

Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue

HAPPY THANKSGIVING !

Alabama Annie - A Happy Ending!

We have written about Annie, the Sheltie from Alabama, before. We told you how she was found lying by the side of the road, her neck badly bitten in multiple places. A vet cared for her tenderly and Annie required a lot of care before she could be transported to Jax Sheltie Rescue.

Annie's hair was sparse but putting her on thyroid medication helped it grow in more thickly, as did feeding her good human-grade food. The bites on her neck gradually healed completely and the fur on her neck grew back. However, those bites caused damage to her trachea, causing Annie to cough if she exerts herself too much.

Annie is sweet and extremely loving. She very much wanted to find a person that she could bond with totally. But her health and her age were against her. (The vet in Alabama estimated her to be 8 to 10 years old.) Annie looked like a dog that would live out the rest of her life with Darla & Ernie., happy certainly - but still wishing she could have one person of her very own.

I am sure the angels sang loudly the day someone called and said "I want to adopt an older dog that might not get adopted otherwise, and I think Annie just might be that dog."

So we took her application. We took Annie over to meet Joann. We discovered that Joann was much like Annie - she wanted a dog of her very own to love; a dog that would sit by her feet, and eagerly welcome her home each day.



Annie before

Annie at adoption—>

Please join us in a "Happy Dance" for Annie & her adopter, Joann.



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The next Sheltie Meet-Up will be held on November 14, 09

Now the end of Daylight Saving Time is upon us, we are going to move our Meetup time to start at 2 PM and run till 4 PM. That we can be sure it won't get dark on us.

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People Pleasing, Dog Pleasing Maddie

Remember all those dogs that pushed open the gate to enter Rescue last month? One of them was a 9 month old well bred blue merle collie, small for a collie, but certainly no sheltie. Darla & Sam both fell madly in love with her, after all Maddie is not only sweet and gentle, not only extremely affectionate, she is truly intelligent as well.

We knew we would get a number of applications for her, and we did. We knew we would be able to place her quickly, even though we had some strong thoughts about what would be exactly the right home for Maddie.

Enter John & Lynn from the Tampa area. They had taken in a 3 year old collie in July, after their elderly collie had died. Sky, their new girl, hadn't had much of a life up until then.



Maddie & John & Sky & Lynn

bet a few dollars on Maddie becoming the gently dominant dog in their family.

Sam grinned widely all the way home, thinking of the people who will meet Maddie & Sky and ask "Are they mother and daughter?" and "How do you tell them apart!?" "My goodness, Sky's left eye is blue and Maddie's right eye is blue!"

By the way, Maddie is being crated at night until she is used to her new home. Sky is sleeping near Maddie's crate, just to make sure her new friend is safe and happy and unafraid!

She had been crated much of the time. She didn't seem to know much about toys. She was very loving and they felt she really needed a playmate and companion.

Last weekend, Darla dropped Maddie off with Sam. Sam & Alan packed up their own dogs and Maddie and drove off to meet John & Lynn and Sky (who is also a blue merle).

Love at first sight barely describes it. Sky was excited and enthused and could barely wait for Maddie to meet John & Lynn. Sky wanted to play!!

Best of all, Maddie - although younger and much smaller than Sky - felt no fear. In fact, Sam & Lynn were willing to



Maddie, on the left, is receiving instructions from Sky (right) on how to guard the perimeter of her new

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.

From Max, a Sheltie adopted from Jax Sheltie Rescue

Dear Darla Just a note to tell you that I'm getting up in the years now, some heart valve problems and am on medication everyday, but my dad bought me a golf cart and I get around very well still. I have to thank you because you gave me the best parents ever and I have had a wonderful life. I go to the mountains of Tenn for our summer home and Florida for our winter home. Last year we met a lady from Indiana that said she was the breeder of my family, She said she sold me to a young man from the military and she showed us my father's picture She said he was grand champion of Canada and the United States and said she knew her dogs and that I had been her puppy. So I guess I come from royalty, but it did not impress anyone including me, I'm just a Gullone family member and having an Italian for my dad, I have learned when spaghetti sauce is cooking and know that soon I'll have my spaghetti and meatballs or Italian sausage. Just wanted you to know about the life you have given me a chance to have.

Much love to you and all the children in your care
Max Gullone



Max!!

Do you remember the newfie Darla rescued from death at Animal Control? "Frank now nicknamed "Frank The Tank" went to a very loving couple. Here's an update Frank sent to us.

Hello Miss Samantha,

Sorry it has been so long since I emailed you. I'm doing real well. You should see me now. I am one big muscular boy. Mr. Elliot thinks I am at least 95 lbs. He'll be taking me to the animal hospital in 3 months (they want to check me every 9 months until there are no signs) just to see how the heart worms are doing and get me weighed then. I'm not showing any adverse signs just being safe. About 6 - 7 weeks ago I really started coming out of my shell and showing my personality. Miss Donna said she thinks I finally adopted them. Miss Donna moved her insurance agency a couple months ago from an office building with a community entrance to a strip mall with her own entrance. I am such a good boy I get to go to work with her 1 - 2 days a week. All the ladies just love me there. Life is good being me :) I have a story from this morning speaking of my weight. We still go for our first walk of the day between 4:30 and 5 a.m. We were about 8 houses down when I walked in a yard to pee. When I stepped in the street I was limping. Mr Elliot checked my pad but couldn't find anything. I walked a couple more steps and stopped. He checked again and still nothing. A couple more steps and I laid down in the road. He laid down next to me and checked again, still could not feel anything and it was kind of dark. I would not get up. Not knowing what else to do he squatted down and picked my big but up (he worked at a vet in high school so he knew how to carry me) and walked all the way home with me. Humans are so funny. He kept telling me we were almost there but I think he was really trying to convince himself. Good thing the old guy is still strong and determined. When we got in the house there was a little blood mark on one pad. I had thorn or something. We think it is all out and I am walking better but he called the vet to warn them I may be in if it got worse.

That's all for now,
The Tank



INCOLAY ORNAMENTS
Don't forget we have these lovely ornaments in six different colors. You can call Darla or order them from the "store" on our website. Go to They make great Christmas presents!!
Purchase of these ornaments helps provide funds to Sheltie Rescue.
www.jacksonvillesheltierescue.org/page11.htm

Transitional Cell Carcinoma (TCC or Bladder Cancer)

It sounds pretty scary, and it is! Although most documentation/information on Bladder Cancer in dogs states that it is usually inoperable, one of our adopters has an update for us. Her beloved sheltie, Annie, was diagnosed with TCC earlier this year. Her vets told her about someone in Alabama who was operating, successfully, on dogs with Bladder Cancer. Nonie took Annie to the surgeon (he only does surgery - and from a wheelchair!) and the operation was successful. The vets then put Annie on Piroxican, an anti-cancer agent.

Recently, the vets found another small cancerous area and Annie went back for another small operation. The surgeon was extremely happy with Annie and thought the Piroxicam was helping her. Later this month, Annie & her owner, Nonie, will come to Jacksonville to consult with an oncologist.

In the meantime, Annie and her new sister, Piper, snuggle up happily on the couch. We wanted you to know that there can be a surgical option for bladder cancer and hope you will hold Annie in your



Toenail Clippers

Upstairs in momma's secret drawer
She keeps a monster thing of horror,
It bites and tries to eat our toes,
Why it does that no one knows!
We bark and fuss and wiggle and squirm,
But our dad and momma hold us firm.
This thing of horror makes a noise,
Although it's squeaky - it's not like toys,
It's a squeaky, snippy, clippy thing,
It has sharp teeth and a big strong spring
Sometimes, after it eats our feet,
We get something good to eat.
But one day, when no one else is home
And we are left here all alone,
We'll sneak it out, and none will know
We sent it where the odd socks 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

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.

Dave & Marilyn Dahl, and their well-loved senior dogs, Lady & Dee

Other Donations

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:

Searching the Internet at www.goodsearch.com -- powered by Yahoo, or "www.Goodshop.com" Type in 'Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue'(Jacksonville, FL)

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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Banana Republic	Macy's	Expedia
Barnes & Noble	Office Depot	Flowers.com
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Dell	Overstock.com	
Drugstore.com	Pet Smart	
E-Bay	Quill	
Expedia	QVC	
Flowers.com		
Gap	Sears	
Home Depot	Staples	
Itunes	Target	
Kohls	Wal-Mart	



Canine Health

If there are any issues you would like to see us cover in this section, please contact Sam (Mantha1999@aol.com). Please note - put "SR Newsletter" into the subject line of your email. I get a lot of mail and it will make sure your note gets the proper attention and into the correct folder.

WARNINGS

(Just some thoughts to share with you.)

People are frequently astonished to learn that dogs get many of the same disease that affect humans. Sometimes dogs take the same or similar medications as humans to help control a disease or condition. However, there are some human drugs you should never, ever give to dogs.

Don't give your dog Tylenol - ever. Don't give your dog Advil. Baby aspirins are sometimes prescribed by vets, but note that I said "prescribed". Too much aspirin can have the same effect on your dog's stomach as it can on a human's, causing bleeding.

Sometimes we have food items stashed in a coat pocket or purse. Sometimes our wicked little imps can get to those items. Most of you already know that chocolate is bad for dogs. You may not know that dark chocolate is extremely toxic to dogs, worse than milk chocolate. White chocolate is not as toxic as either dark or milk chocolate. (Still toxic, mind you, and the smaller the dog, the faster the toxicity becomes a problem.)

Some of us chew sugar-less gum. Good for us, but if you use a gum with Xylitol as the sweetener, you need to be aware that Xylitol can kill a dog -quickly, maybe before you can even get to an Emergency Room vet!

Many supplements are excellent for dogs (I use several for my own dogs), but supplements should not be given to a dog without careful study, and preferably not without consulting a vet. "Natural" does not always mean "healthy" (and that applies to us humans as well as our dogs). For example, someone recently wrote into the Canine Cushing's group. She had been giving her dog Noni Juice. Noni juice can cause some serious health problems in dogs (and people), but it had been touted to her as a "natural remedy", therefore she thought it would be a good thing to do.

Which brings me to a general warning. Beware of "Snake Oil"!!! There are several "internet vets" selling things like "Cushex Drops" (to treat Cushing's Disease). They are a waste of money and time - and the time is the more serious issue since one puts off traditional, proven treatments while waiting to see if the product will work.

This doesn't mean we are opposed to natural, alternative treatment methods. There are some that are extremely effective. For example, Dr Hightman suggested we put Logan on a Chinese herb called "Yunnan Baiyo" to help control the nosebleeds caused by his nasal cancer. Without a doubt, that helped Logan immeasurably. Both Darla & I use Milk Thistle for dogs on Pheno Barbitol as it helps cleanse the liver. My Pixie gets low doses of Vitamin E several times a week because she has Discoid Lupus E. (collie nose) and if I stop the Vitamin E totally, the condition flares right back up. In all those examples, though, we had input from vets to say it was safe and useful.

Samantha

DOG TREATS

Both Darla and I are frequently asked for recommendations on dog treats - what is safe for the dog, what can help clean their teeth, what do we use. First, you need to avoid three little words "Made in China". Seriously. Always. You also would be wise to avoid giving pig's ears for a treat - they are frequently loaded with salmonella and just this week the FDA put out a warning on a specific brand (but no brand is truly "safe").

Liver treats are quite popular with dogs. Pulverize some raw liver (beef is preferred, but you can also use pureed chicken livers), mix with a tiny bit of garlic, mash it flat in a dish and either bake it or microwave it. Cut the result into small squares, freezing some for another day. Beef liver is rich in Vitamin A and B - so be careful not to feed this too often. Too much Vitamin A is toxic to your dog.

Bully Sticks - I'm sure you have seen these at the store, they are sold under several different names. Have you noticed how stinky they can be? To get rid of the stink and get an unadulterated stick, go to Bullysticks.com. You want to look for the "odor free Bully sticks" item. They are sold in rather large quantities, so find a friend or three and split the cost and the amount. My dogs get them about once a week. It is good for their teeth and they love them. I always remove the small bits, though, so they can't try to swallow it. (And remember, if you have multiple dogs it is a good idea to only give a long-lasting treat to dogs in crates or otherwise separated. Otherwise, blood could be spilled. :)

Dental Chews - There are several brands of dental chews that are coated with an enzymatic product which helps fight tartar. I use the C.E.T. brand of chew, again removing the small bits from crates. You will be amazed at the difference one chew will make in the whiteness of your dog's teeth. Again, don't give these daily - I use them no more than once a week. I would also recommend this product more for people who dogs are fed either raw or home cooked food because dogs fed on kibbles or canned tend not to have enough digestive enzymes to handle these chews well. Of course nothing is better for your dogs than to brush their teeth (use one of the enzymatic toothpastes made for dogs - they usually come in beef or poultry flavor). Never use human toothpaste when brushing your dog's teeth. Remember: even once a week brushing could help you increase the time between expensive dental cleanings!

Other Treats: Here is a real wild idea for you! Go for the gusto and cook up a chicken breast for your dog (boil it, microwave it, roast it). Cut it into snack sized pieces and freeze some of it for later. Your dog will find that much more exciting than a dog biscuit, it won't be as fattening and you will never ever have to worry about product sourced in China or recalled in the US. Green beans (fresh, canned or frozen) are regarded by many shelties as fantastic treats - they are low fat, too! (But don't feed grapes or raisins which can be toxic to dogs!)

Don't cook?? Go to www.RealFoodToppers.com where they sell bags of freeze dried Pure Chicken Breast and Pure Beef Liver and Pure Wild Salmon. These are single ingredient treats so no preservatives (they are freeze-dried, after all). It will set you back some bucks, but they last quite awhile if you don't overfeed them and you can carry them with you anywhere. For older dogs with bad teeth, you can soak them a bit before feeding. The chicken does tend to get a bit crumbly at the bottom of the bag, but you can pour out the crumbs and dampen softly - I guarantee it won't go to waste!! Logan would eat these treats when he wouldn't eat anything else.

Samantha

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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Shelley - Rescue's lovely Tri-Color girl

Shelley had lived with Darla & Ernie for a number of years. She was just a little too large and just a little too old to be adopted. Shelley didn't seem to mind. She was happy with her life and sweet to everyone.

Last year, Shelley nearly died from pancreatitis. Naturally Darla & Ernie fought hard to save her life. This year the pancreatitis returned, as well as possible kidney disease. Ernie fought to keep Shelley alive. He cooked chicken, he bought special dog treats, he gave her sub q fluids multiple times every day. Finally, after months of moderate success followed by relapses, Shelley had to be given release.

Shelley is now in peace at the Rainbow Bridge, but the memories of how much Shelley adored Ernie remain with us. She knew he was trying so hard to help her feel better. The look in her eyes when he walked in the door said "My Hero!". Good bye, Sweet Shelley. May you roam in green grass while waiting for your hero to join you.

December 5th..

ALL Sheltie folk in the area are invited to participate...

The St Augustine Christmas Parade. We and many of our Shelties, adopters, and meet-up friends walked in this parade last year. Was a lot of fun. We interacted with the people on the parade route too.

Hope to have a decorated golf cart to go behind so that those that would need a break from the walk could ride aways.

I will let you all know by email when I have more details. Put the date on your calendar.

Darla

A Memorial

Dear Ernie and Darla,

I just wanted to let you know that our little angel, Molly passed away on Wednesday this week.

My daughter and I drove all the way from Palm Harbor in May 2000 to adopt our little Bluebelle from you and saw Molly and fell in love with her and adopted her from you , too. She was called "Josie" then and you had just rescued her from a puppy mill, too.

She was a blue merle sheltie. She was a wonderful dog and had no real health issues since we had her. Recently we found out she had a heart murmur and had a small blood tumor under one eye removed a month or so ago.

The doctor said bring her back in 6 months to check on the heart and watch her skin....

There were no life threatening signs that she was sick. She was just spitting up a little on Tuesday night and had a little diarrhea the night before. She passed away in her sleep Tuesday night before the morning. My daughter found her passed in her bedroom early Wednesday morning. We brought her in to have her cremated and are picking up her ashes in a special urn today. I spoke with her vet yesterday because I couldn't reach him on Wednesday, (his wife had a baby), anyways..he thought he may have injected something toxic outside....

Its strange because I had brought her to an animal blessing at our church about a month ago and when the minister layed her hands on her, she asked about kidney problems, but said she could be totally off base.Since we had brought her in to our vet for a check up and shots a few months or so before that, I didn't think anything of it.

I had gotten her for my younger daughter because Bluebelle was for the older daughter, but Molly ended up being really my dog as she followed me everywhere in the house. I even started taking her to work withme a few days a week this year. We will all truly miss her. Can I send a picture to you for a memorial?

By the way, we still have Bluebelle and she is very active running in the yard and barking at the neighbor's dog.

I am sure she will miss our Molly...

Thank you so much for the gift of Molly. She was indeed a best friend to me and a faithful companion.

We are all devastated by the loss of her.

Love,

Ann Boyko formerly Kugelard

Ann & Molly



Molly



THE XPAWLOITATION OF DOGS

We is gettin tired of dogs bein made to do stoopid thins by hoomins. Awl ya gots to do is look on TV an ya can see we is bein xpawloited. A good zample is the poooor Chiwowow that was doin that comercial bout dem tacos. Now ya talks bout a dog dat got da shaft it was him, he walked round lookin cute as can be talkin his bad stuff sellin all dem tacos an purrrritoes. When dey thought his cuteness had wern off out in da street wif him, heck we herd that somedogs seen him on a street corner wif a WILL WERK FUR TREATS sign. Ya nose awl da dog woofed bout on TV was wantin a taco an did ya eber see him eat one, ya don't have to answer that cause we all nose the answer. Ya nose what he did fur the Chiwowow breed, wail some humans bought up a bunch of them Chiwowows an when they found out they couldn't talk they frew them away. Ifn ya think we is liein talk to some humans in Chiwowow rescue cause it's da truf, an dey calls us stoopid.

Anutter stoopid comercial is dis one where da humans take a bunch of toilet papers an stack dem up in da kitchen, den dey opens up da door an dis poooor liddle buppy comes runrunrunin in da house an bumps into da toilet papers to get to its food. Now ain't dis smart, what's dis gots to do wif toilet papers we gots to ask ya. How menny of you humans out der is gonna put packages of toilet paper down sews yer dog gonna run into sumpin. It ain't got nuffin to do wif what toilet paper was made fur, it was made to stop dogs furom bein bored when left at home alone. Just ask our humans dey'll tail ya cause we use it all da times to wedekorare the house, oh ya we nose you humans think it's fur wipin yer wail yer unwomentionables an unmentionables. Oh ya our Mom says you wemens out der not to fur-get front to back, you guys can go sideways fur all we care.

Ifn ya look at movies we can show ya more about how dogs end up gettin screwed. Look at da movie Turner an Hooch, a berry good movie bout a berry funny dog. Who do ya think gets top billin, Tom Hanks course an we even bet ya don't eben nose what Hooches name was do ya. Heck ifn it wasn't fur this movie Tom Hanks woodn't be da super star he is today. We bet ifn Hooch had a betta agent he would have pawlayed the star in Furrest Grump. Where do ya think Hooch is now, pawbably in the Movie Dogs nursin home layin on da floor wif fleas, eatin price reduced brown rocks. Oh ya by da ways his name was "beasley".

The Wild Bunch

This fundamentalist Christian couple felt it important to own an equally fundamentally Christian pet. So, they went shopping.

At a kennel specializing in this particular breed, they found a dog they liked quite a lot. When they asked the dog to fetch the Bible, he did it in a flash. When they instructed him to look up Psalm 23, he complied equally fast, using his paws with dexterity. They were impressed, purchased the animal, and went home (piously, of course).

That night they had friends over. They were so proud of their new fundamentalist dog and his major skills, they called the dog and showed off a little.

The friends were impressed, and asked whether the dog was able to do any of the usual dog tricks, as well. This stopped the couple cold, as they hadn't thought about "normal" tricks.

Well, they said, "let's try this out."

Once more they called the dog, and they clearly pronounced the command, "Heel!"

Quick as a wink, the dog jumped up, put his paw on the man's forehead, closed his eyes in concentration, and bowed his head.