



2026 Border Collies

North East Border Collie Association

Dog Whelping Calendar

A bitch bred on the date indicated by the large figure will be due to whelp on the date shown in smaller dates, immediately below. The name of the bitch may be written over the numerals for convenience in recording breeding date. Dates are based on the normal gestation period of 63 days, variations of two or three days either way are not unusual.

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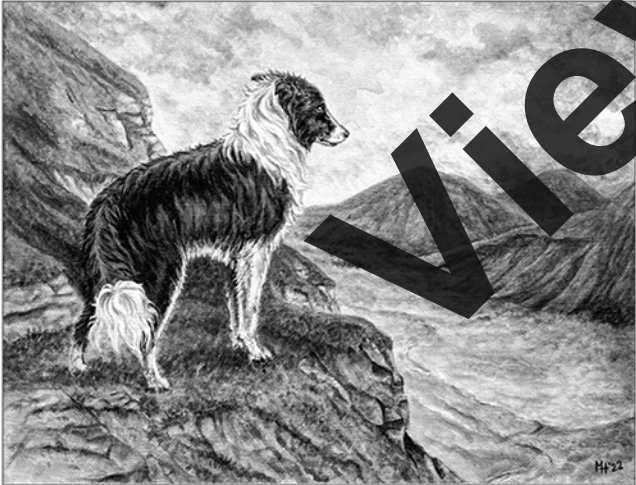
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Cover Dog: Bett

Owned by Kristen Whittle • Photograph by Kristen Whittle

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About the Border Collie



The Border Collie breed was developed by shepherds in Britain who were attempting to find the perfect sheepdog. Starting with the best dogs then available, they began selecting breeding stock that had the qualities they wanted. The dog had to have natural ability to work but be biddable and easily trained. It also had to be fast enough to catch and turn a running sheep and have the stamina to cover a hundred miles a day on the hill farms of Britain in summer and winter. The shepherds didn't particularly care how this perfect dog looked.

Today's Border Collie is the product of this selective breeding program. These dogs are intelligent, obedient, eager to please, easily trained, and have a strong natural instinct to herd. There remains, however, no standard of appearance for the breed. Border Collies vary in color from black, or black and white, or black and tan, to red merle, blue merle and red. Dogs vary in size from less than thirty pounds to more than sixty with an average weight of around forty pounds. A Border Collie's coat may be long and heavy or short and smooth or anything in between. The breeders of Collies today, as a hundred years ago, still examine each dog for its working ability and style, intelligence, temperament and physical stamina, knowing a good Border Collie by its work and not by its appearance.

Training

Border Collies are used to herd all types of livestock and poultry. The Border Collie is instinctively a "header". Its instinct tells the dog to gather and hold livestock, "heading

off" any animal that attempts to leave the group. Most well bred Border Collies will demonstrate this instinctive desire to work anywhere from eight weeks to one year of age.

The dog trainer works with this natural tendency of the dog, encouraging it to gather stock into a group and keep them together while fetching them to the trainer. This is the point at which the dog's natural ability to "balance" on sheep is revealed. The dog instinctively positions itself in such a way that the stock move in a straight line to the handler. This is also when the dog is taught the commands for stopping (down), moving toward the stock (walk up), slowing down (steady or take time), moving clockwise around the stock (go bye or come bye) and counterclockwise (away to me) and finally stop working (that'll do). When these lessons have been learned the youngster is taught to drive the stock away from the handler instead of fetching them. The distance between the dog and handler is continually increased until the dog can work out of sight of its handler who may be a half mile or more away.

Most dogs are introduced to whistle commands at some point in their training. The sound of the whistle carries farther than the voice and is easier for the dog to understand at a distance. A dog that has progressed this far in training has become a very useful farm laborer capable of saving its owner an enormous amount of work.

Breeders' Directory

This listing of Border Collie breeders is for informational purposes only and in no way represents an endorsement of these breeders by the Northeast Border Collie Association. When making inquiries into purchasing a pup, NEBCA strongly recommends selecting from sound, proven, working stock. We suggest you see both parents work. If you are not able to see the parents working at the farm, do attend the trials and see them working there. Watch for trial results and seek the advice of experienced handlers.

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610-207-3923
Dukesfarm1@yahoo.com

Please see NEBCA.net and NEBCA Newsletter
for additional Breeders' Directory



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Owned by Christine Koval

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NEBCA High Points Champion 2024

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Photograph by Michele Ferraro

Owned by Michele Ferraro

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NEBCA Fall Foliage Champion 2024

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Photograph by Kathy Laverdure

Owned by Annie-Claude Laniel

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Join the North East Border Collie Association

The North East Border Collie Association was formed to promote the breeding and training of the Border Collie as a working dog. This group is dedicated to preserving the Border Collie as a stock dog for any livestock or poultry. Association activities include: dog trials, judging, training and handling clinics, puppy days, etc. Membership includes one year of the NEBCA Newsletter.*



NEBCA Membership Application for New Members or Renewal

Dues are paid for the calendar year. Anyone joining NEBCA for the first time after October 1, 2025 will receive membership for that year and the following year. Renewals are due on January 1, 2026.

The 2026 Breeders List deadline is January 31, 2026. Subscription to the Breeders Directory runs for the entire year. It entitles the Breeder to be listed in every issue of the NEBCA Newsletter for the upcoming year, and all NEBCA promotional literature. Copy and complete Registration Form. Make check payable to NEBCA.

Mail to: NEBCA c/o Skylar Landis, Belle Rose Kennels, 24420 Chestertown Rd., Chestertown, MD 21620

Email: bellerosekennels@gmail.com

With membership you can....

- Promote the working Border Collie
- Receive the NEBCA Newsletter*
- Use the lending library of Border Collie books and videos
- Receive a list of Border Collie events
- Receive a Breeders' List
- Compete for NEBCA's High Points Award
- Qualify to compete in the Fall Foliage Championship
- Earn NEBCA's Novice Trial Points
- Meet people who share your interest in sheep
- Meet other Border Collie people and dogs

Registration Form

- ☐ Individual \$30/year
- ☐ Individual and Calendar \$40/year
- ☐ Family/Farm \$35/year
- ☐ Family/Farm and Calendar \$45/year

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Annual Breeders Directory

- ☐ Calendar \$10
- ☐ Newsletter \$10
- ☐ Website \$10

Breeders Listing _____

*How would you like to receive the Newsletter?

- ☐ Paper (\$10.00/Year)
- ☐ Electronic