

Border Collie



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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The Border Collie came from the border county between Scotland and England. For Centuries man has counted his worth by what he owns. His goats, sheep and cattle were his collateral and the sheepdogs that can control and herd the flock are priceless. The Border Collie is one of the most capable of the sheepdogs known for the intense gaze called the "eye", and his quick and responsive movement to the animals he herds. The Border Collie has developed an instinct and ability to think on his own, out of sight of his owner.

BREED APPEARANCE:

Medium dog; height is 18 to 22 inches and weighs 30 – 50 pounds. He is medium boned, well balanced, muscular and sound. He has ears of medium size set well apart, standing erect or semi-erect; the top of the ears may fold over. The tail is long with the end of it reaching the hock. There are two coat types, both are weather resistant double coats, one has straight or wavy fur, and the other is a medium rough coat. The coat can be any color or combination of colors and markings.

WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED?

If you want a dog to excel in agility, obedience and herding, you made the right choice. This breed can be very devoted to their owners.

WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED? You've heard of type 'A' people? Well, this breed is a type 'A' dog! They are always working and they always think they should be in charge. They are independent, PUSHY and like to chase animals or cars. They are very high strung, shy, aggressive, chewers, diggers, and are at their worst when they have no job to perform. They MUST be trained and socialized from puppy hood.

Perfect Pet Rating



Overall Breed Rating



5 Paw Rating: 1 = Poor, 2 = Adequate, 3 = Average, 4 = Good, 5 = Excellent

Rating system for perfect pet includes the following categories: Will this breed bite my child? Would they kill other animals? Are they easy to train?

Rating system for overall breed rating includes all categories.

PLUSES: They can herd large flocks and can learn the most complicated tricks.

MINUSES: The Border Collie is not a couch potato and may tend to herd your children. This dog needs an active household and a fenced in yard for exercise.

WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

They need a confident owner without young children. If you don't train this dog and give him attention, he will be destructive and aggressive.

DO THEY SHED?

Yes, lots! They should be brushed daily. They shed their undercoat twice a year.

WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?

The Border Collie needs to be trained to behave around children, from puppy hood. EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!

WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?

He can learn to accept other animals if trained from puppy hood, this is a breed you will need professional help with.

WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?

They need lots of exercise daily.

ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?

They are intelligent and learn quickly but need direction or they will make their own choices.

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?

The Border Collie is generally a healthy dog, but does suffer some health concerns such as; Osteochondrosis, Eye Disorders, Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis, Epilepsy and Hip Dysplasia. The Border Collie needs a premium dog food with natural ingredients to help him live a healthy life. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.

