

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.

Blue Tricolour Border Collie. Red merle Border Collie. Female Chocolate Border Collie. Male Red Merle Border Collie. Male Chocolate Border Collie. Male In general, Border Collies are medium-sized dogs with a moderate amount of coat, which is most often thick and sheds often. They have a double coat that varies from smooth to rough and is occasionally curled. While black and white is the most commonly seen colour pattern of the Border Collie, the breed appears in just about any colour and pattern known to occur in dogs. Some Border Collies may also have single-colour coats. The ears of the Border Collie are also variable – some have fully erect ears, some fully dropped ears, and others semi-erect ears similar to those of the rough Collie. Dogs bred for show are more homogeneous in appearance than working Border Collies, since to win in conformation showing they must conform closely to breed club standards that are specific on many points of the structure, coat, and colour. Kennel clubs specify, for example, that the Border Collie must have a "keen and intelligent" expression, and that the preferred eye colour is dark brown. Temperament and needs [edit] Border Collies require considerably more daily physical exercise and mental stimulation than many other breeds. In this role, due to their working heritage, Border Collies are very demanding, playful, and energetic. They thrive best in households that can provide them with plenty of play and exercise, either with humans or other dogs. Border Collies may exhibit a strong desire to herd, a trait they may show with small children, cats, and other dogs. These dogs will become distressed and frustrated if left in isolation, ignored or inactive. Like many working breeds, Border Collies can be motion-sensitive and may chase moving vehicles and bicycles, but this behaviour can be modified by training. Life span [edit] Blue Tricolour Border Collie. Young Male The natural life span of the Border Collie is between 10 and 14 years, with an average lifespan of 12 years. In Border Collies, it is generally a mild disease and rarely significantly impairs vision. However, other eye conditions such as PRA [12] slowly disintegrates the retina and can cause Border Collies to lose almost all of their vision at night which can progress into complete daytime blindness. There is now a DNA test available for CEA [13] and, through its use, breeders can ensure that they will not produce affected pups. Two types of hearing loss occur in the breed. The first type is pigment associated and is found in Border Collie puppies, although the puppies can have congenital sensorineural deafness from birth as well. A study is currently underway at The Translational Genomics Research Institute to identify the genetic cause of adult onset hearing loss in the breed. Based on this discovery, Animal Genetics develop an assay to detect the genetic variant associated with Border Collie Glaucoma. A paper will be published outlining all of the work. Neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis NCL is a rare but serious disease that is limited to show Border Collies. NCL results in severe neurological impairment and early death; afflicted dogs rarely survive beyond two years of age. The mutation causing the form of the disease found in Border Collies was identified by Scott Melville in the laboratory of Dr. Trapped Neutrophil Syndrome TNS is a hereditary disease in which the bone marrow produces neutrophils white cells but is unable to effectively release them into the bloodstream. Affected puppies have an impaired immune system and will eventually die from infections they cannot fight. The mutation responsible for TNS has been found in Border Collies in English working dogs, in show dogs that had originated in Australia and New Zealand, and in unrelated Australian working dogs. This indicates that the gene is widespread and probably as old as the breed itself. There is no cure, but a DNA test is now available to detect carriers as well as affected dogs. History [edit] Chocolate Border Collie. Female The Border Collie is descended from landrace collies, a type found widely in the British Isles. The name for the breed came from its probable place of origin along the Anglo-Scottish border. Many of the best Border Collies today can be traced back to a dog known as Old Hemp. Hemp was a quiet, powerful dog to which sheep responded easily. All pure Border Collies alive today can trace an ancestral line back to Old Hemp. He was a popular stud dog in the history of the breed, and his bloodline can be seen in most bloodlines of the modern day Collie. Hetherington and trained and handled by John Richardson, Cap was a biddable and good-natured dog. His bloodlines all trace back to

the early registered dogs of the stud book, and to J. Wiston Cap sired three Supreme Champions and is grand-sire of three others, one of whom was E. Introduction to New Zealand and Australia[edit] Collies were listed as imports to New Zealand as early as , but the type was not specified. It is unclear whether Hindhope Jed was a descendant of Old Hemp. Elliot himself is well known for his breed of Collies. Hindhope Jed had won three trials in her native Scotland, and was considered to be the "best to cross the equator". Female There are two types of tests, or standards, to determine the breeding quality of a Border Collie: It is still used today, where a dog and handler collect groups of livestock and move them quietly around a course. There are certain standard elements to this test depending on the level: For both levels, sheep must be gathered as calmly as possible without being distressed. Five of those 20 sheep will have collars on, and at the end of a triangular drive, the sheep are gathered into a circular "shedding ring" and the 15 sheep without collars driven away as the five collared sheep are kept inside the ring and then penned. For the people who participate in these events, the Border Collie is defined by the breed standard, which is a description of how the dog should look. In New Zealand and Australia , where the breed has been shown throughout most of the twentieth century, the Border Collie standards have produced a dog with the longer double coat smooth coats are allowed , a soft dark eye, a body slightly longer than tall, a well-defined stop , semi-pricked ears, as well as a gentle and friendly temperament. This style of Border Collie has become popular in winning show kennels around the world, as well as among prestigious judges. Breed standards state that its tail must be slightly curved and must stop at the hock. The fur must be lush. It should show good expression in its eyes, and must be intelligent. It is energetic with most commonly a black and white coat sometimes brown. It should have a very strong herding instinct. Female Away from breed standards, short haired Border collie variants are also found, offering householders a less demanding task clearing year-round shed hair. Crossing collies with German Shepherd dogs produces a strong intelligent hybrid of intermediate size, popularly named a "shollie", used as a working dog with livestock and as an animal companion. Few handlers of working Border Collies participate in conformation shows , as working dogs are bred to a performance standard rather than appearance standard. Likewise, conformation-bred dogs are seldom seen on the sheepdog trial field, except in Kennel Club -sponsored events. Dogs registered with either working or conformation based registries are seen in other performance events such as agility, obedience, tracking or flyball ; however, these dogs do not necessarily conform to the breed standard of appearance as closely as the dogs shown in the breed rings as this is not a requirement in performance events, nor do they necessarily participate in herding activities. The International Sheep Dog Society [38] encourages breeding for herding ability, whereas the Kennel Club UK encourages breeding for a standardised appearance. AKC registrations have gradually increased since recognition and by the year there were 1, new AKC registrations of Border Collies, with a further 2, for the year The ANKC provides a breed standard; however, this applies to conformation events only and has no influence on dogs entering in performance events. Agility organisations such as the Agility Dog Association of Australia ADAA have their own registry which allows the inclusion of any dog wishing to compete in their events. The criteria used are based on herding lineage rather than appearance. It is a two-tiered registry in that dogs imported that are registered with a foreign Kennel Club that does hold conformation shows are given a "B" registration, whereas those that come directly from other working registries are placed on the "A" registry. People who compete in performance events support the move. The CBCA is against this designation. Dogs not registered can become eligible for registration by being awarded a certificate of working ability by a registered judge. Occasionally they will facilitate the testing of dogs used for breeding, for Hip dysplasia and Collie eye anomaly, to encourage the breeding of dogs without these genetic flaws. Female Livestock work[edit] The Border Collie uses a direct stare at sheep, known as "the eye", to intimidate while herding Blue Tricolour Border Collie. Young Female Working Border Collies can take direction by voice and by whistle at long distances when herding. Their great energy and herding instinct are still used to herd all kinds of animals, from the traditional sheep and cattle , to free range poultry , pigs , and ostriches. They are also used to remove unwanted wild birds from airport runways, golf courses, and other public and private areas. The use of dogs for herding sheep makes good economic sense for many farmers. In a typical pasture environment each trained sheepdog will do the work of three humans. In vast arid areas like the Australian Outback or the Karoo

Escarpment, the number increases to five or more. Attempts to replace them with mechanical approaches to herding have only achieved a limited amount of success. Thus, stock handlers find trained dogs more reliable and economical. The first recorded sheepdog trials were held in Bala, North Wales, in Female Dog sports[edit] Border Collies excel at several dog sports in addition to their success in sheepdog trials due to their high instinct of herding. Herding instincts and trainability can be tested for when introduced to sheep or at noncompetitive instinct tests. Border Collies exhibiting basic herding instincts can be trained to compete in sheepdog trials and other herding events. Their trainability has also given them a berth in dog dancing competitions. Border Collies have a highly developed sense of smell and with their high drive make excellent and easily motivated tracking dogs for Tracking trials. Notable Border Collies[edit] Rico , who was studied for recognising up to objects by name. Another Border Collie, Betsy , was found to have a vocabulary of over words. Pig in the City.

Chapter 2 : Border Collie Breeders, Breed Clubs and Rescue

The Border Collie was recognized by the United Kennel Club on January 1, General Appearance The Border Collie has good body balance, which enables him to change directions and speed quickly, from a high speed to a creep, a stalk to a steady lift.

Collie Herding Dog Group The goals and purposes of this breed standard include: Breeders and judges have the responsibility to avoid any conditions or exaggerations that are detrimental to the health, welfare, essence and soundness of this breed, and must take the responsibility to see that these are not perpetuated. The Collie has been recognized by the United Kennel Club since

General Appearance The Collie is a dog of great beauty, dignity and balance, with no one part ever out of proportion to the whole. It is strong and active, never cloddy, and has no trace of coarseness. Quality of head and correctness of expression are of prime importance. The Collie exists in two coat varieties, Rough and Smooth, that are identical to one another except for coat.

Characteristics The Collie is an extremely friendly companion, showing no sign of nervousness or aggression. They are happy and active and get on well with children and with other dogs.

Head Head properties are of the utmost importance. The head must be in proportion to the size of the dog, and be extremely well balanced throughout. Seen from either the front or the side, the head gives the impression of being a clean, well-blunted wedge, and is very smooth in outline. The sides taper gradually from the ears to the nose, without any prominence of cheekbones or a pinched muzzle. Viewed from the side, the top of the skull and the top of the muzzle lie in two straight, parallel lines that are equal in length and joined by a very slight, but perceptible, stop. A mid-point between the inside corners of the eyes which is the center of a correctly placed stop is the center of balance in the length of the head. It does not recede laterally or fall off backwards. The occiput is only moderately prominent, not peaked. The width of the backskull is less than its length, and is dependent upon the entire length of the head. The depth of the skull from brow to underjaw is not excessive.

EYES The eyes are medium in size, almond in shape and set rather obliquely. They are dark brown in color, except in the Blue Merle, which may have blue, or blue flecked, eyes one or both. The eyes are clear and bright and give a sweet, intelligent, attentive expression. Large, round eye or any eye fault that detracts from correct expression.

EARS The ears are small and fairly close together on the skull. When in repose, they are folded and thrown back into the neck frill. When alert, they are carried about three-quarters erect, with the top one-quarter tipping forward. Prick or low ears.

NOSE Must be black.

Neck The clean, firm, muscular neck is fairly long and well-arched. It is carried upright to show off the heavy frill.

Forequarters The shoulder blades are long and sloping. The upper arm sets the front legs back under the dog with the elbows close to the ribs. The strong pasterns are flexible.

Body Slightly longer than tall, with a firm, broad back and well-sprung ribs. The chest is deep to the elbow. There is a slight rise over the loin and the croup slopes gently to give a well-rounded finish. Any tendency towards a cumbersome appearance.

Hindquarters Muscular at the thighs, with well-bent stifles and strong, low hocks.

Feet The feet are comparatively small, oval in shape, well padded, with well-arched, close toes.

Tail Long, reaching to the hock joint. Carried low when the dog is quiet, but with an upward swirl at the tip. When the dog is gaitting, or is excited, the tail is carried gaily, but never over the back.

Coat Abundant, dense and double, regardless of variety. The undercoat is soft and furry, nearly hiding the skin. The mane and frill are very abundant. The front legs are well feathered, and the back legs are profusely feathered above the hock joint. The tail carries heavy feathering. The mask face is smooth. Soft, open or curly outer coat.

Color The acceptable colors are sable, tri-color, blue merle and white. There is no preference. Typical white markings, to a greater or lesser degree, should include a full or partial white collar, white shirtfront, legs, feet, and a white tail tip.

Height and Weight Males: Height, 24 to 26 inches at the withers. Weight, 60 to 75 pounds. Height, 22 to 24 inches at the withers. Weight, 50 to 65 pounds. Under- and over-sized individuals are penalized according to the degree of deviation from the accepted heights.

Gait Sound, moving with feet fairly close together. As speed increases, the breed single tracks. From the side, gait is smooth and effortless, showing good reach and a firm back carriage. Any choppy, stilted or rolling gait is faulty, as is weaving or crossing over.

Disqualifications A dog with a Disqualification must not be considered for placement in a

conformation event, and must be reported to UKC. Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid.

Chapter 3 : Border Collie - Wikipedia

The Border Collie is a well balanced, medium-sized dog of athletic appearance, displaying style and agility in equal measure with soundness and strength. Its hard, muscular body conveys the.

Why do my Border Collie sleep all the time? Sometimes, they can prove to be aggressive and a minimum level of expertise is required to handle this breed. Another important factor to note would be that they should not be left unsupervised in the presence of other small non-canine pets. However, at times, even they can prove to be very shy creatures, so they must be taken out for socializing, especially when they are puppies. As an owner you need to be confident about your skills as the leader. These dogs are very sensitive and have the ability to pick up on every tiny nuance. Here the cover is removable that comes with a zipper on it. If you open up and study the interiors, you will come across the egg-crate orthopedic support. This helps with reducing all the pressure points giving a comforting and relaxing experience to the canines. Features They come in large and jumbo sizes most suitable for a border collie. The size of this bed is 27 inch by 36 inches with a height of 3 inches. It is an egg crate orthopedic bed designed specifically for large sized working dogs. However, like all products this one too comes with its own set of pros and cons. Pros This variety of bed is zippered with a removable cover, along with a water-resistant base. It is also machine washable. It is made with plush faux fur fabric which makes it soft on the noses and paws. It definitely promotes better health for your dog. It provides support for the joints and soothes the pressure points so as to enable a more calming and deep restorative sleep. Cons It might slide on the floor if your flooring has been done it either tile or hardwood. But there is a solution for that: For the cleaning purpose, you can unzip the cover and then add them to the machine. You can also make use of a mesh and cover the bed cover using this and then continue with the washing. This comes in four types of colors and can be reversed, ergo both sides are usable. It is machine washable and has a considerable amount of bulky filling which provides a soft cushiony feeling and facilitates comfort for the collie. The additional advantages of this particular choice of bed are that it is soft, plush and durable. Features The reversible quality allows the pet to get the comfort in all types of weather. Right amount of the filling gives a comfy time to the tired dogs. You can literally throw the entire bed in the machine for cleaning! This bed can be good for both cats as well as dogs. Now you can have an year-round comfort with a special knitting and the faux suede on the side of the bed. Pros The entire bed can be washed in the machine, so less efforts required with the maintenance. Plush surface gives a comfortable time to the pet, and allows them to have a relaxing time on their personal dog bed. It gives the best privacy setup, with all the corner installation for your cat and dogs. Comfort and Luxury both considered in one dog bed. Cons One user mentioned about the low quality of the dog bed. We can just hope for better quality in the next upgrades of this model. However, there are some catches. It might be too soft for some dogs and that the walls of this bed are too low. If your dog has a penchant for chewing things, then the wall might not last for long. Also, the size of this particular bed can be an issue, so ensure that you order for the correct size based on the space required by your dog. This variety of dog beds is very popular and in demand. So must hurry and place your order till stocks last. This is basically a deluxe couch pet bed, which features a 3-inch layer of the advanced orthopedic egg crate foam which provides pressure-relieving and supportive comfort. It measures 35 inches by 27 inches with a height of 8 inches. Features Overall good quality dog bed which comes with an orthopedic support on the base. Another important property of this bed is that it goes well for all age dog breeds. The non-skid bottom prevents all the slipping and also makes it easy for you with shifting and moving the bed. No use of plastic and other harmful materials. It has been built using recyclable and is entirely eco-friendly in nature. It looks just similar to a luxurious sofa couch, which are used by the humans. Pros With the low height opening makes it easy for the pet to get on and off from the pet bed. Eco-friendly in design, and made with all recycled materials. You can be proud of using such an environment-friendly and safe product for your dog. The orthopedic base gives a cozy and comfortable rest to your canine. Cons A few users reported about the bed being smaller than they have actually ordered. Additionally it has a non-skid bottom which prevents it from sliding on hardwood and tiled floors. This plush made is made from recycled materials and is essentially an eco-friendly product. This

is an excellent product, but you might encounter some problems with the size of the bed, so it would be best to ensure that you get the perfect size according to your dog. What are Border Collie sleeping habits? Usually Border collies are hyperactive creatures. But their hyper activeness also tends to tire them out to sleep for a pretty long period of time. Their sleeping hours also depend on certain factors like their age, health, size and environment. Usually puppies sleep for a longer period of time than those which are fully grown and in their prime of life. Like any other dogs, they sleep during night hours. They are usually alert even while sleeping. They are great at sneaking in power naps after a hard day at work. Also, they tend to take naps once the weather gets too hot for them to handle. The sleeping pattern of a Border Collie will primarily depend upon its training. The way the collie will get trained, the habits and patterns inculcated will basically determine its sleeping hours. If your Border Collie has been putting in long hours of sleep lately then it could imply one of the numerous things. The weather could be too much for it to handle, or it could be tired. It could also hint towards certain health issues. Border Collies are usually robust and healthy dogs, but even the mightiest can fall at times. So if your dog has been lethargic, sleepy and displaying some other symptoms then it would be best to take a visit to the vet. Meet James Schmitz Hello Everyone!

Chapter 4 : Nutmeg Border Collie Club

A current list of Kennel Club registered Border Collie puppies for sale can be found on our Find A Puppy service. This Symbol indicates that a breeder has had a successful inspection carried out to standards assessed by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS).

Breeders and judges have the responsibility to avoid any conditions or exaggerations that are detrimental to the health, welfare, essence and soundness of this breed, and must take the responsibility to see that these are not perpetuated. People wanting specific herding characteristics isolated individual dogs exhibiting those traits and bred them, thereby developing a "pure breed. Other specific traits include intelligence, speed, strength and an innate herding instinct. The Border Collie sets the standard in herding, particularly on sheep. This breed was historically bred for working ability rather than type. General Appearance The Border Collie has good body balance, which enables him to change directions and speed quickly, from a high speed to a creep, a stalk to a steady lift. The smooth outline should show quality, gracefulness and perfect balance. There should be sufficient substance to convey endurance. Balance, outline, intelligence, temperament, and movement are of overriding importance. The Border Collie is thoroughly sound, willing and able to do its work. Working dogs are not to be penalized under any conditions for scars or blemishes that are due to occupational injuries. Any tendency to coarseness or weediness in the general appearance of the dog. Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid. Characteristics The Border Collie is a fast, alert and intelligent dog that is anxious and able to work livestock under the direction of its master. They should be neither nervous nor aggressive, but keen and responsive. Viciousness or extreme shyness. Head Essentially an old-fashioned Collie type. No fullness in cheeks. Approximately the same length as the skull. EYES Set wide apart, moderate in size, and oval in shape. Brown in color, except in merles where one, or both, or a part of one, may be blue. Expression should be mild, keen and intelligent. EARS Ears are medium size, broad at the base and taper towards the tip. May be carried drop, semi-erect or prick, and need not be matching. Are sensitive in their use. NOSE Black, except in brown dogs where it may be brown; and in blue dogs, where it should be slate. Neck Strong and muscular; of good length. Slightly arched at the crest and broadening as it merges with the shoulders. Forequarters Shoulders are well laid back, and the elbows are held close to the body. Bone is strong, but not coarse. Body Slightly longer than tall. Athletic in appearance, with well-sprung ribs and a deep, rather broad chest. The loin is deep and muscular, not tucked up. The croup slopes gently to the set on of the tail. Hindquarters Strong and muscular. Rear pasterns are well boned and parallel when viewed from the rear. Feet Oval in shape, with deep pads and tight, well arched toes. Nails are short and strong. Tail Moderately long, reaching at least to the hock joint. Set on low, well furnished with hair, and with an upward sweep at the end which completes the graceful appearance of the dog. The tail may be raised in excitement, but never carried over the back. May be straight or wavy. The long-coated dog will have well-feathered forelegs, breeches and tail, and an abundant mane. The top coat is dense and of medium texture. The undercoat is soft, short and dense to provide adequate weather resistance. Color Black and red. Less predominant colors include gray, blue merle, red merle, lemon and sable. Solid color, bi-color, tri-color, merle and sable dogs are to be judged equally with no one color or pattern preferred over another. White markings may be clear white or ticked to any degree. Random white patches on the body and head are permissible but should not predominate. Color and markings always secondary to physical evaluation and gait. Ideal height at the withers for males is 21 inches, slightly less for females. Gait Free, smooth and tireless, keeping the feet close to the ground. Gait conveys the impression of being able to move with great stealth and speed.

Chapter 5 : Welcome to Alaska Gold Kennels

Watch Flick the Border Collie with the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show Herding Group MICHAEL LAFAVE: The product of Scotland and England, the border collie is the premier herding dog.

His superior intellect, combined with his intensity and obsessive zeal for working, are his most impressive features - and also the ones that make him unsuitable for most homes. They were developed by local farmers to work their livestock. Renowned for their low and quiet approach to the herd and their gentle attitude, the dogs are relentless workers who thrive on the mental and physical challenges herding presents. The breed, one of the earliest ever brought to Australia, has been known here since the mids. Some of these dogs are registered with Working Sheepdog clubs for trial competition, some are not registered but are bred purely for work. These show derivations of the original working dogs can be trained to work stock, but they are unlikely to be as good as dogs from working strains. Coat colour and length: They come in black and white, blue and white, brown and white, red and white, blue merle and white and tri-colour. The most common is the black and white. Border Collie - Blue Merle The coat is the most prominent feature consisting of a double coat, with a moderately long, dense, medium textured topcoat. The undercoat is short, soft and dense for good weather-resistance. The length and composition of the coat makes the present day pedigree Border Collie unsuitable for work. Males cm; Females cm Weight: Border Collies are regarded as one of the most intelligent dogs due to their affinity for training and their eagerness to learn, but it is this very characteristic that in turn can be detrimental if the dog is not placed in the right environment. They are high maintenance dogs needing a lot of attention and time and from owners. If you are not prepared to bring the dog into your life as part of the family then you will have trouble. They must be exercised quite extensively every day and included in family activities as often as possible. A dog that is walked for an hour a day and left outside to its own devices will still be difficult. Bored Border Collies will always hunt for something to do or something to stimulate them. With people they should be friendly and affectionate. This allows the dog to understand what their owner wants and also provides a bonding time for both. Training is highly recommended to satisfy their need for mental stimulation. Agility is becoming increasingly popular and is one of the best ways to exercise and stimulate your dog for long periods of time. In the summer they require baths every couple of weeks but in winter once a month will suffice. They are a fairly robust dog but they can be afflicted with hip problems and progressive retinal atrophy, a degenerative disease of the eye that causes blindness. Another severe problem found in the breed is a genetic condition known as Ceroid Lipofuscinosis or Storage Disease. The condition causes a build-up of sugars on the brain and causes the dog to display severe temperament changes. This behaviour is usually extremely aggressive and the dog has to be put down to prevent injury to itself or others. But people who spend a lot of time outside their home environment and leave their dog at home are in for big trouble. For more information on the breed, please visit:

Chapter 6 : InGold's | InGold's Border Collies

Origins. Unlike many modern-day breeds, the Border Collie's origin has been rather well-documented, thanks in part to a large following and interest in the preservation and advancement of this fascinating breed.

Chapter 7 : BCSA Home - BCSA

Sierra Nevada Border Collie Club, Fallon, Nevada. likes. Established in to serve the interests of Border Collies and their owners in the.

Chapter 8 : Best Dog Bed for Border Collie & their Sleeping Habits [Guide]

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Chapter 9 : Breed Standards : Collie | United Kennel Club (UKC)

Kennel Club Registered The Kennel Club Breed Register is a simple record of a puppy's birth. It is open to pedigree breeds which are currently recognised by the Kennel Club and provided both parents are of the same breed and already registered.