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16 Border Collies Seeking Foster and Forever Homes

Halifax, Nova Scotia – After a month of intensive rehabilitation 16 border collies originally seized on December 10, 2019 are ready for their forever or foster homes.

The Nova Scotia SPCA is seeking further appropriate candidates for permanent adoptive or temporary foster homes for the 16 border collies. Due to the number of challenging rehabilitation cases, there is a need for specialized candidates beyond the existing approved network of applicants.

These animals will require very special homes. “Learning simple everyday tasks – like walking on a leash or accepting human touch – is still a work in progress for many of these animals. Long-term rehabilitation is needed to help these dogs adjust to living with a family”, says Sandra Flemming, Provincial Director of Animal Care. “Many of these dogs will experience house training issues since some have never lived in a home. The right family situation – foster or forever – will need to be a special place to make this a positive experience for the dog and the family.”

Each of the animals has unique needs and will require a home situation that will help them become their best possible self. In addition, all of these dogs require homes that meet the following criteria:

- Suburban or rural location with minimal traffic, noise and other stimuli,
- A quiet home with no children under 16, a reliable routine and very few extra people coming and going,
- Experience with dogs, especially with Border Collies or other similarly active and intelligent breeds,
- A family with time and patience for working on the rehabilitation plan, attend training classes and regularly consult with the team at the SPCA, and
- A fenced yard would be considerable asset towards achieving the rehabilitation goals.

Families who are interested in providing a forever home, or a foster home now with the intent to become the adoptive family will take priority.

If you meet the minimum criteria and are interested in becoming a family to one of these dogs, please apply online at <http://www.novascotiaspca.ca/bordercollies/>

The generosity of the community means foster families for those dogs not yet ready for adoption will be provided with all supplies to care for the dogs, including crates, medical, prescriptions and food.

Images available on request.

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About the Nova Scotia SPCA

Proudly no-kill, the Nova Scotia SPCA operates on a policy of zero tolerance for animal cruelty. Their shelters provide medical care, rehabilitation, spay and neuter services and re-homing opportunities for thousands of animals in Nova Scotia every year.

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