

• BREED FEATURE • BEARDED COLLIE

They answered

A.1. We obtained our first Beardie in 1983. Mum had been searching for another dog, and the Beardie was a well researched Mothers day present. Dutchie had the most superb temperament, and was a delight to live with. With the support of his breeder as a mentor, we ventured into showing and added more Beardies to our family. Our kennel prefix was registered in 1987 and our first litter born in 1989.

A.2. Certainly the proportions of the breed have changed a lot in the last 10 years here. While we don't see many current dogs that are short in body, rather in the attempt to get an even longer exaggerated outline, we see dogs without enough length of leg, or with correct leg length but with withers half way up their necks giving a longer neck and back line but also a straight front. The standard requires a deep chest with daylight under the body - a sheepdog must have adequate leg to move quickly around the flock, and enough depth of chest for lung room to breathe. Many of the current show dogs do not meet this criteria.

A.3. 1. Overall proportions - leg length to depth in chest ratio, level topline, well angulated front and rear

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so that length in body can come from the well laid back shoulder and long rib cage. The Beardie outline should be one of smooth curves - not angular, with excessively long necks long necks, upright fronts and excessive turn in stifle.

2. Correct head type and expression - heads are smaller than overseas - not strong enough in muzzle, noses are small and toy like rather than large, skulls are domed rather than broad, flat and square, as a result the eyes are too close together with little eyebrow arch. It distorts the expression.

3. Characteristic rib shape, depth and length - chests are not deep enough, the rib shape should be well

sprung, deep and flatten as it tapers to the elbow. The length of rib should be the majority of the body length - not the loin. There are many soft top lines because of short ribcages.

4. Coat texture and length - the standard calls for a double coat harsh and shaggy but many coats are silky, fine, dead straight and with so little undercoat you can see the skin. The required 'shaggy' look is disappearing,



or is penalised as the coarse coat with undercoat is not glamorous enough for the currently favoured show ring 'look'.

5. Movement- balanced, easy, never fast and busy. Long reaching strides with minimum foot lift. If the first three points were in place There seems to be a lot of Beardies with kick up behind around at the moment. Its flashy, but unbalanced, and easy to see when you slow them down and gait on a loose lead.

A.4. In the gait section- effortless, long reaching with minimum foot lift.

A.5. The Beardie is a relatively healthy breed. There are small incidences of autoimmune diseases, and hip dysplasia. There are currently no DNA tests available for our breed.

A.6. Visit the breeder and ask to see the parents, and the place that your puppy is being raised. If you see other dogs in the household that is helpful. Temperament is critical, so you need to be satisfied that the mother of the puppies is sound.

Karen Finlayson Bonibraes

A.1. I've had Beardies for nearly 20 years now but my first Stylwise litter didn't arrive until 2004. For parts of 1994 & 1995 I worked in the USA with handlers who were campaigning the #1 Beardie at the time and we also titled many younger dogs. During that time the breed captured my heart with their clownish antics and sweet disposition, the rest is history.

A.2. No. I think as a whole the breed is losing its long and lean appearance. We need to try and retain the length of rib without sacrificing length of leg and be careful to not confuse strongly made with heavy and coarse.

A.3. Length of back should come from length of ribcage.

Long reaching, smooth supple

We asked

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Q.5. Does the Bearded Collie have any health problems?

Q.6. What would your advice be to a potential puppy buyer when looking for a Bearded Collie?

movement, effortless and ground covering.

Head and expression – Proportions of head, large, soft eyes set widely apart, bright, enquiring expression.

Coats - Harsh coat (it should crinkle or rustle when rubbed between your fingers) of sufficient length to protect from the elements but not so much as to obscure the natural lines of the body. Also remember the allowable positioning of white markings.

The silhouette of the dog should be immediately identifiable as a Bearded Collie. If you picture the dog at a distance, in all black, is it a Beardie?

A.4. I would prefer the standard as it is to be studied and understood be-

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fore adding anything else to it.

A.5. Over all Beardies are relatively healthy but as with all breeds there can be problems including thyroid, hip dysplasia, eye problems, etc. Breeders need to be aware of any health testing that is available and take advantage of it. Addison's is a disease that still has no DNA testing available but communication between breeders when it does appear can hopefully mediate the number of future occurrences.

A.6. Ask for any results of health testing done on parents of puppies. Look for a breeder who is registered with their state canine body. Visit the breeder and meet the breed in its home

environment (just don't wear white



and be prepared to get mugged). Don't be afraid to ask questions.

Jess Buckley Stylwise

A.1. I don't really class myself as a breeder - I only breed when I want something to show so only 2 litters since my first Beardie way back in 1990. I started in Collie (Roughs) back in 1981 and always wanted a Beardie. Slowly the transition happened - not sure how I ended up with 6 though. LOL.

A.2. I think the majority of Beardies do have the correct proportions but there is and has been a few with short legs making them look less like a Beardie.

A.3. 1. Soundness of both mind and body our standard asks for a long reaching gait not a short stepping gait - these dogs need to be able to work all day.

2. Length of Rib - remembering the length of the dog should come from the length of Rib not Loin.

3. A Correct Coat - Beardies are a breed that should be shown in a natural state - NO Trimming.. Way to many Beardies in the ring today that are sculptured to within an inch of their life along with over grooming in the coats.

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This is a breed I see a lot of when in Europe and the U.S. but is not so common in Australia. Perhaps it has something to do with the amount of coat that daunts exhibitors? This hardy and active working dog is really a very no nonsense breed and whilst he is a larger dog with quite a lot of coat, the task ought not to be onerous. Referred to on occasion as the Highland Collie, the ancestry tells you his coat has to be able to withstand a fairly rigorous and cold climate. We who live in more clement parts of the world can be lulled into forgetting the dire necessity of a good coat in cold weather. His standard also requires that he is able to work in damp, misty conditions and a rough, rocky terrain. The Bearded Collie has a double coat with a soft furry undercoat and a close, harsh textured flat outer coat. It ought to fall naturally to either side and the length and density to provide a protective coat to enhance the dog without obscuring the natural lines of his body. No trimming allowed. That ought to be simple enough and the AKC standard specifies that the coat should be shown as naturally as is consistent with good grooming.



So therein lies the challenge - to present this dog so he is able to show he is capable of fulfilling his function and to find a way to groom him so as to illustrate this. As the standard also states that excessively long or silky coats are to be penalised, you don't use products that make a coat soft and silky and at the same time endeavour to blow dry so as to minimise wave though a slight wave is permissible. Once you analyse what are the basic requirements you keep that focus in mind and do the things that contribute to that outcome. Sounds easy but so many have difficulty and perhaps this is the reason so many shy away from a coat that presents some challenges.

I do believe that the preparation of this coat between shows is of great importance to maintain the health of the coat lengths and you can go no further than the Plush Puppy Seabreeze Oil to do just that. Use at a dilution rate of 1 tspn to 1 gal/4 lt bucket of water and slosh well through the coat or sponge through getting right down to the skin. This is an all natural product from Evening Primrose Oil and Calendula oils etc. Just marvellous. It won't soften the coat but will keep it protected from dehydration and maintain the elasticity of the coat. This is an active working dog so he will tend to be an outdoorsy dog if he is allowed to be himself and this will ensure minimum wear and tear.

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For show preparation, start with the Plush Puppy Whitening Shampoo for all your blacks and blues as this will not soften but will tone any unwanted warm tones keeping that nice blueish, silvery overtone to the coat. For the browns and fawns use the Plush Puppy All Purpose with Henna for shine and good depth to the light reflect on the hair. Neither of these will soften the coat and dilute for easier dispersion at a ratio of 5 parts water to one part shampoo. Should you have any colour fade on the blacks or blues, use the Whitening Shampoo for tonal effect to deepen the colour slightly. For an out of coated bearded use Plush Puppy Body Building shampoo at 1 part shampoo to 5 parts water on areas such as the legs and underline. In your final rinse water, add 1 tspn of Plush Puppy Blow Dry Cream and 1 tspn Plush Puppy Swishy Coat to a bucket of water and liberally apply, saturating the whole of the coat.



The Blow Dry Cream will flatten the coat and the Swishy will help eliminate the wave and assist with reducing the fly away effects of static. Should the coat be really too voluminous or a puppy coat which doesn't sit flat, then a bit more Blow Dry Cream can be added to the mix. If the coat is really dehydrated, then a light touch of Plush Puppy Silk Protein Conditioner can be added in to the bucket mix as well. I tend to avoid any conditioner on this type of coat as conditioners will soften the texture. Now work into the mid lengths and ends, a good handful of Plush Puppy Revivacoat.

This is a great moisturiser and reduces tangles and snarls in the coat. Work a wide toothed comb through the whole of the coat before starting to blow dry. Never use a bristle brush to work through wet coat. It will stretch and snap the coat over time. The coat is at it's most vulnerable when really wet. Once you can readily work the comb through the coat, section up the top part of the coat and start blow drying the underneath lengths with a cool dryer and an oval cushioned pin brush. This won't give you the ultimate in straightening but will be kind to the coat till it is ¼ dry and then switch to an oval cushioned ½ bristle ½ nylon brush such as the Plush Puppy Porcupine Brush. This will give you the

smoother finish you require.

Make sure you work the air of the dryer from root to end so you don't swirl the coat around getting tangles. It is a simple if time consuming task to blow dry a coat such as a Bearded Collie. Just patience and repetition will give this coat a fabulous result. You can also work with a mix of OMG dilute to 1 part OMG to 40 of water as you go section by section for extra slip and slide to the brush through the coat.

This will also help to straighten further should you have a more challenging coat. Now the trick is to not get this coat wet once you have done the hard yard on all that blow drying. If you must gather up the coat due to bad weather over night then use those big soft scrunchies we use on long human hair. They won't put "band" marks into the coat. Use lots of them so as not to "over reach" the coat. Booties are a must to keep the feet dry and if necessary use the Plush Puppy Wonderwash for last minute clean ups and keep that blow dryer handy at all times. I know it is a lot of time consuming work but this dog is sensational when presented beautifully and if you want to win the big stuff then you have to do big stuff to get there.

Just watch the Poodle and Afghan people do their thing. I know of Poodle people who spend at least 6 hrs getting a Std Poodle together for a show so a Bearded Collie is a doddle to groom compared to that. Now on show day - let's work that headpiece for final outline. Apply Plush Puppy Stuk Up, a doggy styling spray for lift and hold. Brush up the head to create the typical bearded look and apply a few light sprays to give that shape but yet a natural finish.



Allow this time to dry before attempting to play with. You have kept the coat dry and it is nice and smooth and straight, lying flat and not obscuring the natural fall so you now need to rebrush and using the Plush Puppy Pin Brush so as not to create static, apply a small amount of Plush Puppy Protein Coat Balm to both your hands and wipe down the mid lengths to the ends clumping your hands to a fist with a touch extra of the balm to the ends to add a modicum of weight to the hemline.

A touch of Plush Puppy Odour Muncher and you are ready to rock the socks off the judge with this wonderful show of workman meets high glamour. This is your basic overall grooming regime.



However, you can go further with Plush Puppy Deep Cleansing Shampoo to reduce staining around the mouth when bathing and also using Plush Puppy Wonder Blok. This is a stain reducing soap like blok that is specially formulated to reduce staining. You can add Plush Puppy Pixie Dust prior to adding the coat balm by dipping a small amount onto the edge of the Porcupine brush and running lightly down the mid lengths and ends for a light sparkle and interest to the coat.

Now I get a twinge of excitement whenever I see a good Bearded Collie well presented in the ring. That head extends forwards and the topline flattens out and the tail trails and I catch my breath as I watch to see if the handler will exhibit this dog just the way he wants to work. I can see the heather on the moor and the lichen on the rocks; I can almost hear the bagpipes. It has to be as real as that. If you can't feel the mist and the cold cling of the mountain air then you don't have a Bearded Collie's heart. He is a majestic and mystical creature living in our modern world. Show him with all the pride of his ancestors and spend the time to do him proud. It's not often we get to have a piece of history as a living exhibit.

Cheryl Le Court

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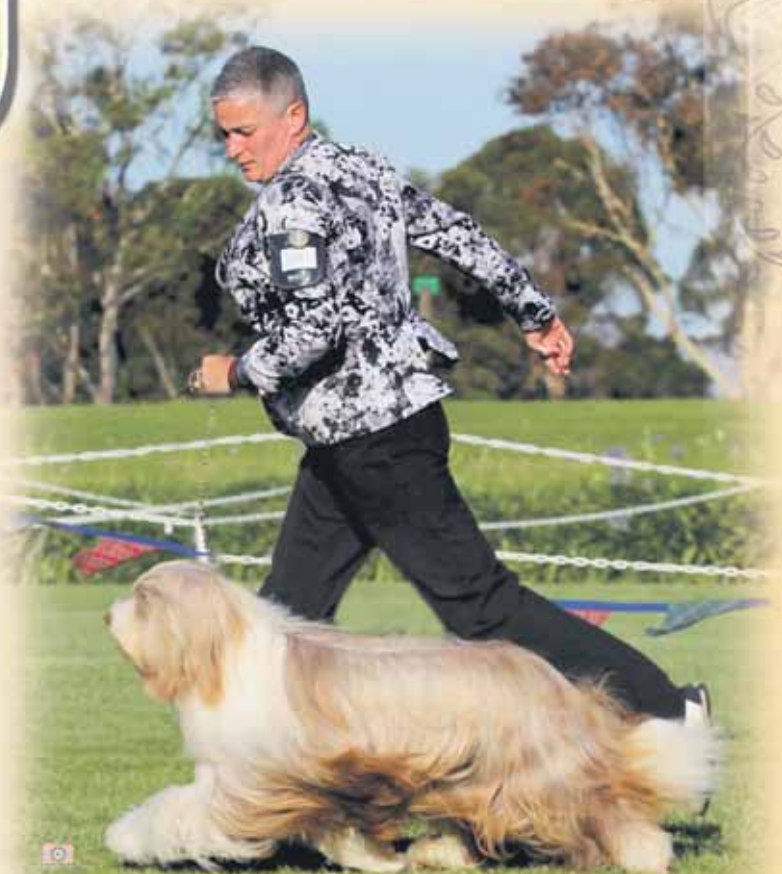
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4. Size is starting to become a bit of an issue. 20-21 inches for bitches - 21 - 22 inches for dogs.

5. Sweet expression - it comes from the most beautiful eyes

A.4. Remember that this breed pales out to almost white (colour wise) in their teenage years. This is a nor-



mal part of Bearded development and should not be penalised. Check the coat colour of Ears and Tail if you are unsure.

A.5. Sadly yes, Auto Immune issues - I think in Australasia we are pretty lucky as I am not aware of too many Beardies suffering from this but there have certainly been cases. Hip/Elbows PRA & now CEA. Hypothyroidism. On a whole I think the breed is pretty healthy though.

A.6. What would your advice be to a potential puppy buyer when looking for a Bearded Collie? Luckily I have never sold a puppy to someone that

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has not had a Beardedie before. They are exuberant and like to be with you all the time. Being prepared to look after the coat with regular grooming. But the BEST dog you could ever ask for.

Penny Brooks Lyntree

A.1. Approx 28 years

A.2. Majority yes

A.3. Proportions length of back from the ribcage, movement, tem-

perament, plenty of daylight under the body, coat texture

A.4. If you talk to them you may wear them!

A.6 Yes they bark and bounce.

Cathryn Evans Glyntwood

A.1. My first litter bred under my prefix 'Edinglen' arrived in 2004. I acquired my first Beardie in 1996 from Joan & Dave Smith who have been wonderful mentors. I adore the Beardies temperaments and character. They are like young children, always up for a game and just so 'happy go lucky' in nature. They really are the 'clowns' of the dog world. Beardies are extremely clean and very easy to live with. Their friendly, outgoing nature with people and other animals makes them a wonderful member of the family, one that you can take anywhere. They are also relatively healthy and the majority of Beardies live a long and healthy life. As a show dog, I love the sense of accomplishment I get after grooming one up for the show ring, and there's nothing better than watching a well-made Beardie gait effortlessly around the show ring in full coat....sometimes with an added bounce or two!

A.2. I do think that most Beardies in Australia are quite well proportioned, however we do see the occasional one that is a bit shorter, and of course we see the opposite too, where they are too long which often leads to a weak top line. Measurement must be taken from the point of chest to the point of buttock and not be confused with length of back. Markings such as white collars or the lack of a collar can create an illusion that the dog is either shorter or longer than it actually is and care must be taken to assess length properly.

A.3. 1. Temperament /Character - First and foremost, Beardies should be happy. They are an outgoing breed and are often exuberant in their behaviour. They should show no signs of nervousness...no tails jammed between their legs, and no slinking around the ring! They should never back off when the judge approaches them either on first examination or to have another 'feel' of shoulders etc after they have been 'moved'. Their lively nature is one of the most endearing personality traits and a Beardie bounce or two can be expected with a dog of correct temperament! Too often we are seeing nervous Beardies awarded at breed level and sometimes even worse at group level. Nervousness should NEVER be awarded...one must ask how a herding dog could do what it's bred for without a stable temperament!

2. Outline - The keyword here is 'balance' and the lines of a Beardie

We asked

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are flowing. The Beardie should be longer than it is tall and should show a good amount of space between the ground and the bottom of the chest. There should be a nice length of neck. The Beardie should have a level top line which blends into a nicely curved rump with a low tail set. The low set tail must appear to flow on from the line of the back. High set tails usually go with hindquarters which lack angulation and incorrect croups.

3. Movement - As per the standard 'Movement should be supple, smooth and long reaching, covering the ground with the minimum of effort'. . Movement defines breed purpose which in turn defines breed type. The best movers cover the ground in long, free, easy strides. Feet are lifted only minimally

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from the ground and movement is balanced with front legs stretching out far in front, and hind legs stretching out far behind. The whole movement gives the impression of grace and strength. The top line should be firm and level on the move with no signs of weakness or 'dip'. The head should be held at a slight upward angle to the horizontal back with correct front angulation and attitude determining the head carriage on the move. The Beardie should single track at speed.

4. Coat - The Coat is double, with the outer coat being flat, harsh, strong and shaggy. The undercoat is soft, furry and close. The Bearded Collie

was developed to work in the Scottish Highlands where a thick coat protected him from the elements. Short, silky,



thin, greasy looking coats that lack undercoat are incorrect. When judging the Beardie it is pertinent to remember that the sentence 'should show plenty of daylight under the body' refers to the length of leg under the Beardie and NOT the length of coat (explained further down). The only 'MUST' in the standard is in the coat section and reads 'MUST NOT BE TRIMMED IN ANY WAY', therefore sculptured coats should be severely penalised.

5. Head - Though not considered a 'head' breed, the proportions of the head are important. The skull is broad, flat and square with the distance between stop and occiput being equal to the width between the orifices of the ears. The head should be clearly male or female and a bigger head is not necessarily the 'best' head. The head should be in proportion to the size of the dog. Eye colour and pigment also need to be considered as the standard asks for the eye colour to follow the colour of the coat. Nowhere does the standard suggest a 'dark' eye is preferable. In brown, blue and fawn Beardies, the eyes should tone with the coat colour as does the pigment. If in doubt, ask the exhibitor what colour the dog is registered as. Some born blues have such dark pigment they are mistaken as born blacks and are penalised for having a lighter eye, which is in fact correct. As colour pales with adoles-

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The Versatile Beardie

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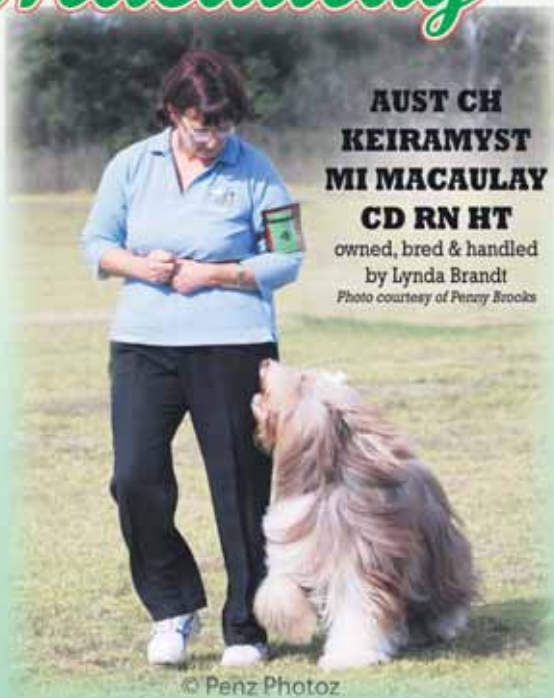
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BJ had 3 All Breeds BIS's, BOB Sydney Royal (shortlist for top 8 in Group), and RU BIS Speciality to Toni in Australia this year before leaving in April. We have had a quiet time in NZ until now with the babies born in August....



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Their litter brothers Lyntree Circle of Stars at Kairoro with Jo Freeman & Lyntree Circles in a Spiral with Vicki Moffat will make their debut early in 2015. Good luck Wilson & Winston.

We are looking forward to an exciting 2015 with our Crew!

Lyntree Collies would like to mention the FANTASTIC help we have had in both Australia & now in NZ with handlers for our dogs. Without you all the dogs would not all be shown.
THANK YOU ALL.

Thanks also to Nicole Benfel - Jakes-Tribute Photography for the lovely photo of Lotte.

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They answered

cence, so too can eye colour, only returning when the coat changes and starts to darken.

A.4. Probably the most misinterpreted sentence in our whole standard is 'should show plenty of daylight under the body', when read in correct context it does NOT refer to the amount of coat the dog has (there is already a section under 'coat' that addresses this) but to the amount of leg under the dog. The Beardie should be 'up' on leg with plenty of space between the bottom of the chest and the ground.

So I would 'add' to an existing sentence.....

'Although strongly made, should show plenty of daylight under the body with equal distances from the ground to the elbow and from the elbow to the withers'

A.5. Unfortunately our breed does suffer occasionally from auto immune diseases. Luckily in Australia the precedence seems to have diminished somewhat over the years and we must be careful not to introduce or reintroduce lines which are known or suspected carriers.

Hypothyroidism has also been identified as a health issue, and testing dogs that display symptoms is important when considering breeding options. Hip dysplasia is also found in our breed however I personally have not heard of a Beardie in Australia that has been diagnosed with this in the last 10 years. That said, it doesn't mean that we should cease preventative testing.

A.6. Research the breed and understand that Beardies are high maintenance dogs. Their coats require regular attention as do their minds. Beardies need people, and they do not take kindly to being locked away from their family or left alone in backyards for long periods of time. They are extremely affectionate and very smart, so they need lots to do or they will make their own fun.

A good breeder will point out the pros and cons of the breed so that any potential puppy buyer is aware of what to expect should they decide that a Beardie is the breed for them. If after careful consideration the puppy buyer is still keen to have a Beardie join their family then they should, if possible, visit a few breeders and meet the prospective parent/s.

Don't be afraid to ask questions, most breeders appreciate the opportunity to teach new owners about our wonderful breed. Be prepared to wait. With relatively small numbers in Australia, it isn't uncommon to wait for months (sometimes even a year) for your puppy to be born, however the wait will be worth it. Do a small amount of homework and you will be rewarded with years of companionship, love and laughter.

Michele Lincoln Edinglen

A.1. Lynda: In 1982 when we moved into our house my husband wanted an Old English Sheepdog. Not ever having had a dog, I was a bit apprehensive, but he came home one day saying he had found something similar but smaller – a Bearded Collie. Once our bitch arrived I was hooked. We were encouraged to show and bred our first litter in 1986.

Sharon: Beardies have been my Breed since 1984 when I was looking for a sound, natural, medium sized, long-



Lynda Brandt

coated dog, intelligent and easily trained with a fun, bomb proof, and friendly temperament.

A.2. Lynda: Yes most do, but judges need to check for length of leg to ensure they are not getting a false impression.

Sharon: Yes, most do display the correct body proportions

A.3. Lynda: Body proportions 5 to 4, strong but not heavy; well angulated with ribs well sprung but somewhat flat on the sides & chest reaching to the elbows; movement free & supple with back remaining level and minimum lift of the feet; broad skull, soft affectionate eyes, strong muzzle; coat harsh with sufficient density to provide a protective layer but not to obscure the natural shapeliness of the dog.

Sharon: Wistful expression with soft eyes toning to the coat colour, harsh coat texture with correct undercoat, good bone giving strength without compromising agility, balanced outline, smooth free flowing movement.

A.4. Lynda: I would reword the colour description to: Bearded Collies are born in four colours – black, blue, brown & fawn, with or without white markings, and pigmentation follows these birth colours. The coat colour lightens in adolescents and then darkens again to adult colours of slate grey, reddish fawn, black, blue, all shades of grey, brown and sandy. Where white occurs . . .

Sharon: The long stride of the Bearded Collie is attributed naturally to the correct body proportions of 5 to 4, and not from over angulation of the fore and hindquarters.

A.5. Lynda: Beardies are generally a healthy breed and many reach 10 – 13 years with little problems. Most registered breeders hip score their breeding stock and the AVA breed average is currently 5.8. Whilst Addison's disease occurs a little more in Beardies than

the general dog population, responsible breeders aim to breed away from it and any other health problems that have appeared in their lines.

Sharon: Yes, occasionally autoimmune problems can occur and sometimes these are linked to thyroid imbalances. Testing of breeding stock and responsible breeding can minimise these problems.

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A.6. Lynda: Beardies are intelligent, independent, energetic, curious & inventive. Their working heritage required them to think for themselves and use their voice as well as be the shepherd's closest companion. That strong desire to be with their master still exists and their play is punctuated by their bark. Owners need to be active with their Beardies and perhaps consider getting involved in agility, herding or flyball to harness that enthusiasm and desire to work in partnership with their owners. A good brush and long, wide-toothed comb will be an essential tool.

Sharon: Beardies are family dogs and



Sharon Roche

need to be part of the family. Grooming is essential and if you cannot commit to one hour per week grooming plus time to regroom feet and legs after walks etc then you need to consider another breed. Exercise is paramount, Beardies are active, agile breeds who require an outlet for their energy and training needs to be consistent and fair.

Lynda Brandt Keiramyst & Sharon Roche

Brigadoon Kennels was formed with Jill Cronchey and Lyn Norman in 1985 when they bred their first litter, having owned Beardies for several years. Later additions to the Kennel were Keith Cronchey and Kate Miller.

A.1. There are so many reasons why it is our chosen breed, the trusting look in their eyes, their undying love, their need to be with their humans and their - usually - bouncy temperaments and placid natures.

A.2. According to the Standard of the breed the proportion of body length to height at the withers should be approximately 5 as is to 4 with bitches slightly longer. The word "approximately" is open

to interpretation by Judges as is the word "slightly". After the two Corgi breeds and the Swedish Vallhund the Bearded Collie should be the next longest bodied breed in the Group and this is not always the case.

A.3. 1) Movement. Many Judges appear to prefer speed around the ring with



L to R: Kate Miller, Keith Cronchey & Lyn Norman

over-reaching in the front and a high kicking thrust in the rear caused by an imbalance between the forequarter and hindquarter angulation. Both are wasted energy. Speed is not necessary as the Beardie should cover the ground with the minimum of effort.

2) Length of ribcage. Many Judges appear, from ringside at least, to fail to assess the comparative lengths of ribcage and loin. The length of ribcage being most important.

3) Head shape. The skull should be broad, flat and square and the Standard goes on to emphasise this breadth by requiring that the eyes be set widely apart.

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4) Eyes. Eye colour is not a dark brown in all colours of the breed; it should tone with the colour of the dog's coat. Eye colouring in the blues and fawns will be lighter than will be found in other shades of the Beardie coats. 5) Tail set. Correct tail set allows the tail to be carried low like a rudder when on the move and not like a ship's sail. The high setting is sure to have some effect on the croup and subsequent hind-quarter action.

A.4. "Hindquarters: -Well muscled with good second thighs, well bent stifles and low hocks. The stifles should be too well turned so as to weaken the hock joint. The lower leg should fall at a right angle to the ground and, in normal stance, should be just behind a line vertically below the point of buttock".

A.5. The Bearded Collie in Australia does not have a lot of health problems although Addison's Disease, other thyroid problems and SLO (nail bed disease), whilst here in Australia, are more of a concern in some other countries. However, breeders should be very careful when choosing their breeding stock.

A.6. To buy from a reputable breeder who is prepared to show you the Dam and also the Sire if possible. The breeder should allow you to see and mingle with their other Beardies so that you are able to assess the pup's potential temperament. Also it is advised that the breeder should be asked if an after sales service is provided and help if re-homing should unfortunately be necessary.

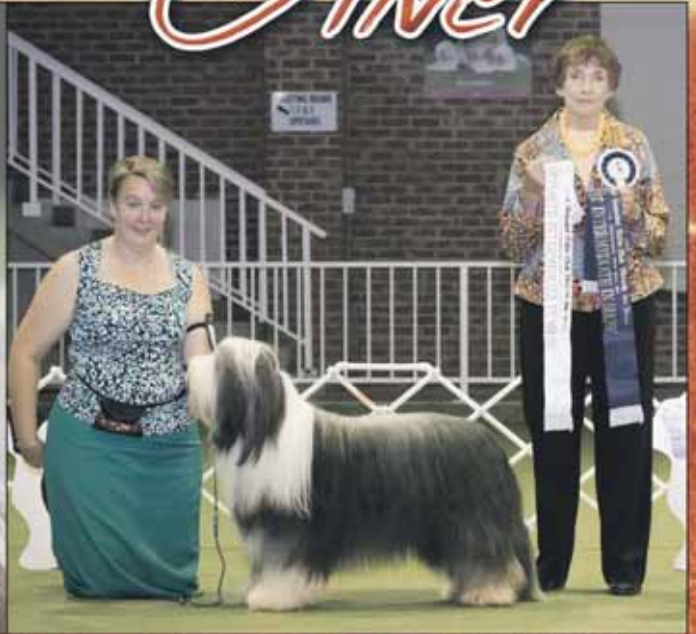
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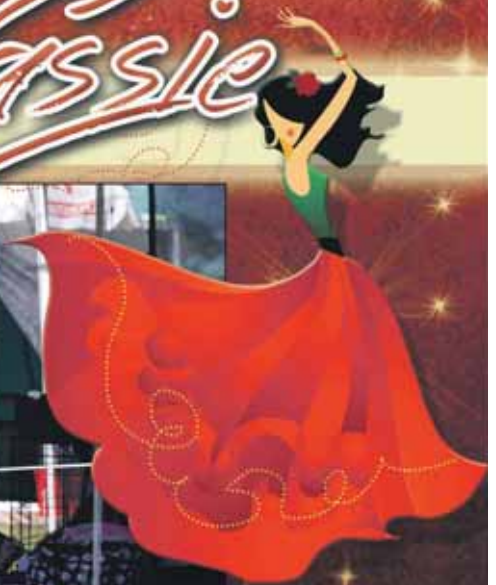
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The Breed Standard

GENERAL APPEARANCE:

A lean active dog, longer than it is high in an approximate proportion of 5-4, measured from point of chest to point of buttock. Bitches may be slightly longer. The breed, though strongly made, should show plenty of daylight under the body and should not look too heavy. A bright, enquiring expression is a distinctive feature of the breed.

Characteristics: The Bearded Collie should be alert, lively, self confident and active.

TEMPERAMENT:

The temperament should be that of a steady intelligent working dog, with no signs of nervousness or aggression

HEAD AND SKULL:

The head should be in proportion to the size of the dog. The skull broad and flat and square, the distance between stop and occiput being equal to the width between the orifices of the ears. The muzzle strong and equal in length to the distance from the stop to the occiput, the whole effect being that of a dog with strength of muzzle and plenty of brain room. The stop should be moderate. The nose large and square, generally black but normally following the coat colour in blues and browns. The nose and lips should be of solid colour without spots or patches. Pigmentation of lips and eye rims should follow nose colour.

EYES: The eyes should tone with coat in colour, be set widely apart and be large, soft and affectionate, but not protruding. The eyebrows arched up and forward but not so long as to obscure the eyes.

EARS: The ears of medium size and drooping. When the dog is alert, the ears should lift at the base level with, but not above, the top of the skull, increasing the apparent breadth of the skull.

MOUTH: The teeth large and white, the incisors of the lower jaw fitting tightly behind those of the upper jaw. However, a pincer bite is acceptable.

NECK: Moderate length, muscular and slightly arched.

FOREQUARTERS:

The shoulders should slope well back; a line drawn through the centre of the shoulder blade should form a right angle (90 degrees) with the humerus. The shoulder blades at the withers should be separated only by the vertebrae but should slope outwards from there sufficiently to accommodate the desired spring of rib. Legs straight and vertical, with good bone, and covered with shaggy hair all round. Pasterns flexible without weakness.

BODY: The length of the back should come from the length of the ribcage and not that of the loin. The back level and ribs well sprung but not barrelled. The loins should be strong and the chest deep, giving plenty of heart and lung room.

HINDQUARTERS: Well muscled with good second thighs, well bent stifles and low hocks. The lower leg should fall at a right angle to the ground and, in normal stance, should be just behind a line vertically below the point of the buttock.

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

TAIL: Set low, without kink or twist, and long enough for the end of the bone to reach at least the point of the hock. Carried low with an upward swirl at the tip whilst standing or walking, but may be extended at speed. Never carried over the back. Covered with abundant hair.

GAIT/MOVEMENT:

Movement should be supple, smooth and long reaching, covering the ground with the minimum of effort.

COAT:

Double with the undercoat soft, furry and close. Outercoat flat, harsh, strong and shaggy, free from woolliness and curl, though a slight wave is permissible. Length and density of the hair should be sufficient to provide a protective coat and to enhance the shape of the dog, but not enough to obscure the natural lines of the body. The coat must not be trimmed in any way. On the head, the bridge of the nose should be sparsely covered with hair which is slightly longer on the sides just to cover the lips. From the cheeks, the lower lips and under the chin, the coat should increase in length towards the chest, forming the typical beard.

COLOUR: Slate grey, reddish fawn, black, blue, all shades of grey, brown and sandy, with or without white markings. Where white occurs, it should only appear on the foreface, as a blaze on the skull, on the tip of the tail, on the chest, legs and feet and, if round the collar, the roots of the white hair should not extend behind the shoulder. White should not appear above the hocks on the outside of the hind legs. Slight tan markings are acceptable on the eyebrows, inside the ears, on the cheeks, under the root of the tail, and on the legs where white joins the main colour.

SIZES: Ideal height at the shoulder:

Dogs 53-56 cms (21-22 ins)

Bitches 51-53 cms (20-21 ins)

Overall quality and proportions should be considered before size but excessive variation from the ideal height should be discouraged.

FAULTS: Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.

Notes: Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.

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