

Collie Traits

- Loyal
- Beautiful
- Intelligent
- Adaptable
- Aristocratic
- Child Friendly
- Good With other animals
- Family Oriented
- Affectionate
- Protective
- Sensitive
- Playful
- Happy

Activities to Enjoy with Your Collie

- Agility
- Tracking
- Obedience
- Therapy Work
- Herding
- Flyball
- Hiking
- Rally

Important Web Sites

Collie Club of America

www.collieclubofamerica.org

Collie Health Foundation

www.colliehealth.org

American Working Collie Association

www.awca.net

Collie Rescue Foundation

www.collierescuefoundation.org

Collies On Line

www.colliesonline.com

American Kennel Club

www.akc.org

Reading Materials

Collie Concept

by Mrs. G. H. Roos, Jr.

How to Raise a Puppy You Can Live With

by C. Rutherford, D. Neil

The Magnificent Collie

by Pat Starkweather

The New Collie

by The Collie Club of America

Collie Expressions

www.collieexpressions.com

A Celebration of the Working Collie

by Cindy M. Orsten



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The Beautiful Collie



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Overview

The Collie's temperament makes it one of the best family dogs. These are highly responsive dogs that want to please their people. Collies excel in obedience training when handled gently and with positive reinforcement. Collies are affectionate with children and adults and are friendly with other animals. Collies may bark when they feel they are needed as watchdogs or when they want attention. Collies require daily care and time in the house with their people. Dogs who do not get enough attention can become vigorous barkers or can engage in other undesirable behaviors due to boredom. Collies who receive a daily dose of love and attention are wonderful house companions. The Collie coat can be either rough or smooth and one of four accepted colors: sable and white, tri-color, blue merle, or white. Collies are a medium to large dog, ranging in size from 22 to 26 inches tall at the shoulder and 50 - 75 pounds.

Collie History

Collies became popular in the 1860s when Queen Victoria first saw them herding in Scotland, and brought several back to Windsor Castle. The Collie has been used as a herding dog in northern England and Scotland. The first Collie came to the United States at the turn of the 20th Century.

Why Buy From A Breeder

Buy your Collie from a responsible and well-respected breeder. Responsible breeders are concerned with the betterment of the Collie breed. They work toward breeding healthy dogs with the proper collie temperament. To select a breeder, do some screening. Ask questions. Ask to see at least one of the parents (the dam or the sire) of your puppy. See how the dogs interact with the breeder. Are they friendly and outgoing or do they shy away? A responsible breeder will be screening you, too, looking for the best Collie to match you and your family.

Traits of a Good Breeder

1. A sales contract that protects the Collie, buyer & seller with reasonable guarantees.
2. Information, or where to find it, on general care, health, training, and other literature.
3. Will take the Collie back at any time or help with re-homing
4. Lifetime availability to answer questions and help with problems
5. Reasonable health checks and careful in breeding
6. Predictable temperaments in both puppies & adults.
7. Healthy and stimulating environment in which to raise puppies.
8. Attempts to match the Collie with the new owner's personality and lifestyle.

Grooming

The amount of care the Collie requires depends on the amount of coat the Collie has and the time of year. Rough coat requires weekly brushing when in full coat and more frequent brushing when the coat is shedding. The Rough's abundant coat helps to insulate him from the elements, both the cold and dampness, as well as the summer heat. The Collie typically sheds about once a year in the spring when a vigorous brushing is needed to remove the Dense undercoat.

The smooth Collie requires the same care but takes less time to brush. Bathing will help remove the shedding coat and occasional baths throughout the year are recommended.

It is also important to remember to trim your collie's toe nails and keep his ears and teeth clean. For those who are not able to groom their own Collie, take him to a professional groomer every 4 to 6 weeks to keep him clean and healthy.

