

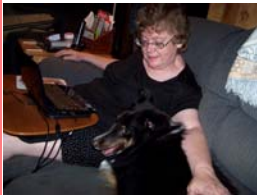
Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue

Happy Father's Day!

New kid on the block for a few days anyway.

On May 30, 2011 we worked a transport from the Houston Sheltie Rescue, with the help of Louisiana Sheltie Rescue (Mary Jo) and a wonderful family that works with Mary Jo from Mississippi. It was Paul & Jan who assisted in transporting this boy from Texas to me in Panama City.

This is Rascal a 1.5 yr old tricolor boy who suffers with seizures. His family couldn't deal with them and their young children.



Before we committed to taking Rascal, I checked with our own Dr Cindy Miller to see if they might be interested in this young dog with this seizure problem.

Dr Cindy and Mike had recently lost their precious Cassie, and Cindy was ready for a snuggler. Rascal is that. Here are some excerpts from emails from Cindy:

1.

Rascal is in his new forever home. We picked him up from Darla and Ernie yesterday. He has been very good so far - house-trained and well-behaved and very sweet. He's a little nervous, but that is to be expected. Mike and I didn't get much sleep last night. Rascal isn't used to the sounds at our house, so he barked often during the night. I hope to wear him out by taking him to work with me today. There is so much to see and do at a veterinary hospital, that I bet he will sleep well tonight. He was a little picky about his food, but I added a half teaspoon of canned food and he cleaned his bowl. Who is training whom, I wonder? He is fine with the cats. Amelia is hissing at him and Merlin put him in his place. Shelley doesn't seem to care. I will keep you posted.

2.

Rascal is doing very well. He is barking less at things as he gets used to our home. He still gets excited about trains, trucks and the rain....and sometimes the air handler....and footsteps....and loud noises. <grin> He also wants to protect me and the staff at the clinic especially when men come in. We're trying to teach him "No bark". After a minute though, he will run in the exam room and lay his head on the client's lap and also wants to play with the small friendly dogs.

I spoke to the veterinary neurologist about Rascal and he thinks that it is unlikely that all of the seizures can be accounted for by Permethrin toxicity. It should not have been in his system two weeks after the application. Therefore, he thought that idiopathic epilepsy is the most likely diagnosis. He also thinks that Rascal should stay on the phenobarbital. If he is seizure-free after 6 - 12 months, we might revisit the idea of weaning him off the medication, but he may just have to stay on it for life.

Sadie is tolerating Rascal very well. If he tries too hard to get her to play or gets too close to her on my bed, she snarls at him a bit. It doesn't seem to phase him at all. He definitely craves attention and wants to be petted frequently and be as near us as possible.

This evening Mike and I took both dogs for a walk. We went the 4 blocks to the Pet Supermarket and bought dog treats, then stopped at Crispers for drinks for us and water for the dogs. We could sit at the outdoor tables there. Then we went back home. Sadie was walking pretty slowly by the end but Rascal wasn't tired at all.

Rascal seems to be a great addition to our family. Thank you very much for getting him to us!

Cindy

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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.

June 18, 2011....2 p.m.
Veterans Park
1332 Veterans Parkway
St Johns, FL 32259

I Want to Save a Rescue Dog

I want to save a rescue dog that no one else would pick.
But please...
I couldn't handle one that was too old...or sick.

I want a dog with fluffy hair that's silky to the touch;
A dog I wouldn't have to groom
(the work would be too much!).

My allergies are bad, and so the dog must never shed
or jump up on my velvet couch
or sleep with me in bed.

The size is not important, but the dog can't be too tall.
And while I'm not being choosy,
I'd prefer he not be small.

Cute and cuddly, sweet and smart
and one who doesn't chew.
Of course he must be housebroken (my carpeting is new).

A dog who's quiet in his crate (I work twelve hours a day);
A dog who isn't hyper,
and yet one who likes to play.

Of course all vetting must be done (it's easier for me).
And I don't want to pay a lot
for an "adoption fee".

Ah, yes...it truly warms my heart to save a dog in need.
I'll pick a dog that no one wants:
a noble choice indeed!

A dog that no one else could love: a homeless dog that's
needy....
I only wish those rescues weren't so fussy--
and so greedy!
Marti Houge

Give me a dog to share my life,
Who's loyal and who's true,
Who couldn't care less if I'm rich or poor,
If my clothes are shabby or new.

Give me a dog who sees in me
Something nobody else can,
Who proves beyond a doubt he is
The very best friend of man.

Give me a dog who knows my voice,
And understands each tone,
Who loves me just the way I am,
And takes me for his own
Give me a dog to share my life,

Teaching

The greatest teachers in the world,
are those we name "dog"
There is much Man's Best Friend will teach us
if only given a chance

They teach us how to laugh,
at the smallest of jests
And the joy of being a puppy,
simply for the sake of silly
They show us the wonder we take for granted
that exists in the world all around us

They teach us that love
can heal all wounds
And simply being near another
is the greatest gift
They love us no matter what we are
and forgive us no matter what we do

They teach us about play
and how any time, any place is game
And how a simple object
can create hours of entertainment
They free us from the mundane
and introduce us to the world of innocence

And when they've taught us everything they can
imparted all the wisdom they were sent to share
Our Soul's Other Half has one final lesson
painful as it must be, they know we need to learn

They teach us how to say goodbye.

GIVE ME A DOG

Give me a dog who trusts me when
He's healthy and he's strong,
And who believes I'll make him well,
If anything goes wrong.

Give me a dog who wags his tail
At the touch of a gentle hand,
And if I'm sad, or if I'm glad,
He's first to understand.

For life grows cold without someone
To lick away your tears,
And everybody needs a dog
...To love them through the years.

Grace E. Easley

Skin and Ear Troubles!

In the United States, spring has brought with it severe drought to some and serious flooding to others. Both of these conditions cause either too much dryness and dust or too much moisture and humidity. When the temperatures get warm, it creates an environment that is perfect for bacteria and/or yeast to flourish.

Skin and Coat

Skin problems can erupt in a variety of ways. You may see issues arise on one specific area, such as the base of the tail, the feet or in another localized area. It may also present issues in large patches on the body. In any of these situations, the first defense is to bathe the dog with a drying type of shampoo, such as those that are oatmeal based. If the itching is due to environmental causes, it should help immediately and provide comfort for at least a short period of time. Bathing removes the offending allergens and gives short term relief. You can use a rinse of $\frac{3}{4}$ water and $\frac{1}{4}$ white vinegar after fully rinsing the dog of the shampoo. This helps remove all the soap from the skin and helps to kill yeast.

If this doesn't solve the problem, I use either a mix of Aloe Vera gel and witch hazel or Thayer's Witch Hazel and Aloe on the affected areas. The witch hazel helps stop the itching temporarily and the Aloe Vera cools and helps heal the affected area.

If the itching and irritation persists, it is time to check for fleas. Even one flea bite on some dogs can cause long term itching and scratching. The best way to check is with a good inspection of the coat and skin. A flea comb can help with this. If you are certain there are no fleas, it is probably time to take your dog to your veterinarian and get a skin scraping and culture, to check for yeast and/or bacteria. Bacterial infections can be treated with antibiotics. Yeast can be corrected with diet and supplements. Yeast likes sugar so it is good to avoid high carbohydrate diets. Home cooked or raw diets work best. Probiotic Powder helps balance the good flora and fauna in the digestive tract, which helps fight and kill yeast.

If the cultures come up negative, you may be dealing with food allergies but those are not common and generally don't develop until the dog is a year of age or older. Food elimination diets work best. For good information on elimination diets, please visit this website:
<http://www.caberfeidh.com/Allergies.htm>

Antihistamines may help! Benadryl can be used in dogs, but please check on dosing with your veterinarian! Another more natural antihistamine is Tasha's Skin and Coat. This is an herbal blend that contains nettles and can help control itching and scratching. You administer this herbal tincture by simply applying the recommended dosage on the gum line twice daily.

Treating skin problems requires consistency and persistence. You need to bathe your dog regularly and continue applying the Thayer's Witch Hazel or Halo Derma Dream to the affected areas to help heal and soothe the skin.

It is also very important to help support the dog's immune system. When a dog's immune system is compromised, it can over react to normal substances in the environment which results in allergic reactions. Good supplements to help the immune system include EPA fish oil capsules. These contain omega 3 fatty acids, which not only help with coat and skin health, but also help with the immune system. Give one capsule per 10 pounds of body weight daily, with food.

The Berte's Immune Blend contains antioxidants, including vitamin C and E, as well as probiotics which help restore normal flora and fauna in the digestive tract. It also contains l-Glutamine, which aids digestion and helps with healing.

Ear Problems

Both humidity and warm weather also tend to bring on ear problems. You may notice your dog shaking their head or holding their head at an angle. A closer inspection may show redness in the ear canal, dampness in the ear or maybe a brown, waxy discharge. A trip to your veterinarian may be in order, to have an ear culture done. Three things can cause ear problems: ear mites, bacteria or yeast. Ear mites are less likely but easy for your veterinarian to see under a microscope. A culture can determine if bacteria are present and also determine what bacteria it is so the right antibiotic can be prescribed. Yeast is often the likely culprit. Heat and humidity create the perfect environment for yeast to grow in the ear canal and, if it gets severe, bacteria can occasionally develop as well. If your veterinarian prescribes an antibiotic to treat a bacterial infection, the antibiotics can cause yeast to develop. Therefore, it is important to add probiotics to the dog's diet during the antibiotic duration and for several weeks after the medication is finished so the good flora and fauna bacteria is restored in the body.

For mild yeast problems in the ear, sometimes a simple remedy of equal parts of water and white vinegar are effective as an ear wash. Clean the ears daily for a week to relieve this problem. PLEASE REMEMBER! Never flood the dog's ears with liquid and then leave the liquid in the ears. Liquid put in a dog's ear daily can cause permanent ear drum damage. It is best to use a small amount and then carefully wipe out any excess. Do check your dog's ears often and use the white vinegar and water rinse as needed. I have also added Aloe Vera to this mixture as it helps cool and heal the ear.

Happy Father's Day to the Dad's and we wish all of you a very Happy and Healthy Summer! Please make sure your dog has fresh water available around the clock during these hot summer months! And just in case you happen to be in an area that is visited by skunks, below is a great recipe for getting rid of skunk odor. I sure hope no one needs to use it!

Recipe for Getting Rid of Skunk Odor

1 quart of 3% hydrogen peroxide

1/4 cup of baking

1 teaspoon of liquid soap

When mixed together, the ingredients in this recipe form an alkaline peroxide. This chemically changes the skunk essence into sulfuric acid, which is a completely odorless chemical. The soap helps break down the skunk essence making it more susceptible to the other chemical. Mix the ingredients in an open plastic or stainless steel container and bathe the animal in the solution. Rinse well and repeat if necessary. This mixture is rather volatile, so do not store this mixture or the jug will explode. Make up this recipe only when you need it and dispose of any remaining mixture after you are done using it.



Bragging Rights Page / Letters from our readers (or the dogs !!)

Had to send a quick email to let you know the latest news on Nike. Although we have mostly been working on self control, she had been in one class and I thought I would enter her in the new AKC Beginner Novice class at our local trial. Not only did she get her first title, but she won the class every trial. Out of a possible 200, her scores were 197, 198 and 199. On the last leg we even had a heeling run off to break a tie and she won! The Beginner Novice Class also happened to be the largest classes of the trial. She defeated about 13 or 14 other dogs. I am a very proud Mom!!! Thanks again Darla for seeing a diamond in the "ruff", Randi Cohen.

P.S. I will have pictures shortly and will email them to you. You can put this info in the next newsletter.

Randi Cohen

My First Year Anniversary by Sophie

I have been told that today is a very special day. I came to live with my family one year ago today. My Mom says that I have to use my voice to tell this story. But, I've heard them say that I use my voice sometimes when I shouldn't. I'm confused!

I like my new home. I have beds in three rooms so I can get comfy if I want to lay on one. However, my very favorite place is to go to what my Mom calls "my cave". It is under the small table for two where they eat. Sometimes I'll even go under there when they eat, but I don't beg because I'm not allowed. The floor is nice and cool, there is a wall to lay against, and I can put my nose between the wall and a table leg. I usually go there when I'm left alone unless it is very chilly, which it hasn't been for a very long time it seems.

I follow my Mom to the room she calls the "sewing room". I call it the bird room because I can look out the window to see the birds. My friend, "Red" pecks on the window and I jump up and bark and scare her away. It is a game we play each day. There is this very noisy machine in this room too. When my Mom uses it, I tell her in no uncertain terms that I don't like it. First because it makes scary noises, but it also takes her time away from playing with me. I often bring toys while she is there; sometimes she'll toss a ball or play tug for a few minutes, but then gets back to work. So I'll take one of what Mom calls my "power naps" for a few minutes until I can get her attention again.

I believe it is my job to keep my family and visiting friends safe. I'm always with them in the room they call the "bath room", and I follow friends there and wait outside the door to escort them back. No one is going to get hurt on my watch. I lay outside that room where all the water washes away dirt. I'll be right there if I'm needed. I also think they need to have more fun, so I may take a ball to toss while they use a towel or sit on that funny chair in this room. I don't, however, like that very noisy thing my Mom uses on her hair. I try to tell her it is dangerous.

Sometimes she'll make me leave the room and close the door. Or she'll ignore me. When that happens, I'll finally get quiet and sit until she is finished. This usually brings words of what a good girl I am.

There is another room they call the "office". They say they work in there on those funny machines that look like a TV to me. They work too much. Play is much more fun, so I take toys out of the box in there to engage them. They'll play a little, but soon I just drop my toys on the floor next to the chair, lay down and take a nap until they are finished. Sometimes I'll go into the office cave under the bed where it's nice and cool and dark. This room is much worse than the "Sewing Room". It's really difficult to get their attention when they look at that evil screen.

I'm good at telling time. At 3:00, I want to go out to my backyard, and I don't want to go by myself. That would not be fun. So Mom will take a book and sit on the swing and read while I chase squirrels, make sure that no helicopter or plane lands in the yard, or bark at joggers and passing cars. I love my yard! It gives me lots of space to run. Mom says I sound like stampeding horses when I run by. And, sometimes I even remember that I'd better go potty while I'm there.

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**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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My First Year Anniversary by Sophie continued

Nights are my favorite playtime. I have my very own toy box. Mom had made me a blankie with my name on it to snuggle, but I'm not a snuggle type. That blankie is a wonderful toss and tug toy. The best part is that I can go get it and shake and shake my head and not get hurt. So I'll play with it for a bit, then I want to play ball. I'm a great catcher. My family claps when I catch the ball in the air. Sometimes it will go in strange places I can't reach, and I'll have to whine to get them to fetch it for me. Balls can get lost for several days, but I always remember where they have gone. They say I have a wonderful memory! My Mom laughs at the way I like to play. She says she has never had a Sheltie that likes to play like me. She thinks she should try to teach me to pick up my toys to put them back in the box; I don't think that is a good idea.

I heard her telling someone that I had played with 11 toys one night and they were all over the floor when it was bedtime. I'm sure she was exaggerating.

I still don't like loud voices. My family gets very quiet when I bark at them when a voice is raised. They also get a sad look on their faces. I wish I could tell them why I don't like voices to get loud. I don't like sounds like slaps or hands moving rapidly either. The first time I barked when a friend slapped her leg, to make a point, everyone got very quiet. Then I started barking when people would talk and move their hands. I especially don't like a hand that is raised when they are talking. If I bark at my Mom when her voice gets loud, she'll tell me she isn't mad and that I shouldn't be scared because this is my forever home. My Dad will pick me up and hold me when they are talking and making plans for things and I think they are mad. Then I see that they aren't mad at each other, just excited about what they are talking. My Mom will laugh too and say that I'm helping her to hold her temper, so I guess they aren't mad at me if a voice is raised. Maybe soon I'll be able to stop being afraid that loud voices might mean that I have to move again.

Ultimately, I'm glad I'm here; and I'm told daily that I'm a real blessing. I guess that is a good thing to be. They also tell me that they didn't rescue me but that I rescued them. It can't be any better than that!

This little gal is owned by Anne and Bob Funkhouser

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

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Carrie Andolina who has 2 of our rescue kids

Donna Smith Owned by Rebound and others.

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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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Type in 'Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue'(Jacksonville, Fl)

Goodsearch donates to charities like us every time you search thru **"Goodsearch"**

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More letters from our friends:

Re: "Rebound"

Donna Smith wrote: "His boots are for when we go on walks...he drags his lame leg and scrapes his nails down to the quick without them! He wears them proudly and gets lots of compliments on them!! ;)"

"He is aging pretty well, he has some arthritis, and other aging issues, but he is still my precious little guy! He loves his brothers, Murray and Titus and just got home from a nice long weekend at the river, which they really enjoy! Were guessing he's about 13 now. He's definitely a sweet boy that I thoroughly

