

Northern California



Sheltie Rescue

NORCAL SHELTTIE RESCUE

Fall Newsletter 2018

Director's message

Dear rescue friends,

Since our last newsletter in April of 2018, the rescue business has continued to thrive. After 2017's slow start, we rescued 23 Shelties. To date in 2018, we have rescued 22 Shelties with an average age of 6.6 years. Of those, 68% were from owners who surrendered them to us, 5% from shelters, and 27% from other sources.

Our annual expenses continue to exceed our annual income, but fortunately we are surviving based on generous donations from individuals and estates. We pride ourselves on thorough vetting of all our rescue dogs, including dentals for those that need it. We recently added the two canine flu vaccines to our protocol. When our dogs get adopted, they are well protected, which is ideal for dogs and adopters. For us, however, the expenses are huge, especially if spays and neuters are also necessary.

We welcome short-term donations and monthly donation subscriptions, which can be set up from the home page of our website, www.norcalsheltierescue.org, through PayPal or by credit cards. For long-term donations or legacy gifting, please see the spring 2017 newsletter found under the "Newsletter" tab on our website or contact me directly.

This issue of the newsletter includes messages from many of our foster moms and dads about the rewards of fostering. We are incredibly fortunate to have a core group of experienced foster families and we always welcome new fosters to our extended Sheltie family. Our "foster-to-adopt" program is very popular — foster parents have first priority to adopt and most of the time, they fall in love with their foster dogs. We always need permanent fosters, too, for the older or medically/behaviorally-challenged senior Shelties.

Whether you're an adopter, supporter, donor, volunteer, member of the rescue team, or Sheltie fan, we consider you to be part of our extended Sheltie family. Please join us on October 20th in at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton to help us celebrate our annual rescue parade and fundraiser. Check our website under "events" for more detailed information as the date approaches.

Thank you for your ongoing support — we couldn't do this without you! The photo below of me with my two Shelties, Sierra & Bailey, is courtesy of John Poimiroo.

Warm regards,

Gale Ann



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Annual Rescue Parade

Raffle Fundraiser

October 20, 2018

Alameda County Fairgrounds

Pleasanton, CA

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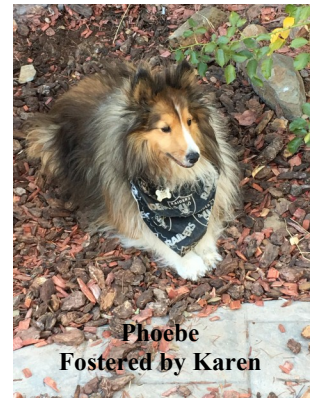
1-888-296-9350 message line

Seniors Rock!



Chip & Flash
Fostered by Roger

Phoebe has lived well beyond her vet's prediction and she's still happy as a clam, chasing her younger Sheltie brothers and the back yard squirrels, barking and playing. She has a cult following at herding and agility and when she doesn't get to go, everyone asks about her. She loves every minute of her life. Who knows how many more days, months, or years she has left but for now she's known as princess Phoebe and she rules the household. →



Phoebe
Fostered by Karen



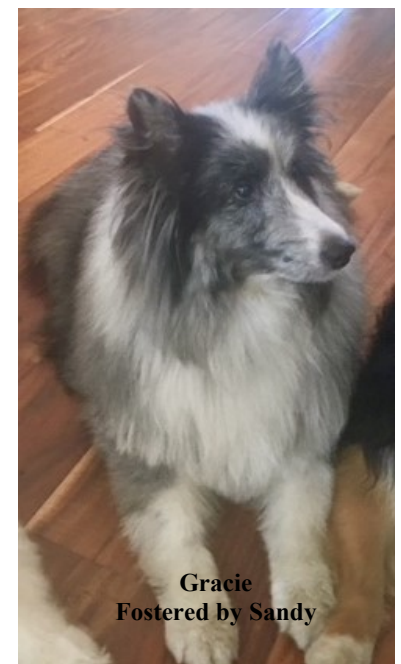
Peaches
Fostered by Luz



Buddy
Fostered by Ann & Joe



Kasey
Fostered by Angel



Gracie
Fostered by Sandy

Special thanks to the following volunteers for pickup, transport, and fostering, often on a moment's notice.

Joanna	Louis
Rosalind	Sonia
Tom	Debbie
Pat	Maureen



Gala
Fostered by Lucie & Frank



Annual Rescue Parade

We are looking for rescue Shelties to participate in the parade at the Del Valle Dog Show in Pleasanton on October 20, usually about 3-4 p.m., after the conformation event has concluded. It's a wonderful Sheltie show of sizes, colors, temperaments, and most importantly, the stories of their rescues. Adopters are so

proud of these dogs, many of which have overcome major obstacles in order to live their lives as companion dogs. NorCal Sheltie Rescue takes this opportunity to thank all those responsible for nurturing these dogs and helping them thrive. It's obvious from the parade that these dogs are living healthy and active lives. Even

the seniors have that special light in their eyes that says "Life is Good."

We encourage you to join us with your rescue Sheltie! Although we try to emphasize the recent rescues, any and all former rescue Shelties are welcome.



Rewards of Fostering

I love to volunteer for the group and out of all the many opportunities my preference is fostering the shelties. I have done this for many years and get so much more back from them than what I give. I prefer the seniors because, as a senior myself, I appreciate the fact that they are calmer, and it's almost like they know you have rescued them. When I have a bad day, there is nothing that compares to coming home to a happy doggie with a wagging tail. It makes you feel so much better. I also don't have to worry about getting knocked over by an active young one!

Claudia

Some Shelties are surrendered by owners for whom it was a very difficult decision to make. When their dog has found their new home, not only are the adopters happy, but I reap the rewards by letting the surrendering family know that their beloved pet is settled and happy. Letting the dogs go when they get adopted is not difficult because I know that there is another dog out there that needs me.

Kathie

Just got the girl partly bathed. I had to cut off so many mats. She has been neglected for a long time. Afterwards I wrapped her in a towel and put her on my lap. She melted into me for 20 minutes. Now I remember why I do this.

Joanna

Volunteering presents itself with a myriad of opportunities, from fostering, to helping with transport, to doing home checks, and pitching in during the raffle fundraising events. The most rewarding for me is fostering. For some shelties, they come into rescue and present themselves with various medical issues. I then get to use my skills as a nurse to put "humpty-dumpty back together again." They ask for nothing but love and companionship, and then give their heart in response to kindness and feeling better.

Liliane

I foster because it is a gift to be able to make a positive difference in a rescued dog's life. Their ultimate display of trust, joy, and recovery is almost immediate which, in most cases, tells me that they KNOW they are being rescued. The dogs also come to us craving human contact, whether physical or verbal, and it is awesome to know, that as a result of my efforts, I have directly contributed to an animal's health and sense of wellbeing. At first, I thought I was the "giver" in this foster arrangement. However, in the end, when you see that they are clean, comfortable, healthy, and happy, it is the dogs who give to us, and we, as volunteers, are actually the receivers in this deal!

Ann

I volunteer regularly for NorCal Sheltie Rescue for several reasons. The people you meet are like-minded with similar values, and the stories you hear are uplifting. The contribution I make gives me a genuine sense of satisfaction, whether it is selling raffle tickets at fundraising events, directing cars in the parking lot, or helping with the setup of the booths. I have also fostered two shelties in my home, and while this has proven to be a lot of work, the reward in seeing the improvements in the dogs' general health has no equal. There are many ways in which you can volunteer, and whichever way you choose, if you are an animal lover, you will find it personally rewarding.

Joe

I've fostered 62 rescue Shelties to date: sables, tricolors, blue merles, and sable merles (our adopted Sheltie was a bi-black); Shelties as small as 8 pounds and as large as 73 pounds; as young as 11 weeks and as old as 12 years; with issues of biting, nipping, reactivity on leash, pulling on leash, resource guarding, barking, separation anxiety, excessive shyness, excessive activity (high herding drive), urinating or defecating in the house, medical issues, and assorted other problems. With each dog comes a different set of issues. Each one has made me a better dog owner and trainer, and each has taught me to listen to its story. Every few weeks I have to face the sorrow that comes with giving up a dog I've accepted as a loving member of my household, but I also get to welcome another wonderful adopter into our extended Sheltie family.

Terry

Annual Rescue Picnic

Each year we take the time to celebrate our extended Sheltie family by hosting a picnic. Shelties of all origins, shapes, sizes, colors, and temperaments are invited, along with their owners. In many ways it's a family reunion, in which foster parents and adopters reconnect and Sheltie brothers and sisters bask in the opportunity to run, play, chase sheep and ducks (appropriately supervised and trained), practice agility and obedience, earn a Canine Good Citizen title, and just plain relax and enjoy being a dog. We have a great raffle, as well as a great apparel sale, the proceeds of which go directly into our veterinary fund. No picnic is complete, of course, without food, and our attendees are known for bringing a wide variety of delicious entrees, side dishes, and desserts. All in all, a beautiful day to relax and celebrate all things Sheltie! The picnic is usually held on the third Saturday in May in Pleasant Grove, so please make a note on your calendar for next year and come join us!



Information and raffle booths



Just a few of the many raffle prizes



Zoe displays new tee shirt

Our raffles are successful thanks to the hard work and creative efforts of Kathie & Liliane.



New friends



Herding, anyone?



Soccer time



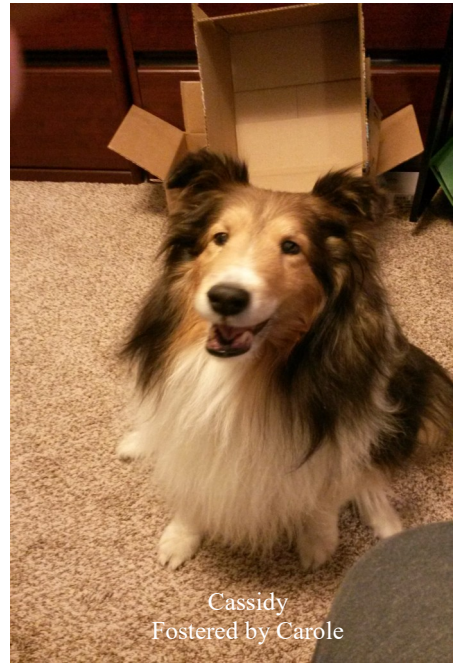
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Fostered by Joe & Debrah



Talus
Fostered by Vicky



Echo
Adopted by Emily



Cassidy
Fostered by Carole



Leah
Fostered by Claudia



Rylee
Adopted by Judy



Baby
Fostered by Ann & Joe



Caper
Adopted by Emily



Gracie & Manchester

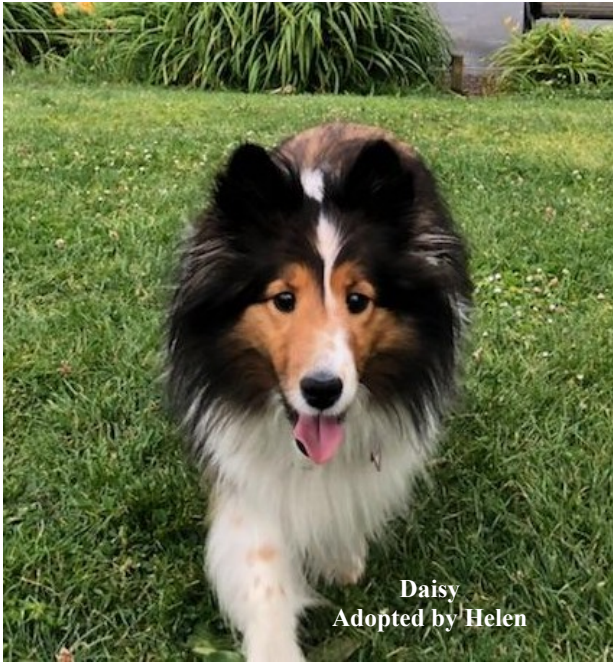
Together Again



Kate
Adopted by Cynthia



Thor (Castle)
Adopted by Tom & Katie



Daisy
Adopted by Helen



Mikka

Adoption pending by Tom



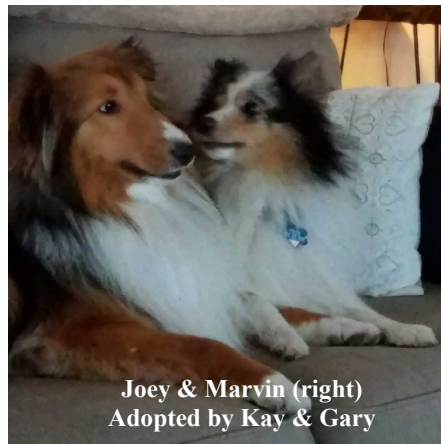
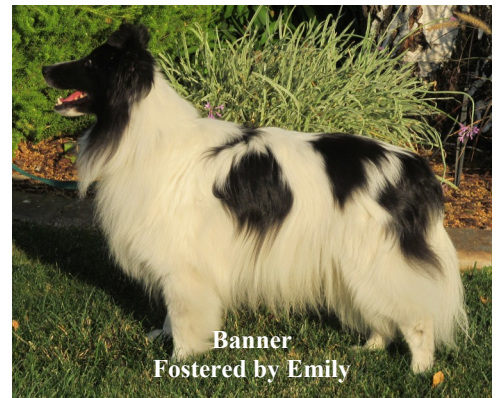
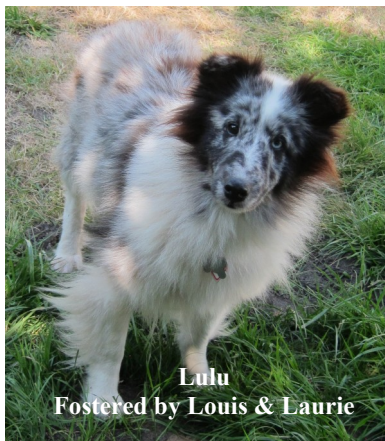
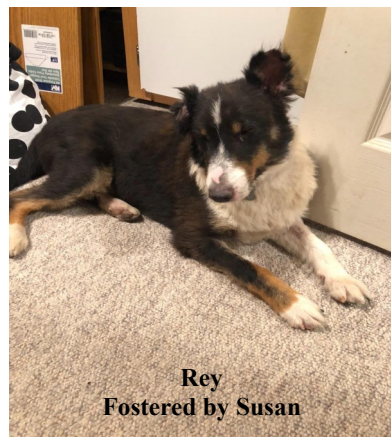
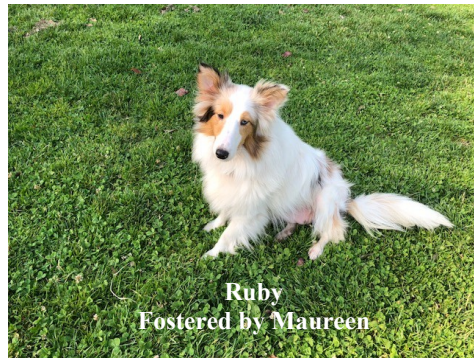
Birdie (Dair) on right)with Charlie Brown,
Adopted by Larry & Kris



Houston
Adopted by Mark

A d o p t e d

Photo Gallery



Our veterinarians

Below is a list of veterinarians and clinics around Northern California that our rescue team and foster homes have used to care for our Shelties. All are knowledgeable about the Sheltie and Collie breeds and some offer discounted rates for our 501c3 nonprofit organization. We are grateful for their many contributions to our mission and to each and every Sheltie in their care.

Abby Pet Hospital	Clovis	Companion Animal Hospital	Santa Cruz
Adobe Animal Hospital	Los Altos	Cool Animal Hospital	Cool
Airport Pet Clinic	Cameron Park	Franklin Ranch Pet Hospital & Hotel	Elk Grove
Animal Care Clinic	El Sobrante	Muir Oaks Veterinary Hospital	Martinez
Animal Hospital of Sebastopol	Sebastopol	Peninsula Animal Dermatology	San Carlos
Auburn Animal Hospital	Bakersfield	Richmond Veterinary Hospital	Richmond
Baring Blvd. Animal Hospital	Sparks NV	SPCA	San Francisco
Brighton Greens Veterinary Hospital	Grass Valley	UC Davis Vet Med Teaching Hospital	Davis
Carson Valley Veterinary Hospital	Minden, NV	VCA American River Animal Hospital	Orangevale
Coastside Veterinary Clinic	Half Moon Bay	VCA Bradshaw Veterinary Clinic	Elk Grove

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