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litter, in the Stud Book of the Bearded Collie Club of America,  
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Notice to all Club Members: As of June first, 1974, Bearded  
Collies are eligible to be shown in the Miscellaneous class and  
in Obedience classes at dog shows. We urge your participation  
as this is one of the ways the AKC will assess the suitability  
of the breed for full recognition. In order to be so exhibited,  
each Beardie must be issued an ILP number by the AKC. For the  
necessary forms we suggest you write to the AKC as soon as  
possible. When available the forms will be mailed to you.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June 1st marks the debut of the Bearded Collie in the official show ring. We earlier suggested that local clubs and groups of Beardie owners select certain shows (for example, one per month) to designate as "Beardie supported Miscellaneous entries". So far we've heard from the New England club for the Ladies Kennel Club show held in Wellesley, Massachusetts on June 1st, and the New York club for the Greenwich Kennel Club show to be held on June 8th, in Stamford, Connecticut. Both these shows are superintended by the Foley Dog Show Organization, 2009 Ranstead St., Philadelphia, PA 19103, from whom Premium Lists and entry blanks may be obtained. Wouldn't it be marvelous if 15 to 20 Beardies showed up at each of these shows! In the next issue we will publish more show information. Let's get those Beardies in the ring! Both of the above mentioned shows have obedience classes in conjunction with the breed classes. Let's also see a flurry of C.D.'s right off the bat!

Popular Dogs magazine each July publishes lists of the top winning dogs in the country. They have what they call the Rothman System for determining the top ten Miscellaneous dogs in the country. We're probably not going to make it this year, but let's see if we can't make all ten of those dogs Bearded Collies next year. They compile their lists from the AKC Gazette.

It would be nice if the members throughout the country could get more news of the local clubs. Why not try selecting a correspondent to submit your area news for publication in the Bulletin. We would like news and views, activities, etc. We will publish some show wins of special events, i.e., club supported functions, unusually large entries, etc. Let us know of your selections for supported Miscellaneous entries.

Once again, looking to full AKC recognition; what do we need to do? SHOW YOUR DOGS! If you have a good Beardie, get it into as many shows as possible. Train him and show in obedience. REGISTER YOUR BEARDIE! If you are going to show, you must get an ILP number for your Beardie from the AKC. The only real Registry for Bearded Collies is still the BCCA Stud Book; get yours in there. KEEP A STRONG, SOLID NATIONAL BREED CLUB! The AKC looks to the National breed club for breed policy decisions. We must do all in our powers for the good of the breed. Keep personal differences just that - personal. Be mindful of those who would use the club for their own gain.

Yours for Better Beardies,  
Thomas M. Davies, President



## BEARDED COLLIE CLUB OF AMERICA ANNUAL SPECIALTY MATCH

The Bearded Collie Club of America held its fourth annual Specialty match on September 9, 1973, in Crompond, New York. Well known breeder-Judge, Mrs. C. Seaver Smith, Jr. was the judge.

The Bearded Collie Club of America wishes to thank all those who helped to make the match a success with their entries, trophy donations, catalog advertising, and especially, the Bearded Collie Club of Greater New York, who served as host for the event. The results of the judging are as follows:

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|-------------------------|--|
| Puppy Dog (3-6 months)  | 1. Trennons Barnaby - Pierce               |
| Puppy Dog (6-9 months)  | 1. Cauldbrae's Tunes of Glory - Morrison   |
| Puppy Dog (9-12 months) | 1. Dunwich Double Diamond - Taylor         |
|                         | 2. Balmoral Laird Dirk O'Dunwich - Cassidy |
|                         | 3. Trennons Absolute Adam - Hobson         |
|                         | 4. Trennons Andrew - Dixon                 |

### BEST PUPPY DOG - Cauldbrae's Tunes of Glory

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| Puppy Bitch (3-6 months)  | 1. Trennons Brown Betty - Jacobson & Pierce |
|                           | 2. Charncroft Country Rose - Levy           |
|                           | 3. Trennons Beatrice - Jacobson             |
| Puppy Bitch (6-9 months)  | 1. Cauldbrae Amazing Grace - Morrison       |
|                           | 2. Glen Eire Skye O'Cauldbrae - Dolan       |
| Puppy Bitch (9-12 months) | 1. Dunwich Thistle of Balmoral - Davies     |
|                           | 2. Dunwich Melody Lingers On - Davies       |
|                           | 3. Poochkapoo - Pincus                      |
|                           | 4. Trennons Alice - Kass & Luckey           |

### BEST PUPPY BITCH - Cauldbrae Amazing Grace

### BEST PUPPY IN MATCH - Cauldbrae's Tunes of Glory

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|-------------------|--|
| Novice Dog        | 1. Trennons Absolute Adam - Hobson     |
|                   | 2. Cauldbrae Rowdy McDuff - Kluth      |
| American Bred Dog | 1. Trennons Barnaby - Pierce           |
| Open Dog          | 1. Dunwich Dudley Dustmop - Davies     |
|                   | 2. Cauldbrae's Brigadoon - Morrison    |
|                   | 3. Gayfield Rustling Branches - Eilert |
|                   | 4. Ryjo Hiltie - Dolan                 |

### BEST DOG - Dunwich Dudley Dustmop

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|-------------------------|--|
| Novice Bitch            | 1. Glen Eire Meaghan O'Cauldbrae - Dolan       |
|                         | 2. Poochkapoo - Pincus                         |
|                         | 3. Dunwich Jennifer Juniper - Curtis           |
| Bred by Exhibitor Bitch | 1. Trennons Alice - Kass & Luckey              |
| Open Bitch              | 1. Bailiwick Annie Laurie - Fish               |
|                         | 2. Brambledale Blue Bonnet - Lachman & Schneid |
|                         | 3. Black Kap of Tambora - Luckey               |
|                         | 4. Knick Knack of Tambora - Morrison           |
| Veteran Bitch           | 1. Cannamoore Coralie - Cashdan                |

### BEST BITCH - Bailiwick Annie Laurie

### BEST IN MATCH - DUNWICH DUDLEY DUSTMOP

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| Junior Showmanship | 1. Claudia Dean |
|                    | 2. H. Fisk      |
|                    | 3. J. Curtis    |
|                    | 4. J. Cashdan   |

Stud Dog - Johnathen Brown of Tambora - Morrison  
Brood Bitch - Knick Knack of Tambora - Morrison

## UPCOMING MATCHES

- April 6, 1974      Bearded Collie Club of Greater New York  
                    Judge: Ken Goldfarb  
                    Jr. Showmanship Judge: Moira Morrison  
Bedford, New York  
For Information: Eleanor Eilert  
                    318 Ramapo Valley Rd  
                    Oakland, NJ  
                    (201) 337-4544
- April 28, 1974      New England Bearded Collie Club  
                    Judge: J. Richard Schneider  
                    Obedience Classes Offered  
West Hartford, Connecticut  
For Information: Penny Taylor  
                    199 Spring St  
                    Glastonbury, CT 06033  
                    (203) 633-8526
- May 26, 1974      Associated Rare Breeds of New England  
                    Bearded Collie Judge: Mrs. Muriel Sonnichsen  
                    Obedience Classes Offered  
Moodus, Connecticut  
For Information: Susan Banner  
                    Banner Lodge  
                    Moodus, CT 06469  
                    (203) 873-9698

NOTE: PRE-Entry Required - CLOSING DATE APRIL 10, 1974

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### New Officers of the Locals:

#### Midwest Bearded Collie Club

President	Tony Kottmeier	
Vice President	Jerry Jozwiak	1732 N. Spaulding
Treasurer	Rochelle Milner	Chicago, IL 60647
Secretary	Linda Nootbaar	
Board Members	Elaine Levinson	
	Berni Palikij	
	Terry Compos	

#### New England Bearded Collie Club

President	Virginia Parsons	
Vice President	Larry Levy	47 Deerfoot Dr
Treasurer	Dianne Weiss	East Longmeadow,
Secretary	Barbara Davies	Mass 01028
Board Member	Tom Bernard	



JUDGE'S CRITIQUE - New England Bearded Collie Club  
October 7, 1973 Maj. William P. Hayes

My first thought is to thank the members of the New England Bearded Collie Club for the privilege of judging your match. My interest in the Beardie goes back some years to a picture in an old dog book. Good fortune has given me the opportunity to observe the breed in the US, Canada and England. Needless to say, the charm of this breed has totally captured me and I hope to become a Beardie owner as soon as circumstances and kennel room allows.

Now back to the match and my impressions. The entry, although small was very impressive. The overall type was better than I have observed at previous matches. I saw none of the over standard size, squarish type that tends to remind one of the Bobtail, that I have seen at earlier matches. As breeders, you have either eliminated this type or are not showing them. Either case demonstrates a unity of thought as to what the correct type is. Soundness in shoulders and rears was overall good. Several years ago, I was concerned with a tendency towards weak rears, but detected none at this match.

The puppy dog number 178 (Dunwich Double Diamond - Taylor), shows promise when examined part by part, however my overall impression was of a gangly teenager. Time and maturity should help him put it all together.

1974 The puppy bitch class of three entries, I gave to number 177 (Charncroft Country Rose - Levy). This was a very typy bitch that was very well put together and moved well. She shows great promise if she continues into maturity with the type and presence shown as a puppy. I would have liked to see more signs of an adult coat with better texture. Numbers two and three went to 183 (Dunwich Melody Lingers On - Davies) and 179 (Osmart Black Magic - Parsons) respectively. They were quite similar in type. No. 183 had excellent shoulders, but did not move as well as her construction suggested. I attributed this to a combination of poor ring training and handling. No. 179 was good type, as mentioned, but was a little on the smallish side. Best Puppy went to 177 for the reasons mentioned above. I feel that this is a very promising puppy.

Although number 182 (Dunwich Dudley Dustmop - Davies) was the only adult dog shown and thus was obviously first, he was an excellent example of the breed. Further comments will appear below.

There were three adult bitches. No. 180, a lovely brown bitch was clearly first. Second place went to 184 (Dunwich Bonnie Bluebell-Bernard), a bitch of good type, whose overall picture was spoiled by too high a tail set and carriage. Third place was 181 (Osmart Black Plum - Weiss). Again the type was good, but she could have used more length of rib cage.

Best in Match was extremely difficult decision. The choice was between the dog 182 and the bitch 180 (Cannamoore Honey Rose - Parsons) These two are both exceptional examples of the breed. The bitch has



a presense which can't be denied. My final decision was based upon my feelings as a breeder. The bitch is extremely showy, was well handled and seemed to ask for the win. The dog, however, has something extra that is relatively rare in the Beardie, an exceptionally straight front. He has no toe-in or toe-out. With other things quite equal between the two, I was confronted with the choice between the personality of the bitch and the better front of the dog. The dog was awarded Best in Match. These two will have many close moments in the ring when the Beardie is shown in the Miscellaneous classes.

In conclusion, I would like to offer this final comment. With an eye towards AKC recognition and the Beardie being shown against other breeds in the ring, I'd like to suggest that more ring training should be given your dogs in order to win the Bearded Collie the recognition it so justly deserves.

### COMMENTS ON RECOGNITION

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Congratulations, Beardie owners! We've made it! All the way to Miscellaneous class. With a little luck and some dedicated people to get out and show their good dogs, it may not be long before they have full AKC recognition. But there are problems ahead and we'd better face up to them and deal with them right now.

The Beardie is a very special kind of dog, which needs and deserves a special loving owner. In the months and years ahead, many of this type will want to acquire a Beardie as they get more publicity. Along with these, however, will come those who see a potential money maker, a breed whose cuddly, toy-like puppies will be easy to sell at a high price. These people can be found in any breed - and may even be showing dogs. To those who own one or two Beardies and aren't actively involved in showing, you wouldn't believe what some people will do! We are in an enviable position of being able to chat the course of the breed and we should, while we can still determine their future.

To that end, I would like to recommend that the National and local clubs adopt a Breeder's Code to establish guidelines for ethical conduct. Many national specialty clubs already have such a code, which are working well, and innumerable local breed and all-breed clubs have also adopted such codes. Most of the codes involve the expected points; clean and healthy facilities, not selling litters or individual dogs or puppies to wholesalers or retailers, giving buyers adequate information and assistance, etc. Some of the newer codes are taking even more stringent steps; breeding only x-rayed normal stock, free of all hereditary defects, selling pet quality puppies without papers (this would include all dogs with major or hereditary defects). In addition stud dog owners may only offer OFA certified dogs at public stud and must require people who use a stud to sign an agreement not to sell to wholesalers or retailers. Intense scrutiny of all buyers is recommended. A point in many codes is that everyone who breeds and sells puppies must be prepared to take back and dog that a buyer cannot keep. These are just a few of the points covered in various codes, but it will give you an idea of what I am suggesting. No one likes to be policed and everyone has a different set of ethics.



Never-the-less, people have signed these codes and will abide by them because they realize that the betterment of their breed is of paramount importance.

We're all convinced that Beardies are fantastic and we want to see them become more popular. But they have the potential to be exploited. We must control their growth by selective breeding and selling practices - we own them that much. My first love is Irish setters and it is painful to watch what they have undergone and have to go through because of their popularity. Hopefully the number registered each year (30,000 in 1972; 60,000 in 1973!) has creasted and will begin to recede. But it will probably be 15 years or more before the majority of the mediocre or bad Irish Setters have been eradicated. Many breeders will fall by the wayside by that time and many of the established breeders will have terminated their breeding programs for a variety of reasons. There are a few of us who have vowed to weather the storm, taking potentially heavy financial losses by refusing stud service to all but champion or championship quality bitches, by breeding only often enough to keep our lines alive, by placing dogs on co-ownerships to maintain control over their future, etc. Hopefully, enough of us will be able to last it out, so that when that day comes, there will still be enough really good dogs to pick up the pieces and begin again. Being in the middle of this crisis has made me more concerned about breeds that have yet to face the problem. Let's keep our Beardies well-bred, desirable, sought-after dogs.

#### CANADIAN RECOGNITION FOR AMERICAN BEARDIES?

The following letter was sent to the Secretary of the Canadian Kennel Club. The reply follows. It is beyond me how the CKC can make different rules for different breeds with the same status. Witness the Cavalier King Charles Spaniels (Miscellaneous Class in the US, eligible to be shown in Canada). American owned and bred Cavaliers are being shown in Canada. ??????? T. M. Davies.

Mr. N. F. Brown  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Canadian Kennel Club

Dear Mr. Brown,

As of June 1, 1974, the Bearded Collie has been added to the list of breeds eligible to be shown in the Miscellaneous Class at dog shows and in Obedience trials and tracking tests held under the authorization of the Amercian Kennel Club, Inc. (See February, 1974, American Kennel Gazette)

To be so shown, the dog must be individually registered with the American Kennel Club and be issued an ILP number.

On the basis of this revised status of the Bearded Collie in the United States, we wish to enquire as to the eligibility of American-owned and American-bred Bearded Collies to be entered in championship



shows and licensed trials held under the rules of the Canadian Kennel Club.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Davies, President  
Bearded Collie Club of America

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Thomas M. Davies, President  
Bearded Collie Club of America

Dear Dr. Davies,

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 15th in which you inquire as to whether Bearded Collies bred and owned in the United States would be eligible for entry at events held under our rules.

Dogs being shown on an ILP basis at events held under the rules of the American Kennel Club are not eligible for registration in our records nor for entry at events held under our rules.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Agnes Coughlin  
Shows & Trials Department

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#### SHOW NEWS FROM THE MIDWEST

##### Midwest Bearded Collie Club Specialty

The Midwest Bearded Collie Club held its first Specialty Match on September 30, 1973, in Highland Park, Illinois. Carol Gold (President, Bearded Collie Club of Canada) and Tom Davies (President, Bearded Collie Club of America) co-judged the event. It was a pleasant day and turned out to be more of an "education day" for those present than just a match. Results of the match follow:

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| Puppy Dog           | 1. Blue Alex of Tableau - Kroll                  |
|                     | 2. Lord Alex of Tableau - Sklare                 |
|                     | 3. Sochsford of Osmart - Weber                   |
|                     | 4.   |
| Puppy Bitch         | 1. Amber Alexis of Tableau - Breakstone          |
|                     | 2. Lady Alexis of Tableau - Kroll                |
|                     | 3. Cauldbrae's Molly O"Gleanna - Dolezal & Allen |
| BEST OF BREED PUPPY | - <u>Blue Alex of Tableau</u>                    |
| Adult Dog           | 1. Ballacralee Gay Rambler - Milner              |
|                     | 2. McDuff of Wynnewood - Wiess                   |
|                     | 3. Edenborough Adventure - Kottmeier             |
|                     | 4. Tonsarne Oberon - French                      |
| Adult Bitch         | 1. Jaseton Princess Argonetta - Nootbaar         |
|                     | 2. Rushmoor Grey Mist - Kroll                    |
|                     | 3. Royal Lady of Richlin - Palikij               |
|                     | 4. Richlins Royal Shag - Nootbaar                |
| BEST OF BREED ADULT | - <u>Jaseton Princess Argonetta</u>              |



## THE CONTROL OF HIP DYSPLASIA IN THE DOG

Prof. D.D.Lawson, D.V.R., M.R.C.V.S.

(Taken from Bright eyes and Bushy Tales, the bulletin for the Canadian Collie and Shetland Sheepdog Ass., Inc.)

Hip dysplasia is the improper development of the hip joint which results in its malformation.

The hip joint is a ball and socket joint in which the head of the femur normally fits snugly into the acetabulum, the socket in the pelvis.

In dysplastic dogs the joint does not 'fit' well and as a result abnormal movements and stresses occur and distortion and degeneration of the joint occurs.

In the growing dog, from birth to approximately one year of age, the bones and joints are still growing and are relatively soft and most of the changes of shape that occur in the hip are established during this period.

Dysplastic changes occur in many degrees: - - 1) Severely affected cases can be readily recognized from an early age. They show difficulty in rising on to their hind legs, have a markedly unsteady gait behind, prefer to sit rather than stand and have real difficulty in attempting to jump. 2) Less severe cases may show a swaying gait which is especially noticeable at slow paces. This may become obvious when the dog is about half grown. If dogs with this degree of affection are permitted free exercise the joint changes may be promoted and the dogs are prone to show marked deterioration in their ability to walk or run. 3) Minor cases may show very little disability and may readily be accepted as normal if assessed solely on movement. X-ray examination will readily demonstrate the defect.

Hip dysplasia is known to be inherited, although the mode of inheritance is not completely clear because additional factors such as marked overweight in puppies and the effects of excessive use of defective joints will affect the final degree of joint change that occurs. THE CONTROL OF HIP DYSPLASIA WITHIN ANY BREED OF DOG REQUIRES SEVERAL STEPS TO BE TAKEN:

1. The recognition by the breed society of the presence or absence of hip dysplasia within the breed. This may be self evident if dogs of the breed are known to be lame as a result of hip dysplasia or may require the information to be obtained from the members of the breed society by questionnaire to determine if a clinical problem (lameness) exists.
2. The identification of the magnitude of the problem within the breed. This will determine, in large measure, the action that must be taken to control the condition. (a) If a large proportion of the breed show lameness or dysfunction due to hip dysplasia, urgent action is required to prevent the condition being both severe in degree and universal within the breed. The form of selection that is possible may mean employing for breeding purposes 'the best of a poor lot' (from the hip joint point of view). To insist, under these circumstances, that only dogs with 'normal' hips are used for breeding



may be tantamount to applying a total embargo on breeding. (b) If a small proportion of the breed show lameness, a fair proportion show x-ray abnormality only and some show minimal or no abnormality, as far as is practicable breeding stock should be selected from the last group only. Other breed characteristics may be an overriding consideration, but even then no dog with markedly abnormal hips should be bred from. (c) Where only a very few members of the breed show any evidence of abnormality, this should be accepted as a clear indication that hip dysplasia could become established if steps are not taken to control it. In this instance even more stringent criteria for selection can be applied and certainly no animal that has more than the most minimal effect should be bred from.

3) The adoption of a specific programme aimed at the control of hip dysplasia.

The British Veterinary Association in collaboration with the Kennel Club has devised a scheme to help dog breeders select their breeding stock and so to minimize the possibility of producing dysplastic pups.

Under the scheme animals over one year and under six years of age are x-rayed (together with the Kennel Club Registration Number), by a Veterinary Surgeon. He submits radiograph which he considers to approach normality to the British Veterinary Association where a specialist panel of Veterinary Surgeons, who have made a particular study of interpreting these films, produces a report.

If the x-rays reveal no abnormality a certificate is issued and this may be accepted by breeders as evidence that the animal has hip joints of the anatomical configuration that they would wish to have in their pups.

Where only very slight abnormality is present the breeder is informed in a note which indicates that he may wish to use this animal, rather than another that has a greater degree of abnormality. If at all possible animals in this category should be mated with ones that have been certified.

Where more severe abnormality exists the panel reports that certification has been withheld and in most circumstances animals in this category should not be used for breeding.

Where no other option is open to the breeder but to use such animals, it is possible to select the less affected and bitches on a somewhat arbitrary bases. In using such animals the breeder must recognize that he has merely taken the first step in a long programme of improvement of his stock and that regular careful selection must be carried out if his ultimate goal of controlling hip dysplasia is to be achieved.

In all normal circumstances only sound dogs and bitches which show either no abnormality or only minimal abnormality of x-ray examination should be used for breeding.

The fact that the parents of a given animal were both certified under the scheme is, unfortunately no guarantee that it will also be certifiable and each individual animal to be used for breeding must be checked if disappointment and unfortunate results are to be avoided

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NOTE:



In the US, the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals is the official certifying body, comparable to the BVA in England. The OFA has established that as of January 1, 1974, the minimum age for radiographic certification of normality with respect to canine hip dysplasia be 24 months of age at the time the radiograph was taken. Although severe types of hip dysplasia can be identified radiographically at a relatively early age, there is evidence that some dogs which appear normal at 6-18 months of age will show radiographic signs of HD at a later age. The OFA radiologists will continue to evaluate pelvic radiographs of dogs at a young age, however, only those dogs that are two years of age or older at the time of radiography, with no signs of hip dysplasia, will be eligible for the assignment of a breed OFA number.

Send X-rays to: Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, Dysplasia Control Registry, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri. Be sure to tell your veterinarian that you want OFA acceptable x-rays.

Send notification of OFA results (photocopy of certificate) to Marilyn Kroll, 975 Ridgewood Dr, Highland Park, IL 60035, if you wish to have your dogs certification number published. Since we are collecting information for the purpose of progeny testing, we would also appreciate information on the sire and dam of certified dogs. If you have not already done so, please forward names of sires and dams.

Marilyn Kroll  
OFA Representative

Additional OFA Certified Bearded Collies

<u>Name of Dog</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>OFA Number</u>
Silver Burn of Willowmead	D	Smith	BC12
Cedars Maggie Mae	B	Murphy	BC13
Tonsarne Oberon	D	French	BC14
Ballacralee Gay Breeze	B	Cowan	BC15
Edenborough Adventure	D	Kottmeier	BC16
Brambledale's Blue Bonnet	B	Lachman & Schneider	BC17
Heathglen's Fancy Heather Too	B		BC18
Becksted May Queen	B	Smith	BC19
Broadholme Elaina	B	French	BC20
Polacca Fairy	B	Romberg	BC22

NOTE: The listing of a Bearded Collie in this bulletin in no way constitutes an implied or intended recommendation as to the overall quality or desirability for breeding purposes of the listed dog. Nor is it intended to imply the usefulness of that piece of information (OFA Certification) in any breeding program.



Minutes: Sep 1973 BCCA Meeting

A Motion was made and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Dr. Tom Davies presented his president's report, the main points of which were:

1. D. Ian Morrison is currently working on a revision of the constitution.
2. The club is resubmitting its request for AKC miscellaneous status.
3. In the coming year board meetings will be by mail on the 15th of every other month.
4. The treasury contains approximately \$1300.00.

The match committee report stressed the importance of having a match portfolio for future matches.

A motion was passed to accept all applicants who had applied for Bearded Collie Club of America membership since the previous meeting.

There was no old business.

New business:

There was a plea by Larry Levy, the Bulletin editor, for material for the Beardie Bulletin.

D. Ian Morrison moved that the question of an official BCCA/OFA representative be considered by the Board, with their comments to be mailed to the membership for a mailed ballot within 6 months. The motion was carried.

A motion to hold a match next year was passed.

Dr. Alan Cashdan moved that a committee be set up for next year's show. It was seconded and passed.

A motion to adjourn was made and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maxine Levy, Secy.



Glen Eire Farm RD2  
Carmel, New York  
October 5, 1973

Mr. Lawrence Levy  
Gates Lane  
Simsbury, Conn.

Dear Mr. Levy;

The Bearded Collie Club of Greater New York voted to send the following letter for publication in the Beardie Bulletin at its meeting held September 30, 1973.

Open letter to Beardie Bulletin and B.C.C. A. Membership:

The last issue of the Beardie Bulletin was exceedingly dismaying to serious and experienced breeders. The pontifications of novice Beardie Breeders in this issue is threatening the public image of Beardies and even the very essence of our favorite breed. HIP DYSPLASIA IS NOT (REPEAT "NOT") A PROBLEM IN BEARDIES !!!

Those who believe otherwise are challenged to document the number and percentage of Bearded Collies in this country who are crippled by Hip Dysplasia. They will find, that although Hip Dysplasia exists in all breeds, including humans and other species, Beardies are among those which are most free of the defect.

The exaggerated emphasis on this problem in our breed will almost certainly introduce poor breeding practises contrary to the B.C.C.A. objective of "improving the breed." A good breeding program is one which involves taking the time to study, analyse and visualize the entire standard, developing a program of experimental breeding to three and four generations while learning from the results, honestly assessing the shortcomings of bitches and choosing studs with compensating qualities. It is quite understandable (although inexcusable) that inexperienced breeders would rather simplify the problem of choosing a stud dog by basing it solely on an O.F.A. rating. But there is no surer way of producing inferior dogs than emphasising on characteristic. Certainly any serious, responsible breeder will naturally eliminate from his program a dog or bitch which is lame and/or tends to produce crippled puppies, just as he would one which produces bad angulation, narrow skulls, gay tails etc. But to base an entire breeding program on O.F.A. ratings is manifestly absurd and does great disservice to the objective of "improving the breed." As to the public image - people becoming interested in Beardies are beginning to ask breeders about the "hip dysplasia problem" in Beardies. Is this the reputation which we want for Beardies? Do our beautifully moving Beardies really deserve such a reputation??



As to specifics -

First, why are the only articles on Hip Dysplasia published in the Bulletin those written from a single viewpoint? The trade journals recently have contained numerous articles with a more sensible viewpoint, including some written by authors in the former category who have since changed their minds. An objective Bulletin would seek out and publish both sides of such an issue if it is to serve the cause of improving the breed.

Second, who appointed an O.F.A. representative for the B.C.C.A. ? The constitution quite explicitly vests the administration of the Club and the appointment of Committees in the Board of Directors. Several members of the Board have never been asked about the appointment and are opposed to it.

Third, who authorized the compilation and publishing a list of "clear" dogs in the official publication of the B.C.C.A. ? The natural inference is that dogs not on the list are considered by the club to be tainted or somehow inferior. This is not one of the objectives of the club and the implication that these are preferred std dogs is absolutely wrong.

The future of Beardies is in the hands of members who will soon vote on the question of whether or not the Club should have an O.F.A. Representative and in the hands of the officers who establish the policy of the Bearded Collie Bulletin. Both groups should understand very clearly that serious breeders simply will not be subjected (even by implication) to qualifications other than the standard as measure of excellence in Bearded Collies as stated in the constitution of the B.C.C.A.

Very truly yours,

*Anne V. Dolan*

Anne V. Dolan, Secretary



## HEADS AND TAILS

Virginia Parsons

In my quest for a better understanding of what we are striving for in breeding correct Beardies, I asked Jenny Osborne and Trudi Wheeler for their descriptions of correct heads and tail sets. The following are excerpts from their answering letters:

Trudi Wheeler:

To your question about the description of a good head. This has always proved one of the most difficult things to do, because one feels rather than describes a good head... It says in the standard "square with good breadth of skull" and it means just that. To start with, there should be a good strong muzzle, not too long, and certainly not too short. The exact length is governed by the size of the whole dog, because if the dog is on the small side, one does not want a strong muzzle or a too strong head on a smaller body. So be guided by the overall balance of the Beardedie and take it from there. Balance is most important, and since we have such a general difference in size, here in Britain, too, one has to use imagination as well as knowledge.

The flat skull should be, in my opinion anyway, so formed that one can lay one's flat hand on the skull which should be sloping upwards towards the occipital bone, which is somewhat prominent in Beardies. This forms the top of the skull which then slopes down behind the occipital bone towards the neck.

The eyes should ideally be set centre between the top of the skull and the end of the muzzle, nicely placed, and not too close. Certainly not a round eye, but slightly oval giving that dreamy kind expression, but not a Sheltie or Collie eye. The Beardedie eye is larger. Teeth must be level, no hint of overshot mouths are permissible.

Ears set on reasonably high, without flying up when the dog is alert, but should merely lift at the base, thus forming a complete picture of balance on the head. When dog is quiet ears should hang nicely to the side of the head. Never accept a rounded head - this is wrong. There are some Beardies who have a rounded forehead - so watch out for these.

Jenny Osborne:

Tails. Should be 'set on' like a Sheltie, but usually carried higher, mainly because of the Beardedie's more extrovert nature. I train mine to move with them down, as I think 'gay tails' ruin an outline. Many people tell me this is a fad on my part, and only because of the other breeds. Shelties, Skye Terriers and Whippets all carry their tails down.



(Jenny Osborne cont.)

Heads. You set me a real problem here. I like squarish oblong, with flat skull, definite stop and broad skull. On a dog I like to just be able to get my 'hand span' over his temples equidistant from muzzle to stop and stop to occiput. Muzzle must be broad and square, base of ear set above level of skull, eyes bright and must tone with coat colour...

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Dear Editor,

I am forwarding the following information with the hope that additional suggestions concerning the prevention of loss of Beardie litters may be forthcoming from Beardie Bulletin readers.

Last fall we lost our entire litter of 5 pups during whelping, although the difficulty seemed to have occurred during pregnancy. The first two born were immediately, however they lasted no longer than 1 week. The 3 remaining pups were born dead, their placentas having progressively deteriorated into a sticky, rather than taut, condition. The umbilical cords were limp and dibilitated.

We immediately sought information as to the possible cause of this particular circumstance, and were referred to Dr. R.W. Kirk, head of the department of Animal Research at the Veterinarian College of Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Naturally, he could only second guess the situation, and thought that a nutritional imbalance or a possible virus (particularly a herpes virus) may have caused our bitch's loss. He suggested that our bitch be fortified with several teaspoons of raw liver juice daily during her pregnancy, and that the pups be given gamma globulin immediately after birth, merely as a precaution, as her next letter, in all probability, would be a healthy one.

Anne Dolan of Carmel, New York forwarded some information on Pro-Vim which she and several other breeders who likewise had experienced difficulties, used. I would appreciate it if the bulletin readership would send any and all suggestions as to how to obtain a viable litter and avoid the heartbreak of losing perfectly lovely beardies. Perhaps we could hear from those of you who have had litter losses - listing possible causes and preventions.

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