

To whom it may concern,

As a breeder of Bearded Collies for the past 30 years and a championship show judge, I was rather concerned to see in breed watch that 'Excessive coat' is a problem in the breed, this I assure you is not the case!

I also see that now another suggestion has been put to the clubs that the breed is getting too short on the leg, the last time the breed clubs were asked for their opinion they said coat was not excessive, yet it still went onto the list and I am worried that this will be the same.

This will give the group judges the wrong idea about the breed.

There really is no need for these ridiculous comments, all you need do is read the breed standard,

"Length and density of hair sufficient to provide a protective coat and to enhance shape of dog, but not enough to obscure natural lines of the body"

I think you will find that covers excessive coat!

And as for the too short on the leg, read GENERAL APPEARANCE

"Lean active dog, longer than it is high in an approximate proportion of 5 to 4, measured from the point of chest to point of buttock. Bitches may be slightly longer. Though strongly made, should show plenty of daylight under the body and should not look too heavy."

If this is coming about from comments from group judges I wonder if they are not reading the breed standard.

I hope this and the other letters/emails will be put forward to whoever is compiling the breed watch and they will see sense and not add this and also remove the 'excessive coat' comment too.

Yours Sincerely,

David Hyde