

# Beardie Tales

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## ***The Big Day Is Almost Here***

### ***Chicagoland Regional Specialty Saturday, June 16, 2007 Lake County Fairgrounds Grayslake, IL***

Make your calendar now. This is the club's seminal event of the year. See great Beardies. Watch and cheer (quietly). Enjoy the company of fellow Beardie lovers. Buy Beardie goodies. Spend money to support your club. Work on your tan. Commune with nature. Come early, stay late.

In case you missed it, the Fund Raising Committee sent out an email asking the membership to donate a raffle item as a fund raiser. The Committee already has some beautiful fund raising items which will be displayed at the show and some major items to be raffled. The more the better. Bring your item Friday if doing the Little Fort show or Saturday, the morning of the Regional. Anyone on the fund raising committee will be more than happy to accept your item. If you have questions please email or call Dawn Szecsy. (xtcbeardies@aol.com or 262-703-0623)  
Other committee members are Arlene Fenney, Claudia Diaz and Jean Frances Dean.

The Club will also have some Beardie-wear items for sale.

***Bring lots of cash and/or your checkbook.***

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### ***Tick Removal***

Karen Shaw sent out an email on April 23 re an easy tick removal method recommended by a doctor. In a nutshell, apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few seconds (15-20). The tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. (Ticks breathe through pores on their sides. Soap blocks their respiration, and now they have other pressing issues besides food.)

Shortly after Karen sent out her email, Chris Walkowicz sent out a note saying a vet told her the

soap method did not work. That got me thinking. I called my vet. He said it does work. He has used the soap-soaked cotton ball trick. I guess the morale of the story is ask your vet what he or she thinks.

### ***If You Want To Know If Spot Loves You So, It's In His Tail***

You have all probably read about this or heard it on the evening news. It had its 15 (maybe 30) minutes of fame at the end of April. You can tell if your dog loves you by how he/she wags their tail, according to researchers in Italy. If the tail wags more to the **right**, the dog is having positive feelings. If the tail wags more to the **left**, the dog is having negative feelings. In most animals, the left brain specializes in behavior involving approach and energy enrichment. That is behavior associated with positive feeling, like love, a

sense of attachment, safety, and calm. The left brain controls the right side of the body. The right brain specializes in behavior involving withdrawal and energy expenditure. That is behavior associated with fleeing, fear, and depression. The right brain controls the left side of the body,

Tails presented a problem to researchers because they are in the middle of the body. So, researchers

set up an experiment in controlled lab conditions and cameras recorded all. When the test dogs were exposed to familiar stimuli (like their owners), their tails wagged more to the right. When the test dogs were exposed to an unfamiliar stimuli (like a dominant dog), their tails wagged more to the left. In other words, when the dogs were attracted to something pleasing, their tails wagged right. When faced with the unfamiliar, their tails wagged left.

So, there you have it. When the tail wags right, your dog loves you. When the rail wags left, your dog....