

Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue

Spencer - A Home AND a Title!

Spencer, a 6 year old oversized sable, had spent nearly as much time in Rescue as he had in a home. He first came to Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue in Jan 2005. He was 1 & 1/2 years old and had been turned into the Jax Humane Society because his owners found him difficult to manage. (We all know how exuberant most 18 month old shelties can be!!) He was adopted to a seemingly good home in August of 2005. However, a year and a half later Darla recognized him in an online picture at the Camden County Humane Society where he had been turned in as a stray, so back he came to Jacksonville. He was adopted again in less than a month. Sadly, he was returned six months later with the maturec506cc owner saying he had been bitten. (A nip from a high energy dog wanting to play or a bite? Who knows?)

Spencer went to the local Scottish Games Sheltie exhibit as an available dog. He played with the children who visited him, playing tug, chasing balls. He displayed his loving nature. No one wanted him. So he remained at Sheltie Rescue, never exhibiting more than a boisterous disposition (think "Border Collie" and that is Spence in a nutshell!). But this dog wanted a job - and a home - and love.

Spencer remained in a Rescue Limbo for about two years. He never nipped or bit or attempted to bite any of us, although he *did* lick an earring off Sam's ear in a moment of unrestrained passion. Then Emily Langley stayed with the Duffey's for about a month in Aug 09 to help out after Ernie's heart attack. Emily started training Spencer a bit, and he loved it! Here was some one on one attention. Here were tasks he could do and receive praise for doing. Here was something that made Spence feel truly worthwhile and important.

Late last year, Spencer went to Alabama to live with Emily while she gave him further training. Emily took him for a CERF exam right a way and sure enough, Emily's suspicions were confirmed. Spence has CEA with colobomas,...little holes in his optic nerves. It isn't a big deal, but these little blind spots ARE a big deal if he is caught by surprise from an angle where his vision is impaired. It could make him nip if he wasn't expecting a hand from that angle!!

From the beginning, Spencer decided he should share Emily's bed. He got along with her other dogs and he continued to love and respond to training for Rally. Unfortunately, even a mild mannered correction will shut Spencer down during training/events. Some time in the past, he was so harshly corrected that any correction makes him almost autistic. So Emily just tries to make the experience a joy for this fun-loving guy with the great manners and loving heart.

Emily wanted to get Spencer to Sheltie National to compete in Rally. She did and he took his Rally title there! We are all so very proud of Emily and Spencer both.

And yes, Spencer is no longer available for adoption! He will stay with Emily forever.

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HAPPY DANCE TIME!!

Last month, on this very page, we talked about Misty Blue. Misty Blue is young and beautiful. She is now adopted to a family in Lakeland and has a truly great home! Join us in wishing Misty Blue many happy years with her new family - a mom and dad of her own as well as two other shelties to keep her company. UPDATE: We just heard today that Misty Blue is going to learn to play FlyBall!!

We also talked about Gypsy, a lovely young girl who came to us as a "found sheltie". We have no idea why anyone would have let Gypsy get away from them and not look for her, but we are delighted to tell you that Gypsy has gone to a super home where there are other shelties for her to play with. Gypsy is now renamed "Daisy" - and she already has a specially made collar and leash with daisies on them. (No, of course we don't think Daisy is going to be a spoiled sheltie!!)

Farewell to Dixie

Dixie was one of our Rescue dogs for years. So long, in fact, that we considered her more a family member than a rescue. Dixie was skittish around people, hand shy if someone wanted to pet her on the head. She became deaf and severely arthritic. Eventually her legs couldn't hold her up anymore and we had to let her go in peace.



Regal (Reggie) meets Dixie (on left)

WARNING

Tick and Flea season is upon us and none of want those pests on our dogs! However, we did want to warn homes with multiple dogs who play, wrestle and gnaw on each other's necks about something we learned the hard way!! Preventic tick collars should not be used on dogs who might gnaw on another dog's collar. We had 3 dogs under a year old at the Duffey's. As best as we can follow the evidence, one or two of the puppies chewed the third one's collar off. And they split it into three pieces so they could each have a nice chew.

We discovered this when first one puppy (Misty Blue - now adopted) showed extreme and unusual listlessness one morning. Ernie took her temperature and it was over 104. Off to the vet where they puzzled over her, taking x-rays and ultrasound and blood and urine samples. Finally they decided it had to be the tick collar, gave Misty an agent to reverse the situation and within 10 minutes Misty was on the road to recovery. That same evening, Seamus (aka "The Shameless") was listless. Same routine with the reversal agent, same results. It wasn't until the following morning that we discovered Sunny on the couch chewing a bit of the collar! (Ditto on the routine and the result!)

It was rather frightening there for awhile. Kudo's to Dr Hightman and his staff for saving Misty Blue's life!!

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Look at What Love (and good vet care) Can Do!!

In January of 2008, we collected a pitiful looking Sheltie from Clay County Animal Control. She had fleas. She had most every worm imaginable. She had very little hair. She had wounds. The vet thought they were from cigarette burns. We suspected she had Cushing's disease, but we needed to get her healthier in simple ways before we pursued that diagnoses. The vet techs washed her - twice!!



Cassie at the vets Jan 00

Cassie went to Darla & Ernie for some good feeding and nurturing. She went back to the vets in Feb where it was discovered she was low thyroid and the suspicion that she also had Cushing's disease was repeated

In March, we ran the first simple test for Cushing's. It said "Probably". Then we ran more definitive tests for Cushing's. They were positive. This is what Cassie looked like in March of last year when she went over to Sam's for the first part of her treatment for this very nasty disease.



Cassie at Sam's Mar 08

Cassie was adopted last August by Dr Cindy Miller and her husband. We told you all how excited we were that the "unadoptable" Cassie had found a home—and with someone who would continue her treatment. Dr Cindy did that and more—fixing her teeth, making her arthritis less painful, etc. We knew that but we were still amazed when we saw the most recent photo of Cassie!!



Cassie—April 2009

Sam was so excited that she posted a before treatment and after treatment photo on the Yahoo List "Canine Cushing's Autoimmune Care" where Sam and Dr Cindy are both members. The list owner was so excited and thrilled that she asked permission to use Cassie's photo on the Home Page. Our Cassie is now a "Cover Girl" and serving as an inspiration to the many people from all over the world who join that list, asking for help with their sick dogs. In fact, the very day that Cassie's photos went up, Sam answered an email from a distraught owner in Canada who was fearful it was too late for her dog. When that owner saw Cassie's pictures, it gave her such hope! Way to go Cassie and Dr Cindy!!!

Sheltie Angel Ornaments from Incolay

Incolay has developed a set of Sheltie Angel ornaments in six colors. We think they are beautiful and we are rather proud that the sheltie featured on the ornaments is Ernie & Darla's Ch Fayrwynds The Admiral

The ornaments are for sale on our website with a portion of the sale price going to benefit Sheltie Rescue. (Thank you, Incolay!) The ornaments come with a background color of blue (shown), garnet, rose, onyx, sardonyx, green.

To purchase these ornaments, go to www.jacksonvillesheltierescue.org and click on the "Sheltie Rescue Shop" link on the bottom left of the page.



A Real Sheltie Angel

Gus, owned by Peter & Norma Dearing, made a huge difference to their friend, Bob. Bob had cancer and had no appetite. Gus went to stay with Bob for awhile and his comforting presence encouraged Bob to eat.

Unfortunately Bob passed away this month, but Gus is still providing comfort—this time to Bob's wife, Virginia. Pretty cool for a guy that came into Rescue at 10 months for being "too energetic"!!



Auction Donation: Norma & Peter Deering donated a week at their cottage in NC for an Auction at the Jacksonville Sheltie Club Show in April. Thank you so much!!

Monthly

Peter & Velma Stuart (Pace, FL) Cocoa, chow lab mix, the one and only Skip, a Jax Sheltie rescued by Pete and Velma, he's 5. Callie who is 7 and Cricket and Grady, (who is now B-Ray.) Two of the Pennsylvania 22 rescued last year.

Norma & Peter Dearing (Jacksonville)

Owned by Gus, Dana and Honey

Carrie Andolina who has 2 of our rescue kids.

Dave & Marilyn Dahl have again come thru for us with a great donation. Covered the episode with the 3 dogs and the Preventic collars.

Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue is a 501 c 3 Charity. This means if you donate to help our Shelties the amount can be taken off your taxes as a donation. We will send you a Letter of Donation for your records.

Another thought we had, if you'd like to make a donation in Remembrance of a beloved dog who has passed, we will note that on the Jax Sheltie Rescue web page as well as in future newsletters.

We accept checks and "paypal". The paypal account is dduffey@aol.com, the same as my email address.

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From our adopters:

Benji - an update.

Our sweet, loving, fun filled, lap sitting, toy playing ,sweetheart Benji has been with us now since November. He has a whole basket plays with all the time, his favorite is a stuffed bone which he drops for us to toss again and again He is nearly 2. He has passed beginner's obedience school, and will be starting the intermediate class. He likes people and cats – however other dogs are not his favorite. But as the trainer says we will be working on this socialization training class. The scared Benji we picked up is in fact an alfa dog with a boat load of fears. We have been able to over come many of those fears like lawn mowers and lawns blowers but is getting better all the time. We love him so, and are so thankful to you Darla and Ernie letting us adopt him.

Paul & Linda

Kathy Cochran, good friend and rescuer, also the person responsible for creating the Sheltie Rescue Ornaments to benefit all the Rescues in the USA, has lost a very special Sheltie. “Q” was the fantastic “painting Sheltie” who painted canvases and sold them to benefit Sheltie Rescues.

Kathy wrote me:

Q passed away in my arms today at Longwood Vet. Mark and I both held his head and lovingly talked to him as he crossed over. The Orlando Sentinel has already done a story about his passing and it's online on their website. I'm pasting the story here, but if the picture doesn't come through, go to this link to read it: <http://www.spiritlyric.com/qboy.html>

Thank you everyone for words of encouragement & support, and especially for the prayers. He was the most incredible dog we have ever known and did so much good in his lifetime. He passed easily and quickly....and with dignity.

Love,
Kathy & Mark

