

Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue

Top "O" The Mornin'

March 2011

Since our last newsletter two of our senior girls have gone to a new home together. Both Rachel and Ginger have found a new home with Jodi & Brent in Ft Myers. Rachel was 8 I believe and Ginger was 10.



Ginger



Rachel

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New Arrivals

We are excited, believe that ? We actually have some very adoptable Shelties. Within the last two weeks Shamous, Duke and Beau have come. Beau and Duke are litter brothers and they play together constantly. We really want them to go together. They are a product of divorce. They were a year old last September.



Duke



This is Sam at the Scottish games. That's Duke in her lap.
ZONKED



Beau

They are absolutely two of the nicest guys we've had in a long time. They are playful and sweet as can be. It's a good thing Sam is at her limit or she would be serious about taking these two.



For our local Sheltie folk. The next "Sheltie Meet-up" will be March 19 from 2 to 4 PM. at the dog park within Nocatee Community Park. Nocatee Community Park is located on the southwest corner of Preservation Trail and Crosswater Parkway in Nocatee. Maps and details will be available on the Jacksonville Shetland Sheepdog Meetup site in a couple of days. Go to Meet-up site and sign up and Mark will send directions soon.
[Http://sheltie.meetup.com/96](http://sheltie.meetup.com/96)

The next little newby is Shamous. He was placed in a drop box at an animal shelter. We have no information about his past because the cowards dropped him in that box in the middle of the night. I can tell you that Shamous is as sweet a Sheltie we've ever had. He follows me everywhere, sleeps on the bed at night. I think he is between 18 months and two years. He still does very puppyish things. He is cautious about new things, places and people; but when he is settled in he is O so comfortable with his surroundings. Shamous is a sable merle.. Meaning one parent was sable and one parent was blue merle. The sable color is always dominant hence the sable body. The only way you can tell about the merling is a patchwork type coloring on his ears and his one blue eye, which grows on you after awhile.



And then we have.....
Blue Budee (Buddy left) & Blue Bella (Right)



These are tiny Shelties. Budee (Buddy) weighs 13 lbs. He was neutered and vaxed etc yesterday . Bella went to the Scottish Games and at this time we believe Bella has a valid adopter waiting in the wings. Budee was staying at the Vets office over the weekend so he had no exposure at the "games". Both of these dogs are about 3 years old.

Budee probably needs housebreaking, as he thought he was a stud dog, til we neutered him.

ANOTHER NEWBIE



This would be “Trinka”..... 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.

Here in this house...

I will never know the loneliness that I hear in the cries of the other animals 'out there.'

I can sleep soundly, assured that when I wake my world will not have changed.

I will never know hunger, or the fear of not knowing if I will eat.

I will not shiver in the cold, or grow weary from the heat,

but rather, I will nap in the sun's warmth, and play in the rain's coolness, and be allowed to smell all that can reach my nose.

My fur will shine, and never be dirty or matted.

Here in this house...

There will be an effort to communicate with me on my level.

I will be talked to, and, even if I don't understand,

I can enjoy the warmth of the words spoken to me in

kindness. I will be given a name so that I may know who I am among many.

My name will be used in love and joy, and I will relish the sound of it!

Here in this house...

I will never be a substitute for anything I am not.

I will never be used to improve peoples' image of themselves.

I will be loved because I am who I am, not someone's idea of who I should be.

I will never suffer for someone's anger, impatience, or stupidity.

I will be taught all the things I need to know to be loved by all.

I will be praised for my successes, instead of punished too harshly for my mistakes.

If I do not learn my lessons well, they will look to my teacher for blame.

Here in this house...

I can trust arms that hold, hands that touch... knowing that, no matter what they do, they do it for the good of me.

If I am injured or ill, I will be doctored.

If I am scared, I will be calmed.

If I am sad, I will be cheered.

Here in this house...

No matter what I look like, I will be considered beautiful and known to be of value.

I will never be cast out because I am too old, too ill, too unruly, or not cute enough.

I will not be left behind because my humans moved - I will move with them.

If a new human baby joins my family, it will not 'replace' me, but instead will be one more human for me to love, and to love me. I will not be treated as disposable.

My life is a responsibility, and not an afterthought.

I will learn that humans can almost, sometimes, be as kind and as fair as other animals.

Here in this house...

I was BROUGHT, because I was WANTED!

I will BELONG!

I will be home

- FOREVER!

**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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Conventional services.
Certified acupuncturist**

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Conventional & alternative medicines. Certified
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Dog Information.

This is valuable information that should probably be passed along to anyone you know with dogs, cats, or other animals that might chew up a stuffed toy:

Last night at agility class, a vet, who is a fellow agility student, was telling us about a case she had this week. The dog ate a child's teddy bear and was very sick. When she opened the dog up to remove what she thought was an intestinal obstruction she found a huge gelatin type mess inside and the dogs intestines were black and the tissue dead. The dog will die no surgery can fix him up there was no living intestine left from stomach to colon.

This was not an obstruction. so she called the manufacturer of the Teddy Bear on a quest to find out what the gel was and what killed the dog. Turns out the stuffing in children's toys contains ingredients for flame retardants and mite control! It is designed to be come a gel. It is highly toxic. Now you would think a child's toy would be safe because it is for children, but they don't expect a child to eat the stuffing of the toys... huuummm that seems a bit scary too. But we all know dogs demolish stuffed toys.

So do not give or buy your dog any children's stuffed animals... some people get them at goodwill etc. The vet will be posting a warning and story and I will send any other facts as needed and as I learn more. Maybe some children's toys do not have this ingredient, but better to be safe then sorry. So meanwhile, make sure all your dog toys are for dogs. Please pass this on.... it is a horrible death she described and one that can be avoided.

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**May you always have
Walls for the winds,
A roof for the rain,
Tea beside the fire,
Laughter to cheer you,
Those you love near you,
And all your heart might
desire!**



**May your blessings outnumber
The shamrocks that grow,
And may trouble avoid you
Wherever you go.**

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.

Noni Willard & Margaret Jones owned by Piper & Annie

Other Donations

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Diane Anderson In Memory of her beautiful Sheltie Macduff CGC, RL1 Excellent

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Dewey and Annette Porter owned by Logan

John & Dottie Jensen In Memory of Skip

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, 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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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:

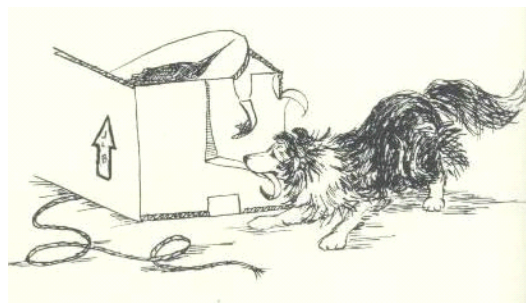
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Sears	Expedia
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U.S. Bones

Another fantastic place to purchase dog stuff, not just bones...we buy vitamins from there. They donate 25% of your order to the charity of your choice (Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue) :-)

www.usbones.com

We have received a total of \$122.00 to date. Mainly the Vits we have purchased. If others found some of their needs there wouldn't that be wonderful.



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 or to Sam at Mantha1999@aol.com.

I loved the newsletter again as usual!!! I look so forward to hearing about all the success stories. You are an angel, and at Christmas especially, I want to thank you again for my little "gift". Nike has started formal competition training. She earned her Canine Good Citizen certificate in late October. Who would have believed that in such a short time should could settle down and focus! She is a natural heeler and loves to prance!!! We are taking a foundation seminar this week and as usual she just soaks up the new learning. I already have my Christmas present this year, and she's a 17 lb bundle of joyous energy. Thanks again,
Love Randi Cohen & "Nike"

Darla,

Hello this is Kelsey and Denisse London and we just thought we would send an email to say hi and let you know how blessed we are to be able to have such an amazing son Mickey (aka Louie the pomeranian). Words can't express the love we have for such a wonderful, trained, and well behaved four legged son (not to forget how handsome he is). If it wasn't for you guys giving him an opportunity for a better life we wouldn't have had this little miracle in our lives. For that we are so ever grateful for all that you have done. Attached is a couple of pictures of our baby boy so I hope you enjoy them.



Ya nose an then again ya may not nose, we has been thinkin bout this senior dog rescue an it's a grape idea but then, as we usually do, we are goin to turn it rond to a dogs way of thinkin. By this we mean why it's best fur us rescue dogs to rescue a senior human.

1. they furgot thins like today our human took out 2 frozen Chicky breasts ta thaw to make Chiken Pamagany tonite an he put it on the chest freezer an furgot to takes it inside. UMMMMMM then chicky breasts was sure nuff good.

2. Most senior humans don't hasta werk sews we gets lotsa attenshuns sittin in a chair watchin TV. Too bad our human don't likes ta does this kause it wood be good fur us sometimes.

3 Most seniors likes ta takes naps in the afternoon an this is

a. a good time to find stuff to get into an

b. a good time fur us to get in the bed an takes a nap also

4. A lotsa seniors need sumone an they wood be a good companion fur a dog kause they wood gets lotsa tension an dog love like us dogs due

5. Senior humans may furgot ta feed ya sews they wood puts down lotsa food case they furgets

Now a coupla bad thins fur us dogs ta think bout an they are bad thins

1. Senior humans don't hasta goes ta werk so ya may gets more b*ths (we don't spell it awl the way out cause it is a curse werd to dogs)

2. Senior humans may brush ya more kause they has more times ta do it.



The Wild Bunch

Rest In Peace, Scarlett !

Dear Friends,

I'm writing to tell everyone about our rescue girl Scarlett.

Maybe our experience will help someone else's Sheltie.

She came to us in 2005. She was literally dumped in our front yard about 10:30 one night in May.

She was full of fleas and anemic. Not sure of her age at the time, probably 7 or 8.

She had this thing; if you shook your finger at her and told her "no" she would lunge at you with her teeth bared, any time you tried to reprimand her it was the same thing ... If it happened in the bedroom she would grab the corner of the bedspread and shake the heck out of it.

Placed her once and she came back because of her lovely attitude.

She loved "me" above all else. Sam and Ernie really didn't trust her.

She settled in as one of our senior dogs.

Last April we had a large thing removed on her front leg. It had been there since we got her but had just began out of the blue to grow. Thru the years all the Vets that looked at it said it wasn't anything to worry about. Once it started to get bigger we decided to have them debulk it. The surgery was done in April.

It was dx'd a mast cell cancer. They didn't get it all and it came back. It got bigger and Scarlett wouldn't leave it alone, she had to wear an e-collar. She still played with her beach ball in the front yard.

After awhile she was miserable with the E-collar and we had about decided to put her down. She was still playing with her ball and just wasn't ready to go to the bridge... Our Vet suggested amputating the front leg which would give her more time and just cut the cancer away, so we decided to do that in September.

She did well playing with her ball with one front leg and her chin.

About December we noticed a half dozen new bumps on her body (trunk). The vet removed them and they came back mast cell tumors. More bumps appeared over time at least a dozen to 18 all over. We knew we couldn't remove them all. We opted to give her the best we could give for however long.

We utilized many protocols, both holistic and allopathic thru this whole time.

Finally, yesterday we knew we had to let her go. She was not able to get around well anymore, she kept falling over sideways and smacking her chin on the floor on the concrete sidewalk etc. She was not happy, not playing with her ball, although she was still eating well. You could tell by the light in her eyes or should I say the lack of it that is was time.

We sent her to the bridge to join all of our other Shelties. This is absolutely the hardest rescue to let go. We fought so hard for her. We lost out to the cancer... in the end.

Darla



Scarlett's tumor



day after surgery



healed & happy

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.

Pippi our thunder-phobic 12 year old.

Pumba our 10 year old with immune disorder.

Maryann our 8 year old chunky butt, who has severe arthritis, losing weight did help she is down 13 lbs since July.

Ben our 13 year old who's Mom passed away unexpectedly. Ben is also immune compromised.

Skippy our 5 year old who was found by a JSO Officer and his wife in a ditch with a teenager beating him with a club. He broke with grand-mal seizures 3 weeks after coming to us.

Duffy who is 11 and immune compromised.

Tyler who is 13 immune compromised.

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.....



Ben



Skippy



Duffy



Pippi



Minnie



Cooper



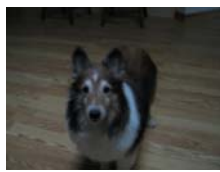
Tyler



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