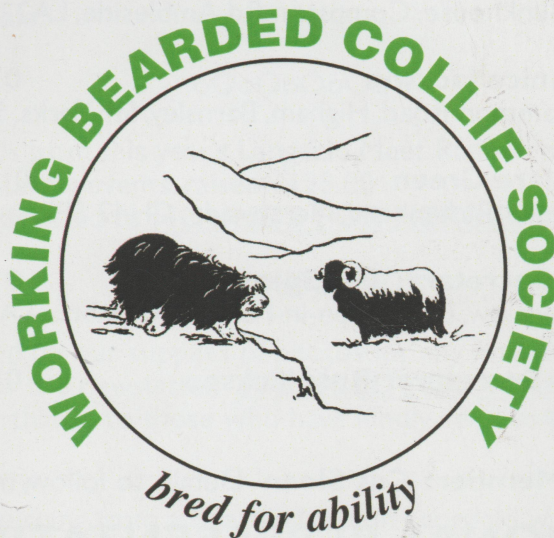




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A Farmer with his working sheepdog in 1908.
One dog is smooth coated, the other is coated like a bearded collie.

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Note for your Diary Langdale 2018



This will take place 29th & 30th September at the Stickle Barn in Great Langdale.

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The proceeds from this year's Langdale Meet Raffle, from both the Saturday & Sunday events, raised £125.00
This will be donated to **HOUNDS FOR HEROES** charity.

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We have used up our supplies of photos for any future calendars and all articles for the newsletter. **WE NEED YOUR INPUT NOW**, please. Many thanks to those who have kindly send us your articles.

A farmer returning from a Beardie Meet in Langdale was pulled over by a patrol car near Buxton. The policeman said 'do you realise sir your wife fell out of your Land Rover on the last roundabout?' 'Oh, thank goodness for that, I thought I had gone deaf!'

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Hello,

Let me introduce myself. I am Indigo, Indie to my friends, picture below. I may have met you at the Working Bearded Collie Society in The Langdales. I was hoping to make a good impression, but instead had to stand around while my owner's car had to be towed out of the mud where they had wedged it - how embarrassing.

I am not a Cumbrian lass, but was born 4 years ago in Shropshire. As a 12 week old puppy I was introduced to my new family as 'this is the naughty one', so I do my best to live up to it. I live in Nottingham with fields and good walks on our doorstep but not much opportunity to put my herding instincts to work on sheep. I sometimes try it on next door's 3 cats but always end up in trouble for my efforts. I am a ball and frizby catcher, and love agility, which if my owner got her act together I feel I could be very good. When not chasing, catching, herding and answering the door or telephone, I am a sofa-surfer. It's a hard life being a much-loved Beardie, but I do my best.

Oh well, the sofa is calling, must dash,

Love Indi





Safety at Christmas



Sugary treats, fine food and sparkling decorations are all part of the magic of Christmas but these festive delights can prove hazardous to your pet's health. By taking some simple steps you can ensure that your pets stay safe and you won't have any emergency visits to the vets.

Chocolates, Treats and Alcohol – make sure that these are kept well out of reach of your pet. Chocolate is extremely toxic for dogs as it contains theobromine, which, in large doses, will affect the central nervous system and the heart.

It is vital if your dog eats chocolate that you seek treatment quickly. If a dog gets to the vet quickly, vomiting can be induced and activated charcoal given to absorb any toxins. This will help to prevent life threatening fits which are quite common after dogs eat chocolate. Another serious danger is the fat and sugar in many chocolate treats – these can sometimes trigger pancreatitis, which can be fatal.

Turkey and Trimmings – Turkey bones should never be given to dogs or cats because they can scrape, tear or perforate their gastrointestinal tract. Bones can also get stuck and cause an obstruction in the digestive system. Stuffing should never be fed to your pet as it contains onions and garlic, which can destroy red blood cells causing anaemia.

Christmas cake, Christmas pudding and mince pies are also dangerous as they contain raisins, currants and sultanas. This can be made worse if they have been soaked in rum or other alcohol. Alcohol poisoning can result in a drop of blood sugar, blood pressure and body temperature.

Other hazards – keep your kitchen bin secure. As well as left over food, the bin may also contain such items as foil, meat strings and toothpicks and plastic wrapping which can cause problems if swallowed.

Christmas presents, lights, trees, decorations and plants – these can all be dangerous to pets. Amaryllis, holly, mistletoe, lilies and poinsettias are all poisonous to dogs and cats so be careful where you place them.

Hang tinsel baubles and lights out of pets reach. Do not put lights on the tree's lower branches as they could burn your pet, or get a shock from them if they bite through the wire.



NAME THAT PUPPY



Nip Frankie Blackie Max Kate
Blue Midge Bonnie Scott Mirk
Wisp Hemp Jock Tango Glen
Whisper Toss Dan Bob Jaff
Prince Tiny Nan Spot Drover
Jan Tam Woody Rover Fly
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Moss Black Beauty (Kirriemuir)

Born 28 May 2015



Following on from my earlier diary story about Miss Mossie.

In October 2016 Moss attended the Royal Dick Vet School in Edinburgh for further surgery. She had a "Culposuspension" op, performed by Dr Donald Yull, and was spayed at the same time. Dr Yull and his colleague Dr Bommer were hopeful that following this operation it would improve the weakness in her bladder neck. I was told by the surgeon to wait a few weeks to see if there was any improvement.

We noticed some improvement following her second operation. Prior to this operation when Moss jumped around with excitement she would leak urine but since her second operation this has stopped. The second operation was worth the expense because she no longer leaks when jumping about. I have to accept the fact that Moss is not going to be perfect having been born with all of the anomalies mentioned in my previous story.

Whilst I have invested a lot of money in Moss's operations I feel it was worth it. Dr Bommer had commented in the past that I couldn't have done any more for Moss.

I have had to adapt my home and life to live with Moss's condition. Waterproof crate liners, washable incontinence sheets and vet beds are among the items I've had to purchase in quantity. Each is placed on top of the other to make up Moss's bed. These beds have been placed in areas around my cottage where Moss has been trained to go to bed. This bedding arrangement makes it easier to wash, dry and replace. Washing is a daily task in my household. During the day when I am at work Moss sleeps in a large plastic dog bed in her kennel. On the bottom of her bed this is a layer of newspapers and on top a vet bed. Thankfully I do not have to replace the bedding every day – some days the bedding is wet and others it is dry. Moss also has an area in the kennel run - we call "the porch" which is a step out of the kennel flap onto the kennel run. She like to lie outside on the porch and because she does this I have a rubber mat on the wooden step and on top of that I place newspapers and a vet bed that way any leakage when she falls asleep seeps into the bed and newspaper – this is changed daily. This works well for her and keeps her dry. Overnight Moss sleeps on a child's camp bed. I place an incontinence sheet on the top of the camp bed followed by 2 small vet beds. Cutting a vet bed in 2 means I only ever have half of a vet bed to wash at any one time if and when required.



Over the last few months I have discovered 'dog diapers'!! These items have transformed my life and my dogs. Prior to purchasing the diapers Moss had me up every night needing out for a pee. This could be anytime between midnight and 5.00 am. Since the introduction of these diapers - Moss has not felt the need to rise in the middle of the night. Thank God!! I feel we are now leading a more normal life.

Moss has not had a Urinary Tract Infection since last December 2016. I am very proud of myself with the way I have managed her condition. I purchased Urinary Test Strips so that I can test her Urine if I have any concerns about her. My vet has also been very supportive. Over the time I have had her she continues her 0.6 mls of Propalin Syrup 3 times day which helps control her incontinence. My very kind neighbours make sure Moss has her medication in a small amount of dog food at lunchtime.





I feel Moss knows I am trying to help her – she licks my arm every time she has her once a week bath. Sometimes I have to bathe her more frequently when required. The diapers seem to keep Moss dry in the house therefore less washing of vet beds etc is required. I have a routine now where the diapers are washed separately every other day. In the last few weeks I have discovered that Bicarbonate of Soda (along with the washing powder) in the water when washing her diapers neutralises the urine in the fabric – this has been a breakthrough for me. I seem to be learning improvements as I go along.

Moss and I have an extra bond. She has had a very difficult time over the past 2 years dealing with her “water works problems” and I suppose I have too. I remember Dr Nick Bommer telling me when Moss was admitted for her first operation she was “very switched on”. I was surprised at him telling me this as he must see many dogs going through the vet hospital. I remember my Vet Gillian Clark, Blairgowrie Veterinary Surgeons, Perthshire telling me they broke the mould after Moss was born. Moss is indeed a very special dog.



Herdwick Sheep, Langdale
Phot sent by Eric Morton, Stroud, Aged 80 years



The "Ups & Downs" of Life with Dogs



2017 turned out to be one of those years. Vetta, my younger dog was the cause of it all. She is a very lively girl, always into something but not always the best of things. In early May, one morning she wasn't very well in that she couldn't bark properly ... for a Beardie??!! I took her to the vets and they thought she might have laryngitis or kennel cough. Two days later, she was back at the vets as she was much worse and she now had a large swelling on her throat. Next morning, she was once more at the vets as she was really going downhill. The swelling was now from her chin, down her chest and under her front legs and there was also bruising in the same area. Later that day, while I was puzzling about her illness, I had this thought could this be rat poisoning?? We often get rats in the garden and my husband does put out rat poison, hidden where none of my previous dogs had got to it!! I rang the vets and they said to take her down immediately. To cut a long story short, she stayed in that night and had all the blood tests etc. Next day she had a blood transfusion and later on, came home on vitamin K and anti biotics. It took a few weeks for her to fully recover, but, THANK GOODNESS she did.

As most of you will know, I compete in Agility with my dogs. We had a two month absence from shows with Vetta being so ill but we got back in July. In August, Vetta was back to her best and at Phase Purple Show she got 4 wins, 3 seconds and 2 third places. The wins were more than enough to take her up to Grade 6. It was great getting those results when I had thought I MIGHT lose her. Now you can see why I had the heading for this article!

Two of the photos show her with her trophies & rosettes. The other photo shows what the weather was like some times. Beardies in windy weather look like fluff balls blowing about!!

Pat Spray



Vetta



Vetta



Vetta

Barney (Choxstart Barney T'Rouble), owned by Janice & Roly Jackson represented the North of England Team at Crufts 2017 earlier this year in the Inaugural Rally Inter regional Event held on the Thursday.

Seen here on his bench with his Good Luck cards and pressies.

