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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Having just returned from Chicago and the 1974 BCCA Annual Match, I want to express my thanks to Gerry Flint and his committee for the fine job they did in organizing and running the match. The pre-match dinner, which was held for the first time this year was a pleasant and relaxing evening - more people should have taken advantage of it.

One word describes the judging - superb! Mr. McMackin has obviously made himself aware of true Beardie type. It is so important for us in this country to be able to call upon knowledgeable judging for our major events. The overall quality of the entries was as high as I have seen anywhere.

The Board of Directors of the BCCA will be meeting shortly and we expect some major policy decisions to result. If any member has any subject which he would like the Board to consider, get the questions to me as soon as possible.

The response that Beardie owners have shown in exhibiting their dogs at AKC shows is gratifying. Elsewhere in this Bulletin you will find a list of the dogs and owners that have been listed in the AKC Gazette. If we have missed anyone, our apologies - and let us know. We hope to see this list show significant growth in the coming months.

Yours for Better Beardies
Thomas M. Davies

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MATCH

On October 27, 1974, the First Annual Challenge Match between the Bearded Collie Club of Greater New York and the New England Bearded Collie Club will be held in Westport, Connecticut. The judge is Lynette Saltzman. A point system has been devised based on the number of dogs defeated in the classes and this will be used to determine the winning Club. A floating Trophy will be awarded to the Club whose members accumulate the greatest number of points. All Beardies are invited to participate in the match, not just Club members.

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More on the above match: Place - Wakeman Memorial, Westport, CT. There will also be junior showmanship to be judged by Marcia St. Lifer. Entries will be taken at 10 am, and judging is scheduled to begin at 11 am. A buffet luncheon hosted by the BCCGNY members will follow. For further information contact: Mrs. Robert Lachman, 33 Pine Point Rd, Rowayton, CT 06853.

--- SPECIAL MENTION ---

The following dogs have been listed in the American Kennel Gazette as having been shown at AKC events. Since the Gazette lists only the placing dogs (first thru fourth) some may have been missed. We will gladly correct this list if you will let us know.

Hopelynn Heritage
Wafarin Butterscotch
Brambledale Blue Bonnet
Dunwich Dudley Dustmop
Schaffert's Doll of Balmoral
Cannamoore Honey Rose
Cauldbrae Molly O'Ghleanna
Charncroft Caprice
Edenborough Adventure
Jaseton Princess Argonetta
Osmart Copper Bracelet
Rich-Lins Wandering Rogue
Shiels Mogador Silverleaf
Brambledale Beth
Brogue of Cauldbrae
Charncroft Country Rose
Cauldbrae's Brigadoon
Cauldbrae's Eric the Red
Dunwich Double Diamond
Glen Erie's Molly Brown
Gwehelog Rambler
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MATCH REPORTS

On July 28 h, the Midwes Bearded Collie Club held its second annual Fun Match in Glenview, Illinois. We were honored to have Helen Nowicki as our judge. Mother Nature has by now realized we go ahead with our plans, rain or shine, so for once we had a beautiful day - all day. It was a most enjoyable day for everyone. There was a real variety of beardies - all colors, from 2 months to adult. Several spectators were on hand to contribute to the friendly atmosphere. Results were as follows:

Puppy Dog, 2-4 months

Puppy Dog, 4-6 months

Puppy Dog, 9-12 Months

BEST PUPPY DOG:

Puppy Bitch, 2-4 months

Puppy Bitch, 4-6 Months

Puppy Bitch, 9-12 months

BEST PUPPY BITCH:

American Bred Dog

Open Dog

BEST ADULT DOG: CAN. CH. HAPPY HOOLIGAN OF BENGRA Y

Americna Bred Bitch

Open Bitch

BEST ADULT BITCH:

BEST IN MATCH PUPPY: RICH-LINS BLOOMIN' DAFFODIL

BEST IN MATCH ADULT: CAN. CH. HAPPY HOOLIGAN OF BENGRA Y

BEST IN MATCH: CAN. CH. HAPPY HOOLIGAN OF BENGRA Y

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| 1. Rich-Lins Blue Beard | Nootbaar |
| 2. Rich-lins Devil May Care | Nootbaar |
| 1. Rich-Lins Pride of Jason | Cole |
| 1. Rich-Lins Wandering Rogue | Taylor & Nootbaar |
| RICH-LINS WANDERING ROGUE | |
| 1. Rich lins Blue Wonder | Nootbaar |
| 2. Rich Lind Double Diamond | Stryganek |
| 3. Rich-Lins Bright Eyes | Rich |
| 1. Rich-Lins Bloomin' Daffodil | Kottmeier & Nootbaar |
| 1. Rich-Lins Black Velvet | Stell |
| RICH-LINS BLOOMIN' DAFFODIL | |
| 1. McDuff of Wynnwood | Weiss |
| 2. Cauldbrae's Tunes of Glory | Jozwiak |
| 1. Can. Ch. Happy Hooligan of Bengray | Stell |
| 2. Tonsarne Oberon | French |
| 3. Edenborough Adventure | Nootbaar & Kottmeier |
| CAN. CH. HAPPY HOOLIGAN OF BENGRA Y | |
| 1. Rich-Lins Royal Shag | Nootbaar |
| 2. Baskerville of Brandon | Bilsky |
| 1. Can Ch Hootnanny of Bengray | Nootbaar |
| 2. Broadholme Elaina | French |
| 3. Jaseton Princess Argonatta | Nootbaar |
| 4. Camshron Babs | Jozwiak |
| CAN. CH. HOOTNANNY OF BENGRA Y | |

MORE MATCH NEWS

The Goldcoast Kennel Club held its All-breed Fun Match in Chicago, Illinois on May 4th, 1974. The Midwest Bearded Collie Club was allowed a Specialty. The judge was John Cramer, who was supplied a breed book several weeks in advance. He has also seen Beardies in England. He was very thorough and everyone was pleased with his judging. There was an entry of 11. Results were as follows:

6-9 month dog	1. Rich-Lins Wandering Rogue	Taylor & Nootbaar
6-9 month bitch	1. Rich-Lins Black Velvet	Stell
9-12 month bitch	1. Wayfarin's Butterscotch	Parks & Grabowski
Best of Breed Puppy:	Rich-Lins Black Velvet	
American Bred Dog	1. Rich-Lins Wandering Rogue	Taylor & Nootbaar
American Bred Bitch	1. Rich-Lins Royal Shag	Nootbaar
Open Dog	1. Edenborough Adventure	Nootbaar & Kottmeier
Open Bitch	2. Can Ch Happy Hooligan of Bengray	Stell
	1. Jaseton Princess Argonetta	Nootbaar
	2. Camshron Babs	Jozwiak
	3. Schafferts Doll of Balmoral	Schaffert
	4. Can Ch Hootnanny of Bengray	Nootbaar
Best of Breed Adult:	Jaseton Princess Argonetta	
Best Miscellaneous:	Jaseton Princess Argonetta	

A BEARDIE TRACKING DOG

Cannamoor Honey Rose, A.A.C.D., C.D., now adds a T.D. title to her name having just passed the A.K.C. Tracking Test held by the Concord Dog Training Club in Concord, Massachusetts, on October 6, 1974. We believe Honey is the first Bearded Collie in North America to hold this title and perhaps the only one in the world! (Honey is owned by Virginia Parsons)

Coming up in the next issue will be articles on tattooing, grooming, the second part of Carol Gold's "Colour" article and more from your officers. We are also hoping to convince Anne Dolan to tell us some of those stories about Jock and Moira Morrison to write about her recent trip to Scotland. How about it girls?

Many thanks to Tom Davies for his help in getting our first issue of the Bulletin off the ground. The next issue should come out very soon and then we hope to have them out on time starting with the December issue. We will aim for the 15th of the month for mailing and the 15th of the previous month will be the deadline for material for that issue, i.e. the 15th of November will be the deadline for copy to appear in the December issue.

Remember -- contributions will be gratefully received -- it's your paper, so let's hear from you!

The New England Bearded Collie Club is urging it's members to support the Eastern Dog Club show held on December 14th in Boston, Massachusetts. It is one of the few benched shows left in the area and would be a great opportunity for the Bearded Collie to be introduced to the public.

In reference to the above, your editor's family and Beardies represented our breed for you in both obedience demonstrations and breed parades held at the Burlington Shopping Mall, a large mall in the suburbs of Boston, during National Dog Week, Sept. 23rd to 28th. This was an effort put on by the Concord Dog Training Club to educate the general public on all aspects of dogdom. The obedience demonstrations and breed parades were accompanied by a narration as to what was going on with brief descriptions of the breed's histories and uses and a great deal of interest was displayed. There were also many exhibits, films, sheepdogs performing (with sheep!), cart dogs giving children rides, grooming exhibitions, breeders' referral services, the humane society and Animal Rescue League had exhibits. It was quite a week.

Meet Your Officers!

Bill Cordes, Vice President

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, I moved to California in April of 1961, and in 1962 acquired an Afghan Hound. Became interested in exhibiting, and have shown and bred 3 litters of Afghan Hounds since. In 1971 bought a Scottish Deerhound bitch by the name of "Sam", and at Christmas was given a dog book and liked the looks of the Bearded Collie. In July, 1973, bought a Beardie bitch puppy from Irv and Nancy Bonios, in September acquired the parents, and in November got a litter brother to puppy bitch. The 4 Beardies have since been in 3 fun matches, and male sire "Doodles", (Bengray Crofter) was shown in Miscellaneous class at Santa Cruz AKC show in August of 1974, and was I believe, the first Bearded Collie shown at an AKC show in California.

The first litter of Beardies is expected at "ChordAhyer" in mid September, 1974.

I am a commercial artist by trade, and current President of the Bearded Collie Club of California, which was formed earlier this year.

Emily Holden, Corresponding Secretary

My involvement with dogs and shows has actually been lifelong. I bought my first "show" dog, a Newfoundland, in 1969. Became interested in Beardies in 1970 when I saw some in Philadelphia but I was involved with the Wheatens then and the challenge of gaining AKC acceptance with one breed was as much as I could handle. Owned top Wheaten Terrier bitch of 1971, top Miscellaneous dog of 1972, three of top ten Wheatens 1973 and have owned or bred five of first twentyfive champions. I became interested in the Beardie cause after we gained recognition for the Wheatens.

We were very fortunate in finding Dunwich Melody of Amaden and hope to actively campaign her when she is a little more mature.

I am a member of the following organizations: Bearded Collie Club of America, Bearded Collie Club of England, Midwest Bearded Collie Club, Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America, Inc. (Sec'y), International Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club, Delaware Valley Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club (co-founder), Valley Forge Kennel Club.

On the personal side, I taught for five years, quit to work for a professional handler to learn dogs, set up my own kennel and am now working for Edison Distributors, supplier for McDonald's Corp.

Anne Dolan, Director

I was raised in Scotland, and since my mother was a writer for Scottish Field magazine she enjoyed quiet places to spend summers. So we summered in a small shepherds cottage in Glen Fruin, and later Glen Douglas near Lock Lomond. The shepherds in this area are most enthusiastic about Beardies as working dogs. I spent most days in the hills, when I could coax the shepherds into taking me along, and I struggled to keep up with the men and the swift dogs! On my 9th birthday I was given a Beardie pup, the product of working dogs. "Jock" was a marvellously intelligent dog, and he will always remain an ideal in my heart. I could write a book on the adventures of Jock alone. Thus began my lifelong love affair with Beardies.

We now own six Beardies. Two of them are in obedience training at the moment. My daughters enjoy both horses and dogs and like to show both. I am a teacher by profession and dog lover by avocation.

Meet Your Officers (cont.)

Moira Morrison, Director

Moira owns Cauldbrae Kennels with her son, Frank, in the Hudson Highland State Park, just south of Beacon, New York. Having been Scottish-born, Moira had for years owned Collies and West Highland White Terriers. About 1964, she started serious breeding of Collies. About a year after she began producing her own line, she had her first AKC Champion. She obtained her first Beardies in 1968 and early memories of Beardies herding sheep in the fields of Argyllshire melded with the innately appealing qualities of the breed to make them the star members of the Cauldbrae family. Moira has imported extensively from Britain for both line breeding and selective cross breeding. She was the first to register a fourth generation Bearded Collie from her own stock. She has judged numerous matches in both Beardies and Collies in this country. As far as is known, she is the first U.S. breeder to judge Beardies in an English show. Moira is a member of the Mid-Hudson Kennel Club, Collie Club of America, Tri-County Collie Breeders Association as well as the BCCA and the Bearded Collie Club of Greater New York. She is a member of the Boards of Directors of the last three and is Chairman of the Educational Committee of the BCCA.

Ian Morrison, Registrar

Ian's involvement and interest in dogs and dog breeding has been primarily in his wife, Moira's name. He has helped with the operation of Cauldbrae Kennels and in showing its dogs. He developed and instituted the registration procedure for the BCCA and has been Registrar from the beginning. He participated with the BCCA President in the presentations to the AKC which won Indefinite Listing Privilege for Beardies. He was also primarily responsible for the last major revision of the BCCA Constitution and By Laws. Ian is a member of the Mid-Hudson Kennel Club, Collie Club of America, Tri-County Collie Breeders Association as well as the BCCA and the Bearded Collie Club of Greater New York. He has been Vice-President of the Tri-County Collie Breeders Association and is President of the Bearded Collie Club of Greater New York.

Lawrence Levy, Director

Together with Maxine I have been in Bearded Collies since 1962. We showed quite successfully in Europe from 1965-66, including campaigning our dog to the first Bearded Collie championship ever in Germany. Our Heathglen Kennels bred the first Bearded Collie litter ever in the U.S. in 1967. We helped found the BCCA in 1969 and I served as its first president from 1969-72. I have since been on the Board of Directors and edited the Bearded Collie Bulletin. Together with Maxine I helped found the New England Bearded Collie Club of which I am Vice-President. We are continuing to breed and exhibit out Beardies.

The following is the first of two excellent articles on color written by Carol Gold, President of the Bearded Collie Club of Canada and Editor of their publication, The Bearded Colleague, in which the articles appeared.

Colours, We have Colours!

by Carol Gold

Colour seems to be a constant confusion, puzzlement and delight to Beardie owners and breeders....and judges. So, without diluting the delight, I'm going to try to clear up some of the confusion.

What colours do Beardies come in? To answer this question we have to limit ourselves to the colour at birth, since Beardie coats go through so many changes.

There are four basic Beardie colours—black, blue, brown and fawn. Black is just that—black. Blue can range from very dark smoke to grey or silver at birth. Brown can be chestnut, red, or liver. Fawn is a beige colour, ranging from honey-toned to pink.

All of these colours can come with tan tri-colour markings, on the cheeks, eyebrows, legs and under the tail. These markings are noticeable at birth or shortly thereafter. They can be a deep rich tan or very light, but whichever, they fade very rapidly and by the time the dog is adult, are a yellow colour which blends with the white markings and not readily distinguishable from the white.

Beardies also come predominantly white, with coloured markings, but this is not acceptable according to the Beardie standard, which specifically calls for a coloured dog with white markings. It is an old colour in the breed, though, because old dog books which refer to the breed mention it, though they do say that the coloured dogs were preferred. As far as can be told, there are no physical defects associated with the white colour, and why it was disallowed by the Standard is a mystery. But it was.

Eye rims, lips and noses must be the same colour as the coat and as dark as possible. You'll notice, if you look very closely that blue dogs have blue noses, etc., and fawn dogs have fawn ones. Often, to tell the difference you have to put the blue nose-to-nose with a black under a strong light. The genetic factor that dilutes black to blue and brown to fawn also affects skin pigmentation, so you can't have a blue or fawn Beardie with a true black or true brown nose. We'll get into the genetics next issue.

The Standard requires the eyes to tone with the coat so it would be wrong for a dark slate Beardie to have light eyes, and equally wrong for a light silver one to have dark eyes. Most North American judges need a lot of educating on this point because most working breeds prefer the darkest eyes possible, regardless of coat colour. Black Beardies have eyes in the brown range, blue Beardies have grey-brown eyes, brown Beardies have golden, tea-coloured eyes and fawns have pale yellow-grey eyes. The eye colour changes with the coat...another hard-to-believe feature of our breed.

So far the colours are pretty clear. It's as the Beardie grows that things get confusing. Somewhere between the ages of 8 weeks and 6 months, most Beardies start to fade. The new coat growing in is a lighter colour, and somehow the tips of the hair which were dark, fade out to match. By the time the Beardie is a year old, the blacks and blues can be indistinguishable silvers and the fawns and brown indistinguishable off-whites. Not all dogs fade to that extent, of course, but by a year of age, a Beardie is usually the lightest he will ever be. It's important to realize that the extent to which a Beardie fades has no relation to how dark his coat will eventually be.

Once the fading is complete, you start watching the shoulder area for the new colour that will eventually grow in. It can easily take until the dog is 2 years old before the coat starts to darken. Sometimes it doesn't darken much, other times it goes almost as dark as puppy coat....but never will it come back to the same deep pure colour of puppy coat.

Beardie coat colour keeps changing throughout life, darkening, lightening, changing shade. Often a born black will end up a lighter shade than a born blue or a brown will stick to the sandy shades while a fawn deepens to almost brown. This is where breeding records can get confused and why it is vital that Beardies be described by

Colour, continued....

the colour they were born. Too often, a black-gone-grey is called a blue or a brown-gone-sandy called a fawn---it is impossible for a black to turn blue or brown to turn fawn---they are all separate and distinct colours and genetically different.

Occasionally you get a black that doesn't fade at all. Often these dogs have soft coats, a condition which seems to go with solid black. Brown coats often have their own problem---excessive waviness, although in Canada we have been blessedly free of this.

You'll often hear people tell you, "There must be a black in every mated pair or you'll get colour paling." Well, the next article on genetics will show you it ain't necessarily so. In fact, there are a great many Beardies around to PROVE it ain't so! But, where you will run the risk of loss of colour and loss of pigment is by mating two Beardies who themselves are pale...permanently, that is, not just in a pale phase. For instance, if you were to mate a black who had gone light grey and stayed there to a brown who had gone light beige and stayed there, you might well expect that the next generation would be more likely to fade and stay faded instead of coming back to a richer colour. And if you mate a black with pink-patched eye rims and nose not coloured fully to another black with the same problem, you will get loss of skin pigment. Strong adult colour---be it strong black, strong slate, strong blue, strong brown or strong fawn---and full skin pigmentation are your best guards against loss of colour in your breeding line. ("Slate" is the word used to describe a black-born Bearded who has faded to a dark grey.)

In the next issue we'll look at the genetics of colour in Beardies and then I'll try to answer any questions that may arise from these articles or from your own experience with Beardies.

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Letters

Dear Editor,

More for the Beardie Bulletin! The following is an excerpt from John Cramer's column which appeared in the June issue of "KENNEL REVIEW":

"Because my free weekends are growing fewer as the years go by, I do not get the chance to judge as many matches as in the past; however, I still manage a couple in most years, and I still enjoy them just as much. I should mention a rather unusual match that will have passed into history by the time this reaches my readers.

The Goldcoast K.C. of Chicago is a comparatively new group which has held one of the biggest and best "Fun" matches in this writer's experience for the past two or three years. I had the pleasure of taking part in the 1973 version and noted that in many respects it compared well with some point shows. Their facilities are spacious, their entries large, their trophy list lavish, and their judging panel is not only extensive but sprinkled with some very well-known names. This year this Club has again honored me with an invitation to judge, and I was happy to see that my schedule permitted me to accept and be a small part of this ambitious event. My interest rose to new heights when I found that the Miscellaneous Classes section of my assignment was marked with the notation that the Midwest Bearded Collie Club will consider these classes as their Specialty Match. The Bearded Collie, soon to be welcomed into the official Miscellaneous Classes at licensed shows, is an old, fine and handsome breed whose recognition in this country is, to my mind, somewhat belated but nevertheless an occasion to be celebrated by all lovers of good dogs. I am hoping that this old-yet-new breed may emulate the success of other recent members of the Misc. Classes. Vizslas, GWP's, Aussies, Shih Tzus, Silkies, Wheatons, Akitas, Tibetans and others have all made it big: Beardies, go get 'em!"

Your readers may also be interested in the point system that our club is sponsoring. This is being done in an effort to encourage members to exhibit their Beardies at AKC Shows. One point is awarded for each dog you defeat. (At each Show a dog and a bitch will be awarded points.) If you are the only one there, a point is awarded just for exhibiting your Beardie at an AKC Show. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the year for the high scoring dog and high scoring bitch.

Sincerely,
Linda Nootbaar, RICH-LIN

Dear Editor:

I have a question that can best be answered by the general BCCA membership. In their areas, what is the percentage of Beardies have a completely pigmented nose bridge? At the recent BCCA match, there were about one in ten that were completely pigmented. This particular point is not considered a fault and probably shows nothing more than the gradual loss of pigmentation in Beardies. But I would appreciate any information our fellow members could provide.

Sincerely,
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(I think in any two toned coated dog it is apt to be quite common to find some pink skin where there are white markings. Part the fur on your black dog's white collar or chest and you will see pink skin. Part the fur on his back and you will see blue skin. I would hate to see culling of good puppies because of a pink spot on their noses -- I'm afraid we would lose many good dogs this way. Keep in mind this breed is a working dog -- can you imagine the shepherds and farmers in Scotland culling a dog for such a reason? - Ed.)

Letters (cont.)

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Dear Editor:

In the March 1974 issue of The Beardie Bulletin, there were two rebuttals to the letter from the Bearded Collie Club of Greater New York published in the September 1973 issue. Both gentlemen missed the point of that letter, viz. there is not at this time enough evidence of the impact of hip dysplasia on Bearded Collies for the BCCA to take an official position that hip dysplasia is the most important consideration in breeding and to support this position with an official list which implies the superiority of studs approved by the OFA or of litters from parents similarly blessed.

With regard to the four points raised in Tom Davies' letter:

1. Hip dysplasia in not "in the forefront of deliberations of fanciers of all breeds of pure-bred dogs". Although hip dysplasia exists in all breeds (and in foxes, wolves, cows, pigs, chickens and humans) it is not the principal point of concern in the breeding program of most breeds. It is of major concern only in those breeds in which it is a significant problem.
2. One of the points made in the Bearded Collie Club of Greater New York letter was that there are more serious problems which need greater attention - poor rear angulation, poor chest development, poor front end development, roach backs, etc. These have a greater potential impact on the development of the breed than present evidence indicates for hip dysplasia.
3. Here Tom Davies quibbles - when is a problem a problem? When there has not been a single documented case of crippling hip dysplasia among the 500-odd Beardies in the US, I would say that hip dysplasia is a matter to be aware of; it is not a problem which should dominate the breeding programs of serious breeders.
4. When an "OFA Certified List" is published by the allegedly official BCCA representative to the OFA in the official BCCA publication, there certainly is a strong inference that the list represents preferred breeding stock. Why else is it published? The comparison of such a list to paid advertisements is itself ridiculous. The specific purpose of ads is for breeders to point out the superiority of their stock in order to induce others to deal with them. These ads are paid for by the advertisers and the veracity and pertinence of the claims are the responsibility of the advertiser. As a matter of fact, that is precisely where the OFA Certification should be placed - in advertisements paid for by specific advertisers so identified in the advertisement.

With regard to Mr. Ron Rose's letter: It is hard to understand why any serious and experienced breeder would be discouraged by the attitude that "A good breeding program is one which involves taking time to study, analyze 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."

Mr. Rose then referred to the English attitude toward hip dysplasia. It would be very interesting and highly pertinent if he were to describe for us just how badly the Beardies have deteriorated because of this attitude in the thirty years of breeding there (and for that matter, in the hundreds of years preceding).

His comments on monorchidism, dandruff and ostridges (sic) do not deserve comment. As to concern for the problem, there is no proof that any breed has "cured" the hip dysplasia problem through a breeding program. There is even some evidence that most of the problem is environmental rather than genetic.

I suspect that the crux of Mr. Rose's problem lies in his twice referring to the difficulties of making breeding decisions without hip dysplasia information. Basing a decision on such a single simple criterion certainly does make it a lot easier - but does it result in Beardies which more nearly conform to the Standard?

Let's get down to cases - if one person breeds solely on the basis of OFA ratings and if another completely ignores them and bases his breeding program on complementary characteristics, the probability is very high that, with Bearded Collies, there will be no significant difference in the incidence of hip dysplasia among the get from such breedings. And the second breeder will produce the better Beardies.

The BCCGNY letter was simply an attempt to put hip dysplasia into the proper perspective - one concern among dozens and not the most important one.

Sincerely,

D. Ian Morrison

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Letters (cont.)

To the Editor:

Hurrah for Tom Davies!

Hurrah for Ron Rose!

For taking a stand on the BCCGNY's ridiculous letter on hip dysplasia.

It is with great pride that I state that my husband and I were 2 of the three (3) people who voted against mailing this letter.

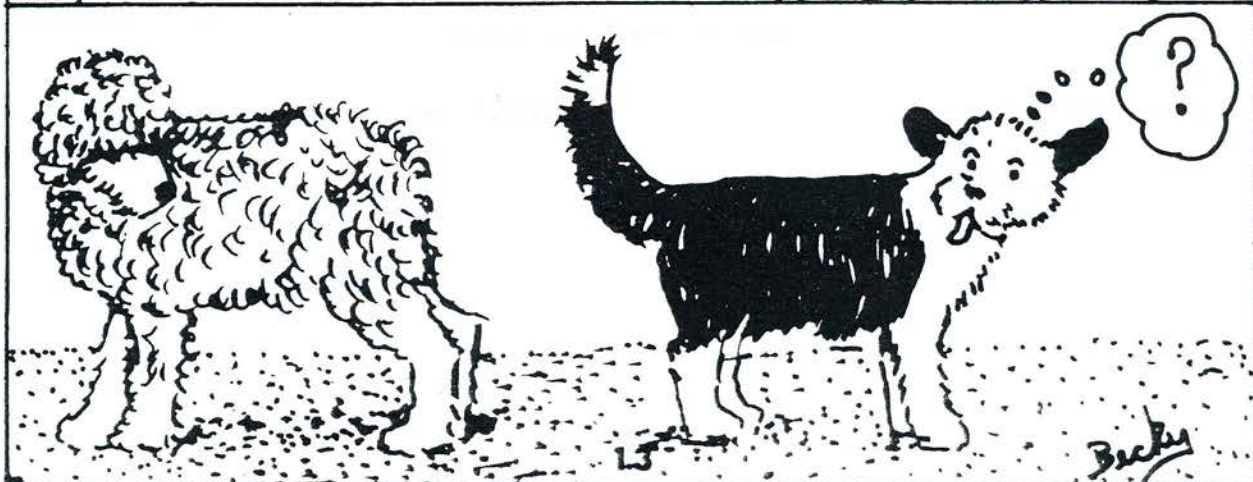
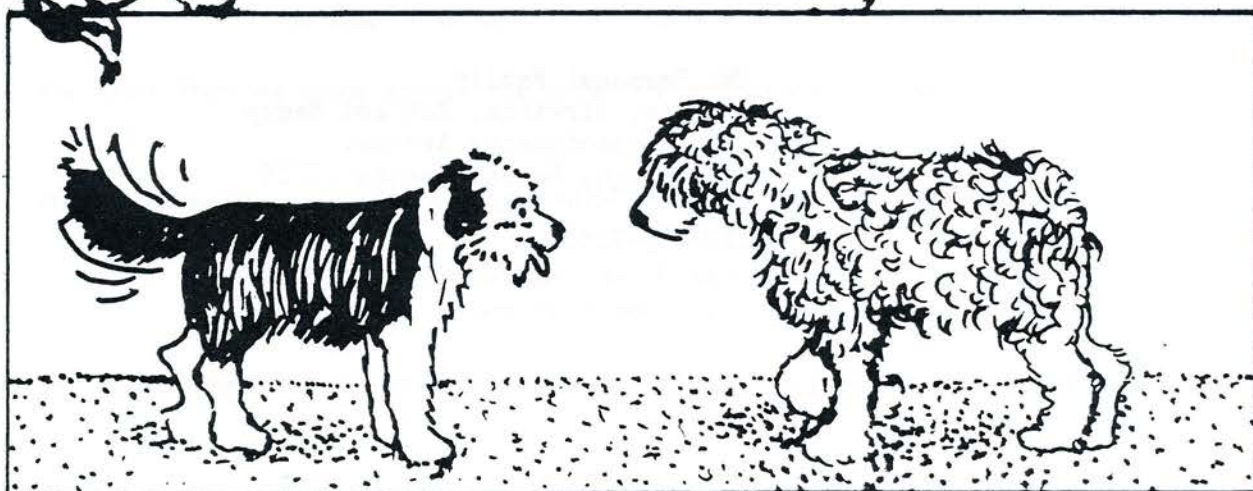
It was with great joy that we branched out into Bearded Collies from Old English Sheepdogs two years ago and it truly saddens us that such a large and potentially influential group could have such a laissez faire attitude: Instead of facing a potential problem head on they have chosen to ignore scientific findings, put their heads in the sand and hope that hip dysplasia goes away. When in fact they are ruining the very breed they profess to love so much. Dr. Carson, the head of the OFA, states that it will take only 2 generations of this irresponsible breeding to create a breed riddled with hip dysplasia, a situation not unlike the Old English Sheepdog is in today.

There is an article in the July, 1974, AKC Gazette which I think is a fine summation of where we stand today with hip dysplasia.

Sincerely,
Henrietta S. Lachman



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