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Fergus hadn't read the Ram/Herd Dog manual

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A Ted Bit

For years, Hamish our Border Collie has been a regular character in this column.

He earns his keep herding our flock of sheep in and out of the barn during the fair weather, from April through to December, when they stay inside for the winter.

Currently, the sheep are divided into two breeding groups.

Our senior ram, McDuff, has been around for a few years, and he is quite at home with Hamish darting out past him to get behind the rest of the group and herd them into the barn.

The second breeding group is another matter. Some of you might recall that last March, when I was out of the country, The Sidekick had to deal with a major health issue with Angus our best ram.

Sadly, as his condition worsened, she ultimately had to have him euthanized. Being down one ram, we purchased another ram.

His name is Fergus. (I'm not sure where this Scottish naming thing came from, but all the rams have names that reflect a Scottish background.)

So Fergus (or fair-gus as we pronounce it) arrived in the summer. He's a young ram, just ten months old. His group consists of 22 ewes, and so far he seems to be doing what is expected of him.

But lately, Fergus has developed an attitude. I suspect it has something to do with a pen full of young ladies to impress, or perhaps the fact that he's getting older and consequently, a bit cockier. Regardless, he's decided he doesn't want Hamish herding his ladies.

And Hamish, in his typical, happy-go-lucky manner, doesn't care that he's bristling Fergus's feathers.

It came to a head late last week. Since the clocks have been turned back, it gets dark earlier, so I have Hamish bring the sheep inside a bit earlier, while there's still daylight.

McDuff's group no problem. Fergus's group well, not so cooperative. I opened the gate to let Hamish in, and he jogged outside to round them

up.

All the ewes obediently came inside, with Fergus bringing up the rear. He stopped, then turned around, and decided to challenge Hamish.

Down went his head, he pawed the ground, and he lunged at Hamish, full tilt.

Now one thing about Border Collies, they're quick, and extremely nimble. I guess Fergus hadn't read the Ram/Herd Dog manual. As he lunged at Hamish, the dog simply jumped over the ram, launching himself off the ram's back.

I think Fergus was a bit embarrassed. Score Hamish 1, Fergus 0.

The next night, Fergus decided to try another approach. Instead of an all-out charge, he waited until Hamish was passing by him, along the stone wall.

He threw his head sideways at Hamish, and managed to knock the dog a bit.

What happened next was something the ram never saw coming.

Hamish turned, a little growl in his throat, and he reached out, and nipped Fergus. On the rear part well, actually, Hamish nipped his family jewels. Poor Fergus lost all his composure and bolted into the pen, leaving a smirking Border Collie in his wake.

The nip didn't hurt him, but it sure hurt that ram's pride.

Since then, Fergus has adopted a I'm not facing my hind end anywhere in the vicinity of Hamish's attitude. The dog walks by and Fergus continually faces the dog. He even backs into the pen, to make sure that dog doesn't nip again.

Hamish probably doesn't even notice how paranoid the ram has become after the nip. It's actually quite funny to see.

But I know, some day down the road, a bigger, smarter Fergus will probably try to challenge Hamish again.

And I'd still put my money on the dog.

After all, McDuff doesn't even acknowledge Hamish.

Could it be he had a similar experience?

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