



# Newsletter

Spring 2024

Dear Friends of Sheltie Rescue,

I like to start out my Spring letter by telling you about how many sweet Shelties we helped in the prior year. Our number doubled over the prior two years with an intake of 30 Shelties. 11 were female, 19 male with an average age of 7 years. So far this year we've taken in 3 Shelties and all have been adopted. In our Special Needs program we are caring for 7 dogs: Bonnie, Boomer, Buddy, Gabby, Sequin, Snickers, and Teddy.

Our mission is clear: to accept every Sheltie in need, regardless of the history. We don't judge. We concentrate on their present and their future, not their past. We are often asked about the reasons for Shelties coming into our program. Here are a few of the most common reasons people cite for surrendering their Shelties:

- Loss of home
- Loss of job
- Death in family
- Illness in family
- Financial limitations
- Medical issues of dog
- Behavior issues of dog



Sierra & Oakley

In addition to owner surrenders, we also work closely with shelters and other animal rescue groups. It's not uncommon to have a shelter notify us about a stray Sheltie, and we sometimes become aware of dogs through craigslist or social media. We have our 501 (c)(3) nonprofit information on file with many shelters and we are always quick to respond. One of our volunteers, Carolyn, is our internet "scout." She monitors a Northern California shelter database, receiving email notifications of any Shelties in shelters. We are then able to prevent Shelties from languishing in a stressful shelter environment.

You'll notice in the photo that Oakley recently joined our little family. He's a four-year-old goofy boy who came from a divorce situation. My twelve-year-old girl, Sierra, really took to Oakley while I was fostering him, so she convinced me that he needed to stay. Training is on the horizon to help smooth out a few rough edges, but he is definitely a keeper.

We are looking forward to our Annual Sheltie Celebration on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at Performance Dogs in Action in the Sacramento area. We always have such a great day spending time with other Sheltie lovers and their beautiful dogs. We hope to see you there! Wishing you lots of Sheltie kisses!

Warm regards,  
Gale Ann

**Sheltie Rescue Celebration**  
**Saturday, May 18 10 am - 2 pm**  
**Performance Dogs in Action, Pleasant Grove, CA**

# Special Needs Program



Boomer

NorCal Sheltie Rescue's Special Needs program is dedicated to providing high-quality lives to dogs that require extensive medical care and attention. We are very proud of this program because we accept virtually all Shelties into our care. We are fortunate to have a few "permanent foster" volunteers who open their homes to "medically challenged" and senior dogs, commenting on how sweet they are and how grateful they seem. Right now we have **seven** Shelties in our special needs program: **Bonnie and Buddy, Gabby, Hershey and Snickers, Sequin, and Boomer.**

Snickers continues to need regular medical attention to keep his kidney and liver diseases in check, as well as his compromised gallbladder. If you would like to help with his expenses, he has a GoFundMe page at <https://gofund.me/a523b0ce> or visit <https://www.norcalsheltierescue.org> on the web to sponsor a month or more of his prescription food, medications, supplements, and veterinary visits. Checks can be mailed to NorCal Sheltie Rescue, Inc., P.O. Box 581934, Elk Grove, CA 95758-4900.

With ten Shelties coming into our program in November and December, we've been inundated with expenses for their care. Spays, neuters, dentals, exams, tests, surgeries, and medications are depleting our funds more rapidly than we anticipated. Please see the information below about a new fundraiser we hope will provide more income for the veterinary needs of these and other dogs in our care.



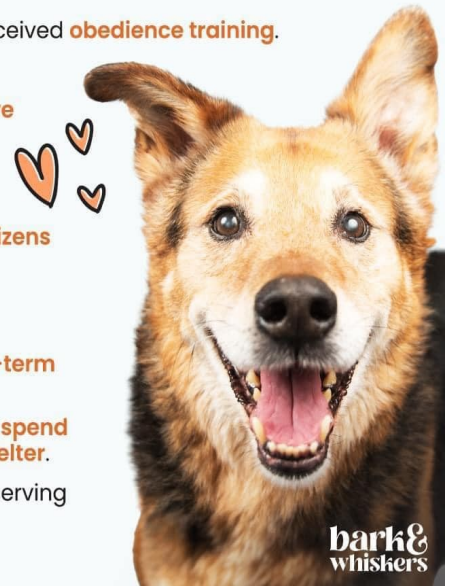
## Fundraising Link

Thank you for being such wonderful supporters of NorCal Sheltie Rescue! We couldn't do this work without our amazing community. Did you know that there's an easy way to create a fundraiser to benefit our beloved shelties? Head to <https://www.every.org/norcal-sheltie-rescue/fundraiser> to start your own fundraiser! Share your fundraiser link with friends, family, and colleagues who share a love for animals. Every donation, no matter the size, brings us one step closer to making a difference. Let's come together as a community to support NorCal Sheltie Rescue and give these adorable Shelties the second chance they deserve.

## 12 Reasons Why a Senior Dog May Be Perfect for You



- 1 You can find a dog with the **exact qualities** you're looking for.
- 2 You can adopt a **purebred senior**.
- 3 **What you see is what you get** – no surprises with their size, coat and health history.
- 4 They may have already received **obedience training**.
- 5 They can **learn new tricks**.
- 6 They're past the **destructive phase** and **will respect your belongings**.
- 7 They're **easy to relax with**.
- 8 **Senior dogs** and **senior citizens** make a great team.
- 9 Adopted senior dogs are **forever grateful**.
- 10 They are a relatively **short-term commitment**.
- 11 You can help **one less dog spend the holiday season in a shelter**.
- 12 You can **be a hero** to a deserving older dog.



bark & whiskers

## Raffle Update

We are sorry to announce that our volunteer raffle coordinators, Kathie and Liliane, are retiring after this year's Sheltie Rescue Celebration. We thank them both for their many years of organized, creative, and consistently excellent raffles, which have supported our veterinary fund. We're looking for new volunteers, so if you're interested, please contact Terry at [tgarycool@gmail.com](mailto:tgarycool@gmail.com).

For a few years now we have stored our raffle items in a local facility, but the cost continues to rise. If you have extra storage space in your home, garage, or shed, we would welcome your help.

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*"It's always 'Sit,' 'Stay,' 'Heel'—never  
'Think,' 'Innovate,' 'Be yourself'."*

## Training Reminders

"Dogs don't understand don't, because don't is a concept. Dogs understand DO. They understand behaviours.

Create a behaviour that you DO want, so that your dog can be right and you're setting him up for reinforcement.

This makes for a much better relationship for you and your dog, and for anybody else who comes in contact with your dog."

*Susan Lavett*

DOGS THAT



**ALL DOGS SHOULD  
BE CRATE TRAINED  
DOGS ARE DEN ANIMALS.  
A CRATE IS THEIR DEN.  
YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN  
YOU WILL NEED ONE**



**MEDICAL RECOVERY, FIRES,  
VISITORS, POTTY TRAINING,  
DOG FIGHTS, CAT CHASING,  
KIDS, REST TIME, HOUSE  
CLEANING, TRAVELING,  
VACATIONS. JUST A FEW WAYS  
TO USE A CRATE**

**Note: In November and December of 2023, we took in 10 dogs, which is highly unusual. With several dogs already in foster care, we were hard pressed to find temporary and permanent homes. As always, our volunteers and applicants came through, and here are the results of great teamwork!**



**Sierra**  
**Adopted by Pat**



**Allison**  
**Adopted by Kimberly & Todd**



**Alex**  
**Adopted by Sue & William**



**Megan**  
**Adopted by Marte & Charles**



**Chandler & Joey**  
**Adopted by Kim & David**



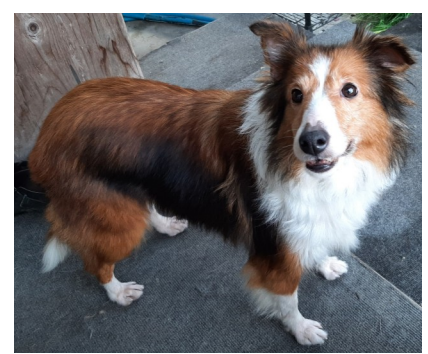
**Chamomile**  
**Adopted by Gabriella**



**Fuzz**  
**Adopted by Hollye**



**Charlie**  
**Adopted by Charlene**



**Cori**  
**Adopted by Harvey**



**Joey and Chandler  
Best Friends Forever**

In mid-November, 2023, this duo came into NorCal Sheltie Rescue thanks to the outreach we received from the Front Street Animal Shelter in Sacramento. These intact strays, probably littermates, had no identification. Their behavior was described as “reserved, not aggressive.” The staff estimated their age at 3 years and their weight about 40 pounds. We called Mark, one of our veteran foster dads, to see if he’d be willing to foster one of the dogs. In his typical style, he asked if he could take both dogs.



**Oakley**

**Adopted by Gale Ann**

Our volunteers Tina and Gary picked up the dogs and arranged to transfer them to Mark. After vetting, neutering, housetraining, and socialization, they were ready for adoption. But wait! It was almost Christmas! Mark had prepared their stockings and wondered if it might be possible to keep them until after the first of the year. He also requested that we adopt them out together, since they entertained and exercised each other all day long. Of course we agreed.



**Karoo**

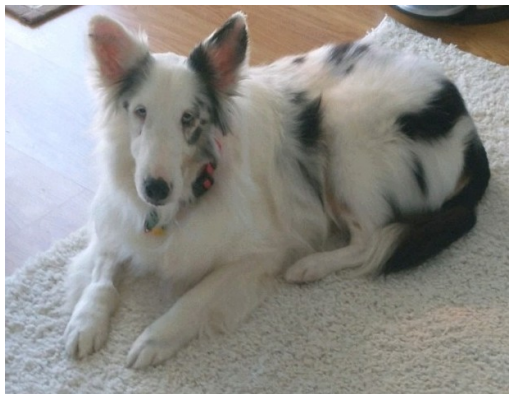
**Adopted by Tina & Gary**

On our waiting list were previous adopters Kim and David, who had indicated that they’d consider two Shelties. They adopted Chandler and Joey in mid-January and life is good! New volunteer Andy handled this adoption, coordinating all the details and following up to ensure that all is well. In the photos, you’ll see Mark’s Sheltie, Shadow, who is even larger than Chandler and Joey. Shadow deserves some of the fostering credit because he was a strong role model and a mellow fellow throughout the foster period.



**Renny**

**Adopted by Deann**



**Penny**

**Adopted by Jeanne**



**Whiskey**

**Adopted by Lorraine**



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**Daisy**  
Loved by Diane & family



**Boyzie**  
Loved by Ron & Carmen



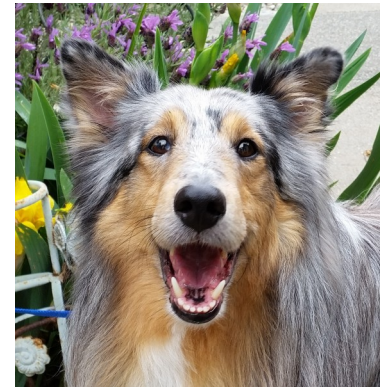
**Brighid**  
Loved by Lynn, Vicki & Bob



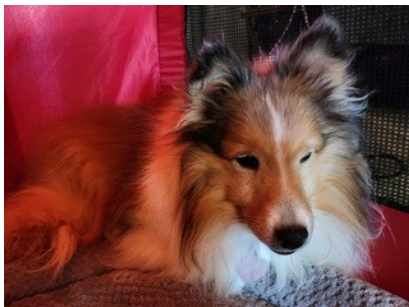
**Georgie**  
Loved by Sandi



**Farfel**  
Loved by Judy & Gary



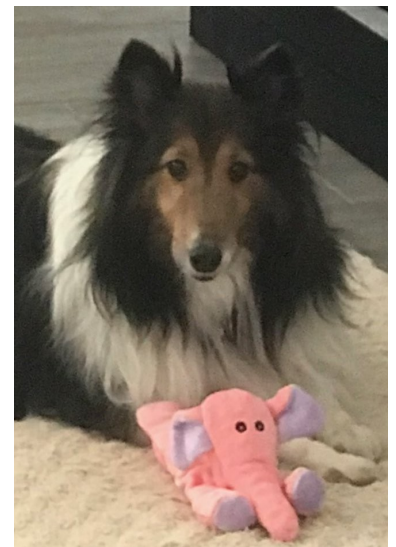
**Groucho**  
Loved by Brian & Dayna



**Risk**  
Loved by Carole



**Dekota**  
Loved by Jeanne



**Sarah**  
Loved by Wanda & John



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**Turbo**  
Loved by Lorraine

# Photo Gallery



Mandy, agility star



Shadow sports a red jersey



Finn wonders when dinner will arrive



Bentley's 16th birthday



Sequin enjoying the sun



Skylar, ready for rain



Cami in her stroller



Bodhi the unicorn



Heidi after grooming

# 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 breed and a few give NCSR discounted services to Shelties in our foster program. We are grateful for their many contributions to our mission and to each and every Sheltie in their care.

Acorn Veterinary Clinic, Davis

Auburn Animal Hospital, Bakersfield

Bayside Animal Hospital, Granite Bay

Blue Ravine Animal Hospital, Folsom

Brighton Greens Veterinary Hospital, Grass Valley

Brink Veterinary Clinic, Shingletown

Carson Valley Veterinary Hospital, Minden, NV

Cross Street Veterinary, Tulare

Franklin Ranch Pet Hospital, Elk Grove

Los Altos Veterinary Clinic, Los Altos

Marina Pet Hospital, Marina

McKinleyville Animal Care Center, McKinleyville

Modern Animal, Berkeley

Muir Oaks Veterinary Hospital, Martinez

Peavine Animal Hospital, Reno, NV

VCA Bradshaw Veterinary Clinic, Elk Grove

Yolo Veterinary Clinic, Woodland

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