

past *Bulletins*. There is some great information there and a lot to be learned. Read them again and benefit from them. Many Beardies face serious illness in increasing numbers and we had better face that fact.

I will share with you that almost all the calls to me were regarding Addison's Disease, hypothyroid conditions, and others falling under the umbrella of autoimmune-mediated diseases. Interestingly, the Beardies affected were of varied backgrounds and bloodlines, and the question most asked by the owners was "How did this happen?"

In the interest of expanding knowledge in the area of autoimmune-mediated disease and how it is affecting the Beardedie, and also that we as Beardedie owners can learn more to maintain the good health of our dogs it is my pleasure to announce the following:

The Minuteman Bearded Collie Club
is sponsoring a seminar on:

Autoimmune Diseases in Canines

by Dr. W. Jean Dodds
Director of Comparative Hematology
New York State Dept. of Health
Albany, NY

Saturday, May 11, 1991
Springfield Marriott
Rt. 91, Springfield, MA

9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Cost is \$45

A special rate of \$69 including breakfast for two is being offered by the Marriott for those interested in making travel arrangement.

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Local Club News Brief

The Minuteman BCC (MA) reports that for the past few years their club has contained an equal number of show and non-show people in its membership. Non-show owners wanted their Beardies to be good companions at home; show owners wanted their Beardies to behave in the conformation ring. Neither wanted to expend the time and energy needed to prepare their dogs for obedience competition. Therefore, the Canine Good Citizenship Test seemed a logical way of appealing to the entire club. After learning more about this test the club members decided to hold an informal orientation

The Numbers Game

Group Standings--Through December '90 Gazette

	Dog	Placements	BIS	Pts
1	Ch. Britannia Sweet Lady, CD	45	1	6695
2	Ch. Britannia Ticket to Ride	42	1	5779
3	Ch. Ha'Penny Such Sweet Thunder	32		3953
4	Ch. Edmar Black Eyed Susan	30		3837
5	Ch. Chaniam Happy Hogmannay	27		3229
6	Ch. Sheiling's Silver Dollar	17	1	2857
7	Ch. Shilstone Charlie Charcoal	16		2236
8	Ch. Ha'Penny Carob Rigbey	16		1994
9	Ch. Arcadias Flavor of Sugar Bear	16	1	1939
10	Ch. Potterdale Prosperity	4	1	1920
11	Ch. Britannia Love Me Do	11		1415
12	Ch. Parcana Lord Corwin	5	1	1256
13	Ch. Edmar Trouble Bruin	14		1170
14	Ch. Ha'Penny Macaroon of Mirimar	9		725
15	Ch. Candelaria-Glengarry O'Riley	5		647
16	Ch. Crisch Midnight Magic	5		540
17	Ch. Sugar Bear Taste of Arcadia	5		490
18	Ch. Maywood Magic Penny O'Aellen	3		460
19	Ch. Edmar Lord Chesterfield	6		420
20	Ch. Arcadia Maid In The Shade	1		264

Breed Standings--Through December '90 Gazette

	Dog	Placements	Pts
1	Ch. Britannia Ticket to Ride	55	563
2	Ch. Ha'Penny Such Sweet Thunder	49	485
3	Ch. Britannia Sweet Lady, CD	63	359
4	Ch. Shilstone Charlie Charcoal	25	252
5	Ch. Ha'Penny Moon Shadow	1	244
6	Ch. Chaniam Happy Hogmannay	51	229
7	Ch. Edmar Black Eyed Susan	36	219
8	Ch. Potterdale Double Image	1	178
9	Ch. Sheiling's Silver Dollar	40	164
10	Ch. Arcadias Flavor of Sugar Bear	23	149
11	Ch. Parcana Lord Corwin	17	143
12	Ch. Ha'Penny Carob Rigbey	31	139
13	Ch. Britannia Love Me Do	16	131
14	Ch. Ha'Penny Macaroon of Mirimar	23	128
15	Ch. Sugar Bear Taste of Arcadia	16	109
16	Ch. Crisch Midnight Magic	16	106
17	Ch. Southampton's Trace Of Velvet	10	96
18	Ch. Artisan Riverboat Gambler	12	92
19	Ch. Classical's Guess Who	8	85
20	Ch. Arcadia Maid In The Shade	8	76

program. The program consisted of an explanation of the theory behind the test, a presentation of the ten exercises which included a discussion of their purpose and a demonstration of how they should be done. Club members and their children had a chance to try each exercise with their dogs. All were very encouraged with how well their Beardies did. The club hopes to hold a formal test next time.

Please submit local club news to Norma DeFoor, 2295 Capehart Circle, NE, Atlanta, GA 30345; (404) 634-5580. Deadline is 2 weeks before the *Bulletin* deadline.