

Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue

Have A Great 4 th



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Sheltie Meet-Up.

Please see website for more information.
<http://www.meetup.com/The-Jacksonville-Shetland-Sheepdog-Meetup-Group/>

Nancy & Mark Erickson are founders and there are 75 members.

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

TO THE WAR DOG

To the memory of silent footsteps
that beside us once did fall
We pause but for a moment
and in reverence do recall
For the hand that held the leash
they served our country well
therefore we who do remain
will their stories ever tell
Some did come home
along with us tails held high
while others left empty collars
and in foreign soil now silently they lie
They are forever our guardian angels
clad in soft and colored fur
as present now in our hearts
as they ever and always were.

By: Christopher Dion



We've taken in 8 Shelties this past week. Seven Shelties from a person giving them away on Craigslist "free" to a good home. They told us they could not continue taking care of them. I talked her into letting Sheltie Rescue have them so that they didn't end up going to dog fighters by accident.

Once we took custody they were taken immediately to our Vets office ... Crawling with fleas and filthy dirty. I could not bring them to our home at that time. They had lived in an outside kennel situation. There are three boys aged 7, 11 and 14 years old. There are four girls, two that are two-ish and one that is 5 and one that is 7 years old. None of these dogs are altered.

We asked the Vet to do Heartworm tests, check them out for health problems, and neuter the boys, and spay the girls. All of them were required to have flu and bordetella shots before they would take them in.

Dr Nash called with a report a few hours later. All of them are anemic probably from the flea infestation. Four of seven are heartworm positive. He doesn't want to put any of them under anesthesia this soon to spay and neuter. He wants us to build them up before neutering. All have dental issues. The 11 year old has major heart stuff ongoing, symptoms like coughing and not breathing easily. Dr Nash xrayed him, and said his valves sound fine, but his heart is enlarged most likely from the heartworms.

Well, this is what rescue does. We have never had to handle this many from one source before. Not complaining, just making sure y'all know the extent of what we do.

All of America's Sheltie Rescuers have a motto, the same motto, our motto is "Get The Dog!" If one of us can't handle the numbers, other rescues will jump in and help. Sheltie people are great people.... Owners OR rescuers, we are a special breed!

Now I will share some pictures of the new kids. If anyone would be willing to foster or adopt please get in touch. We especially could use someone to foster or take the two boys. Ernie & I will foster Dakota, the 11 year old with the horrible heart symptoms.

The boys



Dakota, 11 yr old breathing problems—



Phantom 14 yrs

Normal sized Shelties



Samson 7 yr old

The Little Girls



Their size next to a normal size Sheltie, “Pippi”.

More of the little girls.....



Bella 2 ish
May be spoken



Chrissy
7 yrs old



Lady
5 yrs old



Hannah
2 ish yrs old

There is another precious dog who joined our family last week.

Her name is "Curtsy" <Pleased to Meet You !>

Curtsy is 4 and 1/2 years old. Her Mom was very sad to give her to us, but there is a child in the family very allergic to her.

Curtsy is a wonderful, loving and kind spirit. She was never abused, has always been treated with love, respect and kindness as any family member should be. It is with great sadness & a deep feeling of loss that she has been given up. Former owners want to see her in a forever home where she will be as loved as they have loved her and that she will be spoiled with love, hugs, pets and kisses by her new



Play It Safe On Independence Day !

It happens every year. Every rescue group and rescue list in the US prints a warning to "Keep your dogs safe" - safe from fireworks, safe from the noise, safe in your house.

It happens every year. There are notices in the newspaper, on websites, anguished emails and phone calls to Rescuers saying, "My dog was frightened by the fireworks and ran away. I can't find him/her, or even them."

Please remember:

1. When a dog runs from sudden loud noises, they run fast and they run far. They run to places they have never been before and do not know how to get home again. They also will not stop and look before they cross a road or a highway!
2. Although you may enjoy watching the beautiful display in the sky, your dog only hears the noise and they don't like it!! Don't expect them to sit quietly beside you as you watch a firework display.
3. Sudden loud noises do not, unfortunately, occur only on the 4th of July. They may, and do, occur in the week before and after the 4th!
4. Be careful even if you have your dog on a leash. As you know, a sheltie's head is smaller than his neck, and even in the appropriate type of collar (a martingale or slip chain), they can be very clever at ducking their heads to get out of that collar!
5. Hopefully your dogs are already microchipped. If not, consider getting that done. It is something you will never regret, whether it is the 4th of July or the 23rd January. Hey, you never know!!

**Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue thanks our vets for their care of all of our animals.
We truly appreciate their kindness and professionalism.**

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A fundamentalist Christian couple felt it important to own an equally fundamentally Christian pet. So, they went shopping.

At a kennel specializing in this particular breed, they found a dog they liked quite a lot. When they asked the dog to fetch the Bible, he did it in a flash. When they instructed him to look up Psalm 23, he complied equally fast, using his paws with dexterity. They were impressed, purchased the animal, and went home (piously, of course).

That night they had friends over. They were so proud of their new fundamentalist dog and his major skills, they called the dog and showed off a little.

The friends were impressed, and asked whether the dog was able to do any of the usual dog tricks, as well. This stopped the couple cold, as they hadn't thought about "normal" tricks.

Well, they said, "let's try this out."

Once more they called the dog, and they clearly pronounced the command, "Heel!"

Quick as a wink, the dog jumped up, put his paw on the man's forehead, closed his eyes in concentration, and bowed his head.

Dog's Nail Clippers

Upstairs in momma's secret drawer
She keeps a monster thing of horror,
It bites and tries to eat our toes,
Why it does that no one knows!
We bark and fuss and wiggle and squirm,
But our dad and momma hold us firm.
This thing of horror makes a noise,
Although it's squeaky - it's not like toys,
It's a squeaky, snippy, clippy thing,
It has sharp teeth and a big strong spring
Sometimes, after it eats our feet,
We get something good to eat.
But one day, when no one else is home
And we are left here all alone,
We'll sneak it out, and none will know
We sent it where the odd socks go.

Author unknown

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.

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

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

Nonie Willard & Margaret Jones owned by Piper & Annie

Carrie Andolina who has 2 of our rescue kids

Donna Smith Owned by Rebound and others.

Robin Scheiderman

Jan & Joe Pieroni

Other Donations

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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.

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

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The paper work never ends. Always paper work



Blanco

If anyone wants to adopt a dog and they don't know if they want a puppy or an older dog I will rent Blanco out to them for 2 days and the decision will be made, older dog. But I do love the little stinker

John, The Wild Bunch

What to do if your Sheltie bolts !

Most important is to "get the word out" on foot to every household in the area. Not everyone gets a newspaper, nor do they read the LOST ads. If there are signs out, attention is drawn to the fact that there is a lost sheltie. On any posters/notices/ads place the information that the dog is microchipped or tattooed (hopefully they are). I had one returned almost immediately after I added that. The dog we believe had been "removed" from its yard unwillingly and when it was known that the dog could be positively identified even at a later date, it was returned. Could help.

Do large posters 14X21 in very bold print, that could be seen by a passing vehicle, with a telephone number of someone immediately available to check out a sighting. Make it brief, no long explanations on why the dog got loose, etc. No small size signs. You want someone driving by to be able to see the phone number easily, so that if they spot the dog they could call from a cell phone. Put "PLEASE DO NOT CHASE!" on your signs, as a chased sheltie will run like the wind! Try writing big red letters on poster "BELOVED Child's PET." Maybe you'll tug at someone's heartstrings if they think the dog belongs to a child. We all have this feeling of sadness and helplessness. People almost always will try to help a lost "sheltie"...say "sheltie" on your advertising mode, but also in smaller print say "miniature collie"...because some people are NOT smart enough to know what a sheltie is. We care not about semantics at this point in time, call it a miniature collie!

POSTERwe use two 8 1/2 x 11 sheets of paper, one on the top and one on the bottom with a picture of the dog in the middle. We cover the whole poster with clear "Contact" shelf paper. This makes the poster waterproof and it'll last for weeks.

If this dog was a timid dog to begin with...he will be hiding, petrified. When hunger finally overtakes fear, he will venture out of his hiding place. That is when the mass notification of the whole area will pay off. Hopefully, somebody will see him and call a phone number from a sign or one of those business cards. At that point somebody needs to GO, right then... because the dog is going have fear overtake hunger and go back to hiding somewhere.

Keep a list of everyone who calls with a sighting and a phone number so that if you get to that place of the sighting and can't figure out what they said, you can call them back and maybe they can meet you there and tell you which way she was headed, etc. Get a map of the area (Mapquest) and mark the sightings on the map....

When someone calls with a sighting, you must go NOW, not hours later...Dogs, especially shelties, do not meander around the same place usually, they seem to be "going" somewhere. Either back to their hideout or a new hideout.

If you get sightings don't chase him, you'll just chase him out of the area. Try to keep him comfortably in the area he is spotted in. Find a place to feed him, so that he feels he can comfortably come back to that spot for food...and then try to beg, borrow or steal a humane trap. Because he is a sheltie he isn't going to go to a stranger to start with, and with his mind set now EVERYBODY is a stranger. The only way you are going to get him is if he happened to run into somebody's yard and gets cornered, or he goes into a trap.

Lost shelties are in "flight" mode. If you think they will come to you when you call them, that has not been my experience. They see a human or a dog and they are gone. They don't wait to see who it is. Don't take a dog with you looking. That has not worked for me ever. The dog is now scared to death... he is in flight mode. IF he did see you he would not hang around to see who it was, he would take off running to find a place to hide.

Be diligent in your search... Don't think he will come home on his own. Sometimes they do, but you cannot take a chance. Make sure everyone knows this dog is being searched for and continually be seen "searching" so if anyone does have the dog, they know you are not going to give up and go away!

If you are thinking someone "has" the dog, because there have been no sightings...Two things. As you are driving around looking...Tape one of those large posters to the back of your vehicle, so everywhere you go, "people" know "somebody" is still looking for this dog, as is not going "to just go away!"

Words of advice from a dog officer - make sure you keep calling dog officers (I believe you MUST physically check the Animal Control facility and Humane Society yourself. Do not leave the decision as to whether a dog in the 'jail' is a Border Collie, Aussie, or a Sheltie up to an inexperienced \$1.95 shelter worker, (JMHO) and vets to check - yes you'll drive them crazy, but better safe than sorry. When you are on foot searching you need to think like a dog. What does she like? Which direction would she be most likely to head? Is there another house/yard in the neighborhood similar to yours? She might be there. If she's crossed a street, she might have a visual barrier preventing her (in her mind) from returning. Follow the lay of the land - which way would you be most likely to go if you were she? Take the path of least resistance. If you come to an area where there is a drainage ditch, or railroad tracks, or high power lines... that is like a highway! Walk it and "quietly" look for the dog. Do not take a chance on scaring her out of the area.

BUT DO NOT GIVE UP! It is perseverance that gets the dog!

Good Luck!

Darla Duffey and Ashley the searcher dog!

Call me if you need me. 904-262-5420