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dog breed guide...

Border Collie

One of the most intelligent dogs and used all throughout the country on farms. They are a popular breed for active families as they require a great deal of exercise and mental stimulation. They have been known to be a little destructive if they don't get the exercise that they need. The name 'border collie' is thought to have derived from the dog's place of origin, along the Scottish English borders. Naturally they are a 'herder' and they are able to learn commands quickly which makes them an ideal tool for farmers when needing to control and herd livestock.

Temperament

As with all working dogs Collie's require plenty of exercise in order to keep them happy and healthy. They are an ideal dog to have if you are a keen walker and enjoy the outdoors. They are also highly intelligent and it can be very rewarding to train the dog yourself to respond to a number of commands as they certainly have the ability to learn. Not only are they used in farming but they also make very good show dogs, particularly on the agility courses. They are magnificently agile and quick which enables them to tackle the agility courses with tremendous skill.

Size and Coat

There are many different colours of the Collie. Black and white is the most common, but there is also black tri-colour, red and white, and red tri-colour. Other colourations found in Collies are blue, blue merle, red merle and brindle. Some Border Collies also have a single colour coat. Generally Collies range from 45-53cm in height and 27-42lbs for bitches and 30-45lbs for dogs.

Life Expectancy

12-15 years