

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2018

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UPCOMING EVENTS

UC DAVIS PICNIC DAY
APRIL 21

ANNUAL RESCUE PICNIC
MAY 19

PERFORMANCE DOGS IN ACTION
PLEASANT GROVE

WOOFSTOCK
AUGUST 26
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OCTOBER 21
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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear rescue friends,

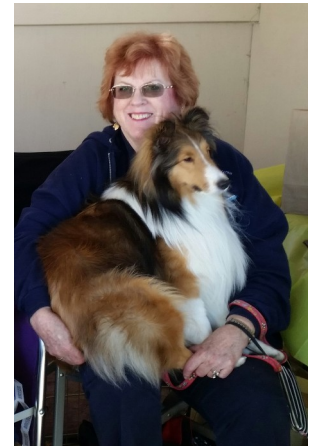
Since our last newsletter in July of 2017, the rescue business picked up quite a bit. If you remember, we got off to a slow start, which was excellent news since it meant that very few Shelties in our area needed to be rehomed. We wound up rescuing a total of 22 Shelties in 2017, down from 33 in 2016. Of those, 47% came from surrendering owners, 18% from shelters, and 35% from other sources. Our expenses were almost entirely for veterinary care. We are still deficit spending year-to-year, but have been extremely fortunate to survive thanks to generous donations from individuals. In the Summer

2017 newsletter (see our website @ www.norcalsheltierescue.org) you'll find the information necessary to make a lasting donation to our group. Short-term donations can be made easily from the first page of our website, through PayPal.

This issue includes a focus on senior Shelties; we currently have six of them in permanent foster care. These older dogs are heartwarming rescues who give back in countless ways to their foster moms and dads. How lucky we are to have volunteers to welcome these dogs into their families and nurture them for their lifetimes!

Our annual picnic will be here soon, on May 19. It's a great day to be surrounded by Shelties and all their human friends. There are play areas, an agility course, a herding instinct test, a pond, a potluck luncheon, a raffle, and rescue apparel for sale. Watch the website for details and please join us if you can. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Gale Ann



CANINE FLU UPDATE



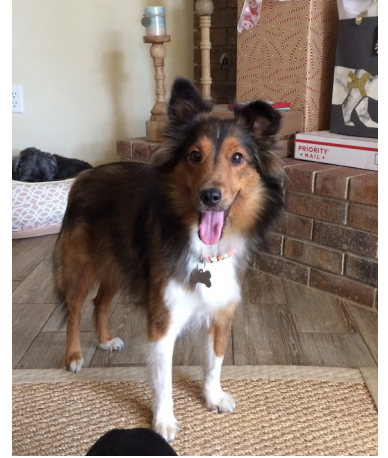
Canine influenza H3N2 has recently been diagnosed in many areas of California. This is a highly contagious virus among dogs, transmitted through droplets or aerosols containing respiratory secretions from coughing, barking and sneezing. Dogs in close contact with infected dogs in places such as kennels, groomers, day care facilities, shelters, and dog shows/trials are at increased risk of infection. The virus can be spread indirectly through objects (e.g., kennels, food and water bowls, collars and leashes) or people that have been in contact with infected dogs. To prevent transmission of the virus, dogs infected with canine H3N2 influenza as well as other dogs in the household should be **isolated for 4 weeks**. Vaccines are available for both H3N8 and H3N2 canine influenza. A bivalent vaccine offering protection against both strains is also available. Vaccination can reduce the risk of a dog contracting canine influenza. Vaccination may not altogether prevent an infection, but it may reduce the severity and duration of clinical illness. An initial vaccine, followed by a booster three weeks later, then an annual booster thereafter is the protocol.

The canine influenza vaccine is a "lifestyle" vaccine, and is not recommended for every dog. In general, the vaccine is intended to protect dogs at risk for exposure to the canine influenza virus, which includes those that participate in activities with many other dogs or are housed in communal facilities, particularly where the virus is prevalent. Dogs that may benefit from canine influenza vaccination include those that receive the kennel cough (*Bordetella*/parainfluenza) vaccine, because the risk groups are similar. **Dog owners should consult with their veterinarian to determine their dog's risk of exposure to the canine influenza virus and if vaccination is appropriate for their dog.**

TRANSFORMATIONS

We take in quite a few strays, which usually come from shelters who notify us that the dogs are highly stressed in the shelter environment. Moana is an example of the kind of Sheltie we sometimes see. One of our previous adopters, Darrell, offered to pick her up and foster her, with hopes of adopting her if all went well. Unfortunately, she was so fearful that neither he nor his wife could get near her. They gave her a good foundation but decided

that she was too “feral” for them to adopt. She went to another foster home with Betty & Ron, again making some progress but still slow to respond to humans. Finally, the magic happened when Lisa and Lou took her into their household with several other dogs. They adopted her officially and Moana, now Poppy, is a totally different dog. Many thanks to all three sets of foster parents who helped Moana find a quality life.



Moana transformed to Poppy



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Leah



Paige



Chip & Flash



Cassidy

This past year and on into 2018 we have taken quite a few senior Shelties into our rescue program. There’s nothing quite as rewarding as to witness the transformation in the lives of these special dogs. Those responsible for giving these dogs many more days, months, and years of quality life are our wonderful “permanent fosters.” Heartfelt thanks to these foster parents for taking such good care of these Shelties: **Denise, Karen, Claudia, Tracey, Christine, Carole, and Roger.**



Phoebe

I first met Jack when he submitted an application to adopt a rescue Sheltie. It wasn't long until we needed a home for a 5-month-old puppy mill, pet store Sheltie named Tony. I drove Tony to their home, did the home check, and released Tony to their care. About two days later, Jack told me in no uncertain terms that Tony wasn't going anywhere else — he was home. Jack & Pat later adopted three other Shelties, Bear, Tonto, and Sammie, and became regular volunteers with our team. Whether it was fostering, pulling dogs from shelters, transporting, participating in public

events, or just hanging out, they always raised their hands to help. Jack will be greatly missed, not only for his many contributions but also because he was so warm, caring, giving, and lovable.

Terry



Interested in fostering? Please contact Terry, our Intake/Adoption Coordinator, for more information.

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FAILED FOSTER MOMS?

After having fostered Cali for three months last summer, Kathie and Liliane officially became “Failed Foster Moms” when they decided to adopt her in September. Cali is a 5-yr.-old blue merle and weighs only 20 pounds. She will likely be getting a lot of exercise since she is now part of a family that already has two Shelties and one Collie. Cali became fast friends with all of the dogs and, early on, she was the first to run into the yard, barking, whenever she heard something that she felt needed to be scared away. She still seems to be the first one to chase away the squirrels, which gave her the title of “Squirrel Hunter.” You will be able to meet Cali at many future Sheltie events and will quickly see for yourselves how she was able to crawl into this family's hearts.

Liliane & Kathie



Cali

We call these foster moms and dads a treasure! The FFM&D Club is a long-standing joke among our rescue team. Failed foster parents = successful adopters!

Last August, I got a call from Terry to see if I could pick up a little senior girl at the Monterey SPCA and have her checked out and evaluate her. I got to the shelter first chance I could and picked up this elderly, terribly bony and thin, nearly hairless, little Sheltie girl named Penny and brought her home. We had her here only a few days and knew right away that we didn't want her to leave. According to the microchip company, her name is, in fact, “Penny” and she was born 4/20/04. She has the sweetest disposition and the cutest old face ever. She is thriving with good nutrition and lots of love. Her overall health is good. She has gained about 5 pounds, eats like a Sheltie, and has a playful streak when she jumps and barks that never lasts too long, but is fun to see. Her fur is growing back and we can't wait to see the end result.

Grace, the resident Sheltie princess, has accepted her, well, gracefully. Grace would love to get her in a rousing session of Sheltie Steeplechase, but Penny just looks at her like “What? Why are you barking at me?” Bill and I plan on having her as part of our family for however long she has left. Thanks, Norcal Sheltie Rescue, for giving us the opportunity to make darling Penny part of our lives.

Denise



Penny

RECENT ADOPTIONS



Bella, adopted by Rosalind



Mickey, adopted by Michael



Lukas (Louie) adopted by Candace

What a nice representation of the colors, sizes, sexes, and temperaments of our adopted rescue dogs! It's so rewarding to watch them thrive in their new homes and welcome their adopters into our extended Sheltie family!



Maverick (Marvin), adopted by Kay & Gary



Charlie, adopted by Sheila & Marion



Jackson, adopted by Maureen



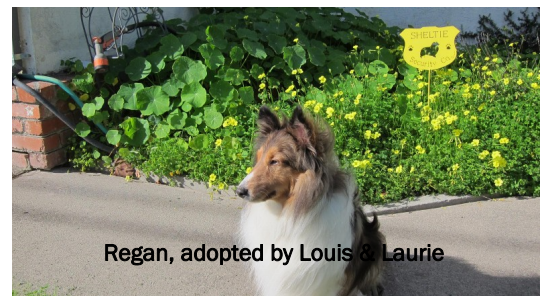
Tucker (Tommy), adopted by Mark & Ron



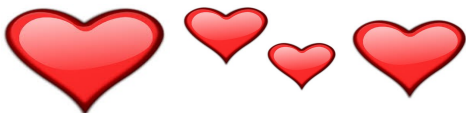
Sora (Journey), adopted by Dolores



Manny (Sandy), adopted by Jim & Don



Regan, adopted by Louis & Laurie



HOW MUCH WATER DOES YOUR DOG NEED?

A dog's water needs vary from breed to breed, and they also depend on size, age, diet, activity level and environmental conditions. The recommended water intake for a dog is approximately one ounce of water per pound of bodyweight, per day.

Your dog's diet will play a big role in the amount of water that it needs to consume. For instance, dogs who solely eat dry biscuits or kibble will get significantly less hydration from their food than those on moisture-rich diets.

During the hot weather, if your dog is very thirsty after a long walk or play session, it's a good idea to let him or her rehydrate over an extended period of time, rather than letting the dog guzzle down too much water at once.

If your dog finishes all the water in its bowl, wait for half an hour before refilling it, so that your pup has time to rest and digest. You can also help keep dogs hydrated during exercise by giving them access to water — little and often is best.

To test whether your dog may be dehydrated, you can lift the skin on the back of the neck and watch to see how quickly it returns to its normal position. If it forms a sort of tent, and doesn't fall back into place immediately, then your dog may be dehydrated.



www.care2.com/causes/is-your-dogdrinking-enough-water

SHELTIE ROMP JULY 4, 2017



Vicki and Bob, our Bay Area coordinators, have graciously hosted for many past summers the July 4 Romp at their home in Woodside. They recently moved to Oregon but will continue to be part of our rescue team, electronically as well as physically in the northern California and southern Oregon areas. Many thanks to them for all their contributions over the years!



Christy, loved by Helen & Diane



Lilly

Lilly loved to play with her soccer ball and brought much love and laughter to Ann & Joe.



Van Gogh



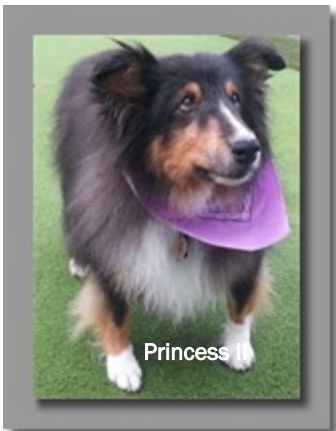
Chad

Shane

Chad and Shane were found running loose together in Sandy, Utah. Utah Sheltie Rescue took them in and found a couple in Roseville, California, to drive to Salt Lake City to adopt both dogs. After a few years, personal changes caught up with the couple, making on-going care of Chad & Shane impossible. We took the two boys in with the understanding that they would remain together. They were sweet and loving additions to my life and home. They loved to play ball -- and bark! Chad was my shadow, an affectionate, sweetly goofy boy. Shane was more reserved but he was very clear when it was time for food! Amazing that they passed away within a month of one another. They were probably litter mates so shared genetics may have played a role. I was blessed to have Chad & Shane in my life.

Van Gogh loved toys, especially a stuffed football from Rhonda & Tom. When he came to Kathie's and Liliane's house for dental surgery, he brought his football. Kathie forgot to include it when she packed his bag on adoption day, but she promptly mailed it off to him. When Edith opened the package, VG jumped forward and pounced on his football. VG also loved to put his toys in his water bowl, his version of a touch down? He was loved by many, most especially by his adopters Edith and Corky.

Gale Ann



Princess II



Annie

Princess II came to us with her daughter Princess Annie. At the time Princess was 13, very obese with poor skin/coat conditions, arthritis, and low thyroid. With her health issues addressed, Princess showed more energy and loved her new life with her daughter, Princess Annie, who lived to be 15 years old in the caring hands of foster mom, Claudia.



Pepper

Pepper was rescued at age 10 by Debra and Larry, following his successful treatment for heartworm disease. One of the sweetest Shelties ever, Debra says that he was with them for far too short a time. "He stole our hearts, in the way Shelties always manage to do, and I wish I could give him just one more hug!"

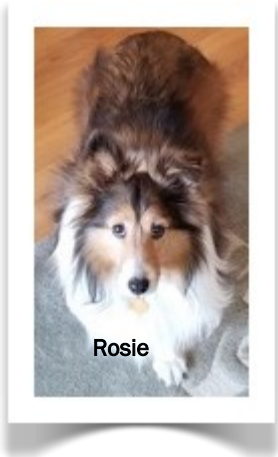


Lady

Lady was a kind soul who loved to go for walks and meet up with other dogs. She was exceptional in that she would share her treats with other dogs. She lived a good life and passed away in July of 2017. Although Lady lived in her adopted home for just five years, she brought everyone in the family much joy. She will be forever missed by Molly and Taelor.



MORE SHELTIES PAST & PRESENT



Rosie



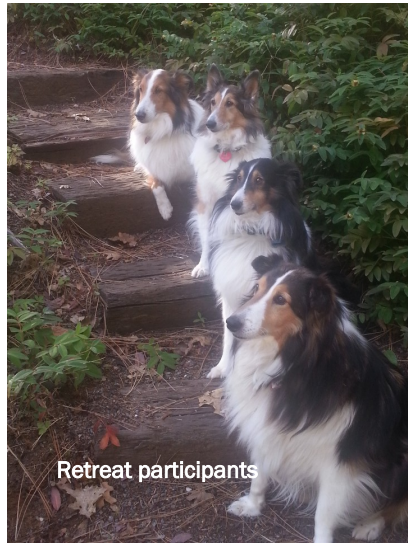
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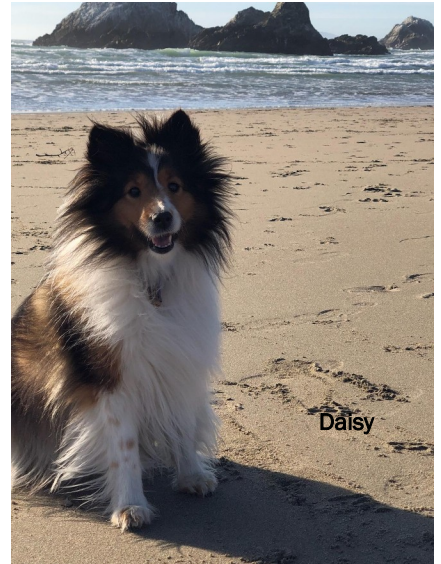
Lady V



Mickey



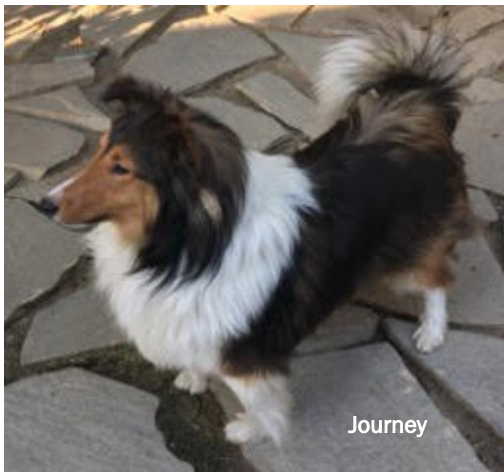
Retreat participants



Daisy



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Journey



Tricolor buddies at the retreat

OUR VETERINARIANS

Below is a list of veterinarians and clinics around Northern California that our rescue team and foster homes have used to care for our Shelties. Some offer a very nice discount for services and all are knowledgeable and professional about the Sheltie and Collie breeds. We are grateful for their many contributions to our mission and to each and every Sheltie in their care.

Abby Pet Hospital	Clovis	Companion Animal Hospital	Santa Cruz
Adobe Animal Hospital	Los Altos	Cool Animal Hospital	Cool
Airport Pet Clinic	Cameron Park	Franklin Ranch Pet Hospital & Hotel	Elk Grove
Animal Care Clinic	El Sobrante	Muir Oaks Veterinary Hospital	Martinez
Animal Hospital of Sebastopol	Sebastopol	Peninsula Animal Dermatology	San Carlos
Auburn Animal Hospital	Bakersfield	Richmond Veterinary Hospital	Richmond
Brighton Greens Veterinary Hospital	Grass Valley	UC Davis Vet Med Teaching Hospital	Davis
Carson Valley Veterinary Hospital	Minden, NV	VCA Bradshaw Veterinary Clinic	Elk Grove
Coastside Veterinary Clinic	Half Moon Bay		



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