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SANTA'S DOG

At this time of the year, with its joyous commotion,
I can't help but get the most positive notion,
That with all the shopping, planning and cooking,
There's something important we've been overlooking.

Santa Claus and his reindeer get all of the glory
But there's certainly got to be more to the story.
On his trip through the skies where no one has spies
There must be a faithful old dog there by his side.

For Santa's the typical kind of a fellow,
So kind and so happy and merry and mellow,
Who'd not be contented without a companion
To take on his flight o'er mountain and canyon.

Santa's dog - all aquiver with anticipation
As he watches the signs of the great preparation,
His eager eyes shining, his ears at attention,
Awaiting the moment of thrilling ascension.

The reindeer are harnessed, the pack overflowing,
Old Santa climbs in, and it's time they were going.
First, a dash to the Pole (for obvious reason),
Then into the sleigh for the ride of the season.

So sing "Wuf" for the mistletow, also the holly.
This is the season when barking is jolly,
And tails are awaggin' and noses atwitchin'--
There's so much excitement from parlor to kitchen.

Now here is the secret - don't tell I've revealed it,
For dogs thru the ages have neatly concealed it --
Every dog, on that night that we all love the best
Leaves a bone by the tree for his annual guest.

from New England Obedience News



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A WORD TO THE WISE

It has been brought to our attention that a year old Bearded raised by a club member was mistakenly put to death at an animal hospital mistaking him for another cross-bred who was to be destroyed for biting. It is tragic indeed and unfortunately not the first time an innocent dog has met with this fate through human error. Our feeling is that an animal hospital is a place for sick animals and not generally considered a boarding kennel -- most veterinarians prefer not to board. If you must board try to find a reputable boarding kennel first.

Tracking Dog - T.D.

This concludes the series on the obedience titles.



Tracking tests are held as separate events from dog shows. The reason being, of course, is that they require lots of wide open spaces. A dog has to pass only one test to earn the T.D. title. Then it may be added to the end of the dog's name, its other obedience titles or if the dog already has a Utility title it is written U.D.T. U.D.T. is the "super" title for obedience dogs. It is often dreamed about by exhibitors, but seldom achieved.

Before a dog can enter a Tracking Test it must be certified by a tracking judge that it can indeed track a stranger. This certificate is sent in with the entry. T.D. dogs may continue to enter tests, they do not have to be certified after they have earned their title.

Tracking tests are put on by interested clubs. Entries are usually limited to eight dogs or less because of the time factor and the amount of open acreage needed. Two tracking judges are required at a test.

The track is laid by a stranger, walking 440 to 500 yards. The scent must be one half hour to two hours old when the dog begins the track. Previously the Club and judges have drawn up maps for the track layer to follow. It is important that he or she follow it carefully, so the judges can tell when the dog is on the track.

The dogs wear harnesses, they usually pull, and this prevents pressure on the neck. A long line (20-40 feet) is attached to the harness. The handler holds the line and must follow the dog at a distance of 20 feet or more. There can be no guiding of the dog.

At the starting point there is a flag. Thirty yards down the track there is another flag denoting which way the track goes. After the second flag, the track can go off in any direction. If the dog does not seem to pick up the scent before passing the second flag, the handler may give his dog one more chance to take the scent. They are on their own after passing the second flag.

With the judges following along discreetly, the handler and dog, hopefully follow the scent to the end of the track where the track layer has left a glove or wallet. The dog or handler may pick it up to show its recovery.

The following are excerpts from the A.K.C. Obedience Regulations which will give some idea how a track must be laid: "One or both of the judges must personally lay out each track...so as to be completely familiar with the location of the track, landmarks and ground conditions. At least two of the right angle turns shall be well out in the open where there are no fences or other boundaries...No part of any track shall follow along any...boundary within 15 yards...The track shall include at least two right angle turns and should include more than two such turns so that the dog may be observed working in different wind directions. Acute angle turns should be avoided...No conflicting tracks shall be laid. No track shall cross any body of water....the tracklayer is a stranger to the dog in each case."

There is no time limit on the test provided the dog is working, but a dog clearly off the track and not working will be stopped and marked "Failed." Tracking is a pass or fail situation, there are no scores given.

(Editor's note: The way the judges stop a dog at a Tracking Test is with a whistle and believe me, there is no sound more dreaded by participants and spectators alike at the test than that of the whistle.)

At this time there is one T.D. Bearded Collie, she is Cannamoer Honey Rose, C.D., T.D. owned by Virginia Parsons. Honey recently passed her second tracking test, an outstanding achievement. The Failure rate at these tests unfortunately is well over 50%.

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Good Reading

Here at Windcache we recently whelped our first Beardie litter. Before the big day arrived I wanted to brush up on all the details of whelping without having to bother my veterinarian unnecessarily. When the time came to do so I was appalled at the lack of precise information which is readily available. Just when I was ready to throw up my hands I read a review of a book in Dog World Magazine. It sounded like what I was looking for, and it was.

The book is THE MATING AND WHELPING OF DOGS by Captain R. Portman Graham (Popular Dogs Publishing Co., Ltd., London). It not only covers whelping in detail, but it tells all the normal aspects, and then the abnormal or unusual things which might occur and lets you know when you should call your veterinarian.

The book, also, has an excellent section on ownership and management of a stud dog. With so many newcomers to Beardies it would behoove many to read this book before they decide to offer that wonderful, enthusiastic male to service other's bitches. It covers the "what ifs," such as "what if" the prospective duo don't like each other, "what if" they are not compatible size-wise, "what if" the bitch is not ready when she arrives, you have to board her for two weeks and she is an escape artist?

Many small details are covered which a newcomer to dog breeding or even an oldtimer will find informative. THE MATING AND WHELPING OF DOGS will be a useful, practical addition to your library.

Training Tip for Winter

I am often asked what it is like to train and work with a Bearded Collie. My response is most positive. I have gotten more pleasure working with my bitch, Brillig, than any other dog I have owned. She is bright, responsive and sensitive to all my moods. However, because of these traits seen in most Beardies, it is, also, easy to "blow it" as a trainer.

There has to be some generalization here, because every dog is an individual. But, when you are dealing with a very bright, intelligent dog you had better be very careful in teaching any exercise or trick for that matter. Make sure in the beginning that the dog is placed in the situation where he cannot fail. You, the handler, may be doing most of the work but the dog gets the genuine, affectionate praise for what he did.

Be very fair in your dealings with your Beardie, it is not easy to pull the wool over their eyes, nor do they soon forget an injustice done to them.

As my friend, sometimes assistant trainer, and fellow Beardie trainer, Cathi Cline, puts it, "you have to explain things to them." Don't take this as literally as it sounds, you would look very foolish. But, make sure whenever you are attempting to teach something to your Beardies, that it is very clear to him. Do not correct your dog for mistakes you have made. Normal leash corrections used in dog

training are usually not warranted until you know that the dog understands the command and is refusing it. Even then, with a Bearded, it is often better to back up your training, than to correct and correct with poor results. Your poor result will be a sour, sulky dog in many cases.

****Dog training is built on SUCCESSES not failures. Keep that in mind, as you work with your Bearded, and you will enjoy many happy hours working together.****

In the next issue - Training an "oldie, but goodie"

Until next time...

LAMENT OF A LADY WHO'S GONE TO THE DOGS

There was a time, there really was,
When I was sweet and tender
When show dog meant a Disney Star
And "Bitch" was not a gender.

I went to bed at half past ten;
I went to church on Sunday.
On Saturday I baked the beans
And did the wash on Monday.

But then I got a certain pup
And a friend said "Show!"
And I did and so I do
Oh! What I didn't know.

I used to dress with flair and style
That was the life, don't knock it.
But now each dress from bed to ball
Must have a good bait pocket.

I used to have a certain air,
I wallowed in perfume,
I used to smell of Nuit d'Amour
Now I smell like Mr. Groom.

I rise at dawn and pack the car
The road ahead's a long one.
The one I routed on the maps
Invariably's the wrong one.

I really love this doggy life
I wouldn't care to change it.
But when I get that Best In Show,
I plan to rearrange it!

When my time on earth is done
I'll go without much budging
Just give me three weeks closing date
And let me know who's judging.

Beryl Allen



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NEW ENGLAND BEARDED COLLIE CLUB
vs.
BEARDED COLLIE CLUB OF GREATER NEW YORK

SECOND ANNUAL CHALLENGE MATCH

The date was October 5, 1975, the place Elizabeth Park in West Hartford, Connecticut. The judge was Mrs. Carol Aubut. It was an absolutely beautiful day - the weatherman was good to us, the park was lovely, the food (prepared by members of the New England club and headed by Barbara Davies) was delicious and the 39 Beardies and their owners all had a good time.



Puppy dog 2-6 months (6 entries)

1. Benji O'Braemoor - Parsons
2. Puppy Brown - Aitken
3. Rhonwyn O'Braemoor - Parsons
4. Puppy Black - Aitken

Puppy dog 6-9 months (3 entries)

1. Brambledale Black Rod - Morrison
2. St. Andrew Bonny Prince Charlie - Hermann
3. Buccaneer O'Braemoor - Parsons

BEST PUPPY DOG: Brambledale Black Rod

Puppy bitch 2-6 months (3 entries)

1. Heathglen's Irene Adler - Schrol
2. Glen Eire Sweet Jess O'th Moor - Dolan
3. Boo Berry - Morrison

Puppy bitch 6-9 months (4 entries)

1. St. Andrews Just Plain Emily - Terricone & St. Lifer
2. Bit O'Honey O'Braemoor - Parsons
3. Little Biddy Aberdeen of Banff - Weise
4. Cauldbrae Pinegrove Jeannie - Aitken

Puppy bitch 9-12 months (2 entries)

1. Cricket's Super Shoe - Lackman
2. Dunwich Kate of Cameron - Taylor

BEST PUPPY BITCH AND BEST PUPPY: St. Andrews Just Plain Emily

Intermediate Dog (3 entries)

1. Baffler O'Braemoor - Parsons
2. Highland McMillan - Glenn
3. Glen Eire Tug McGraw - Drake

American Bred (1 entry)

1. Laird Dirk O'Dunwich - Cassidy

Open dog (3 entries)

1. Dunwich Dudley Dustmop - Davies
2. Cauldbrae's Brigadoon - Morrison
3. Dunwich Double Diamond - Taylor & Galey

BEST ADULT DOG: Baffler O'Braemoor

CHICAGO-LAND BEARDED COLLIE CLUB
FOURTH SPECIALTY MATCH
NOVEMBER 2, 1975

JUDGES: Mr. John Cramer

23 entries

Puppy dog 2-4 months

1. Rich-Lins Mister Magoo - Conro & Nootbaar

Puppy dog 4-6 months

1. DuMor Archon - Shreeram

Puppy bitch 2-4 months

1. Rich-Lins Black Willow - Cimock
2. Rich-Lins Lady Madelaine - Wiand

Puppy bitch 4-6 months

1. Briardales Lady Mandy - Winter
2. DuMor Huddle Closer - Woodman

BEST PUPPY IN MATCH: Rich-Lins Mister Magoo

Novice Dog

1. Rich-Lins of Bothkennar - Farny
2. Rich-Lins Royal Ransom - Reabus

Bred By Exhibitor Dog

1. Rich-Lins Rising Son - Shannon & Nootbaar
2. Rich-Lins Pride of Jason - Cole & Nootbaar

American Bred Dog

1. McDuff of Wynnwood - Wiese
2. Rich-Lins Wandering Rogue - Taylor & Nootbaar
3. Rich-Lins Chocolate Moose - Rich
4. Rich-Lins Devil May Care - Versace

Open Dog

1. Edenborough Adventure - Nootbaar
2. Cedars Tobey of Trent - Winters

Novice Bitch

1. Blindbluff Love in a Mist - Holava
2. Rich-Lins Double Diamond - Stryganek

Bred by Exhibitor Bitch

1. Rich-Lins Royal Shag - Nootbaar
2. Rich-Lins Blue Wonder - Ernsberger & Nootbaar

American Bred Bitch

1. Rich-Lins Forever Amber - Kaub & Nootbaar
2. Rich-Lins Honey Bear - Conro

Open Bitch

1. Jaseton Princess Argonetta - Nootbaar

BEST IN MATCH: Jaseton Princess Argonetta

BEST OPPOSITE SEX: Edenborough Adventure

PROFESSION HANDLING VS. OWNER HANDLING

an interview with a breeder handler

(Marie Kelley of Merri-K Kennels has raised and trained Collies, Belgian Sheepdogs, Poodles and Keeshonds and has put several Championships and obedience titles on her dogs.)

How do you feel about having a professional handler show your dog as opposed to doing it yourself?

For sheer enjoyment and pleasure you should do it yourself. But if you are a strict novice, rather than bumble around a ring with a good dog, then you should either have a handler or go to handling classes. The ordinary average person who owns a good dog can do as fine a job presenting his animal as your professional handler and your dog is more relaxed with you. A good judge can recognize quality even when its properly presented by an amateur.

When you enter a dog today you should not be going for a blue ribbon or red ribbon - you want to know the dog is ready for competition. When I'm showing my own dogs I watch my judges - you can generally get a good idea of what the judges like from watching how he places a class. In other words, is he really judging Beardies or is he judging the other end of the leash. You can get a feeling of comparing your dogs qualities with the other dogs that you don't get when sending your dog out with a handler. In other words, when the handler comes back you may get an "Oh well, didn't like the tail", where when you are in the ring, you know when you are in the ring whether the judge liked your type or not. I enjoy it and its not always the handler that goes up. Actually its getting to be more the owner-breeder handler or even the novice you see.

Where this is a relatively new breed to the United States, the more people (owners-breeders) that get in the show ring the better for the breed because actually its handlers and judges that direct what a breed is going to be. Just from looking around you can see where in several other breeds mainly professionally handled, the temperament is gone -- the professional handler knows how to hide a temperament or the judge just doesn't care.

You learn that if you get a judge who cares nothing about the breed at all--you just don't show under him. You learn which judges take their time and care, This type of judge gets the breeders out. This is also an opportunity for breeders to use the Bred by Exhibitor class. More breeders should be using this class! There is a special thrill in finishing a dog from this class. Watch for judges who place only from the open classes -- its a waste of time and money to put a puppy under this judge. There are judges who will never put up a puppy. A perfectly beautiful puppy could go in and they won't put him up. They'll always pick from the Open class no matter what -- the whole Open class could be falling on its knees or cowering or crunching -- that's where the winner is going to come from.

Now as to the professional handler -- if a show is going to entail time and distance you are probably better off to hire a professional handler. Travelling for one person to a distant show is going to cost a lot more money than hiring the handler to take your dog.

I always say if you are going to have a handler take your dog let him get to know the handler first. Because when they are with a handler they are in an entirely different circumstance than when they are with you. Not only the handler will be touching the dog, but also handler's assistants or even someone entirely foreign -- maybe another licensed handler.

Handlers can go more distances. If you wish to show your dog under a certain judge in another state or even Canada it is wise to go to a handler. But for local shows for your own pleasure and experience, show your own dog.

For myself I hate to see the handlers take over a breed. Once they make a big market it is too late - it has happened to other breeds I could name - we don't want this to happen with the Bearded.

If people are proud of their dog and want to present it to the public then they should be proud enough to get into the ring themselves. I like it to be a distance thing with a handler. You don't need them all the time. The Bearded is not an excessive dog - it is a good all around dog for family, obedience work, for everything - and you don't want to lose that by having some professional handlers "set a style". Look what's happened to so many field breeds - the champions in the field and the bench champions are almost like different breeds.

If you show your own dog, make sure you get them out to matches before you enter a point show. Learn all the basic ring patterns, in other words, each judge has a different ring procedure as far as gaiting patterns. There are many dogs that will not gait on the right hand side of a person. If this does shake a dog up as you make your turn, drop the dog behind you so you do not block the judges view.

If a novice hasn't had any experience in dog showing how can he find a handler's class?

You can usually find handling classes through obedience classes or a local kennel club. Sometimes in the local papers you'll find an ad. Sometimes a show catalog will have ads. Ask dog people.

How does a person find a handler to handle their Bearded?

Either ask other dog people or at a show - after the handlers have shown their breeds. Don't try to talk to the handlers before they are to go into a ring as they are involved with last minute grooming and are concentrating on the job at hand - showing their dogs to win. But after they are out of the ring they can relax and are usually happy to talk to you.

If you are going to have a handler handle your dog go to a dog show and watch how that handler works before turning your dog over to him. Watch how they are cared for, how they are crated, what kind of equipment he has. Don't be afraid to ask the people who have used this handler how they liked him, do they like the care, the report to them. Most handlers, when they return from the show, have the tear sheets from the show catalog of your breed all marked for you.

If someone now wants to seek out a professional handler to handle their dog, who should he go to? There are no handlers now handling Beardedies, obviously, so should he go to a collie handler, or what?

No, not necessarily. Once they are accepted you'll find a lot of the handlers looking at the breed who will get licenses for handling the Bearded. I'd try to find a handler that would put my dog first before they do the money. They will not take a dog unless they feel its ready to be shown. A lot of people are under the impression that handlers just want money, money, money and of course, there are some like that, but handlers have a reputation to live up to. They have a code of ethics. When they take a dog in and win some people get to feeling that handlers win more than the novice people because they are handlers. It isn't that, they can pick and choose what they want and they pick only the best and they promote it where the novice person has maybe 1 or 2 dogs to take in. They can "pitch" their dogs where the novice cannot - they don't know how to do it like the handler does. The handler walks in the ring with an edge. The novice person often gets flustered and when the points go to the handler you may

hear -"Oh, they gave it to the handler" But it doesn't always happen that way. People could learn a lot by watching a handler lose, too. They always smile and say "Thank you, judge".

Also, a novice person sometimes gets discouraged when defeated by the handler and drops out. But if you have a good dog, perhaps he just isn't ready yet - give him another 6 months and try again. The good dog will win over the professional handler when shown at the right time and presented correctly. Meanwhile go to matches for his experience and yours until he is ready.

And as to classes - before you feel ready to compete in the Open class, put your dog in either Bred By Exhibitor (if he qualifies) or in American Bred. Never enter the Novice class - the judge's attitude when he sees you in Novice is "what's the matter with him?"

To sum up - I much prefer to handle my own dogs whenever possible and send them out with a handler only when distance is involved. There is such a feeling of accomplishment when you have been able to present your own dog.

BCCA Material

"Bearded Collie" by G. O. Willison	\$ 2.00
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HONEY, TRACKING DOG (EXCELLENT!)

by Bob Parsons

The phone rang on a frosty Friday afternoon in October. A friend, Denise Taylor, vacationing in White River Junction, Vermont, had let her two Border Collies, Kirk, a two year old, and Tessie a three month old puppy, out for a walk that morning. Only Kirk had returned and Tessie was nowhere to be found! "Do you think Honey could track Tessie?"

"Honey" is our tracking Bearded Collie, Cannamoore Honey Rose, C.D., T.D., who was awarded the title of Tracking Dog in October, 1974. Honey is the first Bearded Collie ever to earn this title. The Tracking Dog title is earned for the ability to follow a human trail or scent. In an A.K.C. tracking test, the dog must lead the handler along a track. Under the controlled conditions of the test, the track is between $\frac{1}{2}$ and 2 hours old, in an open field, roughly 440 yards long with several corners and of course, laid by a human being.

Tracking a lost puppy would be a different type of challenge for Honey as a puppy would not stick to open fields but wander at will over any terrain and any distance.

White River Junction was a three hour drive from home so the first idea was to try and find other known tracking dogs close to the area, because it would be dark before Honey could arrive. The next morning we piled into the van for the long drive to White River. No local tracking dogs could be found and so far there was no sign of Tessie. About mid-morning we arrived at the tiny "A" frame cottage where Denise was staying. The surrounding terrain was discouraging. The road curved steeply past the little house which was built into a niche, carved out of a nearly vertical, heavily forested cliffside. Across the road was a deep gully bordering another steep wooded hillside, a stream splashed down between the trees and curved down the gully beside the road. It was a beautiful spot, but the terrain looked nearly impossible to traverse let alone try to track a lost puppy!

The good news was that Kirk and Tess had been spotted the day before, about noon, on top of the hill behind the house. So, with Kirk safely locked in the house, we drove around and up the winding dirt road to the top of the hill. The view was spectacular, marred only by a building in the Junction that had converted it's rooftop to a giant billboard with the slogan "Home of 1000 Gifts" or something similar! It was hard to believe that we weren't watching a finely detailed, miniature village just below us. We reached the spot where the two dogs had been seen by the neighbor who lived near the top of the hill. They had been playing near a small stream and so Denise had left a jacket nearby in the hopes that Tess would return and stay with it. There was no sign of the little puppy. When a tracking dog is put out on a scent the advantage you are given is that you know exactly where the track starts, it is marked by flags in a test, or when tracking a lost person you can use something belonging to that person as a "scent article" so that the dog knows what scent to look for. In this case, as Denise had only owned Tess for about two weeks, and hadn't brought anything such as her chew toys or bed on this weekend, we couldn't give Honey any idea of what she was supposed to be looking for. Hesitantly, not knowing what else to do, we let Honey off leash and said to her, "Find the puppy, Honey, - track." On hearing the familiar command to "track" Honey knew what we wanted her to do but since she had no specific scent to follow, she gave us her "over the shoulder look" as if to say, "O.K. but you really must be more specific!" She began snuffling back and forth anyway to please these "silly humans" when we suddenly discovered a few doggy footprints in the muddy stream bank. We called Honey over and pointing to the prints once again gave the command to "track". With an air of "Well, that's more like it!" Honey started out along the stream crossing back and forth and then suddenly away across the dirt road and along the other side, then just as suddenly across the road, over the stream and

into the woods.

We followed Honey on a seemingly aimless course through the woods. At times we doubted if Honey was really tracking as she would sniff here and there and look around as if we were just on a pleasant walk through the woods. Our search party, which consisted of two Beardies (besides Honey), a Belgian Tervuren (also a tracking dog) and five anxious human beings, finally came to an old, grass grown road that wound through the woods. Honey immediately turned left and trotted happily down the unused pathway, checking all the while the scents that we hoped had been left there by Tessie. After about a mile, we saw a clearing through the trees and a house nestled there in a glen. Denise had not stopped here in her search thinking it was much too far for the puppy to have come and Kirk had never been known to stray so far. But we encouraged her to run down to ask and with a heavy heart she approached the house as we waited anxiously at the edge of the woods. A few words at the door and then an excited "She's been found!" from Denise and the search was over. Honey had done her job well. Tessie is safe and Sunday evening there was Denise at our door with a big container of home made ice cream as a reward for the tracking dog excellent!



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IMAGINE THAT!

by M. G. Jozwiak

To breed or not to breed! A decision not to be made in haste, considering the obstacles encountered -- lack of factual information, warnings of hideous and defective whelps, threats, and ridicule. Hopefully all Beardie breedings are planned carefully, but this breeding had to be researched thoroughly. The stud and bitch chosen specifically to compliment and balance each others strengths and weaknesses. Investigations made into the backgrounds of the dogs in both pedigrees. Progeny and produce of close relations studied. An exhaustive, time-consuming study. All this just to breed our bitch.

Why? Our bitch Winnie (Camshron Babs) is a white Bearded Collie. Admittedly my fingers were crossed for two months waiting for the litter to arrive. But on October 4th, 1974, 8 pups were delivered - 4 males, 4 females, 5 black with white markings, 3 brown with white markings.

My time, patience, and labors were rewarded. Sno-Berry's Black Lad and Sno-Berry's Chrysanthemum are Best Puppy in Match winners. The CBCC 1975 Best Brood Bitch award, under Lynne Evans, went to Winnie from an entry of 4 bitches. Bandit, their sire, went Best Stud Dog on two occasions with these pups.

Was it worth it? It was to me.

The art of breeding fine dogs lies in the breeders eye, talent, and imagination for using quality animals, themselves products of quality breedings, to produce even better quality animals for the show ring and breeding stock. We in America do not have the original greats of Beardiedom here to draw on as examples to breed up to and surpass. But we do have their sons and daughters! It is our responsibility as breeders to produce the very finest we can with what we have available to us. Color notwithstanding!

Color is of such minor importance if one considers the overall temperamental and physical soundness required of our breed to maintain its status as a working breed and not just a show piece.

In Robert Leighton's, The New Book of the Dog, published in 1907, he wrote this of the Beardie, "In the standard adopted for judging the breed, many points are given for good legs and feet, body, and coat, while head and ears are not of great importance. Movement, size, and general appearance have much weight. Cream-coloured specimens are not uncommon, and snow white with orange or black markings may often be seen, but the popular colour is grizzly grey."

White is a traditional color of the Bearded Collie, even though it is not mentioned in the present standard, and is neither a fault, mutation, or freak. They can and do pop up most unexpectedly in litters where the parents and ancestors are seemingly strong for the solid colors -- black, brown, blue, and fawn with the white collie markings. Tri-colored Beardies are not mentioned in the standard, either. Does that make them wrong or freakish? But then, an adult tri-color is almost indistinguishable from the solid colored Beardies because of coat color changes during maturation. The owners or breeders of a tri-color can hide it behind the certainty of color changes, while the owner or breeder of a white cannot.

Similarities have been drawn between the Rough Collie, Shetland Sheepdog, and the Bearded Collie. The white Collie and Sheltie (both considered undesirable in England) are caused either by the doubling up of the merling gene (MM) or the S^w gene (extreme white piebald). The MM gene produces animals pure white or nearly so, born blind and deaf. But the S^w gene produces a white animal with colored markings on the head and body, with no physical defects. It may have been the

occurrence of defective pups of the MM breedings in Collies and Shelties that is responsible for the present day prejudice against the white Bearded. I have found no evidence of this merling gene present in the Bearded Collie.

It has been suggested that breeding white's will affect a loss of skin pigmentation. This tumped me as I have never run across any reading material on the inheritance of skin color (nose, eye rims, lips, etc.). Inquiries were made into this matter and among livestock breeders (cattle & horses) they consider coat and skin color to be inherited separately, as in the Appaloosa horse and Hereford cows. Though it could be linked if coat color chromosomes and skin color chromosomes were lined up close enough to affect a loss. The separate inheritance is undoubtedly why some of our Beardies will have both black and pink patches of skin under the white hair on the bridge of their muzzles.

A faded, pale coat color is also thought to be the result of breeding from a white. I do not believe this to be true. From my observations and studies, I feel the Bearded Collie may be carrying another gene (specifically from the C Locus - C^{ch}, Chinchilla) working together with the greying gene (G & g) and/or the dilution gene (D & d) to cause the extreme paling of coat color, particularly evident in browns and fawns. The C^{ch} is thought by C. C. Little to have an insignificant or no effect at all on blacks.

There is so much for us to learn - from each other, from old-timers in other breeds, and from our Beardies themselves. Need we concern ourselves so much with this question of color to the exclusion of the total Bearded physiology? A Bearded is not a Bearded simply because he is of a prescribed color with prescribed markings. He is a total animal - a composite of a particular structure, temperament, and hair covering that makes him the animal he is, was, and always will be.

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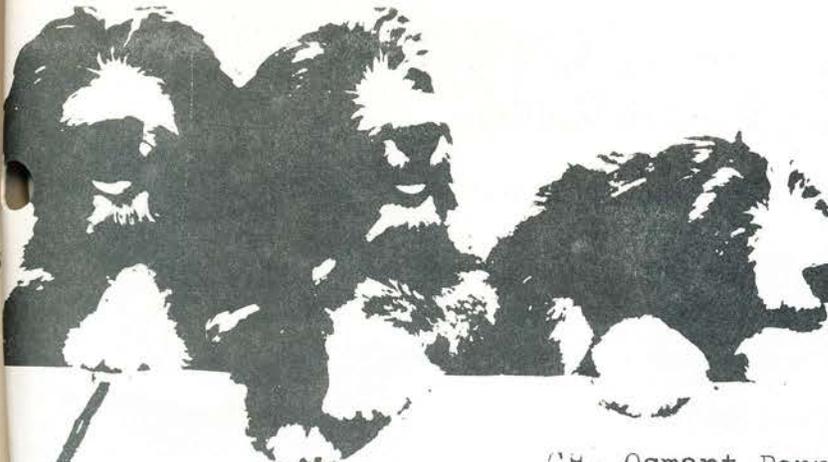
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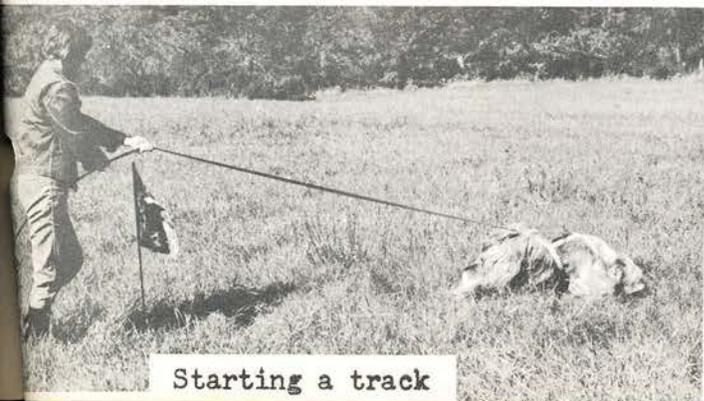
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