

VICTORIAN COLLIE RESCUE



Breed of Dog: COLLIE (ROUGH) and (SMOOTH)

Rescue Group Name: VICTORIAN COLLIE RESCUE

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About the breed:

Collies come in two varieties, Collies Rough & Smooth and can often be referred to as Scotch Collies or Lassie. The Rough Collie has a long coat and



the Smooth Collie has a shorter coat (similar in length to the German Shepherd). They are a medium sized dog with male collies standing 55.8 to 66 cm at shoulder, and the female averaging 5 cm shorter. The male can weigh 20.4 to 34 kg and the female 2.3 - 4.5 kg less.

The Collie was developed originally for herding in Scotland. It comes in four coat colours although only three are

recognized in the breeding standards for Collies in Australia. Sable and white where the "sable" ranges from pale tan to a golden mahogany, tricolour which is primarily black edged in tan, and blue merle which is a mottled grey. White is the fourth colour that is not recognised. All have white coat areas, in the collar, parts of the leg, and the tail tip

Collies adapt themselves rapidly and extremely well to family life and are the perfect family companion, they have a great sense of propriety, of helpfulness, and loyalty. They are one of the most faithful of all breeds, with a sweet disposition, extremely intelligent, affectionate and sensitive. Collies are a loving and devoted companion, gentle with children and with other

animals. The Collie thrives on human companionship and family life. Collies are also very clean and are excellent in the house, and a Collie will bond very closely with all family members, and will reward a caring owner with years of unquestioning devotion and affection.

The Collie is truly the perfect family companion.

Ideal owners for this breed:

Families, couples and retired persons are all suitable.

The ideal place for your Collie to live is within the home environment with their family. Collies are very social, family orientated dogs and do not cope well if left on a chain, or confined to a kennel, or simply be left in a backyard with little or no interaction with their human family. Basically, a Collie is a social dog and needs human companionship to be happy. If deprived of its rightful place as a full fledged family member, a Collie's personality will never have a chance to fully develop and behaviour problems may occur.



A prospective new owner of a collie must understand that the Collie Rough has a long & dense double layered coat that needs regular grooming to keep it clean, healthy as well as matt & knot free.

The Collie Smooth has a short coat, but still needs a regular groom to keep the coat clean & healthy.

How this rescue program works:

Victorian Collie Rescue is run by volunteers who are devoted to this beautiful breed. We are a non profit group that rely on donations, and also often use own personal funds, to save, care for and heal the Collies that come into our care.

Our Collies are rescued from many situations but generally they are saved from pounds and shelters after they have stayed their required impound time there and have not been reclaimed by their previous owner . . . we rescue them from death row.

These Rescue Collies are placed into one of our volunteers private homes. They are assessed for temperament, health and what type of home would

best suit the Collie. If not already done, the Collie is desexed, vaccinated, wormed, heartworm tested & microchipped. Once the foster carer feels the Collie is ready for a new home it will be put up for adoption.

In order to adopt a Collie from Victorian Collie Rescue you will need to:

1. Complete our Adoption application form - Once we receive your completed application we will peruse it and then someone will be in touch to discuss your interest further
2. Agree to a home visit - If we approve your written application, then a home visit will be arranged, so we can check your home/yard environment & fencing etc
3. Sign an Adoption Agreement

Within several days of receiving your application, you will be contacted by one of our volunteers. We feel that getting to know our adopters results in a better placement for both the collie and the families that are wishing to adopt. Once this process is complete, we will work to match you with a Collie that is right for your family, or if a current Collie is not available you will be placed on a waiting list until a suitable Collie comes along.

All our Collies go to their new home on a 14 day trial. Upon completion of this trial (or sooner if needed) if it is decided that the Collie and Adopter/s are not a suitable match we will take back the Rescue Collie immediately and place it back into our foster care program and all adoption fees shall be returned to the adopter, providing the Collie is return in reasonable condition.

Successful adopters will be those people who are prepared to be understanding that some Rescue Collies have had unsettling experiences in being lost & homeless. Some have possibly been mistreated, or uncared for previously. So a patient, kind, gentle and dog wise home is needed. With our Rescue Collies we prefer the home to not have very young children.



The Victorian Collie Rescue stand from the Companion Dog Club's

**Big Dog Day Out
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