, as I sat watching this video, versus standing in the middle of the ring can be quite different. With that said, my catalog notes are just as apropos today, July 12th, as they were on May 5th, 2017.

If my descriptions may seem repetitive, it's simply because I look for and reward the same attributes in every class.

6-9 Puppy Dog

1. #11 Belle Creek's Who Can Make The Sunshine...nice balance, nice neck, great attitude, pretty head, nice top line, smooth mover
2. #5 Bella Allure Shades of Grey...pretty, pretty dog, so full of himself, he will finish quickly once he settles down, gave #11 a run for his money

9-12 Puppy Dog

1. #23 Wendan I've Got Your 6...nice balance, nice neck,..pretty head, good top line when moving
2. #17 Legend's Get Off My Cloud Of Lore...pretty dog, nice head, nice eye set...When his chest drops he will be a fabulous mover

12-18 Dog

#25 Heights Order In The Court...I really liked this " honest" Bichon..type, coat, movement, face...don't know what spooked him in the final line up

Bred-By-Exhibitor Dog

1. #31 Bibelot Cher Ami's Master Of Control...elegant, nice balance, nice neck, pretty head, good movement
2. #29 Solstice I Wanna Talk About Me...a little longer in body...has to settle down...forges his head when moving,

Open Dog

1. #51 Wasili Tuke Of Ao Qi Le Kennel...so nice to go over, beautiful head, wonderful length of neck, maybe too much rear angulation...but great layback of shoulder so he was balanced...so so full of himself
2. #47 Dart Of Fires Castle JP...such a nice dog...I had such a hard time between this dog and #51. This dog was more my type...but in the end I went for a little more leg and elegance.

Winners Dog

#51 Wasili Tuke Of Ao Qi Le Kennel

Reserve Winners Dog

47 Dart Of Fires Castle JP

Interesting side note...My Winners Dog was from China, and my Reserve Winners Dog was from Japan.

Puppy Bitches, 6 Months & Under 9 Months

1. #8 Cher Ami's Hillwood Sugar and Spice...very balanced, nice coat, pretty head, nice mover...great attitude
2. #12 Wendan Diamonds Are A Girl's BFF...pretty pretty head, beautiful tail set, nice mover..just a little bit of neck separated these two girls for placement

Puppy Bitches, 9 Months & Under 12 Months

1. #32 Luvit Dalnavert Ministry Of Magic...this bitch never took a wrong step from the minute she entered the ring..beautiful balance, head, coat, neck, and attitude..
2. #40 Gaylors Red Carpet Ready...this little delicious package has so much going for her...she too is a winner

Twelve To Eighteen Month Bitches

1. #46 Encore Cherise Romeos Better Half...nice head, pretty outline, nicely balanced
2. #50 Waterfall's Perfect Storm Paisley Rose...pretty, less bone, nice head ,great top line

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches

1. #64 Gemstone-Lyndale Simply Spectacular...lovely, lovely bitch, smooth when she went around the ring and so pretty on the table...she too had everything
2. #68 Barberry Hillwood Hot Child In The City...so nice to see such a happy, happy bitch, wonderful attitude with a pretty head and a wagging tail to match

American-Bred Bitches

1. #72 Barberry Hillwood You're So Vain...nice mover, lovely outline, so full of herself
2. #70 McNelson Phantom's Baby I'm A Star...nice expression, pretty head...she was just a little unsure of herself

Open Bitches

1. #82 Dognews's AW1 Marry...beautiful dense coat, wonderful tail set, nicely balanced bitch, great mover
2. #76 Petit Ami's Open Your Heart...pretty head, nice mover, great coat

Winners Bitch

#32 Luvit Dalnavert Ministry Of Magic...my 9-12 bitch...she could not be denied on this day

Reserve Winners Bitch

#64 Gemstone-Lyndale Simply Spectacular...My BBE bitch...on any given day my

Veteran Dogs, 7 Years & Under 10 Years

I wish I had a blue ribbon for every dog in this class...They were all deserving of first place. When I looked in the catalog to write their names I now realize why I was so impressed...Each and every dog presented had such an impact on breeding programs...I applaud all of these dogs...they were stunning and in such wonderful condition. They flew around the ring as if they were just two years old...I kept them in the same order as they were presented...therefore I feel they all deserve recognition...

1. #63 GCH Paray's Power & Privilege
2. #65 GCH Belle Creek's Flight To DejaVu
3. #67 GCH Wendan Out On Parole From Musicbox
4. #69 GCH Absolute Affinity Agape Bullet Proof

Veteran Dogs 10 Years & Older

#71 Belle Creek's Hot Shot...as good as it gets

Best of Breed

97 GCH CH Wendan Because I'm Happy...this dog caught my attention the minute he walked into the ring...he reminded me of a gymnast...extension thru his neck, great balance, out in front, great sense of self, just screaming...look at me...and I looked and loved what I found

Best Of Winners

#32 Luvit Dalnavert Ministry of Magic...my 9-12 winners bitch...

Best of Opposite Sex

118 CH Starry-Dom Golden Girl...loved her reach and drive, face, top line, and a sort of independence

As to the rest of the dogs and bitches I chose...regardless of size, which means nothing to me...they all exemplify the best of what our breed has to offer..

Select Dog

#95 CH Cher Ami's Center Of Attention

Select Bitch

#104 GCH CH Dove Cote Bang Zoom To The Moon

Awards Of Merit

#106 GCH CH Belle Creek's All About Aubry

#102 GCH CH Phantom's I Don't Wanna Miss A Thing CA.

#89 CH Heights Exclamation Point

#112 CH Solstice Frostfire CA

If you all noticed in my descriptions of the dogs I liked...I left out EYES...All of the dogs I used had ROUND eyes...some not as big as others...but round...I also did not mention pigment...as breeders we know where our strengths and weaknesses lie...

I found overall that we have improved our balance...our reach and drive...and please remember this...when I hear breeders say that certain dogs have no drive..."that the dogs' rear legs are tucked under"...in most cases their rear angulation is sufficient but their shoulders are so straight... the rear legs have nowhere to go...

Tailsets, for the most part were really good, which of course makes for good rears...fronts have greatly improved...I applaud all of you who have worked so hard to achieve this.

This was one of the proudest days of my life...I love Bichons...I love that you all gave me this opportunity...I hope I lived up to your expectations.

Thank you so very much,

Mimi

Bred-By-Exhibitor Special Attraction Critique

Sherry Watts

I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity and honor of judging the Bred-By-Exhibitor Special Attraction at this year's specialty.

The entry of Bichons was beautiful, and it was my pleasure to judge them.

The Best of Breed Special Attraction Bred-By-Exhibitor was well balanced and sound, with a lovely length of neck and inquisitive expression. He was very clean coming and going. He presented himself confidently and was a good representation of the breed.

The Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed Special Attraction Bred-By-Exhibitor was a lovely, sound bitch. She was well balanced, had a great coat, and pretty expression. She presented herself well.

The movement of both dogs was effortless and impressive.

Once again thank you for this wonderful opportunity.

Sherry Watts

President's Report

Great thanks and appreciation to Judy McNamara for all her hard work and leadership as President. I have lost track of how many years Judy has served on BFCA Boards in several capacities. We are very grateful that Judy will remain as a Director! Thank you to the Board members who agreed to serve another term, and welcome our new Board members, Director, Debbie Hollan, from Marietta GA, and Recording Secretary, Wendy Ball, from Nortonville, KY. We thank our newly retired Board members, Nancy Noonan and Sauna Scarborough, for their years of service and dedication.

Shauna Scarborough has also taken a well-deserved retirement as Bulletin Editor. She left some big shoes to fill! Thank you, Shauna, for all your years as Editor. Our new Bulletin Editor, Mayno Blanding, worked very hard to put together her first edition of our Bulletin and has done a great job.

Ribbons! Ribbons! Ribbons! Congratulations to all the winners in Atlanta! Our breeders and exhibitors have every reason to be proud of the lovely group of dogs that were entered in this year's specialty. Kudos!

For those who missed this year's events, one of the highlights was our hospitality night. Thank you, Kaley Kovar, for putting together a fun program with games and prizes. A fun evening was had by all who attended!

Next year's Show Chair, Kathy Andrew, and her assistant chair, Lillian Endo, are hard at work preparing for our specialty to be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Tucson, Arizona, April 30th to May 4th. It's a big job; so if you would like to help with the committee, please contact Kathy. All volunteers will be welcome!

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite our members, particularly our newer members, to contact me if you have any skills to share with your club! We always need volunteers so please don't be shy.

Wishing you all lots of ribbons this summer!

Gail Antetomaso

**BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA
Treasurer's Report
Financial Statement Beginning May 1, 2017 and Ending June 30, 2017**

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CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE APRIL 30, 2017	\$39,677.87
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INCOME:

2017 National Specialty	\$16,196.87	
Sales	53.44	
Amazon Sales	115.58	
Membership Dues	3,350.00	
Application Fees	30.00	

Health

Donation	125.00	
Sales	2,967.00	
Raffle-Bingo	135.00	
Silent Auction	250.00	
Purina	<u>360.47</u>	3,837.47

Agility 2017

Entry Fees	14,445.00	
Donation	465.00	
Raffle	<u>565.00</u>	15,475.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$39,058.36

EXPENSE:

2017 National Specialty	20,958.01	
2019 National Specialty Deposit	1,000.00	
Bulletin Expenses	397.66	
Recording Secretary Expense	228.89	
Judges Education	11.18	
Cash Deposit Fee	16.76	
Service Fee for Cash Deposit	19.20	
Website - GoDaddy	57.00	
Paypal	43.95	

Agility 2017

Meals	900.00	
Judges Gift	25.00	
Judges Meals	85.59	
MACH/PACH	52.63	
Printing, Postage, Copies	<u>35.89</u>	1,099.11

Health

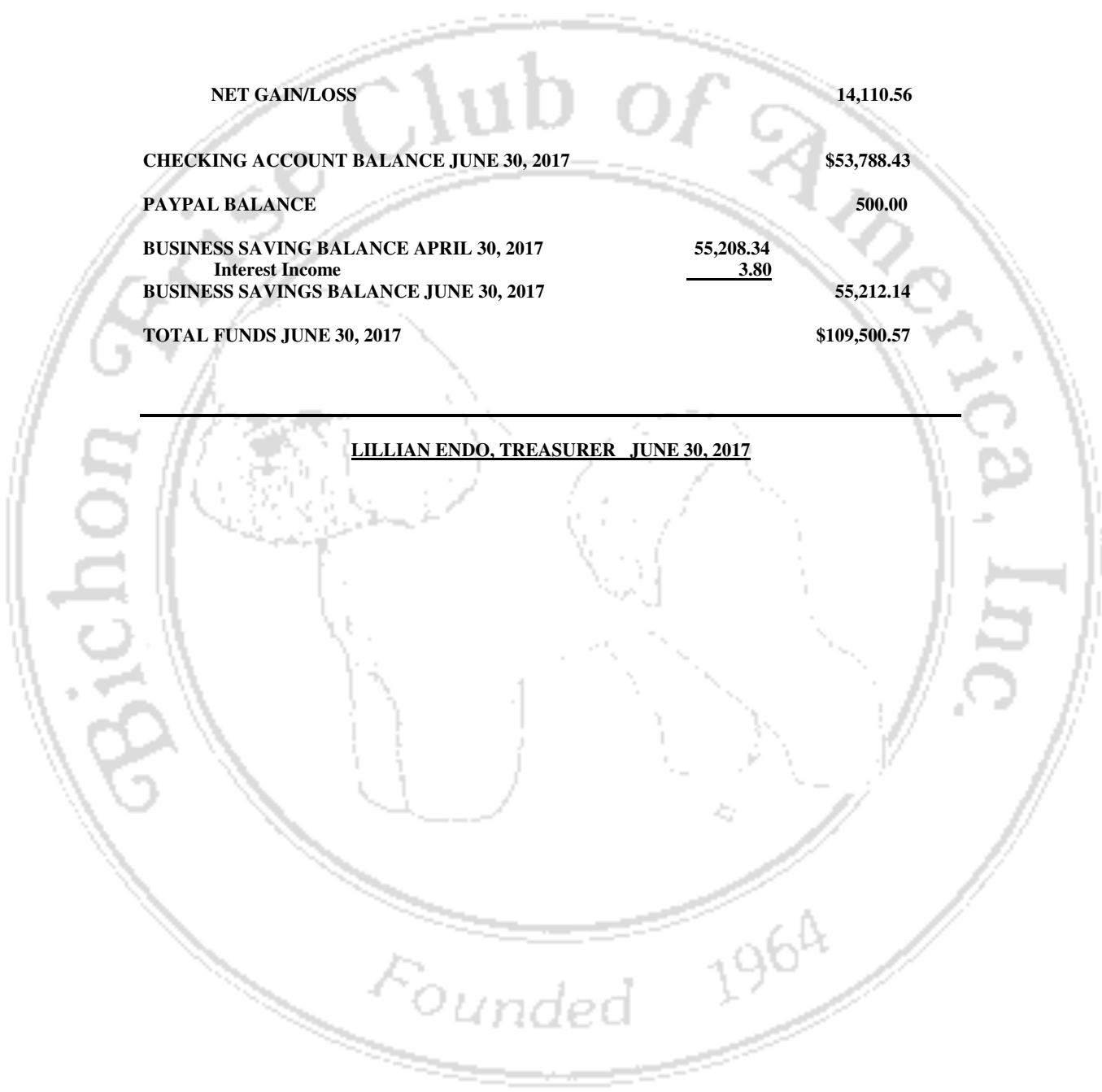
Sales	1,092.00	
Website	21.98	
Paypal	<u>2.06</u>	1,116.04

Total Expense

24,947.80

NET GAIN/LOSS		14,110.56
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE JUNE 30, 2017		\$53,788.43
PAYPAL BALANCE		500.00
BUSINESS SAVING BALANCE APRIL 30, 2017	55,208.34	
Interest Income	<u>3.80</u>	
BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE JUNE 30, 2017		55,212.14
TOTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2017		\$109,500.57

LILLIAN ENDO, TREASURER JUNE 30, 2017



Board Ballots for Balance of 2016-2017 - Diana McFarlane

Board Member	Ballot 03-17A	Ballot 04-17A	Ballot 04-17B
Abbott, Matt	Approve	Approve	Approve
Antetomaso, Gail	Approve	Approve	Approve
Andrew, Kathy	Approve	Approve	Approve
Endo, Lillian	Approve	Approve	Approve
McFarlane, Diana	Approve	Approve	Approve
McNamara, Judy	Approve	Approve	Approve
Noonan, Nancy	Approve	Approve	Approve
Ramich, Lynn	Approve	Approve	Approve
Scarborough, Shauna	Approve	Approve	Approve
Wise, John	Approve	Approve	Approve
Wotton, Myra	Approve	Approve	Approve

N/A – Not Available

Ballot 03-17A, 8 March 2017 – The BFCA shall approve the purchase of one year's trophies from Pacific Etched Glass for a total of \$1210 with an additional sales tax and shipping.

Ballot 04-17A, 3 April 2017 - The BFCA shall approve two grants as follows:

- Morris Animal Foundation study Understanding Genetic Risk for Developing Calcium Oxalate Urinary stones donate \$3,000.00
- AKC 02017-A - Intralymphatic Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Canine Atopic Dermatitis Principal Investigator: Dr. Andrea Lam, DVM; Tufts University Total Grant Amount: \$12,113 Grant Period: 7/1/2015 - 1/31/2017

Ballot 04-17B, 11 April 2017 – The BFCA shall purchase a Sony Digital Voice Recorder and two 16GB Flash Drives for the BFCA Recording Secretary use at National Meetings for a total cost of \$94.85.

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

Est. 2003

Spring showers were showering Bichons. Spring brought us over 20 Bichons. One Bichon, Flynn, has the largest stones we have every seen!! Flynn had 2 bladder stones one on top of the other. Even the vet said he had never seen stones so large.



A big thank you to Rick Day who helped us with 3 boys in Atlanta. All 3 have been adopted and got wonderful homes. We found a new foster in Texas and within a month she took in 3 bichons and has placed 2.

The Bichons that we have taken in this quarter had some expensive medical needs. Three had to have eyes removed due to cataracts and glaucoma and one had huge stones. As a result of our large expenses, we took to Facebook and asked for donations to help cover the medical expenses. Our Facebook followers came through for us once again!!

We are holding a “Bichon Bash” at Bull Run Park in Centreville, Virginia on Sunday, September 17, 2017. We are now actively preparing for the Bash. This will continue until the Bash on September 17. There will be a link for registration on the BFC ACT website and registration has begun. We hope to see you there!!

Welcome back Lynn Ramich!! Lynn is back as Co-Chair for rescue. We missed her and are happy to have her back.

Zandra I Kern, Co-Chair and Trustee
Bichon Frise Club of America Charitable Trust
501c Established January 2003
Cell 703-401-9551 Fax 866 473-0722
www.bichonrescue.org





BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

Est. 2003

Regions Bank Balance as of December 31, 2016 \$32,778.81

Regions Bank Balance as of March 27, 2017 \$16,882.07

YEAR-TO-DATE AS OF June 30, 2017

INCOME

Pay Pal Transfer From	7,000.00
Contribution	3,116.51
Emporium - Gross Receipts	1,565.72
Adoption Rescue	875.00
Amazon Donation	132.17

TOTAL INCOME	12,689.40
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EXPENSES

Vet Expenses For Rescue	24,031.69
Emporium - Goods Purchased	1,896.34
Expenses for Rescued Bichons	1,042.13
Tax Return Preparation	500.00
Bash Expenses	425.00
Web Site	247.90
Supples For Emporium	227.49
Office Supplies	105.59
Check Image Fee	60.00
Training Expenses For Rescue	50.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	28,586.14
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Prepared by Matt Abbott, BFACT Treasurer

Judges Education

Mimi Winkler

Firstly, I would like to thank the Bichon breeders who contributed pictures to make our power point program the success it is. I would also like to thank all the volunteer mentors, who have given so much to our breed.

I have given, let me change that to we...Paul Flores is really my co writer, presenter; he is my JEC to the second power.... I believe it is the give and take between the two of us that makes our presentation so greatly respected and talked about...

Our biggest presentation was the AKC forum in Florida last December. We were scheduled for just one day but we overdrew and so we gave two seminars attended by over forty-five judges.

The feedback was so positive that I am proud to say that we were rated in the top five for the week.

Of course we had a seminar at our national...due to circumstances beyond my control I was not able to be a presenter...thank you Judy, and Paul.

This is a joint effort from all of our members. Suggestions are always welcome.

Judges Selection Committee

Betty Ribble

Voting for the 2019 National Specialty was completed, and the following named persons have been invited to judge the respective event:

Conformation

Pauline Johns (Eng.)

Sweepstakes

Margaret Hyde-Sherwood

Bred-By-Exhibitor Special Attraction

Mayno Blanding

Members should be mindful that these are our nominated judges, and, until approved by AKC, no additional announcements nor advertising is to be made.

As this is my last report to you, I want to thank all who participated in voting over the years I have looked after this project. I have often felt this is the one thing our members have shown a great concern for, and I have done my best to carry out the duties of the committee.

Working in concert with the Board we have been able to clarify and develop a process to which we felt would encourage participation. The electronic ballot has been a most successful effort. More of you use this than the paper ballot. In fact, so many that it seems superfluous to maintain a committee of three persons. It is also, aside of the setup, much easier to record and calculate results. I have recommended that the committee be dissolved and that a single member with electronic skills be made chairman. The paper ballot will still be available via the BULLETIN so those preferring this method may continue. Deadlines will still be published, and all submissions, including the opt-out to judge, must be signed and postmarked as stated.

I do wish to give a special "Thank You" to Linda Rowe who acted as our Tally confirmation member and to Diane McFarlane who set up and maintained the electronic Ballot. You gals were great to work with. To all of our club members I would also thank you for the confidence shown in my efforts on your behalf.

Best wishes - and please don't forget to vote when the opportunity is presented.

Membership Report

SUMMER 2017

Karen Chesbro

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS (Sponsors)

Ginny Humphrey
31 Westwood Drive
Simsbury, CT 06070
(Deena Mathog & Nancy Noonan)

Merry Nicole Meyer
5565 Brittany Court
Frederick, MD 21703
(Debbi Lamb & Lynn Ramich)

Kathy Puerner
510 West Park St
Marshfield, WI 54449
(Vickie Halstead & Shirley Hamilton)

Dina Taylor
13039 Shorewood Drive SW
Burien, WA 98146
(Sheri Kennedy & Sue Swindle)

All BFCA members are invited to send comments (both pro & con) regarding applicants. Comments must be received by the Recording Secretary, Wendy Ball, 967A Boat Dock Rd, KY 42501 or bichonbabe@mchsi.com by **AUGUST 15, 2017**

REGISTER OF MERIT/REGISTER OF MERIT EXCELLENT AWARDS

Submitted 7/11/17

Congratulations to the following dog that has been awarded a ROM Title:

ROM

OWNER(S)

CH Legend's Treasured Moments

**Erayna Beckman*
Roselyn Allen***

*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.

Bichon Frise Club of Greater Houston

Wednesday, July 19, 2017, BFCGH held its Summer Specialty in conjunction with the Houston Combined Specialties, at NRG Stadium in Houston, TX.

We had 9 entries in our Sweepstakes Classes judged by Ms Erika Moureau

Our 6-9 Puppy Dog winner was DIAMELLA UNDERCOVER COP AT RISGAE
 Our 9-12 Puppy Dog winner was FOUR OAKS MUSICBOX AGAINST ALL ODDS
 Our 12-18 Jr. Dog winner was WENDAN I'VE GOT YOUR 6

Our 9-12 Puppy Bitch winner was BELLA ALLUE COLOR OF SILVER
 Our 12-18 Jr. Bitch winner was DA BECK'S BONNIE PARKER OUTTA AL!

BEST IN SWEEPS WAS BELLA ALLURE COLOR OF SILVER
 BEST OF OPP IN SWEEPS WAS WENDAN I'VE GOT YOUR 6

Our Best Junior Handler was Mackenzie Foltner and her partner
 DA BECK'S BONNIE PARKER OUTTA AL! from the Novice Junior Class

In our Regular Classes we had 18 entries judged by Ms. Pamela Bruce, CAN.

Our 6-9 winner in the puppy dogs DIAMELLA UNDERCOVER COP AT RISGAE
 Our 9-12 winner in puppy dogs HIGHRIDGE MAXIMILIAN J.R. OF GLORYB.
 Our 12-18 winner in dogs WENDAN I'VE GOT YOUR 6

Our 6-9 winner in puppy bitch BELLA ALLURE COLOR OF SILVER
 Our 9-12 winner in puppy bitch DA BECK'S BONNIE PARKER OUTTA AL!
 Our Owner Handler winner HIGH RIDGE GLORY B BELLINI MARTINI
 Our Bred By winner RELEVE'S KISS AND TELL
 Our Open Bitch AME JUMELLE HERMIONE

Winners Dog was HIGHRIDGE MAXIMILIAN J.R. OF GLORYB
 Winners Bitch was AME JUMELLE HERMIONE

Our BOB GCH BELLE CREEK'S ALL I CARE ABOUT IS LOVE
 Our BOW HIGH RIDGE MAXIMILIAN J.R. OF GLORY B
 Our BOS CH SOLSTICE FROSTFIRE CA
 Our Select Dog GCH SOLSTICE STORMBRINGER
 Our Select Bitch GCH HIGHRIDGE SWEETEST DEVOTION
 Best Owner Handled GCH SOLSTICE STORMBRINGER

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After our breed competition we all gathered at the Bichon area set up and had a great meeting. We were given a presentation about CGC and Therapy training from Cindy Rubens, proud co-owner with Carol Fellbaum, of our Select Bitch "ADELLE" who has recently received her CGC and Therapy certificates.

During the meeting we are happy to announce we have 3 new membership applications received.

This is from Judy Beckham:

"Cindy Oliver a Master Sculptor with canine fur used my sweetheart, 11-year-old, BISS Ch. Da Beck's Mr. Incredible "DASH", for her exhibit during her seminar on July 22, 2017 at the Houston Shows. He was an absolute "HIT" as he was walked around the show. Everyone had to have a photo of him and then we took him to MEET THE BREED!!!! It was crazy! The little kids loved it, because on one side was KING JULIAN from the kids' movie MADAGASCAR and on the other was the beautiful parrot and a purple flower!!!! He also had on leopard PJ's! It has been almost a week and the pattern is still on him. It was absolutely amazing. She did such a beautiful job I cannot, imagine how she did it in about 4 hours!!!!"





SAVE THE DATE!

Fiesta Time In Tucson!

**Double Tree By Hilton – Reid Park Hotel
Room Rate \$109.00 Double/Single**

TUESDAY MAY 1st – Registration & Evening Hospitality

**WEDNESDAY MAY 2nd – Seminar/Webinar By Dr. Jean Dodds
BFCA Annual Meeting
Awards Banquet**

**THURSDAY MAY 3rd - Obedience & Rally
Sweepstakes
Parade of Title Holders
Special Attraction Bred-By-Exhibitor**

**FRIDAY MAY 4th - Junior Showmanship
Conformation**

Mayno Blanding
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