



Border Collie



What is the history of my relationship to man?

The Border Collie is a breed of herding dog that originated in the border country of England and Scotland. They are widely regarded as the most intelligent dog breed. Border Collies are highly energetic. They are still frequently used on farms all over the world for assisting with the handling of livestock, and they have also become popular as pet and sport dogs. Though known to be reserved with strangers, these dogs can also be protective of a human family member and affectionate to those they know.

Habitat / Climate

Adapts to all climates

Where am I from?

I come from the Scottish and English border. Where I watch over the sheep.



Other family members:

All canines
Wolves
Dingo

Who are my relatives?

Cumberland Sheepdog. Mention of the "Collie" or "Colley" type first appeared toward the end of the nineteenth century



Breeding

Up to 7 pups per litter
can breed any time of the year.
Number of offspring per year?

How am I born?

I am born with fur but my eyes are closed and it will be about 2 weeks before they start to open. My mother feeds me and watches over me until I am old enough to walk and eat on my own.

How long does it take me to grow up and how long do I live

By the time a puppy is 1 year old it is at its full growth it may add weight but not height, The average life of Border Collies is 12 years

Breeding Season

F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	E	A	P	A	U	U	E	C	O	E

What kind of family life do I

I like to be with a pack but if I don't have other dogs around a human can fill in.

What do I eat and when do I eat?

I am given manufactured dog food. But wild dogs would eat small animals and vegetation.

History

The name "Border Collie" was coined after World War I to distinguish working collies from show collies. Bred for hill conditions, the Border Collie is outstanding when it comes to working sheep. Able to perform a variety of tasks, he is born with instinct to "gather" the sheep to the shepherd, a trait that makes him most useful on the hill. A Border Collie's ability to control sheep is measured by the "eye" (the amount of concentration on sheep that the dog shows). Because they must often work far from their handlers, Border Collies must be intelligent and independent.



Comments:

Border Collies can be taught to herd a variety of livestock. Many will naturally herd anything that moves; Ducks, Chickens, Sheep, Cattle, Bicycles, Motorcycles, Cats, Cars and Children. For this reason, City dwelling Border Collie owners must be especially mindful.