

# The Big Brainy Border Collie Study: Part 1: The Survey



## Why are we doing this study?

- 🐾 Border Collies are a popular breed across the world, famed for their **working abilities**, with many others finding success as **companion dogs** or in competitive **dog sports**.
- 🐾 Studies indicate that Border Collies are predisposed to **epilepsy**, a brain disorder characterised by recurrent seizures, while others show **abnormal behaviours** including fly-catching, tail and shadow chasing.
- 🐾 We are interested in Border Collie brain development and how seizures and behavioural abnormalities arise in this breed. We are conducting a **series of studies** focusing on brain health and behaviour in the Border Collie.

## Who can get involved?

- 🐾 **ALL** Border Collie owners, with dogs of any age, sex, or neuter status
- 🐾 Border Collies both **WITH** and **WITHOUT** an epilepsy diagnosis
- 🐾 Owners from any part of the world

## What does this study involve?

Completing this survey, estimated to take **25-30 mins** which will explore your dog's day-to-day behaviour and health

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/bigbrainybordercollie](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/bigbrainybordercollie)



Please share this link with all of your Border Collie friends; we hope to make this the biggest ever study of Border Collie brain health and behaviour!



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