

morning—dementedly chanting, "Good dog, hurry up, good boy"—plays mind-games with me. He saunters over to a pile of dung deposited moments before by a more cooperative older dog, stares soberly at it and rushes back to me, telling me we can go in for breakfast now, the duty's been done. How do you explain to a 6-month-old dog, that *everyone* needs to get involved, or the job's not really been accomplished?

I think the most obnoxious episode with story-potential I have observed recently, however, has nothing to do with housebreaking. It involves a friend's 7-year-old bitch who discovered how to work the automatic garage door opener. She found that a paw on the wall switch, remarkably enough, means a couple of minutes freedom for her and her feckless cohorts—most of whom are also old enough to know better! She usually performs the trick only when it's raining hard—to make sure that her owner thinks twice about racing after her and gets very, very wet before she catches up.

Now, I ask you. Are these "normal dog" stories? Are our modern Beardies truly potential candidates for Owd Bob roles? The truth is, I think that even then, back in the Good Old Days in Scotland, Beardies were Beardies. And the stories were probably even better, since the owners had more time to embellish them without interruption from television—Johnny, Phil, and Oprah and the gang. In fact, I recently read an excerpt from a book by John Hogg, an early 19th Century Scottish shepherd turned author. There are recent scholars who suggest that Mr. Hogg's literary dog subject, Sirrah, might have been part Beardedie. Mr. Hogg's work assures me that things haven't changed much at all. Reading passages about the shepherd corralling and escorting Sirrah from church services, which he always attended to "sing along", off-key, with the choir, makes me sure that the slightly off-center Beardedie brain was alive and well in the early days of the breed.

Beardies are loyal, Beardies are wise, Beardies are fearless. True. But still, you won't hear many owners comparing them to Rin-Tin-Tin, Benjie, or even Lassie. After all, none of those eminent creatures seemed to have any sense of humor And that's why Beardedie owners have such interesting tales to tell.

The Numbers Game

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Breed Standings--
Points Descending, *Gazette* Date 04/91-10/91

Dog	Placements	Pts
1 Ch. Coalacre Just Johnny	30	431
2 Ch. Britannia Ticket To Ride	42	396
3 Ch. Shilstone Charlie Charcoal	41	264
4 Ch. Artisan Cajun Jazzman	20	165
5 Ch. Ha'Penny Such Sweet Thunder	13	163
6 Ch. Bootiff's Ha'Penny O'Bad News	14	154
7 Ch. Principally Potterdale	18	132
8 Ch. MacCorkindale's Barnstable	11	122
9 Ch. Classical's Guess Who	11	118
10 Ch. Edmar Black Eyed Susan	22	103

11 Ch. Arcadias Flavor of Sugar Bear	11	87
12 Ch. Britannia Love Me Do	15	75
13 Ch. Brigadoon's Magic Lady	10	69
14 Ch. Lochengar Graceland Memories	11	65
15 Ch. Parcana Lord Corwin	8	63
16 Ch. Edmar This Bud's For You	3	56
17 Ch. Crisch Daybar Wizard	5	54
18 Ch. Brigadoon's Extra Special	7	52
19 Ch. Classical's Play A Rhapsody	12	51
20 Ch. Tamevalley Limerick	6	46

Group Standings--
Points Descending, *Gazette* Date 04/91-10/91

Dog	Placements	BIS	Pts
1 Ch. Britannia Ticket To Ride	35		6749
2 Ch. Shilstone Charlie Charcoal	19		2436
3 Ch. Edmar Black Eyed Susan	16		2257
4 Ch. Coalacre Just Johnny	14		1703
5 Ch. Principally Potterdale	7		953
6 Ch. Classical's Play A Rhapsody	6		902
7 Ch. Classical's Guess Who	6		837
8 Ch. Brigadoon's Magic Lady	6		605
9 Ch. Arcadia's Flavor Of Sugar Bear	6		595
10 Ch. Ha'Penny Such Sweet Thunder	6		576
11 Ch. Britannia Love Me Do	8		554
12 Ch. Crisch Daybar Wizard	4		480
13 Ch. Ha'Penny Rhythm 'N Blues	4		464
14 Ch. Bootiff's Ha'Penny O'Bad News	3		359
15 Ch. Lochengar Graceland Memories	4		356
16 Ch. Tamevalley Limerick	2		354
17 Ch. Chelsic D'Arbonne Brigadier	3		317
18 Ch. Candalaria-Glengarry O'Riley	2		237
19 Ch. Bosque Shepard's Bacall	1		236
20 Ch. Amberlea Sharper Image	2		225

Junior Showmanship

1 Alexandra Feldman	222
2 Lori Greathouse	30
3 Christine Nardone	24
4 Allison Landro	21
5 Katy LaBarbara	4
6 Sarah Bernes	2

And Now her Name is Minka

Ginny Bing

The message on the recorder said to contact the Beardedie Rescue of New England, it was an EMERGENCY, a five-month-old pup (mine) was going to be put to sleep . . . if she wasn't out of their house by 5:30 p.m. It was already 6:00 p.m. as I was listening to this message. I was unhinged and already knew it had to be about Muffy. I called Barbara Marshall (thanks again, Barbara) who got this call at 8:30 a.m. She had been trying to reason with Muffy's owners all day. She couldn't leave her home for her