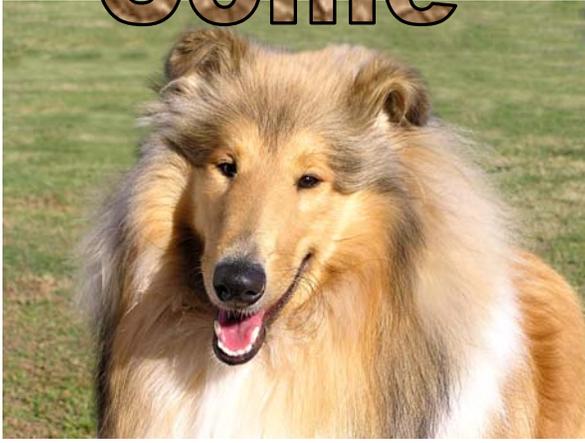


Collie



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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The first classes for "Scotch Sheep Dogs" were offered, at the second dog show ever held in England in 1860. The Collie came from Scotland and Northern England developed as a herding dog primarily as a drover's dog guiding sheep and cows to the market. In 1886 the breed was standardized. Queen Victoria saw her first Collie when she visited Balmoral. The Queen began to sponsor them, thus making Collies popular among the elite.

BREED APPEARANCE

They are large dogs at 22 - 26 inches at the withers and 45 to 65 pounds. There are two variations of the breed, the Rough Coats and the smooth coats, both with the same proportions and size. The rough coat has an outer coat which is straight and harsh to the touch, an undercoat which is soft, furry and dense. The smooth coat is short flat, hard dense with an abundant undercoat. They have a long bushy tail and a wide proud chest. There are three coat colors, sable, tricolor (black, white and sable) and blue merle. All three colors have white collar, mane, forelegs and some white on the back legs.

WHY WOULD YOU LOVE THIS BREED

Collies are loving, loyal, athletic and trainable. They also get along well with people and animals.

WHY WOULD YOU HATE THIS BREED

Because of their popularity, puppy mills and back yard breeding is rampant, producing bad breeding. They can exhibit Neurotic behavior, spinning in circles while barking, and snapping if startled or threatened. Bad breeding has resulted in Collies being fearful of situations, people and animals.

Perfect Pet Rating



 Only buy from a reputable breeder!

Overall Breed Rating



5 Paw Rating: 1 = Poor, 2 = Adequate, 3 = Average, 4 = Good, 5 = Excellent

Rating system for perfect pet includes the following categories: Will this breed bite my child? Would they kill other animals? Are they easy to train?

Rating system for overall breed rating includes all categories.

PLUSES: Playful, elegant to look at, good at guarding or watching family members and herding livestock.

MINUSES: They require lots of grooming and are prone to hot spots. They can be restless, irritable, timid, and tend to roam. Bad breeding in the Smooth Coated collie has produced a more aggressive dog.

WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

If you have limited time to spend on training and exercising, please choose another breed. You should also have a tall fence to contain them.

DO THEY SHED?

Yes, lots, and tend to mat easily. They require daily grooming with periodic professional attention. Keep them away from brambles!

WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?

If you purchased your pup from a reputable breeder, they should be fine with children. However, EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!

WILL THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?

Normally they are not aggressive and would be fine with animals.

ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?

Most Collies are easy to train. Collies like to roam and to chase because of their herding instinct. Training will help control this and build their confidence and trust.

WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?

Collies require exercise to keep muscle tone, strength, and mental stability. Walking is good, running in a big yard is even better.

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?

Eye anomalies are present in most Collies. Other problems are; progressive retinal atrophy, hip dysplasia and Dermatomyositis, which is an autoimmune skin disorder with lesions and ulcers on the face and nose. They are sensitive to heartworm preventative and other medicines. Collies would benefit from a high quality diet to boost their immune system. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.