## **Code of Ethics**

The Board of Directors has established the following Code of Ethics which all directors will adhere to.

In keeping with our purpose of improving health of the Bearded Collie by promoting research, education and information dissemination from our Voluntary Open Health Registry, the Board of Directors will:

- Adhere to the policies and procedures established by the directors.
- Hold data obtained for the Voluntary Open Health Registry within BeaCon until published. Starting in 2007 there was no longer a need to hold data because the OHR is dynamically on-line; the exception are those dogs whose co-owners have not given consent for their records to be public or owners who restrict information to private.
- Not become involved in complaints regarding breeder practices, irresponsibilities, or contract issues.
- Not promote one breeder or kennel over another, but will share information with all on health tests that are advisable.
- Not discuss health issues within a line or kennel outside the meetings of BeaCon unless in the public portion of the health registry.
- Voted in as a policy, February 2000.