

# Colors of Bearded Collies

Original colors are black, blue, brown and fawn. In original standard there is written: Slate grey, reddish-fawn, black, blue, all shades of grey, brown and sandy with or without white markings. Never merle/dapple. When white occurs it appears on foreface, as a blaze on skull, on tip of tail, on chest, legs and feet and, if round the collar, roots of white hair should not extend behind shoulder. White should not appear above hocks on outside of hindlegs. Slight tan markings are acceptable on eyebrows, inside ears, on cheeks, under root of tail and on legs where white joins main colour.

Colors are clear as newborn.



- Left three black and three brown and one fawn. In the right one black and three blue puppies.



# Colors still clear in age of eight weeks





In the left black puppy and right fawn puppy. See the color of eyes. Graying starts early around eyes.





Graying gene start to make color lighter about in age of six months.



- These all are black Beardies. Above 5 months and 9 months old pups and below 10 months old male and 16 months old bitch.



The strongest time in graying is about 10-20 months



- In smaller photos the same 18 old black male. In the right expression of 15 months old black Beardie bitch. Note the black in ear tips.



Black males in different ages. Upper ten months old not having strong graying and one who has strong graying in age of 15 months.  
Below two adults.





Blue males in different ages. Puppy is five months old. Moving male is in age of 15 months. There is shades of brown/fawn too in his color. It is normal to see also in other colors very different shades in this age.





Blue bitches upper pics. In the right veteran. Below almost three years and ten years old blue males. Veteran male could has harsher coat quality.





Dark brown bitch who is not having very strong graying gene effect.  
Upper seven & 18 months. Below two & three years.





Brown different Beardies in different ages. The color do not need to be even. Brown usually are most uneven color.





The same fawn bitch in three standing pics. Upper 19 months and three years and below five years. In last pic fawn bitch and male. Sometimes it is difficult to make difference between fawn and brown. Look then the nose and lip pigmentation and it is not shame to ask the color.





Black and tan male puppy when tan marks are seen clearly.  
Pics by Inger & Anneli Dahl.





Graying gene can change tan marks look like white as adult. In stairs seven months old male and the same male standing pic in age of 10 months. Below six years old black male with tan marks. Tan mark under the tail changes also to white when adult. Young tan marked male pics by Anneli Dahl.





Differences of pigmentation in black and blue adult Beardie bitches. This black bitch doesn't have strong graying gene but blue does. Sometimes black coat is lighter than dark blue adult coat but nose pigmentation is always good sign. Blue dog can also have brown eyes which is not fault but usually they got some kind of grey colored eyes.





Faces of brown and fawn bitches. Note the eye color and pigmentation.



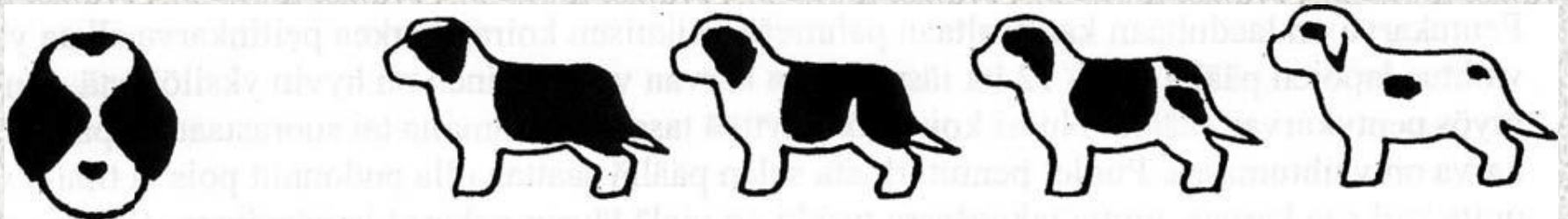
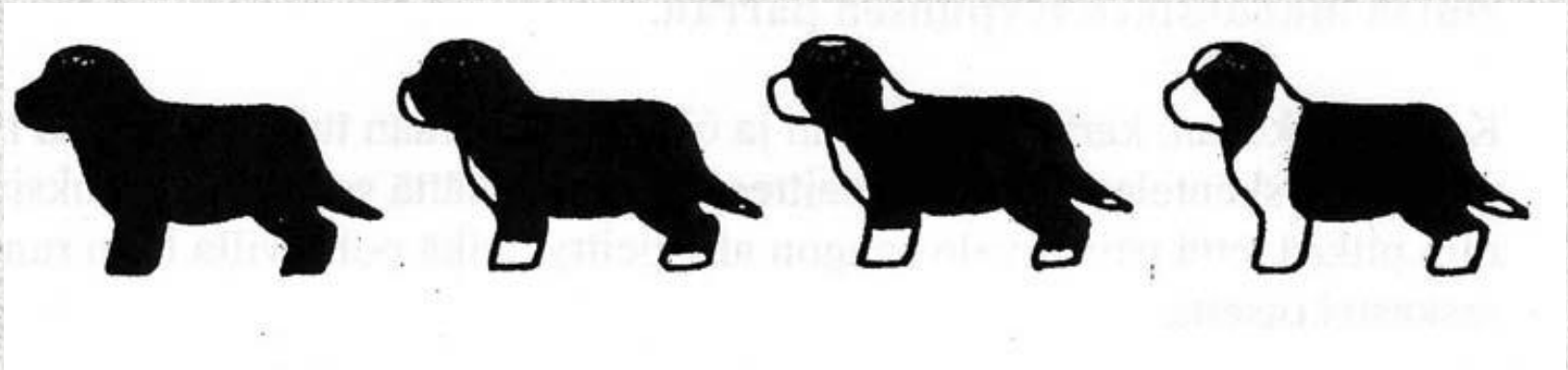


White color can make optical illusion. This is the same bitch who has white hairs only in other side of muzzle.





White markings. Upper pictures show allowed white colouring and in head eyes and years has to be inside the color. Below incorrect markings. The first one is not so serious but three last ones get lower prizes.





The last words..... Color is not at all important thing in this active and happy breed. More important is the quality of the coat. We also see nowadays way too much coated Bearded Collies with square proportions in the rings and too much trimmed dogs. The most important is to see type under the coat. Bearded Collie is well angulated balanced dog with long lines and effortless movements with long easy steps. Not trimmed statue who looks nice when standing and moves like in big hurry. Only thing why we made this color presentation is that we don't want judges make mistakes when they judge colors in this lovely breed. This breed is a kind of dog world's chameleon. Thank you for intrest!

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