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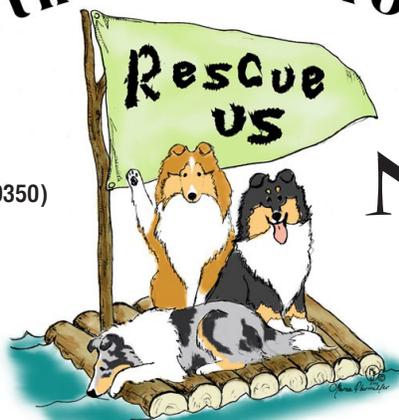
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NorCal Sheltie Rescue Newsletters in a black-and-white version are mailed out via US mail to our donors, veterinary offices, and special friends like Norcal Collie Rescue. We will also mail copies to those who request them, and we hand newsletters out at public events to those who are interested in learning about our mission. Newsletters are available on-line (<http://www.norcalsheltierescue.org/Newsletters.html>) in a glorious, four-color version that can be downloaded and shared. Please share the Newsletter with other Sheltie lovers and tell them to contact us if they would like us to include them on either our e-mail and/or snail-mail mailing lists.

Sheltie Rescue's 2010



NorCal Sheltie Rescue had a very successful 2010, attending many events, publicizing our rescue efforts and sharing our successes with the public. We took in and re-homed 64 Shelties in 2010. We helped place Shelties made homeless by the economy, by deaths in their families, by divorce and other life-changing events. Each has its own story.

In this issue you will meet mother and daughter Shelties, Echo (13 years) and her daughter, Bonnie (10 years). Until their owners moved from a country setting to the city, this pair lived together since Bonnie's birth in an outdoor kennel. Ann McQuillen (www.performanceresq.com) initially took in the pair for us. When we learned that they tested positive for heartworm disease and would need longer time in foster care, our special rescue saints, Lucie and Frank Hock, took over. Bonnie has come out of her shell and is playful and loving. Echo is thrilled to live inside with her daughter and the rest of the family, both human and canine.

Heartworm disease is devastating. Treatment is expensive and painful for the dog and very difficult on the owners, who must keep the dog calm while carefully monitoring its recovery. Since the disease is easily prevented, our adoption contract specifies regular preventive maintenance. We recommend the preventives Interceptor, Revolution, or Sentinel which do NOT contain ivermectin, which can cause seizures and bleeding in the brain in herding breeds with white-tipped tails (Rough and Smooth Collies, Shelties, and Border Collies). To learn more

about heartworm, please visit <http://www.heartwormsociety.org/pet-owner-resources/canine-heartworm.html>.

Rescue Picnic (Pleasant Grove, May 1)

Our annual Sheltie Rescue Picnic welcomed many Shelties and their owners to a fun day of obedience, agility, rally, herding, Canine Good Citizen tests, and play-time opportunities. It is always rewarding to see so many happy and healthy Shelties, and we thank all our adopters for taking such good care of them.



Romping and herding instinct testing at the Sheltie Picnic, May 1, 2010

Rescue Parade (Pleasanton, October 23)

The annual Sheltie Parade and Raffle at the October Specialty was a huge success despite literally getting rained on during our parade! We raised \$2,200—plus an anonymous donor matched the first \$1,000 for a grand total of \$3,200 for the event, an all-time record-breaker! Thanks to all of you who donated prizes and bought tickets.

Western States Dog Expo (Sacramento, June 12-14)

We attended two days of this huge horse and dog show, providing lots of publicity for our rescue group and actually finding a home for one of our senior dogs. Thanks to "A Chance for Bliss," a sanctuary for senior animals in need, Chip is now living a happy and carefree life in the country.



Terry and Christina with their Sheltie ambassadors: TDI therapy dog, Rocky, and the "beautiful color-headed, sable blue-eyed girl, Bella" (formerly Bleu) at one of our rescue events.

Other events

NorCal volunteers maintained booths at the Golden Gate Kennel Club Dog Show in San Francisco, the annual Picnic Day and Open House at the University of California in Davis, the Celtic Games in Woodland, the Responsible Dog Owners event in Palo Alto, the Dog Days of Hollister, and agility, rally, obedience, and conformation events sponsored by the Sacramento Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club and the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California. Some of our events for 2011 are detailed in this newsletter. We hope you can join us this year for any or all of them.

We couldn't be prouder of Terry (Teresa) Gary, our Intake & Adoption Coordinator and author of the newly released training book titled, **English for Dogs: 50 Words Every Well-Mannered Companion Should Know**. It is published by Alpine Publications and available at www.alpinepub.com, www.dogwise.com, or from www.amazon.com. Terry and her husband Clif have fostered more than 40 Shelties for us over the years. Her easy-to-understand and well-organized book reflects what she has learned from working with the various personalities and behaviors of rescue dogs.

We frequently receive suggestions, tips, or interesting bits of information from our extended Sheltie rescue family which we like to pass on to our readers. Last fall I received a call from a young man from New Orleans. His grandmother lived in Northern California and had died of a stroke. When he arrived at her home, he was very impressed that she had put instructions on her refrigerator regarding the care of her Sheltie in case something unexpected happened to her. He contacted me, and we were able to help place his grandmother's beloved Sheltie in a good home.

Please remember that our adoption contract clearly states that the ownership of any Sheltie adopted from NCSR is not transferable by the adopter. This means that we are to be

contacted if you are not able to keep your rescue Sheltie for ANY reason. We take our responsibilities very seriously and need to be involved in the decision about where that Sheltie is rehomed. This is a solemn pledge we make to the owners who surrender their beloved Shelties to us in the first place, and we are honor bound to follow through.

Speaking of estate planning, we would appreciate your keeping us in mind. NorCal Sheltie Rescue, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization under the Internal Revenue Service rules. Our tax identification number is 20-4107630. As you are no doubt aware, all donations we receive are used for veterinary care of our rescue Shelties. We are constantly fund raising to try to meet their needs.

Thank you very much for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you and your Shelties at some of our events this year!

—Gale Ann Morris, Director

Events for 2011

Have questions about Sheltie behavior and temperament? Want to find out information about fostering and/or adopting from NCSR? Stop by any of the following events to get information and help. We'll be on site at:

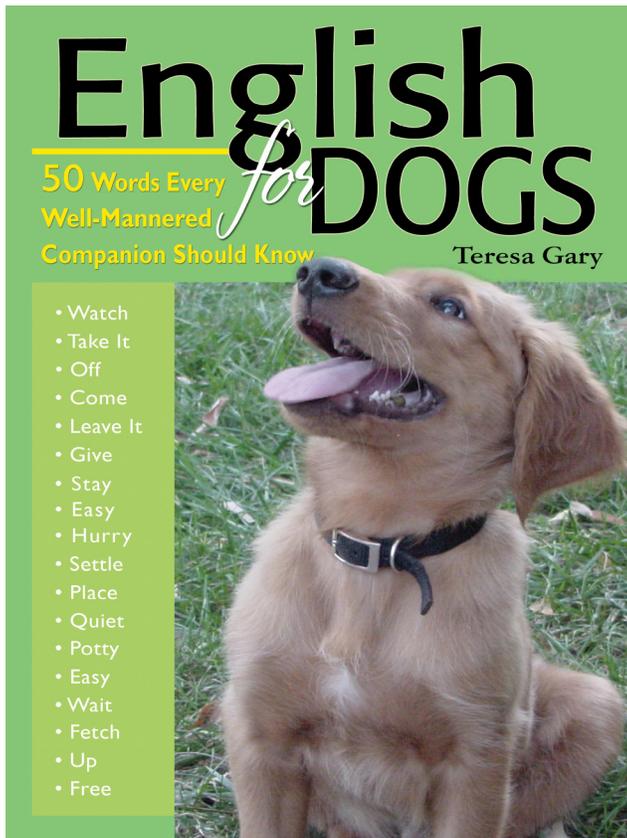
May 14 (Saturday) Annual Sheltie Picnic, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Performance Dogs in Action Training site in Elverta just north of Sacramento. Directions can be found at <http://www.performancedogsinaction.com>. Canine Good Citizen evaluations will be available for a nominal fee (info at http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/training_testing.cfm). You will also be able to sign up to test your Sheltie's herding instinct. A fabulous raffle, safely fenced pen for off-leash Sheltie play, potluck picnic, photo booth, and great fun for Sheltie-loving folks.

May 21 (Saturday) Dog Days of Hollister NCSR will have volunteers at our booth to support this fun Responsible Dog Owner Day. For more information visit: <http://thehollisterdog.webs.com/dogdaysofhollister.htm>

June 11 & 12 (Saturday & Sunday) Horse and Dog Expo at the Sacramento Cal Expo site. Catch up with your NCSR volunteers and adoption support team. Rescue logo apparel will be available to buy.

September (date TBD) Responsible Dog Owner Day at the Palo Alto Animal Services location. Microchipping, vaccinations and educational information on various breeds. NCSR will have a booth.

October 22 (Saturday) Sheltie Rescue Parade and Raffle held concurrently with the Shetland Sheepdog Club of NorCal's Sheltie Specialty on the Saturday of the multiple days of dog shows at the Alameda County fairgrounds in Pleasanton.



When I adopted Rocky from NorCal Sheltie Rescue in December of 2003, I had no idea of the journey I was about to begin. Rocky was so shy that he wouldn't come into the house for any reason. He would hide in the shrubs, and it would take two of us to bring him out of the cold and into the comfort of our home. He wouldn't eat unless we were out of his sight. He wasn't leash-trained, crate-trained, or housebroken. Now that he's a certified therapy dog, with a part-time job volunteering at a local retirement community, I look back upon his training and realize how much he taught me about communication with a different species.

In August of 2004, after I retired, I offered to foster for NorCal Sheltie Rescue and Gale Ann graciously consented. Now, over forty dogs later, I've encountered many behaviors which, left unchecked, would almost certainly result in a dog's being rehomed, surrendered to a shelter or rescue group, or being euthanized. There's nothing wrong with these dogs; they're simply acting like dogs; in the absence of training, they're doomed to repeat the same behaviors that caused them to be relinquished in the first place. I decided it was time to write a book about the basic behaviors every dog should have to make him not only adoptable but also cherished within a human family.

English for Dogs is intended for all dog lovers who want to be better understood when communicating with their dogs. Far too many of us use too many words, in different contexts, without paying much attention to the results. Others use quite a variety of basic commands, but fail to use them consistently. Still

others grow quiet around their dogs, not giving any feedback at all about their expectations. And there are still quite a few owners whose only communication with their dogs is through yelling harsh commands. This book offers a set of basic vocabulary to teach companion dogs. Using short one-syllable or two-syllable words, the owner can communicate his desires to his dog, and the dog will respond without confusion. Additionally, the vocabulary list can be posted on the refrigerator door as a reminder to all family members about the need for consistency in training.

English for Dogs also offers a glimpse into fostering and training various rescue dogs, each of whom has a story to tell. These are the dogs who actually communicated, in dog language, their frustration at trying to learn English. For them, it's English as a Second Language. Prince Rainier, a stray who challenged my every attempt at helping him become adoptable, was my primary motivation for this book. Thanks to his lightning-fast reactions, I was forced to find better ways to reach him. He now lives happily in his adoptive home with loving owners who took the time to understand him. For Prince, and for all my foster dogs, their bags are packed on adoption day with a list of their current vocabulary so that their new families can maintain their training.

The book is available at www.amazon.com, www.dogwise.com, or through the publisher at www.alpinepub.com. Many thanks to Gale Ann Morris, Director of NorCal Sheltie Rescue and all my rescue colleagues for the opportunity to learn from these amazing dogs and share our training experiences. It's been a very rewarding journey!

—Teresa Gary

The "Sheltie Book Club Corner"

Besides **English for Dogs**, which gets center billing in this issue, the core volunteers decided we should have a "Sheltie Book Club Corner" where we recommend some of our favorite dog-related books. Please let us know if you have something to add to the list.

What Do Dogs Know? by Stanley Coren; [author of *The Intelligence of Dogs*].

Tea and Dog Biscuits (Our First Topsy-turvy Year Fostering Orphan Dogs) by Barrie Hawkins.

Dogged Pursuit, My Year of Competing Dusty, the World's Least Likely Agility Dog by Robert Rodi

Dogs Never Lie About Love - Reflections on the Emotional World of Dogs by Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson, author of *When Elephants Weep*."

The Dogs of Bedlam Farm by Jon Katz

The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein

Sheltie Health

† **Animal Poison Control Hotline**, the best resource for any animal poison-related emergency, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year: http://www.asPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=aspcaproapc_landing The toll-free number is: 888-426-4435 (a consultation fee may apply). APCC experts have a wide range of information specific to animal poisoning. They also have an extensive collection of individual cases—more than one million—involving pesticide, drug, plant, metal, and other exposures in food-producing, wildlife, zoo and companion animals. Annually, the APCC handles over 130,000 cases. We have no idea how many of these are “resourceful” Shelties! Shetland Sheepdogs can be consummate, lightening-fast counter (and gutter) surfers. Be aware of what your Sheltie may find and snarf down when your back is turned, and keep your vet’s and the poison control hotline numbers handy. Above all, do not give your Sheltie any human medications without first consulting your veterinarian. Some commonly used human medications (e.g., certain pain killers) can be lethal to all dogs and cats, some to only cats or dogs, and some only to members of the Collie Family who carry the MDR1 genetic mutation (<http://www.calcollierscue.org/drug.htm>).

Promeris Problems

There have been reports that the new flea and tick medication, ProMeris, introduced by Fort Dodge Animal Products (Wyeth) in 2007, has toxic effects on some dogs. **Veterinary Practice News** recently released the following information in their article “Study Links ProMeris to Pemphigus Foliaceus; Pfizer Stopping Its Production”: <http://www.veterinarypracticenews.com/vet-breaking-news/2011/04/18/study-links-promeris-to-pemphigus-foliaceus-pfizer-stopping-its-production.aspx> This is especially important for Sheltie owners as Pemphigus mimics DM outbreak symptoms.

Snopes offers anecdotal accounts of adverse symptoms (lethargy, vomiting, diarrhea, disorientation, nervous disorders) and

links to background information if you are interested in learning more: <http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/promeris.asp>.

HRT: Not Good for Doggies

One of our vets emailed that “since many of us club members have reached, ahem, that age, I thought this article might help keep some of our Shelties from getting unintended doses of their owner’s replacement hormones:

<http://news.vin.com/vinnews.aspx?articleId=15950>

The article indicates that topical hormone replacement creams can be absorbed by canines either by licking hands, arms or other areas where the cream was applied, or even by being petted by an owner who is using hormone-replacement creams.

...and Safety

When a Sheltie Goes Missing

A family pet is lost every two seconds. Over ten million pets become lost each year. One out of every three pets is lost during its lifetime and only one in ten lost pets is found. (National Humane Society and the National Council of Pet Population Study and Policy)

NorCal Sheltie Rescue exists to offer help and support to rescue Shelties and their owners, but our efforts are not always limited to rescue Shelties. We all have heard of the heartbreaking situations where somebody has a beloved Sheltie who has gone missing, and some of us have experienced firsthand the gut-wrenching, ceaseless heartache of a lost pet. Feeling helpless, all we can do is pray that that loved one will find a way safely home. Sadly, time is no friend in these situations. The hope for a happy ending slips away and closure becomes the only thing we can pray for. This past year there have been several Shelties who have gone missing; to date, none of them has been recovered by their owners. We can only hope that somebody has found them and is caring for them. The alternatives are too awful to contemplate. This article is dedicated to a lost boy named Nigel.

Some of the best and most savvy dog handlers have had experiences where their dogs have escaped, most often through no fault of their own. Even a rock-solid, top obedience dog with a “100% recall” and all the trust and training in the world can

take off in a panic and run away if something terrifies it. It’s not that some dogs are being disobedient in running away from their owners: a dog racing in pursuit of prey—or in a panic—simply cannot hear its owner call; that doggy brain literally turns off its ability to hear. And how many well-fenced, carefully leashed, and lovingly guarded Shelties have escaped because of the fault of some outsider, the meter reader, a careless child, some faulty piece of equipment, a thunderstorm, an earthquake? Shelties are such a “shy” breed, they are VERY hard to catch if they get loose. Even a normal friendly Sheltie can become “wild” in a matter of minutes if they are scared and loose. They will NOT come to you easily. You must act quickly and persistently.

So what can we do to limit the chances that a Sheltie might go missing and what is the best plan of action if and when the unthinkable happens? The four categories below are only a check list of things to help keep your Sheltie safe, but we can answer questions, offer help, or provide advice on any item below:

(1) PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT: think fences, expens, crates, microchips (<http://public.homeagain>).

THE PET RESCUE

MISSING

LOST in Los Gatos, CA
Lost Early September 2010 in the Bay Area town of Los Gatos, CA



Nigel is a blue merle Shetland Sheepdog (sheltie). His looks can be likened to a small Australian Shepherd (Aussie) with a white-tipped tail. He weighs 18 lbs.
\$\$\$ REWARD \$\$\$

 Visit our site for important information

Contact: NorCal Sheltie Rescue - Attn: Gale Ann
Zip Code: Elk Grove CA - Phone number: 916-804-2791

LISTED IN **THE PET RESCUE** WEB SITE AT:
<http://www.thepetrescue.com>

com/membership-services.html), collars with tags—the first line of protection—including owner phone numbers, county licenses, rabies tags (which have vet information that can be traced), martingales, leashes, locks; socialization and training for all members of the family; different levels of recall; monitoring and managing the environment, things like open windows in cars where a dog could jump out.

(2) ORGANIZE: Once the unthinkable happens, call animal control and all the humane societies in a ten-mile radius. Then call all the vets' offices in the area. If the dog is hit by a car, a good Samaritan may take the dog to a vet. Call our toll free number (1-888-296-9350) and leave us a message asking for our help. Print several hundred posters in very bold print easily seen by a passing vehicle and post them near where the dog was lost. Offer a generous reward and list a telephone number of someone always available to check out a sighting. Also post your flyer at local vet clinics, markets, pet stores, schools (it's amazing how many kids spot missing animals—young kids tend to hang out in spaces where our runaways like to hide: creeks, vacant lots, culverts...), coffee shops (Starbucks have bulletin boards and are happy to allow you to use them for this purpose), and on street corners. Print business cards with the dog's picture, date lost, where lost, phone numbers...and hand these out to people walking their dogs, jogging, riding bikes. Get the neighborhood

kids involved and ask them to help you post flyers and put them in mailboxes in your target areas. Place ads in local papers, on the internet (<http://www.petharbor.com>, www.petfinder.com, etc.). Show your mail carrier a picture of your Sheltie; letter carriers often assist in alerting owners to sightings. Ditto with the refuse collectors. Personally take flyers into each of those organizations and also to any vet clinics or dog groomers in the immediate vicinity. Put index cards on car windshields in parking lots in the area the dog was lost. Most importantly, stay calm...you can't help your dog if you are upset and hysterical.

(3) SEARCH. Enlist professional tracking help if possible. There are professional tracking services, such as "The Pet Rescue" <thepetrescue@thepetrescue.com>, <http://www.thesocialpet.com/findinglostpets.html>, 510-415-6185, <http://www.missingpetpartnership.org/>, <http://www.findtoto.com/lost-dog.html>, <http://www.sherlockbones.com/advice.html>.

Organize a systematic, on-foot search with as many people who know your Sheltie as possible. Take dogs your Sheltie knows well with you when you go searching. Put lots of smelly treats (e.g, stinky salmon treats) in your pockets. Search day AND NIGHT for the first couple days. It's quieter at night and there are less scary things to keep a dog in hiding; the best hours are early morning before the traffic starts up. Offer rewards for proven and successful sightings. Make a map of where the dog has been seen and keep updating it. Leave things with your scent outside near where the dog was last seen.

Even the friendliest and most social Sheltie may quickly become terrified and wild. Your own friendly dog, when lost, may hide from people, run away if he sees a person; he may even run away from you. Don't chase after a lost Sheltie—they are much faster than we are and you'll only scare them more. Instead, sit on the ground; talk in normal tones, repeating his name and familiar phrases over and over again. A frightened animal will usually stick around, and after a few minutes or hours, come closer and closer.

(4) FIND SUPPORT and HOPE. You have posted your signs. You have mailed your flyers. You have visited the local shelters. You are checking the internet postings once every day. You are watching the classified found ads. It is time to start calming down. It is OK to keep walking and driving in search of your pet, but set aside hours to do things for yourself. Keep doing the normal things in your life. It isn't for your pet. It is for you. The wear and tear of all of this is substantial and you have to maintain your own health and sanity. The more you can keep to normal patterns for yourself, the more you can stay focused and productive. Get support from your family and friends (dog people in particular) and any professional groups/aids that you can find. Do any and everything you can to battle that feeling of helplessness. Do everything you can to find that Sheltie, hold hope in your heart, and then, if need be, work to find closure.

The Art of Living with Shelties

Sheltie Sunday



On the last Sunday of the good weather months, a group of Sheltie owners and lovers get together in Mill Valley's Freeman Park to enjoy the company of like-minded Sheltie enthusiasts. This wonderful Sheltie Social has been happening for six years. It started in May 2005, when Joan Green and Marge Entwisle decided to give their Shelties a birthday party and invited all the Sheltie people they knew. Lots of friends came and the people and dogs had so much fun that they decided to

continue the party on the last Sunday of the following month.

Soon it became a tradition, partly because Freeman Park is such a perfect place to hold such an event. One, not-very-wide access path crosses the front of the small park, leaving only two ways to get in or out, which are easily blocked by agility fences so the humans can relax and even puppies can participate. The park has two lawns that are perfect for a bunch of Shelties to play.

Sheltie lovers from all over the Bay Area, from Sea Ranch to San Francisco, come to enjoy the camaraderie of Sheltie Sunday. In May 2010 to celebrate five years of Sheltie Sundays, Marge brought a Happy Birthday cake and thirty Shelties brought their people to Freeman Park to honor the occasion, the largest get-together of all. Sheltie Sunday starts at 10:00 AM and Marge sends out reminders the week before with updates and directions. If you'd like to get on the email list and join in the fun, let her know at mentwisl@pacbell.net.

Parties and More Parties



Roger's Shelly and some of her admirers at Norcal Rescue Events



Pat takes her new rescue puppy, six-month-old Tony, for a ride in the snow with big sister Sheltie, Allie.



Treat time for Echo and some of the Hock dogs.



"We went on a one-week cruise to Alaska. Our daughter took care of Cody while we were gone. Unfortunately, we missed his 10th birthday but she saw to it that he had a celebration as evidenced by the attached photos." —John & Nancy



Tony's buddy, Sunny

Life is terrific, a continuous party, for this year's rescue puppies, Tony (left) and Molly (right)



Molly's first snowstorm

"Bi-blackitude"

For the first time any of us know about, there were more bi-black Shelties than sable ones at the SSCNC agility trial this spring—"proving" the theory some of us bi-black Sheltie owners hold that bi-black Shelties seem to be a bit more "drivey" than their sable counterparts. That's an on-going debate, but there is no question bi-blacks are becoming increasingly popular with the agility crowd. Black-and-white Shelties ("bi-blacks") once made up about 7 percent of the Sheltie color population (along with sables, merles, and tris). Bi-black Border Collies were the norm in that breed for ages (though now "designer colors" are becoming ever

more popular), and there are some bi-black Aussies, but none of us had ever seen a bi-black Rough Collie, that was until Roger, Vicki, and Peggy discovered one—and then another—at the Hollister Responsible Dog Owner Days. These were two of the only nine known bi-black Collies ever to have existed since the 1850s. Check out Vicki's article, "Collies in Black and White," in the June/July 2010 issue of *Collie Expressions* (<http://www.collieexpressions.com/201006ce.html>).



Recent Adoptions



Luke



Jasmine



Lassen (front, right) and his new friend, Kaisa



Laddie



Dolly



Chyanne (right) and her new brother, Colle



Andy and Tom



Sadie



Bonnie and Clarence, with John Barleycorn



Norma & Rusty



Tekoa (Merlin)



Sparky



Hennie



Willy



Lady



Bella and Romeo



Sadie



Charlie



Buddy



Roxy



Aiden (Jesse) & Magic



"Dog day afternoon" for Ella, the Quincy shelter girl, that Maureen drove through rain and sleet and snow to get. Adopted by foster mom, Tara's, adult son, Shawn.



Shilo



Teddy



Ginger & Family

Hock Heaven—the Joys of Rescuing a Senior Sheltie (or Two, or More...)

Bonnie and Echo were surrendered to Sheltie Rescue in September 2010. When Gale Ann first called me and told me that Bonnie and Echo were heartworm positive, I cried. That was one illness that I had not dealt with before. I almost refused to take them for fear of their upcoming medical needs. I quickly came to my senses and knew this was about their needs, not about me. My husband and I drove to Sacramento and picked “the girls” up in November and they have been with us since. Their teeth were in the worst condition I had ever seen. In early December they had complete dental work with a total of 14 extractions between the two of them. They recovered quickly and noticeably felt much better. This Christmas picture is my favorite picture—their first Holiday Season indoors with humans, and they enjoyed every minute. After three months with us, they are as happy and lovable as any Sheltie can be. We have decided to adopt Bonnie and Echo. At 10 and 13 it is unlikely anyone will take both of them and we just cannot bear to see them separated. In two weeks they will have completed 60 days of Heartguard and a 30-day course of antibiotics and they are scheduled for their heartworm injections on February 1st and 3rd. We are confident they will do well through the treatment. When they are fully recovered, we look forward to long walks on the beach and warm nights by the fire with our new friends. Whatever time they have left in their lives, they will stay together and always be very much loved by us

—Lucie Hock



Bonnie and Echo with Lucie

Tears of Joy and Sadness

Harley had physical issues (and a few mental ones), but he acted as if he was 100 percent perfect in every way. He was the one that gave me the strength to play with him when my back hurt so much I could barely move. He loved me unconditionally, but he did not share that love with Blackjack, one of my other Shelties. Harley made me aware of my own physical (as well as mental) needs; he accepted me for who I was. To this day, I remember the trust and love he gave me; that only comes from a very close, very dear friend. Harley will always be special to me, for he gave me the strength to overcome anything in my path—including the difficult decision of giving him up. I wanted and so easily could have kept him and dropped out of rescue/fostering because of a house full of Shelties, but I put Harley first and did what was best for him. Harley needed to be the only dog in the household; he didn't mix with my cohesive pack, and now he's happy and healthy in his new home. The lesson—putting the dog's needs first—is often a tearful one, but it's the heart of our Sheltie Rescue mission

—Nancy Furay



"We are Rescue"

Until you have held a tiny puppy in your arms as it kissed your face with slobbery puppy breath and felt the love, until you have held an injured or severely ill dog in your arms and felt their pain, and until you have looked into the eyes of a tired aging senior dog and felt their wisdom, you will never understand the life of a rescuer.

We find beauty in the most incomprehensible places and the otherwise homely faces. It is our gift to see beyond the dirt, terror, sadness, and defeat and find the true soul that lies within. We are Rescue.



—Kathie Sullivan-Parkes,
Topsham, VT

Dog Property Laws



If I like it, it's mine.
If you drop it, it's mine.
If it's in my mouth, it's mine.
If I can take it from you, it's mine.
If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.
If it's mine, it must never

appear to be yours in any way.
If I'm chewing something up, all the pieces are mine.
If it just looks like mine, then it's mine.
If I saw it first, it's mine.
If you are playing with something and you put it down, it automatically becomes mine.
If it's broken, it's yours.

Teaching

The greatest teachers in the world,
are those we name "dog"
There is much Man's Best Friend will teach
us if only given a chance

They teach us how to laugh,
at the smallest of jests
And the joy of being a puppy,
simply for the sake of silly

They show us the wonder we take for
granted that exists in the world all
around us
They teach us that love
can heal all wounds

And simply being near another
is the greatest gift
They love us no matter what we are
and forgive us no matter what we do

They teach us about play
and how any time, any place is game
And how a simple object
can create hours of entertainment

They free us from the mundane
and introduce us to the world of innocence
And when they've taught us everything
they can
imparted all the wisdom they were sent to
share

Our Soul's Other Half has one final lesson
painful as it must be, they know we need
to learn

They teach us how to say goodbye.

—Author unknown



Nancy's 17-year-old rescue, Prince Charming, went to the Bridge the weekend of the NorCal Sheltie Rescue Retreat. We were thankful we were able to be there for Nancy that weekend



Rainbow Bridge 2009

http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/ccah/petloss_resources.cfm

Pat Teixeira is a Sheltie Rescue volunteer in the Fresno area. Pat went to get the old girl pictured below from the Hanford Shelter south of Fresno. She was a matted, feces-laden mess. Pat's outcry is dedicated to "Pretty Granny."



"Pretty Granny"

I picked you up at the shelter, I cried ...
I took you home and loved on you, I cried....
Your were so matted and dirty, I cried....
I found a groomer who cleaned you and made you look beautiful again, we both cried...
Your mats were gone and the maggots that had been left to start under your tail were gone...I cried...
How could anyone do such a thing to you, I cried...
I brought you home and sat with you and loved on you. You had your dignity back you looked like a beautiful old lady...I cried

I took you to a really nice lady in Bakersfield named Rosemary, she was going to take you to a forever place to live out your days, we both cried...

This morning I got the call that you, "Pretty Granny," had gone to the Rainbow Bridge. Why do people treat these fur babies like this, I cried... But you are safe now, running free, no more pain, no more abuse, and you went with the dignity that you were deserving of, and I'm glad I was there for a few short hours of your life to make you feel beautiful again and give you some love, if only for a while. I cried... Now my heart cries out for the pain and suffering that someone put you through, and I ask myself "How can people do this?" But you are now safe in the arms of God, "Pretty Granny." You touched my life, and I cried for you and any others like you out there. You went with dignity and love even though I only held you for awhile ... And now I'll cry for you and all the others like you that we can help them if we find them out there.

—With love, Pat Teixeira



Bennie, rescued by Karen Boselly (NorCal Collie Rescue) and loved to the end by Dianne and Tom Garcia



Kelly with Karen and Ashley on her adoption day in 2007. Kelly, who some of described as "the Sweetest Sheltie ever knew," went to the Bridge in December of 2010.

Sad news about Happy, the sweet, epileptic tri boy who Pat Mahoney rescued and placed. Happy came back into our rescue within a year due to family illness. He was then adopted by an angel named Stephanie in Reno. She got his seizures under control and knew to avoid any stress for Happy. He had a fabulous last year and a half. Happy went peacefully to the Bridge in July 2010.

SPECIAL FRIENDS

Below is a list of veterinarians and clinics around Northern California that our core volunteers and foster homes used in 2010 to care for our rescue Shelties. Most offer a very nice discount to NorCal Sheltie Rescue for the care of our Shelties, all are experts in every aspect of Sheltie (and Collie Family) health issues, vets who have helped us in special ways, or those who have gone beyond the call in caring for the creatures we love. If you have a wonderful vet to recommend to your fellow Sheltie family members, please share their contact information with us.

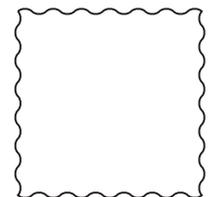
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| Adobe Animal Hospital | Los Altos | Cool Animal Hospital | Cool |
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| Animal Clinic of Benecia | Benecia | Devotion Animal Hospital | Santa Rosa |
| Animal Hospital of Sebastopol | Sebastopol | Meridian Veterinary Care | Fair Oaks |
| Animal Wellness Center | Davis | Missouri Flat Pet Clinic | Placerville |
| Blue Oak Veterinary Hospital | Jackson | Northpointe Veterinary Hospital | Yuba City |
| Bradshaw Veterinary Clinic | Elk Grove | PetCare Veterinary Hospital | Santa Rosa |
| Cirby Ridge Animal Hospital | Roseville | Standiford Veterinary Center | Modesto |
| Coastside Veterinary Clinic | Half Moon Bay | Waterhouse Animal Hospital | Fresno |

Special thanks as well to Judy Granberg (CPDT, Granberg Training Center), Joellen Burton (CPDT, Diamonds in the Ruff), and Ann McQuillen (Performance ResQ) for donating training and boarding services to rescue Shelties in need.

Our mailing lists have lots of blanks and/or defunct e-mail addresses from “older” adopters. Please make sure to update your e-mail and US mail addresses with us, and please ask other Sheltie families you encounter to do the same. Thank you for staying in touch with NorCal Sheltie Rescue (<http://www.norcalsheltierescue.org>). — *Gale Ann Morris* (sheltieroses@frontiernet.net)



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