

Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue

Happy Dance !

Jax Sheltie Rescue
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These two are the litter brothers that have been raised together and I am happy to tell you we placed them together.

They will be two years old in September. They are very well behaved. They play and tussle with each other. They are really neat Shelties ! We seldom get dogs this young and this well behaved.

They have gone to Tallahassee with a Veterinarian who is going to give them a "job". They will be taught obedience and agility.

Their teacher I understand is the gal that adopted "Sassy" from us and subsequently renamed her "Nike".



Beau



Duke

Blue Bella's little brother Blue Buddee also has a tentative home. They will be picking him up next Saturday. These are former adopters whose adopted sheltie has passed away, and they've come back to us for another.



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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

May 14, 11...2 p.m.
Veterans Park
1332 Veterans Parkway
St Johns, FL 32259



The Diarrhea Dilemma

A common topic when discussing nutrition and diets is how well dogs digest their food. Raw diet proponents brag about small, hard stools that blow away in the wind. Home cooked advocates remark on similar attributes, including fewer odors and commercial dog food supporters look for fewer ingredients and/or no grains for smaller stools. But occasionally, any dog on any diet can develop diarrhea.

What Causes Diarrhea?

The first question is what causes diarrhea and loose stools? The 3 most common causes are too much food, too much fat or too much fiber.

A dog needs about 2% to 3% of their body weight daily in food. When we over feed them, loose stools can result. Try reducing the amount food given by a little bit. You don't want to reduce the amount by more than 10%.

A second most common problem is having too much fat in the diet. This can be caused by feeding foods that are too fatty (whole eggs, fatter meats such as lamb, pork and chicken WITH the skin on). Simply reducing the amount of fat by using lower fat food choices will help.

Too much fiber creates too much bulk in the diet. This creates larger and messier stools. Fiber sources include carbohydrates, especially grains and starches (such as potatoes, sweet potatoes, carrots and winter squash). Try using fewer carbohydrates (no carbohydrates are needed in a raw diet, but cooked diets should be comprised of about 25% carbohydrates). In commercial diets, add some fresh animal based protein and whole foods such as yogurt or cottage cheese. Fresh animal based proteins can include lean meats and canned fish such as mackerel or sardines.

Loose stools can develop in raw diets, if not enough raw meaty bones are fed. Remember, the diet needs to be approximately 50% raw meaty bones. Using chicken necks, skinless backs, turkey necks and pork neck bones can help firm the stool. Conversely, too much bone can cause constipation so remember the 50% rule. Should the stools get too hard on 50% raw meaty bones, use meat with more fat and less boney cuts such as chicken leg quarters, pork ribs, lamb ribs and pork tails.

There are some home remedies you can try for upset stomachs. For diarrhea, try giving plain, canned pumpkin. For small dogs, use about ½ to 1 teaspoon per meal. Medium sized dogs would use 1 to 2 teaspoons and a large dog would get a tablespoon.

For vomiting, boil a cabbage and save the liquid. Let the liquid cool. Give one cc per ten pounds of body weight as needed.

Sometimes diarrhea can be a chronic problem. In this event, it may be something that requires a visit to your veterinarian. This is especially important if the dog has liquid diarrhea as it can result in dehydration. The first step is to have the stool checked by your veterinarian. Certain parasite problems can cause loose stools, including hookworms, whipworms, giardia and coccidia. A fecal float will be able to identify if any of these problems are present. Once diagnosed, all of these parasite problems can be resolved with wormers specific to each parasite. If any of these are present, it would be important to test any of your other dogs, to prevent reinfection.

If the fecal tests are clear, then further testing may be needed. This may include blood work and a urinalysis. There are a variety of digestive problems that might cause diarrhea. Some include colitis, irritable bowel syndrome and Irritable bowel disease. An irritated intestinal lining can cause these problems. As the intestinal lining becomes more inflamed, food is harder to digest and spasms can occur in the colon. This can cause loose, 'cow patty' type stools and if it progresses, can also result in vomiting. The key in this situation is to help reduce the inflammation and help the intestinal lining heal. Switching diets, such as from a dry food diet to a home cooked or raw diet can help heal the digestive tract. Dry food can be irritating on the digestive system, as it is high in carbohydrates (fiber) and harder to digest.

Home cooked or raw food diets are easier to digest and diets that are lower or have no carbohydrates are easier on the dog's digestive tract.

SIBO - (small intestinal bacterial overgrowth) causes large, gassy stools sometimes accompanied by vomiting. A blood test can diagnose this problem. Bacterium that causes this problem feeds on starches and sugars, so a diet change, along with the addition of B vitamins can help resolve this problem. For more on this, go here: <http://www.gsdfederation.co.za/articles/sibo.htm>

EPI - Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency (EPI) is another digestion problem, which can cause large fluffy, greasy grey stools along with gas. Blood work testing can diagnosis this problem, for more information go to: <http://www.globalspan.net/epi.htm#Diagnosis>

HGE - Hemorrhagic Gastroenteritis with HGE - Hemorrhagic Gastroenteritis is when there is bloody diarrhea which is often red and clotted in appearance. Vomiting and lethargy can develop later. A high packed cell volume (PCV) in a blood panel will confirm the diagnosis. Toy breeds are more at risk, but HGE has good recovery outcomes. <http://vetmedicine.about.com/cs/dogdiseasesh/a/HGEindogs.htm>

What supplements are helpful for diarrhea and gastric problems?

There are several important supplements that help with digestive problems. Here are a few that are most helpful:

Ultra Probiotic Powder: These are a blend of beneficial bacteria that help in digesting food, preventing gas and discomfort, and also help to boost the immune system. Antibiotics indiscriminately kill the good bacteria, along with the bad, and it is important to replenish these with good flora and fauna bacteria such as acidophilus, streptococcus and enterococcus. These also help to fight yeast overgrowth and keep bacteria from multiplying into harmful amounts by keeping a balance in the digestive tract. Healthy amounts of these friendly bacteria help fight spasms and cramping. Probiotics can be given daily, to help with current digestion and to prevent future digestion problems.

L-Glutamine: This is an amino acid that has shown promising results in the last few years to provide healing in the digestive system. Studies have shown it helps to repair intestinal tissue at the cellular level and it is a precursor to glutathione, an antioxidant. L-glutamine is also an aid to help restore muscle atrophy. It also induces the large intestine to remove excess water, which is helpful for dogs prone to diarrhea. Dose at 1,000 mg per 20-40 lbs of body weight twice daily, with meals.

Digestive Enzymes: There are several types of digestive enzymes that help break down certain foods. Protease help breaks down proteins, lipase helps to break down fats, and amylase assists in breaking down carbohydrates. There are many enzymes that fall under each category and different enzymes assist with the various stages of digestion. The two most common enzymes are those from either animal or plant sources. Both are necessary to aid in all phases of digestion.

Dogs with irritated or inflamed digestive tracts have difficulty breaking down the food for the nutrients, and digestive enzymes can help with this process and offer better nutrition in the small intestine. Some plant enzymes help fight inflammation and reduce swelling. The one that is most useful is Bromelain, an enzyme that comes from pineapple. Important enzymes for fat digestion include pancreatic lipase. Trypsin is also helpful for gastric retention and fighting inflammation and helps to speed healing of the digestive tract. Bertes Zymes are a helpful blend of all of these, and are given with each meal to help break down fats and proteins before the food reaches the small intestine. The digestive enzymes are also helpful for dogs prone to pancreatitis and have trouble digesting fats.

B-Naturals carry a product called Bertes Digestive Blend, which not only contains probiotics, Bertes Zymes and L-glutamine, but also ginger and N-Acetyl Glucosamine (NAG, which helps restore permeability to the digestive tract lining). This product comes in a convenient powder mix and can be sprinkled on each meal. Start at half dose for the first week and slowly increase to full dose during the second week.

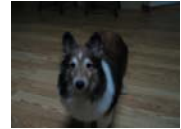
Happy Mother's Day!!

I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and taking the opportunity to walk and exercise their dogs!

<https://twitter.com/BNaturals>

The House is still full of Shelties needing a fur-ever home.

Cody is a little 14 year old who came to us when his Daddy moved and couldn't take Cody with him. Currently, residing with Sam & Alan. Because he may be old, but he is a pistol!



Pippi our thunder-phobic 12 year old.



Pumba our 10 year old with immune disorder. *

Maryann our 8 year old chunky butt, after losing weight is getting around much easier. She is also a sassy girl! Plays with toys, and hates for you to leave her.



**Duffy who is 11, compromised immune system. *
Has been here since he was 3.**

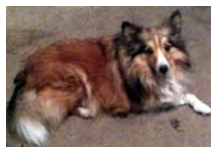


**Tyler who is 13, compromised immune system. *
Has been here since he was 2.**



Minnie & Cooper who are youngsters maybe 3 years old but completely untouchable.. They are sisters, but will go separately. We are working hard to gain their trust and we have made some inroads with them, but they are no way near ready to go to a home. They're tremendous flight risks. But someday.....

Minnie __-->



<-- Cooper



Trinka came from Palatka. A rescuer brought her to me as her time was up at the shelter there. She is about 7-8 years old. Sweet dog. Very quiet. She is a little on the chunky side. House broken, all vaccines, spayed, great girl.

*** Definition:**

Immunity refers to the body's ability to keep illness away. If you have a strong immune system, then your body is able to keep itself healthy by fighting illness.

Therefore, a **compromised immune system** means a body that does not have good immunity - a body that does not have the ability to defend against illness or medical challenges. If they have heart disease, diabetes, cancer, or any chronic illness, or if they have an acute illness that seems to last for a long period of time their body system may be consider compromised.

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You may remember late last year when a 14 year old sheltie in FL needed a soft landing after his mom died and his dad decided to move north. The little guy's name is Cody and here is the story he has told me through his behavior and actions - written in honor of all of you who love the seniors and give them a chance they wouldn't have without you!!

Sam

Assisting Jax Sheltie Rescue

FROM PRINCE TO PAUPER

As told by Cody McSheltie to Samantha DiMaio-Leach

I was loved and wanted from the time I was born, part of a litter of fuzzy little bodies - quite well-bred little bodies, I may add!! I went to live with a couple who loved me very much and they showed it by taking me to Obedience class (where of course I excelled, being a smart little guy and eager to please). They made sure I had regular visits to a vet (I didn't like that so much, but it kept me healthy and strong), they gave me heartworm medication every month, fed me good food, took me for walks every day where I could smell wonderful odors. When they ate, I was fed little bites from their hands right from their own plates. They recognized I was royalty and treated me like the Prince I know myself to be. Life was wonderful.

This went on for 13 happy years filled with love and joy. Then my mom started not to feel so good. I felt the worry and anxiety that filled both of my owners. My mom was gone a lot to visit the people-vets. I heard her crying and my dad crying. I tried to comfort my mom and I know my presence made her happier, but things seemed to just get worse anyway. After a year, my mom died. My dad was heartbroken. My heart was broken too, but that didn't seem to matter much to him, he just couldn't get past his own grief. I heard him talk about moving away. I heard him calling Sheltie Rescue and saying he had a 14 year old sheltie that he couldn't keep when he moved. I didn't really understand what that meant, all I was sure of was life had changed in strange and terrible ways.

Then the unthinkable happened. My dad took me for a car ride, a very long car ride. At the end I was handed over to a lady, she seemed ok; but then I saw my dad leave. I wasn't happy about that, in fact I was terrified. The lady put me in her house and I don't know why she did that because she already had lots and lots of shelties. How could I be a Prince if there were already so many shelties in her life? The stress I felt was incredible and it left me with little appetite. So I started my hunger strike. My rescuers got worried. They tried this food and that food. I just stared at them when they tried to get me to eat. They took me to a vet, had blood work done and had my teeth cleaned. I still wouldn't eat. They got even more worried about me, but I just couldn't eat much and I started having liquid diarrhea. Nothing was the same in my life - how could I eat?

I heard them say 'a foster home might help' and they put me in a car and took me to another house. They were kind people, those rescuers, and I was nervous when they left me with a different family. Now what would happen to me? I was no longer a Prince but a pauper, searching for someone who would love me and make me feel special again! The new house was much quieter with only 4 other shelties. Once again I was taken for walks, and they seemed surprised at how well I walked on a leash and how well mannered I was. I started to feel a bit hungry and ate but refused the food the next day. They tried other foods, just like they did at the first rescue house, but this time I decided I liked the food after the lady offered it to me in her hand although my tummy still felt kind of bad. She took me to another vet who said "My goodness, Cody still has all of his teeth and his blood work is great for a 14 and a half year old dog!! Let's try this medicine." The medicine did make my tummy feel a bit better, so I decided to start eating again - I thought maybe I could avoid another vet visit that way!!

Right now, after 10 days at my foster home, I am not yet a "Prince" again but I am also no longer a pauper. I am working very hard to get them to understand I am royalty and I am starting to get them trained properly. They know that I will eat well if they hold my plate for me and sit with me while I eat. They know that I love my walks and I always remind them when it is close to the time for my walk. I am not having much luck at getting them to feed me choice little bits of food while they are eating, but I haven't stopped trying! I show them I am grateful to them for giving me a home after I lost mine by following them everywhere they go and giving them warbly little barks when I want to give them love and attention.

I hope my story will help other shelties not to be afraid when they hear the word "Sheltie Rescue". Even if they are old and no one wants to adopt them, there is still a chance for them to be happy again and for someone to love them and give them a soft bed and good food.

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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From the desk of the Wild Bunch: (John Perkins)

Wail lass nite I just couldn't sleep nun so furst I got one of my shoes an tossed it up in the air an chased it an tossed it gain an chased it an tossed in the air an chased it, then my human gots outa bed an took my shoe furom me an put it up. So I went ta gets my udder shoe (note two different right shoes which makes two left shoes useless) an I tossed it up in the air an chased it and tossed it up in the air an chased it an tossed it up in the air an you gessd it had that one taken way furom me also. Humans jsut don't unnerstand. So I laid down an had more some knee huh an I gots up an smelt sumthin good an it was in this thin that holes durty clothes an lucky fur me this durty clothes holder has holes in it so I can get in there and grab sumfin that tastes good an I drug this thin round the floor fur a while til, you guessed it that human gots up gain an put it up high. Sews I went over an nockded over the trash can an started snackin an sum of the dogs came over ta help me an sum gots snipity an started barkin cause they wasn't gettin sum of the good stuff an you guessed it gain that human gots up an picked up all that good snackin stuff an put the trash can outside. Then finally I got sum piece an quiet kause i found me a coupla socks an schewed them up til I gots ta sleep.

Blanco

Above is part of my Wild Bunch. My name is John and I live in Temple Texas with my wife Sheila, our son Noel (who has Cerebral Palsy) and our 13 dogs that have earned the nick name of the wild Bunch.



Now this is what a Wild Bunch dog is suppose ta look like

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.

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

Carrie Andolina who has 2 of our rescue kids.

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

Nonie Willard & Margaret Jones owned by Piper & Annie

Donna Smith Owned by Rebound and others.

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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Today is Sophie's 10 month anniversary with us. As you can see, she's taken up "bird watching". I found her up on the window seat one afternoon entranced. She now has a cardinal friend who pecks at the window. She barks, the bird flies away. It seems to be a game for the two of them.

Sophie continues to make us laugh and wants us to play ball, bee, tug, blankie tug. The floor looks like the home of a toddler when she finally crashes in the evening for her night time snooze. I call her daytime ones mini power naps—just long enough to take a small rest and she's back at wanting to play.

She loves to be out in the backyard. However, she wants company. She won't go through the porch doggy door unless she thinks we're following. I'm learning to enjoy time on the backyard swing with a good book with Sophie laying at my feet until a bird, airplane, or helicopter goes overhead. Then she'll run and bark like she's in a stampede chasing it away from her yard.

A few weeks ago we took her on a road trip to Ocala to a ceramic studio and to Lowe's. After spending much more time in Lowe's talking to people who wanted to know about her than shopping, we decided that Lowe's would be a perfect place for doggy adoptions. Sophie would have had several homes if we hadn't been holding on tight to her leash. When we'd tell people she was a rescue, we'd hear marvelous stories of pups that they had rescued over the years. Husbands would come up to pet her because their wife had already had a turn. It was such a fun time for all of us.

Again, many thanks for blessing us with this wonderful little girl. She has brought such joy to our lives!

Anne Funkhouser