

Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue

Our good friend Norma Dearing was down in Sarasota recently. She found herself in a mall missing her Shelties which were at home in Jax. She had gone in to see if there were any Sheltie puppies she could love on. While browsing the books on Shelties, she came across this book named SHETLAND SHEEPDOG, a comprehensive guide to owning and caring for your dog. By Charlotte Schwartz. A KENNEL CLUB BOOK. As she thumbed thru the book, she came upon this page and this picture... she literally squealed with delight says she, because she came across this picture of her favorite Sheltie person. She KNEW it was him. This being Ernie Duffey of Fayr Wynds Shelties and now Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue.

We did not know that he was in a book and Norma says this is a wonderful book on Shelties. She asked me to share the picture in the newsletter. This has to have been back in the mid nineties. The Sheltie is our precious Champion "JJ" who passed away in 1997. What a thrill for us to see this.

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approved by the American Kennel Club (AKC). While some early breed standards were indeed based on specific dogs that were famous or popular, many dedicated enthusiasts say that a perfect specimen, as described in the standard, has never walked into a show ring, has never been bred and, to the woe of dog breeders around the globe, does not exist. Breeders attempt to get as close to this ideal as possible with every litter, but theoretically the "perfect" dog is so elusive that it is impossible. (And if the "perfect" dog were born, breeders and judges would never agree that it was indeed "perfect.")

If you are interested in exploring the world of dog showing, your best bet is to join your local breed club or the national parent club, which is the American Shetland Sheepdog Association. These clubs often host both regional and national specialties, shows only for Shetland Sheepdogs, which can include conformation as well as obedience, agility and herding trials. Even if you have no intention of competing with your Sheltie, a specialty is like a festival for lovers of the breed who congregate to share their favorite topic: Shelties! Clubs also send out newsletters, and some organize training days and seminars in order that people may learn more about their chosen breed. To locate the breed club closest



to you, contact the AKC, which furnishes the rules and regulations for all of these events plus general dog registration and other basic requirements of dog ownership.

The American Kennel Club offers three kinds of conformation shows: an all-breed show (for all AKC-recognized breeds), a specialty show (for one breed only, usually sponsored by the parent club) and a Group show (for all breeds in the Group).

For a dog to become an AKC champion of record, the dog must accumulate 15 points at the shows from at least three different judges, including two "majors." A "major" is defined as a three-, four- or five-point win, and the number of points per win is determined by the number of dogs

The gait of the dog is evaluated by the judge as the handler moves the Sheltie around the ring.

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Sheltie Meet-Up.
December 03, 2011
Meet at the Fountain of Youth in St Augustine, no later than 9 a.m. to walk or ride in the St Augustine Christmas Parade.

Please see website for more information.
<http://www.meetup.com/The-Jacksonville-Shetland-Sheepdog-Meetup-Group/>

Nancy & Mark Erickson are founders, there are 75 members.



GUS

Gus in the St Augustine Christmas parade.



I must tell you the story of Gus. Gus was adopted by Norma & Peter at Christmas time in 2007. He was just a year old.

After they adopted their first "Dana", they knew Shelties are like potato chips, you can't have just one. They adopted Gus and after Gus they adopted "Honey".

Fast forward to this year, about a month ago Gus and Dana and Honey had been to the park next door to Norma's. As they were running home Gus stumbled somehow and fell and when he did it was apparent to Norma that something was wrong.

He couldn't get up, he was paralyzed. **Of course** this was in the evening and Norma and Peter rushed Gus to the Emergency E.R. on Wells Road. After many tests it was determined he had broken his back. Peter and Norma were crushed, and asked what could be done for Gus. It was determined that he would go see the Neurologists the next day for evaluation if they could get him in. They in fact did get him in to see Dr Meeks, (the same Vet from the story last month about Button.)

The choices were that they could send him to the Rainbow Bridge, or they could try surgically repairing the spinal injury. Norma and Peter opted for the surgery and when it was over Dr Meeks said Gus had a 5% chance of making it thru the weekend because of the damage, the anesthesia, and the possibility of infection. If Gus made it, the surgery might work or it might not. In fact, Dr Meeks has given Gus a 10% chance of ever walking again, even now. Gus may need to spend his life in a little 2 wheel cart.

Four weeks have passed. Gus still has no feeling in his rear quarters. His Mom has to manually express his bladder etc. Gus is now seeing Dr Hightman for acupuncture and a new breakthrough device called I-Therm. (Sam is going to write about it in this newsletter.) With that and prayers from everyone we all know we are praying for Gus to heal good as new.

Update as of this minute. I just spoke to Beth at Norma's house and the treatment Gus got today was very good. Gus stood on his own after Dr Hightman helped him distribute his weight and Gus tried to move his legs while standing.

After a progression of Acupuncture and I-Therm when Doctors give their approval, Gus will visit Mandarin Landing Animal Hospital and Resort and Canine Rehabilitation Center. See page 4

We thank you for your prayers and ask that you please continue to pray and ask that God continue to work on and heal Gus completely so that, if it's His will, Gus can walk again.

Veterinary Options - It Isn't Just Drugs or Surgery Anymore!

By Samantha

Many of us have dogs that are aging and showing signs of arthritis. Some of us have dogs with tumors. Darla has written the story of Gus this month and his severe back injury. Previously our only option for treatment was drugs and/or surgery. If we chose drugs, we then had to worry about drug interactions or reactions, such as liver failure. Darla & I are very excited that two of our vets now have some alternatives available.

First there is the ***I-Therm*** machine just purchased by Dr Hightman. ***I-Therm*** machines, which allow the delivery of intense heat to a specific area of the body, have been used on human athletes for some time now. Only recently have small, portable machines been developed that can be applied in veterinary medicine. Use of Molecular Hyperthermia Therapy promotes the healing of spinal cord injuries (as it did for Gus), as well as muscle and tendon injuries. It can be used to encourage and hasten post-operative healing (again Gus is an example of this).

I-Therm also has the potential to treat cancers when used with 'nanodrugs'. Nanodrugs are specific anti-cancer drugs designed to pass thru the tumor vessel walls but too large to enter healthy tissue. By targeting a tumor, the Molecular Hyperthermia Therapy can decrease, kill, or inhibit cancer growth in most areas of the body. The effectiveness on this treatment for osteosarcoma (bone cancer) is reported to be around 85%. Duke University has used this therapy on fibrosarcomas, transitional cell carcinoma (bladder cancer, the highest incidence of this type of cancer is in Shelties!), mast cell tumors, and melanoma. Even if the treatment is not able to totally kill a tumor, when the cancer is caught early enough long remissions are possible, with a high quality of life for the dog.

Another new option is **Laser Therapy**. Dr. Turman has just purchased a Class IV laser and Dr. Hightman has a Class III Laser. What options do these lasers provide? They can alleviate chronic pain, especially from arthritis. It is an excellent post-surgery option as it promotes healing & rehabilitation, resulting in less post-surgical pain (and fewer strong post-surgical drugs!) This therapy can be used for a number of conditions including:

1. Arthritis (Degenerative Joint Disease)
2. Back Pain (intervertebral Disc Disease)
3. Post Trauma Wound Healing of Skin, Muscle & Bone
4. Post-surgical Healing (Incisions, Growth Removals, Bone Surgery)
5. Inflammatory conditions such as acute or chronic ear problems, anal gland inflammation, Periodontitis (Gingivitis), hot spots, lick granulomas (!) and nasal problems

Both Dr Hightman and Dr Turman also offer **acupuncture therapy**, which could be used in conjunction with either ***I-Therm*** or **Laser** treatments.

All of us know our beloved Sheltie companions won't live forever, but we do want their lives to be as pain free as possible. We do want to have options that allow us to use fewer drugs that may have side effects and/or cause long term damage to the liver and kidneys. Sometimes these alternatives can even allow us to avoid surgery. I am very excited to bring you the news of these most recent options - and both these vets are excited to have the new options on hand.

Disclaimer: By no means are these new pieces of equipment meant to solve all problems/diseases. There is still a need for "conventional" medicine (drugs and/or surgery) in many cases. In both conventional treatments and these new options, some patients may react more positively to the treatment than others.

CANINE REHABILITATION

Providing quality physical rehabilitation to improve the strength, mobility, and function of your dog.

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Benefits of Physical Rehabilitation

- Increase range of motion of joints
- Prevent disuse muscle atrophy after injury or surgery
- Increase muscle strength, balance and joint proprioception
- Facilitate recovery from neurological conditions
- Improve quality of gait
- Decrease pain and inflammation
- Accelerate wound healing
- Increase flexibility
- Improve muscular and cardiovascular endurance

Rehabilitation Programs

• Acute Care Management

- Treatment provided to patients immediately following surgery or injury
- Designed to manage pain, inflammation, swelling, and to maintain joint integrity

• Weight Management and Conditioning Programs

- Gradual progression of exercises safely designed for dogs suffering from obesity or chronic conditions limiting mobility
- For athletic dogs to improve cardiovascular endurance, core strength, and overall conditioning

• Surgical Programs

- Specialized protocols to safely restore range of motion, strength, and gait following orthopedic surgeries such as TPLO and FHO
- Neurofacilitation techniques to improve sensation, normalize tone, and re-educate muscles following a neurological insult or surgery.

• Senior Wellness

- Manual therapy, therapeutic exercise, and modalities to improve rear limb weakness, incontinence, and arthritis commonly seen in geriatric dogs.

• Home Programs

Owners will be instructed in specific exercises and guidelines to maximize their dog's recovery



Dr Silverness & Scout

INDIVIDUALIZED REHABILITATION SERVICES

- Underwater Treadmill
- Therapeutic Exercise
- Manual Therapy
- Swimming
- Neuromuscular Therapy
- Therapeutic Ultrasound
- Low Level Laser Therapy
- Electrical Stimulation
- Gait Training
- Functional Activities
- Cryotherapy
- Fittings for Carts, Splints, Harnesses



Happy Dancing ...Shelties in New Homes !



This is Lady. She has gone to a new home, with a wonderful new Mom named Evelyn in St Augustine. She is sharing her new Mom with two kitties. Her new Mom is very Sheltie savvy and Lady is learning all kinds of new behavior. We are genuinely thrilled with Evelyn. So is Lady!



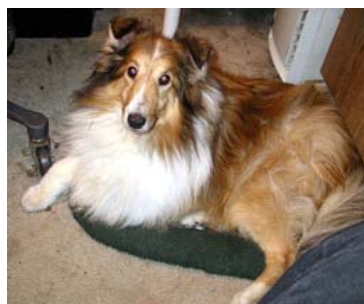
Still waiting.....



Ginger won Best Original costume At the RDO Day festivities at Hallow-Woof



Ginger



Pippi



Maryann



Fortune



Prissy



Phantom



Dakota



Indy



←
Still looking for this fella's owners. He was found on Southside Blvd and Touchton Rd, Jacksonville. On or about Oct 15.

Here but not really adoptable.

- Duffy
- Tyler
- Pumba
- Cody
- Minnie
- Cooper

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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Pancreatitis and Diet Lew Olson

Pancreatitis is an inflammation of the pancreas. One of the functions of the pancreas is to release enzymes to help digest food. When the pancreas becomes inflamed, it releases enzymes in excess and begins to digest its own tissue. This creates great trauma and pain to the dog. Symptoms of pancreatitis include loss of appetite, vomiting, arching of the back with stomach pain, diarrhea, dehydration, and in some cases jaundice.

Blood Panel Results

While pancreatitis is hard to diagnose, blood laboratory panels will often show elevated amylase and lipase, increased glucose, high cholesterol and triglyceride levels, and high liver enzymes, including ALT and ALP. If pancreatitis is suspected due to the above symptoms, a trip to the veterinarian is recommended immediately. The first stage of treatment is hospitalization for several days with IV fluid therapy, treatment of pain, and withholding food and water.

For more information on symptoms and early treatment:

<http://www.peteducation.com/article.cfm?articleid=335>

<http://www.vetinfo.com/dencyclopedia/depancrea.html>

Also recommended is this book, "Dogs, Diet and Disease" by Caroline Levin? It deals with Pancreatitis as well as Diabetes and Cushing's Disease.

See <http://www.petcarebooks.com/> for more info.

Causes of Pancreatitis

Fat is usually blamed when a dog develops pancreatitis. However, this isn't quite true. High fat diets can aggravate a diseased pancreas, but fat itself does not usually cause pancreatitis. The exact reasons for pancreatitis are not known, but research shows the following factors may contribute to pancreatitis:

- A genetic condition called hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol and/or triglycerides), often found in Miniature Schnauzers, Briards and Shetland Sheepdogs
- Hypercalcemia, caused by parathyroid conditions or over supplementing with calcium.
- Drug induced pancreatitis. Some of the drugs that are known or suspected to cause pancreatitis include steroids (such as prednisone), tetracyclines and other sulfonamide antibiotics, metronidazole (flagyl), azothiaprין (imuran), estrogen, long acting antacids (cimetidine/Tagament, ranitidine/Zantac) and Tylenol. Also included are diuretics (thiazides and frusemide) and some chemotherapy drugs including l-asparaginase.
- Insecticides (commonly used in the yard) including organophosphates.
- Cushing's Disease (hyperadrenocorticism), hypothyroidism, liver disease and diabetes can cause a tendency to develop pancreatitis.

- While it has been indicated that disc disease or spinal cord injuries may cause pancreatitis, it may be more likely that steroids are the real cause, as this is the most common drug used for these conditions.

<http://www.2ndchance.info/pancreatitis.htm>

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

IBM Corporation

Grainger Corporation via Kathy Cochran

Donna Smith Owned by Rebound and others.

Mary & Randy Van Dyke still searching for their tri dog “Drew”

Shelley Reid in Memory of Casey.

Paul and Donna Irwin owned by Lisa and Bucky.

Tom & Mary Mackner in Memory of Briana.

Diane Anderson

Joe & Jan Pieroni owned by Selena

Melissa Emery owned by Mandy & Molly



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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 last year for \$40.

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<http://www.goodsearch.com/GoodShop.aspx> for a list of stores than donate a portion of your purchase to us.

The Pets Prayer

Treat me kindly, my beloved guardian, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for your love and kindness than mine. Do not break my spirit with harsh words or a stick, for although I will forgive you. I learn much better through your patience and understanding the things you would have me do.

Speak to me often, for your voice is the worlds sweetest music as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail when I hear you call my name.

Please want me with you always, for my joy springs from your attention, and I ask no greater glory than your love and the privilege of your company.

Please keep my bowl filled with fresh water, and feed me clean food that I may stay well to romp and play. I live to be with you and make you happy, to walk by your side, standing ready to protect you with my life should your life be in danger.

And dearest one, if my suffering is too great, please see that my leaving is gentle and loving, and you stay with me to the very end as I have stayed with you.

My beloved guardian, I will give you all the love I have to give, and I will keep all the love you give me.

I shall leave you ten, knowing even in my sorrow, with the last breath I draw, that our time together was precious and beautiful, and my life was always safe in your hands.