

FOR THE ATTENTION OF AIMEE LLEWELLYN.....KC HEALTH INFORMATION CENTRE

I am writing in reference to your recent letter sent to the various Bearded Collie Clubs's Breed Liason Council about your intention to add to the already listed "Excessively long coats" a new point for concern being LEGS TOO SHORT IN PROPORTION TO BODY LENGTH. This new point apparently derived from... 1. Health Surveys, 2.Group Judges and 3. Consultation with breed clubs.

I understand that prior to your letter there has been no consultation with the Breed Clubs as indeed there was not prior to adding Excessively Long Coats, and when there was an objection to the latter point, it was ignored and remains on Breed Watch points for concern.

If group judges familiarise themselves with the Bearded Collie Breed Standard before they judge this breed then it may remind them that this breeds proportions are 5:4. Apart from, I believe, the Corgi the Beardie is the longest bodied of the herding breeds. A Bearded Collie should NEVER be square.

Leg length as I know it is in comparison to height not length... Depth of chest should reach the elbows with 50% above the elbow and 50% below .Some dogs may appear shorter in leg or maybe long in leg but if the leg proportions are correct and the overall height of the dog is within the standard (21-22 dogs and 20-21 bitches) and body proportions are 5:4, then both are correct. Note: bitches may be slightly longer as stated in the breed standard.

Can I please have sight of the results you have from your health surveys as it is beyond me to even begin to work out why the length of coat can be detrimental to the health and welfare of this breed, and what reasons did your surveys give for the new addition you are proposing.

I would request that you reconsider the date of 31st March as your deadline. Most of us who care passionately about this breed, were not made aware, until recently, of your letter in which you also ask for compelling reasons for not having the latest addition put in place, may I ask if we can we have your compelling reasons why it should.

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Mo Sewell