

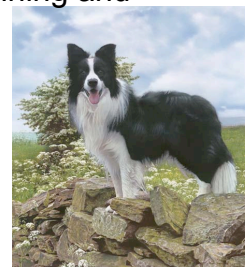
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Dog Adoption – Border Collie Traits – Border Collie Adoption

Border Collies rank first on virtually every list of intelligent dogs. They are essentially working dogs, capable of working long days herding sheep on rugged terrain. They have an uncanny ability to reason and are easy to train. They love to work and play and a well-trained Border Collie can be a great family pet. Before moving ahead with a Border Collie adoption, you should do your research on Border Collie traits.

- **Border Collies are energetic and focused** – Some of the most pronounced Border Collie traits explain why they are so good as working dogs. Border Collies are super-energetic, hyper-intense and single minded about whatever they're doing. They need constant stimulation – both physical and mental activity – and firm training. Without daily challenges, they may become bored and can develop behavioral problems such as household destruction, compulsive behavior or biting. A Border Collie without consistent stimulation can be a difficult, even disastrous housedog and sometimes ends in a failed Border Collie adoption.
- **Border Collies are athletes that need room to roam** – Before moving ahead with a Border Collie adoption, realize that they need a big yard to run in. They do best with very active families that will expose them to a variety of activities. They excel at virtually all dog sports – fly ball, agility, obedience, herding, even dancing. Because of these Border Collie traits, they generally do not fair well as apartment or condo dwellers.
- **Border Collies are outgoing and love to herd (people and animals)** – An important Border Collie trait is that, true to their working nature, they are natural herders. That means they may herd children, housecats and even other dogs. Although most Border Collies are outgoing and friendly a few may be timid and snappy. Because of their herding nature, they are very intent on whatever they are doing and tend to stare, which can be unnerving to other animals. They may also like to chase other animals.
- **Border Collies and families** - Border Collies are affectionate with their families and with people they know, but they can be reserved with strangers. Border Collie adoptions tend to be most successful with experienced owners but with sufficient exercise they can be dependable, loyal companions. If you are not experienced with this breed, you may also overcome some of the negative Border Collie traits by working hard on training and keeping your dog occupied.

Information sources: [ASPCA Complete Guide to Dogs](#) by Sheldon L. Gerstenfeld, DVM; [Barron's Encyclopedia of Dog Breeds](#) (Second Edition) by D. Caroline Coile, Ph.D; [Dogs for Kids: Everything You Need to Know About Dogs](#) by Kristin Mehus-Roe; [The Encyclopedia of Dog Breeds](#) by Juliette Cunliffe; and [The Illustrated Directory of Dogs](#) by Juliette Cunliffe.



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