

Name

Joe

AVID microchip #	982 000 410 898 939 (24PetWatch brand)
Gender	M
Age	1 1/2 years (DOB 2/3/16)
Breed	Border Collie
Stature	Small, lanky
Gait & feet/legs	Beautiful gait, straight legs/feet
Color/markings	Black tri
Hair/coat	Medium length with feathering
BC traits/behaviors	Smart, fast, herdy, playful
History	Relinquished to shelter
House manners	Will take shoes etc. if left alone
Potty break routine	Goes out every couple hours; BM about 1/2 hour after a meal Has a healthy appetite; eats everything he's offered; likes Milkbones & green beans for treats
Diet & treats	
Grooming requirements and tolerance	Easy to groom; did great at the groomers (bath, dry, nails, clip behind ears)
Barking	Quiet - I have only heard him bark one yip and that was when he was playing I kept him on a long line for a week because he was skittish; He has not tried to go out the door or over the fence
Escape tendencies	
Water play	N/A
Fears	New experiences; brooms and rakes
Sounds/noise tolerance	Jumps at new or loud noises, but does not go overboard
Visitors & strangers	Shy with strangers but warms up to them
Behavior around children under 12	N/A
Behavior around children over 12	N/A
Behavior around other dogs	Gets along with my dog
Behavior around cats	Gets along with my cat and the neighbor's cat
On & off leash	Fences yard recommended; still learning leash manners
Games & toys	Has just now started to play with toys - ball, Kong, milk jug
Vehicle chasing	N/A
Car rides	Does not like to get in a car; rides quietly once in, but nervous Gets in crate, though sometimes needs a treat; quiet on crate; goes in on his own sometimes
Crate training	
Commands	Knows sit and "get back" (from door/gate); Working on "down"

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Joe was previously owned by an older couple that could not handle his energy level. They stated that he was afraid of loud noises and quick movements. He was afraid of men and preferred women. He was not completely potty trained. He was 1 ½ years old when he was relinquished to a shelter.

Joe arrived at our house on September 2, 2017. He was very scared and confused. He would lay down if I tried to lead him with a leash. He was afraid to go through doorways. He was leery of being on the covered porch. He got skittish if anyone made a fast movement. He came to me right away when I approached him, but you could tell he was scared. He acted the same way toward Larry.

After letting Joe explore the yard on a leash, I coaxed him into the house to put him in his crate for some quiet time. He fought going into the crate like it was the devil. Once inside the crate though, he settled down and slept.

Joe started sneezing after he was here a couple of days, so he got a trip to the vet. He picked up a respiratory infection while at the shelter, so we put him on antibiotics. We caught it in the beginning stages and it cleared up fast.

Joe has come a long way since his first couple of weeks here. He has found out that his crate is a safe place where he gets plenty of treats. After working with him for a week, he started going in the crate on his own to take a break. He goes in at night (though he needs a treat for incentive once in a while) with no problems. He has never barked while in his crate. In fact, I have only heard him bark once while he was outside playing.

Joe's previous owner stated that he was not potty trained. He has only gone potty inside twice since I have had him. I blame myself for those slip ups. I don't think I let him stay outside long enough after he ate. Lesson learned on my part.

Joe gets along with my cat and with the stray cat that hangs around our house. He gets along with my dog too. He has met several new people, and though he was shy at first, he warmed up to them pretty quickly.

Joe definitely has a high herding instinct. He tries to herd the cats. He tries to herd my dog when she is trying to play ball or Frisbee. He can get a little pushy with my dog if I don't curb his herding, so he would be better with a dog that is not too dominant. He is not aggressive, but he is full of young border collie playfulness.

Joe loves to run, and boy is he fast. I love watching him when he gets the "zoomies." He will start running around the yard all by himself and just keep running. You would think he was after sheep the way he will make sudden sharp turns.

Joe started playing with toys this week. He used to just sniff them and walk away, but now he will take a ball and toss it in the air so he can chase it. I have seen him do the same thing with a milk jug and a Kong. I have gotten him to play tug-of-war with the milk jug a little too. He's learning to act like a dog!!!

Joe was very afraid of any loud or unusual noises when he arrived here. He was afraid of the broom and the rake and wouldn't come anywhere near me if he saw them. Since then, he seems to be getting over being scared of every noise. I have been slowly desensitizing him to noises. I also have been laying the broom and rake down in the same area as he is when I'm in the kitchen or back yard. He isn't bothered by them now unless I am actually using them.

Joe is a high energy dog, but not to the point that he is hyper. He is all border collie and is active. He settles down in the house on his own though if he has access to his crate. That seems to be his quiet spot.

Joe is a typical adolescent border collie. He will try to pick up shoes, socks and objects that are at his eye level. He is bright and playful. He needs to be crated when left alone, like most dogs his age.

Joe had no recall when he arrived here. It took several days of learning to trust us before he started coming when he was called. He figured out fast that there was usually a treat waiting for him.

Joe did not know any commands when he arrived here. He now knows how to sit and is starting to pick up the down command. He has learned to “get back” before I open a door or gate. Joe is not the greatest on the leash yet. He has improved since he came here, but will need some work on a leash.

I took Joe to the groomers for the first time. He did not want to get into the car, but he settled down once he was in his crate. He was leery of going into a strange building, but he went in on his own. The groomer said he was a perfect boy while he was there. He allowed her to bath him, use the dryer on him, cut his nails and groom him. He had fur clots behind his ears, and he allowed her to use the clippers on him to cut them out. She said he was a super sweet pup.

Joe will do best in a quiet household. The relinquishment papers state that he did fine with children. I have not had him around any children, but my guess is that their noise levels would make him uneasy. Joe is going to need a person that can handle him with patience and quiet firmness. He will need time to learn to trust. He doesn't have a mean bone in his body and will make a great companion for an active person. He would be better off with a fenced hard to romp in. He would also benefit from obedience classes, both for the discipline and the bonding that classes provide.

