Hearing Loss of a Border Collie
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Prevalence
According to the Border Collie Club of Great Britain, approximately 2.5% of border collies experience bilateral or unilateral deafness. This is compared to 0.05% in the overall canine population. Bilateral deafness in a breeding dog is undesirable while unilateral deafness is more common. While a dog can only usually tell if the deafness is total hearing loss or not, a diagnosis of the level of deafness can be done by ear examination or hearing test.

BAER Test
The BAER test consists of placing each ear individually, with the entire process taking no more than about 15 minutes. The test is usually conducted by a board-certified veterinary otorhinolaryngologist or a veterinarian for animals with severe ear problems. The procedure involves a small syringe connected to a computer, and the computer displays a stimulus and records the response.

Middle-Aged Onset
The most common hearing loss in border collies over 10 years of age, and of course, in older, border collie owners. This can be caused by any number of factors, including congenital deafness, delayed hearing loss, or environmental factors such as age. It can also be caused by environmental factors such as noise exposure. In most cases, border collie owners will notice their dog’s hearing loss first as they are the only ones that can hear the dog’s hearing loss.

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Deafness And Color
Between 1984 and 2002, 2,587 border collies in Great Britain underwent DNA testing. The Center for Great Animal Studies (CGAS) went through the data, looking for the hypothesis that deafness in the breed is associated with other breeds. The resulting DNA patterns in the breed are consistent with the findings of the CGAS study, confirming that deafness in the breed is an inherited condition. A color pattern on the coat is not a characteristic of the breed, but there is a significant amount of color variation in the breed. The United States Border Collie Association defines a “slit” as a deviation of some body color - black or blue, which varies depending on the coat. The coat is black with a white strip above the eye and a white strip from the shoulder to the tail. This is a significant amount of color variation in the breed.

Maternal Deafness
It is generally not surprising that the offspring of deaf dogs are at a higher risk of suffering hearing loss. Maternal deafness is a common cause of deafness in many breeds, and it is a potential cause in border collies. In a study of 147 deaf dogs, 20% of the mothers tested positive for deafness, indicating that deafness is a possible cause of deafness in border collies. A study of 147 deaf dogs, 20% of the mothers tested positive for deafness, indicating that deafness is a possible cause of deafness in border collies.

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