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FROM THE EDITOR:

We have held publication of this issue of the Bulletin for one month hoping to hear the results of the national match in Colorado and also news of the annual meeting held at that time. To date nothing has been forthcoming and we reluctantly are sending the copy to the printer. We do apologize for the lateness of the Summer edition as well as not having the up to date news for you. We don't even know what dog won the match.

We also are cancelling our plans for a genealogy book since we have never received board approval for this undertaking. Those who have sent forms in will have them returned soon if not already. Perhaps at a later date something of this nature can be undertaken. For those of you who were supportive of this venture, we thank you.

There have been rumours reaching us that the Bulletin is being replaced by a private publication. This is, of course, nonsense. The Bulletin remains the official publication of the Bearded Collie Club of America and fulfills a very important function to provide information, communication and more or less of a sounding board as well as a vehicle for club members to advertise, write articles and letters. It cannot survive, however, without the members support. We do need and want all members to contribute in any way you can and welcome your news and views. We do try to find articles that will be of interest particularly to Bearded people but we can't know what you want if you don't tell us. For instance, do you like the new reduced format of this year's Bulletin? Our reason for the change was mainly to cut costs both in printing (less paper) and the biggest expense, postage. We had talked to several printers in our desire to both cut costs as well as improve the appearance of the magazine. We feel that the printer we now have is doing a super job for us and has been so helpful with his knowledge and advice.

With these thoughts in mind, we wish you and your Beardies a happy summer and fall.

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News from Local Clubs

Bearded Collie Club of Greater Cincinnati. Due to the unfortunate experiences two of our members have had with their Beardies, the interest in Beardies has declined considerably in the Dayton area. Since a majority of the active members are from the Cincinnati area, we decided at the April meeting to move the club to Cincinnati and change the name from the Bearded Collie Club of Greater Dayton to the Bearded Collie Club of Greater Cincinnati. We will meet on the first Friday evening of every other month rotating the meeting places in members' homes.

Anyone interested in attending a meeting or becoming a member may contact the secretary, Julie Gross, (513) 732-1330.

Julie Gross, correspondent
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Bearded Collie Club of Colorado. In the process of setting up committees for the Annual National Specialty Match we worked out a very detailed list of jobs to be done for matches or shows and the order in which they need to be done. We would be glad to share these with any other club who would like a copy. Because of the costs of reproducing and mailing, we have to ask \$1.00 each for these.

Plans are really shaping up beautifully for the National, and from the number of reservations we already have, we should have a good representation from all over the country.

Jo Parker, correspondent
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Delaware Valley Bearded Collie Association. The DVBCA wishes to thank all of you Bearded Collie enthusiasts who came to our sanctioned "A" match, April 2, in Macungie Park. A lot of long hours and hard work went into making this match a success, but it would not have been had we not had such a good turnout. We had 19 entries! Our heartiest congratulations go to the following winners and their owners: Best Adult in Match, Gemini's Star Crossed Love--Emily Holden, owner; Best of Opposite Sex Adult, Cauldbrae Black Tam--Holly and Velma Norton, owners; Best Puppy in Match--Cauldbrae's Cameron--Moir and Franklin D. Morrison, owners; Best of Opposite Sex Puppy, Smallhavens Country Dream--Gayle Burbank and Kenneth Cohen, owners. After the match the Club met at Mona Chylack's for a celebration dinner. As always, Mona's culinary talents were at their best and our thanks go to her and Jerry for a terrific time!

At our April meeting we reviewed, discussed, and voted on our constitution and by-laws. The newest proposed standard was also discussed. We have started making plans for a "B" match. On May 6th the club supported the entry at the Buck's County show.

Sharyn Kothman, correspondent
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Bearded Collie Club of Long Island. Our club recently celebrated its first anniversary and is looking forward to another successful year.

In April Pat Schneider, biologist and club Treasurer, presented a program on the inheritance of coat color in Beardies.

Elections were held during the May meeting. The officers for '78-'79 are: President, Kathy Sullo; Vice President, Bill Droll; Secretary, Cathy Jankus; Treasurer, Pat Schneider; Board Members: Jordon Jankus, Bob Lacowich, Margaret McGreevey and Bill Steinmetz.

At our June meeting Kathy Sullo, professional groomer and club President, will present a grooming demonstration. Discussions on puppy selection, obedience and handling are planned for future meetings.

Pat Schneider, correspondent
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Bearded Collie Club of Greater New York. Officers for the 1978-79 year were selected at the April 28th meeting as follows: President, Charles Pitman; Vice President, Jane Turner; Secretary, Winnie Pitman; Treasurer, Ferd Reinlieb; Board Members: Bonnie Grean, Carol Dean, Bill Droll, Henrietta Lachman, Wendy Reinlieb and Marcia St. Lifer.

Plans were made for a Bearded Bounce-in Pic-nic in June and a match in September.

Anne V. Dolan
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Prairie Path Bearded Collie Club. As of April 1st, 1978 the North Shore Bearded Collie Club will be known as the Prairie Path Bearded Collie Club.

The first meeting of the Junior Showmanship Club, Sponsored by Prairie Path Bearded Collie Club was held on May 7th at Ted and Jean Radomski's home in Elmhurst, Illinois.

Maria Jozwiak, correspondent
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Brookfield, Illinois 60513

Tri State Bearded Collie Club. The Tri-State Bearded Collie Club tentatively plans to held a match on the Saturday before the Minneapolis Kennel Club benched show in October. We will again have our scrapbooks and pictureboard available for the spectators. We've all been busy supporting entries at all of the area shows this Spring.

Carol Lang, correspondent
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Albert Lea, Minnesota 56007

Western Reserve Bearded Collie Club. The Western Reserve Bearded Collie Club's second fun match drew an entry of 27 dogs from four states and Canada. The May 21st event in Euclid, Ohio, was judged by Mrs. Moira E. Morrison, conformation; D. Ian Morrison, sweepstakes; and Miles C. Flanagan, obedience. The top winners were: First in Sweeps, Jubilee Star from Davealex, owned by Barbara Blake; Best Puppy, Maplerow's Riggs O'Barley, owned by Les and Rhoda Haight; Best Adult and Best in Match, Jubilee Star from Davealex owned by Barbara Blake; and Highest Scoring Dog in Obedience, Blindbluff Touch of Class, Can. CD, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Sawka.

Marsha Holava, correspondent
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North Olmstead, Ohio 44070

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New England (Minuteman) Bearded Collie Club. A program covering the dog's dentition and dental care, as well as a clinical demonstration showing how this could be accomplished was presented by Karen and Dr. Rudi Lantelme. It was very well received by those present and I've been encouraged to write an article on this topic for a future edition of the Bulletin. Also on the program, Marie Kelley of Merri-K Kennels gave an excellent and very useful presentation on proper techniques for grooming a Beardie.

At our April meeting, Margot E. Dwyer of DeCuivre Kennels presented an All-Breed Handling Clinic. It was well attended by our members and others interested in handling their dogs at showtime.

The May meeting was held at the Animal Humane Society of Medfield All-Breed Match. Beardies were judged by Mrs. Carolyn Thomas, who is hoping to add the Bearded Collie to her list of approved breeds. Our club supported this match with trophies. Best of Breed was won by Maryann Gosselin's Bouffie o'Braemoor who went on to win the Working Group. Best Puppy was Joanne Gibson's Glen Eire's Buskie.

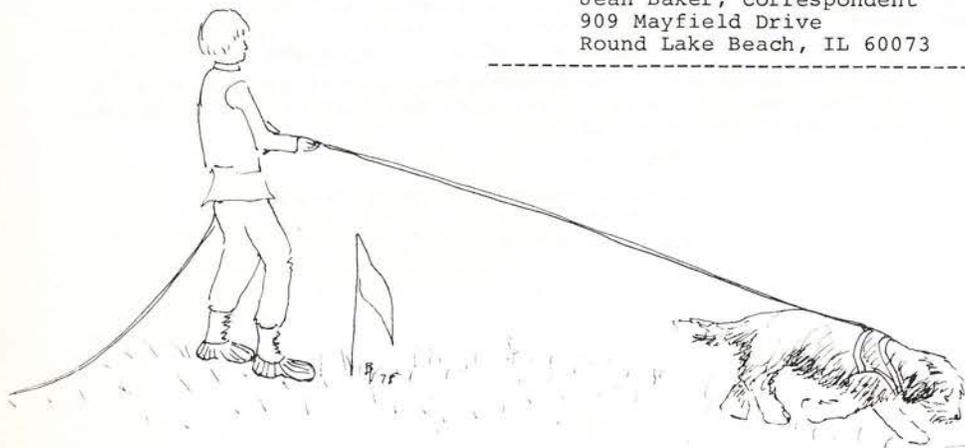
The June meeting was held after the Framingham District Kennel Club Dog Show and Obedience Trial, where the club unofficially "supported" the entry. Judging Bearded Collies was John Cramer. Trophies were awarded for: Best of Breed - Ch. Little Bidy Aberdeen O'Bannf, Mrs. Katherine Weiss; Winners Dog - Bo Bruin O'Braemoor, Virginia Parsons; Reserve - Kiln's Barrister O'Braemoor, Judy Ryder; Winners Bitch - Cricket Tick Bird of Brunswig, Rebecca Farrer; Reserve - Bouffie O'Braemoor, Maryann Gosselin Highest Scoring Bearded Collie in Obedience - Brian O'Braemoor, Judy Ryder. Our club will also be supporting the Lowell Kennel Club and Eastern Dog Club shows for the remainder of 1978.

The secretary reported that the club's proposed name change is still pending with the American Kennel Club. Of very special interest to all will be a Herding Clinic to be scheduled sometime in the fall. There is also to be an awards dinner and meeting in the fall as well. The following committee appointments were made: Club Correspondent to the Bulletin - Dr. Rudolph Lantelme; Match Chairman - Judy Ryder. Programs and events were also planned and discussed for the Bearded Collie Club of America 10th Anniversary Match in 1979.

Rudolph Lantelme, correspondent
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Chicagoland Bearded Collie Club. The results of our annual election were as follows: President, Richard Nootbaar; Vice-President, Casey Stryganek; Treasurer, Mark Shutan; Secretary, Jean Baker; Board Members, Pearl Grabowsky, Dennis Minkel and Jim Shannon.

We are holding our 9th Specialty Match on Saturday, June 17th.
Jean Baker, correspondent
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BEARDIE MEMORABILIA
by Kay Holmes

We have an answer to our original Memorabilia question explaining the origin of Mrs. Willison's kennel name, "Bothkennar". Bothkennar was the name of the village in Scotland near Mrs. Willison's family home. This information is through the courtesy of Barbara Iremonger, Sunbrees Kennel, England.

PIGMENT LOSS

A letter in the last Bulletin pointed out the reoccurring problem of pigment loss in Bearded Collies. In an attempt to discover if this trait is passed through the pedigrees from a specific animal, specific combinations of animals or closely related families, I have obtained the services of a statistician to analyze the pedigrees of afflicted Bearded Collies. We need the pedigrees (6 generations if possible) of as many affected dogs as possible. Also needed are pedigrees combining a suspected carrier (offspring have pigment loss) crossed with another Bearded where the offspring were known to be free of pigment loss after 30 months of age.

Let us know if the loss is complete (nose, lips, eye rims) or partial only. Did the pigment leave and return again? At what age was the loss first noticed? How old is the dog now or how long did it live, if deceased?

We now have several pedigrees, the more we can obtain, the more meaningful the results of the analysis will be.

At this time it is not know whether the condition is partially or wholly genetic, however the condition appears to be a genetic recessive. Certain individual Beardies have produced offspring with pigment loss when crossed with more than one individual. On other occasions these "carriers" have produced clear litters. It is a frustrating problem for breeders. If we can pinpoint it as a recessive, careful breeding should be able to keep the occurrences at a minimum.

Please send whatever information you have to Kay Holmes.

Dear Editor:

Since we are Wheaten breeders as well as Bearded Collie breeders, we feel that we should reply to the letter of Margaret D. Truax, printed in the Spring 1978 issue of the "Beardie Bulletin".

The inference that was made by Mrs. Truax is that the 1978 Wheaten Terrier is no longer a "good looking dog". As in all newly accepted breeds, the Wheaten standard was individually interpreted and this led to different types of grooming. After this period of learning and exchange of ideas the breed has produced a definite type and the national club has created a grooming chart for the Wheaten fancier.

Comparing the Bearded Collie to the Wheaten Terrier produces no answer for either breed. The Wheaten is shown in the Terrier Group and therefore the Terrier outline must be apparent at first glance to the judge.

We are sure that the grooming of the Beardie will arrive at a compromise that will show the breed to its best advantage and that will offer a clean and healthy specimen in the show ring.

Sincerely,

Ethel G. Parks and Pearl Grabowsky
224 Hickory Rd.
Cary, IL 60013

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FOR BETTER BEARDIES
by Kay Holmes

An Experience -- the Whelping and Care of a Bearded Collie Bitch and Puppies, Part IV.

Record Keeping Continued

I keep a running diary of the care and activity during the whelping to weaning phase. It is merely a piece of paper taped to the wall near the whelping area. A pencil is kept handy. Anytime I want to record something I jot it down with the date (and time if appropriate). Items such as "(date) #3 brown female's coat has lightened considerably, all other remain the same," "pups up on their feet and walking," "(date) began supplementing with Espilac, 3cc a.m., 4cc p.m.," are recorded. This eventually goes into the bitch's file and is a useful reference.

First to Third Week

During the first week we had two near fatal (and unavoidable) accidents with our large (10 pups) second litter. I believe they were due to the small pup size and the crowded conditions at Brillig's side. On two occasions, Brillig got up to leave the whelping box and one pup (the smallest each time) was hanging by the neck with some of Brillig's long side hair wrapped like a noose around its neck. Fortunately I was there, which is why Brillig got up in the first place, so I unwrapped the baby and put it down. Both times it was unharmed. Another time we could hear a puppy squealing off and on, I went down to check and another pup had a hank of hair twisted around its pastern cutting off the circulation. It had squealed only when jostled by the others. I had to cut the hair since it was twisted too tightly to unwrap. The foot was white from lack of circulation. I massaged it gently for a long time and spent the evening watching the pup. He seemed to have control of the foot as he could flex his toes and respond to touch. However, it took nearly a week for the color to return to normal. We could have easily lost these pups if we had not been close by. I think it is important to keep the whelping area within hearing of the family. Sometimes losses are unavoidable, but being well-prepared and knowing the pitfalls are your best defense.

If the litter is normal and the bitch is not having problems, supplementary feeding is not necessary until you plan to wean the pups, usually between 3-5 weeks. I supplemented our large litter from the 12th-24th day, twice a day with Esbilac. I used a plastic syringe (needle removed) starting with 3cc's and working up to 5cc's. I held the pup on a diaper on my lap and gently squirted the Esbilac on its tongue a little at a time. I had no problems with choking or gagging; it took 45-50 minutes to feed the 10 each time.

There are many methods of weaning. Different breeders have their own favorite methods. Most supplement the bitch's milk gradually from the 3rd-5th week, removing the bitch from her pups for longer periods of time until weaning is complete. By 6 weeks the pups can be completely weaned.

On the day of total weaning, do not feed the bitch; she may have a little water. The next day feed her only that amount she was eating before her pregnancy. Her breasts will fill with milk, then gradually reduce in size over the following week or two. Occasionally the glands will swell enough to make her uncomfortable. If the discomfort is excessive, consult your veterinarian. There are drugs which can speed the "drying up."

If at any time during nursing, the bitch's breasts become inflamed, hardened or hot you should promptly have a veterinarian check her. The pups' nails should be clipped regularly to avoid irritation their dam's underside.

Puppy Development -- Critical Periods

We are very fortunate that scientific studies in recent years have made us aware of the critical, well-defined areas of physical and mental development in puppies. There are excellent readings on the subject which I will list at the end.

The term "critical" is used to indicate a period during which any new experience, however minor it may seem, will produce a lasting effect upon later behavior. The four critical periods are:

0-21 days -- The puppy's brain is still immature. The eyes begin to

A STANDARD OF PERFECTION
FOR THE OWNER - HANDLER

- GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS - The ideal owner-handler is a creature with the manners of a Utility Dog, the disposition of a Sporting Dog, the intelligence of a Working Dog, the perseverance of a Hound, the determination of a Terrier, the sparkle of a Toy and the resiliency of a Non-Sporting Dog.
- HEAD - Bloody but unbowed which encases a 7-5 computer, used for sizing up Judges and totalling scores and wins.
- EYES - Slightly crossed from one eye watching the dog and the other always on the Judge.
- MOUTH - Optional, but needed for impressing Novices with wins and for describing and explaining losses.
- ARMS - Well muscled from carrying carts, grooming supplies, lunch bags, chairs, umbrellas and children's boots across three acre fields. Those specimens who bait their dogs have been known to have three arms.
- BACK - For those owners with big dogs, the backs tend to be aching. The same applies to those with small dogs who must stoop a lot.
- KNEES - One on each leg, often with deep grooves from kneeling on rubber matting or pitted with small stones from kneeling at outdoor shows.
- FEET - Very important - especially coupled with very strong legs. A basic requirement for German Shepherd handlers. Older specimens will often develop problems with fallen arches from having toes stepped on too much.
- SEX - Either sex is allowed, although it is usually advantageous to be of the opposite sex from the Judge.
- ATTIRE - Somewhat rustic - often noted for the amount of hair which closely resembles or matches that of the dog.
- DISQUALIFYING COLORS - Green with envy, or red with rage, not to be desired and should be heavily penalized.

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OBEDIENCE WITH A DIFFERENCE
by Wendy Reinlieb

I am fortunate enough to live in Blanche Saunder's country; Blanche being known as the "first lady of obedience" in the U.S.

Kay Reiley, my instructor, was a friend and protege of hers and was invited to organize an obedience demonstration for the Westminster Kennel Club sponsored by the Gaines Dog Research Center. At the time Kay was picking her team Lucy, my naughty but charming little Beardie, had just started work on her C.D.X. Kay's main objective aside from putting on a diverse and entertaining show was to try and pick a team from as many different breeds as possible and I was one of the lucky ones!

It was an interesting experience with many unexpected wrinkles to iron out. Working as a team was our chief problem. It was no longer a matter of "one man and his dog"! It was a case of 4, 8, 16 individuals and their dogs working as a co-ordinated unit; heeling, stopping, downing, coming, etc., on command and in a STRAIGHT line!

It took 3 months of practice preparing for the demonstration. We began outside in bright fall sunshine with only babysitting problems to deal with and ended up in a local, unheated school ploughing through snowstorms and digging ourselves out of ditches to get to the practice on time! Despite all this I enjoyed and looked forward to them.

The show started off as a traditional obedience display and ended up with a scent hurdle race, which was the highlight of the evening. The smallest dog in the race being a gutsy little Norwich terrier who tackled his task with great determination and the largest being an extremely enthusiastic Golden, as only Golden can be!

One of the unexpected problems that challenged us in the Garden was the abundance of juicy morsels of handlers' liver scattered all over the floor. Try throwing for a retrieve to the best trained dog with those tantalizing smells to tempt him away from that boring old dumbbell, especially with an empathetic audience egging him on!

Lucy did not actually take part in the display. Her role in all this was to lead in the parade holding the Westminster Kennel Club pennant along with 4 other pennant bearers. She then dutifully helped me with my chores as steward during the show.

I think we all felt a little sad when our goals were accomplished and the demonstrations were over. No more practices, no more friendly arguments and no more problems to solve! I wonder what "they" will do next year?

"Some may think me foolish to mourn a dog, but to that all I can say is this: To anyone who doesn't love dogs, no explanation is possible. And to everyone who does love dogs as I do, no explanation is necessary."
Author unknown.

SHOW WEEKEND IN A "NO SHOW" HOME
By Marjorie Schoen

It started out to be a rather typical May weekend at the Schoen household until brother called to ask if he could come down for two shows in our area. "Sure," I replied; "love to have you!" (My husband does not share my love for dogs --we have one very stubborn old Basset and one Beardie who is a loveable slob, both of which he would be very happy if he never saw again.)

Friday night arrives along with brother and only two of his Beardies--this time. Mother and Dad also come down for the weekend with their Basset. Now five dogs in a house probably seems like nothing to most of you reading this, but it is a distinct novelty here (My husband does not like dogs....).

A "present" is left on our Oriental rug in the dining room. Who did it? Who knows!? (Is that one of the dogs growling or my husband?)

The kids soon discover that one of our weekend boarders loves to fetch a ball, and so the house becomes a playground. All five four-legged friends join the team. "Isn't that cute, dear?" (I hear more growls--I think he hates dogs.)

Another "present" is left on the playing field.

Time to clean up the dogs a bit before the show in the a.m. It's raining so must be sure they don't go out in the yard after they're groomed. Needless to say, "The best laid plans"

Show time arrives and we share pleasantries with other Beardie people while waiting outside the ring: This truly is an unusual weekend (Guess we all read our President's message!) Nor was this the only unusual feature of the day: my brother casually announces that I am to take his lovely bitch into the ring. As I had not ventured into a show ring in well over a year, I was naturally a bit apprehensive.

Entering the ring as just another entry and coming out a winner really does make it all worthwhile. It really is an ego trip until the next time around; BUT, the next time around should WE not also take the time to congratulate the winners? Is it so difficult to say a few kind words to those who have worked so hard getting their Beardies ready for their big day? I have watched the judging of many other breeds and rarely have I heard the winners congratulated by their peers. Wouldn't it be great if the Beardie people became unique in that respect?!!

Home again to prepare for the next day's show. Today was a success; what will tomorrow bring? At home brother announces there are two more weekends of shows in our area. "Oh, how nice," I reply. (Do I hear more growls again?!)



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THE DOG SCENE IN GREAT BRITAIN

While talking to the overseas visitors to Crufts this year I was surprised to learn what a completely wrong impression we here in England have given in our articles, our adverts, and from the news that has infiltrated abroad, concerning the dog scene in Great Britain. I will try and answer some of the questions, correct a few of the wrong impressions, and give a true picture about the dedicated dog breeders over here.

The first misunderstanding that needed to be cleared up is the question on many visitors lips "Why is the quality of the show dogs seen over here in the show ring so much better than the quality of the dogs sent abroad?" This is one of the causes of bad feeling if the situation is not understood. First let me say that most dedicated breeders who have been in Beardies or other breeds for many years are keen and dedicated to breed sound, healthy and top show quality stock, they are jealous of their reputation, proud of their past achievements, and want the world to admire their puppies and have success in the show ring. But they are not infallible in their choice, and our breed especially seems to change alarmingly during their development. A puppy that shows such marvellous show potential from birth until it is exported at 12 weeks, can alter so drastically throughout its developing stages, until it matures and looks more like a Beardie at 18 months. The breeder-owner would have patience and the knowledge to expect this transition. The breed Judge would assess the over all picture of the immature Beardie, and judge accordingly, not expecting to see a wealth of adult coat, finished body shape, and adult head. We had a match against the Rottweiler Club, here the difference in maturity was seen so clearly. The puppy Rottweillers were just as they would be as adults, not so big, and not with so much puppy fat, but there were unmistakable resemblances to their parents, the puppy and Junior Beardies looked like another breed, in no way did they resemble the adult finished product, and of course, we did not win the Match. But that just goes to prove my point, the Beardie is like an ugly duckling, only beautiful to the adoring owner, and even then they could be forgiven if they thought this was a throw back, or "old type Beardies" as claimed by a writer in the American Magazine.

All imported puppies and adults alike have to be entered in the Open Class of a Points Show in the States (Championship Show). This seems so unfair to us, we could never imagine a puppy in the Open Class competing with our Champions, and it is not surprising that the owner in the States could get quite down hearted and give up showing. Some of our Junior pups look like mongrels during their coat changing process, with no semblance to their parents.

There are other changes in our breeds development, such as size, that could affect a show potential puppy. In the States they seem to be quite happy to see a bitch grow on to 24 inches at the shoulder, but penalise a bitch who stays at 19 inches. Dogs can even be in the winning line up measuring 25 inches at the shoulder but the dog who only grows to 21 inches, (and still only under a year) can lose to a bigger one. Another point in our Standard is completely ignored, "eye to match coat colour", means just what it says, dark eyes with dark colours, either brown or black or slate. Fawn can have a lighter eye, and blue to have a blue eye, but the blue colour is not a wall-eye, and both eyes should be the same colour.

When looking through our Breeding magazines distributed here in Great Britain, and also those sent abroad we see that the biggest and best adverts do not necessarily mean that the person advertising has the top quality stock, or the experience to match the size of the advert. A stud dog advertised might have a list of wins but does not do justice to any bitch. In our little islands everyone knows everyone else, and we know the worth of the advertisement, but overseas buyers do not.

Popular winning dogs and bitches can make their mark throughout the year winning CCs and BOB at Open Shows, even Working Groups, but they might never have sired or produced quality stock; we know the situation ourselves and can make the choice of stud dog or puppy with previous knowledge, but the overseas buyer can be blinded by wins and CCs in imagining the offspring will be better or even as good as their parents. There are many, one or two Beardie owners, with three or four litters to their credit, breeders in the same stage of their career as many in your own country, learners you would never think to buy their stock, as they are Novices like yourself, so just because they come from another country it does not give them the experience that can only be gained by years and years of life in the dog game.

It would make life much simpler if buyers from abroad would realise that we here in Great Britain had to start in 1959 to 1962 with working stock and outcross Beardies, we had the same trials and tribulations to get established. Many fell by the wayside, but the dedicated few forgot their disappointments and started again. They hunted for good quality puppies from working dogs in Scotland, unregistered Beardies with little or no resemblance to the present day show specimens, they planned and profited by their planning, but it took time. If they failed in one direction they took another, and eventually came to the position that we are in today. Mainly litters breed true, but as we all descend from the same ancestors, whatever happens in one kennel can equally take place in another. Whites born to one bitch can show up in other litters, dogs carrying the genes for producing them can be hidden for a couple of generations then show up again. Somewhere in the past smooth coated border collie types were used by shepherds when they heard of outstanding exploits made by their neighbours' dogs, if he was a smooth coated sheepdog, what did it matter, he was a marvellous worker, so they used him. The smooth coat gene could lay dormant for generations then show up every so often if careful breeding is not planned, sadly it can show up in an exported dog or bitch although no knowledge of the shortage of long coat is known by the exporter. They make excellent pets, they can be sound and marvellous workers. The buyer having paid a large amount of pounds, or dollars or guilders for a top quality Bearded Collie that will only produce better quality offspring, looks at the smooth coat puppies with disgust. Of course tempers will get frayed, and blame apportioned to the breeder, innocent as they might be, someone has to pay the piper. I am sure that the established breeders are well aware of the difficulties resulting from using stock from unknown ancestors in their breeding programmes, but as the unknown gets further and further back in the pedigrees they must be forgiven if recessive genes for particular faults again show up after they have stayed dormant for many generations.

Beardies in America have only just been recognised, in just one year there have appeared so many Champions, all descending from stock brought from Great Britain, the percentage of good is far in excess of bad. Even your early breeders, in most cases have not advanced enough to produce all Champions, some are still making mistakes, and one of the worst ones, I personally feel is the mad dash to import without a moments thought or knowledge from such a wide variety of lines, especially in our breed, as we are already made up from many types, outcrosses, and only just being fixed for show quality. Proof of this is the article and pictures in your American Magazine about the "Old type Bearded", these are showing up in our litters over here too, and can be traced back to indiscriminate breeding by unknowledgeable breeders. A Club discussion should take place so that the members could study the breed, then import a dog that will compliment all the available bitches from a particular area, then the bitches brought back to line breed to that dogs' offspring. Little pockets of outcross Beardies in a country as vast as America will likely produce such a variety of types as to look like many different breeds.

Looking at your adverts in the American Magazine of your Champions, I would say that this situation has already started. Such a wide variety of Champions in one breed can only produce a complete mixture of stock. The pictures cannot show size, texture of coat, or expression, or movement, so that has to be imagined as well.

An established breeder takes their litters at face value, after carefully studying what is there before their eyes, they will mentally associate known faults in the parents and grandparents, also of course the good points. Here then is their assessment of the pups in front of them - In a litter of eight there could be three top quality evenly marked show potentials, two good, but not quite so good, and three complete pets. A Novice would look at the same litter and see what they want to see, eight fat well marked identical pups, who could then blame them if they remarked "This is the best litter ever, they all look like Champions". Even at eight weeks the puppies have not yet changed enough for the Novice to see marked differences, but the experienced breeder will, and at six months the puppies will have developed such marked characteristics from their parents. Their grandparents good and bad points should also be taken into account, so that each puppy takes on a completely different look, not only markings, and if this is an outcross litter this difference will continue until it is hard to tell that the Junior dogs are from the same parents. Personally I pick a puppy at birth, and after breeding

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over a hundred litters I feel confident that I know what I am looking for, especially if the litter is line bred. Very rarely do I let the best in the litter slip through my fingers without recognising it, but as a regular breeder I have to sell to keep my numbers down. If we already have the sire and dam, and the line is strong and established in the kennels, we let the best go to an exhibitor. Even then we get a brickbat returned, no one will give us credit that we have recognised the potential Champion, and sold it here or overseas to see it made up by someone else.

Another question made was "How can an honest breeder offer for sale four picks of litter". It must have been a Novice breeder who made this silly mistake, instead of admitting that they could not pick out the best. They should have offered the buyer his pick, or admitted that they could not possibly tell which was pick of litter, and in this case as it was an export, they should have called in a more experienced breeder for their advice.

At no show over here will you find Beardies scissored, but this seems a regular pastime in the States. Several Beardie owners have told me that they see scissoring taking place quite openly in the preparation of the Beardies coat before taking the dog into the ring. The Judges can be forgiven if they choose to place highly the best scissored, glamorously groomed, strung up Bearded Collies. If this continues, gone forever will be the beautiful natural breed that we so love, surely we must be one of the few coated breeds left where a pet owner can compete on a level with top exhibitors, and be Judged on the merit of the complete animal not on how it is presented with a glamorous arrangement of hair by experts. I have even heard of a Beardie arriving at a show in the States with ribbons to keep its hair out of its eyes. If that catches on, the next arrangement will be a top knot like a poodle.

One last word, although at the moment the Beagold Kennel are set on producing a line of strong blacks, and browns with strong pigmentation, we have here silvers, browns and blues. Most visitors to our kennels were surprised to see the variety of colours and expected to see all black puppies. Several years ago I wrote on movement, before that I had problems with curly coats, and studied for months the coat texture problems in our breed. I found that many owners were of the opinion that "all blacks had soft coats", this is incorrect. I have found soft coats in all other colours as well as harsh, I have also seen soft coats in some blacks, but this soft coat can be traced back to a soft coated black ancestor in exactly the same way as a soft coated blue can have a soft coated blue ancestor, other blues can have harsh coats.

No one ever stands still, there is always something to learn, if at the moment we are deeply interested and studying pigmentation, it does not mean that we forget everything else in our breeding programme. Temperament is always a watchword here, and any established breeder will know that when you are striving for perfection there is always another imperfection that can crop up. So for our future plans we are hoping to improve on heads without losing pigmentation, we want to keep harsh coats without losing undercoat, we also breed for good movement, straight limbs, then no doubt something else will appear. Our normally well set tails that are held in the correct position will disappear, and we will have a perfect dog with a tight curl. But that is Dog Breeding.

Joyce Collis.

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OBLIGATIONS OF THE PUREBRED DOG BUYER
by Linda C. Franklin

.....If you found your ideal breeder, hurrah for you. Now let's see how "ideal" you can be as a buyer. You have certain obligations as a buyer TO that breeder which will reward him more than you can perhaps at the moment imagine. If you meet these obligations, you will establish a relationship that will far surpass that of breeder-buyer, one that will evolve into a warm and lasting, mutually friendship.

If your breeder started you puppy in conformation routines, obedience routines, or field training, KEEP THESE UP! DON'T DROP THE BALL! You paid for this great "head-start" your breeder is famous for giving his pups, so use it to it's best advantage. Keep up the pup's training and chances are you'll have the most problem-free pup you've ever enjoyed rearing. If the breeder urges the use of a crate for housebreaking, nighttime sleeping, traveling in the car, etc., CONTINUE IT'S USE up through the pup's first year and longer, if necessary. Your breeder did this because he thought it would be best for you and the puppy, so profit by his wise experience and advice.

Many breeders request that you keep them informed of the dog's growth and weight gains as he matures. It would not take more than a couple of minutes of your time to weigh and measure your animal and indicate them on a post card sent to you breeder. A head-on and full body profile picture of your dog would be an added bonus to send along, and in this breeder's opinion, indescribable pleasure is experienced when such items are sent along from puppy buyers. Such progress reports, even coming from the pet-quality buyers, are so appreciated by the truly dedicated breeder as they confirm (or disprove) the breeders first quality-estimates of the animal, and help immeasurably in guiding him in his next breeding venture. It is so difficult, if not impossible, for the average breeder to run about trying to weigh and measure and evaluate his pups from the last litter, not to mention get pictures of them all.

If you purchase a dog of show quality, for a show price, it is only fair to assume that the breeder of said dog expects to be able to see that dog in the show ring, either in your hands or the hands of a handler. Attitudes and goals CAN change, so IF you change your mind about wanting to show the dog you bought, be considerate enough to advise the breeder of same. He may wish to take it upon himself to show the animal. Nothing is more discouraging to a breeder than to discover that the pride-and-joy from his last litter will be speinging it;s prime years in his new owner's backyard as a companion, rather than in the ring where the wisdom and quality of the breeder's breeding program may be admired by all. Honesty demands that you be exceedingly frank with your breeder in you intantions of use for the animal you buy. If you want a breeding-quality animal, make this perfectly clear to the breeder. If you want an obedience-companion type animal, tell him. Your happiness depends upon your getting the dog just right for your future plans. The breeder's happiness depends upon this also, not to mention the dog's. Embarrassment to the breeder and obviously yours&lf will surely occur if you ask for and buy an obedience-companion quality dog and then enter that dog in conformation competition. A reputable breeder price-grades his pups: don't try to "save" a hundred dollars or so by buying a dog under one pretest and then using him for a completely different purpose. If you do not want to show your new dog in conformation and won't send ti out with a handler or the breeder, TELL the breeder this IN ADVANCE OF THE SALE. Perhaps he has an older animal of proven quality that he will sell you to satisfy your desire for quality and yet his own goals as a breeder with his top stock proving their worth in the ring. If

you purchase a dog of the "show bug", contact dog re-appraised at market value. You can sell a "maybe" type of dog at an early age just to get rid of it rather than keeping it otherwise. You MIGHT get a real bargain if you got a real bargain that pup has improved if your breeder recom into only just a fair for and bought. Perhaps hand than he can handle handling at the shows you gaining invaluable sale of a top quality dog customary in exchange

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you purchase a dog of only moderate quality and price, and later get the "show bug", contact your breeder and arrange with him to have your dog re-appraised at maturity. Dogs CAN change, and some breeders will sell a "maybe" type of dog as a pet/obedience quality animal at an early age just to get him into his new home at the most adaptable age, rather than keeping until he matures out positively as show quality or otherwise. You MIGHT have a show dog on your hands, in which case you got a real bargain and the breeder will appreciate seeing how that pup has improved. Then by all means, show him in conformation if your breeder recommends same. However, if your pup has matured into only just a fair specimen, then BE CONTENT with what you asked for and bought. Perhaps the breeder has more show-quality dogs on hand than he can handle himself and would appreciate your help in handling at the shows with him. Such arrangements CAN result in your gaining invaluable experience and even co-ownership or out-right sale of a top quality animal to you at perhaps less than would be customary in exchange for your assistance.

The same thing applies towards an animal you purchased at a young age and now you wish to breed. A good breeder knows his stock and how they should be bred to lessen their faults without acquiring more in the breeding process. Listen to your breeder's advice about mate-selection for your animal. Some of us are too close to the forest to see the trees. In our ignorance, the very thing we might most admire in our animal may be the one thing an experienced breeder would urge us to strongly avoid elaborating upon. If one LIKES dippy backs, one should definitely be in a breed which requires such a topline in it's standard; NOT deliberately encourage a weak back in a breed whose standard specifically requires utmost strength and firmness at that point.

If your breeder has asked that you bring your dog back at a certain age to have his own veterinarian x-ray your pup's hips and/or elbows or test your dog for any possible inheritable disease, make every effort to do so, if you agreed to this at the time of sale. Such a stipulation must be made very clear. Some breeders include this diagnostic precaution expense in the sale price of your puppy, so if you paid for this service, make sure you take advantage of it.

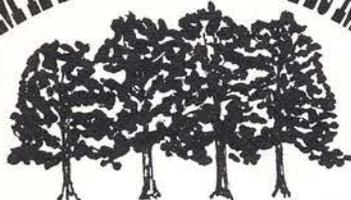
Progress reports of your dog's accomplishments in the conformation and/or obedience ring or in the field ought to be sent or called in to your breeder too. Some breeders do not subscribe to the AKC Gazette, which records all such competitions, and this is the only way he will have of knowing how good that dog is that he sold you. Be proud of your dog and let the breeder share your pride.

By the same token, if ANYTHING goes wrong with your puppy: health-wise, temperament-wise, conformation-wise, etc., CONTACT YOUR BREEDER IMMEDIATELY, NOT LATER when nothing can be done about the difficulty, whatever it may be.

Reprinted from the Berkshire Belgian Tervuren Club Newsletter.

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"MUFFIN" pictured at 22 months and in intermediate coat

Our sincere appreciation to the following judges and to Ann J. Bowley who handled "Muffin" beautifully to her title:

4/8/78	Vacationland Dog Club	Mrs. Francis Crane	WB	3 pts.
4/15/78	Atlanta Kennel Club	Mrs. Virginia Hampton	WB	4 pts.
4/20/78	Shawnee Kennel Club	Mrs. Winifred Heckmann	WB,BOW	2 pts.
4/23/78	Baltimore Kennel Club	Roy L. Ayers, Sr.	WB,BOS	4 pts.
4/24/78	Hartford Kennel Club	Henry H. Stoecker	WB, BOW, 2 pts. BOS	

"MUFFIN" is a lovely light slate with correct coat and tail set. She has good length of neck, a level topline, and measures 21 inches. She is a sound and excellent mover who excels in temperament and elegance.

"MUFFIN" will be bred this summer to her favorite Beardie and friend, Ch. Baffler O'Braemoor T.D., owned by Virginia Parsons. This will be a line-breeding on Ch. Osmart Bonnie Blue Braid. Inquiries are welcome.

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Dear Mr. Lachman:

As a graduate of the course offered by School of Canine Science and as course co-ordinator and teacher at Mohawk College, Hamilton, I feel I have qualifications to measure dogs. In the past seven years, I have measured hundreds of dogs and taught others to do so.

Your dog, Blue Bonnet, was measured by me on February 28, 1976 and recorded. A few of the measurements are as follows:

Height at shoulder - 20 15/16"
Overall length - 24 15/16"
Angle of shoulder - 42°
Age of dog - 2 1/2 years

Hoping this information serves your purpose.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Blake

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Bearded Collie Club of America sanctioned "A" match, April 2, 1978, Macungie, Pa, hosted by the Delaware Valley Bearded Collie Club. Top: Best Adult, Gemini's Starcrossed Love, Emily Holden; BOS Adult, Cauldbrae Black Tam, Holly & Velma Norton; Bottom: Best Puppy Cauldbrae's Cameron, Moira & Franklin Morrison; BOS Puppy, Small haven's Country Dream, Gayle Burbank & Kenneth Cohen.