

# Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue



## “Teddy” Comes To Jacksonville



This is little Teddy. We think he is about 5 years old. He came from the Effingham Animal Control on the day Ted Kennedy was buried. August 29. I've run out of dog names for dogs that come with no names, so I've decided to go with the happenings of the day names. We've never had a Teddy before and he truly is like a little Teddy bear.

Teddy was picked up as a stray. Teddy was crawling with fleas and ticks even after being at that animal shelter for a few days. My friend Pat Sells who lives up in S.C. pulled him from the shelter and met me in Darien, GA with him. Teddy came to us heartworm positive, surprise, surprise! Also fur missing on his face and no hair on the tips of his ears where biting flies had caused this hair to be completely gone.

He blended in and was very affectionate to us. We actually kept him in the living room, mostly alone til he got used to the kayous. He was slowly being switched to our diet and was doing very well.

About 10 days passed. I was gone to a dog show in Biloxi, Ernie was holding down the fort. Teddy went downhill fast. He was almost comatose and Ernie rushed him to Dr Hightman & Dr Sattesan. They administered life saving techniques to Teddy. He was showing severe anemia, very low hematocrit, actually 16, where normal is 37. They found microfilaria (heartworm babies) in his urine. They also found a heart murmur, probably due to the heartworms. He was put on Lactated Ringers, Dexamethasone, B12, Vit K, Lasix, Theophylline plus Dyne liquid supplement if he wasn't eating. Ernie was ordered to keep him resting. They did not expect him to make it thru the weekend, that's how bad this was.

**HE MADE IT BY THE WAY!**

**Teddy has been back to see Dr Lynn and Dr Hightman several times since. His hematocrit is up up to 29 now. He is slowly going off the Steroids. Enalapril and Cardiostrength capsules have been added to his regime.**

**Teddy is intact, and with his heartworm situation it is not feasible to neuter him at this point. Teddy is aggressive to my boys..especially Murphy and Connor. So we are again keeping him in the front of the house, away from the boys, and 'fraternizing' with the old girls.**

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## Two Adoptions in September!! A “Happy Dance Update” on our Rescues !

About August 22, when Sam and Alan were coming back from their vacation we got a call about a Sheltie in N.Georgia. Her name was Katie. Approx 3 yrs old. She was in a not so good circumstance and needed rescue. We made arrangements for Sam to stop and pick Katie up while coming thru GA. While they were driving down I75...someone pulled up along side of her and motioned them to move over to side of the road. Sam didn't know if maybe something was wrong with her vehicle so they moved to the side and stopped.

Well, the gentleman had seen the “Sheltie Rescue” signs on the doors of the vehicle and wanted to talk to Sam about Rescue! Long story short....Several weeks later after application and a home visit done by our Harperville AL extension of Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue, Darla drove Katie to her new owners, Butch & June who live in Birmingham. We met in Tallahassee and Katie went on to her new home! Our last report said she is doing fine and playing with her collie ‘sister’!



**Katie**



Next, little Chloe. Well; not exactly a purebred Sheltie. Maybe a little Pomeranian in her or Corgi. Her owner called and said her young son was deathly allergic to Chloe. She needed to find her a new forever home. Sable & White spayed female. 6 years old. Chloe 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 wanted 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 family. Wishes were granted all the way around. In only two weeks, this little sweetheart found her new forever home with Paula in Panama City Fl. Another trip to Tallahassee to place another lucky baby! It was love at first sight with Paula, and emails since the placement prove Chloe found love at first sight too.



**Chloe**



### Meet Sadie !

Sadie was found on a Saturday, playing in traffic, hungry, covered in fleas and had obviously been lost for awhile. She has two strange stripes down her back where fur has been lost, like someone tried to shave her with a razor. Sadie is a good girl in search of a good home. She is friendly and sociable with other dogs and humans. We have no "test cats" here so don't know about them. :)



This is sweet, shy, small Gabriel, called Gabby for short. Gabby is epileptic and came from a family who wasn't very familiar with medical procedures or epilepsy. They couldn't afford his medical expenses. We waiting for results from a thyroid panel (low thyroid can cause epilepsy), and blood tests that will show his phenol barbital levels and liver values. There are many things which can be done to keep a dog as seizure free as possible, but a bit of work is involved as well as care taken to give the anti-seizure medications as close to exactly 12 hours apart as possible. We have a lot of tips to share if anyone is interested in this great fellow!

### The Jacksonville Shetland Sheepdog Meet-Up.

Our October meetup will be on October 17th at 1111 St. Johns Bluff Rd. N. Jacksonville, FL 32225 We are moving the time up to 3 PM.

We will be having a Halloween party, including a costume contest for the pups. The winning fur-kid will be selected by a vote of everyone present and a prize will be awarded.

Don't forget about JDFA's Hallo-Woof event the following Saturday, where you can participate in their costume contest.

The Jacksonville Dog Fanciers Club, second annual Hallo-Woof event from 9 AM to 4 PM on Saturday October 24. This event is held at the JDFA site at 6932 Morse Avenue. This is about 1.3 miles West of Blanding Blvd. and about 3 miles North of I-295.

The event is in conjunction with the American Kennel Clubs' Responsible Dog Ownership Day. Admission is free, as is the parking. Sheltie Club and Sheltie Rescue will be there doing our RDO Day, with exhibitions and free stuff, also Sheltie memorabilia for sale.

There are many events planned for the day, including a pet costume contest. If you think your dog is ready, they are offering free testing for the AKC Canine Good Citizen award. Thirty-five dogs passed the test last year. There are Flyball and Agility demonstrations planned, as well as the

Sheriff's Office K9 unit and Jacksonville K-9 Obedience club.

There are a lot of vendors and booths. Come on out and stop by the Jacksonville Shetland Sheepdog Club/ Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue booth and say hello.

You must keep your pet on leash. No free-running Shelties this year.

## Your Letters (We love to get them!)

Hi Darla- I just wanted to update you on Sara! She is doing great... she had previously been diagnosed as in the early stages of renal disease, but with a low protein/low phosphorous diet we were able to bring her back into normal levels! She is now on Calcitrol as routine care for staving off the renal disease as long as we can. She does have pretty significant periodontitis, but rather than pulling her teeth at her age the vet has put her on pulse therapy with Clindamycin the first week of every month and she is responding quite well. She has no problem chewing, thankfully, but has developed a VERY finicky habit of eating. She is quite stubborn, and knows she can wear me down on the food side and I will cave and give her a Milkbone, or put some tomato sauce on her special diet food. We now live in Buffalo, where I work as a senior financial analyst after graduation from the Business School at Cornell with my MBA. This picture was taken with my BlackBerry after she was groomed back in Ithaca in May right before I graduated. The bows didn't last long, but I couldn't resist taking the picture before I took them out!

Cheers, and thank-you for giving us Sara!  
I know my younger dog thrives on her company as well...

Daria (and Sara and Nimitz)

Sadie with her pretty blue bows!!



Hi Darla and Ernie: Excellent newsletter!!!! It just keeps getting better every month. I was thrilled to see those beautiful shelties getting a forever family. "Major happy dances". As always, thank you for all the helpful info especially from Sam on the vestibular issues. We had a few experiences with our Jesse on the zoning out and going in circles. It was horrifying the first time it happened. We thought she was having a stroke. After rushing her to the ER, spending 500 dollars, everything was normal much to our relief. Some good news to report. We adopted our Reggie, formerly Regal, from you about a year ago and he was heartworm positive. We put him on heartworm preventative medicine for 6 months but unfortunately when he was tested it came back high. Dr. Coral, who is my vet" from Creekside treated him and he went in for his annual this week and he is free of them. He is doing well and continues to be a very beautiful, dignified boy. Best regards to you and Ernie for all your love and devotion,  
Nancy Crowe

Darla, It's strange how things work. A friend of Velma's at Navy Federal found lost boy here living behind a refrigerator in a neighbor's garage. Once Velma's friend was able to track him she took him to the vet.

Ear infections, matted hair, long toe nails, worms, but not heart worms. Once Velma's friend had gotten "lost boy" to the vet, she thought of Velma. So we may have number 5 again. Velma's friend has 6 dogs already.

The vet thinks he's between 3 and 4, no collar and not chipped. This lady lives close I-10 so we think he was dropped. He walks well on a leash.

We're going to see him Saturday.

Peter Stuart (who adopted Whitey & Stubby from us plus two others)

## 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

**Peter & Velma Stuart (Pace, Fl) 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, and their well-loved senior dogs, Lady & Dee**

### Other Donations

**Prudential Foundation Matching Donation from Nancy Erickson**

**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.**

**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](mailto:dduffey@aol.com), the same as my email address.**

### **Help us pay our vet bills for our rescued Shelties by:**

Searching the Internet at [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) (instead of Google)-- powered by Yahoo, or "www.Goodshop.com"

Type in 'Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue'(Jacksonville, Fl) as the charity.

Goodsearch donates to charities like us every time you search thru "Goodsearch" or a portion of your purchases at online stores are donated back to us.

Here is a short list of Online stores that participate:

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Banana Republic	Macy's	Target
Barnes & Noble	Office Depot	Wal-Mart
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Home Depot	Pet Smart	Expedia
Itunes	Quill	Flowers.com
Kohls	QVC	Gap

John Steinbeck wrote the following. "I've seen a look in Dog's eyes, a quickly vanishing look of amazed contempt, and I am convinced that basically, dogs think humans are nuts!"

Next time you look into your friend's eyes, tell

him you are doing your best and thanks for putting up with the human race :)

## Canine Health

If there are any issues you would like to see us cover in this section, please contact Sam (Mantha1999@aol.com). Please note - put "SR Newsletter" into the subject line of your email. I get a lot of mail and it will make sure your note gets the proper attention and into the correct folder.

Sorry folks, no time to do much of an article on health this month. At the end of August, our little guy - Button - suddenly started having small focal seizures. A day later we were at the Neurologists and then we had to wait for an MRI and spinal tap. Button apparently developed GME, Granulomatous MeningoEncephalitis. This condition in its worst form (Diffuse GME) can kill in 8 days. Fortunately, Button has the "Focal" form of GME. We have been on needles and pins throughout September and early October, waiting to find out if the medications would control the problem. It now appears likely it will, at least for awhile.

We were lucky to have the North Florida Neurological Clinic so close to us. Many neurologists treat only with prednisone (a steroid that can cause its own problems with long term use); other neurologists add in a second immune-suppressive drug called cyclosporine. Our clinic prefers to use Azathioprine, an immune suppressive drug used in humans to help prevent organ rejection. The clinic has had good results with this drug, used on an every other day basis, with most dogs surviving 4 to 5 years and one dog survived 9 years. This far above the general average of this disease (14 months per the available literature).

We are hopeful that since Button is only two years and since we are downright anal about giving his meds at the proper time in the proper dosage, that Button will beat the 9 year record. The challenge right now is for us to reduce his prednisone slowly AND gradually.

My own vet, Dr Turman, tells me it is all too common for her clients to rush to reduce pred or skip the reduction phase totally. This....is.....baaad!! If your dog is ever on prednisone for more than a day or two, please talk to your vet about how you gradually reduce the prednisone to nothing. It could mean the difference between life and death at worst, between making your dog feel pretty awful for a few days at best.



Button DiMaio-Leach, adopted.  
Born with Cerebellar Disease

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

New here as of October 8. There are listed on Petfinder for more information. Will have more on them next month.



**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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**NEW TITLES FOR DOGS**

**BD Bed Dog**

- \* Waits to be invited on the bed.
- \* Able to get on bed by self.
- \* Snuggles next to you when you are alone in bed.
- \* Remembers not to scratch in bed.
- \* Knows not to eliminate in bed.

**BDX: Bed dog excellent:**

- \* All the above plus:
- \* Able to get up on bed between two sleeping adults and
- \* Finds a comfortable place without disturbing people.
- \* Jumps off bed without waking anyone up.
- \* Does not leap off bed barking if a cat walks through the room.

**UBD: Utility bed dog:**

- \* All of the above plus:
- \* Able to get up on bed with a person and at least one other dog, and find a good space without awakening person.
- \* Has learned not to let gas while in bed.
- \* Does not leap off bed barking even if other dogs in household start barking.

**UBDX: Utility bed dog excellent:**

- \* All of the above plus:
- \* Wipes feet before getting on bed.
- \* Gets on bed with another dog and two cats and a person without disturbing person.
- \* Rearranges cats to get closer to person.
- \* Blames cat if lets gas in bed.
- \* Does not leave bed until person is ready to get up in the morning.

How many of your dogs qualified??



## Or-game-nization

Ok we has used the no thumbs skuse long nuff an we has changed our tasktics, we is usein or-game-nization now. Yer pawbably wunnerin what this is, wail it's a new werd we figured out to splain how we are gonna beat humans at their own game cause they are a berry resourceful adversary. Ya see we has ta organize better an ifn yer gonna get a dog ta due ennythin we has ta make a game outta it, so ya has the new werd or-game-inazation.

Now the ways we looks at it is furst ya hasta has more than one dog, then ya has ta has teams an the dogs needs ta be put on teams cordin to their talents. Now one dog may has more than one talent so they may be on more than one team. We has broken down the teams as follows:

1- **Cute team**, now it ain't to say we ain't all cute cause we is but some dogs has cute thins they do that makes the stoopid humas goes AWWWWW. These dogs is also distraction dogs so we can get da job done. Now what job is dat ya ask, wail mostly to steal food but theirs also other tasks like gettin outta gettin b\*ths an gettin in the house when the humans wants us in the out. Now these dogs hasta sacraface sometimes cause whil dey distract humans we can eats some good stuff.

2- **Search N Distroy team**, now these dogs is used ta search out foods. The quirements fur this job is to has a strong nose fur smellin. Now our bestest food smeller is course Evelyn an anutter is Myst. Evelyn can smell food ennywhere but Myst is good at smellin stuff in hidden places. Myst can open cabinett doors an she can usually find some good stuff in boxes. She has also taken Rhythm N Rhyme udder her paw an is teachin them these pawtant tasks an Rhythm did find some good strawberry Nutri-Grain bars yestfurdays in the cabinett an got dem out fur some of us while Dad was bein distracted by Magic of the cute team. Ya see how this werks now.

3- **Reconnaissance team**, now ifn yer human leafs ya out an it looks like they is doin some cookin or ya just wanna be wif dem ya has to has a recon team to fine out weakness in de-fences an dey has ta be cunnin nuff to breach des de-fences. Like coupla days ago Fancy found out dat ifn she gots her nose tween the metal gate an the fence she could open it up nuff to squeeze through so bout 4 of us followed her til fluffy Sugar got stuck an had to cry ta let Dad knows she needed help. So werd to da wise ifn yer fluffy yer stuck. Now Trailer is pawbably da best at findin ways out an he's smart nuff not to get out when Dad is watchin. Sneaky Dad'll eben try to hide an watch him but we is too smart fur him an wait til he turns his back.

4- **Alert team**, now when the humans want ta do sumpin bad likegive us b\*ths an we is in the out some dog has ta warn us so we won't come runrunrunin in. The biggest mouf here is pawbably Priss the Pest an she always lettuce know. Anutter job of the alert team is described below.

5. **Fake em out team**, now parts of the job of some members of the Recon Team is ta fake out the humans. Ya see what this job means is dat when ya gets out of the yard ya goes round to the front an jump on the door den the alert team will barkbarkbark ta lets Dad nose a dog is out front. Now when Dad lets us in we has ta fake him out fur the udder dogs. So ya hasta goes to the back door an bark likes ya wanna goes out then when he opens the door ya back away so the udder dogs can come in. Now ya gots to remember that ya don't has ta be on the recon team to fake Dad out at the back door cause ennybody can do it so we is all on the fake em out team.

Now is their enny thin we left out you dogs can think of, we are sure some of you dogs has tried other things that will werk. Ya nose we has to stick together ifn we ever wanna beat these humans.

The Wild Bunch

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