

## The Collie

What is a collie? The following excerpts are from the official collie standard as adopted by the American Kennel Club (AKC).

**General Character** – The collie is a lithe, strong, responsive, active dog, carrying no useless timber, standing naturally straight and firm. The deep, moderately wide chest shows strength, the sloping shoulders and well bent hocks indicate speed and grace, and the face shows high intelligence. The collie presents an impressive, proud picture of true balance, each part being in harmonious proportion to every other part and to the whole. Timidity, frailness, sullenness, viciousness, lack of animation, cumbersome appearance and lack of overall balance impair the general character.

**Appearance** – The collie comes in two varieties, either the rough coated or smooth coated variety. The rough coated collie carries a long and abundant coat over its entire body with the exception of the head and legs. The smooth coated variety carries a short, hard, dense, flat coat of good texture. Both varieties are double coated, with an undercoat that is soft, furry, and so close together that it is difficult to see the skin when the hair is parted.

**Size** – Dogs are 24 - 26 inches at the shoulders and weigh from 60 - 75 pounds. Bitches are from 22 - 24 inches at the shoulders, weighing 50 - 65 pounds.

**Color** – The four colors that are recognized are “Sable and White”, “Tri-colored”, “Blue Merle”, and “White”.

## Things to Consider Before Owning a Collie

- 🐾 The collie coat, especially the rough coated variety, requires regular brushing to maintain its beauty. Be prepared to give your dog a thorough brushing at least once a week, with a daily touch-up.
- 🐾 Collies are one of the “Herding Breeds” and will tend to chase cars, bikes, and joggers in an effort to “restore the general order of their world.” A fenced yard and walking on lead are strongly recommended!
- 🐾 Collies fulfill their duties as watchdogs by barking loudly at all unusual situations. Leaving a collie chained out in the backyard all day while you are away at work will most assuredly make you well known (and unpopular) among the neighbors!
- 🐾 Collies are social animals and require regular contact with their human family. They respond best to Positive Reinforcement training methods.
- 🐾 Collies get along well with other animals, although initial introductions should be supervised.
- 🐾 The temperament of the breed does not permit a collie to “attack on command.” While it will protect its owner’s family, it will not protect the owner’s property! If you are looking for a guard dog, don’t get a collie!
- 🐾 The average life span of a collie is 12 years. Be prepared to make commitment of time, money and energy before you get a collie.



## NorthEast Ohio Collie Rescue, Inc.

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## Who We Are



NorthEast Ohio Collie Rescue, Inc. was founded in 1995 by a group of individuals interested in the welfare of the collie breed. A major portion of those charter members belong to local collie

clubs or obedience clubs, and also are affiliated with other rescue organizations and local animal shelters.

## What We Do

NorthEast Ohio Collie Rescue, Inc. is dedicated to providing:

- 🐾 an alternative for collies in the northeast Ohio area that have been abandoned, abused, or given up by their owners;
- 🐾 medical care, rehabilitation, and permanent new homes for these dogs;
- 🐾 assistance to families experiencing difficulties with their collie in an effort to prevent the need for rescue of the dog; and
- 🐾 continued public education about the care and needs of our dogs, whether they are companions, working partners, or assistants in our daily lives.

## Why We Do It

*"We are alone, absolutely alone on this chance planet, and amid all the forms of life that surround us, not one, excepting the dog, has made an alliance with us."*

~ Maurice Maeterlinck

As owners, breeders, and trainers, we feel an obligation to insure the welfare of those breeds that have played such an important role in our lives. Dogs are unique in their attitude toward their human companions. They don't just hang around for the food; they bond with us, become a part of our family, in many cases willing to sacrifice their safety to protect ours. An implied understanding between dog and owner develops along with a mutual trust that is all too often betrayed in today's fast-paced, throw-away society. When this trust is broken, it is always the dog that suffers from abuse, neglect, or outright abandonment.

The desire and the goal of NorthEast Ohio Collie Rescue, Inc. is to restore the dog's confidence and trust in order to restore its role as a valuable member of the family. It is our firm belief that the obligation to the dog is one of a lifetime and not one of convenience.



## What You Can Do To Help

**Adoption** – Adopting a collie will not only provide a home for the dog, it will provide companionship for your family members. Northeast Ohio Collie Rescue asks that all potential adopters fill out an application. The application helps us to know a little about you and your family and allows us to find the best collie for your situation. Upon placement, we ask for an adoption fee of \$250, or \$200 for mixed-breed or senior dogs (8+ years old). The adoption fee helps to defray the costs of rescuing the collies and includes spaying or neutering, rabies and DHLPP inoculations, and a veterinary exam.

**Foster Home** – You can help restore a collie to health and dignity by serving as a foster home. Fostering a dog is hard work and presents occasional challenges, but the rewards are great. Helping a dog to once again become a valuable member of the family will more than compensate for the time and effort that you invest.

**Donations** – The costs of rescuing and caring for the collies in our program far exceed the amounts received from adoption fees. We welcome and greatly appreciate your tax-deductible financial contributions as well as donations of any unused dog-related items that you no longer need.

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**Volunteering** – NorthEast Ohio Collie Rescue is a completely volunteer-run organization. If you have a little spare time, we would welcome your help in conducting shelter checks, grooming and transporting dogs, preparing mailings and many other activities.

**Spay or Neuter your pets!** There are far more homeless animals in shelters and rescues than can possibly find good homes. When looking for an animal companion, check the shelters first and save a life!