



## **BORDER COLLIE**

**ORIGIN:** Great-Britain

**ACW-CLASSIFICATION:** Group I  
Sheepdogs and Cattle dogs.



**BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** The Border Collie originated in the border area between Scotland and England where the selection for breeding pastors who

performed was based on choosing dogs they had great sense of flock and the ability to work all day on rough terrain. As a result of this selective breeding, the Border Collie developed a unique working style of search, group and bring the earned doing extensive runs. Livestock is controlled with an intense look known as "EYE" combined with a style of stalker movement. This selection through centuries developed the Energy and trainability intensity of Border Collie, which are characteristic of such importance that are equal to the requirements of physical and appearance measures. The Border Collie has an extraordinary instinct and an inexplicable ability to reason.- One of its biggest advantages is the ability to work out of sight of his guide without commands. Breeding based on this ability to work has made this race is the most prominent enter them herding dogs, a job for which it is used even today all over the world.-

**GENERAL APPEARANCE:** The Border Collie is a well balanced dog, medium, athletic appearance, displaying style and agility in equal measure with strength and force. His muscular body gives the impression of effortless movement and endless endurance. He is extremely intelligent, with a keen and alert expression, which are very important characteristics in the race. Any aspect either referred to their structure or temperament, which may affect the ability to function as a herding dog should be severely penalized. The Border Collie is, and should remain a natural working dog and should not get lost looking for other phenotypic characteristics. Scars and broken teeth due to accidents of duty are acceptable.

**IMPORTANT PROPORTIONS :** Skull and foreface approximately equal in length. Body slightly longer than height at shoulder.

**BEHAVIOUR/ TEMPERAMENT :** Tenacious, hard-working, of great tractability. Keen, alert, responsive and intelligent. Neither nervous nor aggressive.

**HEAD CRANIAL REGION :** Skull : Fairly broad, occiput not pronounced. Stop : Very distinct.

**FACIAL REGION :** Nose : Black, except in brown or chocolate colour when it may be brown. In blues nose should be slate colour. Nostrils well developed. Muzzle : Tapering to nose, moderately short and strong. Jaws/teeth : Teeth and jaws strong with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws. Cheeks : Not full or rounded. Eyes : Set wide apart, oval shaped, of moderate size, brown in colour except in merles where one or both or part of one or both may be blue. Expression mild, keen, alert and intelligent. Ears : Medium size and texture, set well apart. Carried erect or semierect and sensitive in use.

NECK : Of good length, strong and muscular, slightly arched and broadening to shoulders.

BODY : Athletic in appearance. Slightly longer than height at withers. Loins : Deep and muscular but not tucked up. Chest : Deep and rather broad, ribs well sprung. TAIL : Moderately long, the bone reaching at least to hock, set on low, well furnished and with an upward swirl towards the end, completing graceful contour and balance of dog. Tail may be raised in excitement, never carried over back.

LIMBS FOREQUARTERS : Front legs parallel when viewed from front. Bone strong but not heavy. Shoulder : Well laid back. Elbow : Close to body. Metacarpus (Pastern) : Slightly sloping when viewed from side. Forefeet : Oval, pads deep, strong and sound, toes arched and close together. Nails short and strong.

HINDQUARTERS : Broad, muscular, in profile sloping gracefully to set on of tail. Thigh : Long, deep and muscular. Stifle : Well turned. Hock joint: Strong, well let down. Metatarsus (Rear pastern) : From hock to ground, hindlegs well boned and parallel when viewed from rear. Hind feet : Oval, pads deep, strong and sound, toes arched and close together. Nails short and strong.

GAIT/MOVEMENT : Free, smooth and tireless, with minimum lift of feet, conveying impression of ability to move with great stealth and speed.

COAT HAIR : Two varieties : Moderately long or Smooth. In both, topcoat dense and medium textured, undercoat soft and dense giving good weather resistance. In the moderately long-coated variety, abundant coat forms mane, breeching and brush. On face, ears, forelegs (except for feather), hindlegs from hock to ground, hair should be short and smooth.

COLOUR : Variety of colours permissible. White should never predominate.

SIZE AND WEIGHT : Ideal height at withers : Males : 53 cm (21 ins), Females : slightly less.

FAULTS : Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness, with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog and on its ability to perform its traditional work

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS : • Aggressive or overly shy. • Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified.