

Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue

I Rescued a Human Today

I rescued a human today. Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her. I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid.

As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage. I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them.

As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life.

She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship.

A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well. Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes. I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors. So many more to be saved. At least I could save one.

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Author Unknown

If any of you could use rescuing, we have a number of shelties available. Please don't forget to consider our older shelties. They ask for very little and offer so much in love and companionship.

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The House is Full of Shelties Needing a Loving Home—Our Adoptables

Meet ROXIE, a 5 year old sable who has never met a person she didn't like! Roxie was an "owner dump" at a local shelter. They obviously had not had time to care for her properly and when she came to us she was nearly as wide as she is long. Since we don't think small shelties look that good when they are 'square' (not to mention the effects on their health), Roxie has been losing weight eating Darla & Ernie's good food. Roxie is quite adaptable, as well as adoptable. Anyone interested in adding an adorable, lovable sheltie to their home?



This is RACHEL, about 4 years old. Her coat is a mess—badly chopped, sunburned, in fact we can only guess that she will prove to be a blue merle once the coat gets back into shape. Doesn't she have a sweet face?



Ginger

These two castaways are named for characters in Gilligan's Island. Ginger mother) is a small sheltie and 10 years old. Marianne is the "Economy Sized" sheltie (larger than normal) and she is 8 years old. (daughter)

Both are outgoing and loving. These two are perfect examples of slightly older shelties with no hang ups or bad traits. We hope someone will realize they have a lot more 'miles' left and will want to enjoy them—they don't have to be adopted together.



MaryAnn

Ziggy - aka "ALF"

Darla heard about Ziggy from Barb, our sister rescue in mid-Florida. Ziggy had terrible, long-standing ear infections. Darla told Sam who said "Oh! Dr Turman has a newly purchased machine that lets her really look deep into ear canals. Let's see if Barb would like us to take Ziggy to Dr Turman for an exam."

It sounded good to Barb, so Barb handed Ziggy over to Sam for temporary fostering while his ears were examined by Dr Turman. Unfortunately, Ziggy's ear infections were so bad that one ear was completely sealed shut and the other was too narrow to take a scope. Like Barb's vet, Dr Turman recommended surgery as the only way Ziggy could be free from pain.

It was off to the surgeon (Dr Neihaus) who said "Yep! We have to remove both of Ziggy's ear canals or he will spend the rest of his life in constant pain from those ears. It is also possible the infection could migrate to his brain and kill him." Ziggy was already deaf from the longstanding infections and is one of the smartest, most affectionate shelties you can imagine—so of course, the operation was scheduled.

The operation is called a TECA (Total Ear Canal Ablation). The openings in the ear are sewn shut after the ear canals—which had mineralized and calcified until they felt like bone!—are completely removed. Sound horrible? It is a very painful operation. Yet Ziggy The Loving was wonderful, allowing Sam to clean under his drains, never complaining about the Elizabethan Collar he had to wear, demonstrating all the patience and good temper we love in our Shelties.

It is now about 3 weeks since Ziggy's operation and he is painfree for the first time in years. Surprisingly, Ziggy can now hear very loud noises (he heard nothing before), but Sam sometimes forgets he is deaf. Why? Because Ziggy is both alert and perceptive. He seems to anticipate what is going to happen or when someone is about to move. He barks when he needs to go outside. Ziggy is a super guy and his ability to deal gracefully with adversity just amazes us.



Ziggy, post surgery, doesn't he look like "Alf"?



Ziggy, looking like a partially shorn sheep instead of a sheepdog!! See the drains.



Photos above and to the left show Ziggy with his drains out and his E Collar gone. The scarf he wears is to keep his shoulders warm as we don't want him to get chilled. In about 10 days, Ziggy will have his final check by the surgeon and then he will go back to Mid-Florida Sheltie Rescue while he waits for an adopter. Ziggy is now in excellent health and our vets think he is between 6 and 8 years old.

Here is Ziggy's page at Mid Florida Sheltie Rescue
<http://www.midflsheltierescue.com/ziggy.html>

Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue thanks our vets for their care of all of our animals.

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We truly appreciate their kindness and professionalism.

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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.

Monthly Donations (so faithfully month after month)

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

Alabama.

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

Carrie Andolina who has 2 of our rescue kids.

Dave & Marilyn Dahl .

Noni Willard & Margaret Jones, Mom.s to Piper and Annie.

Mr & Mrs. Paul Irwin owned by Lisa and Bucky

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.

Shetland Sheepdogs are one of the breeds most prone to bladder cancer (Transitional Cell Carcinoma or TCC). The American Shetland Sheepdog Assoc. (ASSA) has been doing genetic research, hoping to find clues to fight this horrible disease.

Investigation of Bladder Cancer in the Shetland Sheepdog

Updated August, 2010

Background: The Ostrander Laboratory at the National Human Genome Research Institute at NIH and the Purdue Comparative Oncology Program at Purdue University and the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences at Michigan State University have been working since 2006 to discover the genetic causes of transitional cell carcinoma (TCC) of the urinary bladder in dogs. TCC is a devastating disease and Shetland Sheepdogs are four and one half times more likely to be diagnosed with TCC than most other dogs. Our ultimate goal is to identify the genetic variants responsible for this much increased susceptibility to the disease.

We are excited to be able to report the completion of our first SNP based genome-wide analysis in more than 60 of our best Sheltie cases and controls. The most informative cases have a diagnosis of TCC confirmed by biopsy with histopathology. The best controls have passed the age of eight with no diagnosis of cancer of any kind.

Our researchers looked for locations in the genome that differ between affected and unaffected dogs, and have found genomic regions that appear to be important in TCC. Currently we are studying multiple disease associated regions. We believe further work will lead to the identification of causative mutations for TCC of the urinary bladder in Shetland Sheepdogs, as well as in other breeds that are at increased risk of developing the disease.

Our thanks go out to the American Shetland Sheepdog Association and all Shetland Sheepdog owners for their great response to our request for blood samples for our TCC research. Because of your support we have received samples from 70 Shelties with TCC and 105 healthy, control Shelties at least 8 years of age. However in order to reach our objectives, we are in need of more samples. Specifically we need samples from dogs with a biopsy confirmed diagnosis of TCC and healthy, aged controls. In addition, we ask that you please keep us updated as to the health of your participating dogs. Also, if you have provided us with a sample in the past and if your dog recently celebrated his/her eighth birthday in good health, let us know. If your dog has received a diagnosis of cancer since a sample was submitted, please fax or mail the veterinarian's report to us at the address below. Updates can be sent to us either by phone, email, or through our online survey at http://research.nhgri.nih.gov/dog_genome/, which can be accessed with the password: Missy07. Finally, if you are new to our study and would like to participate and you need information or a sample collection kit, please contact:

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Each kit contains a one page consent form, a pair of vials for collecting 5-10 cc of blood at your veterinarian's office, and instructions for handling the collected sample. The collection kit is provided in a small cardboard mailer tube approved by the Post Office. A return address label is also included so that the materials can be returned to the lab easily. Blood can be mailed at room temperature without cold packs.

As always, your participation in the study and any information you provide us will remain confidential. Specifically, your participation in the study, your dog's pedigree, health information you provide, and any data we get from your dog's DNA sample will not be disclosed to any breeders, Club personnel, the AKC, or the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

This has been an exciting year for TCC research and we feel very optimistic about the progress we have made. None of this would have been possible without your dedication to this wonderful breed and its health. We hope our work will determine the genetic cause of TCC so that steps can be taken toward the prevention of this terrible disease. With your continued participation and enthusiasm, we are making great strides in that direction.



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Dear Darla and all,

I wanted to write a letter and give you up dates on Misty Blu. She has met our vet and did great. First, we have had a lil bit of issues with her being short of breath. When this happens, she walks like she is drunk, both times she was chasing a ball....so off to the vets we went.

Misty will not be doing fly-ball as we have found out her throat is too tiny and she breathes so fast when she chases the ball she can't easily catch her breath. This small airway restricts air flow. We have thought that that's OK she is really awesome.

Secondly, we have started with some more obedience with her. She is exceptionally smart. All basic commands are great with her. She is no longer crated at night,. It is not necessary, she stays in all night, goes out the doggie door every morning around 6 am (she's a little alarm clock!).

As you know when I adopted her, we had adopted 2 others dogs recently., both seniors. Last month we lost our male to oral cancer. Our guy fought like no other, he will be missed. After that, Misty and Michelle have become the best of buds. Everything happens for a reason. I think Misty saved Michelle, because towards Hunter's end, Michelle became sad and depressed. Misty took Michelle and off these girls went. It is great they have each other.

Michelle has finally lost her weight, between chasing squirrels and running with Misty she is down to around 24 pounds. Misty is 32 pounds and the vet says to keep her there, she looks great.

Due to an unfortunate mishap with one of my children, my 18 month old granddaughter Elizabeth (Lizzy) is staying with us right now. You would not believe it, Darla, if you saw it with your own eyes. Liz goes nowhere without Misty and Misty nowhere without Liz. They play ball together, and share goldfish crackers. Misty even chased the wildflower sprinkler and got down right wet with Lizzy yesterday,. Liz and Misty crawl back and forth through the doggie door,! When Liz goes to bed, Misty follows. Papa put them both in the big yellow wagon and Misty just stayed right there with the baby, they are best friends. So once again, Misty was there when someone was down and needed love and attention i in a tough time.

Misty, rather hyperactive when we adopted her, has calmed way down. It's so strange how Misty just knows. We remember you telling us, no small children, so we thought "back to the crate standing over the baby and no freedoms", we all have been fooled. We are so happy to have Misty and the love and joy she brings us. I hope in the future that I could get a canine good citizen certificate with her and bring her to my nursing home for all to enjoy. Misty has a gift, it is starting to shine through. I wanted to share my story. I will continue to send letters of her progress. Again, thank you so much for her. Cassie Podgorski

8-7-2010

Dear Darla,

Today Sebastian has loved on us for 5 years. Since we think he was 3 when we got him, we celebrate today as his 8th birthday. He has had a bath, good brushing and mat removal and will be getting a cheeseburger and fries for his birthday lunch.

Thanks for letting us adopt your "favorite" furry, rescue boy.

Brenda McCollum



HAPPY DANCE



LADD, has gone to a new home ! His new owners have a private plane and summer home in the Bahamas'. LADD has his own golf cart...to toodle around in, and a beach to play on. LADD has tons of grandchildren to keep up with and we are terribly happy about this placement. Keith and Diane have a forever friend... Congratulations to all of you.

AND

Our little girl Sassy who came with LADD from Alabama at 14 months of age, Being a real live wire and excellent concentration skills has become "NIKE" and has gone to a wonderful home in Tallahassee with a very experienced "performance" person. We've already heard that she is learning by leaps and bounds and is loved dearly. Congratulations to Ms Randy and Nike.



We also have bad news:

Our Scarlett diagnosed with Mast Cell Cancer... We are keeping her comfortable and using holistic methods to prolong her life happily until she is ready to crossover the Rainbow Bridge.

Our new boy Skippy, who was found by a JSO Officer and his wife, in a ditch (being beaten by a teenager), JSO turned him over to Diane Hightman who got him to us... is now having major grand-mal seizures. This isn't something the normal pet owner would want to deal with although many people do. It isn't fatal. Dogs don't usually die from seizures. So Mr Skippy will be spending the rest of his days with us. He is on Phenobarbital, and a good diet, and a few holistic concoctions and he continues to be a happy sweet loving dog! Please keep them both in your prayers.

Skippy



Scarlett

