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We would like to extend congratulations to Jackie Vroome
of York, England, on her recent marriage to Mr. John Tidmarsh.
Jackie owns the famous English Kennel, Tambora, and has bred
many outstanding dogs. The most famous is, of course, Ch.
Edelwiess of Tambora, Best of Breed winner at Crufts, 1971.
Our best wishes to you both.

Please remember the Club scrapbook. It is taking shape
nicely. Those of you who saw it at the September Match Show
will agree that it will provide interesting and valuable
information in the years to come. Please send your clippings,
photographs and any other Beardie material to the Secretary.

If you know of anyone who owns a Beardie that has
not been registered, please urge him to do so. These people
should also be made aware of our club.

You will find inclosed with this issue of the Beardie
Bulletin, an addressed envelope for the payment of your 1972
dues of \$5.00 per person. Please continue your much appreciated
support. Ed. 1/2,

EDITORIAL

The Beardie Bulletin is almost dead, followed by the Bearded Collie Club of America!!! Does this shock you? Surprise you? Anger you? Make you sad? Any of the above will at least be better than the apathy this club now has. Where is the enthusiasm we all had - could that have been only two years ago? Who is at fault? You, me and everyone from the officers to each and every member.

I cannot put out a bulletin without your help in articles. Your ads help pay for the cost incurred for materials and mailing, but they also give everyone your kennel activities and your location.

If we want this breed to be recognized by the American Kennel Club, we have to work. One way to attain this goal is to have an ACTIVE club with more than one match show a year. Local breed clubs must be formed in scattered locations throughout the country. Look at your membership list and get the people nearby to start the Bearded Collie club of ----- . When your bitch has puppies, request that the buyers join your local club (and the Bearded Collie Club of America, too). Then hold meetings, put on match shows, get local publicity and then send all your news to the Beardie Bulletin.

We must have more communication within the club from the President and on down to each member. Elections have to be held and we must have meetings on a regular basis. This is not easy because of the great distances apart of the members. Anything worthwhile is not easy.

YOUR club and YOUR bulletin cannot grow without your active participation. Canada has done a magnificent job with their Beardies, because people cared and didn't sit back and "let George do it".

If you want another Beardie Bulletin, let me hear from you. Get involved in a healthy, growing club and help this delightful breed to its rightful place in dogdom.
WE CAN DO IT.

Alicia M. Tilton, Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Things are looking up for Bearded Collies. Our numbers are increasing and, what may be even more important, we are becoming truly national. Recently we have had Beardie litters in such wide-spread areas as Minnesota, Massachusetts and Georgia. The non-Beardie people's knowledge of Bearded Collies has progressed from the "Bearded what?" stage to the point where a recent New York Times ad listed a Bearded Collie for adoption, which turned out to be a dog that had been found and the advertiser thought it looked like a Bearded Collie.

For those of you who missed our second annual match, I am sorry. Miss Osborne, who did Beardies at Cruft's this year, is a quite knowledgeable judge and spent a good time after the competition discussing Beardies with their owners. It was a beautiful day and we had a large entry. The furthest travelled dog was Mrs. Reichl's Sterling, but Mrs. Neal came all the way from Minneapolis, via Washington, D.C., just to be a spectator. Thanks again to Miss Osborne and of course to the match Committee: Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Levy.

Mrs. Willison has been threatening for years, but now she has done it. THERE IS A BEARDED COLLIE BOOK!! It is of the Foyles handbook format and everyone will want a copy. To make it easier, the BCCA has ordered copies from the English publisher. To get this indispensable book send \$1.50 per copy to the Club secretary: Mrs. L. M. Levy, 19 Gates Lane, Simsbury, CT 06070.

Beardies are also featured prominently in two new dog encyclopedias. Stanley Dangerfield's International Encyclopedia of Dogs, McGraw Hill, has a nice write-up and is augmented by black and white pictures of Will O' Wisp of Willowmead (sic), Ch. Willowmead Barberry of Bothkennar and a nineteenth century painting by John F. Herring plus a color picture of Ch. Benjie of Bothkennar. Mr. Dangerfield was the first to judge a Beardie at a British point show after world war II and wrote the unsigned introduction to Mrs. Willison's book. The write-up in Hamilton's World Encyclopedia of Dogs, World, is more complete but the Bearded Collie article is by Mrs. Willison and it and its pictures are duplicated in her Bearded Collie book.

Besides the above Bearded Collies have been getting some nice publicity. We are getting our usual local newspaper coverage with some augmentation. Both adult and puppy Bearded Collies have been on network TV (Captain Kangaroo). Kurt Unklebach (The Winning of Westminster) gave the breed a nice write-up in On the Sound magazine and will include us in his next book this spring.

Keep up the good work.

Lawrence M. Levy

ANGUS AND THE SOMETHING NICE

Kay Jones

Everyone thinks Angus is a sheepdog, but he is really a Bearded Collie. He has big white paws and a proud tail. He lives in Wellesley in a house with a garden. When he first came there he used to dig. Sometimes he would dig up the bed of sunflowers, other times he would dig in the broccoli patch or tear up the carrots.

And do you know why Angus did so much digging? Because he was looking for something. Before he left his mother to come to Wellesley, she said he would find something buried in the garden. Something nice. That is why Angus did so much digging.

But the two people who belong to Angus would always scold him when he started digging.

"Angus, stop that!" said one.

"Bad dog!" said the other.

Then somebody would fill in the hole he had made.

Angus DID stop -- for a while. But the next day or the day after he would trot over to the sunflowers or the broccoli or the carrots. Whoosh, whoosh! His big white paws sent the earth flying in all directions. Down, down down they went, deeper and deeper and deeper. Soon they were big black paws.

"Angus, stop that!"

"Bad dog!"

Once again Angus would stop digging. Once again somebody would fill in the hole he had made. But the next day, or the day after, back he would trot to the sunflowers or the carrots or the broccoli. Soon there were deep, deep holes to be filled in.

At last the people who belonged to Angus got tired of filling in the holes he made.

"He can't run loose in the garden anymore," said one.

"We'll have to tie him up," said the other.

So Angus lost his freedom. Instead of running about the garden wherever he liked, he could only run to the end of a long leash. One end was attached to his collar, the other end

was tied to a tree. The tree was a long way off from the sunflowers and the carrots and the broccoli. After that the only fun Angus had was when he went for a walk up the road with his people or to the store in the village. On the leash. Most of the time he just sat by the tree looking sad. So sad that at last his people took the leash off and let him run in the garden again.

"I hope you've learned your lesson, Angus," said one.

"If you start digging, you'll be tied up again," said the other.

Barking happily, Angus lolloped about the lawn playing with his ball and chasing his proud tail. Never once did he look at the sunflowers or the carrots or the broccoli. But on the fourth day Angus got tired of playing with his ball. He got tired of chasing his tail. He wanted to DIG! He wanted to find something nice in the garden. He knew what would happen if he started digging. He would become a prisoner again. But he just had to.

He lolloped over to the bed of broccoli and stood staring down at it. He looked all around to make sure he was alone. He began to dig. Whoosh, whoosh! Up flew the earth in all directions. Soon his big white paws were big black paws. He dug deeper and deeper and deeper. The hole grew bigger and bigger and bigger.

Then suddenly Angus stopped digging. He had found something. Gently he nosed it out. Gently he licked off the dirt. Soon he saw a face. Big eyes stared up at him. Tiny arms and legs waved in the air. Angus was sure this was the something nice his mother told him he would find. But what was it? Excitedly he licked off more dirt and saw red hair that stood up in a peak. Then he nosed it onto the grass and found that it was wearing a small green shirt. So he picked it up by the shirt tail and carried it over to the porch. He laid it in front of the door. He barked once and both his people came out.

"Oh Angus, you've been digging again!" said one, looking at his big black paws.

"Bad dog!" said the other. "Back you go on the leash."

Angus barked a second time and held up the something nice.

"What's that?" asked his people. "Did you find it in the garden?"

Angus stood wagging his proud tail and holding up the something nice.

"Whatever it is, we don't want it," they said. "Take it back at once!"

But Angus didn't move. He kept on wagging and holding up the something nice.

At last his people bent down and took it from him. They stared at it hard. "My goodness, it's a baby!" they said. "A red headed baby that looks just like an elf. Let's keep it."

When they went indoors with the elf baby, Angus wagged his proud tail harder than ever. He trotted back across the grass to the broccoli. But he didn't dig. Instead he filled in the big hole he had made.

Whoosh, whoosh! Back went all the earth. He patted it down neatly with his big black paws.

And from that day on Angus never again dug holes in the garden. He had found something nice.

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Notes: Kay Jones is a writer of children's stories. She is also the aunt of Joan Kaplan, a club member. When the Kaplans brought home their first baby and their first Beadie almost simultaneously, Miss Jones wrote this delightful story as a gift. We're pleased that they have allowed us to share it.

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A BOOK ABOUT BEARDIES!

At long last there is a book written about Beardies. Mrs. G. O. Willison, honorary founder of our club and breeder of the famous Bothkennar Beardies, has written the book. It is published in England by Foyles, who have also published a whole series of other breed books.

The book is in hardcover and contains many photographs. It is available now from the secretary at \$1.50 per copy. We have seen the book and can attest to the fact that every Beardsie owner will want a copy. Send your orders with payment (\$1.50 per copy) to:

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You will find enclosed with this issue of the Beardie Bulletin, an addressed envelope for the payment of your 1972 dues. Dues are \$5.00 per person.

Some may have already paid 1972 dues and this will be noted. Please continue your much needed support of the Club. A complete membership list will be published in the next Bulletin.

SHOW NEWS

The Associated Rare Breeds of California held their Match Show on October 24, 1971 in Pasadena, California. Exhibitors and spectators were on hand to see club members, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith win Best of Breed, Junior, with their Bearded Collie, Becksted May Queen, followed by a fourth place in the Working Group. Congratulations from the club.

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BEARDED COLLIE CLUB OF AMERICA
Second Annual Match

The Bearded Collie Club of America held its Second Annual Match on September 5, 1971, in Eisenhower Park in East Meadow, Long Island. We were treated to a beautiful warm sunshine filled day.

We were most fortunate to have a recognized authority on our breed as Judge. Miss Margaret Osborne of Shiel Kennels in England selected her winners from a total of twenty eight entries. Miss Osborne judged Beardies at Cruft's this year (1972) and will judge the Working Group at the same famous show next year. A listing of the winners appears below. A critique from Miss Osborne has been promised.

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| Jr. Puppy Dog (3-6 mo.): | <u>Midas of Tambora</u> |
| Jr. Puppy Bitch: | <u>Mr. & Mrs. Edward Tilton</u>
<u>Dunwich Bonnie Bluebell</u> |
| Sr. Puppy Dog (6-12 mo): | <u>Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bernard</u>
<u>Beagold Blue Peter</u> |
| Sr. Puppy Bitch: | <u>Mr. & Mrs. Michael Lively</u>
<u>Bathsheba</u> |
| Adult Dog: | <u>Beth Ann Dick</u>
<u>Heathglen's Duffy</u> |
| Adult Bitch: | <u>Mr. & Mrs. Sheldon Beitel</u>
<u>Maggie</u>
<u>Barbara Jaffess</u> |
| Best Puppy in Match: | Midas of Tambora |
| Best Adult in Match: | Heathglen's Duffy |

Best in Match: MIDAS OF TAMBORA

We were pleased to see some 2-300 spectators in attendance. Some were most probably passers-by stopping to watch, but we did see many fanciers of other breeds in the audience. We appreciate the publicity given to us by the New York news media. We look forward to seeing all of you at future BCCA sponsored matches where new acquaintances can be made and old ones renewed.

I would like to thank all of you who helped make this year's match such a success; the exhibitors and spectators; the Match Committee, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Levy; the Ring stewards, Mrs. Monnich and Mrs. Terry; Mrs. Tilton, who made all the arrangements for Miss Osborne's stay; and of course to Miss Osborne for her prestigious and respected opinions.

Barbara Ann Davies
Match Chairman

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THE GAME OF STEWARDS...OR...WORK CAN BE FUN!

by Joy Monnich

The dog show is in a lovely park that is practically in my backyard. My husband is there with a Bearded Collie along with my daughter and some very nice people. I offered my services, but alas, the club had their own people - so home I sat discussing the situation with my friend. Gee! I could bring my pet who is not welcomed at regular shows and is seldom welcomed at parks anymore. I could gain some knowledge learning about an unrecognized breed, another club and another show. It was a lovely day - that did it! Off we went with chairs and picnic to enjoy and to watch a show.

Arrival included a welcome from my family who were pleased that I would come just to watch; greetings from friends and acquaintances; and glares from strangers when they looked at my schnauzer, who in return got a great big smile. We settled down to watch and enjoy... Then it happened, and still I know not how - I was to steward with the able assistance of my friend, Ruth Wicks and Heidi was to be left in the care of just any willing soul.

Match shows are, or should be run as similar to AKC shows as possible, although certain variations are necessary and permissible. Stewarding at regular shows comes quite easy for me and I must admit that I started with the "big time" and have done few match shows. I soon found that this particular show was being put on by some very nice people but certainly an inexperienced club. Many of the participants also lacked experience. The judge was from England where show rules differ from those of the AKC. However, it was pleasing to be asked when help was needed and I did have my friend Ruth whom I had worked with several times before.

Stewarding is largely hard work with little compensation save for the satisfaction which comes from the knowledge that the work has been well done. I prefer to do anything other than to sit and do nothing. A smoothly running show is usually a result of a steward doing a good job. I do enjoy the responsibility of performing a service which I know how to do. I am told that good stewards are not always easy to find although they are extremely necessary. I mentioned before that I find it an easy task, but I must also say that I learned what the job involves and I have become most familiar with the dos and don'ts. To be a good steward you must first find out what is expected of you and the various steps involved in getting the job done.

A club, large or small, needs a show committee which includes a Chief Steward. The chief Steward is the one in charge of the stewards. He is responsible for having the necessary number of efficient stewards. He informs the stewards of variations that the particular show might have and any

special items concerning the events of the day.

Stewards need not only to be efficient, responsible and organized, but they also need to be familiar with the accepted rules of the game. They are in the ring to direct traffic and to take care of various details that are necessary for the smooth running of a show. They are to enable the judge to concentrate on his judging of the dogs. They do NOT advise the judge and they refrain from discussing dogs with him or with the exhibitors. I take stewarding serious as it is a business not a social hour. I might mention social activities are outside the ring and one often gets to socialize at lunch which a club usually gives for judges and stewards. At a regular show, rules are to be followed even when the judge objects. A steward only honors judges requests when they don't interfere with the given rules. At a match show many such rules do not apply and one finds that one must be more obliging to the judge as well as to the contestants. However, like the good show committee, a good steward stays as close to AKC rules as possible.

I would suggest that the Bearded Collie Club find members who have stewarded or turn to the Steward Club and get someone and set out to prepare stewards for forthcoming shows. The Stewards Club of America was organized many years ago for the purpose of having stewards available for shows. It is open to all and anyone interested would find it well to join. They have a booklet on the rules and responsibilities of stewards. The AKC has a very brief section in the back of the Dog Show Rule Book. This is available from the Foley people at any regular dog show or from the AKC.

Contestants - remember please, stewards are not in the ring to give you a hard time. The show committee has given them the responsibilities; the judge has given them certain requests; and they feel the need to follow the rules. They would like to please you and everyone else, too, just like the judge would, but like the judge they feel that it more important to do the job they have been asked to do than just to please you. Please take note however, that unlike the judge the stewards are not paid. They are willing workers who are trying to take part and help a show run smoothly. Help the stewards by cooperating and you will find yourself and everyone else happier.

I really feel that it is an honor to steward. I have been extremely honored when asked by judges to work with them again, and greatly honored by being asked to steward all the groups on up to best in show. I realize that I might not be the best but I certainly must be doing something right. I would be pleased if you would ask if anyone would like help from me and permit me to share any knowledge I might have gained from experience.

At this time, I would like to thank the Bearded Collie Club of America for allowing Ruth and myself to steward for them. Miss Osborne was most complimentary with her thank you and seemed to be pleased with our endeavors. Ruth and I were pleased with the "thank you" received from the Club and we hope that the members were not too unhappy with a job done at short notice. May we again be honored to steward for you some time in the future. Thank you also for requesting this tale. It may not match the length of a Bearded's tail, but then, it's not as short as a Schnauzer's.

For the love of dogs!
Joy Monnich

The following newspaper article was submitted by Mrs. R. E. Sievert of Franklin Park, Illinois.

DOG SAVES CAT'S LIFE - THEN ADOPTS HER

It's no wonder that Holly, the Bearded Collie and Dilly the black and white kitten have become such good friends. Dilly owes her life to Holly, who pulled her half-drowned from a pond near his home in Hertfordshire, England.

Holly's owner, Mrs. Win Hughes, was walking her dog by the pond near their home when Holly started to bark and ran over to the edge of the water.

"I followed him to see what was wrong and just as I arrived he pulled this bedraggled ball of fur out of the water," said Mrs. Hughes.

On closer investigation the "ball of fur" turned out to be a small black and white kitten. The kitten had a brick tied tightly with a cord around its neck. "Someone must have wanted to get rid of her," said Mrs. Hughes. "What a cruel way to do it."

Luckily for Dilly, she had been placed close to the shore and the water was just shallow enough for her to keep her nose above water. "She must have been there for quite a few hours before Holly found her," said Mrs. Hughes. "She was quite exhausted and you could hardly hear her cries."

Mrs. Hughes undid the cord and carried the kitten home. "I fed her and bandaged her neck where the cord had cut into her," she said. "Before I had finished she was fast asleep."

"The poor thing was so tired she slept for practically 24 hours straight, waking up just long enough to eat."

Holly lay beside the kitten all the time she slept and since then has followed her around protectively just about everywhere she goes.

"They are practically inseparable," says their owner. "You'd think the whole thing was planned just so they'd each have someone to play with."

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BEARDED COLLIE CLUB SHOW
February 10, 1971

Judge Mrs. Joyce Collis
(Beagold)

With the Bearded Collie registrations doubling up, it was decided to hold two Open Shows in 1971. The first in April was held in Staffordshire, and Mr. Roy Winwood of Rowdina Beardies was the Judge. The second venue for the end of the year was booked in the south. Unfortunately, alternative accommodation had to be found quickly when we found that the venue had been previously booked for another breed club show. I was asked to help, naturally I only knew of local Halls and Final decision was made to book the Hitchin Town Hall, only four miles away. When the result of the postal ballot by the Bearded Collie members for a Judge for the October show was announced and I heard it was to be me, my joy was boundless. It could have been a venue anywhere in the South of England and here it was on my doorstep.

The final entry of 216, made by 96 exhibits pleased me beyond measure. The judging started at 11 am and the last class was brought into the ring at 5 pm. I was tired but extremely gratified to have had the opportunity to Judge such an excellent and varied Entry.

Presentation on the whole was good, one or two did not look as if they had been brushed that day, but they were in the minority and suffered the consequences. I do not want to see our Beardies degenerating into a powerful, and flowing coated Afghan type, but there is an intermediate alternative. The one or two very long coated Beardies that I placed had strong muscular limbs underneath. I had to feel for outline and construction, there was no positive silhouette to see for the length or arch of neck, some looked definitely short necked until I felt underneath the mass of coat. Their hard muscled body must have been maintained by hours of town road walking, because out in the country their coat would have been broken off by the brambles and bushes.

I tried to keep at all times to my interpretation of the Standard, and not to be swayed by the knowledge of a particular dog's past wins, also knowing most of the dogs, I put aside the temptation to give preference to dogs that were personally known and liked by me. I penalised the over fat, even with other points in their favour, and placed the leaner, muscular types. Never forgetting that we come under the definition of 'Working Group'. My choice was for the alert, lively and confident Beardies, when we are accused of owning an 'animated hearthrug', let us be able to object strongly to the 'hearthrug' bit, but agree wholeheartedly to the 'animated' description.

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THE STANDARD OF THE BEARDED COLLIE

adopted 15 November 1969 - BCCA

CHARACTERISTICS. The Bearded Collie should be alert, lively and self confident, Good temperament essential.

GENERAL APPEARANCE. An active dog with long, lean body, and none of the stumpiness of the Bobtail and which though strongly made, shows plenty of daylight under the body and does not look too heavy. The face should have an enquiring expression. Movement should be free and active.

HEAD AND SKULL. Broad, flat skull with the ears set high, fairly long foreface with moderate stop. Nose black except with brown or fawn coats, when brown is permitted.

EYES. To tone with coat in color, the eyes to be set rather widely apart, big and bright. Eyebrows arched up and forward, but not long enough to obscure the eyes.

EARS. Medium size, drooping, with longish hair, slight lift at the base denoting alertness.

MOUTH. Teeth large and white, never undershot or overshot.

NECK. Must be fair length, muscular and slightly arched.

FOREQUARTERS. Legs straight with good bone, pasterns flexible without weakness, covered with shaggy hair all round.

BODY. Fairly long, back level, with flat ribs and strong loins, ribcage both deep and long, shoulders flat, straight front essential.

HINDQUARTERS. Legs muscular at thighs, with well bent stifles and hocks, free from exaggeration.

FEET. Oval in shape, soles well padded, toes arched and close together, well covered with hair including between the pads.

TAIL. Set low, should be moderately long with abundant hair or brush, carried low when the dog is quiet, with an upward swirl at the tip, carried gaily when the dog is excited, but not over the back.

COAT. Must be double, the under one soft, furry and close the outer one harsh, strong and flat, free from wooliness or any tendency to curl. Sparse hair on the ridge of the nose, slightly longer on the sides just covering the lips. Behind this falls the long beard. A moderate amount of hair under the chin, increasing in length to the chest.

COLOR. Slate grey or reddish fawn, black, all shades of grey, brown and sandy, with or without white Collie markings.

SIZE. Ideal height at shoulder: Bitches 20 -21 ins. Dogs 21 - 22 ins.

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HIP DISPLASIA

Hip displasia is beginning to appear in American Bearded Collies. At present it is a very small percentage and not to a marked degree, so we need not panic. Dr. Benson Ginsburg, DVM, University of Connecticut, who has done quite a bit of research in this field, has found hip displasia in all breeds including racing greyhounds. However, if we are to keep this genetic deficiency from becoming rampant in our Bearded Collies we will have to begin to X-ray breeding stock. It is only through responsible breeding that we can keep Beardies the unspoiled breed that makes them so attractive.

L. M. Levy

1972 Dues

Just another reminder that your 1972 dues are now collectable. Please use the enclosed self addressed envelope and mail in your dues at your earliest convenience. We need your continued support in order to carry on our trek towards AKC recognition of Bearded Collies. Dues are \$5.00 per person and should be mailed to the treasurer: T. M. Davies, 47 Deerfoot Drive, East Longmeadow, Mass 01028.

IS YOUR BEARDIE REGISTERED?

In order for your Bearded Collie to be individually registered in the files of the Bearded Collie Club of America you must have in your possession a white, completed form with the red embossed seal of the BOCA. Check to make sure you have this form. If not, or if you have any questions concerning registration, contact the registrar: Mr. D. Ian Morrison, Box 541, Beacon, New York 12508.

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NOTE: Since more and more of us are beginning to get interested in showing our Bearded Collies, we thought it might be a good idea to include a discussion on handling and showing. We have asked Dick Monnich to write an article. Mr. Monnich is an amateur handler who has finished many dogs to their championships. He also owns the most titled Minature Schnauzer in the world with six championships. This dog has also won two all-breed Best in Show awards.

TIPS ON HANDLING

Dick Monnich

It is impossible to learn all there is to know about dog show handling from reading an article, so I will try to outline as best I can, the procedures of handling. I will try to encompass as much as is possible and to include my thoughts on related areas such as show grooming, equipment and show etiquette. The only way to become an accomplished handler is to actually do it.

First, grooming. I consider grooming first because it will be the first thing that you must contend with, even before arriving at the show. To go to a show with a poorly groomed dog is a disaster and even the best handler will have his hands full on show day without some prior grooming. To properly groom a dog you must get the dog up off the ground to about waist level. This allows you to get an all around view of the dog rather than just a top view. In this way you can get the furnishings and coat combed and brushed most easily. Major grooming jobs should be done before the show day, leaving final preparations and touch-ups until just before showing. Arrive early at the show and pick a spot for grooming where you can observe the judge you are to show under. Generally I leave myself an hour for grooming per dog at the show to avoid any last minute rushing.

The equipment you should consider would be, of course, the grooming essentials, the comb and brush. In addition as mentioned above, a grooming table is most helpful. This is simply a light weight folding table about 2 x 3 feet in size. For any extensive travelling, a large open wire type cage with a cushion in the bottom is useful. This gives the dog some measure of protection when travelling. The correct lead is most important. A typical show lead is the Resco type with the sliding clip on the loop. Positioning of the lead is right up under the chin to give you most control over the dog.

With regard to travel to a show, I prefer not to give the dog food or water prior to an automobile trip. Exercise him before you leave and along the way if necessary. This allows the dog to ride comfortably and will pay off in a more relaxed dog at the show.

In the show ring, the judge has absolute authority, provided he observes the established AKC rules. The handler must remain courteous and respectful at all times. Dress plays an important part in handling, and oddly enough could mean the difference

between winning and losing. Men should wear a sport coat and tie and women should wear a dress or skirt, comfortable but not embarrassing. Short skirts, shorts and slacks are not considered in good taste. Pockets in your clothing are also important. You can carry bait, a comb or brush, and an attention-getting squeaky toy into the ring with you. The armband number is always worn on the left arm. I always try to remember extra rubber bands to make sure the armband stays in place.

If you were not able to set up grooming near your ring, it is a good idea to go to the ring and watch your judge for a few minutes. In this way you can observe the judge's habits and how he wants the dogs moved in the ring. Most judges will stick to a pattern and if you can follow his pattern without a lot of verbal instructions, it looks very professional.

Your entrance into the ring should be very professional. In a big class, I try to be the first one in or the last one in, so as not to get lost in the class. Now your work begins. You must concentrate and work hard at all times, but still remain relaxed. Move your dog into the ring smoothly and line him up in the desired place (which you learned in your initial observation at ringside). Set the dog up with his front legs straight, both from front and side. Then set up the rear legs slightly back from center and straight down. The dog must be trained to assume this pose and practiced before bringing him to the ring. Practice setting the dog up at home until he will remain standing. Training must be of the right type and extent to allow you to have an obedient dog, but not so excessive that you break his spirit.

The judge will then move the dogs around the ring and then have you stop. When you stop, set your dog up again at once. The judge will then examine each dog individually. Don't interfere with the judge's examination, but stand to the side. If he messes the hair or picks up a foot and misplaces it, as soon as he is finished, you set the dog up properly. After his examination, the judge will probably move each dog individually across the ring. This is a MOST IMPORTANT PART, since most judges will not know Bearded Collies well, and may make movement a deciding factor. When moving the dog, hold the lead in your left hand, with your arm parallel to the ground away from your body. I have found that moving a Bearded Collie on a loose lead at a trot is the best way to show off his movement. I have also found it very effective to move the dog away from the judge on a loose lead, and coming back towards him, to pick up on the lead to keep the dog's head up and give the judge a clean look at his front. The judge then makes his last appraisal of the dogs. Place your dog well and step just in front of him, using the bait or squeaky toy to get his attention. If you have practiced well, he should really show off for you. The judge will then make his selections. Take both your wins and your losses graciously.

These are the basics. To be a good handler you should first watch - stand at ringside and observe the procedures and routines of the professional handler. Then you learn by doing and practicing. It can be a lot of fun.