

## Call to Action From BeaCon

Recap of BeaCon's missions:

- Document frequency of health problems in Beardies with an open health registry
- Promote health education
- Promote and support research in health problems affecting the Bearded Collie.

Changing residence country of open health registry dogs

Country	2001-2006	2012-2018
USA	62%	18%
UK	18%	37%
Netherlands	-	15%
Australia & New Zealand	7%	4%
Others add up to 100%		

The change may reflect shifting social attitudes placed on the importance of public sharing of health information.

Reasons to participate and regularly update info in the open health registry

- Be "all in for the breed". True dedication to the breed implies that dissemination of health information publicly overrides claims of "privacy". When a breeder engages in producing pups that will not be owned by themselves, by that very act they are turning a private decision into a public one; the benefits of the common good should prevail.
- Information in the database can be of use to researchers
- Documentation for the future
  - Once an owner or breeder is deceased, their line's or a dog's information may be lost to future breeders.
  - Helps avoid wasting a precious resource; namely, frozen semen of deceased sires. Knowledge of a sire's progeny health status can assist a breeder in not doubling on an undesirable trait and thus, not waste frozen semen
- Leave a legacy

If you want to become part of the legacy for any reason, we offer you the opportunity. Register ([www.beaconforhealth.org/sqlweb](http://www.beaconforhealth.org/sqlweb)) and enter your Beardies, alive or deceased, healthy or with a health or temperament problem. Although the Registry is easy to use, if working with online forms is unfamiliar and scary for you, BeaCon provides a [useful guide](#). It explains how the different forms, how to navigate, and how to enter and update information. Or contact me for support.

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