



Newsletter

Spring 2022

Dear Sheltie Rescue Friends,

Welcome to what will hopefully be a better year for you and your Shelties! Sixteen Shelties came into our program in 2021. So far this calendar year, we've taken in four Shelties, three of which are Special Needs. During the pandemic the demand for adoptable rescues so far exceeded our ability to meet requests that we suspended our online application form. We are once again accepting applications but aren't able to meet the demand since fewer Shelties are needing our help. If you are in our applicant pool and have found your new best furry friend elsewhere, we would appreciate a quick note to let us know so that we can update our waiting list. Thank you!

This year we're seeing an interesting mix of Special Needs Shelties. Thirteen year olds Bonnie & Buddy, living in the far northwest corner of California, needed rehoming when their elderly owner could no longer care for them. We were able to place them in a lovely "permanent foster care" home with Jean. Buddy has kidney disease and will be able to continue his care with the veterinarian who has been treating him. Other than old age, Bonnie seems in pretty good shape. At the other end of the age spectrum is Teddy, who was born with a congenital heart defect, *severe subvalvular aortic stenosis*. He came to us at four months of age. He's at home with Nancy, who hasn't experienced a puppy in many years and says she's finding the experience enervating, entertaining and sometimes challenging. (Teddy likes to chew – a lot.) We're so grateful for our big-hearted foster moms and dads who love these doggies for the short time they have left on earth. It's rewarding to work with these truly special people and their fosters as we navigate their vet care needs.

We're excited to host our Annual Sheltie Celebration/Picnic at Performance Dogs in Action (north Sacramento) on May 14th. We really enjoy seeing you in person with your beautiful Shelties. The weather is usually nice in mid-May (not too hot!) so we hope to see you there. Please see page 2 for details.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our efforts. We have the best rescue supporters around!

Warm regards,
Gale Ann



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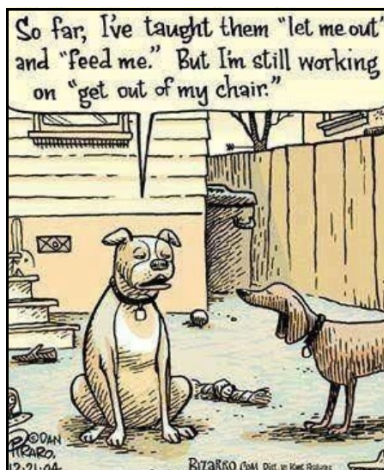
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Shiloh's Journey

Shiloh is a 2-year-old sable Sheltie who lost his home when his owner died. He spent the first few days of his new life in the county animal shelter before being picked up by the executor of the owner's estate. After a short time there, he was transferred to another home, where he spent about a month before being surrendered to NorCal Sheltie Rescue. We placed him in a foster home with an experienced and loving Sheltie couple and their 7-year-old Sheltie. He made steady progress with some of his behavior issues, but his incessant barking became intolerable, mostly due to his ability to see and hear the golfers and carts not far from his back yard. In many ways, this home was ideal for him; however, the couple decided not to adopt him and Shiloh was once again on the move.



Marco and Shiloh

When visiting his last home, I quickly encountered several behaviors that are difficult to manage and even more difficult to eliminate. Shiloh greeted me at the door by barking, lunging, and jumping. As I entered the house, he continued to bark. Gradually he settled down and became quiet. But the minute I stood up, the whole process began again. A big Sheltie at 37 pounds, he was never aggressive, but I worried that he would be intimidating to a new owner. In searching our waiting list, I found an applicant who seemed perfect for him — a couple and their two children with lots of dog experience, including with Shelties. I picked up Shiloh and drove to meet them at a rescue-friendly pet store with two training areas, hoping to be able to introduce him to the family and address any behavior issues. I left Shiloh in the car (it was a cool day) and walked into the store, quickly discovering that both training areas were occupied and the store was very crowded with people and dogs — not the best environment for an anxious and needy dog. So I returned to the car, took Shiloh out on leash in the parking lot, where we walked around as far from distractions as possible. He barked and lunged at cars, people, and other distractions almost constantly and I was worried about how his new family would react to these behaviors.

We spent about an hour together, getting acquainted and working with him. After careful and thoughtful consideration, they decided to adopt him and took him home. Since then, he has been thriving. He's been getting lots of exercise, training, affection, and understanding. He's being introduced to new settings with new people and new dogs, gradually exploring these environments and improving his social skills. We are very grateful to this family for making the lifetime commitment to this special Sheltie! Many thanks for all those involved in Shiloh's journey! It's been a tough road for him, but he's finally home!

Sheltie Celebration

Saturday, May 14th

10:00am* – 2:00pm

Performance Dogs in Action

7089 Pleasant Grove Road, Pleasant Grove CA 95668

<http://www.performancedogsinaction.com>

Please bring your own lunches & beverages

Great raffle & silent auction

(Benefits the NorCal Sheltie Rescue Veterinary Fund)

Herding Instinct Testing (morning only)

***9:00am early start**

Limited to first 12 signups; cost is \$35

Agility field is available, but novice handlers need supervision by experienced handlers.

Questions? 1-888-296-9719

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Luna
Adopted by Nick



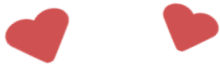
**ADOPTED DOGS take 3 days
to decompress, 3 weeks to
start to know your routine
and 3 months to start to
feel at home.
GIVE THEM THAT CHANCE**



Cookie
Adopted by Luz & Bob



Sonny
Adopted by Harvey



Ginger
Adopted by Luz & Bob



Jackson
Adopted by Terry & Clif



Teddy
Adopted by Wendy & Dick



Shiloh
Adopted by Marco & family

DON'T PLAY WITH LASERS



WHY DOGS SHOULDN'T PLAY WITH LASERS

Source: <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/lifestyle/laser-pointers-more-frustration-than-fun/>
<https://www.bindsbucketlist.com/post/ditch-the-laser-correlations-show-that-laser-pointer-use-can-lead-to-laser-pointer-syndrome-in-dogs>



Frustration on the part of the dog with a triggered prey drive and no pay-off for chasing



Increased anxiety from chasing an uncatchable prey.



Confusion when the light disappears. Can lead to seeking lights and shadows outside of the game.



Can hurt themselves chasing a light with no smell, touch or taste game.



Obsessive compulsive behaviors are frequently seen with dogs that play with laser pointers.



Lasers can damage your dog's eyes if accidentally shone directly in.

Educational Dog Inforgraphs



If I Didn't Have A Dog

If I didn't have a dog I could walk around the back yard barefoot without worry. My house could be carpeted instead of tiled. My clothing, furniture and other belongings would be free of hair.

When the doorbell rings, my home wouldn't sound like a kennel.

I could sit on the couch or lie in my bed the way I want to, without taking into consideration how much space she needs to be comfortable. I would not have strange presents under the Christmas tree like bones, stuffed animals, toys and treats...nor would I have to explain why I wrap them.

I would have no guilt about going on vacation. I would not be on a first name basis with three veterinarians, as I put their kids through college. The most used words in my vocabulary would not be sit, stay, down, come, go pee pee

My house would not be cordoned off into zones with baby gates and barriers. My pockets would not contain things like poop bags, treats, and an extra leash. My house wouldn't look like a daycare center with toys strewn everywhere. I would not have to spell out the words, BALL, Treat, bye-bye, walk.

If I didn't have a dog... how truly empty my life would be.

BEWARE OF FOXTAILS!

Foxtails have barbed, razor-sharp needles that are extremely dangerous.

Foxtails can go up the nose & migrate to the brain.

Embedded Foxtails can cause abscesses, pain & death.

Foxtail pieces can easily be inhaled & puncture a lung.

Pets with long fur, curly fur & long ears are especially prone to getting foxtails.

Foxtails move in one direction. They dig in & they do not come out on their own!

Foxtails can dig into any part of the body & they don't dissolve.

Foxtails love paws & can easily embed between toes.

@RedandHowling

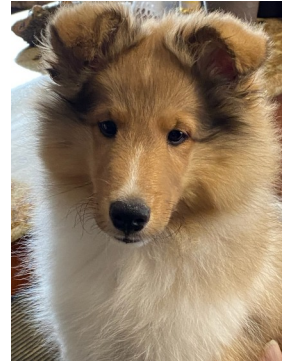
SAFETY TIPS: If your pet is exposed to foxtails, do a thorough inspection afterwards: Brush coat, feel every part of body with hands. Look closely at ears, nose, eyes, underbelly, between toe pads, and underneath collar (foxtails burrow quickly & are hard to see). Check inside mouth & around lips.

LOVE RECHARGE



Special Needs Shelties

As most of you know by now, NorCal Sheltie Rescue devotes a portion of its veterinary funds to Shelties that require extensive medical care and attention. This spring we were contacted about a 4-month-old puppy with a serious, life-altering heart illness. Of course we offered to take him into our program, finding the perfect match for him with one of our volunteers who has fostered and adopted several dogs from our organization. Teddy is in our “permanent foster care” program, which means that he stays in the same home for a lifetime (similar to an adoption). The difference is that we monitor his needs closely, advising on vet care, and pay for all expenses except food. If he requires a prescription diet, we cover that expense as well.



We are very proud of this program because we accept virtually all Shelties into our care, regardless of the expense. You’ve seen in several previous newsletters that we’ve had quite a few dogs in our special needs program; most of these dogs are seniors with medical issues. Many of our applicants are reluctant to adopt a dog with a shortened life span, but we are fortunate to have a few volunteers who are happy to open their homes to a “medically challenged” or senior dog. They often comment on how sweet their temperaments are and how they seem almost grateful to spend their golden years in such wonderful homes.



Teddy is currently showing no symptoms of illness, although his physical activities need to be carefully managed. We don’t know what his future holds, but for now, we’re just enjoying watching him grow and working on the normal puppy behaviors of housetraining, loose leash walking, and chewing.

If you’d like to support our special needs program and earmark your donation for Teddy, we’d be grateful. He has already charmed his foster mom Nancy, keeping her busy and sleepless but also delighted! Please let us know, too, if you’d like to consider fostering one of our other special needs dogs.

Teddy @ 4 months

See Gale Ann’s letter to get the story on these two newcomers who have landed in Jean’s loving hands. Many thanks to both Nancy and Jean for opening their hearts to these Special Needs Shelties!



Buddy @ 13 years



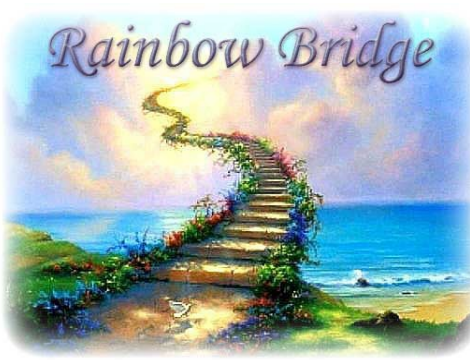
Bonnie @13 years





Terra

Loved by Catherine & family



Laddie

Loved by Regina



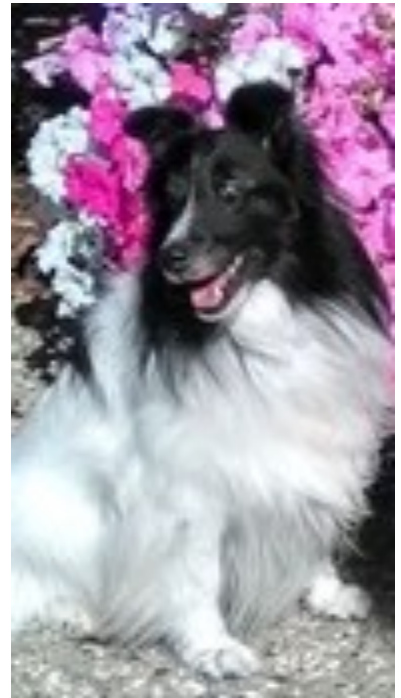
Gracie & Frieda

Loved by Mary Ann



Allie

Loved by Pat & Shantel



Banter

Loved by Emily & Ed



Maddie

Loved by Nancy



Cayman

Loved by Nick

Photo Gallery



Shelby turns 2



Sammy

Fostered by Marte & Charles



Toby & Sophie share their bed



Shane & Skylar on the guest bed



Tonto turns 10



Cookie & Ginger on alert in the kitchen



Stevie

Fostered by Flo & Celeste



Pearl turns 2



Poppy the 49er fan

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. All are knowledgeable about the Sheltie and Collie breeds and some offer discounted rates for our 501c3 nonprofit organization. We are grateful for their many contributions to our mission and to each and every Sheltie in their care.

Acorn Veterinary Clinic, Davis

Adobe Animal Hospital, Los Altos

Airport Pet Clinic, Cameron Park

Auburn Animal Hospital, Bakersfield

Bayside Animal Hospital, Granite Bay

Blue Ravine Animal Hospital, Folsom

Brighton Greens Veterinary Hospital, Grass Valley

Companion Animal Hospital, Santa Cruz

Devotion Animal Hospital, Santa Rosa

Franklin Ranch Pet Hospital, Elk Grove

Jackson Creek Veterinary Clinic, Jackson

Mid-Peninsula Animal Hospital, Menlo Park

Muir Oaks Veterinary Hospital, Martinez

VCA Bradshaw Veterinary Clinic, Elk Grove

Walnut Creek Veterinary Hospital, Walnut Creek

Yolo Veterinary Clinic, Woodland

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