



BEARDIE WORKS

Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 1987

PREMIER ISSUE

Hello Beardie Lovers:

While sitting here at my desk trying to think of what I should say in my first letter as President, Bear, my Beardie, is lying on the floor with two three year olds jumping over him and a 3 month-old crying next to his ear (two other daycare kids are taking a nap). Waking up from a sound sleep, Bear's only response is that of wanting to play, front legs on the floor, rear up in the air and tail wagging, reminding me of why we chose a Beardie. It must be true, "God created children for Beardies." Regardless of whether we own a Beardie for confirmation, obedience, herding, tracking, or as a pet we all have the same love for the breed; because the breed adores us humans.

A hearty "thank you" must go out to all who have been involved in the formation of the Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection". It is always difficult to start a new club, but when the enthusiasm is present, as it is with us, things just seem to happen. PLEASE let us not loose what we have going for us, unity and commitment towards the betterment of the breed.

At the last meeting we formed five committees, 1) Fund raising-Jody Weiland, 2) Membership-Julie McHugh, 3) Match-Nancy Shock, 4) Newsletter- Becky and Mike Tupa, and 5) Program- Julie Mc Hugh. Committees are the heart of any organization. Without the involvement at the committee level a club cannot function. Please volunteer your services to those committees that you feel you might be able to help. We cannot do it without you. I would ask all chairpersons to please have a report ready at each meeting regardless of activity within that group. If the chairperson is unable to attend, please see that a report is presented. Stay tuned for more committees yet to come.

Also at the August meeting we discussed offering our assistance as a club to the Queen City Bearded Collie Club for the 1989 BCCA Specialty. Nancy and I met with Queen City Club representatives following the Sunday dog show at Greeley. At that meeting they were not making any commitments regarding the Specialty until it is approved by the BCCA. The National

Club is to vote on the '89 Specialty host club at their September meeting. We will keep everyone informed.

With all the initial interest and enthusiasm that we have seen so far in the Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection, I am truly looking forward to the following year as President.

Chuck Burdick
RMBCC President

CLUB NEWS

Next Meeting:

September 27, 1987 at 12:30pm
Zaiger Residence, 2906 Flintridge Place,
Colorado Springs, CO (303) 599-9769

SPEAKER:

Harriet Poreda,
"Welcome to the World of Dog Showing"

Harriet has 38 years experience breeding and showing Old English Sheepdogs, has been Chief Ring Steward for numerous area Dog Shows and has just bred and finished her 75th(!) home bred Champion. She has taught numerous handling classes and will share (some of) her experience with us. Please come and join us for this most interesting speaker.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

A GROUP PICTURE will be taken of the NEW RMBCC during the Colorado Kennel Club Show on September 7, 1987. Please come to the show with your Beardies and your families, whether or not your are showing that day! Photo will probably be right after Beardie ring time. Contact Sue Zaiger for information.

SELECTING A BEARDIE PUPPY FOR WORKING

Whether buying a puppy or an older dog, if you have hopes of having a dog capable of passing the requirements for an H.C. or training the dog for advanced titles through competition, or in buying a dog to work your livestock, you need to do a little research. Certain dogs will be better suited to work than others, and there are some who are completely unsuitable. Temperament and sound, correct structure are of vital importance, along with natural instinct. Read the standard carefully, as it's an excellent description of a functional working breed. Think in terms of having a dog so properly built and in such outstanding condition, that he could run up and down hill, perhaps 50 miles a day, every day for the next 7 or 8 years... That's going to take some dog!

Avoid fad breeders who are restructuring the breed to individual tastes. Examples of such characteristics include: short, cobby bodies, coats that are incorrect in texture or nearly dragging the ground, dogs that are much larger than the standard calls for. Refuse any dog from a breeder that doesn't demand strong and correct temperament as a major consideration in his breeding animals. A temperament that is steady and reliable is a priority. Look for balance, correct medium size and lack of exaggeration. Take the standard literally, that's the dog to start with.

To select a puppy, I choose the "brat". One that is confident, secure, accepts new situations readily and has the right structure. It will help a great deal to see the parents who, preferably, are Herding Certified. A puppy that can handle stress well and accepts the training of its people easily is the show and working prospect.

Working puppies are unusually intelligent and will often run circles around their littermates, people, cats and kids, doing a puppy version of "herding". I've heard a ton of funny stories from people who are sure their Beardies are working dogs, with their dog attempting to herd airplanes, flies, and even one that runs around the house(!?!?) herding 2300 square foot of solid structure! Of these dogs, none passed when given the Real Thing to herd. Hyperactivity, boredom or flea allergy could cause the same reaction. It's only the dog's need to herd livestock that counts. My Tweed works any kind of livestock, but in the house or around the family animals, including cats, he is a calm and sensible fellow not busily herding the furniture or other animals. Around stock, that calm and sensible nature is turned into a fine stockdog.

Nervousness, shyness, over aggressive, Macho dogs may or may not have instinct. But seldom if ever will any of their instincts be useful or of a true functional working dog temperament. A nervous or hyper dog will most likely wreak havoc scattering his energies to the wind, and scattering the stock as well. A shy dog will show such fear of the stock and of the trainer, it would be a virtual waste of time to attempt to train him. A dog

that is over-aggressive and too macho around other dogs or livestock will either kill the stock or attack its handler when corrected for misbehavior. Some dogs, including Beardies are confirmed killers. After all, herding instinct is a refined hunter's instinct. Some dogs never by-pass the hunter's need to kill.

While all levels of temperament can be seen and perfectly suitable in the working Beardedie, a desire to please and sensibility is really needed in the working Beardedie. Some are softer in nature and will take a softer approach in their training. Others are tough as nails and that Beardedie, while a handful, will often be the best dog to work with, simply because his need to work is stronger than anything, and if you make mistakes along the way, he'll forgive you.

So, now you have this beautiful Beardedie who conforms to the literal standard. He's got a super temperament, comes from a breeding that has the potential to work, he's being heavily socialized, introduced to all sorts of new situations and handles stress well. He's at, or close to his full growth. Never seriously work with a puppy. He could be badly injured, develop bad habits that can't be corrected and you'll be seriously stressing his developing body. Most Beardies do well with starting serious work at 15 to 18 months of age. Have him instinct tested. If his socialization hasn't included livestock, don't panic if he doesn't pass. He may come out gang busters right off, or may need further exposures to awaken his instincts. These instincts have been buried for generations and a dog is not a washout if not passed. Some will take as many as 10 exposures to turn on. If he still shows no interest, well, it's time to consider another dog. Not all Beardies can work, but in looking for a working dog and having the basic ingredients all there, the odds are excellent.

The three conditions that characterize a good working Beardedie include: 1) sound and stable temperament, 2) working parentage, and 3) good structure. The rest is environmental. You can help your Beardedie unlock the instincts of his ancestors by understanding the working dog's temperament. Once your Beardedie has had the opportunity to show you what he's made of, the benefits will show themselves. Beardies that work are happier, healthier, in better overall condition and have a real purpose for life. We all need that, including our dogs. Now, start breeding your own quality working pups. There are ranchers out there that need and want what the breed has to offer!

Susan Holm is the owner of JHCH Rogues Hollow Tweed HC, the first and only Beardedie Herding Champion. She was responsible for setting up the breed herding certificate program in 1984 and is now qualified to test all herding breeds. She has tested over 2,500 dogs. For the past nine years she has owned and bred Beardies and been actively working her dogs for the last six years.

MINUTES

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AUGUST 14, 1987

The meeting was called to order by president Chuck Burdick at 7:30pm. Roll was by sign-in. There were 12 members present. Nancy Shock read the minutes from the last meeting. Eileen Dineen/Julie McHugh made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Constitution and By-Laws: Julie McHugh and Becky Tupa passed out copies of the completed Constitution and By-Laws, with the Breed Standard attached. Julie also passed out copies of the BCCA Code of Ethics with the question to the membership on the need for RMBCC adoption of a Code of Ethics. Dudley Weiland/Mike Tupa made the motion we accept the BCCA Code of Ethics with necessary name changes. There was discussion. The motion was amended to include the following changes: #2 to read: Litter registration with the American Kennel Club is the responsibility of the breeder." The remaining sentence in #2 will be separated and numbered #3, with subsequent numbers changed to follow accordingly. Copy attached to these minutes. *(ed-and with newsletter)* Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chuck Burdick asked for volunteers for Chair positions for new committees:

Julie McHugh: Programs and Membership
Mike and Becky Tupa: Newsletter
Jody Weiland: Fund Raising
Ann Gerber: Inc. Investigation
Nancy Shock: Specialty Match

Members were asked to contact these Chairpersons directly to help on their committees.

Susan Holm reported on correspondence received from the BCCA in acknowledgement of our newly formed organization. She will be sending regular reports, copies of our minutes, and constitution and by-laws to the BCCA Board.

Julie discussed a Program for our next meeting. Harriet Poreda has offered to speak on the subject "Welcome to the World of Dog Showing".

Chuck Burdick reported on setting a meeting with the Queen City BCC to discuss our involvement in the 1989 Specialty, should their bid be accepted. He and Nancy Shock would be meeting with QCBC officers on August 16th, following Ring Call. He asked for input from the membership on the approach. There was discussion. It was felt that we should offer assistance in one of the

more difficult areas involved in hosting a Specialty, such as Hospitality or the Auction. Chuck and Nancy would be phoning the members with the results of the meeting on the 16th.

The next meeting date was set for Sept. 27, 12:30pm at the Zaigers home in Colorado Springs.

Brad Zaiger/Julie McHugh made the motion to adjourn at 9:27pm. Passed.

My Beardedie has a wonderful sense of humor. She loves to help with the household chores. She takes the trash out for me. Then I put it back in the trash basket, she takes it out, I put it back.

AWARDS

Results of Bearded Collie competition in recent shows are listed below. If you know of additional shows, wish your results posted or feel other information should be shown please notify the Newsletter Crew.

August 15, 1987

Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club, Fort Collins, CO
20 Beardies Registered, 19 Shown

DOGS:

Bred-By-Exhibitor: Tiburon Eastern Sky at Holm
Open: Sunkap Sir Knight (Winners Dog)
O'Kelidon Merryglen MacDuff (Reserve)

BITCHES

Puppy: Kayne Deck The Halls
Bred-By-Exhibitor: Artisan Romani Rawnie
Open: Chelsic Breeze at Bosque (Winners Bitch,
BOW, BOS)
Drydock Blu Chip Sumthin' Else (Reserve)

BEST OF BREED:

CH O'Kelidon's Keepin' In Touch

August 16, 1987

Greeley Kennel Club, Inc., Greeley, CO
19 Beardies Registered - 18 Shown

DOGS:

Bred-By-Exhibitor: Tiburon Eastern Sky at Holm
(Reserve)
Open: O'Kelidon Merryglen MacDuff (Winners Dog,
BOW)

BITCHES:

Puppy: Kaynes Deck the Halls
Bred-By-Exhibitor: Drydock Blu Chip Sumthin' Else
(Reserve)
Open: Artisan Romani Rawnie (Winners Bitch, BOS)

BEST OF BREED

CH O'Kelidon's Keepin' In Touch

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August 21, 1987

Durango Kennel Club, Durango, CO

6 Beardies Shown

Winners Dog: Chelsic Paddy O'Bosque (BOW)

Reserve: Inverness Black Bear

Winners Bitch: Inverness Brisg O'Hermosa Mtn (BOS)

Reserve: Rainsdance Brown Sugar Kayne

Best Of Breed: CH Parcana Jake McTavish

August 22, 1987

Grand Valley Kennel Club, Grand Junction, CO

6 Beardies Shown

Winners Dog: O'Kelidon Merryglen MacDuff (BOW)

Reserve: Inverness Black Bear

Winners Bitch: Inverness Brisg O'Hermosa Mtn (BOS)

Best of Breed: CH O'Kelidon's Chimney Sweeper

August 23, 1987

Roaring Fork Kennel Club, Aspen, CO

6 Beardies Shown

Winners Dog: O'Kelidon Merryglen MacDuff

Reserve: Chelsic Paddy O'Bosque

Winners Bitch: Inverness Brisg O'Hermosa Mtn (BOS, BOW)

Best Of Breed: CH O'Kelidon's Chimney Sweeper (Group 4)

August 30, 1987

Plum Creek K. C. of Colorado, Castle Rock, CO

15 Bearies Shown

DOGS:

Puppy: Blackjack Artisan Hollybush

Bred-By-Exhibitor: Tiburon Eastern Sky at Holm(Reserve)

American-Bred: Le Vontz's My Boy

Open: O'Kelidon Merryglen MacDuff (Winners Dog)

BITCHES:

Puppy: Kayne Deck the Halls

Bred-By-Exhibitor: Drydock Blu Chip Sumthin' Else (Reserve)

Open: Shorelane's Kokuna (BOB, Winners Bitch)

CONGRATS TO ALL

NATIONAL NEWS

Summary of the July 1, 1987 BCCA Annual General Meeting at Cincinnati, Ohio.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Update on the current status of the lawsuit between J. Richard Schneider and the BCCA. Settlement has been discussed. Further information will be given through the BCCA Newsletter.

AKC RECOGNITION COMMITTEE: Membership information has been sent to the AKC and notification should be forthcoming on BCCA membership status with AKC.

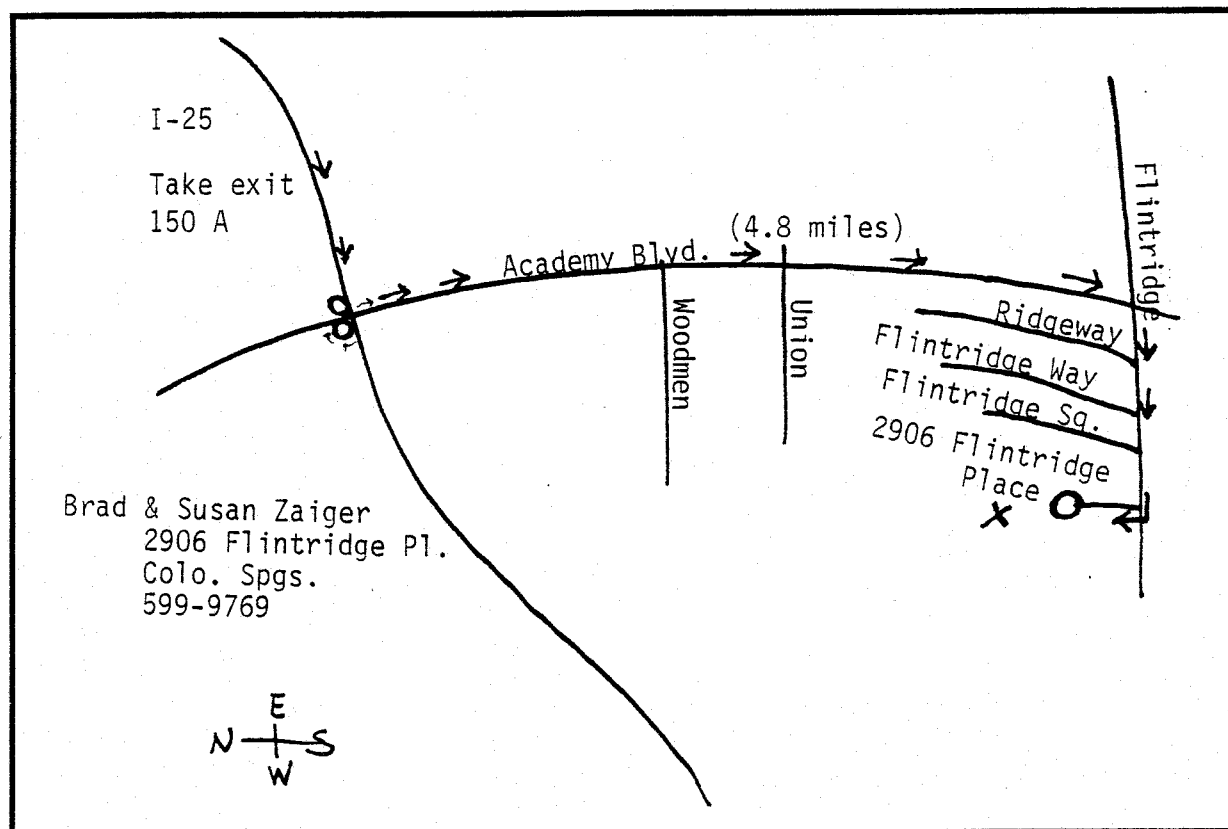
COLOR REGISTRATION in Beardies: Mary Pflum raised a question about color registration in Beardies and the possibility of having AKC list additional colors on the litter registration. Jim Conro will refer this to our AKC liaison to seek out further information.

OBEDIENCE JUMP HEIGHTS: More discussion about asking AKC to lower the required jump heights. A request for articles concerning this for educating the membership.

BEARDIE BULLETIN EDITOR: Cynthia Mahigian (current Editor of the Bulletin) brought up the expense of the job and feels that the Editorship should be a paid position or we should turn over the magazine to a private company. The following motion was made and carried: **MOTION** that the BCCA Board of Directors solicit bids from the membership for publishing the Beardie Bulletin and that the cost which is established be equally divided among all members wishing to receive the Bulletin and all those who advertise in the publication. A minimal subscription rate will be established by the Board and will be Assessed from all subscribers.

BCCA NEWSLETTER: Concern raised about the timeliness of receiving the Newsletter. It was decided at the Board meeting that the BCCA newsletter will become bi-monthly).

HEALTH COMMITTEE: Discussion about forming a committee to study health problems that may be Beardie specific.



Brad & Susan Zaiger
2906 Flintridge Pl.
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599-9769

Map to Zaiger Residence

PUPPY NEWS

For those that don't know by now, Brad and Sue Zaiger have one remaining male (show quality) puppy. He's cute! Call the Zaigers for more information. (303) 599-9769.

Who has Puppies? When will they be born? When will they be available? Who are their parents? Are you proud of your Beardies? You bet you are and we know you want to share the news.

Do you have a BRAG you wish to pass on about your Beardie? You know how great your Beardie is, why not share your pride with the rest of us? We all want to share in the fun.

You let us know about your PUPPIES or your BRAGS and, for a Dollar, we'll publish the important news for all to see. Your financial support will go toward the Beardie Works and we certainly can use the news.

CLUB INFORMATION

OFFICERS

President - Chuck Burdick, (303) 674-7374
Vice-President - Nancy Shock, (303) 480-5339
Treasurer - Ann Gerber, (303) 576-9092
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Board of Directors
Julie McHugh, (303) 770-2676
Lynn Zagarella, (303) 680-9729

COMMITTEES

Programs and Membership, - Julie McHugh, (303) 770-2676
Newsletter - Mike and Becky Tupa, (303) 755-6315
Fund Raising - Jody Weiland, (303) 425-9238
Incorporation Investigation - Ann Gerber, (303) 576-9092
Specialty Match - Nancy Shock, (303) 480-5339

Your help is needed on the above committees. Please call and offer your assistance.

The Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection Newsletter is compiled and edited by Mike and Becky Tupa. The RMCC Newsletter cannot be held responsible for correctness of its contents. Comments regarding this newsletter, articles or adds should be directed to:

Becky Tupa, RMCC Newsletter,
12487 E. Amherst Cr. Aurora, CO 80014

CLASSIFIEDS

Adds of any size will be accepted. Classifieds will run about \$2.50 for a 3 line add. Contact Newsletter Committee for information on larger adds.

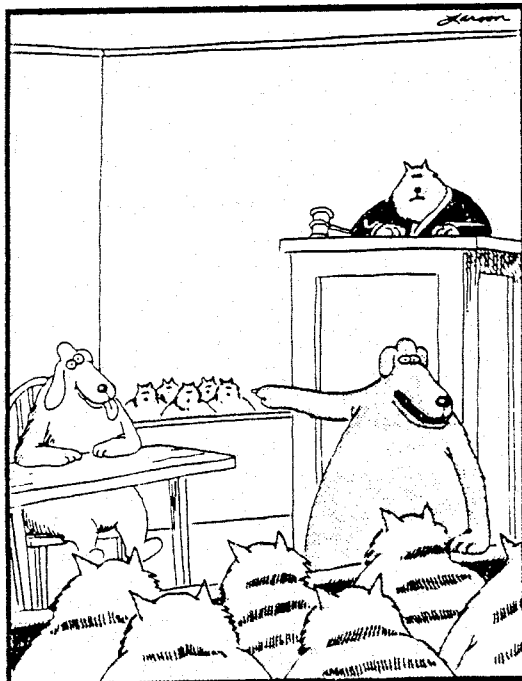
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership applications will be available at the September 27th meeting. Please be prepared to fill out your application and submit it with current dues to Ann Gerber. (11680 Valle Verde Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80906)

The applications are the best source for updating the club's mailing list. If you know of anyone who needs information about the RMBCC please notify the membership committee so that a packet can be sent to them.

JOINT MEMBERSHIP . . . \$20.00
 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP . . . \$15.00
 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP . . . \$10.00

Beardie Works Subscription is included with membership. Non-member subscription is available at \$8.00 per year.



"A cat killer? Is that the face of a cat killer?
 Cat chaser maybe. But hey - who isn't?"

YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, BEARDIES!

Julie McHugh

With the first issue of our newsletter, I thought it might be fun to reminisce a bit and present an article from the Littleton Independent, dated March 12, 1973 featuring Colorado's first Bearded Collie.

Barnaby's registered name was Edenborough Blue Skies. He was a littermate to CH Edenborough Blue Bracken whose name and reputation are probably known to most Beardie fanciers. Barnaby was my first Beardie and one who thought his sole mission in life was to be the top public relations man for his breed. He truly loved EVERYONE, which at times was his undoing! Case in point, the first time I showed Barnaby was in 1970 at the prestigious International Kennel Club Show in Chicago. At that time we had to show in the Rare Breed Class. When the judge pointed at me and said "first place" I was flabbergasted to say the least. Now for Barnaby's undoing, as the judge bent down to pet my SHOWDOG, he jumped up, put his front paws on her shoulders, knocked her flat on her you know what, and I just about died. I did what any rational novice would do, helped the judge to her feet, apologized, and headed for the nearest exit. Being the good sport she was, the judge called me back into the ring where she presented me with a lovely rosette ribbon.

Was I hooked? Let's leave the answer to another issue of the newsletter.

A copy of the 1973 article follows.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The Beardie Works is looking for your article or piece of information to share with the rest of us. All articles, notices, Brags, Adds and other items of interest for "The Beardie Works" must be submitted by the 15th of each month. Submit to:

Becky Tupa, Editor
 The Beardie Works
 12487 E. Amherst Circle
 Aurora, CO 80014.

A bearded Collie

Barnaby looks like a sheep dog with a tail

By Mollie Stinson

When Julie McKugh first wanted a dog she talked about an English sheep dog. Her husband, Edgar, vetoed such an expensive dog so they settled for a collie-sheep dog mixture. After that first dog died Mrs. McKugh showed his picture to a friend who exclaimed, "Why, that's just like

a bearded collie."

And that is how the McKugh family became the owners of Barnaby, a bearded collie straight from Lancashire, England. Mrs. McKugh laughingly admits that they could have bought a sheep dog for the same price. Now the family owns two of the dogs since Maggie, a nine-month old

female came from California two weeks ago. Someday, if things work out, they will raise a family or two of native Colorado beardies.

When the McKughs and Barnaby, 4, moved to 5951 S. Pearl st. from Illinois a year and a half ago, Barnaby was the only bearded collie in Colorado. Now there are 10 of the breed in the state. The McKughs belong to a national club, Bearded Collie Club of America. Mrs. McKugh reported that in January the bearded collie was accepted into the miscellaneous class of the American Kennel Club and now can be shown at sanctioned AKC shows.

"We hope they will eventually be accepted for showing in the working class," she said. "They are drover type dogs used for working and herding sheep, native to the British Isles."

Special sheep herd

One dog club, Stock Dog Fanciers of Colorado has its own herd of sheep for the dogs of members to herd. The McKughs are considering joining that group and think it would be fascinating to watch their own dogs herd sheep like their ancestors did.

Mrs. McKugh and daughter, Collen, 10, are taking the dogs to the Canine Capers 4-H group. Barnaby took best adult male and Maggie was second in the puppy class at a recent show by the group, assisted by Mountain States Dog Training club.

Mrs. McKugh said that bearded collies are very calm, love attention and make a good family dog. Her other children, Kevin, 12, and Bryan, 5, enjoy playing with them. She takes care of the dogs and does most of the training.

When most people first look at a bearded collie they say, "What a cute old English sheep dog with a tail," according to Mrs. McKugh. Actually the dogs are longer and leaner. The McKughs' dogs are black and white. Beardies can be slate gray, reddish fawn, black, all shades of gray, brown and sandy, with or without collie markings.



A different dog and proud of it!

Meet Barnaby. When he came to Colorado a year and a half ago Barnaby was the only bearded collie in Colorado. Now there are 10 such dogs in the state and one of them even lives with him! But he is still the only adult male, so life looks interesting for Barnaby. Photo by Mollie Stinson.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN BEARDED COLLIE CONNECTION

CODE OF ETHICS

The Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Club, in order to protect and promote the advancement and proper breeding and showing of the Bearded Collie, as well as ethical practices, does hereby set forth this Code of Ethics.

1. All members shall maintain the best possible standards of health and care of their dogs and shall sell only those who are in good health and good condition at the time of delivery. The breeder shall keep and pass on to the buyer accurate health, breeding, and registration records at the time of sale.
2. Litter registration with the American Kennel Club is the responsibility of the breeder.
3. It is recommended that all terms of agreement pertaining to sales, leasing, whelping and breeding of dogs be recorded in writing.
4. Bearded Collies shall not be sold to pet shops, wholesale dealers, contest sponsors nor any buyer whom the breeder feels will not properly care for the dog.
5. All advertising shall be of an honest and forthright nature.
6. Good sportsmanship shall be advanced by members at all times.
7. All members shall endeavor to help acquaint the public as to the Standard of the breed as adopted by the Bearded Collie Club of America and approved by the American Kennel Club.
8. Disciplinary action against any member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or of the breed may be taken by the RMBCC.