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Newsletter

Winter 2015

Director's Report

As we wind up our rescue year 2015, I'd like to thank all of you once again for your support of our mission and our Shelties. It goes without saying that we couldn't do it without you, but I want to reiterate the many kinds and levels of support—from financial to practical to emotional support—that keep us afloat.

The backbone of any rescue is its volunteers, and these include Sheltie lovers who take on a wide list of tasks, from fostering and transporting to veterinary care, training, and boarding, not to mention the "household" duties like accounting, ordering, web page and computer help, and fund raising and planning to keep a nonprofit operational. Our "core" group of about 15 volunteers is spread all around northern California/northeastern Nevada and is flanked by a wider group of foster homes, friends, and helpers who are on call as needed.

Late this summer we took in ten shelties from the Susanville area in one day. Most of these "Lassen Shelties" were senior girls with two younger boys thrown into the mix. We didn't have enough foster homes to help with this sudden intake, so I reached out to NorCal Collie Rescue for help. Sure enough, three Collie Rescue foster homes with experienced foster moms stepped up and opened their homes and hearts to several of these rescues. Special thanks go out to Jean Roberts, Lauren and Dirk Caudill, Argie and Tim Callahan, and Karen Boselly for their generosity. You can learn more about the wonderful NorCal Collie Rescue at www.calcollierescue.org.

The Lassen Shelties were turned over to us by the Susanville shelter staff. Ten came to us in September and then two more a month or so later until we had a total of 12 from that one area. Varying in ages from young to very old, two of them pregnant, all were unsocialized and many in poor health; not all were able to survive despite our best efforts and outstanding veterinary care. The final two were found hiding underneath an abandoned car in the desert; we are comforted to say that all are now doing well in loving foster homes and several, including the puppies, have found forever homes.

In addition to this major intake we have welcomed 33 more Shelties into our program this year. Many were seniors, a few were middle aged, and even fewer were juveniles. We took in 40 Shelties in 2014 and, thus far in 2015, we have had 43 dogs in our care; 53 percent of these came from owner turn ins, 34 percent from shelters, and 13 percent "other" (strays and foundlings).

This year, we celebrated our Shelties and their adopters by participating in the huge outreach event hosted by UC Davis at their annual April open house called "Picnic Day." In mid-May we were once again enjoying a great day in North Sacramento for our Sheltie Fun Day, raffle, and potluck lunch at Performance Dogs in Action. Then in October the NorCal Sheltie Club again hosted us at their Annual Sheltie Specialty in conjunction with the big, multi-day, all-breed Harvest Moon Classic dog show at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. One of our volunteers, Roger, once again facilitated getting awesome donations, including a brand new Apple iPad and iPod. These fundraisers help with our veterinary expense account, on average \$2,500 per month, though the biggest contributions to our fiscal health are from those who remember us in their estate planning. See the last page of this newsletter for more estate planning information.

Lastly, just this month (December) the Sheltie community is once again out searching for lost Shelties. "We" have two missing Shelties at the moment, Ketchum and Smudge. I want to remind all of us how easy it is to have a frightened dog just "slip" away. Properly fitted collars, harnesses, good fences, and lots of expenses....and that's only part of it. Ketchum is the third Sheltie we know who has escaped from a "Sheltie savvy" owner shortly after coming into their lives. Ketchum and Smudge belong to really experienced dog people of the first order, and it just took one little mistake, one little slip, to break a thousand hearts. Do be careful and don't hesitate to call us if we can help you find and fit appropriate measures to keep your Sheltie safe and secure.



In all seriousness, we strongly recommend that our new adopters have an expense put between the front door and the big, scary, outside world and keep it there until the dog is very familiar with its new home and territory. It's all too easy for a Sheltie to slip out when the UPS man delivers a package or a family member opens the door unexpectedly. There is nothing sadder than an MIA furkid. Please

make certain your Shelties are safe and secure both inside and out.

I wish you and your Shelties good health and happiness as we see this year come to a close. We enjoy hearing from you and look forward to seeing you in 2016 at one of our events!

—Gale Ann

NCSR in Fresno — Pat Teixeira

For some reason, we seem to take in quite a few Shelties in the Fresno and Central Valley areas. Since we don't have a lot of volunteers down that way, Pat has really stepped up to help us out. She has fostered several Shelties in the Fresno area, taking time to assess them for temperament and behavior, get them vetted, and assist us with their adoptions. As if that's not enough, she recently adopted two older

Shelties that she thought just needed to stay with her! Currently, she's got two of our foster dogs and she's arranged for a foster home for yet another incoming dog. She's confident, quick to act, and extremely knowledgeable about the breed. She's a gem and we are very lucky to have her on our team! Thank you, Pat!

Sponsor a Special Needs Sheltie

As shown on our website (<http://www.norcalsheltierescue.org/Specialneeds.html>), we take in sick and special needs Shelties who are not easily adoptable. Here's a great opportunity for those who would like to contribute to our mission of rescuing homeless Shelties, but who can't personally foster or adopt a dog. Our volunteer foster homes care for them as special needs or hospice dogs until they either become adoptable by overcoming their health issues or are allowed to gently go to the Rainbow Bridge when it's their time. Among these are the two currently featured (more will be posted soon): Gale Ann has Jake who is in renal failure, but who has been thriving and doing amazingly well for over a year on a host of medications. Kathie and Liliane have Blue who was abandoned when his family moved away and left him behind in their house—where he was discovered, half dead, one month later. Blue is a gorgeous old boy so crippled that he doesn't want to get around much. He sleeps comfortably most of the day, wakes up for food and fun with his Sheltie and Collie family members, and then snuggles back down again in his comfy bed until the next round of fun wakens him.

Be sure to review the website often to see when the next needy Sheltie comes along, and please pass this message along to your friends and colleagues. Thank you for your support!



Sheltie Health

Note that the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Hotline, the best resource for any animal poison-related emergency, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, has a new website. The toll-free number is still: 888-426-4435 (a consultation fee may apply): <http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control>

Sign up to get critical dog food recall alerts sent to you via email—no charge, no spam, unsubscribe anytime: <http://www.dogfoodadvisor.com/dog-food-recall-alerts/>

How to Perform the Heimlich Maneuver if your Dog is Choking

http://www.petmd.com/dog/emergency/common-emergencies/e_dg_choking

Most dogs will chew nearly anything: bones, toys, shoes, socks, etc., but would you know what to do if something became lodged in the windpipe or stuck on the palate and your dog began to choke? It's important that you do not wait for veterinary assistance, as the dog may suffocate.

What To Watch For: If the dog is suffocating, it will often panic. A dog may paw at its mouth if something is lodged, though this does not necessarily mean it is choking. Another suspicious sign of choking is an unresponsive or unconscious dog; in these cases, check the throat and mouth for foreign objects.

Primary Cause: Almost any small object can cause choking, though the most common are hard rubber balls, lumps of gristle, and chew toys or sticks that have become swollen due to moisture.

Immediate Care: Be very careful when dealing with a choking dog, as even calm animals will panic when they cannot breathe. Protect yourself by restraining the dog, but do not muzzle it.

1. Use both hands to open the mouth, with one hand on the upper jaw and the other on the lower.
2. Grasping the jaws, press the lips over the dog's teeth so that they are between the teeth and your fingers.
3. Look inside the mouth and remove the obstruction with your fingers.
4. If you can't move the object with your fingers, use a flat spoon handle to pry it away from the teeth or roof of the mouth.

If the dog is still choking and you can't see anything in the mouth, or if the dog has fallen unconscious, follow these guidelines: For a **SMALL Dog**: Pick the dog up by its thighs and gently shake and swing it. If his condition does not improve, apply forward pressure to the abdomen just behind the ribcage. For a **LARGE Dog**: Do not try to pick up, shake, or swing a large dog; you're more likely to do further damage due to the animal's size. Instead, perform the equivalent of the Heimlich maneuver:

1. If the dog is standing, put your arms around his belly, joining your hands. Make a fist and push firmly up and forward, just behind the rib cage. Place the dog on his side afterward.
2. If the dog is lying down, place one hand on the back for support and use the other hand to squeeze the abdomen upwards and forwards.
3. Check the dog's mouth and with your fingers remove any objects that may have been dislodged.

Note that the object might be quite a way back towards the throat, so you might have to hunt around and hook it out with your index finger. If the dog required artificial respiration or CPR, seek immediate veterinary attention.

Veterinary Care: It is likely objects stuck in the throat may have caused damage. Depending on the length of time the dog was without oxygen and the damage to the throat, the dog may require hospitalization for a few days. In some cases, bronchoscopy (whereby a small camera is inserted into the windpipe to visualize and remove the foreign body) may be recommended. Although this may just be minor scratching, it is still important that a veterinarian examine the dog for potential problems. Sometimes foreign bodies stuck in the esophagus such as bones can cause respiratory distress and mimic choking.

Prevention: The best way to prevent choking is to treat your dog as you would a small child. Although it's almost impossible to stop them putting things in their mouth, you should always be present and keep an eye on what they're chewing. Avoid moisture-swollen chew toys or sticks, and cut up large chunks of food, especially gristle. T-bones are also known to cause choking when given to dogs.

The Art of Living with Shelties

A Foster Parent Speaks —*Author Unknown*

Thank you for bringing this foster dog into my life. Had I not made the decision to participate in rescue, I would never have had the chance to meet him. If I had sat here comfortably in my home and said "I already have four dogs and I know that I couldn't take in another—even on a temporary basis," I would never have met this dog.

Yes, it takes time to rescue and foster... but who gave me Time in the first place? And why or what was the reason I was given Time? To fill my own needs? Or was there another reason ever so small and seemingly insignificant, like rescuing this one dog, that could make a difference in another's life? Perhaps to add joy, hope, help and companionship to another who is in need.

With great sadness, I sat down on a footstool in my kitchen this morning and watched as this foster dog bounced back into the house and skidded across the floor to sit ever so perfectly in front of me. He was the picture of health, finally. He was all smiles for me... and I smiled back at his happy face. Deep in his eyes, the storm clouds of illness and generalized poor health had blown away, and the clear light of his perfection radiated out from his beautiful soul. He holds no ill will toward man. He forgives us all. I thought to myself as I impressed this one last long look of him into my heart, what a very fine creature you have created. Tears slowly pooled and spilled over my cheekbones as the deeper realization of how wonderful this dog is sank into my internal file cabinet of *Needful Things to Remember*. Lord, he's a dog—but he's a better human being than I am.

He has forgiven quickly. Would I do the same? He passionately enjoys the simple things in life. And I have often overlooked them. He accepts change and gets on with his life. I fuss and worry about change. He lives today and loves today. And I often dwell in the past or worry about the future. He loves no matter what. I am not that free.

This very lovely dog has gone to his new home today and already I miss him. Thank You for bringing this dog into my life. And Thank You for the beautiful and tender lesson on how to be a better human.

"I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love. For me they are the role model for being alive."



Wishful thinking

And the pursuit of dreams



Boarding Opportunity

Have you ever considered a short-term foster situation? Sometimes we field inquiries from adopters who need to board their Shelties and would much prefer to house them with experienced Sheltie people. Occasionally the original foster home may be available and willing, we can make arrangements to help the adopter. What we ask for in return is a donation to NorCal Sheltie Rescue, usually in the amount it would cost to board the dog at a facility in their geographic area. This is a win-win for both parties!

Recently Kathie and Liliane welcomed Henry into their busy household for three weeks. It was good experience for the timid Henry to be around different people, several other dogs, and a new environment. And Henry's parents learned a lot more about our organization and how they can participate in our activities!

Rescue Magic...or "Things happen for a reason"

Our Adoption Coordinator writes:

So after fostering 56 previous rescue Shelties, we have finally adopted #57, Charlie! On this Valentine's Day weekend, we wanted to share the good news with our rescue colleagues.



You may remember that Charlee (original spelling of his name) was surrendered to NorCal Sheltie Rescue due to displaced aggression. He had a serious bite history, having attacked both the other dog and the owner. These bites occurred when he was so aroused by

sounds or motions (lawn mower, blender, vacuum cleaner, hair dryer, etc.) that he lashed out indiscriminately against people or pets. In a household with children ages 2, 7, and 14, the owners judged the risk of injury to be too great.

For the first couple of months, we taught him to walk politely on leash (he'd been left in the back yard because the owners were afraid to take him anywhere), sit for his dinner, potty on cue, wait at the door — the usual basic manners. We observed him closely to note the triggers which resulted in his demonic behavior tantrums. On numerous occasions, he demonstrated a total lack of control and frenzy so intense that he could easily cause damage. Even when crated, he spun, destroyed bedding, and upturned water bowls. He also charged the front door when someone arrived, exhibiting the same frenzied spinning, barking, and lunging.

We've had him for almost five months now and he's made tremendous progress. On January 29, he earned his Canine Good Citizen degree, a huge accomplishment for a dog that rarely left his home. Even though he's coming along nicely with his training,

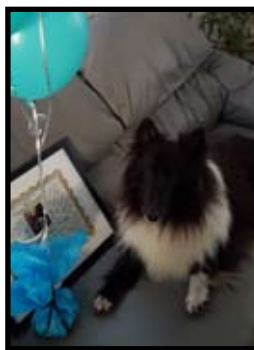
adopting him to another family would be risky, since there is no guarantee that new behaviors will generalize readily, if ever, to a new environment.

The timing is right for us to bring another dog into our family. Bo, our Golden Retriever, will be thirteen years old in May, and Rocky, our Sheltie, is already thirteen. Charlie is six. With his happy temperament and active play, he'll be a great distraction for us when we're grieving the loss of our older boys.

But those aren't the main reasons for this adoption. We are crazy about this dog! Not in any particular order, he is handsome, intelligent, curious, eager to please, playful with toys, playful with dogs, interested in and respectful of cats and birds, active, loves to walk, travels well in the vehicle, crate-trained, not overly barksy, lovable, obedient, humorous, and healthy. He's still a work in progress, but he has the potential to be a superb companion as well as an agile participant in any number of athletic events.



And Rocky is now officially retired from his therapy dog work. The



staff and residents at the facility gave him a great send-off, with a beautiful plaque, balloon bouquet, healthy dog treats, and lots of petting, hugs, and tears. He's been volunteering there for over eight years, and as his 14th birthday approaches in November, we decided the time is right for him to say goodbye. This has been a wonderful journey for both of us and I hope to one day be able to volunteer there again, with another Sheltie or

Golden. Charlie may or may not be that dog—time will tell.

Recent (and not-so-recent) Adoptions



Well, I will jump on the bandwagon and say that Buddy, aka Mr. Tubby Tuna, was happily ensconced in his new home this morning in Sacramento. He came to me about nine weeks ago, a horribly overweight barrel of a dog who the owners assured me was just "fluffy." LOL he weighed in at 32.8 pounds and is only perhaps 14 at the shoulder. Don't

get me wrong, he was fluffy, but he was mostly just FAT! His crash diet started the first two days when he refused to eat anything at all. I figured, well it wasn't gonna hurt him, so we started in on loving on him. He was extremely picky, which amazed me as big as he was, and wouldn't take any treats at all, and only canned food on top of the dry would get him to even lick a little up. He soon learned that if he was gonna eat, it was kibble or nothing. He had a dental and a toenail removed as it was growing completely sideways and irritating his other toe. It took a good three weeks of daily bandage changes, washing and



a cone before he was finally freed from it and allowed to start playing. He loooooovveeeesss to play fetch and to tug so, once he was healed, we started in on short play sessions to build up his stamina and endurance as he pretty much had none and slept a lot. He was doing so well and his new owners will continue with his weight loss goals of getting him down to perhaps 20 pounds in the next few months. He is an only dog and will be spoiled completely—as it should be in his little mind. Happy adoption day little man!

—Karen Porter

Audrey writes: "The previous owner had Bella on Prozac. I weaned her off this. She was way overweight and barely able to walk when she came to me; she's now fit and strong and happy, and I see no need for tranquilizers. Aside from her squirrel mania when outside on leash, she's a mellow and delightful housemate now that she has a regular schedule with a proper diet and plenty of exercise."

Elizabeth and Peter from Nevada City adopted Nikki this November. They have had a Sheltie, a Sheltie mix, and lastly a Collie from NorCal Collie Rescue. When Elizabeth contacted NorCal Collie Rescue's Karen Boselly to inquire if they had any smaller sized Collies, Karen said she did not and suggested that she contact us.



Elizabeth, Peter, and Nikki



Nikki's in a car full of foster furfriends

Nikki, a small blue Merle, stole Elizabeth's heart. Elizabeth plans to teach Nikki hand signals so that when Nikki grows old and loses her hearing, they can still communicate. This is something she teaches all her dogs, Elizabeth said. Elizabeth and Peter are thrilled with the new family member—not so much the cat but in time that will be fine as well.



Buster's adoption day



Buster on an outing

Just to give you an update on Buster (Bowser). We've had him just over four months, and he is working out wonderfully. He has been microchipped and is licensed in San Francisco. He has put on some weight (now at about 25 lbs. and holding steady). Buster is especially fond of our daughter (and visa versa) who plays with him and keeps him current on his tricks. Thank you again for bringing this little guy into our lives, he's a gem. —John



Buster dba Couch Potato



Dan wrote us: "Toomey (formerly Hanley) is doing very well. Still does not bark, though he wanted to on New Year's Eve. But I cuddled with him and kept him calm until the fireworks were over. Toomey is SO mellow."

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The photo on the right is of "Toomey with some neighbor kids who just love him. He doesn't play but is very gentle with the kids."



It's always a joy to find a great home for one of our rescue Shelties. But when Elisabeth, David, and their twin 6-year-old boys welcomed 11-year-old Benny into their home, it was love at first sight. Elisabeth had graciously agreed to foster Benny for us, and after a very short time, the whole family was smitten with his gentle nature and loving temperament. He plays with the boys and protects them as well. He's a very nice companion dog who has brought much happiness to this wonderful family, and he's also a shining example of how senior dogs often make the best companions.



Benny



Cody with Mike and Kay



Dylan with Geoff and Ann



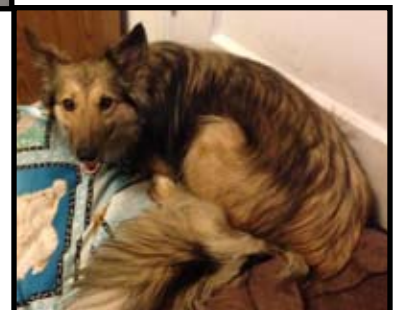
Sterling's Buddy

Panda, the 9-10-y.o. bi-blue female from Hawaii, has been adopted to a couple in Santa Cruz, in the same neighborhood as foster mom Denise. Out for a walk, this couple saw Panda, fell in love, and sent in an application immediately. Since we had no suitable applicant on our waiting list wanting a dog that old, this was meant to be. Denise is excited to be able to see Panda on occasion and to provide support if/when needed.



Ten-year-old McKenzie, now called "Lassie," who Jean Roberts from NorCal Collie Rescue fostered for us, went to a home with a previous adopter and a fellow Sheltie.

Ruby, the Sheltie mix that Marc and Kari fostered, has been adopted by Kay.





Lady and Andrea

Eileen wrote, "Lady met her forever mom, Andrea, today clear up in Willits; they have another few hours to get back up to Arcata, a small area where Lady can prance her little princess self throughout the town."

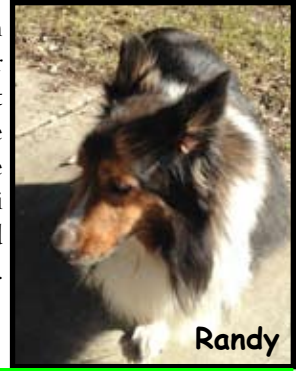


Bailey



Sonia fostered, then adopted Bailey

Randy, was an owner surrender due to the resident husky/wolf female being aggressive toward him. Kari and Marc fostered and adopted him.



Randy

Some NorCal Sheltie Rescue Events

UC Davis Campus Picnic Day, April 18, 2015



The UC Davis's Picnic Day had 75,000 visitors this year. We saw quite a few of them! Team members who came out to participate were Cheri Heilmann, Karen Porter, Kathie Goheen, Liliame Morin, Terry Gary, Teri Johnson, and Julie Guttman. Between the 8 of us we had

9 Shelties and 1 Collie. We spread the word about our rescue and delighted visitors with the beauty, sweetness and soft coats of our Shelties. As they do every year, they charmed everyone. —Gale Ann



Woofstock Festival, Rocklin, CA, Sunday, August 30, 2015



NorCal Sheltie Rescue once again hosted a booth at the City of Rocklin's Annual Woofstock Festival. August 30th also happened to be Gale Ann's birthday (see the birthday girl at work, left)! Woofstock has hundreds

of vendors and lots of fun activities, including a costume contest. Jack and Pat's dogs (left to right: Bear, Ali, Tony, and Tonto) dressed for the costume contest.



The Annual Rescue Parade and Raffle, Saturday, October 17, 2015



Our annual rescue parade and raffle followed the Best of Breed judging at the Sheltie Specialty, which was part of the big, four-day dog show cluster (i.e., everything canine) held at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton. The raffle, once again with the help of the Sheltie clubs, breeders, and generous donors, netted us a wonderful intake to help support our rescue.

Annual Sheltie Picnic and Celebration at Performance Dogs in Action, May 16, 2015



Herd of Shelties and Sheltie lovers once again attended the annual picnic at Nola Jones's Performance Dogs in Action north of Sacramento, where we enjoyed unlimited romping, dock diving (for those Shelties who don't con-

sider themselves water soluble), a potluck lunch, herding testing, and agility games. Karen Porter was there to sell her Sheltie Rescue apparel items and we had another fabulous raffle to benefit our Rescue's veterinary care fund.



A "Quiet" Fourth of July romp



The plan has always been to have Shelties (up to 70 of them racing around free on one, well-fenced acre) so tired after romping and playing in Woodside all afternoon that no

fireworks noises will bother them that night. Looks as if this worked for the human guests, snoozing on the porch, as well.



SPECIAL FRIENDS

Granberg Training Center is a boarding and training facility in Georgetown, run by Judy Granberg. For many years, Judy has been offering evaluations, consultations, individual lessons, puppy classes, adult classes, day care, and boarding for dog owners. I have known Judy both as an educator and a dog trainer, and she excels in both categories.

Thanks to her early assistance and sound advice when I got my Golden Retriever pup (Bo), he turned into a very well-behaved companion. He could easily have been a bully, but through her day care she introduced him to other dogs and carefully supervised his interactions. With my super-shy rescue Sheltie, Rocky, she helped me socialize him to people and dogs, in addition to giving me training advice about techniques successful with shy dogs. Rocky retired after eight years of therapy dog work.

Judy has been a true friend to NorCal Sheltie Rescue. When we are desperate for foster homes and need a place for an incoming Sheltie, Judy will board the dog for us, usually at no cost. Some dogs have been boarded with her for several months, in which case she does assessments and short training regimens as time allows. When

we have dogs with behavior issues, I can always count on her to give me detailed information on the behaviors themselves and options in working with the dog to develop better responses. We are very fortunate to have this wonderful human resource working with our team! We owe her many thanks for everything she's done, especially for Prince, Dilly, and Bailey!

—Terry Gary

Bowman Veterinary Hospital staff have teamed up to rescue a 10-year-old tricolor male Sheltie named Pepper. He came to them with serious heartworm disease and the owners surrendered him to the vet staff. Not willing to euthanize this sweet boy, the staff treated and housed him for several months, nurturing him back to good health. They did this out of the kindness of their hearts, at their own expense, because they knew he was a good dog with a good prognosis for full recovery. He is now in a loving foster home, with his companion Sheltie, and living the good life. Kudos to this vet staff for a job well done—a very heartwarming rescue story!



Rainbow Bridge



Marc and Kari in Concord pulled Cloud, a 7-year-old tri male Sheltie, from the Antioch shelter for us. We moved Cloud to his foster home with Marlene in Sacramento, and we all did our best to save him, but he was so sick and feeble that he went to the Rainbow Bridge about a week after Marlene took him into her heart and life. All of us are extremely grateful to our new foster mom, Marlene, for giving love, peace, and comfort to poor little Cloud during his last days on earth.

Princess was a petite little tricolor, 12-year-old sheltie. After having many housebreaking accidents when she came into rescue and tests to see if she had a urinary tract infection, an ultrasound was done and it was discovered that she had bladder cancer. She was not considered adoptable because of the diagnosis, but when this little "Antique Angel" was diagnosed with bladder cancer, she was loved and cared for by her hospice foster moms, Claudia, Kathie, and Liliane.

Princess was one of the first special needs Shelties to be featured on our "Sponsor a Special Needs Sheltie" webpage. We thank the staff at the Sunrise Boulevard Animal Hospital in Citrus Heights for their support, capable care, and generosity, and we are grateful to those of you who donated to Princess's veterinary care expenses.



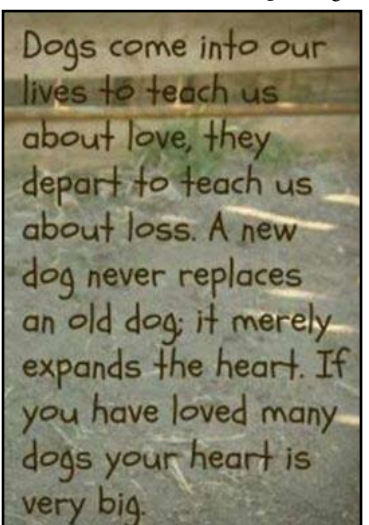
We adopted Chyanne in January 2011 from NorCal Sheltie rescue. When we first got her, she was indeed "shy" and the name "Shy-anne" was appropriate. However, the spirited little gal soon gained her confidence and became the queen of the manor and so the likely name "Sheeba" just stuck. She delighted us with her agile dancing whenever she was happy and engaged me in the Chacha on many occasions. She had a sweet smile and a twinkle in her eye to match her adorable disposition. She was 9 years old when we got her and so we enjoyed her love and companionship for over 4 years. We will miss our little Sheeba, but we are grateful for the time we shared.

—Julie and David



We have lost a true friend and rescue volunteer with the passing

of Lori Eastt in Fresno. Lori was our main contact person in the Fresno area, always quick to offer to foster, pick up, pull from shelters, transport—you name it and Lori would offer her services. With five Shelties of her own, Lori was experienced with the breed. And with her own grooming business, she knew many people in the area. Lori's heart was very big, her life was far too short, and she will be greatly missed by all her Sheltie friends and colleagues.



Our Veterinarians

Below is a list of veterinarians and clinics around Northern California that our core volunteers and foster homes have used to care for our rescue Shelties. Some offer a very nice discount to NorCal Sheltie Rescue, and 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.

VETERINARY CLINIC

Adobe Animal Hospital
 Airport Pet Clinic
 Animal Care Clinic
 Animal Clinic of Benicia

LOCATION

Los Altos
 Cameron Park
 El Sobrante
 Benicia

Animal Hospital of Sebastopol
 Baring Blvd. Animal Hospital
 Blue Oak Veterinary Hospital
 Bradshaw Veterinary Clinic
 Brighton Greens Veterinary Hospital
 Coastside Veterinary Clinic
 Cool Animal Hospital
 Napa Valley Veterinary Hospital,
 Peninsula Animal Dermatology
 Richmond Veterinary Hospital
 Shingletown Animal Clinic
 Sunrise Boulevard Animal Hospital
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Estate Planning

Please visit our website for a host of ways you can help support NorCal Sheltie Rescue. We have links for on-line PayPal donations and suggestions for planned giving/estate planning options. NorCal Sheltie Rescue, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax-deductible charitable organization, so your contributions are tax deductible and are used 100% to support the veterinary needs of rescue Shelties. And did you know that you can name NorCal Sheltie Rescue in your will or Living Trust? We hope you'll consider including a gift to NorCal Sheltie Rescue in your will or living trust. Called a charitable bequest, this type of gift offers these main benefits:

Simplicity. Just a few sentences in your will or trust are all that is needed. When making or revising a will or living trust, please consult with an estate planning attorney. Sample language is as follows:

"I give" [if a Will] or "The Trustee shall distribute" [if a Living Trust] "the sum of \$ _____; or the following property: _____; or _____ percent of my estate [or trust estate, if a Living Trust]; or the residue of my estate [or trust estate] to NorCal Sheltie Rescue, a California non-profit public benefit corporation located in Elk Grove, California. IRS Tax ID 20-4107630."

Flexibility. Because you are not actually making a gift until after your lifetime, you can change your mind at any time.

Versatility. You can structure the bequest to leave a specific item or amount of money, make the gift contingent on certain events, or leave a percentage of your estate to us.

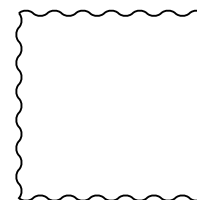
Tax Relief. If your estate is subject to estate tax, your gift is entitled to an estate tax charitable deduction for the gift's full value.

Our mailing lists have lots of blanks and/or defunct e-mail addresses. 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>).

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