

In order to match the right puppy to your circumstances, I will ask potential new puppy owners to provide the following information:

1.	<p>What are your current housing arrangements? (ie suburban home, rural property, town house).</p> <p><i>You don't need 'acres' to be able to successfully own a Border Collie, but you do need space to play and interact on those days when you don't want to go out for a walk.</i></p>	
2.	<p>Do you have a securely fenced yard or area..? - this is essential.</p> <p>Where will the dog sleep? What areas will the dog have access to?</p> <p><i>Border Collies want to be an integral part of their family group. These particular dogs have been specifically bred to be companion dogs.</i></p>	
3.	<p>Will someone be home for a significant part of the day? Or will the dog accompany you to work?</p> <p><i>This is an important factor. All dogs need companionship and should not be left alone all day. I do not sell puppies where there is no-one home during the bulk of the day.</i></p>	
4.	<p>Do you have other pets or livestock?</p> <p><i>These dogs have been raised with cats, birds and kids, but they are not trained as sheep dogs, and have not been sheep dogs for quite some generations.</i></p>	
5.	<p>Have you owned a dog before?</p> <p><i>A Border Collie is a clever, interactive and loyal companion, and will require training and good leadership. They are not quiet "lap-dogs" and may not be a suitable breed choice for a person who has never owned a dog.</i></p>	
6.	<p>Have you ever had to re-home a dog? If so, what were the circumstances?</p>	
7.	<p>Do you travel a lot? What arrangements would be made for the dog when you travel?</p>	
8.	<p>Are you interested in learning more about how Dog Listening and natural feeding can help you have a healthy, stress-free, calm, and responsive dog?</p> <p><i>I seek to place my pups in homes where I can, if needed, provide on-going support and advice about Dog Listening, and monitor the pup's progress.</i></p>	
9.	<p>Do you have a preference for male or female? Do you have a colour preference?</p> <p><i>NB. I do not recommend choosing a puppy solely on colour/gender. Personality is really a much more important factor.</i></p>	
10.	<p>What is your primary interest in having a Border Collie puppy..? ie why this breed..?</p>	
11.	<p>Do you plan to undertake dog training, or other activities (eg agility)? If so, how/what?</p>	
12.	<p>How many adults and children are there in your household? Ages of kids? Any elderly/disabled family members?</p>	
13.	<p>Do you have an in-home business or run a group (eg play group) that involves regular visiting strangers..?</p>	

My obligations to new Puppy Owners:

- Assist new owners in selecting the right puppy for their circumstances
- Provide comprehensive information about Natural Feeding & Dog Listening (personal in-home consultations available at 50% cost to new puppy owners)
- Health Guarantee (**money back** guarantee in relation to genetic disorders
*some conditions apply)
- Ongoing support and follow-up

Obligations I ask New Puppy Owners to commit to:

- Fully integrate the dog into your family and lifestyle - including socialisation with others, basic training, regular recreation (games/walks)
- Provide full and effective, & regular Veterinary care, and accommodation for the dog
- Learn about Dog Listening and Natural Feeding (information is provided)
- De-sex the dog at 6 months of age
- Provide Merry with follow up information about development (inc photos and a behaviour assessment)
- Record & update your contact information with the Micro-chip Registry
- Return the dog to Merry if it ever needs to be re-homed – for any reason (no judgments will be made)
- Not to use the dog for hunting or fighting, or specifically as a guard dog