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Fact Sheet: Collie (Rough)

Dog type: pastoral

History:

- Collies are a very old breed of dog from the hilly areas of Scotland.
- Collies were bred to help farmers guard their sheep; they also helped to herd the sheep and ducks.
- Collies were first exhibited as show dogs in 1860 at the Birmingham dog show, in the "Scotch Sheep-Dogs" class.

Did you know...?

- A collie has two coats – the one you can see and a hidden undercoat that keeps him warm and dry.
- Collies can be long or short haired – both types need regular brushing.
- 'Lassie Come Home' was a short story written in 1938 about a collie. The story grew and a number of very popular Lassie films, a radio and a long running TV series were made over the next twenty years. They all showed Collies as brave, loyal and intelligent dogs.

Collies as pets:

- Like to protect their family.
- Need plenty of exercise.
- Like to play games.
- Like to be with people.