

Pastoral

Border Collie

The Border Collie is still seen performing the task for which it was bred, working sheep (and cattle) and its fitness for function is seen in its speed, its innate herding instinct and its stealthy gait and carriage.

The name derives from the border regions of England, Scotland and Wales where he originally showed his worth, working sheep in the hills and mountains. His intelligence, speed and versatility have brought the Border Collie success in many canine activities such as obedience, agility and as a sniffer dog for detecting explosives and drugs. In relatively recent times the breed has become highly popular in the show ring. The natural activity and intelligence of the Border Collie means that he needs to be engaged to lead a fulfilled life.

Breed Group	Pastoral
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Medium
How much exercise?	More than 2 hours per day
Length of coat	Medium
How much grooming?	More than once a week
Supposedly sheds?	Yes
Town or Country	Either
Type of home	Small or Large House
Minimum garden size	Large
Lifespan	Over 12 Years

Health Information

You may be aware that some breeds of dog and their crosses can be susceptible to inherited disease. Of course you want to be sure that the dog you choose is as healthy as possible, and you would like to know that it has not inherited any undesirable disease-causing genes from its parents. There is some help in that DNA tests for diseases in purebred dogs are available for some conditions in some breeds, but there are not very many such tests just yet! There are also, however, a number of clinical veterinary screening schemes that dog breeders can use to increase the probability of producing healthy puppies.

Details of the various screening schemes, both veterinary and DNA, that are available to breeders in the UK can be found at www.thekennelclub.org.uk/doghealth

Potential dog owners should be aware that, at present, the application of various health screening results to breeding programmes is not always straightforward, and breeders may make choices for various reasons. A responsible breeder though, will always be willing to discuss relevant health issues with you. Breed clubs are often useful sources of breed-specific information.

What Screening is relevant for the Border Collie?

Kennel Club Assured Breeders must use the following screening schemes for sires and dams BVA/KC

- BVA/KC Hip Dysplasia Scheme
- Eye testing

Kennel Club Assured Breeders are strongly recommended to use the following screening schemes and/or advice for sires and dams

- DNA test - CEA/CH
- DNA test - CL
- DNA test - TNS
- BVA/KC/ISDS Gonioscopy

The list above is not necessarily comprehensive. Breed clubs and experienced breeders are useful sources of information on health issues in the breed. All breeds have a Breed Health Coordinator.

Border Collie Clubs

Name	Telephone
Border Collie Club Of Great Britain	0121 471 4445
Border Collie Club Of Wales	01352 753510
East Anglian Border Collie Club	
Midlands Border Collie Club	01580 890422
North East Border Collie Club	01325 378252
North West Border Collie Club	
Scottish Border Collie Club	01698 290050
Southern Border Collie Club	01795 880410
Wessex Border Collie Club	01795 842776

Name	Telephone
West Of England Border Collie Club	01453 824903

Border Collie Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Border Collie Spot	01344 450206
Border Collie Trust (GB) - ADCH	01889 577058
Border Collie/Working Sheepdog Rescue	01903 746504
Valgrays Border Collie Rescue	01621 51467
Valgrays Border Collie Rescue	01883 624513



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ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mrs P Duncan Dundee, Angus	30/06/2009	01382 776378	
Mrs D S Richards Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire	03/12/2013	01844 345694	
Mr L J & Mrs S E Collins Cheadle, Cheshire	18/05/2017	01614 854544	
Mrs A R Spencer Derby, Derbyshire	31/10/2010	01283 701229	
Mrs L H Mann Swadlincote, Derbyshire	25/03/2005	01283 348106	
Miss K A Davis Torquay, Devon	31/07/2010	07707 392928	
Miss H T Berry Hailsham, East Sussex	30/11/2010	01323 841661	
Mrs L M & Messrs J E & P G Hall Cupar, Fife	08/11/2012	01334 657963	
Mrs P Aitken-Vinall Ashford, Kent	19/09/2013	07847 368321	
Mrs C C Paris-Brown Herne Bay, Kent	18/04/2013	01227 365381	
Mrs A Durie Larkhall, Lanarkshire	20/10/2011	01698 881830	
Mrs R R Godridge Gainsborough, Lincolnshire	14/08/2018	01427 628990	
Mrs T T Smith Nottingham, Nottinghamshire	11/08/2011	07798 765772	
Mrs M J & Mr J R Harnett Stafford, Staffordshire	10/10/2019	01889 270202	
Mrs C A & Miss P Jepson Stoke-On-Trent, Staffordshire	11/10/2016	01782 522130	

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mesdames B E & C M Edmonds Tadworth, Surrey	29/04/2013	01737 843528	  
Mrs L A Macewan Livingston, West Lothian	30/04/2010	07754 885466	



Accolade of Excellence

Denotes a significant contribution to a breed.



Studbook Achievement

Bred at least 3 dogs listed in the Studbook.



Breed Club Membership

Current member of one or more breed clubs



Breeder Experience

5 or more litters registered with the Kennel Club