



Border Collie Care Sheet

A quick reference guide for keeping your Border Collie happy, healthy, and mentally stimulated.

Quick Facts

Trait	Details
Size	Medium (14–20 kg)
Height	46–56 cm at the shoulder
Lifespan	12–15 years
Coat	Medium-length double coat, smooth or rough
Temperament	Intelligent, energetic, loyal
Best For	Active owners, working farms, dog sports
Exercise Needs	1.5–2+ hours daily

Border Collie Care Essentials

Training & Socialisation: Highly intelligent and trainable. Provide advanced training challenges and early socialisation to prevent shyness or overprotectiveness.

Exercise: At least 1.5–2+ hours daily. Include running, agility, herding, and interactive play to keep them happy.

Grooming: Brush twice weekly for smooth coats; more for rough coats. Bathe every 2–3 months. Watch seasonal shedding.

Health: Watch for hip dysplasia, Collie Eye Anomaly, PRA, and epilepsy. Choose breeders who health test.

Diet: High-quality food with adequate protein for their active lifestyle. Adults: 2 meals/day. Avoid overfeeding.

Family Suitability: Best for active families or individuals. Not suited for sedentary lifestyles or those without time for daily stimulation.

Max's Comment: "Smartest dog in the world? Probably. But don't keep them busy, and they'll redesign your backyard landscaping plan — for free."