



Newsletter

Spring 2021

Dear Sheltie Rescue Friends,

What a strange year we have all endured with the pandemic. Intake numbers continue to be lower than in years past. At the end of 2020, our total intake was thirteen (13), which included three (3) seniors with health challenges going directly into our long term foster care, "Special Needs" program. Nine (9) have been adopted and one (1) is currently being fostered, evaluated and trained for behavior issues. Due to the low number of intakes, we are still not accepting new applications. However, we welcome new foster families for our senior dogs and special needs program, which are permanent foster situations. Please email Terry (see address below on this page) to discuss your interest.

I've been seeing articles about how to help our dogs adapt from having fulltime stay-at-home owners to being left alone again for longer periods of time. Here are some useful suggestions to help mitigate their stress:

- Practice leaving the house without your dog (for your sake and his)
- Keep leaving and returning home low key.
- Don't leave the house with a lengthy routine.
- Just pick up your keys/handbag/phone, etc. and go.
- When coming home, walk past your dogs, put your stuff down, and when they've calmed, quietly greet them. Don't get your dog overly excited with lots of happy talk and jumping around.
- Change up your daily routine for walks, play, and other interactions so that your dog doesn't become an alarm clock and demand his or her walk on a set schedule.
- Mix in training sessions to help mentally tire your dog.

Winding your dog up when you leave has been shown to contribute to Separation Anxiety. There are more articles online and even whole books about how to help your dog minimize Separation Anxiety. Be mindful about how the manner you leave and return home affects the emotional balance of your household.

We've scheduled our Annual Sheltie Celebration at Performance Dogs In Action for Saturday, May 22nd from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. **Please bring your own lunches and beverages this year.** We'll host a raffle of great prizes. Herding Instinct Testing will be available for \$35 per dog beginning at 9 am. We can hardly wait to see you!

Gale Ann



Many thanks to our NorCal Sheltie Rescue team, plus our foster families, without whose help the rescues, rehabilitations, and adoptions of these beautiful dogs could not take place.

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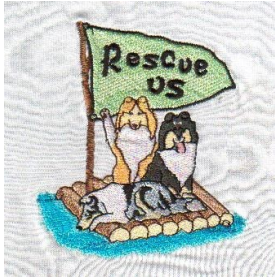
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2021 Sheltie Celebration

Saturday, May 22

Pleasant Grove, CA

We look forward to seeing you this year at our annual gathering of Sheltie lovers!
See page 2 for details.



Sheltie Rescue Celebration

May 22, 2021

Performance Dogs in Action

7089 Pleasant Grove Rd.

Pleasant Grove, CA 95668

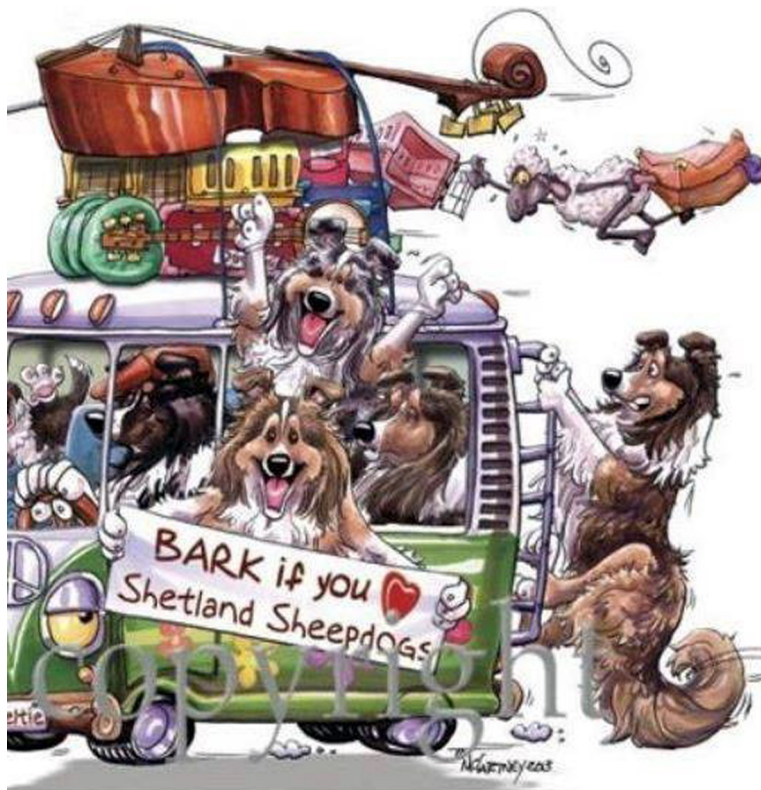
Please come join us this year for our annual gathering of Shelties and their people. We are excited to welcome everyone again, after bypassing 2020 due to the pandemic.

Instead of hosting our usual potluck feast, we ask that everyone bring his/her own lunch and beverage. Our fundraising raffle will take place as usual, with social distancing and masking encouraged. **Don't forget to bring chairs for the humans, exercise pens for the Shelties, and personal address labels to attach to your raffle tickets.**

Time: 10:00—2:00

Herding Instinct Testing begins at 9:00

\$35 fee



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- \$3,076.25 to NorCal Sheltie Rescue, Inc.
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Shadow 727
Adopted by Mark



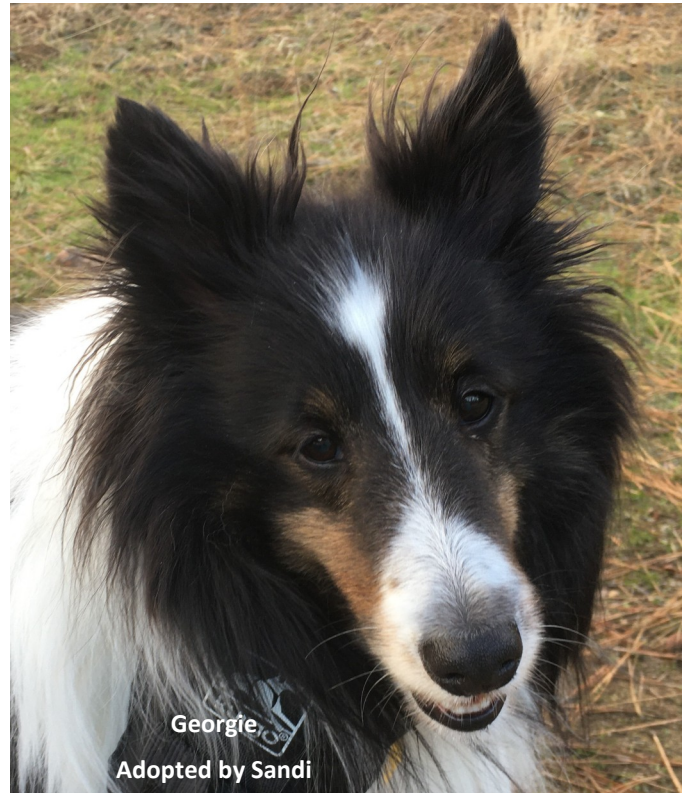
Shadow 730

Adopted by Toni & family

Note: After rescuing over 700 Shelties, we have started to define dogs with duplicate names by the number of their intake. For example, Shadow 727 was the 727th Sheltie we saved (December 2020) and Shadow 730 was the 730th intake (April 2021). This process helps us keep our records straight.



Maddy
Adopted by Sandi



Georgie
Adopted by Sandi

BACKYARD DANGERS FOR DOGS

Expert advice on how to keep your pet safe from harm outdoors.



As much as fresh air, sunlight, and exercise are all good for your canine companion, your yard or garden can also be home to some scary dog dangers. Here are seven outdoor hazards to watch out for.

1 TOXIC PLANTS

Did you know that certain plants surrounding your home could be poisonous for your dog? Here are some common toxic plants and potential side effects after ingestion:²



Sago Palm

Vomiting, liver damage, death



Holly

Vomiting, diarrhea and depression



Aloe Vera

Vomiting, lethargy, diarrhea



Daffodil

Vomiting, salivation, large ingestions cause convulsions, the bulb is the most toxic part



Iris

Salivation, vomiting, drooling, lethargy, diarrhea



Tulips

Vomiting, depression, diarrhea, hypersalivation, the bulb is the most toxic part

FACT

All ingestions of sago palm are considered emergencies. Even with excellent medical care, the prognosis of survival for poisoned dogs is only 50%.¹

2 FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GARDENS

Common garden fruit and vegetable plants can also be toxic to dogs, including:^{2,3}

Tomato Plants

Severe gastrointestinal upset, weakness

Onions

Vomiting, high heart rate, panting

Stone Fruit Pits

Difficulty breathing, panting, shock

Rhubarb Leaves

Drooling, tremors, kidney failure

Grapes & Raisins

Vomiting, lethargy, acute kidney failure



FACT

Not only can fruit pits cause obstructions if swallowed, chewing on whole pits or seeds can release cyanide, which is highly toxic.

FACT

While 99% of mushrooms have little or no toxicity, the 1% that are highly toxic can cause life-threatening problems in pets.⁴

3 MUSHROOMS



Mushrooms can also be extremely dangerous for dogs. Signs of mushroom poisoning in dogs may include:⁴

- Lethargy
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Seizures
- Weakness
- Impaired coordination
- Liver failure
- Death



“Pet parents should police their yard once weekly and most especially after heavy rains to pull mushrooms.”

—Deborah Mara, DVM

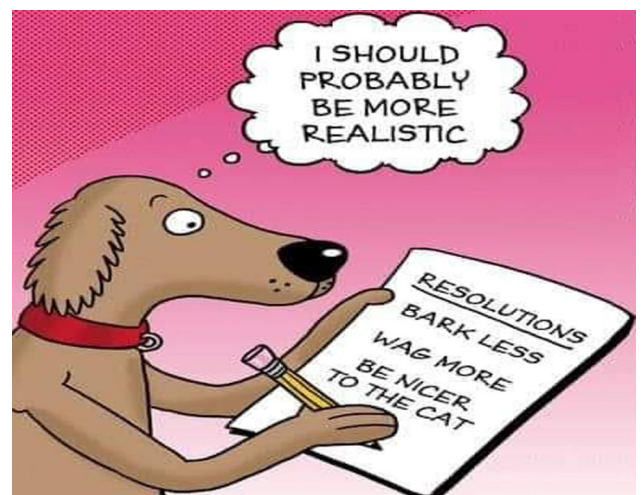
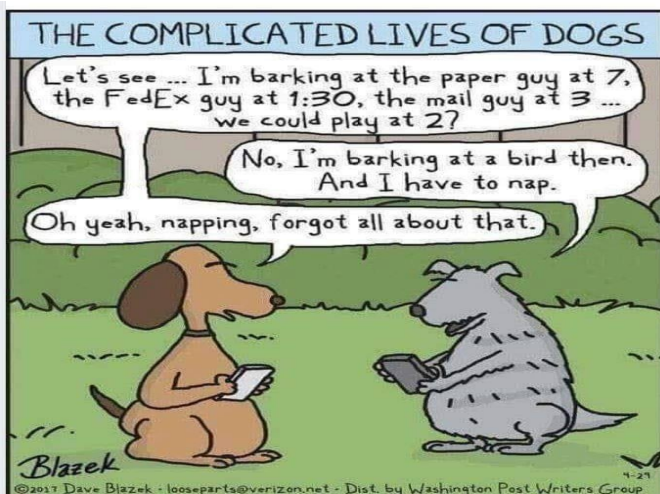
Ted's Incredible Journey

In November of 2016, NorCal Sheltie Rescue, Inc. received an inquiry about a Sheltie named Ted that needed a home. Of course we said we'd take him into our program. Then we found out that he lived in Idaho!

His story is unique. He was a stray, wandering the snowy fields in Idaho during the dead of winter. He was found by an all-breed rescuer who nurtured and vetted him, then placed him in a family home. A couple of weeks later, he bolted out the front door when missionaries arrived at the house, unannounced. He was on the run again, still in the dead of winter. Several weeks went by and rescuers were losing hope. One day he reappeared in the vicinity of his first rescuer, who promptly took him in. After a short stay to ensure his health, Ted was ready to go to his permanent home. Fortunately, one of the volunteers in Idaho was planning a trip to northern California and offered to bring Ted to us.



In his first foster home, he was completely vetted and well cared for. But he was very nervous, especially around his foster dad. Reluctantly, the foster parents decided not to adopt him. His next home was with Lea the human and Tula the terrier, and Ted was happy. He adjusted quickly and formed a tight bond with Tula, growing accustomed to the routines of good health, exercise, attention, love, and play. He recently spent a few months in Rhode Island, clearly remembering his days in the snow. But he's back in California now, for good — no more escapes, no more snow and ice, and no more lonely times.





Shane
Loved by Barbara & Eric



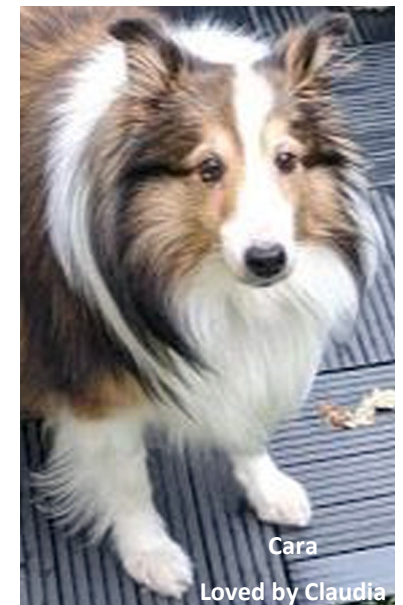
Abby
Loved by Linde & Jeff



Sallie
Loved by Tina & Gary



Luke
Loved by Rose & Larry



Cara
Loved by Claudia



Kenny
Loved by Julie



Kasey
Loved by Angie & Irene

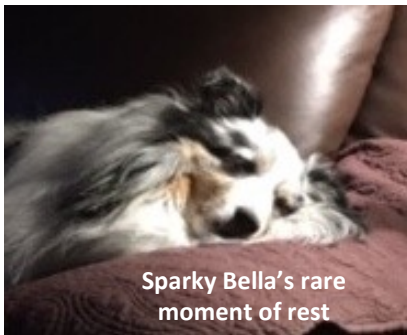


Special thanks . . .
to Claudia, one of our volunteers who's fostered over twenty (20) senior and special needs Shelties for NorCal Sheltie Rescue, Inc. She has a huge heart for these dogs and always offers to help, regardless of their condition, nurturing and loving them for as long as they have quality of life.



Bella
Loved by Audrey

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.

Acorn Veterinary Clinic, Davis

Adobe Animal Hospital, Los Altos

Airport Pet Clinic, Cameron Park

Auburn Animal Hospital, Bakersfield

Bayside Animal Hospital, Granite Bay

Blue Ravine Animal Hospital, Folsom

Brighton Greens Veterinary Hospital, Grass Valley

Carson Valley Veterinary Hospital, Minden NV

Companion Animal Hospital, Santa Cruz

Devotion Animal Hospital, Santa Rosa

Franklin Ranch Pet Hospital, Elk Grove

Jackson Creek Veterinary Clinic, Jackson

Mid-Peninsula Animal Hospital, Menlo Park

Muir Oaks Veterinary Hospital, Martinez

VCA Bradshaw Veterinary Clinic, Elk Grove

Walnut Creek Veterinary Hospital, Walnut Creek

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