I feel pity for the Beardies, and their owners, who can't feel the thrill of a win fully because someone told the people that a big-name handler is the only way to win.

I also remember the good times—all the beautiful, natural, happy Beardies at the National—the wonder of a five-month-old puppy handling sheep like a pro—bringing an emotionally abused dog out of his shell to finish him—watching an owner-handled dog we bred win a Group—tears of loss replaced by a smile as a puppy was held by his new owner just days after the death of her beloved pet of 14 years—my own pleasure when the vet announced that our preemie puppy had outgrown his physical difficulties and would not need surgery—the fun party of real Beardie people at the end of the year.

Bits and pieces of the year. Personally, my resolutions are to continue

- To show my dogs naturally—free lead, bait, and no scissors
- To let puppies be puppies
- To be selective in the homes where my dogs go
- · To maintain the working abilities in my dogs
- · to breed to the standard
- · To work for the breed through the BCCA
- To return as much love to my dogs as they give
- To put the welfare of Beardies above ego and money
- To <u>CARE</u>

How about you?

The Numbers Game

(Final Report—Gazette Date: 03/88-11/88)

Group Standings

	Dog	Placements BIS	Pts	
1	Ch. Ha'Penny Moon Shadow	39 2	5975	
2	Ch. Ha'Penny Such Sweet Thunde	r 28	3492	
3	Ch. Shilstone Charlie Charcoal	22	3011	
4	Ch. Arcadias Family Tradition	22	2429	
5	Ch. Chaniam Happy Hogmannay	15	1927	
6	Ch. Britannia Sweet Lady, CD	11	1543	
7	Ch. Crisch Sundance at Hapif'lds	11 .	1093	
8	Ch. Traleigh Unicorns Amber Star	8	957	
9	Ch. Ha'Penny Black Lightning	5	952	
10	Ch. Briery Knob Winter Harvest	3	512	
11	Ch. Britannia Fawn Lady	3	374	
12	Ch. Chriscara's Calico	3	350	
13	Ch. Ha'Penny A and P Artful Dodg	er 4	326	
14	Edmar Solo Flight	3	305	
15	Ch. Arcadias Brushed Bronze	2	278	

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by most people who have this trait. Cystic fibrosis is still the single most common genetic disease of people. Unfortunately, there is no evidence that a trait was ever controlled by this mechanism in dogs or in any other species since no one has absolute control over reproduction.

TRAITS WILL NOT DISAPPEAR BY THEMSELVES. NATURE WILL NOT SAVE YOU BECAUSE NATURAL SELECTION HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH DOG BREEDING.

Dog breeders in general need to face genetic defects as a realistic part of the problems encountered in the process of producing good sound animals. We need to quit whispering about defects and gossiping about defects and instead set up a sound program that allows the standard selection procedures to go on so that we breed good dogs and avoid major defects.

[Bearded Collies] as a breed have only a few major defective traits [around 7], compared to 30 or 40 in several breeds. The average for genetic defects in each breed is about 14.

The decision that needs to be made is, do you want to control what you have or shoot for 30 or 40?

The Numbers Game

(1988 Final Year End—Points Descending Gazette Date: 03/88-2/89)

Group Standings

	Dog	Placeme	nts BIS	Pts
1	Ch. Ha'Penny Moon Shadow	66	5	11694
2	Ch. Ha'Penny Such Sweet Thunder	48		5899
3	Ch. Shilstone Charlie Charcoal	37		4572
4	Ch. Arcadias Family Tradition	30	1	3483
5	Ch. Britannia Sweet Lady, CD	23		2800
6	Ch. Chaniam Happy Hogmannay	23		2728
7	Ch. Crisch Sundance at Hapif'lds	20		2251
8	Ch. Traleigh Unicorns Amber Star	9		1129
9	Ch. Ha'Penny Black Lightning	5		952
10	Ch. Chriscaro's Calico	8		870
11	Britannia Love Me Do	8		672
12	Windfiddler's Walloch, CD	5		572
13	Ch. Briery Knob Winter Harvest	3		512
14	Ch. Ha'Penny A and P Artful Dodger	5		469
15	Ch. Britannia Ticket to Ride	4		380
16	Ch. Britannia Fawn Lady	3		374

17	Ch. Ha'Penny Blu Max at Braemar	3	365
18	Edmar Lord Chesterfield	4	354
19	Ch. Edmar Black Eyed Susan	4	334
20	Edmar Solo Flight	3	305

Breed Standings

	Dog	Placements	Pts
1	Ch. Ha'Penny Moon Shadow	75	732
2	Ch. Shilstone Charlie Charcoal	66	497
3	Ch. Crisch Sundance at Hapif'lds	45	428
4	Ch. Ha'Penny Such Sweet Thunder	68	305
5	Ch. Britannia Sweet Lady, CD	45	294
6	Ch. Chaniam Happy Hogmannay	41	274
7	Ch. O'Kelidons Keepin in Touch	15	185
8	Ch. Arcadias Family Tradition	50	183
9	Ch. Potterdale Double Image	1	143
10	Ch. Edmar Black Eyed Susan	17	139
11	Ch. Traleigh Unicorns Amber Star	16	131
12	Ch. Ha'Penny Black Lightning	8	122
13	Artisan Riverboat Gambler	12	110
14	Ch. Ha'Penny Jake's Cookies N'Crear	m 18	100
15	Ch. Windfiddler's Walloch, CD	11	97
16	Ch. Ha'Penny Thistledown Mikey	14	95
17	Potterdale Pretender	13	88
18	Ch. Ha'Penny A and P Artful Dodger	10	87
19	Ch. Briery Knob Winter Harvest	10	85
20	Ch. Sugar Bear Pinch of Arcadia	11	84
	Britannia Love Me Do	12	84

Junior Showmanship

	Name	Pts
1	Daniel Herzig	356
2	Alexandria Feldman	233
3	Elise Van Fleet	48
4	Saye Lori Nakata	39
5	Nancy Groh	27
6	Allison Landro	18
7	Matthew LaBarbara	16
	Laura Van Fleet	16
9	Shannon O'Leary	11
10	Michael Ferber	10
113	Shaun Berry	7
12	Trina Neil	5
13	Serena Marshall	4
14	Sarah Bernes	3
	Mehren Williams	3
16	Lori Greathouse	2
	John Sharpenberg	2
18	Jenny Thomas	1