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So ... You're Interested in Adopting A COLLIE!

Collies originated in Scotland as "herdsmen" and overseers of flocks. They have been bred to watch over and protect their charges, making them excellent family dogs and naturals with children.

As can be supposed, a dog that is entrusted with the care and safety of sheep and lambs must be a gentle dog, an alert dog, and most of all, an intelligent dog that can think for himself. He makes a perfect child's pet, for he is not a Guard dog to such an extent that he will attack the child's friends in a frenzy of misguided protectiveness; but woe to the person that means harm to that child!

Collies take a great interest in children, and their herding instinct is often applied to small people, as well as animals. It is not unusual for a Collie to follow his young owner around all day, quietly interposing himself between the child and danger. Every year Collies receive heroism awards for rescuing children from onrushing cars, poisonous snakes, fire, and for bringing help to injured masters.

The Collie is a very easy dog to obedience train because he is anxious to please his master, works well with people or alone, and has a relatively quiet, easygoing nature. A heavy-handed trainer who slaps or otherwise treats the dog roughly will get nowhere with the Collie. The Collie may be led, not pushed. He will learn quickly if treated with kindness, and if training is enforced and rewarded with praise. But he will balk and sulk, and refuse to learn if handled roughly.

Being a herding dog, the Collie is naturally a chaser. It is therefore, in the best interest of you and your Collie, not to let him run loose without supervision. A Collie is only following his natural instincts when he chases cars, children on bikes, and cats, but it can end in disaster. It is therefore the responsibility of the owner to control those instincts and not allow him to get in trouble or become seriously hurt.

There are two varieties of Collies. The rough coat which is the typical long-haired dog with which we are familiar, and the smooth coat which is shorthaired, similar to that of the Labrador Retriever. Both varieties are exactly the same in conformation, personality, and color, the only difference being the length of coat.

The four colors of rough & smooth Collies are:

- Sable: These dogs are the "Lassie" color, brown or tan, with white markings.
- Tri-Color: These dogs have three different colors. Their bodies are black, with sable on their faces and legs, and white markings.
- Blue Merle: These dogs are actually carrying four colors. Their bodies are a silver-blue, with black ticking or marbling throughout. They have the same sable on their faces and legs as the tri-color, and have white markings.
- White: These dogs are all, or mostly all, white. Their heads are either sable, tri, or blue.

Regardless of the basic color, the Collie must have white on the chest, white feet, and a white tip at the end of the tail. A full white collar around the neck is attractive, but not required by the Collie standard.

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The Collie Rescue League of New England, Inc. is a non-profit organization serving all of New England and is comprised of volunteers dedicated to the preservation and well being of the breed of dog known as the Collie. The League provides rescue, placement and problem intervention service for all purebred rough and smooth Collies of both sexes and any age. We do not turn our backs on any purebred Collie!

The CRLNE rescues and receives Collies from many locations ranging from shelters, dog pounds, and humane organizations to family pets regrettably given up by their caring owners for reasons beyond their control. The condition and quality of the Collies we receive varies greatly from the neglected, abused, and forgotten to the well-kept and much-loved family member. However, all of our Collies (regardless of background) are carefully evaluated and provided with care in one of our foster homes with the ultimate goal of placement in a loving and responsible household which has been carefully selected based on the needs and habits of the individual dog.

All of the homeless Collies we receive are groomed when turned-in, receive professional medical evaluation and attention, and undergo any treatment necessary to lead a normal life. Next they are placed in competent foster homes where they are evaluated for habits, likes, and dislikes.

Each Collie remains in its foster home until a suitable permanent home is located. Basic obedience and manners are taught when possible, and we do recommend post adoption obedience training in some cases. All Collies are neutered or spayed before placement.

Anyone wishing to adopt a homeless Collie from the CRLNE is also evaluated. The prospective adopter is required to complete an adoption application which, if approved, is retained in an active file. When we have a Collie that matches the criteria sought by a prospective new owner, he/she is contacted and urged to meet the dog. The home is visited by a CRLNE representative. If both Collie and prospective new owner appear to accept each other, the dog will be transported to its new home by the League at a mutually convenient time and ownership will then be transferred. We do request an adoption fee which varies with the age of the dog from \$100-\$225. We also allow a one month adjustment period during which time a 1/2 refund of the adoption fee will be made if the dog is returned to the League within 30 days. Usually, a wonderful new bond develops between a formerly homeless Collie and his/her new master. A new beginning, a new life!

The Collie thanks you from the tip of his/her forever wagging tail for your interest!

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APPLICATION MAILING ADDRESS:
Collie Rescue League of New England, Inc.
c/o Julie McKinley
91 Charter Road
Acton, MA 01720

ADOPTION APPLICATION

Date: _____

TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF:

Your name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Street address: _____

Home phone: () _____ Work phone: () _____

E-mail address: _____

Do you own your home? _____ Rent? _____ Area (city, suburbs, rural etc.) _____

Employer's name: _____

Occupation: _____

Are there children in your family? _____ If so, how many and what ages? _____

Do they know about your plans to adopt a Collie? (We'll be careful with our calls.) _____

Is anyone in your household disabled, handicapped, or have special needs that we should be aware of? _____

Anything in your neighborhood of which we should be aware of?: (schools, airports, highways, etc) _____

Where did you hear of the Collie Rescue League? _____

Have you ever owned a dog before? _____

If so, was one ever a Collie? _____

Why did you choose a Collie over other breeds? _____

Why did you decide to adopt rather than purchase a puppy?

Have you applied to any other rescues or breeder? _____ If yes, please provide the name, address and email of the rescue and/or breeder:

Are you (and your family) prepared to meet the medical needs and grooming needs of Collie ownership? _____

For what purpose do you wish to use the Collie? _____ Housepet
_____ Guard dog
_____ Working livestock
_____ Obedience competition
_____ Companion dog

TELL US ABOUT THE LIFESTYLE YOU PLAN FOR YOUR COLLIE:

Do you have a fenced-in yard? _____ What type of fence? _____ Height? _____
If not, do you intend to fence it? _____ When? _____ If you do not have a fenced-in yard,
and do not intend to fence it in, how will you exercise your Collie? Please keep in mind that Collies are a herding breed and
tend to chase (herd) cars, bikes, and joggers. _____

Where will your Collie reside during the day? _____

Where will your Collie spend the evenings? _____

What kind of sleeping arrangements will be made for your Collie? _____

Is there a family member at home during the day? _____

If there a family member at home during the evening? _____

Approximately, how many hours a day will your Collie be left alone? _____

Where will your Collie stay when left home alone? _____

Do you have any other pets? _____ Describe: _____

If necessary, would you be willing to attend obedience school with your Collie? _____

MY IDEAL COLLIE WOULD BE:

_____ primarily a house dog _____ outside most of the time
_____ I prefer a quiet temperament _____ I'd like a more active Collie _____ I prefer a high energy dog

WHEN OUTSIDE MY COLLIE WILL BE:

_____ loose in my fenced in yard
_____ loose (no fence)
_____ tied to a dog house
_____ kept in a kennel
_____ tied on a run
_____ leash walked only

NOTE: If you have, or have had other pets, Veterinarian Statement below MUST be signed by your Vet. *Please do not ask your vet to mail in the application. This should be done by the applicant.*

VETERINARIAN STATEMENT

I, _____, hereby state that to the best of my knowledge, _____ are responsible pet owners and I give the Collie Rescue League of NE., Inc. permission to contact me at: (Area Code, Phone) : _____.

Signature of Veterinarian

REFERENCES

NAME _____ PHONE () _____

NAME _____ PHONE () _____

NAME _____ PHONE () _____

Please provide a brief synopsis on the back of this page about yourself and your family: daily activities, hobbies, etc.. We want to match the right Collie with your needs.

Again, Thank You for your interest in adopting a needy Collie.

SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM TO:

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Collie Rescue League of New England

ADOPTION PROCEDURE

“What happens next?”

That is always the question people ask once they have filled out the [CRLNE](#) adoption application. Listed below shows you what the normal procedure is for adoption. Please keep in mind that the League is run by volunteers only. Sometimes these steps will happen quicker or slower than planned.

- 🐕 *First and most important, fill out the application as **COMPLETELY** as possible. As stated on the application, the Vet section must be filled out before we will proceed with the process. If you don't own any pets and therefore don't have a veterinarian, please make note of that in that section.*
- 🐕 *Mail completed application to the Oxford, MA address. We **DO NOT** accept e-mailed applications.*
- 🐕 *In 2-3 weeks from receipt of application, someone from the League will be contacting you to schedule a “Home Visit”.*
 - *A “Home Visit” is when we come to your home to meet you, any family members, and any pets that will live in the house with your new Collie. This gives us a better overview of what a Collie's new life will be like with you.*
 - *This visit also gives us the chance to discuss what our Collies are like and what the League is all about.*
- 🐕 *After the visit, a report goes back to the Board with any changes, additions, and/or requests from the original application. Sometimes we find that people are interested in a dog that is completely different from the original request (i.e. will take a female instead of a male).*
- 🐕 *The waiting period can vary depending on what we have turned in to the League and just how particular you are about the type of dog you would like.*

Hopefully this will give you a better understanding of how adopting a Collie becomes a reality.

