



Newsletter

Spring/Summer 2026

Dear Friends of NorCal Sheltie Rescue,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and surrounded by the same love for Shelties that has brought us all together over the years. NorCal Sheltie Rescue has been a labor of love—built on compassion, dedication, and the shared mission of helping Shelties in need. Thanks to your support, we have been able to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome many wonderful dogs.

In this issue, we focus attention on the **need for new leadership**. After many years of dedicated service, our two primary board members are planning to retire at the end of this year. While this transition is well-deserved, it presents a critical crossroads for the organization.

For NorCal Sheltie Rescue to continue operating as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, we must have a minimum of three board members to lead and oversee the organization. Without a new board in place, we will unfortunately be required to begin the process of dissolving the rescue. Board service does not require prior nonprofit experience, just a willingness to learn, collaborate, and support the mission.

To help ensure a smooth and successful transition, we are fortunate to have a wonderful, experienced bookkeeper and Enrolled Agent who handles the organization's monthly bookkeeping and annual tax filings. She has graciously offered to assist and support the incoming board during the transition, providing valuable continuity and financial guidance. We are also committed to helping new board members feel comfortable and confident stepping into these roles.

We are reaching out to you — our trusted community — to ask for your help. If you have ever considered becoming more involved, or if you know someone who has the time, heart, and commitment to help guide this rescue into its next chapter, we would love to hear from you.

This rescue has always been more than an organization—it is a community of people who care deeply about these dogs. With your help, we hope to continue this important work for years to come. Please contact me to express interest, ask questions, or make suggestions. As always, thank you for being part of this journey and for your continued support.

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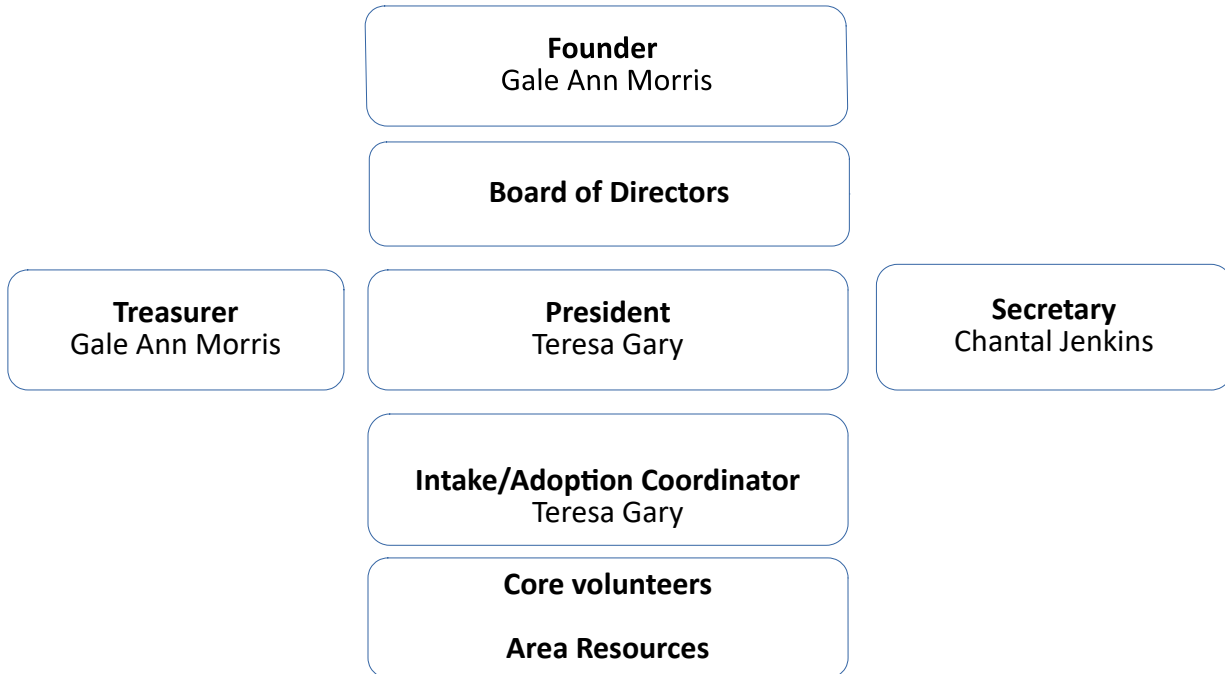
Year-to-date intake of rescued Shelties, beginning on January 1, 2026: 5 Shelties, with an average age of 4.5 years. They came from surrendering owners, with the exception of one from a shelter. Our Special Needs program currently has three dogs: Hershey, Gabby, and Teddy; they continue to thrive under the loving care of their long-term foster parents.



Sierra & Oakley

Help needed: new leaders for NCSR

NorCal Sheltie Rescue Organizational Chart 2026



NCSR Job Descriptions

Director/Treasurer Duties

Banking
Financial records
Insurance
Adoption records
Donations
Ordering supplies
Website management
Veterinarian communication
Special needs program
Volunteers
Facebook account
Public events
Newsletter publication

Intake/Adoption Coordinator Duties

Communication with:

- fosters
- adopters
- surrendering owners
- shelter staff
- volunteers

Home checks
Adoption decisions
Mailing supplies
Document revisions
Newsletter creation

Gale Ann started NCSR in 2003 and I joined her in 2004. Over the years with NorCal Sheltie Rescue, we have accumulated many responsibilities without giving up others. These tasks can be subdivided easily and new job descriptions can be implemented. Please review them and let us know if you have experience in certain areas or if you're willing to learn. Suggestions are welcome. We're very grateful for our volunteers and supporters and will always be "consultants," but the clock is ticking. We need to "retire." Thanks very much.

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Volunteers – the Heart of NCSR



We consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have the talented services of so many Sheltie Rescue volunteers. Here are just a few of the latest volunteers to help us save a Sheltie or two. We commend our Special Needs foster parents, too, Rhonda, Lynn, and Nancy, who provide ongoing love and care for our senior and medically-challenged Shelties.

Kathy & David: We call this duo our “Mission Impossible” team, since they’ve been accepting any and all challenges for several years. Just recently they pickup a Sheltie from his foster home and drove him to his adopter home, requiring a full day of travel. They got Tucker all settled in his new home and handled the adoption.

Pat: She’s fostered and adopted many Shelties from us, always raising her hand to help in any way she can. She fostered Tucker and did a fantastic job of getting him vetted (both neuter and dental), grooming him carefully to remove all the ticks, training him (walking on leash, housebreaking), and giving him the love and attention he needed.

Pam: She’s been with us for many years now, a veteran volunteer who’s helped with raffles, transport, set-up and clean-up – basically any tasks that need to be done. Lately she’s been researching locations to hold our fall Sheltie Celebration.

Andy: He’s a “jack-of-all-trades,” joining us for Zoom meetings, backing up intakes/adoptions, applying for nonprofit grants, offering assistance with technical issues, insurance, etc. He’s experienced in many fields, including fostering, adopting, and pickup and transport of Shelties.

Julienne: A relatively new volunteer, she’s been fostering Jax (you probably saw his post on Facebook and our website). Jax came into our program with a bite history and leash frustration; with her training background, she initiated routines that helped him become a nice companion Sheltie. She’s an excellent communicator, sending updates and photos to let us know how he’s progressing. After six months in foster care, he’s finally been adopted, going to a home with acreage and a very knowledgeable, experienced Sheltie couple.

Liliane: Most of you know her from our picnics, but she served on the Board for several years, as Secretary, and is well-versed in the NCSR organization. Although she’s somewhat retired from volunteering with us, we thought of her when an emergency situation arose. Skyler and Cassie, whose owner could no longer care for them, needed a foster home. Liliane responded immediately, taking both dogs, getting them vetted, housetrained, and used to routines. Within a short three-week period, both dogs were adopted, thanks to her efforts.

Michelle: She’s a new volunteer, a long-time dog owner who recently lost her two senior Border Collies and submitted an application to foster for us. When we were contacted by a local shelter about an older female Sheltie, she offered to take her. Michelle excelled with getting her a veterinary appointment right away, working with our director on next steps, communicating regularly, and giving Riley everything possible for the short time she had her. See Riley’s photo on the Rainbow Bridge page.

DOGS MAKE ME HAPPY 🐕, by Leslie Well

You only have a few years with your Dog, so let them up on the Bed, the Couch. Let them come for the Ride, let them get the biggest Stick they can find, let them roll in the mud. Let them Swim and enjoy the water, because Time sure flies and they won't be here forever. In the Blink of an eye their time on Earth is done. A Dog is not just an Animal; they're here to make you Smile. Always there for you, they couldn't care less what you look like or how much money you have. They won't Judge you, or talk about you behind your back. They Simply, Completely and Unconditionally Love you, with all of their Heart, their Soul, their Being and Foreve will be the absolute Best Friend you will ever have.

Note: Our annual Sheltie Celebration has been postponed until this fall. We'll announce a date and location when we have specific details. Thanks to Andy & Pam for researching possible venues and Pat for offering her home.

Adopted



Tucker
Adopted by Ellen



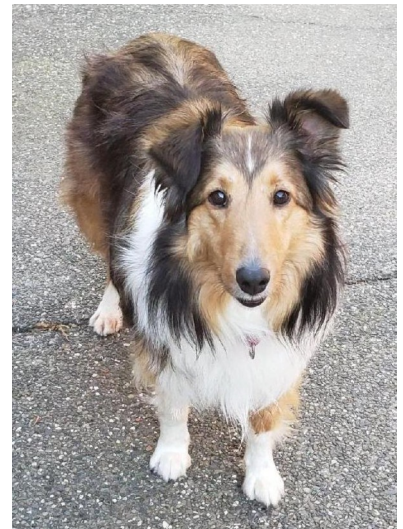
Valentine
Adopted by Marty & Gail



Jax
Adopted by Brenda



Skyler
Adopted by Nancy & Curt



Cassie
Adopted by Maggie & Kevin

Beware of Foxtails!

TRY TO AVOID TALL, GRASSY AREAS

CHECK YOUR PET'S EARS, EYES, BELLY, AND IN BETWEEN THE TOES

WHAT ARE FOXTAILS?

SHARP, BARBED SEEDS

BURROWS INTO SKIN EASY!

AKA GRASS AWNS

COMMONLY FOUND ON PETS IN THESE AREAS

SYMPTOMS

- Irritation, swelling and/or redness
- Sneezing
- Coughing or gagging
- Limping
- Excessive licking of an area
- Head tilting or shaking
- Nasal or eye discharge
- Scratching or pawing of an area

SHORT NAIL (CORRECT STEP)	LONG NAIL (INCORRECT STEP)
<p>NATURAL ALIGNMENT</p> <p>EVEN PRESSURE</p> <p>The paw rests completely on the ground. No pain or overload on the joints.</p>	<p>JOINT OVERLOAD</p> <p>PAIN POINTS</p> <p>The nail pushes the toe upward. It causes pain, inflammation, and joint wear with every step.</p>

Rescue organisations really do want you to succeed. If you are having difficulty, call them. They can have a wealth of knowledge on just the issue you are having



You were likely given information when you adopted them. Take time to read it through. It is designed to help dogs adjust and settle quickly

Newly Adopted ?[©]

Make Safe Areas

Make areas for rest and sleep available at all times. They need a place to retreat to. Busy areas in the home aren't conducive to rest or sleep. They need a safe place to retreat to

Keep What They Came With

Those blankets, toys or bedding that were given to you are important. They have been a comfort to them during a difficult time. The smell and familiarity of these items can provide security at a time they may be very uncertain

Slow It Down

There are two parts to this. Slowing down and being deliberate with our movements around them can help. Avoid exposure outside the home too quickly. The pet store, cafes and beaches will still be there after they settle

The best things you can do to help settle your dog into their new home environment is to provide a safe, stable and quiet home

They need patience and time so they can decompress from what was likely a stressful time.



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Keep Away From Other Pets

You may have been told they are cat or dog friendly and that may be true, however they still need careful introductions

Consider Just One Or Two Rooms

It can be overwhelming to have access to all areas where there are new sounds, smells and movement. When they settle expand their area

Avoid Crowding Or Hugs

Your dog has been through a very difficult time and some dogs don't appreciate being hugged, leant over or crowded when stressed.



Riley
Loved by Michelle



Rainbow Bridge



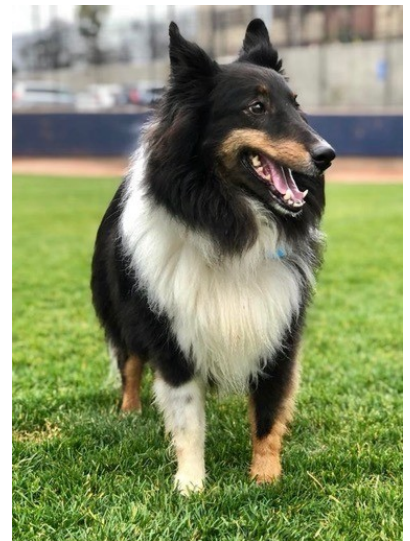
Meka
Loved by Linda



Brad
Loved by Kim & Todd



Peavy
Loved by Ellen



Skipper
Loved by Roger & family



Zoey
Loved by Pam



Skye
Loved by Timmi

"The bond with a dog is as lasting as the ties of this earth can ever be."

Konrad Lorenz

DOGS COME INTO OUR LIVES TO TEACH US ABOUT LOVE, THEY DEPART TO TEACH US ABOUT LOSS.

A NEW DOG NEVER REPLACES AN OLD DOG, IT MERELY EXPANDS THE HEART.



I Love Animals

Photo Gallery – Dog Bed Issue



Davey enjoys his dog bed, using it for its intended purpose.

Common reasons a dog might choose other locations:

Temperature Regulation: Puffy beds act like insulators and trap heat. If your dog gets hot, they will migrate to hardwood, linoleum, or tile to cool down.

Firmness and Support: Many standard "pillow" beds lack actual orthopedic support. Older dogs or larger breeds often prefer a firm surface because sinking into a plush bed puts pressure on their joints and makes it difficult to stand up.

The Desire to Stretch: Many dogs sprawl out or sleep on their sides. Raised edges (bolsters) or beds that are too small can feel restrictive and prevent them from fully relaxing their muscles.

Security and Pack Mentality: Dogs often prefer to sleep directly in your path (like hallways) or near the front door to keep watch and feel safe. They may also just want to be close to you.



Skipper & Woody



J.J. & Birdie



Pearl



Lucy



Megan guarding treats



Donovan



Pearl in Zephyr's bed



Cassie on sofa



Sierra & Oakley



Tucker



Tucker in armchair



Regan

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

Animal Medical Center, Auburn

Ark Pet Hospital, Antioch

Auburn Animal Hospital, Bakersfield

Bayside Animal Hospital, Granite Bay

Blue Ravine Animal Hospital, Folsom

Brighton Greens Veterinary Hospital, Grass Valley

Carson Valley Veterinary Hospital, Gardnerville, NV

Franklin Ranch Pet Hospital, Elk Grove

Marina Pet Hospital, Marina

McKinleyville Animal Care Center, McKinleyville

Modern Animal, Berkeley

Muir Oaks Veterinary Hospital, Martinez

Yolo Veterinary Clinic, Woodland

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