



# Assessment and Training Report

**Puppy ID:** BELLACLAN BOLD MOVE  
**Microchip:** 956000006747004  
**Breed:** Border Collie  
**Sire:** Kristoff  
**Dam:** Charm

**Test Date:** 12/27/2020  
**Age:** 7 weeks  
**Date of Birth:** 11/06/2020

## **BREEDER**

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## **EVALUATOR**

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## **PRESENT:**

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**Attitude:** A middle-of-the road puppy confident in most situations. He is a medium energy puppy that has a very happy and playful demeanour. He is highly intelligent and the “wheels” are always turning in his head.

**Confidence/Resilience:** Confident in most situations.

**Implications:** Do not force this puppy into fearful situations always use treats to reward him for choosing to approach, do not lout. Ensure to make new situations positive and set this puppy up for success. Ensure that many good food rewards and different toys are utilized to make new experiences fun to distract from anything that might cause fear. Getting an Adaptil collar during the transitional stage and for potentially scary situations might be helpful.

**Dominance/Submission:** Approaches new dogs and was being submissive. Does give into pressure easily from people, takes correction seriously.

**Environmental or People-focus:** Strong people focus

**Implications:** Strengthen this focus by continuing to reward this dog for eye contact and attentive behaviours.

**Drives:** High food drive. Moderately play/tug focused.

**Implications:** He has two strong drives and he switches between them. Maintaining all of these attributes should be a high priority. Use tug and food interchangeably now. Let him “win” at tug when he is tugging hard to increase the quality of his tug. However, do not let him do “victory laps” with the tug toy. Teach him to drive back to you with the tug toy to start the game again.

When he returns with a high value item, do not take the item from him. Instead, let him enjoy holding it in your presence for many seconds while praising, petting and scratching him. To get him to drop the item, simply put your hand under his chest between his front legs and gently lift him up. The item will drop out soon.

**Object/Activity Focus:** High activity focus but did not like unrewarded repetition.

**Implications:** Try watching puppy culture video “Attention is the mother of all behaviours” and also reading the book “When Pigs Fly”. Both will be a valuable resource to help with training this puppy into a well rounded adult dog who reaches his full potential. Ensure that he is rewarded to all good behaviours immediately to help hold his activity focus. He has good focus on games but is not over the top. You want to balance putting him in drive to do things with you as well as teaching him to accept downtime quietly and calmly. Decide what things you want him to engage with (agility equipment, toys, and obedience equipment) and build him drive now for these things using tug and retrieve.

**Patience/Attention-seeking:** Moderately patient puppy but very food focused.

**Implications:** When you need to take a break in class or training, put him on leash or in a crate or using down-stay for short breaks breaks. Away from training, teach him to settle.

**Pain Threshold:** Medium-high threshold (7/10). Perfect

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**Forgiveness:** Moderately forgiving.

**Implications:** This puppy should be relatively stable in the face of errors, either yours or his. Make sure you learn to control your negative emotions while training, use “screw-up” cookies when you make a mistake and not blame him when he is not at fault. Make sure you do not give physical nor verbal corrections often as he will shut down and not want to train or play with you, and if needed play tug games to rebuild confidence.

**Stability:** Very stable in noisy situations and sudden movements.

**Implications:** As with any puppy, this pup will benefit with a lot of socialization over the next 7 weeks and then up to 6 months. Introduce her safely to the world at small increments at a time ensuring that all experiences are positive. Do not force this puppy into scary situations. Use toys and food to distract her from scary situations.

**Biddability:** Highly biddable and willing puppy that wants to learn new tasks.

**Implications:** Continue to challenge him and reward him with petting, verbal praise, food praise and tug toy games to keep him motivated.

**Energy:** Medium-High energy.

**Implications:** Ensure she always has sufficient physical and mental exercise every day to avoid behaviour problems caused by boredom and under socialization.

**Overall:** Medium-high energy puppy that needs mental and physical stimulation daily. He is overall a confident puppy in most situations. Be sure to keep his schedule regimented and train him everyday while making sure to leave lots of room for fun games that will build his drive. He is a very playful puppy who likes toys and new games.

**Structure:** He is just lovely; he makes a very pretty “picture” when stacked on the table and is so balanced that he stays put when stacked. He has above average shoulder layback, and decent return of upper arm. His proportions—length to height and length of leg to chest—are correct. He has nice spring of rib and breadth of loin. His loin is also the correct length, 1/3rd of her length of back.

His feet are nice and tight. His legs are “clean” front and rear, moving straight forward and back with no twisting and turning. He has strong hocks and a powerful rear. He has a strong topline

## Training Plan

1. This is a stable and confident puppy that bonds easily to people.
2. Ensure that focus training is a priority. Reward for eye contact 3X training sessions a day for 10 minutes at a time to start. Make this your goal for the first week. Continuously introduce your new dog to many new environments but ensure that they are always positive experiences and take baby steps so that she is never over whelmed.
3. Puppies and dogs usually take about two weeks to bond with their people. It is important for us to keep in mind that they are unaware of what lies ahead. So although you have been anticipating her arrival and already love him, you are a stranger to him.

Give him time and structured opportunities to build your relationship as a team. He comes with a strong desire to bond so develop your “secret language” with special games that BOTH of you enjoy. Develop your own set of language, triggers and tricks that both of you love to engage in. Once you are both fluent in these games at home, take them on the road.

4. Take him for lots of walks to new wooded areas and trails as well as in the city and make sure to bring tug toys and many good treats with you. This will provide stimulation for all of his senses.
5. He has an unreliable recall now so continue to train it with very high value toys and food. Reward her EVERY time she comes to you on the first command. If she does not come, calmly go and get her. If you know you aren't going to go get her, do not call! Practise a recall 5X in a row max so he does not go “recall sour”.

6. Teach him to settle both in the crate and out to develop his patience.
7. He is a very athletic puppy so is ready to take on physical challenges appropriate for his age and size, make his exercise an interactive routine, filled with toys and treats to make it fun for all.
8. Have fun with him!

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