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Fact Sheet: Border Collie

Dog type: pastoral

History:

- Border Collies originally come from the border area between Scotland and England.
- They are an old breed dating back to the 1500s and have always been used to help herd sheep and farm animals.
- The first sheepdog trials with Border Collies were held in Wales on October 9, 1873.

Did you know....?

- Border Collies have lots of different names - Working Collies, Old-Fashioned Collies, Farm Collies, English Collies and 'sheepdogs'. The name Border Collie was first used in 1915.
- Border Collies have lots of energy and love to work - they can run for many miles in a day.
- The Border Collie controls sheep with "eye" – this is the amount of concentration on the sheep that the dog shows. The sheep are "held" by the strength of the dog's eye.

Border Collies as pets:

- Need plenty of exercise – at least two 45-minute walks every day.
- Need you to exercise and play games with them such as 'Fetch'.
- Good at dog sports.