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Should you, while wandering in the wild sheep land, happen on moor or in market upon a very perfect gentle knight, clothed in dark grey habit, splashed here and there with rays of moon; free by divine right of the guild of gentlemen, strenuous as a prince, lithe as a rowan, graceful as a girl, with high king carriage, motions and manners of a fairy queen, should he have a noble breadth of brow, an air of still strength born of right confidence, all unassuming; last and most unfailing test of all, should you look into two snowclad eyes, calm, wistful, inscrutable, their soft depths clothed on with eternal sadness-yearning, as is said, for the soul that is not theirs - know then, that you look upon one of the line of the most illustrious sheepdogs of the North.

Alfred Ollivant

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COMMENTS

With slightly red face we wish to report the unintentional omission of the byline on two of the fine articles published in the first issue of the BEARDIE BULLETIN. "BEARDED COLLIES - A General History" and "BEARDED COLLIES - General Characteristics" were both authored by Lawrence M. Levy.

The cover of the current issue of the BEARDIE BULLETIN is a particularly eloquent description of a Bearded Collie, written some seventy years ago by an English author, Alfred Ollivant. His fictional account of the life of a working Bearded Collie, "Bob, Son of Battle", (originally published in England under the title, "Owd Bob") is recommended reading and, while not one of the "Great Books", will certainly delight all those who love Beardies.

Incidentally, the dog who played the part of Balthazar in "The Forsyte Saga" (see Mrs. Neal's article "Cedar Lake Kennels", in this issue), is in reality Garry, a pedigreed Bearded Collie.

Dues for the coming year are payable by December 31, 1970. Many things have been accomplished by the Club and its membership in our short existence and most certainly continue, if we have your support. Those of you that have not already done so, please sit down and write a check for your dues (\$5.00 per membership) payable to the Bearded Collie Club of America and mail it to the new address:

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A hearty welcome to those members who have recently joined the club. It is a good sign to see our membership list expanding.

Since the last bulletin the club has been truly active. On May 31, 1970, we held our first Bearded Collie Match. It was very well attended and quite successful. Thanks again to Mrs. Stone for graciously allowing us to use her grounds. We hope the next match turns out as well.

With AKC sanction, several members have been showing their Beardies at Sanctioned B matches. A Bearded Collie has yet to achieve Best in Match, but a good majority of the time we've gotten group placements. It is by this type of activity that we make the breed known, and since sanctioned matches are more of a fun type event, why not take your Bearded Collie out and show him. You won't be competing against champions as the idea behind this type of show is to teach both the dog and his exhibitor just what to do. Please let us know how you make out.

Periodically we've been sending the American Kennel Club notification of activities of both the club and its membership. They have a file on the Bearded Collie and it's up to us to fill it with the type of information that will make them want to accept Beardies in their Stud Book. To make it as complete as possible we need you.

The breed has been getting a good amount of publicity. Many Bearded Collie owners have been written up in local newspapers and the club has gotten national coverage. Eleanor Price gave us a nice write-up in her nationally syndicated column. Roger Caras devoted an entire program of his CBS radio network Pets and Wildlife to Bearded collies. We've also had a full page article in Popular Dogs magazine.

The Club is preparing a brochure to be used in answering information inquiries. The Brochure Committee would like to include pictures. If you have any appropriate pictures, why not send them to Burton Unger, 5 Vista Way, Port Washington, L.I., New York. No prizes - just the inclusion of your Bearded Collie picture in the brochure. The type we need are formal pose pictures, herding pose pictures and family photograph.

Lawrence M. Levy

Best Wishes

To The

BEARDED COLLIE CLUB OF AMERICA

DORIS
HAROLD
MARION
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&
CHRISTIAN

O'KANE

BEARDIES IN ENGLAND

by Sue Mitchell

On the plane, Mike and I reassured each other that this was to be a true holiday, not a "busman's holiday", and that we were going to relax completely, forget about our busy breeding and boarding kennel and put dogs in general completely out of our minds.

From the plane window -- a small ribbon of water, "the English Channel" and then the green, green fields of England, a never to be forgotten thrill.

After the cursory Customs business, Mike turned around to find me at a nearby magazine stand. His "What in the world are you looking for?" was answered with, "An English Dog World, of course, what else?". However, it was not to be found on any newstand in any of the several cities in England, Scotland and Ireland in which I inquired until one day, in Dublin, in a large store dedicated solely to books and magazines. The format of their Dog World is more like a newspaper than a magazine, which surprised us, and the show reports may as well have been written in Greek. But it was fascinating, and the itch to see dogs was beginning to get to both of us.

We had expected to see Beardies walked on the street but were to be disappointed. In almost a month we were to see only two Beardies that were not owned by Breeder/Exhibitors. The first was held on a leash by a young girl standing on a pier in Largs, Scotland, a small seaside resort. After a few minutes of Mike and I circling girl and dog we noticed a slight look of apprehension on the child's face. To reassure her, I asked her about her "Bearded Collie", a puzzled look came on her face and thinking she didn't understand my strange accent, I asked "what kind of dog do you call that?" -- she replied emphatically -- "A Collie" and quickly moved away from the wierd strangers!

The second Beardedie we saw was on the sidewalk as we were passing by in the car and we had no opportunity to investigate further.

Finally, we gave in and decided to call some Beardedie breeders. The Kennel Club gave us some names and the first one we called was Mrs. Collis, who is the Treasurer of the Bearded Collie Club of England. We introduced ourselves and were invited to her home where we received a most warm welcome and a real "English Tea". Both Mr. and Mrs. Collis seemed like "old friends" in no time and we discussed the foibles and follies of dog breeding into the wee hours. But, in the meantime, we saw many lovely Beardies. One in particular took our eye, a young brown dog called "Coffee" by his proud owners; a lovely body, well angulated and sweet expression. This brought on a discussion of color breeding which has been rather an enigma for our Beardedie partners, the Morrisons and ourselves. When

our brown bitch, Sallen Rona, was bred the first time, she produced no browns and we decided that our born-black stud must produce only born-blacks. However, a litter out of our blue, Nigella Miranda, bred to the same stud produced browns in abundance. In our previous correspondence with Beardie breeders in England, we seemed to receive contradictory information regarding color breeding and we hoped to clarify it with first hand data this time. If anyone asked me about color breeding in rough collies, I could unequivocally state exactly which colors could be expected from any color combination and there are four colors in rough collies. This does not seem to be the case with Beardies. However, Mrs. Collis did give us some basic rules to guide us in breeding as far as color.

1. Breed brown only to born-black, not to brown or slate.
2. Breed blue, fawn, or silver only to born-black.
3. Don't breed brown to brown or blue to blue.

The reason given for these rules was that if you do not follow them, you will definitely suffer loss of pigment in the next generation or shortly thereafter.

In subsequent conversations with other breeders we were given contradictory opinions on this subject, and it may be that we will have to confirm these theories with the only absolute test; the breeding of various colors.

Mrs. Warren joined us at Mrs. Collis', complete with four Beardies in tow! Dog people are the same the world over (and we were happy to find it so). There was a striking fawn, but the dog that intrigued us was Tuftine Brigadier, a black that Mrs. Warren had driven way up into the north of Scotland for. Recognizing the need for an outcross, she had bought this very typey dog from a shepherd who had spent two years training him for the sheep. He was extremely loathe to part with him but Mrs. Warren succeeded in bringing the dog back to England, where he had to be inspected by licensed judges to confirm the purity of breed. This dog produces only born-blacks.

A few days later found us further South and we had the opportunity of seeing Lynne Evans and her lovely Beardies. The one that immediately took our eye was a young dog named Brambledale Balthazar, about ten months old, I think, and a lovely specimen, abundant, flowing coat, lovely markings, and moving like a dream. Her eight year old champion, Heathermeade Handsome was still in his prime and a pleasure to see.

Although we didn't see as many breeders as we would have liked to, I believe we learned a lot just from "dog talk". Those of you going to the Crufts Show in February will find the English Beardie breeders warm, friendly and generous with their knowledge. I hope we may be able to repay any that decide to come to the States.

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THE ORIGIN OF THE BEARDED COLLIE

by MRS. G. O. WILLISON

As I have been asked to give a talk on the origin of the Bearded Collie I feel I cannot do better than quote Professor von de Schulmack who was killed by the Nazis and had studied the development of the dog for over 4 years and was working on a book when he was killed. The kind owner of this information knew the Professor very well and she wrote that he gave her much information during his life and also a map showing the likely lines on which the sheepdog and hounds spread out of Europe and Asia. This, with the following, is all that remains of the work that he did as the Nazis destroyed all the rest.

Professor von de Schulmack had travelled all over the world to see and study dogs and spoke seventeen different languages.

He believed that the Maglomaishians had medium sized dogs of two types, one the spitz type and the other the long-coated sheepdog type. The Spitz type was used for hunting, the other was used as a guard dog for home and cattle. The date was about 4000 B.C., which is borne out by the discovery of the bones of dogs of this type in North Western Europe.

The present day type of sheepdog with the longish coat common to several countries in Europe would seem to have come from the Komondor of the Magyars. The Magyars travelled westward from Asia Minor and possibly their original home was farther eastward still.

Groups of the Magyar people travelled North West following the village Slavonic tribes which later became the western Slav which in turn became the Polish nation.

In the 9th century the state of Moravia extended its power and influence over what is present day Poland and it is from the 9th century that the lowland Polish sheepdog has been known as a pure-bred type.

About 1514 the Poles were beginning to trade with other countries and there is a record of the trading of a ship whose owner, one Kazimierz Grabski, sailed from Gdansk to Scotland with grain in exchange for Scottish sheep. With him he had six lowland sheepdogs and this is what is written:-

"To bring unto the ship the dogs were sent to move the sheep. Those that were chosen to be brought unto the ship to be separated from them that were to be left behind for there were gathered together 60 head of sheep and only 20 must come unto the ship. This the dogs did so, bring forth those chosen out from the flock."

Now the interesting part according to this record is that the sheep were good Scottish sheep much valued by the shepherd and that this same shepherd offered a very fine horn ram for a pair of the dogs, a deal being made for a ram and an ewe for two females and one dog.

There are to be found all over Europe dogs of much the same types as the bearded and the Polish lowland, but there are hardly any of the type outside Asia Minor to the Eastward. The Bergamaschi of Italy, the Rumanian sheepdog, one of the Spanish sheepdogs and several others all seem to have come from the same origin as the Komondor breed if not from that breed itself. It looks, on the face of it, that the dogs of the bearded type came to British soil from the West of Europe about 2000 B.C., and that new blood landed in Scotland helped to form the dog we have today, for both came and where man goes his dog goes also.

The Vikings brought the Buhund with them from Norway to help them steal sheep and when the Vikings got lost on the West coast of Wales the dogs crossed with the local types and from this came the Corgi.

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BEARDIE REGISTRATIONS

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About eight months ago, the BCCA proudly announced that it was open for Beardedie registrations. Forms had been designed, published and were stacked up ready for use. A BCCA seal had been designed and manufactured for making certificates official. A presentation had been made to the annual meeting of the BCCA and an article had appeared in an issue of the Beardie Bulletin. Files and filing procedures had been established in readiness for an anticipated flood of applications and copies of certificates issued.

So what happened? At this writing there have been only 35 individual dogs and 10 litters registered. This is certainly a poor showing for owners of a breed which is trying for recognition by the AKC. Yet when the AKC is considering the recognition of the breed, one of the more important criteria is numbers which can be substantiated.

Perhaps everyone doesn't understand the importance of registrations. Recognition of the breed by the AKC is certainly important. However, there are other reasons which should stimulate Beardedie owners to want to register their dogs.

For breeders (and that includes those who want only one or two litters), there is the compelling reason of accurate records. In the years and generations of puppies between importing of dogs and AKC registration, there are just too many possibilities for error. If you are at all interested in maintaining or even improving the quality of the breed, it should be obvious that genealogical information must be complete and accurate.

Also for breeders, it is important to have a central source of information. In addition to the stud book, which will be published periodically, the Registrar will answer any reasonable inquiries based on data in the files.

Even for those to whom their Beardedies are simply companions and part of the family, registration is certification that their pet is indeed a pure-blooded Bearded Collie. In addition, by helping to get the breed recognized by the AKC, you will be helping to have it recognized by the general public. This will increase its popularity. Then the fact that all pure-blooded Beardedies are registered will help protect potential new owners from unscrupulous dealers who might try to peddle a mixed-breed as a Beardedie. (Unfortunately such practice is not unknown.) Although registering your Beardedie will not increase your affection for your pet, it will enhance its value.

If, on the other hand, your concern is that the registration procedure may be difficult, be assured that it is really quite

simple. If your Beardedie is imported, just request a blue application form from the Registrar. (If you are color-blind or can't remember colors, just ask for "forms" and he will send some of each.) Full instructions for registering the dog are printed on the form. If your Beardedie is from a litter born in this country, contact the breeder and ask him to register the litter. (He would ask for a yellow form.) The litter registration pack which the Registrar will send him will include an application for the registration of your dog. (This form is pink. See, I told you it was all very simple.) If you have any difficulties or questions, just write the Registrar. He helped dream up the whole scheme, so he should be able to figure out an answer to almost any question.

Seriously and earnestly, the BCCA is trying to get all Beardedies registered. So how about it - it's now up to you.

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NOTICE
TO
ALL MEMBERS

The Bearded Collie Club of America has a new address.
Please address all correspondence of a general nature to:

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This information was received after preparation of the cover page, consequently the address appearing on that page is incorrect.

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Here in the frozen northlands of Minnesota, the Beardies have found for themselves a warm home and many, many a warm heart. Our first Beadie, Fanny, caused a stir before she even arrived - "Who would import a dog from England and WHY?" - so there were many to greet her one snowy Thanksgiving. She won them over from the first day, and has since developed into the most beautiful bitch, very responsive to people, and especially to children, and very easy to train. She loves her freedom and romps with graceful gait in a large garden, and is never confined by either chain or fence (in spite of city leash laws) because she has carefully learned her boundaries and stays within them. She greets each passerby at our property line, accompanies them across our property with tail wagging and flag waving, and leaves them at our other property line. She is always ready for a romp with four legged friends but knows that they must come to her garden. We have at least half a dozen visitors a day but all know that at this house they obey our ground rules and, much to the amazement of all the neighbors who sit in their windows and watch, the visitors too will all chase and play strictly within our limits, off the flower beds and always out of the street. This rule proved firmly learned last winter when both Fanny and her visitors never erred from their boundaries even when a heavy new fall of snow concealed the street. Fanny hardly knows what a leash is and will heal on command in the most tempting situations, will run when given the freedom of "Go", but will always wait at the curb for the rest of the group to catch up when out for a walk. Last winter she would pull the sled carrying my one-year old. I took her twice around the block, on leash, without children, to train her to "mush" (pull!) and "Halt" and thereafter never had cause to leash her again, even when going five or more city blocks across streets, with my babe in tow. What is more, Fanny has passed these ground rules on to our six month old Beadie pup, brought back from England in April, and it has taken little additional training from me. I have to admit that I was astounded last week to see my pup chasing a ball which I had thrown, come to a screeching halt on the sidewalk when the ball bounced out into the street. He just sat there while Fanny came to fetch me.

I write all this, not to brag about our own fabulous dogs, but to brag about this incredible breed which has fulfilled every expectation as a family dog. We have achieved this partially by careful training at home, of course, with much love and praise and only vocal reprimands (Fanny has only twice been spanked, a punishment reserved for the ultimate dangerous wrongdoing of going into the street without command). I also took her to a good obedience school at the age of four months and tried to enter her for her first competitive trial at seven months as she was up to C.D. standard. I had not used a chain choke collar, and bought one only after entering her in the trial (only to be rejected as an unrecognized breed).

However, I was able to put her on demonstration twice with the school, one of which was reported on the evening television news with wonderful closeups of Fanny enjoying every minute. The other demonstration was the Aquatennial, a week-long summer carnival here in Minneapolis. She will not be in it this year, as she is home nursing a litter, but the breed will be represented by Bruff. After two weeks of informal training at home (just two sessions a day of about five minutes each), he entered a class at the obedience school in which all dogs had had at least twelve weeks formal training, and in which he is the youngest.

But when introduced at the demonstration this year, we may expect a few "Ahs" of recognition, instead of just the "What was that breed?" of last year, for Fanny has really made her television debut here in the Twin Cities. After much soul searching, we decided to offer one of her impending puppies for auction, in a fund-raising drive to support our only educational television channel, and to especially raise funds for two of our favorite programs, "Sesame Street" and "The Forsythe Saga". We were more than aware of the risk of letting a pup go to anyone who might bid, but decided that it was a calculated but worthwhile risk, and especially in a good cause. Not having a tangible pup to demonstrate before the cameras, they took Fanny and her owner. I was interviewed three times, about 5-7 minutes each and was able to tell about the rarity of the breed over here, our newly formed breed club and our hope for recognition by the AKC, although I played this down for fear of someone exploiting a good thing. I played up the incredible temperament, the superb intelligence, the responsibility, the trainability, and especially the suitability as a family dog, and was able to mention the sire of the litter, Nancy Reichl's Osmart Gold Sovereign over in Wisconsin. I told my two personal anecdotes: Firstly, how when our 15 month old toddled off down the sidewalk before he, too, was old enough to know about streets, Fanny stationed herself between child and street and bumped and shouldered him back to safety; and secondly, how when a stranger wanted to carry the baby upstairs to the door, Fanny stationed herself on the stairs and would not let the stranger pass with the baby until I called her off. I must say I had wondered about taking a dog in whelp into the situation of the studio, but she behaved so very well, quiet and relaxed, keeping always to heel, except when allowed to lie under a boat which offered cover from the intense heat of the lights, amid all the noise and bustle, the auction atmosphere, the large cameras, the electric cords being swished all over the floor and someone different coming to pet her every minute. She won the hearts of the camera crew and received intense coverage, not only while I was telling of the breed, but a dozen informal peeks at her between whiles. Apparently she came over beautifully, smiling into the cameras, and the bids just came pouring in by telephone. The winning bid was \$300, which I was more than happy with for an as-yet unborn pup of unknown breed, from unseen parents. I also have two more very anxious buyers from the floor, and two more who were competitive in the bidding. Unfortunately, I only have three pups!

So, the breed here in Minnesota is doing credit to its heritage with both its charm and its working instincts, winning a loyal following. And, we are proud to be a member of a wonderful club with a great future.

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ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT

A Shaggy Dog Story
by G. O. Willison.

I once harboured a thief. I knew she was a thief but I didn't denounce her. I was also guilty of being a receiver of stolen property.

As I have always prided myself on being a decent citizen, the soul of honesty, you may think this sounds like the start of a shaggy dog story. You are quite right. The thief was a shaggy dog, my Bearded Collie puppy, Jeannie.

The first thing Jeannie brought home was a red croquet ball. It was not a new croquet ball and I thought maybe one of the neighbors has thrown it out to await collection by the dustman. However, as Jeannie kept trying to toss it in the air and catch it in her mouth, I took it away and locked it up in the cupboard under the stairs. Not from any feelings of guilt, mind you, but to preserve her teeth. There are no National Health Service dentures for dogs and Jeannie was not much more than six months old at the time.

Jeannie took the purloining of her treasure quite philosophically and there were no hard feelings. She followed me about the house trying her new white adult teeth on any of her other "toys" that might be handy. She had plenty of these in every room; carpets, cushions, flex of standard lamps and legs of tables and chairs and, best of all, the canvas bottom of an upholstered chair - she managed to eat a really big hole here and it wouldn't have been discovered if the stuffing hadn't fallen out.

You couldn't have called Jeannie a naughty puppy, merely "active". In fact she was the most obedient dog I have ever known. I had only to say "Jeannie trust" and she left whatever she was chewing immediately - and went on to something else. Naturally, she eventually worked her way round to the starting point again and I feel that a long-playing record which repeated "Jeannie trust" every 30 seconds might have proved helpful.

But to return to the croquet ball. Shortly after this had been put away, Jeannie came in with a blue one and spewed it across the floor where it came to rest with a crash against the glass fronted bookcase. The blue ball joined his red brother in the cupboard.

In due course we were the recipients of the yellow ball and the black ball - the complete set.

Now I was in a bit of a quandary. I could have called at all the houses in the road to ask if anyone had lost "a" croquet ball, but I hardly liked to go round after several weeks to ask if a whole set of balls had been disappearing, one at a time.

There was also another point troubling me. Jeannie was evidently very keen on croquet. If I let her have the balls to play with, would that satisfy her, or was she quite content to have me keep them safely for her until she had been able to collect, one by one, the posts, hoops and mallets? This was a possibility I dared not contemplate.

However, my worst fears did not materialise. It appeared she was interested only in the balls as she subsequently "fielded" two cricket balls from a nearby public school playing field, and brought them home to add to her other treasures.

Jeannie kept her puppy traits until she was six years old, when she became more sober minded except for her passion for cigarette packets which, until they were empty, had to be kept out of her reach, even at the ripe old age of thirteen, when she could still catch the empty ones when thrown hard at her. In her later years she became a film star. But that is another story.

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Editor's Note:

The first book on Beardies has been written by Mrs. Willison and will be published before Crafts. This book will be a must for each Bearded Collie owner. Let's put it on the "best seller" list.

REMINDER

The 1971 annual dues for membership in the Bearded Collie Club of America are payable by December 31, 1970. The dues are \$5.00 per person. Send your check to:

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OF

MADDY KAISER

SHOWING YOUR BEARDED COLLIE

by Thomas M. Davies

WHY SHOW YOUR BEARDED COLLIE?

The Bearded Collie had not yet been accorded recognition by the American Kennel Club. Why is this? The primary reason is that the breed is a newcomer to the United States, and the AKC must be shown that there is indeed an avid interest in the breed. Before they go to all the trouble and expense of setting up a stud book and registering Bearded Collies, we must demonstrate that we are intent upon fulfilling the objects of the Club. (Take a few minutes and reread Section 2 of our Club's constitution.)

We must increase the membership in our club, as well as increase the numbers of BOCCA registered Bearded Collies. In other words, we've got to sell our organization and our breed. As you well know, gaining converts to (Bearded Collie)ism is perhaps one of the easiest things to do - we have a breed that sells itself by its own actions. Very few people have failed to fall in love at once upon first meeting a Bearded Collie. The winning personality, the innate intelligence, ease of training, and loyalty all add up to give us the perfect dog. Now, we know we have the perfect breed - we've got to let others know. Since the AKC is not able to officially help us, we have to do a little more than would otherwise be required. What better way to get the most for our time and effort in getting outsiders exposed to our Beardies, than to take them to a dog show, where the concentration of dog devotees is probably higher than anyplace in the world.

In the terminology of the exhibitor, "dog show" generally refers to an AKC sanctioned Championship point Dog Show. Since Bearded Collies are not registered or recognized by the AKC, they are unable to compete in a dog show of this nature. (Hopefully, the day when they can is not far off.) The "show" at which we can exhibit Bearded Collies is more properly termed a Match. More specifically, the American Kennel Club permits its member clubs (the local dog organizations) to put on Sanctioned "B" Matches. No points towards a championship are awarded to dogs winning in these matches, but ribbons, rosettes and even trophies are awarded. As long as certain rules are adhered to, the match giving organization is permitted by the AKC to exercise discretion in the operation of the sanctioned "B" match. We have, in fact, a letter from the AKC giving official notification that they (the AKC) have no objection to the showing of Bearded Collies in AKC sanctioned "B" matches. A copy of this letter is a "must" for all potential exhibitors and should be on your person when you register your Bearded Collie to be shown at a match. (I will be pleased to send you a copy for the asking.)

Showing your Bearded Collie, at least at matches, is certainly not all work. In fact it is a lot of fun. What better way to spend a bright sunny summer day than to pack a picnic lunch, the family and the dog(s) into the car and be off to some green glen for an

afternoon of talk (dog people are usually very friendly and willing to chat without a formal introduction), general relaxation, and maybe some excitement (you might even win a ribbon). Of course all matches are not held on bright sunny days, but after being bitten by the "dog show bug", you will rapidly learn to overlook such unrelated issues as the weather.

In review, then, why show your Bearded Collie at AKC sanctioned "B" matches? Two reasons: First, it gets for our breed and our organization, the maximum exposure with the minimum of effort. In addition, the people who will be seeing our Beardies at these matches are already dog people. Secondly, it is fun.

WHERE TO SHOW?

Almost every large city or area has a local dog owners, breeders, and exhibitors organization, or kennel club. These kennel clubs usually all give at least one sanctioned "B" match per year. It isn't necessary for you to belong to the club in order to exhibit your dog (although, I strongly recommend to you to join the kennel club in your area).

In order to find out where, when and the details concerning an upcoming sanctioned "B" match, you need merely call the secretary of your local kennel club. All the clubs in an area exchange announcements with one another, and she will be able to direct you.

PREPARATION FOR THE MATCH.

Little training is necessary. The dog should be able to "heel", that is, to walk on a leash at the side of the handler. For showing in a breed class, it is a good idea to get the dog used to travelling on either side of the handler (as opposed to only the left side in obedience classes). The dog should be able to "stand" on command and to remain standing while a stranger (the judge) examines the dog.

Getting the dog used to crowds and other dogs can also be very helpful. Walking him in public places, shopping centers, etc., allowing strangers to approach and touch him will prepare him to accept ring examination. Obedience training will prove invaluable both for showing and for general behavior. (Some will disagree with me on that statement, primarily because in obedience training the dog is taught to sit immediately upon stopping, whereas in breed showing you want the dog to remain standing when you stop. All this involves is a small amount of retraining prior to breed showing.)

If your dog is groomed and brushed regularly, little additional work is required. (See Mrs. Willison's "Preparing the Bearded Collie for Show" in the first BEARDIE BULLETIN.) If, on the other hand, he has accumulated mats or tangles, I feel that they should be removed prior to the day of the match. Removal of mats is bound to be a bit uncomfortable to the dog and I prefer the dog not to associate anything unpleasant with being exhibited in public. To digress a moment,

often the only thing that will separate two equally fine dogs is their ring enthusiasm. A dog which displays this enthusiasm and joy of being shown off will impress a judge much more than if he acts as if the whole thing is somewhat unpleasant or boring. Thus, anything that will spark a real desire to show should be kindled.

MATCH ORGANIZATION.

To make the next section easier to understand, a brief explanation of the match setup and judging follows: The breeds are judged separately. They may have the sexes separated or not; they probably will have puppies (3 months to 1 year) and adults (over 1 year) judged separately. When the best of each breed is selected, these dogs compete in groups for Best in Group. There are six groups, working, terrier, sporting, hound, non-sporting and toy; separated roughly by the intended use of the breed. Bearded Collies will be classes in the working group. Finally the Best in Group dogs compete for Best in Match.

THE DAY OF THE MATCH.

Upon arriving at the location of the match, you will find a table for taking of entries. You will be asked to fill out a form containing general information on your entry. There is usually a nominal fee. There will be someone available to answer questions, such as in which class to enter your dog.

Now your work begins. Someone will turn to you and ask, "Bearded what?". Then you must explain to them that even though Bearded Collies are not AKC recognized, they are allowed to compete in sanctioned "B" matches (briskly you produce your copy of the above mentioned letter from the AKC so stating). Be somewhat humble at first, saying that you realize that, while the AKC obviously has no objection (point to letter) to your Beardie being shown, the final decision is up to the match committee. Presumably, then, the match chairman or club president will OK your entry. (We have exhibited Beardies for about a year now, in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New Hampshire, and have only once had our entry refused - sometimes it takes a little convincing on our part, but it is worth the effort.)

It is a good idea at your first match to observe what is going on in the judging rings before you go in, if possible. A majority of people entering at a match will be as much a novice at showing as you are, so don't be afraid of making a mistake. The judges realize this and, consequently, will go out of their ways to help you. Once in the ring it is a good rule to remember to pay strict attention to the judge and listen carefully to his instructions.

Your Beardie will probably be the only one entered (unless you take two dogs or bring a fellow Beardie owner with his dog), so will take the Best of Breed ribbon. Since Bearded Collies are a working dog, they should then be included in the judging for Best in Group.

If the match has miscellaneous classes (for breeds registered as miscellaneous with the AKC), you may be asked to compete within these classes, rather than the working group, in which case there probably will be no group judging.

As you may already know, the Canadian Kennel Club has recently recognized Bearded Collies. We are now in the process of finding out whether the CKC will allow Beardies registered with the Bearded Collie Club of America to compete in their shows. Beardies registered in England are able to compete as well as those registerable (born) in England.

This article, of necessity has been brief. However, I hope that I have been able to generate enough interest for you to want to pursue showing further. If so, and you want more information, contact an exhibitor in your area (the best way is through your local kennel club). As I have emphasized, dog people are always willing to talk "dogs". Showing your Bearded Collie will not only benefit our "cause", but will provide you the opportunity to show off your "pride and joy". I guarantee that you will be a center of interest wherever you talk your Bearded Collie. Please let the Club know of your successes as well as any problems you encounter.

For a copy of the letter from the American Kennel Club giving permission for Beardies to be exhibited in Sanctioned "B" Matches write to: T. M. Davies, 47 Deerfoot Drive, East Longmeadow, MA 01028.

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EMERGENCY CARE OF DOGS

by Philip B. Cohen, DVM

As dog owners and breeders, you will sooner or later be confronted with what may seem to be an emergency. In order to save both you and the dog undue worry and risk, a brief list of the more common true emergencies followed by the first aid care which you might administer until the animal can be seen by your veterinarian, is in order.

In general, we can define an emergency as that occurrence which will result in death or irreparable damage to the dog if it is not taken care of immediately. These include:

- a. Traumatic accidents such as being hit by a car, falling from a height, being severely injured in a dog fight, or some other accident resulting in hemorrhage, shock and/or bone injuries.
- b. Difficulty in whelping.
- c. Poisonings.
- d. Bloat.
- e. Respiratory or cardiac distress, which may be due to allergic or anaphylactic reactions, heart disease, smoke inhalation, heat stroke, etc.
- f. Convulsions.

In the case of traumatic accident, it is important to keep in mind the fact that pain and fright almost always accompany the other signs of injury. To avoid being bitten or scratched when attempting to aid an injured animal, always move slowly and speak gently and quietly to reassure the animal; put some type of restraint, such as a leash or loose rope around the neck; and, if necessary put a gauze muzzle on the mouth when treating or moving the animal. To control hemorrhage, apply pressure bandages, where possible. Keep the animal warm with a blanket or coat. DO NOT attempt to splint an apparent fractured bone, but try to avoid manipulating the area. In putting the dog into the car to bring it to your veterinarian, gently put the animal on a blanket or board and carry it as if it were a stretcher. Remember, even if the dog does not appear to be badly hurt, shock, concussion or internal hemorrhage may be present, and it is a good idea to have your veterinarian attend to any severe accident case.

Whelping is one of the oldest acts of nature, but sometimes even nature has to be helped out. The big question is what constitutes an emergency and when should you call your veterinarian? As many of you know, the onset of labor can be divided into three stages:

- a. First stage - restlessness, nesting, puppies moving back into position for delivery. This stage may last for as long as two or three days.
- b. Second stage - Straining labor, uterine contractions, and delivery of the pup.
- c. Third stage - Delivery of the afterbirth or placenta.

I consider it an emergency if the bitch is in the second stage of labor for two hours without delivery of a pup. This holds true for delivery of the first pup, or delivery of any of the remaining pups in the litter. In other words, if the bitch strains for two hours at anytime during whelping, and a pup is not presented, your veterinarian should be called.

Another emergency occurs if the bitch begins to whelp and the pup is partially delivered, but due to size or malpositioning, is stuck in the birth canal. You should get a grip onto whatever portion of the pup is protruding (use a washcloth, hand towel or gauze pad for traction) and gently pull the pup simultaneously with the contractions of the bitch. If you are unable to deliver the pup after a few tries, call your veterinarian. As the pups are delivered, of course it is important that you make sure the membranes are removed from the face and mouth immediately and that the pup is massaged until breathing is established.

Also in the classification of emergency we can place the situation where the bitch whelps a pup or two and then quits even though she obviously has more pups. This is called uterine inertia, and should be attended to by a veterinarian if a few hours go by.

A less common emergency situation arises when the dog eats some material which may be poisonous or toxic. These may include insecticides, pesticides, herbicides, household cleaners spoiled meat, and heavy metals. The poisoning may be intentional or, more commonly, accidental. Symptoms of acute poisoning may include vomiting, excessive salivation, abdominal pain, wobbliness, diarrhea with or without blood, or convulsions. If poisoning is suspected, the sooner it is treated by a veterinarian the better the chances of recovery. Very little can be done at home except to induce vomiting if it hasn't already begun by administering one of the following:

- a. Dry mustard seed - one tablespoon mixed with one cup of warm water.
- b. A tablespoon of dry salt in the back of the throat.
- c. Ipecac solution, or;
- d. Hydrogen peroxide - 1 or 2 tablespoons.

The subject of bloat could take much longer than we have room for now, so I shall confine my comments to the emergency nature of the disease. As you know, bloat is an acute dilatation of the stomach of the dog, with or without accompanying torsion of that organ. It occurs in large, deep-chested dogs, and as such is not an uncommon problem in collies. It occurs within a few hours of a heavy meal. The dog begins a non-productive retching, has a worried expression, and shows a distention of the abdomen in the region of the last few ribs. The dog should be taken to a veterinarian as soon as possible. If treatment (many times surgery) is not started immediately, the dog will die in a matter of hours. There is no first aid care which can be administered! Any delay may be critical!

It occasionally happens that a dog may develop sudden severe respiratory distress. As previously indicated, a number of causes for this do exist, and immediate first aid treatment could be life-saving. Handle the dog as little as possible to avoid unnecessary excitement. Be as calm and quiet as possible. Make sure a fresh air supply is available (open a window in a stuffy room, for instance) but keep the dog out of direct draft. In the case of heat stroke in the summer, air conditioning or a fan will keep the air circulating. Make sure the tongue is pulled free of the mouth and that the throat is swabbed free of mucous or saliva. If the respirations do not return to normal within a short time, a veterinarian must be consulted.

Convulsions occur from a variety of causes, including epilepsy, distemper, encephalitis, eclampsia (rarely in collies), and strychnine poisoning. In all cases except the last two, the convulsion will subside after a few minutes. It is of great importance that the room be darkened, all noises eliminated, the light furniture around the dog moved to avoid injury, and the animal left completely alone. By the time you can contact your veterinarian, the convulsion will probably be over or nearly so. If it persists for more than a few minutes, veterinary attention should be given quickly.

I have tried to list a few of the most common emergencies of dogs, and what you, as a dog owner, can do until your veterinarian can see the animal. This list is by far incomplete, but in most cases common sense will dictate what action you should take. I have also tried to emphasize the importance of contacting your veterinarian whose advice is as close as your telephone and who is more than willing to take care of a true emergency, whenever it may occur. After all, no one can expect to have emergencies by appointment only.

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WINTER CARE OF YOUR DOGS FEET

Now that winter is upon us, and the ground covered with ice and snow (at least for those of us lesser fortunates living in the northern portion of the world), we must pay special attention to our dog's feet. In many places, especially the cities, the chemicals that are used to melt the ice and snow on the streets and sidewalks can irritate the feet. It is, therefore, a good idea to rinse your dog's feet after he has walked through this material. In addition to the damage that may be done to his feet, he may lick the salts from his feet causing digestive upsets. Nails allowed to grow a little longer in the winter help him to navigate on the ice more easily. Pads may be cut quite easily on jagged edges of ice. Irritations caused by ice balls forming and clinging to the long hair between the pads can be lessened by keeping this hair trimmed short.