

## **IMPORTANT ADVICE FOR PEOPLE LOOKING FOR A BORDER COLLIE PUPPY**

The Border Collie Club of Victoria Inc is an affiliate of Dogs Victoria which is the peak body for dogs in Victoria. All States have a similar Canine Control and all these bodies combine to form the Australian National Kennel Council Ltd (ANKC) which is the internationally recognised body by similar kennel organisations. Purebred Border Collie puppies are registered on the ANKC database through Dogs Victoria.

Please be aware that, unfortunately, there are now many scammers out there taking advantage of puppy buyers. We encourage you to purchase your puppy from a Dogs Victoria registered breeder who has done all the appropriate health testing for Border Collies and complies with various Codes and Regulations. This includes hip/elbow scoring and DNA profiling which includes testing for a number of health matters known to exist in the Breed. Breeders must provide copies of these results which should be sighted before purchasing your pup.

Prior to handing over any money you can check with the governing ANKC body in each state to confirm that your breeder is a financial member. The breeder should give you their membership number if you ask. In Victoria, contact Dogs Victoria by phone on 9788 2500 or email [office@dogsvictoria.org.au](mailto:office@dogsvictoria.org.au). Breeders should also have a PER number (Pet Exchange Register) that they can give you, which is part of a State Government system and compulsory by law.

Puppies must be vaccinated and microchipped and at least eight weeks of age when they go to their new homes.

When purchasing your puppy in Victoria, it is the club's recommendation to never hand over money without meeting the breeder, puppy at its place of residence and its mother. The father may live elsewhere. If buying a puppy from interstate please be cautious if extra money is asked to cover travel insurance or if the price seems exorbitant. Also be aware that some people on-sell puppies they have bought from a breeder for a considerable mark-up. Currently, most breeders sell puppies between \$2-3,000 but there may be a slight variation to this price between some breeders/states.

As all colours of Border Collie are permissible for ANKC registration, colours are generally no longer rare so be aware of excessive prices, all puppies cost the same to rear regardless of colour.

If you do have concerns please contact the Club for guidance.