

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BORDER COLLIE RESCUE & ADOPTIONS

ADOPTION INFORMATION, FEES & APPLICATION

Northern California Border Collie Rescue & Adoptions (NCBCRA) is an all volunteer group who give their time, effort, and resources to place border collies in need into new homes where they will be loved and well cared for. No compensation is provided to our volunteers. 100% of fees paid for dog adoptions go to offset organization expenses and care of our dogs.

The bulk of our costs are for food and canine veterinarian care. Virtually every dog we bring into rescue requires some medical care. Routine medical costs include rabies vaccinations, DHPP vaccinations, heartworm tests, heartworm preventative medication, microchipping, deworming, spays & neuters. We also incur costs to treat a variety of illness and disease, ranging from bacterial infections to prolonged and expensive medication for existing heartworm. There are surgical costs for major accidents, as well as less severe, but perhaps more frequent needs such as a broken tooth extraction or perhaps removal of a stomach obstruction from chewing on wood! While we have established a network of veterinarians who kindly reduce fees for us, the sheer scope of possible illness and injury keeps us forever in need of financial assistance.

Fees are typically based on a dog's listed age. We have set the adoption fees at the minimal amount to sustain our rescue. We appreciate any additional donation you are able to offer. Thank you.

- Puppies (under 6 months): \$350.00. Puppies too young to be spayed/neutered (altered) will be adopted with a contract that requires the new owner to have the dog altered at the appropriate age. We also require an additional \$75.00 spay/neuter deposit. The deposit will be refunded upon proof of altering.
- 6 months to 6 years: \$300.00
- Over 6 years: \$250.00
- We may also host special consideration dogs (e.g., deaf or partially blind dogs). Fees for these dogs are not based on age but are determined individually.

Any dog over six months old adopted from NCBCRA will have been spayed or neutered. Dogs we place that are too young to be altered will include a future spay/neuter agreement that requires they be altered at the appropriate age. Breeding border collies is a time-consuming and expensive endeavor. It should not be attempted without understanding the many facets of breeding, including genetic screening and nurturing of puppies.

All adopters will be required to complete an Adoption Application and have it approved prior to enquiring about or meeting any dogs. From the website, please complete either an On-Line Adoption Application (http://norcalbcrescue.org/adopt_appl.html) or download a fillable PDF Adoption Application form from the same web page and email us the completed PDF Adoption Application.

All adopters will be required to sign an Adoption Agreement at the time of adoption. From the website, please download the Adoption Agreement and read it carefully. If you have any questions on it please let us know ahead of your adoption.

The veterinary needs of dogs that come into rescue vary, but as a minimum we see each dog is made current on its rabies vaccination as well as canine distemper, hepatitis, parainfluenza and parvovirus (DHPPv) vaccinations. Depending on the veterinary clinic, this core set may also include a vaccine for leptospirosis (DHLPPv). We observe for indications of parasites (roundworm, hookworm, whipworm, tapeworm as well as giardia and coccidia) and will treat with the appropriate dewormer and medication. We have a heartworm test performed on each dog and if found positive we treat the dog and obtain a positive test result before making the dog available for adoption.

When you adopt a dog, we will provide you with the information we have on its background and medical history. As dogs come to us from a variety of locations, often as strays picked up by animal shelters, this information may be limited. Other than what we have had performed while in rescue, we cannot provide any guarantee of the dog's history or medical condition. Nor can we guarantee a dog's behavior.