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Newsletter

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Sheltie Rescue

Shetland Sheepdog Companions of Northern California Rescue, Inc.
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NorCal Sheltie Rescue, Inc.

Director's Report

The dedicated volunteers of NorCal Sheltie Rescue have been working hard as usual since we last published our Winter 2015 newsletter. We kicked off 2016 on New Year's Day with a foundling puppy girl who looked like she had Sheltie in her. "Puppy" was fostered by Audrey in Elk Grove and was soon adopted. Following Puppy we have brought 38 more Shelties into our program year-to-date. The average age is running 7.2 years old with 8 females and 30 males.

Special Needs Shelties

We have been successful with long-term fostering of senior and health-compromised Shelties due to the special niche filled by some dedicated hospice foster volunteers. Claudia is taking care of 13+ year-old Princess II and her 11+ year-old daughter, Little Annie. Claudia has had the joy of seeing Princess II's ability to now scratch her ears after being on a supervised weight loss program! It's the little things that give us joy.



Christmas at the Hutchison's

and compassion for as long as they are with us. Some stay for many months, some for only a day or two.

Blue found a safe loving place to rest his old bones with Kathie and Liliane this year, as did little Princess before him. It takes special people who truly love these Shelties from the newborn to the very old and sick. I salute all of them for their unstintingly generous hearts and

Like Claudia, Jean and Steve have been caring for the old and infirm for several years for NCSR. Sadly, over this last year they lost three Shelties due to old age and/or poor health: Kiba, Buddy IX, and Inde. Sometimes these sweet creatures come to us too late, but we always treat them with love

spirits! And we are very grateful and appreciative of those of you who are contributing to the veterinary expenses associated with the special ones via our Special Needs Program. To learn how you, too, can help, please visit us at <http://www.norcalsheltierescue.org/Specialneeds.html>. Ozzie, who came into the San Jose Shelter a heartbreaking mess of wounds and diseases, is our latest Special Needs dog. Unable to walk or stand very well, the shelter thought he was about 14 years old, but the vets said he's more like 9-10—and he's feeling younger every day. Ozzie's story will be posted on our website.

The Asian Connection

Over the past few years, rescue organizations in Taiwan and Korea have reached out to us to help save the lives of Shelties. We have been proud to be able to help with a few. Our most recent immigrants have come from South Korea: Rose, the tricolor female, was surrendered to a kill shelter and rescued by our Korean contact person's friend. The other five, all males, including three sables, one bibblack, and one blue merle, belonged to a breeder who was moving and couldn't keep them. Our rescue contact asked if we could take them, and we agreed. So our Korean rescues include Rose (tricolor), Kip (blue merle), and Kobe (bibblack) who arrived at SFO on Tuesday, June 21 and were in foster care with



Jean and Steve. The other three dogs, all sables, are Kal, Kelly, and Keaton. These dogs didn't have names, so to honor their country of origin, we gave them names that start with "K."

Southland Sheltie Rescue volunteers (Southern California) were instrumental in meeting the couriers at LAX and then transporting one Sheltie to Bakersfield where our volunteers, Karen and Jessica, completed the transport of Kal to the Sacramento area where Karen fostered him until Paula & Wes adopted him. The others came into SFO with our volunteers, Dianne, Steve and Vicki, meeting the plane and accepting Rose, Kip and Kobe. As you can see, it takes a lot of coordination and effort to accomplish these international rescues. We are truly grateful that we were able to save these very nice dogs from the infamous Asian meat markets.



Trending

We are noticing that many of our rescue Shelties come into our program with "leash reactivity," meaning that they bark, lunge, and spin when they encounter other dogs, people, or other distractions while on a walk. Usually the cause is lack of socialization and limited early exposure to various environments. This is a sad situation for both owner and dog, often resulting in the dog being relegated to the back yard and not exercised sufficiently. The good news is that the behavior can be modified successfully; the bad news is that it's not a quick and easy fix. An excellent resource for altering this behavior is *Feisty Fido*, by Pat McConnell and Karen London, which offers three basic strategies that any owner can readily incorporate into daily walks.*

I can speak personally to this unfortunate trend with Chad and Shane, the bonded senior pair that I am fostering. A few years ago, while out for a walk with their owners, a loose pitbull-type dog attacked both dogs, badly traumatizing canines and humans. Now Chad and Shane overreact by lunging and barking at other dogs while they're on leash. This makes visiting the vet's office a challenge and makes this handler super vigilant when walking either Chad or Shane. I can't take them out together because they reinforce each other's bad behavior. Our Intake & Adoption Coordinator and our go-to volunteer for behavior issues, Terry Gary, tells me that it's a slow reconditioning process to turn this around. Fortunately for them these two boys are delightful housemates, which makes up a lot for the limitations around taking them out and about.

**Feisty Fido* is available on [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com). Be sure to designate Shetland Sheepdog Companions of Northern CA aka NorCal Sheltie Rescue as your preferred charity. Amazon donates to our nonprofit whenever you purchase through AmazonSmile.

Coming Up

Mark your calendars now for our annual Sheltie Rescue Parade and Raffle hosted by the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California during their specialty show at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on Saturday, October 22, 2016! As usual we will have our fabulous raffle with donations from our generous friends and supporters in NorCal Sheltie Rescue and the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California

We look forward to seeing you and your Shelties at one of our events and we hope that you enjoyed a safe and fun summer! We so enjoy reconnecting with you when we can. Keep us posted on what's happening with your rescue Sheltie(s). We love pictures too!

—Gale Ann

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And, Kathie reminds us... "Don't forget to use www.smile.amazon.com for all your Amazon shopping this Holiday season—and every day! Amazon donates to our organization for eligible purchases. It costs you nothing at all. I always ask at home checks if Adopters use Amazon, only one person has said no. Adopters have been very willing to purchase crates, x-pens or beds from Smile Amazon and help out our Veterinary Fund at the same time. There is a link from our home page that will take you right where you need to go. Could not be easier." Get started with this link:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-4107630>

A 50-something-year History of Sheltie Rescue in Northern California—Part 1



Sheltie Rescue in Northern California was started in the 1960s when a friend of Sheltie breeder and competitor, Amy Brastad, told Amy that there was nobody rescuing Shelties (Amy's friend was a poodle breeder involved in poodle rescue). Amy started working with the Morgan Hill and San Jose shelters, limiting herself to no more than five Shelties at a time. Amy's kennel name was Amstad, and she was doing herding, obedience, tracking, and conformation shows with

her Shelties, earning a host of titles. Amy won a tracking championship in 1966 and went on to earn lots of other titles in a wide variety of performance sports. Amy retired from her rescue work in the 70s and turned Sheltie Rescue over to a succession of directors that included Barb Peppin and Pat Mahoney (with help from Reena Walton), Laurie O'Brien and Pat Mahoney, Anita Rasmussen, Donna Shade, DVM, Anita again, and for the last 12 years, Gale Ann Morris with a host of friends and supporters. We will hear from them in subsequent issues of the newsletter.

Now in her nineties and still very active in agility classes and competitions with her Shelties, Amy still can beat the pants off many of us on an agility course.

The Art of Living with Shelties

The Year of a Puppy Bonanza

While puppies do occasionally come into rescue, it's a fairly uncommon happening—that was until the beginning of this year. Two of last year's rescued "Lassen" Sheltie moms turned out to be pregnant, and we had to call in help from our sister organization, NorCal Collie Rescue, to help raise them. There were several other puppies who came in separately as well. All now have happy forever homes where they are turning into much loved, delightfully bratty teenagers. Here are pictures of some of them...



Brandi (aka "Puppy")
and Bailey

Wager with Greg
& Denise

Lexie (Toula)

Annie

Glenn holding
Trixie & Annie

Sheltie Health

Useful internet resources for canine health and safety

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>

Tick Paralysis

The Whole Dog Journal (a monthly magazine that we heartily recommend) has an online article "5 Things to Do if Your Dog Suddenly Seems Paralyzed (and One More Reason to Hate Ticks)" about tick paralysis. This article is a must read:

http://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/16_7/features/five-things-dog-paralyzed_20785-1.html?ET=wholedogjournal:e235746:828832a:&st=email&s=p_Grabbag091116&omhide=true

"Tick paralysis is caused by a neurotoxin produced by egg-engorged female ticks, who transmit the toxin from their salivary glands to the dog during feeding. The production (and transmission) of the toxin is greatest when the tick has been attached to and feeding from the dog between five and seven days. Five species of North American ticks produce the neurotoxin: the blacklegged tick (a.k.a. the deer tick), American dog tick, Rocky Mountain wood tick, the Lone Star tick, and the Gulf Coast tick. Most North American cases occur between April and June, when the ticks are at their peak reproductive activity." The article lists five things to do if your dog suddenly seems paralyzed.

Yet another lost Sheltie...this time with a happy ending!...and now there's a wonderful new way to keep track of your dog: check out <http://www.getgibi.com/>

Little Rudy was lost in Alameda for a week. His leash slipped out of his foster mom's hand, and he was gone like a shot. Foster mom, Ros, and NCSR volunteer, Liliane, plastered the area with flyers. The lady who found him a few blocks from Rudy's foster home said that she hadn't seen any of Rudy's flyers, but she did see contact information on Rudy's collar as he huddled on her front porch. She made that call and Ros rushed over to claim him. This experience underscored the importance of keeping current contact information



on your Sheltie at all times. We send our rescues to their forever homes with a NorCal Sheltie Rescue tag on their collars. This tag has our toll-free number on it, and we hope it will remain part of the dog's collar-and-tag bling for life. That, licednses, and rabies tags are unfailingly good ways to help locate the owner. Tags are the fastest way to reunite lost dogs with their owners, because many folks don't make the effort to get the dog to a shelter or vet clinic to scan for a microchip. Chips are the back-up insurance for reuniting pets with their owners, and we contractually obligate our adopters and fosters to keep current contact phone numbers on their Shelties at all times. Sadly, not all of our lost Shelties have had happy reunions. We're all thrilled and grateful that little Rudy made it home safely.

Recent (and not-so-recent) Adoptions

Dianne shared some exciting news about one of our 'alumni' Shelties! Merlin, a 2014 heartworm positive rescue from Taiwan, together with his owner, Susan, recently passed their therapy dog training evaluation!

"Merlin came to us Heartworm positive, underwent two courses of treatment to kill the worms, and eventually went to live in Davis with his family, Susan and Dean. Because they had an unfenced pool, we took Merlin for swim lessons here in Petaluma! He was never a great swimmer, but we sent him on to his new home with a life vest! Merlin's auntie, Susan's daughter, is a Vet at Loomis Veterinary Clinic, so he has received nothing but the best care possible. Susan is a retired social worker and her husband is a practicing psychologist. It was certainly a natural progression for Merlin to make the leap to Pet Therapy dog. So very proud of them all! Great story for one of

our 'international' stars!" Susan writes... "Hi Diane, I wanted you to be one of the first to know that Merlin and I passed the evaluation and will soon be registered with Pet Partners (formerly Delta) as a therapy team! We will work with the Sutter Hospital Paws-on-Call group. I'm very excited. Merlin is such a champ! He loves to show off his obedience and people skills...and he has quite a few thanks to all the training you provided and the classes I've taken him to. I'll keep you informed about our new 'job.' Our practicum begins soon. Kathy Montgomery, the Pet Partners evaluator, will be my mentor. She thinks Merlin is a cutie...and, of course, he is! Hope all is well with you, Tom and your furry kids. Love, Susan"



Maya



Pat with Annie



Fallan



Fallan & Fancy

Karen writes: "Here is a current picture of Buddy, the cute little foster I had late last year. He weighed 32 pounds when I got him; he was a round little tub. As of March, he was down to 21 pounds, and he is very protective of her and lives to play. So happy it all worked out for this little dog; he looks wonderful."



Sammi's new family



Wendy, Bill & Yankee



The Newmans & Bliss

"Just dropping in to let you know that I mailed off the paperwork to you (Gale Ann) today. I sent a couple photos of Baby Girl also. Photos that are nothing like the mess she was in when we got her from Susanville. All bathed, groomed and looking pretty, with her new ID/name tag. She is doing well, gets along with her four canine buddies, sleeping on the bed with me every night. She's a joy, no doubt about it. She's happy, playful and very affectionate. It warms my heart to see her so happy and content to have found her 'forever and safe' home, especially after what she's been through. I thank you for letting me foster her and for letting me provide her a safe and loving home. She is with 'her family' now."
-Vickie



Jeany writes: "I am looking forward to bringing Koda back to see everyone, now that he has lost all of the excess weight he had at intake into the NorCal program. He was 61 pounds and seriously anxious, afraid of loud noises, and very nervous in most circumstances. Now he weighs 40 pounds—perfectly healthy for his ~19 inches of oversized big-boy height. Koda's adjustment after joining our little family was so positive that both he and Bonnie have become inseparable and their temperaments have both improved in so many ways. Koda is now a friendly, warm, social boy that enjoys everyone's company, both human and canine. And Bonnie has come quite a bit more out of her shell with Koda at her side. Koda was the perfect match for both little Bonnie and me. When I take the two of them to work with me for a visit every few weeks, everyone calls out for Koda to come to their cubicles and offices for a hug and some petting time. He prances from one person to the next giving each one some Big Boy Sheltie love and a happy bark or two. And these days, Bonnie follows right along to insist upon her share of the attention. LOL! It's quite a different scene from the early days when Bonnie would hide behind me whenever she heard a male voice. As Koda has gained his own joyful sheltie personality back, he has also given her so much more confidence, too! Thank goodness for the two of them! They're both very special companions to me, as you can certainly tell. And I'm very grateful to NorCal Sheltie Rescue for our 'Koda Bear.'"



Pepper, the 10-year-old tricolor male at the vet's office in Bowman in May 2015, is now with his new family, a retired couple who have a 12-year-old female Sheltie and a couple of cats. Pepper is a very outgoing boy who loves everybody. The vet staff refused to euthanize him when he was brought in for heartworm disease; instead, for months they treated and nurtured him, with various staff members taking him home. Truly a wonderful rescue story! And one year later...



"Hi all, I wanted to give you an update on Pepper—we actually met his new mom and dad yesterday while up at UC Davis with Max, they were there with their female Sheltie and of course had to come say hi to another Sheltie in the waiting room (as we all do....!) So we visited and got to talking about their tricolor Sheltie at home and lo and behold it was Pepper! They are so happy with Pepper and wanted everyone (especially Terry) to know that he is doing absolutely great and they love him to bits!!! They said hi and a big thank you to everyone in Rescue, said it was like a match made in heaven and he fits in so well. I didn't remember Pepper as I never met him but it's always wonderful to hear the happy stories and they had a few photos on their phone to share, he looks wonderful."

—Chris



Sophie

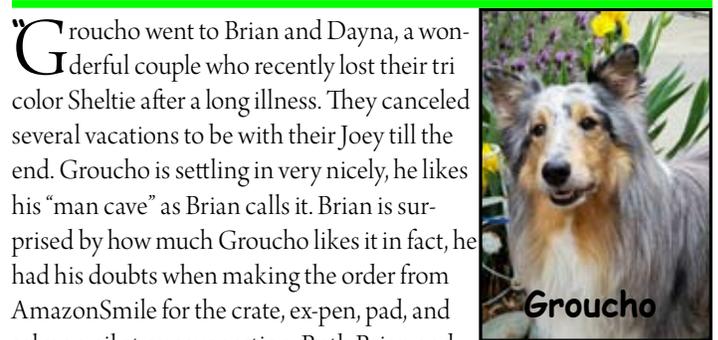
In January John and Jean, previous adopters, adopted an owner-relinquished sable-merle female, Sophie, who Jean Roberts had been fostering for us. John and Jean live in an area with lots of walking trails and fellow dog lovers. Sophie will have a very good life.



Terry wanted to report the good news that "Ted, the 8?-year-old sable male stray from Idaho, has found his forever home. He had been in a foster-to-adopt home, but the couple decided not to adopt because Ted continued to be fearful of the man, bolting at the slightest movement. He's now in a home with Lea, a retired widow and her 7-year-old, small mixed breed female, named Tula but frequently referred to as PIA (pain in the _). He seems to be adjusting very

well and, since Tula was a rescue dog, very fearful, Lea knows all the right things to do to make Ted feel comfortable and to keep him safe."

If you're wondering how we got a rescue Sheltie from Idaho, here's the story: Ted was a stray and an all-breed rescue group took him in. He got adopted, only to escape a couple of weeks later when missionaries came to the door and he bolted out. This happened at Christmas time and everyone was very concerned about the harsh weather. He wandered back to within a mile of his first foster home with the rescue person and was captured. She then contacted Utah Sheltie Rescue, who didn't have a place for him in their program. So she contacted us and offered to have him transported with a colleague. He arrived in March. It takes a village...



Groucho

Groucho went to Brian and Dayna, a wonderful couple who recently lost their tri color Sheltie after a long illness. They canceled several vacations to be with their Joey till the end. Groucho is settling in very nicely, he likes his "man cave" as Brian calls it. Brian is surprised by how much Groucho likes it in fact, he had his doubts when making the order from AmazonSmile for the crate, ex-pen, pad, and salmon oil at our suggestion. Both Brian and Dayna are thrilled that they could keep giving with Amazon Smile purchases! They are, of course, more thrilled with Groucho!! Groucho has put his head in Brian's lap and has fallen asleep while sitting on the couch. I told Brian that is HUGE! Groucho never did that here!! Good Boy, Groucho!"

—Kathie & Liliane



Dakota



Teddy

Some NorCal Sheltie Rescue Events

Sheltie Nationals, April 17-23 at John Asquaga's Nugget & Conference Center, Sparks, Nevada



The American Shetland Sheepdog Association (ASSA) National is the club's annual week-long specialty event, held each spring in a different region of the country. It includes conformation, obedience, rally, agility, and herding competitions in addition to educational events. It is also a celebration, as up to 1,000 Shelties with their owners, breeders and friends come together for the once-a-year event. Gale Ann, Terry, Kathie, Liliane, and Karen attended this year and helped Barbara Edelberg, Director, ASSA National

Sheltie Rescue Network, with the ASSA Sheltie Rescue booth selling memorabilia from the event as well as goods shipped in from Sheltie Rescues throughout the country. Terry Gary, author of *English for Dogs*, *50 Words Every Well-Mannered Companion Should Know*, and President and Intake/Adoption Coordinator for our Northern California Sheltie Rescue, offered a seminar targeted at fellow Sheltie Rescue volunteers but certainly applicable to breeders. Terry generously provided each rescue group present received with a free copy of her book which covers important topics such as improving human/canine communication, transitioning dogs to new homes, and generally improving your companion's behavior.



UC Davis Campus Picnic Day, April 18, 2015

We skipped the UC Davis Picnic Day event this year, Saturday, April 14th, due to the Sheltie National in Reno the next day. We plan to be back at this event in 2017.

Our Annual Sheltie Picnic and Celebration at Performance Dogs in Action, May 14, 2016

The 2016 Annual Sheltie Raffle/Picnic was a wonderful day for ~50 Shelties and their people. We could not have asked for better weather in the 70's with a nice breeze. Exciting raffle items included beautiful hand made quilts; an iPod Mini 16 Gb; a new bicycle, plus lots of very cool baskets with dog and Sheltie-related items. Many new Shelties stepped into ring for the herding instinct test, along with several veterans who love to herd the sheep or goats. Special thanks to Nola Jones for the herding instinct testing and the use of her facility, Performance Dogs in Action. Several others earned their CGC (Canine Good Citizen). Perhaps the most fun to be had was by the Shelties who ran and played with other Shelties, and the Shelties who were reunited for the day with former siblings, mothers, brothers, sisters and former Foster families. Thanks to all who donated and helped set-up and run the various venues. Several people commented it was the BEST Picnic in several years!!! You are invited to view Greg Hughes' wonderful "NorCal Sheltie Picnic 2016" gallery at <http://www.imagesbygregory.com/p708265682>.

A "Quiet" Fourth of July romp

And Greg writes, "Hello Sheltie Friends! I've posted photos and a few video clips to my "Sheltie Romp 2016!" gallery (<http://www.imagesbygregory.com/p480717180>). You will need the password SheltieFireworks (all one word) to see the photos.



You can download photos and they are suitable resolution for print. If you'd like to leave a comment with your dog's name, I'd love to add that to the caption. Please feel free to share it with friends and family. Cheers, Greg Hughes"

Rocklin's Woolfstock, August 28th



Original fund raiser idea by our Kathie: "The stuffed animals were donated by one of our adopters, Janine, adopter of Dilly a few years ago, who comes to our annual spring picnic event. This past weekend Sheltie Rescue had a booth at the Woolfstock Event in Rocklin. We brought along some of the raccoons and possums; about 12 of them were 'adopted,' and the donations help with our Veterinary fund. Liliane told me last night that one lady purchased two—but only took one and asked us to give the second one to the next little girl that comes by and looks like they want one. Terry was the lucky one to bestow the gift to the little girl who was truly delighted to receive a critter."



Jack writes: "A great day for all that could make it. It was a little noisy at the booth with the noise from the food truck generators, but it didn't seem to bother the dogs like I thought it might. We had a couple of folks really wanting to apply for Shelties, and I believe they will. Pat and I had fun with our dogs in the costume parade, with Allie having a close-up on the 5pm CBS news! We also enjoyed talking to all the folks coming to see Shelties."



Rainbow Bridge



David & Libby



Dearest Sheltie friends, We wanted to let you know that our Sweet Liberty crossed the rainbow bridge on January 8, 2016. Thankfully, her seizures had been fairly well controlled on a combination of Zonisamide and Topiramate. We celebrated her 14th birthday in November. About two months ago she started having occasional seizures again and that started a downhill spiral. I was hoping we would reach our four-year anniversary in April, but her time came and we had to let her go.

Libby was extremely intelligent and communicated so well about how she was feeling, what she wanted to eat for dinner, when she wanted to go for a ride in the car and when she preferred to stay home and nap. She loved her down comforters and feather pillows and had a fluffy bed in every room where she would plump and fold her bed into a little cozy nest for rest. Thanks to NorCal Sheltie rescue, she was given a second chance for life and lived out the rest of her days being fully loved and completely pampered. We miss her so much. Warm regards, David & Julie

It's with heavy hearts that Kathie and I want to let you know that we had to send our hospice dog, Blue, to the other side of the Rainbow. He came into rescue when his owner had left for Mexico with his two chihuahuas and left Blue alone in his house. When found, he was flea-ridden and emaciated.

While in rescue, he thrived and although diagnosed with sciatica and disc disease, which gave him mobility issues, he would trot after our sheltie, Gracie, his new-found girlfriend. We referred to him as "Bluesey," because of his one blue eye, and also as "Señor," since he likely understood Spanish. He was a very good, good dog, was surrounded by our pack in his last year, and both Kathie and I were by his side when he crossed the Bridge. He was not abandoned again. —Liliane and Kathie



Blue and his friends



Gale Ann's David

Gale Ann's David went to the Bridge last February. "He died peacefully while I held him at my vet's office. David turned 14 in mid December. He had been having trouble getting up due to weakening with age and was showing some cognitive dysfunction in that he would lose track of me when in the same part of the house or yard. His appetite never flagged though! David was one of the very sweetest shelties it's ever been my pleasure to love. I'm grateful that he was with me during his senior years. Some of you may not know that David came in with the big April 2013 confiscation when 21 Shelties were brought to the Sacramento County Shelter. We ended up with 9 initially then it stretched to a dozen or so, with the rest being claimed by their breeder owners. David was the senior boy and was held at the shelter for a month longer than the rest while animal cruelty charges got processed. David's breeder in Canada was in contact with the shelter staff and tried to oversee that he received care and wasn't PTS while in the shelter. Meanwhile she and I spoke often and since I took in seniors, I offered to adopt David, so he came to live with my little pack.

Taffy went to the Bridge at the end of December. Her mother, Angel, had gone six months after coming into rescue in 2013. Taffy and Angel were a long-term-neglect mother/daughter pair that Lucie and Frank hospice fostered for us after Nancy Berry first took them in. They came from the Loomis area and had lived ignored in a garage for years. They won warm, loving retirements—first with Nancy and then with the Hocks.



Taffy

Rocky went to the Bridge on March 1. Terry writes: "He lived a good, long life of fourteen years and brought a lot of pleasure to the residents of Gold Country, where we volunteered as a therapy dog team for eight years. He was a fabulous foster brother, since he accepted all new dogs readily. Most of all, he was a sweetheart and a great ambassador of the breed. We will really miss him."



Terry's Rocky



It has been a rough year for Karen Porter who first lost her beloved Jackson in January. Jackson was her first agility dog. Jackson was shy and scared doing obedience but came out of his shell doing agility and turned into a social butterfly and loved everyone. She wrote: "Our home is much quieter tonight now that we have

gone from four dogs three months ago to just two now. Poor Sweep and Sky were very confused with all the changes at our house. Then this September, we had to let Sweep go." Some of you may have read the *Sacramento Bee* article about how Karen rescued Sweep with the help of a homeless woman after he had been hit by a train in 2004.



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 Hospital of Sebastopol
 Animal Medical Center

LOCATION

Los Altos
 Cameron Park
 El Sobrante
 Sebastopol
 Merced

Auburn Animal Hospital
 Baring Blvd. Animal Hospital
 Brighton Greens Veterinary Hospital
 California Pet Hospital
 Coastside Veterinary Clinic
 Companion Animal Hospital
 Cool Animal Hospital
 Franklin Ranch Vet Hospital & Hotel
 Napa Valley Veterinary Hospital
 Peninsula Animal Dermatology
 Richmond Veterinary Hospital
 Shingletown Animal Clinic
 South County Animal Hospital
 Sunrise Boulevard Animal Hospital
 UC Davis Vet Med Teaching Hospital
 VCA Bradshaw Veterinary Clinic

Bakersfield
 Sparks NV
 Grass Valley
 Napa
 Half Moon Bay
 Santa Cruz
 Cool
 Elk Grove
 Napa
 San Carlos
 Richmond
 Shingletown
 Morgan Hill
 Citrus Heights
 Davis
 Elk Grove

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.

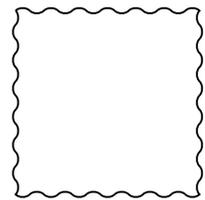
Tax Relief. If your estate is subject to estate tax, your gift is entitled to an estate tax charitable deduction for the gift's full value.

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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