

Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue

Happy Easter & Happy Passover

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Since our last newsletter a lot has transpired. Some of it good and some of it is sad.

On the adoption front our sweet Shamous has found his fur-ever home as well as Pretty Blue Bella.

Shamous went to his new home on March 12. Here he is with his new Mom & Dad. They have written that he is adjusting well.



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Blue Bella has been adopted but has not yet joined her new family.

She is scheduled to be spayed soon, as we had to wait a few weeks til she was safely out of season. She will be going to home in Brunswick, Ga. With folks who had adopted from us many years ago. That baby had recently passed away.



Sheltie Specialty Dog Show Friday April 8, 2011

Beginning at 11 A.M.

(Probably finish up about 2)

At the St Johns County Fair Grounds
5840 State Rd. 207, Elkton, FL

One exit south of State Rd 16,

St Augustine, FL Take I95 to SR 207,
exit 311, bear right and go 7 miles.

Fairgrounds is on the left.

Besides seeing 34 gorgeous Shelties in the conformation show, we will have a raffle for Sheltie Rescue and the Jax Sheltie Club with lots of Sheltie motif goodies.

For more information Call Darla
904-262-5420

Sheltie Meet-Up.

Please see website for more information.

Nancy & Mark are founders and there are 75 members.

We meet up and let the dogs run and play together while the humans watch and laugh .

[http://www.meetup.com/
The-Jacksonville-Shetland-
Sheepdog-Meetup-Group/](http://www.meetup.com/The-Jacksonville-Shetland-Sheepdog-Meetup-Group/)

On the sad side...We've lost three Sheltie Fur-kids in just a few weeks. Scarlett took a turn for the worst and we opted to let her go to the Rainbow Bridge. We reported that last newsletter.

Ben came to Sheltie Rescue in 2005 at 8 yrs old. He stayed a few months and was then adopted to Patti Tyson. He came back to visit often, sometimes while Patti traveled, and also when she was hospitalized a few times. Patti passed away unexpectedly in June of 2009 and Ben was again a permanent resident. He had lots of medical problems, including debilitating Arthritis But he was a happy fella until he passed on March 5.

Our 3rd was precious Skip (Skippy). Just this week we lost him. He came here in June 2010. He was found in a ditch on the Northside by a JSO Officer and his wife. A teenager was beating him with a club. The officer took the dog away from the kid, and took him to Oceanway Animal Clinic, which is owned by Skip and Diane Hightman. After they got him vetted Diane called me and asked if we could take him, which of course we did. He was here about 6 weeks when he started having Grand Mal seizures. We had to go to heavy duty meds to try to control the seizures. Recently, they became worse. Long story short we found he had aspiration pneumonia He was very bad off. We had him on 2 different antibiotics at the same time, but it just wasn't to be. We had to let him go. This was the most mello Sheltie boy. He was as sweet as any we have ever met. He did not deserve the life that was dealt him. He is now at the Bridge healed and

One day a kind soul we had never spoken to before called Darla and said there was a sheltie in bad shape at Clay County Animal Control. She offered to help with some of the vet bills if we would take the dog into Rescue. Darla called me and asked me to go check it out. Cassie was in one of the outer buildings, not up for adoption, and just laying on her side looking very ill and sad. She was happy to have a visitor and downright amazed when I led her to the 'dog-mobile' and fed her a biscuit after she was inside. I called Dr Coral to tell her I was on my way with a dog that needed capstar and bathing and a check up. Her clinic did all that. The vet tech bathing her (they had to do it twice) was horrified when one of her fingers went inside an unseen wound on Cassie's tummy. (They thought all those wounds were from cigarette burns.) Dr Coral and I thought she was probably a Cushing's dog, but of course she wasn't healthy enough to start treatment then. The photos of Cassie show a happy face but a poor little body. In fact, my husband kept asking me "Are you sure Cassie is a sheltie???"

Then, months later after Dr Cindy & Mike adopted her (imagine the MIRACLE - someone willing to adopt an older dog being treated for Cushing's!!!), came the photos showing an absolutely stunning sheltie - Cassie!! She showed such an incredible change that Cassie's photos were used as the before and after photos on the Canine Cushing's Autoimmune Care home page - used to give hope to new members filled with fear at the diagnosis of Cushing's Disease.

Cassie could not have been adopted to a better home - she had special needs and Dr Cindy recognized and coped with all of them. We will never know about Cassie's prior life and the sadness & cruelty that brought her into Animal Control in such terrible condition; but we know very well that she experienced perfect love and devotion from the Millers. Her last years were undoubtedly filled with more happiness than anything that she had experienced before.

Cassie had so much love inside her and it fills me with joy to know she had a family with so much love for her. Thank you Dr Cindy & Mike for giving her the best years of her life. I know your grief at losing this girl and I know how very hard you fought for her. I hope time will bring back the good memories and ease your sorrow.

Hugs - Sam

Dear Friends,

It was very heart-wrenching to have to put our darling Cassie to sleep last night. We think that her probable adrenal crisis on Tuesday was brought on by the stress of being at the specialist for tests and that then led to the decompensation of her heart problem. It happened so quickly. We had only just diagnosed her mitral valve insufficiency and decided that she needed medication for it. Cassie seemed to rally yesterday morning, but then collapsed again late that afternoon and was coughing and struggling to breathe. We could have tried to stabilize her and balance the treatment of her various conditions one against the other, but decided against doing that. Mike and I loved Cassie so much and we didn't want her to suffer or to die without us being there. Dr. Crystal and Dr. Schmidt were so kind as to wait for Mike and me to bring Cassie in and euthanized her for us. Dr. Crystal, Dr. McNicholas, Dr. Suthers and Dr. Silverness were true friends and helped me manage her Cushing's disease, hypothyroidism and polyarthritis. Cassie ended up seeing every doctor at North Florida Veterinary Specialists Southside including Dr. Schmidt, Dr. Sorrentino and Dr. Levine.

It is amazing to remember how Cassie looked when she came to Sheltie Rescue. I've showed some of the before pictures to friends who only knew her with fur. They were amazed by the little ragamuffin with the adorable face, no fur and sores all over her body. I've attached some pictures to this email that show Cassie with her full fur coat and also a more recent picture in which she looks like the angel that she was. Cassie was the cuddliest dog I have ever had. She wanted to lie right next to her people most of the time and would nudge us with her nose if we didn't pet her as much as she thought that we should. Cassie got along with our cats and was absolutely fascinated by our guinea pig. When my mother came to visit, she would walk Cassie up and down the street in front of our house. Of course, they didn't go very far because of Cassie and Mom's arthritis. ;-) Mike and I will always be grateful that we got to share our lives with Cassie for 2 1/2 years.

Cindy Miller

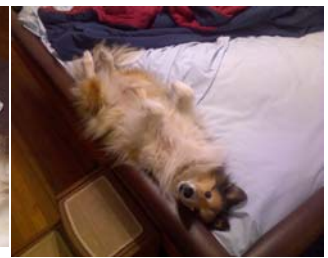
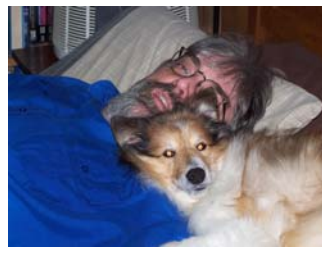
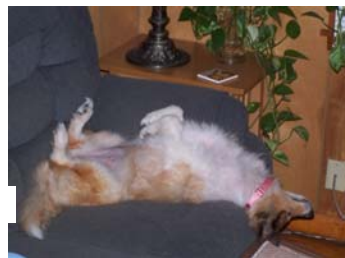


Definitely a very sad little Sheltie. Jan 10, 2008

Cassie's luck changed forever on August 3, 2008. That is when Mike and Cindy Miller adopted this sweet baby.



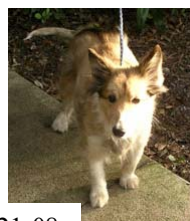
3-25-08 before Cushings DX



Hard life, huh ? Snuggling with her Daddy



1 month into treatment 4-21-08



2/8/09—>



Smiling w/ Mom

Still Available these two great dogs
Beau Duke



These two are litter brothers. They have been raised together and we'd like to place them together. They were a year old last September. They are very well behaved. They play and tussle with each other. They are really neat Shelties ! We seldom get dogs this young and this well behaved.

The House is still full of Shelties needing a fur-ever home.

Cody is a little 14 year old who came to us when his Daddy moved and couldn't take Cody with him. Currently, residing with Sam & Alan. Because he may be old, but he is a pistol!



Pippi our thunder-phobic 12 year old.



Pumba our 10 year old with immune disorder.



Maryann our 8 year old chunky butt, after losing weight is getting around much easier. She is also a sassy girl! Plays with toys, and hates for you to leave her.



Duffy who is 11 and immune compromised.

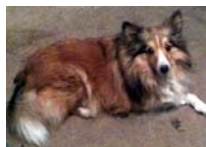


Tyler who is 13 immune compromised.



Minnie & Cooper who are youngsters maybe 3 years old but completely untouchable.. They are sisters, but will go separately. We are working hard to gain their trust and we have made some inroads with them, but they are no way near ready to go to a home. They're tremendous flight risks. But someday.....

Minnie __—>



<— Cooper

Trinka Trinka came from Palatka. A rescuer brought her to me as her time was up at the shelter there. She is about 7-8 years old. Sweet dog. Very quiet. She is a little on the chunky side. House broken, all vaccines, spayed, great girl.



REBOUND



2005



←Rebound Today

***Rebound* and he did!**

Rebound came to us with a broken front leg. The local Vet set it and bandaged it and we waited. His leg never healed. We were at the point of either amputating it or calling in the big guns. We opted for the big guns at UNF Gainesville. After 9 months, many tries and donations from Sheltie people around the United States we succeeded in saving Rebounds leg. Notice that contraption on his leg...Rebounds leg healed fully, and he is in a wonderful forever home.

From Rebound's Mom, Donna:

He is really getting quite gray. Thinking age is about 12 yo?? He is my sweet sweet doll baby for sure! I love him soooo much! He is doing much better now, his episodes of being "snappy" are gone and he is getting around easier, he is on a small dose of prednisone every 3 days and it is helping him a lot. Murray (the one that had the seizure type episodes) does have a low thyroid and I will be sending a blood sample to Dr Dodds lab for analysis, I'm actually gonna have all the dogs blood sent for analysis. Thanks for the info. I will have to send you a photo of Rebound in his adorable boots! He has gotten pretty bad about dragging his left paw while on walks so he wears his boots to protect him. Otherwise he would bleed from scraping his nails down to the quick on the pavement, ouch! He gets lots of compliments on his boots. :)



Sophie

The little scamp has been with us for 7-1/2 months now. It's easy to see that she does accept us as her family. Today at the vets, she hid behind me while we were waiting for the doc. She'd been limping on her right leg when she'd get up from laying down for about a week. We thought maybe she was scrunching up in her Christmas cuddle bed so lay the old pillow in its place for a few days. Nothing changed. When Dr. Nipper moved that leg today, Sophie gave her some resistance that wasn't given on her left one so she did some x-rays. As it happened the weekly radiologist was there and they were read. Nothing wrong orthopedically so it is presumed that she has strained something, which is really no surprise with the way she stampedes across the backyard and runs playing tennis ball soccer in the house.

She delights us each and every day. It has been fun to see her gradually accept us as her family. I think the deed has been done at this point. We boarded her for a two days when my brother came to central Florida for a visit. She was excited to see us when picked her up.

Peace,
Anne & Bob



DONATIONS

Thank you to all our contributors. All the kids in Rescue thank you too—for helping pay for their food, their medications, their vet visits. They send you their sheltie smiles! We send you our human ones, too. ;0

Monthly Donations (so faithfully month after month) Thank you, thank you!

Peter & Velma Stuart (Pace, Fl) Skip, from JSR, Callie (rescued from an abusive home in Pensacola, B-Ray and Cricket (two of the Pennsylvania rescues through JSR) and Boo, found on the run in southeast Alabama.

Judge Peter & Norma Dearing (Jacksonville) Owned by Gus, Dana and Honey

Carrie Andolina who has 2 of our rescue kids.

Dave & Marilyn Dahl now owned by Cindy—"Monsty" the monster.

Noni Willard & Margaret Jones owned by Piper & Annie

Donna Smith Owned by Rebound and others.

Other Donations

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

Help us pay our vet bills for our rescued Shelties by: We got a check this year for \$40.

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