

Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue

Let's Be FRANK!!

Every so often, Darla's big heart leads her into something that might be called outright insanity by "normal folk". So it was when she heard about a 4 year old dog about to be killed at Duval Animal Control late in March. Some of the workers were anxious to save this guy because he was sweet and young and really didn't deserve to die, so a plea went out to local rescuers. Darla couldn't turn her back on his need andwe now have a 4 year old Newfoundland or Newfie mix at Jax Sheltie Rescue!! (We obviously aren't Newfoundland experts, so we really aren't sure.)

The big guy's name is "Frank". He is *LOVE* in a giant sized package and he wants so much to please people. Just yesterday, Samantha sat down on the floor. Frank lay down in front of her with a big paw on either side of her waist, put his beautiful big head on her chest and looked into her eyes. She is convinced he was saying "I know I am big (about 80 lbs) and I know a lot of people don't want a black dog, but do you think someone will want me?"

Quite 'frankly', Samantha wanted him but there is a dog limit where she lives and she is already at the limit. If anyone out there wants to "up size" their dog family, we really recommend meeting Frank. We are convinced that anyone who meets him will love him to bits. He is friendly, outgoing, a true gentle giant. If you say "Frank" in a reproving voice, he usually sits and wiggles like a puppy trying to get back in your good graces. Please help pass the word that we have a Newfie "in stock" as Frank really deserves a second chance at life and love.



FRANK

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Sheltie Meet-Up.

Next meet-up is April 11,
It will be at 1111 St Johns
Bluff Rd. Time 3 to 5 p.m.
Please see website for more
information.

Nancy & Mark are founders
and there are 48 members.
We meet up and let the dogs
run and play together while
the humans watch and
laugh .

[http://www.meetup.com/
The-Jacksonville-Shetland-
Sheepdog-Meetup-Group/](http://www.meetup.com/The-Jacksonville-Shetland-Sheepdog-Meetup-Group/)

Misty Blue—Is She for You??

Cute, 7 months old, blue merle sheltie puppy—oh my!! We rarely have a young sheltie in Rescue, but we do have one right now. Her name is “Misty”, we sometimes call her “Misty Blue” as we have another Misty in the house. Misty Blue displays all the exuberant sense of fun and affection we all like to see in a puppy. She was previously in a home with children and Misty isn’t into youngsters.

She is wonderful with other dogs (although she will want them to play with her) and she adores snuggling up with humans. We would like her to go to home where there are either other dogs to play with her, or a human willing to give her a lot of attention and exercise.

Misty is a bit oversized and she has no “stop” in her nose (giving her head a more collie-like appearance) but she is indeed a full blooded sheltie.



DO YOU KNOW WHERE THIS DOG BELONGS?

Someone spotted this sweet young girl wandering around on the west side of Jacksonville. She was brought to Jax Sheltie Rescue and we have posted her photo on our website trying to find her owners.

She is a lovely sable, perhaps 12/18 months old. She is a live wire, sweet as she can be and her eyes shine with a definite intelligence! We call her “Gypsy”!

If anyone knows if someone is missing her (and we think someone must be), please let us know. ***Otherwise she will be available for adoption.***



HAPPY DANCE TIME!!!

Our little Sadie, the Shady Lady, has gone to a good home. We knew it wouldn’t be long before this extremely well behaved and affectionate little girl found a forever home. We rejoice for Sadie and her new owners.



QUIZ QUESTIONS!

1. *The first step to do when your dog has diarrhea is to:*

- A. Change foods
- B. Feed only rice and chicken
- C. Rush your dog to the emergency clinic
- D. Fast your dog for 12 - 24 hours, but give plenty of water

2. *Which of the fish below should NOT be fed to dogs?*

- A. Canned Mackerel
- B. Baked white fish
- C. Raw Pacific NW Salmon
- D. Raw white fish

3) *A supplement not usually recommended for dogs with heart disease is:*

- A. Co-Q10
- B. SAME
- C. L-carnitine
- D. Omega 3 fatty acids

4. *When feeding a homemade diet, the average amount to feed an adult dog daily is about:*

- A. One cup per 20 lbs of body weight daily
- B. 2% to 3% of their body weight daily
- C. As much as they can eat through free feeding, dogs can regulate themselves
- D. About the size of the dog's head in volume

5. *Common side effects of non-steroidal anti-inflammatories such as Rimadyl, Deramaxx and Etogesic include all of these except:*

- A. Gastric upset including vomiting, diarrhea and loss of appetite
- B. Lethargy and drowsiness
- C. Staggering, stumbling, weakness and/or seizures
- D. Change in Urinary habits, urinating in house, change in color or odor of urine
- E. Tendency to want to sing at karaoke bars, especially Barry Manilow

QUIZ QUESTION ANSWERS!

ANSWER #1

D. Most cases of simple diarrhea will clear up on their own if the gastrointestinal system is given a rest and a chance to heal. Fasting for 12 to 24 hours (less for small dogs or puppies, longer for larger adult dogs) with only fluids will usually clear up the problem. If symptoms are prolonged, always seek veterinary assistance.

<http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu/ClientED/diarrhea.asp>

ANSWER #2

C. Salmon and related fish from the Pacific Northwest can be infected with an organism that causes Salmon Poisoning in dogs if fed raw. Cooking destroys the organism, and Atlantic Salmon does not carry this disease.

<http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu/ClientED/salmon.asp>

ANSWER #3

B. SAME (S-adenosylmethionine) may be beneficial for liver disease, arthritis, pancreatitis, and even depression (in humans), but doesn't help with heart disease.

ANSWER #4

B. Most adult dogs will eat around 2-3% of their body weight per day, with larger dogs tending to eat less, and smaller dogs tending to eat more, although individual dogs can vary.

ANSWER #5

For any other symptoms, you should stop the medication immediately and call your vet.

Raisins & Grapes

If you have a dog PLEASE read this and send it on. If you don't have a dog, please pass along to friends who do.

Written by: Laurinda Morris, DVM Danville Veterinary Clinic Danville , OH

This week I had the first case in history of raisin toxicity ever seen at MedVet. My patient was a 56-pound, 5 yr old male neutered lab mix that ate half a canister of raisins sometime between 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM on Tuesday. He started with vomiting, diarrhea and shaking about 1AM on Wednesday but the owner didn't call my emergency service until 7AM.

I had heard somewhere about raisins AND grapes causing acute Renal failure but hadn't seen any formal paper on the subject. We had her bring the dog in immediately. In the meantime, I called the ER service at MedVet, and the doctor there was like me— had heard something about it, but we contacted the ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center and they said to give IV fluids at 1 & 1/2 times maintenance and watch the kidney values for the next 48-72 hours.

The dog's BUN (blood urea nitrogen level) was already at 32 (normal less than 27) and creatinine over 5 (1.9 is the high end of normal). Both are monitors of kidney function in the bloodstream. We placed an IV catheter and started the fluids. Re-checked the renal values at 5 PM and the BUN was over 40 and creatinine over 7 with no urine production after a liter of fluids. At the point I felt the dog was in acute renal failure and sent him on to MedVet for a urinary catheter to monitor urine output overnight as well as overnight care.

He started vomiting again overnight at MedVet and his renal values have continued to increase daily. He produced urine when given lasix as a diuretic. He was on 3 different anti-vomiting medications and they still couldn't control his vomiting. Today his urine output decreased again, his BUN was over 120, his creatinine was at 10, his phosphorus was very elevated and his blood pressure, which had been staying around 150, skyrocketed to 220 ... He continued to vomit and the owners elected to Euthanize.

This is a very sad case - great dog, great owners who had no idea raisins could be a toxin. Please alert everyone you know who has a dog of this very serious risk.

Poison control said as few as 7 raisins or grapes could be toxic. Many people I know give their dogs grapes or raisins as treats including our ex-handler's. Any exposure should give rise to immediate concern.

Onions, chocolate, cocoa and macadamia nuts can be fatal, too.

Even if you don't have a dog, you might have friends who do. This is worth passing on to them.

Donations

Monthly

Peter & Velma Stuart (Pace, FL) Cocoa, chow lab mix, 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.

Last month you'll recall, I had gone searching for a lost Sheltie, did not end well and blew my mind. The owners and friends of Parker had me do a Memorial Page with proceeds given by Parker's owners and friends to Jax Sheltie Rescue. I've included Parker's Memorial Page (follows somewhere) The amount donated to Sheltie Rescue at this point is \$1,500. We cannot thank Janet Barber enough for doing this for us and Parker.

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.

Another thought we had, 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 dduffy@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 -- powered by yahoo.

Or "www.Goodshop.com"

Type in 'Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue'(Jacksonville, FL)

Sheltie Easter



In Memory



“Parker”

9/19/2005 - 3/12/09

Donations to Sheltie Rescue
In memory of Parker:

These are Parker’s friends.

Janet & Dale Barber

Debbie & Tony Pappas

Patricia Dennes

Donna Hamm

Carol Harrison

Nancy Frazier

Dr. Mary Lou Koran

Jan Barna (Jeanette)

Joe Quesada (Jose)

Emily Anderson

Leigh McBride

Alison McDonald of Pupsicles

Mary Lynn Jensen

Pamela O’Saile & OTCH Frank II

Nancy Reich

Judie Herman

Albert & Peggy Crouch

Cynthia Williams

Thomas Burkart MD

Val Rutledge

Barbara Schwartz

*We are deeply saddened
by the loss of Parker. His
total joy of life touched
many .The tears have
been flowing*

Janet Barber

Fragile Circle

"We who choose to surround ourselves with lives even more temporary than our own, live within a fragile circle, easily and often breached.

Unable to accept its awful gaps, we still would live no other way.

We cherish memory as the only certain immortality, never fully understanding the necessary plan."

Irving Townsend.

The Promise Of Rainbow Bridge



“Waiting”



“Spotted”



“Reunited”

Rescued Hearts by Kathleen Parsons

Taking care of rescue dogs
Is something I do best
I know because I've done it,
and I've surely passed the test.

The dogs I've bathed, the food I've fed,
The vacuuming I've done,
And all to watch a frightened soul
Sit dreaming in the sun.

My own dogs I've neglected,
But I tell them every day,
That I love and cherish each of them
Though a new dog's come to stay.
I know they understand this,
for in their eyes I see
The love that I have given them
Come shining back to me.

Some people think I'm crazy,
Some others think I'm great
But very few can understand
What really is at stake.
If I can love and help a dog
To find a better way,
My own life is much richer,
I look forward to each day.

So now you know my secret,
It's there for all to see
The love I give, the life I save,
I do it all for ME!



For YOU, wonderful adopters.....

I Adopted Your Dog Today

I adopted your dog today
The one you left at the pound
The one you had for seven years
and no longer wanted around.

I adopted your dog today
Do you know he's lost weight?
Do you know he's scared and depressed
and has lost all his faith?

I adopted your dog today.
he had fleas and a cold,
but don't worry none.
You've unburdened your load.

I adopted your dog today.
Were you having a baby or moving away?
Did you suddenly develop allergies or was
there no reason he couldn't stay?

I adopted your dog today.
he doesn't play or eat much
He's very depressed, but
he will learn again to trust.

I adopted your dog today.
And here he will stay.
He's found his forever home
and a warm bed on which to lay.

I adopted your dog today.
And I will give him all that he could need.
Patience, love, security, and understanding.
Hopefully he will forget your selfish deed.

-Author Unknown