

# BORDER COLLIE SURRENDER/ADOPTION PROGRAM:



This program re-homes Border Collies that aren't making the grade as working/herding stock-dogs. The inspiration came from my lifetime experience of working, training and trialing Border Collies. The harsh reality is that if a ranch or trial Border Collie "isn't working" or doesn't fit the program, is that it needs to be rehomed to make room for another dog with a better aptitude and skill for the job at hand. Working dogs are just like "staff" to a rancher and farmer, and they can only afford to keep the most skilled and motivated staff on hand. Just as all horses aren't destined for the race track, not all Border Collies and stock dogs aren't cut out for the pressure and demands on a working farm/ranch or on the trial field. However, I believe there is another place for these dogs as a pets, companions -- or even placed in a different job. There are three aspects of this program.

**Border Collie Surrender:** **First**, I work with handlers, farmers and ranchers to take in working stock dogs and Border Collies that aren't making the grade on the trial field or maybe aren't suited for a working ranch environment. This doesn't mean these dogs are bad or problem dogs, but more so that their temperament and skills aren't well matched to their environment and working situation. These dogs are surrendered into the program, and brought to my location - pending kennel space. (See [Surrender Application on website www.intuitivedogtraining.com](http://www.intuitivedogtraining.com) )

**Behavioral/Obedience Training:** **Second**, once surrendered dogs are brought to my location a behavioral assessment and detailed history are done (with the surrendering handler) to identify the type of placement best suited for the dog. Next a photo and or brief history is posted, and adoption applications are accepted. All dogs will also undergo a thorough vet check and any spay or neutering will be done while in my care.

IDT's behavioral training is a calm and kind method that teaches you how to communicate with your dog in a way that all dog's understand, and establishes you as the leader, which makes training and modifications so much easier and this is done without force or shouting. This assessment will be discussed with adopting family, as well as a recommended behavioral training program.

Post placement behavioral training is a requirement of adoption and important for a seamless transition to the dog's new home. Those services are available from Intuitive Dog Training LLC (IDT) but can be secured elsewhere. However, proof of alternative behavioral training is required before adoption transfer.

**Border Collie's Adopted:** **Third**, adoption applications will be reviewed and the best possible match will be selected, based on the dog's history and any behavioral issues it may have. Fees for adoption include: \$10 purchase price plus, kenneling costs at IDT, veterinary fees including spaying or neutering, and behavioral training. **Behavioral training is a requirement of adoption to assist in the transition to the dog's new home and will be done at adopting owner's expense.** Though this doesn't have to be done through IDT, proof of similar training from a licensed trainer must be provided before transfer. At a minimum, 1-2 weeks after transfer to the dog's new home, IDT will come and do owner education and in-home behavioral training and will be available for continued support by phone and email for up to 3 months after adoption. (See [Adoption Application on website www.intuitivedogtraining.com](http://www.intuitivedogtraining.com) )