

**CARE4BCS, Inc. – Caring Aid, Rescue & Education for Border Collies**

Mail completed form to:

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**Care4bcs**

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name(s):

Email address:

Address:

City: State: Zip:

home phone:

work phone:

cell phone

Occupation:

How did you hear about us?

What is your experience with Border Collies? Are you familiar with the many variations in color, size, coat and shape that make up the Border Collie breed?

Daily hobbies/activities & amount of time spent doing them:

Children (living at home) and their ages:

All other pets: their type, names and ages:

Ways in which you exercise your dog(s) and/or dog related activities you participate in:

Have you ever been bitten/attacked by a dog?

If yes, please explain:

Are you comfortable approaching dogs that you do not know?

Do you understand that dogs may be unpredictable and that CARE4BCS cannot guarantee that a dog we are attempting to rescue will not become aggressive?

Are you willing to assume the risks involved with working with animals that are sometimes frightened and in unfamiliar surroundings may become aggressive?

Are you willing to accept any risk involved in transporting a dog inside your vehicle?

CARE4BCS does not have any type of liability insurance. Do you agree not to hold CARE4BCS responsible for any injury or property damage incurred while participating in a fundraising event, conducting an evaluation of a dog, participating in dog transports, and/or any other activity not specifically mentioned?

What type of services have you performed in the past, or are performing now, for other volunteer organizations?

Briefly describe why you are interested in volunteering for CARE4BCS.

Please explain/describe any other information which you feel is relevant or important about yourself.

Please list—your vet and 1 other reference. (Name, address, work and/or home phone number and the best time to contact them. Email address.

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- 2.

Emergency contact: please give us the name and phone number for a person not living with you.

**CARE4BCS mission is: To raise funds for Border Collies. To assist shelters, the public and BC rescues through networking, as well as providing transportation, evaluations, referrals and education.**

Each member of CARE4BCS contributes their time wherever possible. We each bring our unique strengths and talents to accomplish our mission. Below is a list of some of the areas we are involved in.

#### TRAINING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE

Providing training advice (in person, via email or by telephone) to a border collie owner or rescue having difficulties. Goal to attempt to prevent relinquishment by addressing the underlying problem. Often, when training advice is sought via email/website, the issue is shared with the whole group for input. For complex problems and aggression issues, owners or rescues are referred to reputable trainers and behaviorists in their area. Are you comfortable participating in these types of discussions and answering questions on events, etc.?

#### FUNDRAISING & PUBLIC RELATIONS

Donating items or baked goods for various promotions such as rummage sales/raffles, etc. Manning booths selling shirts, toys and other dog related items at local trials, agility, herding, Frisbee and fly ball competitions or other events. Helping to make flyers to be distributed at trials and events. Coordinating fundraisers and special events. Assisting with website development, newsletters and advertisements. Brainstorming ideas for fundraising and educational events. They are many different ways to raise funds—events, Ebay, printer cartridges, raffles, educational seminars to mention a few. We are always looking for new ideas and people will to coordinate and assist with these endeavors. Is there a particular area you are interested in helping out with?

We often assist other rescues by evaluating and transporting dogs, as well as doing home visits for their potential adoptees. Each rescue has different criteria, but they will let us know what they are looking for. Requests for assistance are sometimes posted to the CARE4BCS Yahoo list. If you are interested in helping with transports, you may want to join the BC Transport Group yahoo list <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BCTransport/>. Please check the items you would be interested in helping with.

### HOME VISITS

Home visits involve going to a Potential Adopter's home to verify premises, neighborhood, and other pets make it safe for the new dog. A home visit worksheet would be provided.

### TRANSPORTATION

Transporting a dog from a shelter, or rescue to another rescue or worker., These may involve long drives. Would you need to use a crate?

### RELINQUISHMENT ASSISTANCE

Evaluating a dog on behalf of a rescue to ensure it is a Border Collie. Performing a temperament test (checklist available). What is your experience with Border Collies? Are you familiar with the many variations in color, size, coat and shape that make up the Border Collie breed?

### ADOPTION FOLLOW UP

This would involve contacting an adopter at a rescues request, checking the progress of the dog and forwarding your report back to the rescue.

I hereby agree to abide by the following terms during the time I am a representative of Care4BCS

- I will not sell or give away any dog to a research facility, pet shop, dog broker, puppy mill, or any other person, firm or corporation that may cause harm either mentally or physically to any dog in my care.
- I will not use any dog that comes to me through Care4BCS for breeding purposes of my own or allow it to be used as such by any other person.
- I will remember in my dealings with the public, that I represent Care4BCS
- I agree to conduct my interaction with other members of the group both on the egroup list and off in a civilized and non-confrontational manner and will assume the best of the intentions of others. I understand that if I have a dispute or communication problem with another member, that I have a responsibility to work directly with that member to resolve the dispute. I further understand that hostile or hurtful posts to the rescue's egroup will result in me being moderated and/or removed from the egroup and that all my communications with other members should be conducted with civility.
- By submitting this form, I understand all of the above. I appreciate the risks involved in working with Border Collies. I understand that Care4BCS cannot be responsible for the actions and behaviors of the dogs that we help and I agree to assume the risks implicit in working with dogs which have come into my circle through the work of Care4BCS and will not hold CARE4BCS responsible for any injury or damage.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

