

Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue

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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

September 2011



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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 .

Here but not yet on the website....

On August 20, I drove to Tallahassee and met a transport containing this very sweet 6 yr old. She was relinquished to Lynnhaven Animal Control (Panama City) by her owners. Her name is "Fortune". She is Sable and White and was matted to the skin and full of fleas. Fortune weighs 23 lbs. She is also heartworm positive. Apparently, someone really didn't give a rip or perhaps they have fallen on hard times.

Ernie zapped her down with the clippers so that we could bathe her. Tomorrow she'll go to the groomers and we'll try to make her *pretty* and naked. She appears to be a real sweetheart, plays with toys and also rough-houses with our adopted poodle "Sunny".

We are praying the right home will come along for this sweetheart.



Our next Sheltie child...came to us on August 24. Also 6 yrs old and she weighs 40lbs. Her name is Ginger and she is healthy and heartworm negative. She is a jewel. She does not know a stranger. She also plays with toys and other Shelties here. Ginger was relinquished because her owner was moving from a house to an apartment. She is a local dog.



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

Please send us stories about your sheltie(s) (or even the collie, border collie, newfie or mix you adopted from us) and their accomplishments or just something rather unique or silly that they do. We'd love photos of them as well. You can send the info to either Darla at DDuffey@aol.com

9-3-2011

Dear Darla,

Just wanted to drop you a note to let you know what a "LOVE " Lady Bug has been the past 24 hr. What a sweet soul! We finally heard her bark and was thrilled, she was soooooo quiet. She loves tennis balls and squeaky soft toys. Needless to say, she has a brand new box of "her" toys. She couldn't care less about the cat, although the cat is not sure of her yet. The teens are in love with her and everyone who has come to visit is also. We just wanted to thank you for "rescueing" her. I am sure if she could talk, she would have quite the story to tell. Thanks

Sincerely, Rose from Lady Bugs forever home.

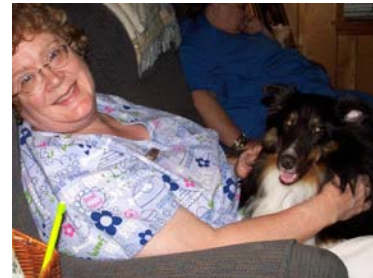
P.S. Have stuffed two pillows worth of fur from her daily brushings, LOL!

Hi, all,

Here's some recent pictures of Rascal with Mike and me. Rascal and Sadie have been going to work with me every day. The staff and clients just adore them. Rascal recently insisted on going into the room and comforting a client after we euthanized her 20 year old chihuahua. He seemed to know that she was upset and leaned against her to be petted. We were all very touched by his gesture.

Cindy

Dr. Cindy Miller, Relief Veterinarian



Darla,

Thank you so much for mentioning my little Casey boy in your most recent newsletter. It, of course, brought tears to my eyes. I miss him so very much. He was such an extraordinary boy and there's a big, big hole in my heart. I had 7 yrs. alone with him before I got the sheltie mix rescue I have now. And yes I have so many stories and consequently memories about him. It's all very bittersweet rightnow. It is what it is and I know it will get better but it takes time. He was such a big part of my life because of who he was. I knew exactly what he was saying just by the way he looked at me. Very smart guy. I tell people I love shelties for many reasons but one of them is they seem to come into this world almost already trained. They are so easy to live with. The best roomies ever, really! Just wanted to correspond and let you know how much it meant to me to see a piece dedicated to Casey in your newsletter.

He was the perfect sheltie! My days aren't the same without him, that's for sure.

Shelley, coping as best I can

8-10-2011

We do enjoy the newsletter and to tell you the truth, I cry for all the shelties, not for their owners, God knows they are hurting, but I guess for our little Max.

Now for the good news, Keegan has a personality that can't ever be matched, He is a child and not a dog and God forbid you leave him home to go grocery shopping, you can count on getting really chewed out when you get home. He is by our sides all the time, but I feel he knows when he gives attention to one of us, because he will come over to the other and he bites on our clothes to let us know he loves us.

We have plans if and when the home in Mississippi sells, we are going to stop by and let you see the transition from show dog to a little boy in this family. We love him so much and he has filled a void that we never felt could happen, Not to say that Max is out of our minds, but Keegan is a constant reminder that Max knew we needed someone to fill the void and this little guy has done that and so much more.

He is sending a check to help out .

Love to all

the Gullones Donald , Marcella, Keegan

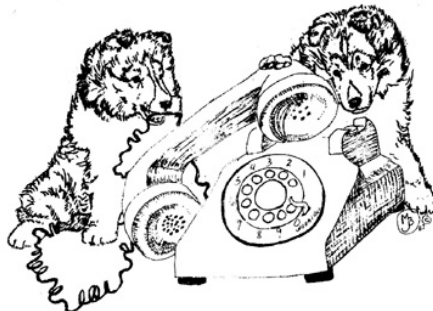


Darla

How easily I can feel the pain of the losses. Mr. Bear, Teddy Bear, Cassie, and Mr. Neal (the last two came as hospice).....Each one brought their own stories, victories and pain.

You have a wonderful newspaper, Darla. Keep it up.
PJ, Caleb, and the fur kids

He is your friend, your partner, your defender, he is your dog.
You are his life, his love, his leader.
He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart.



Happy Dancing ...Shelties in New Homes !

Happy Dance, Ladybug has gone to a great home in Fernandina Beach. She has 16 year old twins to take care of her as well as a super MOM.

I really think after reflection that Ladybug was part or all Collie... At any rate she is in a great new home



Little Bi black Bella has made her way to Jax Beach. Her new sisters name is CC. CC is the famous "Hopper" (North Florida Sable-Tufted Bed Hopper :-)) from last months newsletter. She looks gorgeous! She is a bit of a handful because of the situation she came from, but with a lot of patience she is coming around. Thx Dave & George.



This past week we placed the tiny Hannah. She also is going to be a handful for her new parents. But; they also are dyed in the wool Sheltie people, so I know Hannah will be fine. Susan & Stuart have recently lost a Sheltie and they are hurting. Hopefully Hannah will fill a space in their hearts.



Still waiting.....



Here but not really adoptable.

Duffy
Tyler
Pumba
Cody

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

Mandarin

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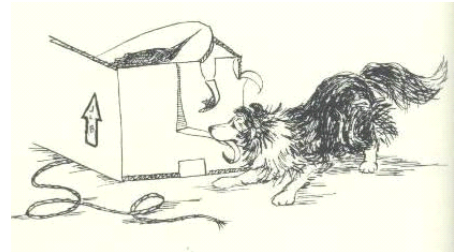
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Dear Sweet Bandit...5/18/2001—8/17/2011 Bladder Cancer

God knew that you were suffering.
That the hills were hard to climb
So He gently closed your eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine."

In tears we watched you sinking
We watched you fade away
Our hearts were surely broken
You fought so hard to stay

But when we saw you sleeping
So peaceful, free from pain
We could not wish you back
To suffer that again

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

By Constance Jenkins



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 AND Bella, the little Bi Black girl.

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

Nonie Willard & Margaret Jones owned by Piper.

Carrie Andolina who has 2 of our rescue kids

Other Donations

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Donna Smith Owned by Rebound and others.

Donald & Marcella Gullone and Keegan.

Shelley Reid in Memory of Casey.

Paul and Donna Irwin owned by Lisa and Bucky.

Tom & Mary Mackner in Memory of Briana.

Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue is a 501 c 3 Charity. This means if you donate to help our Shelties the amount allowed by law 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, 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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A Prayer for Animals

Hear our humble prayer, O God, for our friends the animals, especially for animals who are suffering; for any that are hunted or lost or deserted or frightened or hungry; for all that must be put to death.

We entreat for them all Thy mercy and pity, and for those who deal with them we ask a heart of compassion and gentle hands and kindly words. Make us, ourselves, to be true friends to animals and so to share the blessings of the merciful.

Albert Schweitzer

Signs Of HEATSTROKE

On a sunny day with temperatures at or above 70° Fahrenheit, most people know that the temperature inside their car can soar to intolerable levels for their dog. But even outdoors in a non-shaded area, the heat can quickly get to your pooch and cause serious complications.

Dogs do not perspire the way humans do; in fact, the only sweat glands that they have are on the pads of their feet. Dogs pant to cool themselves and also use a temperature exchange called convection to cool their skin. Both panting and convection cool the body by exchanging the warm body temperatures for the cooler air outside. If the surrounding air is not considerably cooler than the animals' body temperature - as in the case of a hot, stuffy automobile - the cooling system will not work and heatstroke can occur. View our "How to Keep Your Dog Cool in Hot Weather" Video

Signs of heatstroke include:

- Increased heart rate
- Excessive panting
- Increased salivation
- Bright red tongue
- Red or pale gums
- Thick, sticky saliva
- Depression
- Weakness
- Dizziness
- Vomiting (sometimes with blood)
- Diarrhea

As heatstroke progresses, it can cause seizures, coma, cardiac arrest, and death.

What Should I Do If My Dog Gets Heatstroke:

Remove your dog from the hot area immediately. Prior to taking him to your veterinarian, lower his temperature by wetting him thoroughly with cool water (for very small dogs, use lukewarm water), then increase air movement around him with a fan. Be careful, however, as using very cold water can actually be counterproductive. **CAUTION:** Cooling too quickly and especially allowing his body temperature to become too low can cause other life-threatening medical conditions. The rectal temperature should be checked every 5 minutes. Once the body temperature is 103°F, the cooling measures should be stopped and your dog should be dried thoroughly and covered so he does not continue to lose heat. Even if your dog appears to be recovering, take him to your veterinarian as soon as possible, he should still be examined since he may be dehydrated or have other complications.

Allow free access to water if your dog can drink on his own. Do not try to force-feed cold water; as he may inhale it and could choke.

How Can Heatstroke Be Prevented

Keep pets with predisposing conditions like heart disease, obesity, older age, or breathing problems cool and in the shade. Even normal activity for these pets can be harmful.

Provide access to water at all times.

Do not leave your pet in a hot parked car even if you're in the shade or will only be gone a short time. The temperature inside a parked car can quickly reach up to 140 degrees.

Make sure outside dogs have access to shade.

On a hot day, restrict exercise and don't take your dog jogging with you. Too much exercise when the weather is very hot can be dangerous.

Do not muzzle your dog.

Avoid places like the beach and especially concrete or asphalt areas where heat is reflected and there is no access to shade.

Wetting down your dog with cool water or allowing him to swim can help maintain a normal body temperature.

Move your dog to a cool area of the house. Air conditioning is one of the best ways to keep a dog cool, but is not always dependable. To provide a cooler environment, freeze water in soda bottles, or place ice and a small amount of water in several resealable food storage bags, then wrap them in a towel or tube sock. Place them on the floor for your pet to lay on.

You can prevent your pet from suffering heatstroke. Use common sense and think of what it might feel like to wear a fur jacket (that cannot be removed) on a hot summer day.

The Creation

When God had made the earth and sky
the flowers and the trees,
He then made all the animals
the fish, the birds and bees.

And when at last He'd finished
not one was quite the same.
He said, "I'll walk this world of mine
and give each one a name."

And so He traveled far and wide
and everywhere He went,
a little creature followed Him
until it's strength was spent.

When all were named upon the earth
and in the sky and sea,
the little creature said, "Dear Lord,
there's not one left for me."

Kindly the Father said to him,
"I've left you to the end.
I've turned my own name back to front
and called you dog, My friend."

Author Unknown

I was chosen today
I'm learning to fly
the world took me away,
but please don't you cry

And I chose you today
to try and be strong
so please don't you cry
and don't say that I'm gone

When you're feeling alone
just remember our love,
I'm up near the stars
looking down from above.

Remember our love
In a moment you'll see
that I'm still here beside you
when you're thinking of me.

Julie Epp