Blue Ridge Border Collie Rescue is a limited-intake organization, meaning that when the organization is at full capacity, we are unable to accept any additional dogs until a dog is adopted into a permanent home or we recruit an additional foster home.

All newly arrived dogs, even those who go straight to foster homes where the home itself or a room within the home is the primary enclosure, should be isolated from all other dogs for a minimum of 48 hours after arrival to ensure that there are no disease concerns. During that time, it is also important that the dog is housed in an area that can be properly and easily sanitized. Once the dog has arrived at its destination home within the organization, the foster provider or another volunteer should conduct a behavior assessment. Depending on where the dog comes from, the source shelter may be able to provide a medical assessment. Otherwise, the dog should also be medically assessed by a veterinarian. Observations made during the initial behavior assessment, along with any medical and identifying information, should be input into the database within five days of bringing the dog into our program. Any dog that is returned to us needs to be reassessed behaviorally and medically. Information to be included in all records:

• Identifying information: name, age, sex, color, weight, distinguishing marks

• Medical: spay/neuter date, dates of most recent vaccinations, any other medical issues

Behavior assessment: dog should be evaluated for signs of aggression, biting, extreme fear, excessive shyness, housetraining, and any evidence of obedience training or willingness to obey commands. Dogs should also be evaluated for behavior around other cats or dogs. Dogs that are healthy and friendly with no need for medical or behavioral intervention should be put on the fast-track for adoption.

Any dog that needs time to improve, either medically or behaviorally, should be given sufficient time to do so. Every foster provider should be given a realistic assessment for the length of time an dog will need specialized care before the pet can be put on the fast-track for adoption. Once ready for adoption, the dog should be promoted on our Webpage and Facebook page.

**Owner Give up Surrender Suggested Donation**

* Fully Vetted (vaccinated, heartworm negative, spayed/neutered): $100
* Not Fully Vetted (unaltered): $200
* Heartworm Positive: $300
* Other Medical Condition(s): Fee TBD