

BORDER COLLIE



Average size, weight & lifespan

46cm – 53cm

18kg – 22kg

13 – 15 years

General Appearance

The Border Collie is a double coated breed. The coat colours can be black and white, chocolate and white, red and white, blue merle and tan and white.

Background

The Border Collie originated from the border country between England and Scotland. It has been adopted as an Australian working dog because of its outstanding qualities as a sheepdog.

Characteristics/Temperament

Border Collies are a loyal, loving family pet that is highly intelligent, with an instinctive tendency to work and is readily responsive to training. They are alert, lively, energetic, full of life and need to have their energy and enthusiasm directed positively. They are generally a gentle natured dog and are happiest when they are with their family.

Exercise

Border Collies need regular exercise to keep them from becoming bored. They are happy to go jogging or trot along beside a bike.

Grooming

As Border Collies are a double coated breed, it is highly recommended that they are washed and brushed at least once a week to prevent the coat from matting.

Health

Border Collies are considered to be a generally healthy breed. However, inherited disorders reported in the breed include Ceroid Lipofuscinosis (CL). This disease affects the nervous tissue of the brain.

Contacting Council

If you require any further information about this or any other responsible pet ownership issue, please call Council on 1300 878 001 or visit the Townsville City Council website at www.townsville.qld.gov.au and follow the links to Pets and Animals.

