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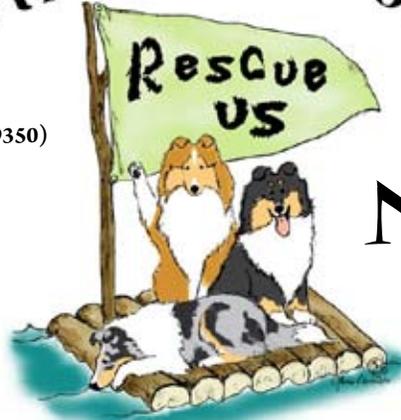
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Newsletter Winter 2014

NorCal Sheltie Rescue Newsletters are mailed out via US mail to our donors, veterinary offices, and special friends like Norcal Collie Rescue. We will also mail copies to those who request them, and we hand newsletters out at public events to those who are interested in learning about our mission, but mailing paper copies is more costly than electronic versions which are always available on-line (<http://www.norcalsheltierescue.org/Newsletters.html>) in a glorious, four-color version that can be downloaded and shared. Please share the Newsletter with other Sheltie lovers and tell them to contact us if they would like us to include them on either our e-mail and/or snail-mail mailing lists.

Winding Up 2014



Gale Ann is holding Nigel, a special needs puppy who came into Rescue at 4.5 months of age, almost blind and with neurological problems. Abbie at Big Dog Rescue saw him on Craigslist and took him into her program. Abbie continues to foster him for us. Bottom line: we all want him to find a wonderful home.



May Picnic and Raffle in North Sacramento; participated in the big Rocklin Woofstock event the end of August; and capped the year with our October Raffle and Parade in conjunction with the NorCal Sheltie Club's Sheltie Specialty judging.

Holiday shopping is on everyone's minds at this time of year and end-of-year tax benefits are a consideration for our donors. It's also a good time to remind you that we receive donations from AmazonSmile when you register NorCal Sheltie Rescue as your charity of choice. A small percentage of your Amazon purchase dollars comes into our rescue, and it all adds up to helping rescue Shelties receive the care they need. Once again may I remind you that all of your donations are used exclusively to support veterinary care for the dogs we take in. Get started with this link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-4107630>

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our generous donors for their 2014 contributions and especially the Garrett Trust for the wonderful legacy that came to us from the estate of Dianne Garrett.

We wish you and yours, especially your Shelties, a safe and happy Holiday season. All of us appreciate your friendship and support. Warmest regards,

Gale Ann

The 2015 NorCal Sheltie Rescue Calendar is now available for a \$35 donation, which includes shipping. To order visit our home page: <http://www.norcalsheltierescue.org/>



This year started out with very few intakes, but in the last few months it has been "raining Shelties" again (how we wish it were the precipitation that California so sorely needs!) We continue to look for foster homes for our incoming Shelties. Foster moms and dads are our most valuable asset. Year to date we have taken in 36 new Shelties (not counting several who came in to us last year and are either waiting for their new homes or are still in rehabilitation for medical and/or behavioral problems. The average age for 2014 intakes is 6 years old with 78 percent coming from owners surrendering them for various reasons, while the rest came from shelters or were found by Good Samaritans. We post "found" Shelties on Craigslist and in the local newspapers as we attempt to reunite them with their owners. Those who aren't claimed, stay with us until they are ready for their new homes.

We reached out to Northern California communities at several successful events where we shared the love of our breed and spread the word about our mission to "Rescue, rehabilitate and rehome shelties in need." We set up information booths at the UC Davis Annual Picnic Day in April; hosted our annual

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: <http://www.aspc.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control> The toll-free number is still: 888-426-4435 (a consultation fee may apply).

Lilane adds this bit of advice: "If you microchip with Home Again, their \$17/year fee will cover vet consultation fees if you need to call poison control. I used it once and the fee waived is \$65 per dog."

Drought Tolerant Plants and Water-soluble Shelties

Unlike their cousins, the Border Collies, who have been known to jump into any available watering trough, many Shelties are "water aversive," seeming to believe that they are soluble (well, sweet, sugary things dissolve in water after all). *The Whole Dog Journal* in June of this year published an article entitled "Drowning on Land" about how "excessive water intake can lead to an uncommon but deadly condition." See <http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/10/28/water-intoxification.aspx>. One of our agility friends lost her lovely little Papillon, Kinetic, to water intoxication this spring. While Shelties are not likely to experience water intoxication, it never hurts to be aware that this could be a problem.

On the other side of the equation, don't overlook what water therapy can do for dogs, e.g., places like The Canine Rehabilitation

Aggression Problems on the Rise

One of the issues that seem to be more and more prevalent in the last decades is a strong increase in dog aggression. Some of our volunteers have taken special training and/or attended seminars (e.g., John Rogerson's aggression seminar <http://www.johnrogerson.com/>) to deal with canine aggression. An interesting fact is that 80 percent of dog owners asked why they got a dog responded with "protection." Dog related human deaths are up markedly from one or two a year to numbers in the teens in both the US and Great Britain (though oddly enough not so much so in other countries), and dog bites and dog-on-dog and dog/human attacks are skyrocketing in numbers. Mr. Rogerson believes this is due to several factors, one of which is the increase in multi-dog households where unsocialized, untrained dogs learn to depend on other dogs for their entertainment rather than bond with their humans. A newborn puppy spends its first six weeks learning from its mother in a manner that hardwires behaviors and even fears for life. The next six weeks the puppy begins to learn what it means to live in a "society," be it canine and/or human society. It is critical that the puppy be exposed to its environment during this period, the sights, sounds, smells, handling and interacting that it will encounter for the rest of its life.

There are experienced, conscientious breeders who work very hard to socialize their puppies and to help the new families continue that puppy education, but there are woefully many who don't know or care, often seeing the dog as a mere commodity. Thankfully Shelties and even backyard Sheltie breeders are not often included in the clueless category, but it does happen. This year we have had to deal with several fear-aggressive Shelties who for whatever reason never got the

Center in the Muller Veterinary Hospital, Walnut Creek; The Sams Clinic in Mill Valley, Scout's House in Menlo Park, and The Rex Center in Pacifica, which offer canine aquatic services for rehab, weight management, fun and conditioning in warm-water therapy pools.

And a reminder that with the drought, some of the plants we consider drought-tolerant garden standards can be highly toxic to dogs. Take a quick review of http://www.petmd.com/dog/emergency/poisoning-toxicity/e_dg_poisonous_plants. Lilies of all varieties are dangerous. In June of this year, one of our volunteers lost her Sheltie puppy to nibbling on Calla lily leaves. How many of us have Calla lilies growing in our gardens? They're so common, they may go unnoticed until a puppy comes along to chew on them.

socialization that they needed as puppies; their stories do not always end happily. It just takes one bad experience to turn play aggression into fear aggression, one misdirected bite to turn a dog's life into hell.

With this in mind, we are here to help train, educate, socialize and guide Shelties and their owners. But more than that we hope to be able to do our part to educate the general public. It is NOT okay to let your dog run up to another dog either on or off leash. "It's okay! S/he's friendly" doesn't work for 99% of the dogs on the receiving end

of that over-zealous approach. Dogs need to learn manners, both human and canine. Train and socialize your Sheltie carefully, avoid dog parks at all costs, and carry a copy of Lili Chen's Space Etiquette poster with you on your walks. It can be downloaded from <https://www.flickr.com/photos/lilita/6577001349/sizes/1/>



The Art of Living with Shelties



Kathie sent Van Gogh's favorite ball to him after he was adopted. Here are letters from his new mom and from VG himself:

"VG didn't want you to think he has forgotten you. And he was so happy to see his ball. I was surprised he realized it. He is so funny. He still only plays with the toys he brought with him. The others just don't interest him. Also I wanted to tell you about his taking his ball out to get a drink. His water dish is a large punch bowl, and he lays his ball in it and gets his drink, picks his ball back up, and wonders why I won't let him bring it back in the house. That foam ball soaks up a great deal of water while he drinks, and is just soaked. He has done this a number of times. He keeps us laughing and our shoulders get a lot of exercise throwing his ball. So grateful we found each other and you were a bonus as a new friend."

"What a wonderful surprise to get my very own package. I always go to get the mail each day with Mom. We sit in the floor together and open it. As soon as I saw the ball, I helped pull it out and was ready to play. After a few rounds of football I went in my special box and chewed my Piggy stick for 15 minutes. Mom said I didn't have to share it, but wasn't to fond of giving it up. I'm very happy here and my family is very happy with me. They spend alot of time with me. But will always remember how special you were to me. Maybe someday when you come to visit your friend in Pacific Grove you could come by and visit me. Mom and I are still working on brushing my teeth. Love Van Gogh."



Earning One's Keep by Making Others Happy

Terry Gary writes, "When I adopted Rocky from NorCal Sheltie Rescue in December of 2003, he was an extremely shy kennel dog without much exposure to the outside world. I enrolled him in agility classes, where he reluctantly participated in the basic drills. He was clearly telling me that agility was not his passion. I changed directions and worked with him to earn his Canine Good Citizen degree. From there, I contacted Therapy Dogs International and we began training to earn his therapy dog certification. He passed his evaluation with flying colors in 2007 and he is fully licensed and bonded with TDI."

We volunteer a few times a month, on our own schedule, at Gold Country Health and Retirement Center in Placerville, where Rocky is in great demand. I tell folks that Rocky is truly a working dog and earns his keep by making others happy, and I find it very rewarding to contribute to my community while sharing quality time with Rocky."



Dylan



Finn & Dylan

Sarah writes: "Dylan has been making some strides in coming out of his shell lately. He now always walks in front of us during walks, except for when he is tired on the walk back. He happily trots along with his tail wagging. He is now picking up toys to carry around with him. He and Finn do not play together, but they cuddle up together when napping. The only fussing they do is during feeding time. They like to talk to me while I

am getting their bowls ready. Even though he gets his bowl first, Finlay will run along side Dylan until he gets in his crate and starts eating. Finlay will then leave him alone and eat his own food. The boys went to the vet last week to get a check up and re up on their flea and heartworm prescriptions. The vet says that Dylan is very healthy and at a good weight."



Wanted to let you know I'm 10 years old now and doing so well. I even have a new playmate, a yellow lab named Charm. She's okay, but I liked being an only child. But I've adjusted. Charm sleeps on her dog bed on the floor. I like to sleep with my Mom, Ellen. — Lady Duchess (was Sarah)

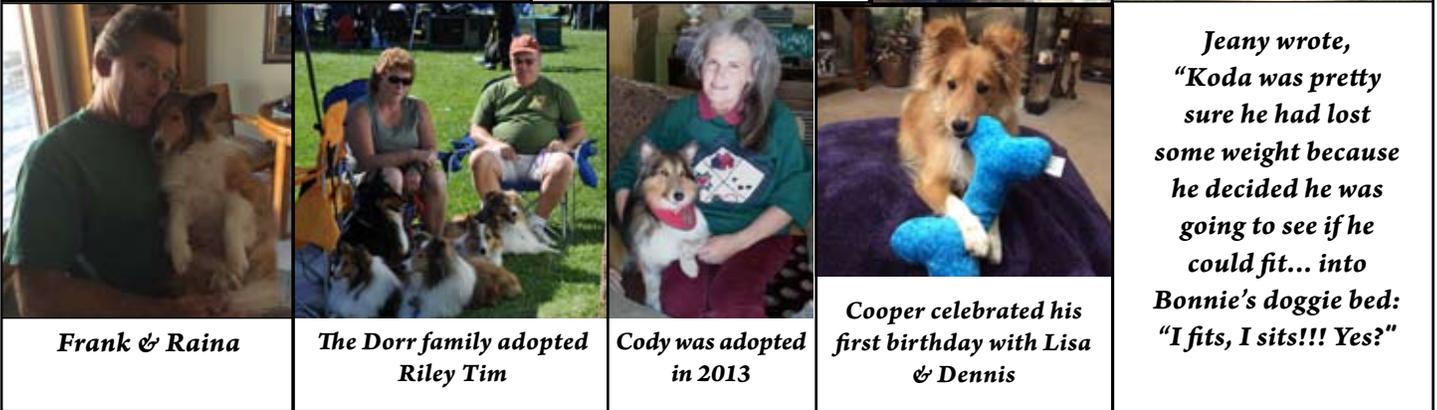
Recent (and not-so-recent) Adoptions



Lynn & Finnick

Summer & Linus

JoJo



Frank & Raina

The Dorr family adopted Riley Tim

Cody was adopted in 2013

Cooper celebrated his first birthday with Lisa & Dennis

Jeany wrote, "Koda was pretty sure he had lost some weight because he decided he was going to see if he could fit... into Bonnie's doggie bed: "I fits, I sits!!! Yes?"



Holly, adopted in November 2014

Dylan & Finlay with Josh & Sarah

Hanley's Adoption Day October 2014



Sterling was adopted by Roger & Sharon and lives with a companion Sheltie named Piper, also from NorCal Sheltie Rescue

Gracie V, was adopted by Mike & Loretta after they fostered her for us for several months

Hiwashga (Wally) was adopted by Jonas & Maria and their two children



Jack III's adopters: Lynette, plus daughter, Ashley, and son, Cole, met Jack at Woofstock to see if they liked him—and they did! Jack & Pat, foster parents, brought along two squirt guns as gifts, knowing that Jack loves trying to catch the water stream. Big hit!



Audrey adopted 8-year-old Bella in November 2014. Bella joins Sheltie siblings, Molly (below, right) 8, and Max (left) 14. Audrey saw Bella on our website, read her temperament description (the otherwise sweet, calm Bella loves chasing squirrels and Audrey had published a childrens' book, Rebbie, about a little girl's Sheltie who loved

chasing squirrels). Audrey knew Bella was a "must-have," and, to top it all off, Audrey's very best friend, Becky, has a sweet, bibblack Sheltie named Bella. It was meant to be!





I brought Gemma home with me to Oregon one year ago! It has been a momentous year. She has changed so much and come such a long

way. I think you would be pleased. We are totally bonded, and while she is still very wary of strangers (which qualifies as anyone but me), she has gotten much better, and, if they follow my instructions to leave her be and act like she is invisible, she relaxes and comes around to check them out. Everyone tells me how beautiful she is, which I know but her "self" is just as wonderful as her outside. Her coat has all grown out and is so thick and long I could literally braid the hair on her haunches! Am attaching a couple of photos so you can see her as she is now.

Gemma loves the kitties. Her best bond is with my Francisco which is interesting because they have similar views on strangers. She "herds" them around the house and keeps an eye on Mikko who is a very bad boy, most of the time! She and Cleo share the sofa on a regular basis, go in and out to go potty together, but Cleo doesn't seem to know Gemma is there so they are like in parallel play which is how my other Sheltie was.

Gemma has now completed two obedience courses, and we are enrolled in a Rally Basics class which will allow us to use the course on a drop-in basis come July. She sits, goes down, stays, walks well on leash (practically automatically) and comes as long as there is a treat involved! She has done really well with the other dogs and people and we even go walking with one of her former classmates. I continue to look for opportunities to stretch her tolerance and so far so good!

We recently met a woman who is a Sheltie breeder and moved here about a year ago. We went for a play date last week and she met her four dogs, one at a time, and while Gemma didn't play, she was interested in watching them, got a long fine and enjoyed some independence in her yard. I hope to do this again on a regular basis.

The best part of our day is in the morning when I finally wake up and she is waiting for me, staring me in the face! She is so sweet, rolls over, and want to snuggle and have belly rubs. Who would have thought this was possible twelve months ago! She loves to eat which has saved us since she will do anything for food. One of her favorites is strawberries. . . to her they are like liver treats!

I am so glad we are together. She has helped me through some tough times this year and given me a reason to get up in the morning. She makes me laugh and makes me feel loved. Thanks so much for putting us together!

—Jeanne and Gemma



Harley and Roxy, litter mates approximately 6 years old, were relinquished by a young couple with a toddler. They were moving from a house to an apartment and could not take the pair. These two would not have done well at all in an apartment... very active and barky. Harley and Roxy were adopted together by a wonderful couple who are previous sheltie owners. Most recently they had sibling female rescue Great Danes. They had been looking for the right sibling pair for about at year before seeing Harley and Roxy posted. Their new dad said "It's like they've been here all along." What more can a Foster Mom ask for?

—Kathie

Rainbow Bridge

An Ode to the Expen

This page is dedicated to the Shelties who have gone missing and those who grieve when the end result is a tragedy. Most recently it was little Kookie (Cooper) who was found dead on the railroad tracks three days after escaping from his yard. Before Cooper it was little Ty who Terry had spent months rehabbing and socializing after his rescue from a puppy mill in Taiwan. Ty was placed with a very Sheltie savvy family, but their grown daughter paid a surprise visit one night, and Ty slipped out the door past her. He was never found.

There have been other Shelties over the years who just slipped out when somebody opened a door or a gate. We urge new adopters to invest in expens ("exercise pens," folding wire fencing panels that come in various heights and can be purchased at almost any pet store) to put around escape routes and between doors and the outside world. Expens are a wonderful investment because they are portable and can be used as enclosures or exclosures, taken on trips, and are useful to keep dogs out of mischief.

RIP

"Cooper"

**Found dead on railroad tracks
by NorCal Sheltie Rescue
volunteers Karen & Kathie**



Please make sure your Shelties are always safe. They are too precious to die this way – alone and afraid. All of us here at NorCal Sheltie Rescue mourn Cooper's loss. These are tough ones for us.

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Rescue Goes Both Ways

Sweep's Story, Ten Years Later

Karen Porter has Sweep who was rescued from the railroad tracks in the Sacramento area ten years ago. Sadly we lost Cooper, another Rescue Sheltie, who escaped his new owners, to those same tracks this November. Karen and Kathie found him after searching for three days. We republish the following *Sacramento Bee* article by Staff Writer, Dorothy Korber, which was first published on Saturday, December 25, 2004, in honor of the miracles and heartbreaks inherent in rescue work. As Terry wrote "First, I want to thank Karen and Kathie for their dedication to finding Cooper. It was an exceptional effort with a heartbreaking result, especially given the similarities with Karen's Sweep."

Dog's will to live gives hope to rescuer

An injured sheltie provides a homeless woman with the 'miracle' she needed

This is the story of Sweep the sheltie, a 12-pound dog with more lives than a cat, ears that would dwarf a Great Dane, and a heart even bigger than his ears. Sweep's heart, in fact, was strong enough to rescue him from the brink—and save a human heart at the same time. The young sheltie spent his early life as a stray, shy and matted, scavenging an existence around an apartment complex in Sacramento's College Glen neighborhood near the state university. That's where Karen Porter, whose house is nearby, first spotted him last July.

She asked around and discovered that the abandoned dog had been there for six months. No one had a clue about his origins. "I tried luring him with a bone, but he was too wild and scared," Porter recalled. "So Animal Control came out and darted him. He scooted away, but we found him. He was petrified. Shaking."

The tranquilized dog's mad dash from his captors inspired Porter's 9-year-old son, Andrew, to suggest a name. "He just swept through the leaves," Andrew said. So Sweep it was. The lonesome little dog found a warm and lively home with the Porters.

Once he was clean and brushed, Sweep looked like a miniature Lassie—or perhaps a collie that Mother Nature left in the dryer too long. He basked in the kindness he was shown and began to trust people. In October, after three months in the Porters' foster care, he was ready to join his new owner, a man who owned shelties as a kid and wanted to adopt the plucky stray. But Sweep had other ideas.

After two days at the new place in east Sacramento, he slipped out of the back yard and disappeared. The Porters were frantic at the news. "We figured he was trying to find his way home to us," Karen Porter said. Sweep escaped on a Sunday evening. On Monday, the Porters plastered the neighborhood with posters and searched fruitlessly for the lost dog. On Tuesday afternoon, the terrible phone call came.

A sobbing woman told Karen Porter that she had found Sweep on the railroad tracks near Elvas Avenue. She got the Porters' phone number from Sweep's collar tag. "He's hurt real bad," she said. The distraught caller was Louise Wright, who knows something about being a stray herself. Wright, 35, was walking along the tracks, observing the racing clouds on this stormy day and thinking about how tough her life was and wondering if it was worth it. She'd been homeless off and on for two years and lost custody of her children. "I was having a really hard time," she said. "I'm battling a lot of personal



Karen Porter of Sacramento has given Sweep the sheltie a permanent home after he was found injured on nearby railroad tracks. (Photo by Hector Amezcua)

things right now. It was a bad, bad day." Then she saw something between the rails. She took a closer look. "At first, I thought it was a plastic bag, then maybe a dead possum," she said. "Then I realized: Oh my God, it's a little dog. I started to cry. And he lifted his head."

Sweep's body was in a small depression, his head resting higher. There was no blood, but his whiskers were sheered off and he couldn't move. Judging by his condition, doctors said later, he'd probably been lying there paralyzed for two days, with the trains rumbling over him and the rain pelting down.

Tenderly, Wright picked him up, cradling him in her sweater. She headed for the nearest house to find a phone.

After getting her call, Karen Porter scooped up the kids and raced over to Elvas Avenue. Still holding Sweep, Wright climbed into the Porters' van and they headed for the nearest veterinary hospital.

Sometime later that evening, when it was clear that the dog was in good hands, Louise Wright slipped away.

Though Sweep could not walk and his left legs were twisted under him, X-rays showed no broken bones. He had suffered a serious head injury, however. He was in the hospital nearly a week. Karen Porter stayed with him every day, encouraging him to eat and walk. Gradually, the gleam came back into his brown eyes. It started to look like he would make it.

When his rescuer called to see how Sweep was doing, Porter eagerly took the telephone. "How can I thank you?" she told Wright. "You saved my dog's life."

"Your dog saved my life," Wright responded quietly.

"What?" asked Porter, perplexed.

Wright explained that Sweep's courage and spirit inspired her to take control of her own life—to rejoin the human race. "I needed faith, a little bit of a miracle," she said last week. "I had lost hope. Little by little, I was becoming invisible. I was giving up. But Sweep didn't give up. And now neither will I. I think we were brought together for a purpose." Her first goal is to get her own place—and maybe her own dog.

Today, Sweep is still missing those whiskers, but otherwise he's doing fine. He trots around the Porters' house, springs from sofa to ottoman like a diminutive gazelle, bats a toy with a graceful paw. He's home to stay.

"I guess we've got ourselves four dogs now," Karen said, fondling Sweep's big ears. Andrew corrected her: "More like 3 1/2."

Sweep's story spread throughout the dog-agility community nationwide via the Internet. Friends and strangers chipped in the money to cover his medical bills. And now agility folks are working together to help Wright and her family, an effort coordinated by Porter. Wright says she's overwhelmed by the affectionate support. And ready to accept it.

"I'm taking action, I'm fighting for my life," she said. "Sweep is the reason. He's one of God's little guideposts."



Some NorCal Sheltie Rescue Events

➡ The UC Davis Picnic, April 14, 2014



Thanks to Terry with Rocky and foster, Dylan; Karen with her puppy, Piper; Liliane, dealing with a head cold, who brought Gracie and LuluBelle, the lovely collie girl; and Kathie who joined us with Manchester and Bentley for the 100th UC Davis Picnic Day. It was fun to have Lulu there to illustrate the differences between the two breeds. My David was a big hit too. Everybody worked really hard today and deserves major kudos for their efforts. We were visited by hundreds and hundreds of picnic day participants who were interested to meet our Shelties, and fascinated by their beauty; 50,000 were expected on campus today and many of them came by our booth! The oohs and aahs and softened voices and eyes from all genders and ages was pretty remarkable when they walked up to our booth and reached out to touch.

—Gale Ann

➡ The Annual Sheltie Picnic, May 18, 2014, at Performance Dogs in Action



➡ The Annual Fourth of July Sheltie Romp in Woodside



Greg and Denise Hughes adopted Kiska (center) from us a half dozen years ago. Greg is now a professional dog photographer. His photos from the Fourth of July Romp can be found at

<http://www.imagesbygregory.com/p314102860>

➡ City of Rocklin's Annual Woofstock, Sunday, August 24, 2014, Johnson Springview Park



Once again we participated in the Woofstock festivities which include a Doggie Fun Zone, art shows, 5K Grateful Dog Run, a costume contest, Weiner Dog Races, and the



“Rubber Ducky Doggy Drop.” Twenty-five Rescue groups were represented this year. NCSR gets a portion of the proceeds that benefit local Dog Rescue Groups.

➡ The Annual Rescue Parade and Raffle, Saturday, October 18, 2014



Featuring our famous annual raffle with five tables full of fabulous raffle prizes...



...a wonderful variety of Sheltie Rescue logo apparel for sale...



...top conformation Shelties lined up waiting to go into the show ring at the Sheltie Specialty...



...plus obedience and rally competitions for novice through expert Sheltie handlers and then, last but not least, dozens of NorCal Rescue Shelties on Parade in the afternoon following the Best of Breed judging.

SPECIAL FRIENDS

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	LOCATION		
Adobe Animal Hospital	Los Altos	Brighton Greens Veterinary Hospital	Grass Valley
Airport Pet Clinic	Cameron Park	Coastside Veterinary Clinic	Half Moon Bay
Animal Care Clinic	El Sobrante	Cool Animal Hospital	Cool
Animal Clinic of Benicia	Benicia	Napa Valley Veterinary Hospital,	Napa
Animal Hospital of Sebastopol	Sebastopol	Peninsula Animal Dermatology	San Carlos
Baring Blvd. Animal Hospital	Sparks NV	Richmond Veterinary Hospital	Richmond
Blue Oak Veterinary Hospital	Jackson	Shingletown Animal Clinic	Shingletown
Bradshaw Veterinary Clinic	Elk Grove	Sunrise Blvd. Animal Hospital,	Citrus Heights
		UC Davis Vet Med Teaching Hospital	Davis

We would also like to thank Judy Granberg, Granberg Training Center, who helps train our Rescue Shelties and foster them for free when we need help.

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.

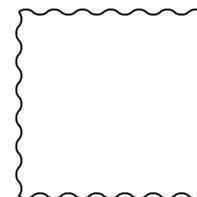
Tax Relief. If your estate is subject to estate tax, your gift is entitled to an estate tax charitable deduction for the gift's full value.

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>).

— *Gale Ann Morris* (sheltieroses@outlook.com)



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