

## **Adoption Process Quick Facts**

Please carefully read the information below before submitting an application.

Adopting a Border Collie can mean adopting a completely different lifestyle. Clancy's Dream, Inc. takes our responsibility very seriously. We strive to identify the home best suited to each dog's personality, temperament, and activity level.

Each dog's listing is thoughtfully written, to help you get a feel for their personality. Please understand, however, the dog in whom you are interested may ultimately not be the right fit for your home.

If that is the case, please be patient while we help you find just the right dog, either among those currently in our care, or those who make their way to us in the future. Applicants who are already approved will be considered first when new dogs enter our program. The sad reality is there are Border Collies losing their homes every day, and your forever-friend may be the next one to come into our rescue program.

Our adoption process consists of the following steps, enabling us to get to know you and your family, and to ensure every placement is a forever one:

- 1. **Fill out the Adoption Application:** This first step will help gather general information about you and your home. Please answer all questions fully and truthfully.
- 2. **Phone Interview:** A volunteer will contact you by email to determine the best time to call. In this call, you will describe what you're looking for in your new dog, and we will more thoroughly describe our adoption policies, as well as answer any questions you may have about dogs currently in our care.
- 3. **Veterinary Reference Check**: We will contact your veterinarian to ensure your current or most recent dogs are up-to-date on their vaccinations, and have received regular HW testing. Please be sure you list all veterinarians who may have care records for your pets.
- 4. **Home Visit:** The purpose of this visit is to verify any information you have listed on your application (e.g., fenced-in yard, crate, etc.) and to ensure we are matching you with the correct Rescue Border Collie for your home environment. We request all members to be present at the home visit.
- 5. Meeting the available Border Collie: Once your application has been approved and a potential match has been identified, you will have the opportunity to meet your potential dog. You will be expected to travel to the foster dogs' location or an agreed upon meeting point in between. All members of the family (including any family dogs) should attend this initial meeting since we consider this a family decision. The adoption does not occur at this first meeting; we want you to meet the dog and think it over to be sure it's the perfect match.
- 6. **Execution of Adoption Contract:** CDI requires all adopters to sign an adoption contract stipulating, among other things, the standard of care required for your dog and your commitment to the dog and the policies of CDI.

Thank you for considering making a rescued Border Collie a part of your family.