

Goose Problem? No Problem!

Are Canadian Geese and their close relatives giving you a problem?

Their grazing, droppings and territorial, aggressive behavior has grown to be problematic as the population of these species increases.

Getting rid of problem geese is not easy! Canadas are protected from hunting by strict federal laws. Relocating them doesn't work either – they fly right back.

So what is the safest, most effective way to persuade problem geese to move along?

The answer is a Big Bend Border Collie. All border collies have a powerful natural drive to herd. Big Bend Border Collies are specially trained and, when properly handled, will herd birds day in and day out. Soon, the birds grow tired of the dog's presence and then willingly find another place to live. Birds are not harmed or killed, they just move on.



Driving Directions:

From the East: Take I-64 West to North Exit 87 and proceed North on I-81. Take Exit 225 West onto Rt. 262 and pick up below.

From the North: Take I-81 South to Exit 225 West on Rt. 262 to Parkersburg Pike, turning west/south. Drive about 45 minutes to Millboro Springs and proceed 1.7 miles. Turn left at the Big Bend Border Collie sign just before the bridge.

From the West & South: Take I-81 to Fincastle Exit 150B. Follow Rt. 220 North through Clifton Forge. Get on I-64 East for one exit to Rt. 42 North. Proceed 16 miles to Millboro Springs. Turn left onto Rt. 39 West and proceed 1.7 miles. Turn left at the Big Bend Border Collie sign, just before the bridge.



Why Big Bend Border Collies?

Our border collies stand head and shoulders above the rest. We have over 25 years experience. Most of our competitors begin with Big Bend dogs and training. We help you choose the dog that best matches your need from a wide selection of border collies at various ages and stages of training. Every dog we sell is backed by our full six-month replacement guarantee.





Barbara Ray with her 2002 Nursery Champion, "Queen."

Located on Big Bend Farm in Millboro, Virginia, Big Bend Border Collies houses a kennel of 20+ dogs.

These border collies are surrounded by 40 cow/calf pairs, 200 sheep and 680 acres of mountainous property on Big Bend Farm. There are ponds with birds for training.

Barbara Ray has been training and trialing border collies since 1979. In 1985 she founded Seclusival Farm & Kennel which changed names in 2001 to Big Bend Border Collies. As one of the top trial handlers in the United States, Barbara's credits include winning the "Purina Outstanding Herding Dog Award" with her dog, Roy, in 1999, and also the "National Nursery Championship" in 1994 with Jim, and again in 2002 with Queen. In 2006 Barbara & Britt were awarded gold medals at the 2006 Soldier Hollow Classic in front of a record breaking crowd of 18,000 spectators.

There is no substitute for experience! Over 400 Big Bend trained and/or bred Border Collies are now working in parks, schools, corporate campuses, estates, golf courses and race tracks around the nation. Others are competing in sheep dog trials or working on farms.

Our Prices

Border collies trained to herd birds with basic obedience skills range from \$4500-\$5000. Older dogs with more advanced training and skills and having experience in public, range from \$5000-\$6000.

All dogs come with a health package, including vaccinations, grooming, fecal, heartworm check and spay or neuter. Each dog comes with an instructional video covering commands and techniques specific to your dog.

All dogs are provided a collar with a Big Bend Border Collie ID and retractable leash.

Air shipping, including health papers, delivery, airfare, insurance and crate is based on market price and quoted in an advance estimate.

Personal delivery and demonstration, plus instruction on premises, is available for \$2.50 per one-way mile from Millboro, VA.

We require a deposit of \$1000 to select a dog and refine its training to your particular needs. The balance is due prior to shipping.

Our Guarantee: *We guarantee that your Big Bend Border Collie will meet your needs for environmentally responsible goose control! We offer a six-month, no-questions-asked warranty, including health, performance and temperament. Dissatisfaction for any reason will entitle buyer to full replacement of dog (shipping not included). Dog must be returned in its original condition.*



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Barbara Ray is a member in good standing of the following organizations.

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Canadian Border Collie Association

**United States Border Collie
Handlers Association**

Virginia Border Collie Association