

Courtesy Listing
Meet Sym



I'm looking to rehome my dog, Sym. We are looking for someone who is as enthusiastic about the outdoors and playing and enjoying life together as he is. I had a baby and very unfortunately no longer have the capacity to give him the life he deserves.

I am committed to this dog having a good life and I was diligent about his care and training prior to the arrival of the baby. I won't be letting him go to just anyone - I will want to learn about the home and people interested in taking him. A rehoming fee will apply. He will come with his crate, favorite toys, and chews.

Please write to me at maggieorion@gmail.com with your interest and a description of your home, lifestyle and capability to care for him. Please let me know you have read this entire description.

Sym is a nearly 1.5 year old, 40 lb, healthy, neutered border collie. I got him from an accidental litter from a local ranch. His genetic testing says he is 100% border collie. He is brilliant, high energy and sweet. He loves long walks with his human, playing with his dog friends, sniffing,

and learning. He is potty trained, crate trained and knows all the basic commands in low distraction settings. The local behavioral specialist will provide free support to help with Sym's transition and can be contacted to vouch for his personality.

More dog details:

- Treat and play motivated! This dog can learn anything.
- Loves being outdoors and is a great dog for hiking and nature adventures.
- Loves playing with a few close dog friends, but gets overstimulated in large pack settings (e.g. dog park)
- When other dogs get close to his human he often will resource guard/get overly protective of his humans. This looks like putting himself between the other dog and his human, barking, growling, and sometimes snapping. He has never bit and can be redirected by a knowledgeable dog person. He does not resource guard food, toys or against humans.
- Great with my baby and has the best of intentions with children in general. He has been known to knock toddlers over due to his enthusiasm.

- Is pretty good about not jumping on people though the first greeting with exciting people can be hit or miss.
- Sometimes barks along the fence line at wildlife but is not the type of dog who is endlessly barking.
- Does not like swimming but is capable. Loves wading.
- I have a cat and he does chase the cat and eyeball the cat. But he has never tried to hurt the cat.
- Great at car rides.
- Okay on leash. He can be pull-y when very excited or with a person who he is testing.
- Often happy to sleep at your feet while you do work and enjoys spending time inside with people, but don't leave him outside of crate unattended for long or he'll make his own entertainment (i.e. find something to chew)
- Not sure how he handles other ranch animals. He was a puppy on a ranch but hasn't been around them since. Barks at cows and horses when we see them on trails.
- He takes anti-anxiety meds daily (Trazedone) as prescribed by the vet but I don't really think they make a huge difference and could probably be swapped out for more exercise and attention.
- He has NEVER bitten anyone. He thinks most humans are amazing and has no guard dog attributes.
- He has NEVER bitten another dog.

Seeking new home and people with the following:

- Must have property or daily access to land
- Must be with a person who has experience
- with high energy dog breeds
- A home with other well-behaved dogs for Sym to play with and continue learning from would be great but he's also used to being a solo dog so that's fine too. Note resource guarding behavior mentioned above - you would have to follow an integration plan from behavior specialist.
- I suggest Sym be in a home with older children or no children, though I have seen young dog-knowledgeable kids do well with him so depends on the family
- Cats and other animals at foster discretion considering information above.
- The new owner must be committed to using positive behavior management only (e.g. no shock collars or intimidation)

