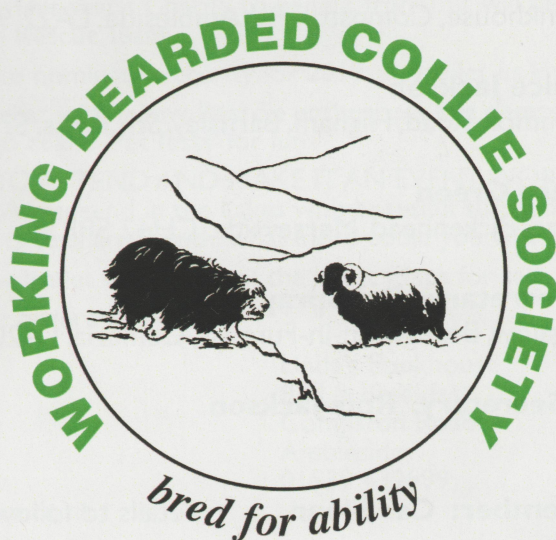


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"The Piping Shepherd" by Alfred Downing Fripp,
a painter of rural watercolours

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Langdale 2018

The Meet will be held at Stickle Barn, Great Langdale in the Lake District on Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th September, 10 am - 4 pm each day.

Our AGM will be held at 4 pm on the Saturday, and our annual raffle needs your donations please. This year's Charity to benefit from this will be Duddon & Furness Mountain Rescue Team.

If you would like to nominate a charity for 2019, please let us know.

Come along and chat with fellow Beardie enthusiasts, see demonstrations by our dogs and have a go at the 'Pet Tests' for fun.

WE NEED YOU TO ATTEND AND MAKE IT AN EVENT WORTHWHILE CONTINUING. A weekend in the Lakes with beautiful surroundings and fellow Beardie enthusiasts to share it with, what more could you wish for.

We enclose a new leaflet with some of the latest items for sale.

These can also be ordered by mail.

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It is with great regret that not one member has bothered to send anything in for the newsletter. Everyone (at the younger end) seem to like to see their dogs on Facebook, and are willing to write articles for other people's pages, without even copying us in so that we can use it. They are the first to moan that it's always the same, nothing new ever happens and hey presto, wave a magic wand, and let's sit back and watch everyone else struggle to keep things going.

The same dogs appear on the calendar regularly as they are the only ones we receive, with the committee's dogs making up the shortfall every time. We need your photos! The calendars are very popular so let's show off our dogs!

We are always on the lookout for new bits and bobs to sell. As you know Beardies are very addictive and we want the world to know that we own them! Items are sold at minimal profit, enough to cover expenses involved when initiating the orders.

Tell us what you want from your Society – let's hear the moans then we can address them!!

Should we continue?

Would you like to have a go at doing a newsletter (we can arrange printing & distribution)?

Summer is here and it's too hot to think about winter clothing – buy early for Christmas. We need to sell some goods to be able to buy new stocks.

Tweed

Barbara Ashton

One bitterly cold February day three years ago I drove from Shropshire up to Lanarkshire with my lurcher Joe in the back of the car. I went up there to meet Tweed, a working bearded collie. I had been looking for a bearded collie for a while to replace Stac and Tess my other bearded collies and I knew Tweed was related to them. He was a failed working dog having had three owners before being passed onto the folk I bought him from. Because of this I wasn't surprised when I met him in a farm shed that he ignored me but, importantly, Joe and Tweed got on all right. After about twenty minutes I took a big chance and decided to buy him and we set off on the long drive south.

Here was a dog who had spent all his life in a farm shed with other collies and the only people he knew were his former owners. To be taken away from the only things he knew must have been totally disorienting and frightening and yet he settled in to a different life with few signs of stress and few behavioural problems. He house trained in a few days and soon settled into the household routine. He and Joe got on well together and as both responded to the whistle I let Tweed run free on walks within two or three weeks. He was nervous of people coming to the house and who he met out on walks for some months but is now friendly with adults but is still nervous of children and groups of people terrify him. He has bonded very closely with me, possibly because he never had the chance to bond with an owner before. He is fascinated by sheep and stops and watches them out on walks. When some sheep got into a lane we were walking along he stopped and looked at them but came away as soon as I called "Leave"

Sadly Joe was killed on the road when a caller left the door open and Joe got out. So at present Tweed is an only dog, however as he is always very friendly with other dogs I am sure he will be fine when I do get another lurcher. It shows how adaptable many dogs are that he has adjusted to a totally new lifestyle and home. I really am so pleased that I took a chance that cold February day and bought him on sight.



The following appeared in a Welsh Newspaper in June 2018.

KEEP OUR FARMLAND CLEAN – IT'S NOT A TOILET FOR DOGS

Debbie James

Dog walkers are largely responsible individuals who respect the countryside but there is a minority who treat farmland like a dog toilet. The open countryside is the ideal place for walks, with plenty of space for dogs to run around.

Whilst it is unacceptable to not clean up mess deposited on pavements and in parks, some think it is ok to leave it behind on farmland.

The footpath crossing our farmland was teaming with visitors and their dogs over the recent Bank Holiday weekend.

Some dogs weren't on leads and strayed off the path, into the fields where my husband was lurking, checking the grass to see if it was fit to be cut for silage.

More than once he noticed people failing to clean up after their dogs and decided to educate them on the dangers of not doing so.

If dogs aren't wormed they can carry *Neospora caninum*, a parasite which passes into their faeces and causes cattle to abort.

Whilst the offending dog owners were apologetic none had come armed with bags to clear up the mess.

There are more than 10 million dog owners in this country and dogs have to be exercised but, at the same time, the countryside is a working place and there is huge responsibility for dog owners to not only ensure their dogs are wormed and free from any problems that may cause serious issues for livestock and people but to clear up their mess.

Not only is there a health issue if they don't but the obvious unpleasantness of dog dirt being trodden around farmland, buildings and houses, & transferred on to farm machinery and clothing.

It is an offence for a person in charge of a dog not to remove its faeces from any public open place so why not include agricultural land in that legislation?

Health Concerns – Bad Breath

If your dog suffers from bad breath it could indicate a serious health problem which should not be ignored. Although bad breath is most commonly due to dental disease, such as decayed teeth, gingivitis or periodontal disease, this may not always be the case.

Diabetes and kidney failure can also cause bad breath. These conditions are both associated with changes in urinating and drinking. If untreated both are potentially fatal. In diabetes the breath may smell sweet due to the excess sugar in the bloodstream, or sour and musty because of increased bacterial growth, as bacteria feed on the sugar, and yeasts grow in the mouth.

In kidney failure the breath may smell metallic or like urine due to a build-up of toxins & waste products that the kidneys cannot filter. Foul smelling breath often accompanied by vomiting, lack of appetite, & yellow tinged eyes or gums could signal a liver disorder.

Stomach and digestive problems can also be the reason for bad breath. If you notice any unusual symptoms, particularly changes in the stool, appetite and nausea or vomiting, have a word with your vet.

Some of the things that your dog may eat could cause foul smelling breath.

As there are many potential causes of bad breath, it's important to see your vet if the breath becomes unpleasant. It may be easily resolved by changing your dog's diet or a thorough dental clean and removal of plaque. Your vet will also want to rule out any of the previously mentioned causes.

Make sure your dog receives regular dental check-ups with your vet to monitor the state of their teeth and their breath. Feed a high quality, easy-to-digest food, and brush frequently with a toothpaste formulated for them, ideally every day.

It's So Important To Keep Your Sheepdogs Fit & Healthy

Mark Needham

Where would you be if you didn't have a dog to work the sheep & cattle?

Feeding time – A feed for a dog not working should contain a balance of proteins, oil and carbohydrates with vitamins & minerals. For a dog having a day's rest the feed should include around 20% protein, 10% fat/oil, fibre up to 5% and a suitable vitamin & mineral content of 6%. When working this concentration needs to be higher to supply the extra energy & protein required. Fresh water should always be available. Feeding times should be regular but should not be immediately before or after hard work.

The dog's bed – should be clean, warm, dry & draught free with enough room to turn & stretch. If the run is outside ensure it provides adequate shelter from the rain, draught & direct sunlight.

External parasites – Fleas may not be easily spotted, whilst bloodsucking ticks are another source of irritation. These are often picked up after a day working in long vegetation or with an infested flock. Do not pull them off as they leave their mouthparts in the skin, which can lead to abscesses. Other causes of itching include lice, whose eggs can be seen as small pale specks in the coat, and Mange/scabies mites that burrow into the skin. A regular change of bedding and a check for visible bugs during a good brushing will help to spot them.

Internal Parasites – You can help to prevent infections by not letting dogs eat raw meat, especially sheep. Worm your dogs at 3 monthly intervals for tapeworm and roundworms to prevent infection that can be passed to sheep and humans.

Diseases – The main contagious diseases associated with sheepdogs are Canine Parvovirus, Distemper/Hardpad, Canine infectious hepatitis, Leptospirosis & Kennel cough. Outbreaks of these diseases may occur amongst groups of unvaccinated dogs or after contacts such as following gatherings & sheepdog trials. If you see symptoms of vomiting, diarrhoea, coughing and unusual discharges from the eyes & nose, a trip to the vet is needed.

Garden of Living

First plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind. Peace of heart. Peace of soul.

Next plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip. Squash indifference. Squash grumbling. Squash selfishness.

Then plant three rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful. Lettuce be patient. Lettuce love one another.

Complete the operation by planting:

Thyme for each other. Thyme for family. Thyme for friends.

Old John farmed a small farm in Yorkshire. The Yorkshire Wage & Hour Department claimed that he was not paying proper wages to his workers & sent an agent out to interview him.

'I need a list of all of your employees and how much you pay them', demanded the agent.

'Well' replied old John, 'there's my farmhand who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him £300 a week plus free room & board. The cook has been here for 18 months, & I pay her £250 per week plus free room and board. Then there's the half-wit who works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work around here. He makes about £10 per week, pays his own room & board & I buy him a bottle of bourbon every Saturday night'.

'That's the guy I want to talk to, the half-wit', says the agent.

'That would be me' replied the old farmer.

Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy

Clare Green

I had a lovely experience one morning in January. As we finished our walk in the park we met an elderly gentleman and his terrier Jake. He took one look at my dog, Totty, and said "Oh, she reminds me of the poem about Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy..... Proper made me smile.

Out of the gate
and off for a walk
went Hairy Maclary
from Donaldson's Dairy

and Hercules Morse
as big as a horse
with Hairy Maclary
from Donaldson's Dairy

Bottomley Potts
covered in spots,

Hercules Morse
as big as a horse
and Hairy Maclary
from Donaldson's Dairy

Muffin McLay
like a bundle of hay,

Bottomley Potts
covered in spots,
Hercules Morse
as big as a horse
and Hairy Maclary
from Donaldson's Dairy

Bitzer Maloney
all skinny and bony,

Muffin McLay
like a bundle of hay,
Bottomley Potts
covered in spots,
Hercules Morse
as big as a horse
and Hairy Maclary
from Donaldson's Dairy

Schnitzel Von Krumm
with a very low tum,

Bitzer Maloney
all skinny and bony,
Muffin McLay
like a bundle of hay,
Bottomley Potts
covered in spots,
Hercules Morse
as big as a horse
and Hairy Maclary
from Donaldson's Dairy

With tails in air
they trotted on down
past the shops and the park
to the far end of town.

They sniffed at the smells
and snooped at each door
when suddenly,
out of the shadows
they
saw....

SCARFACE CLAW
the toughest Tom
in
town.

"EEEEOWWWFFTZ!"
said Scarface Claw.

Of with a yowl
a wail and a howl,
a scatter of paws
and a clatter of claws,
went Schnitzel Von Krumm
with a very low tum,
Bitzer Maloney
all skinny and bony,
Muffin McLay
like a bundle of hay,

covered in spots,
Hercules Morse
as big as a horse
and Hairy Maclary
from Donaldson's Dairy,
straight back home
to bed!

Dodd, L., Puffin Books Bottomley Potts

What happens when ducks fly upside down?

They quack up.

What do you call a donkey with only three legs?

A wonkey.

What did a camel get for his birthday?

The bumps.



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17 March 2018

Dear Janice and members of the Working Bearded Collie Society,

On behalf of Hounds for Heroes, I would like to express our gratitude for the very much appreciated cheque donation of £125.00. This money will assist us in our aims of placing assistance dogs with injured veterans and emergency service personnel.

Your support really does send such a positive message to those serving Queen and Country that folk at home really do care about them. At this stage, let us assure you that every single penny received makes such a huge impact on and difference to our work.

We are a service orientated organisation that is privileged to have the support of both serving and ex service personnel. However, we do recognise that without the phenomenal level of support we receive from clubs such as yours, we would not be in the position to be able to place life enhancing dogs with our brave members of both the armed and emergency services.

We have to date placed ten dogs and currently have six working partnerships and hearing how the Endal effect is changing other people's lives makes our job so very fulfilling – but we couldn't do it without you!

Our Fourth Squadron have completed basic training and are now in advanced training.

The Centre has been buzzing with excitement and the sound of puppy paws, as not only did our final recruit of Squadron Four join us just prior to Christmas 2016 a further seven puppies have joined completing Squadron Five and starting Squadron Six during 2017 with plans to complete Squadron Six by the end of February 2018.

The sound of puppy paws running around the centre re-enforces our aim to improve and enhance the quality of our partners' lives.

Once again thank you for supporting Hounds for Heroes.

Warmest regards

Liz Rann

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By the late 1930's most flocks raised in southern England were grassland sheep cross-bred to mature early and give fat lambs. Pictured is Jimmy Dunford, one of the last shepherds in charge of an arable flock, standing guard over his snow-bound sheep on Salisbury Plain in a blizzard in December 1937.



A North Country Shepherd could give a flock of Herdwicks a few wisps of hay. This seems small nourishment, but hill sheep are hardy creatures and well adapted to the severe climate of the districts in which they are found. The value of a native flock, which generally knows the boundaries of its often extensive grazing area as precisely as the shepherd, is such that an incoming farmer would pay well above what he would give in the open market for similar sheep.