



Old Hemp



Spot 308



Old Kep

The History of the Border Collie

Old Hemp is considered to be the progenitor of the Border Collie breed. He was born in the village of Cambo, Northumberland England. He won the International Championships twice and he sired over 200 puppies and thus founded the Border Collie breed that we have today. He was undefeated at trials. He was bred for his looks and impeccable working ability. He died in 1903.

Spot 308 won the International Shepherd's Champion, the Scottish National Champion and Supreme International Champion. With his many achievements and influence in Great Britain, Ireland, Australia and the United States, he is considered to be the father of the Border Collie in the United States.

Old Kep was born in 1901, a very friendly and kind dog. One of his contributions to the breed was his "eye" which resulted in 45 first place wins at trials. His son Don was exported to New Zealand where he contributed to the Australian Border Collies.

The Border Collie was originally called the "Scotch Sheepdog" and originated in Northumberland along the borders of Scotland and England. It is a descendant from dogs used by Vikings to herd reindeer, the old British droving dogs with a little spaniel added. The breed didn't come into place until late 19th and 20th centuries. Most reference's agree that the word "collie" comes from the breed of sheep that they herded. It is a Gaelic word meaning useful/necessary

The Border Collie of today was descendant from Old Hemp (1893-1903). In the United States Spot 308, a son of Old Hemp, is also considered to be a progenitor for today's Border Collie. Also Wiston Cap born 1893 serves as the model for border collie exterior and crouch.

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