

# Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue



## Happy Independence Day !

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Every red-blooded American can tell you that Independence Day celebrations are loud, bright, off-the-hook salutes to freedom. Wherever there are fireworks, you can expect loads of noise. Only, for dogs, this annual event is less a matter of patriotic partying and more like pant-inducing petrification.

The sounds and smells of Fourth of July festivities, to the keen hearing of canines coupled with their acute sense of smell, make for a potentially horrifying experience. Especially considering that celebrations begin shortly after dark and can last for hours. And possibly, be repeated for two or three nights running.

From elaborate stadium displays to small neighborhood gatherings, fireworks can be absolutely terrifying for canines. Heartbreakingly, some dogs have even been known to die as a result of fear-induced trauma and shock. So, what can we do as pet parents to protect our precious pups from outsize fear?

Dogs are very good at telling you when they are scared. They hide, cower, shake, pant, drool, may have dilated pupils and seek comfort from you. Some are destructive when they panic, digging, chewing on things as well as themselves.

They can put themselves in extreme danger by bolting and running away if outdoors from the loud sounds of fireworks.

To prevent these problems distract your pet by giving treats in a steady stream during fireworks, best done on an empty stomach. Give treats before your dog shows any anxiety. You might offer him a long lasting reward that will keep him busy like a real marrow bone from the butcher.

Long term find a recording of fireworks sounds, start by playing it really low volume that you increase over time. By doing this your dog may get happy knowing that treats are coming as well.

Between late June and early July make sure if you leave him home alone that he is secure in your home. Do keep him indoors as much as possible, or walk on a leash during fireworks season. This could save a trip to the Vet for trauma, or the pound which could've been avoided.

Preferably in a darkened room you can play music to mask the noise. From itunes you can download "Through A Dogs Ear" it's music specifically designed to help calm your canine companion.

Do not baby your dog when he is acting fearful, that will only re-enforce the behavior.

Some suggest a Thunder Shirt. This vest uses pressure to calm dogs and works like a weighted vest similar to what is used for children with autism. You can purchase a Thunder Shirt from most pet stores and some Veterinarians.

**If the worst happens and you Sheltie runs away.....PANIC!**

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### Sheltie Meet-Up.

Please see website for more information.

<http://www.meetup.com/The-Jacksonville-Shetland-Sheepdog-Meetup-Group/>

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

Next outing with dogs  
July 00, 2015

From 6 to 8 p.m.  
(Because of summer  
Afternoon heat)

Veterans Park  
1332 Veterans Parkway  
St Johns, FL 32259  
All Shelties and their owners  
are welcomed

# How to Find a Lost Sheltie

Note: This is written by someone who has a lot of experience looking for and finding lost Shelties. The suggestions that follow are actually a lot of different rescuer's thoughts.

**Most important is to "get the word out"** on foot to every household in the area. Not everyone gets a newspaper, nor do they read the LOST ads. If there are signs out, attention is drawn to the fact that there is a lost sheltie. On any posters/notices/ads place the information that the dog is microchipped or tattooed (hopefully they are). I had one returned almost immediately after I added that. The dog we believe had been "removed" from its yard unwillingly and when it was known that the dog could be positively identified even at a later date, it was returned. Could help.

**Do large posters 14X21 in very bold print**, that could be seen by a passing vehicle, with a telephone number of someone immediately available to check out a sighting. Make it brief, no long explanations on why the dog got loose, etc. No small size signs. You want someone driving by to be able to see the phone number easily, so that if they spot the dog they could call from a cell phone. Put "PLEASE DO NOT CHASE!" on your signs, as a chased sheltie will run like the wind! Try writing big red letters on poster "BELOVED Child's PET." Maybe you'll tug at someone's heartstrings if they think the dog belongs to a child. We all have this feeling of sadness and helplessness. People almost always will try to help a lost "sheltie"...say "sheltie" on your advertising mode, but also in smaller print say "miniature collie"...because some people are NOT smart enough to know what a sheltie is. We care not about semantics at this point in time, call it a miniature collie!

**POSTERS** we use two 8 1/2 x 11 sheets of paper, one on the top and one on the bottom with a picture of the dog in the middle. We cover the whole poster with clear "Contact" shelf paper. This makes the poster waterproof and it'll last for weeks. Another option instead of handing out flyers.

This day in the age of computers it is easy to do your own business cards. I make up cards with the dog's picture, the date lost, where lost, phone numbers ... and hand those out to children, people out walking their dogs, running, riding bikes etc. Sometimes they throw away flyers, where they'll keep a business card. Always put a phone number on the card where someone is there all the time.



**Talk to the local delivery people, mail men, oil companies, electric companies and ask them to keep an eye out for the dog, give them one of those business cards with the dogs picture on it. Seek out every child in the neighborhood (kids always know where the dogs are on the street) and give them a flyer or business card with your number.** Post one at the school and play grounds. If someone in this category helps you find the dog, it is nice to give a reward, no matter how small. Then if somebody happens to see a dog they "will" pay attention.

If this dog was a timid dog to begin with...**he will** be hiding, petrified. When hunger finally overtakes fear, he will venture out of his hiding place. That is when the mass notification of the whole area will pay off. Hopefully, somebody will see him and call a phone number from a sign or one of those business cards. At that point somebody needs to GO, right then...  
becKeep a list of everyone who calls with a sighting and a phone number so that if you get to that place of the sighting and can't figure out what they said, you can call them back and maybe they can meet you there and tell you which way she was

**Most times a humane trap is a very good idea.** If you find the area she is in get a humane trap to that location. You will put food and her toys and something with your scent on it, inside the trap. Do NOT try to chase her.... our experience is she will not wait to see who it is...she will just run. The passive way to recover is with the trap. If you have a decent Animal Control they may loan you one if you have a sighting. Some of us have purchased our own traps. Place clothing, toys, and food in the trap and give it time. Check the trap frequently to release any captured critters that you didn't want to capture, like cats, raccoons, etc

**Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue maintains two humane traps, just call me if you need them.**

Keep a list of everyone who calls with a sighting and a phone number so that if you get to that place of the sighting and can't figure out what they said, you can call them back and maybe they can meet you there and tell you which way she was headed, etc. Get a map of the area (Google Maps) and mark the sightings on the map....

When someone calls with a sighting, you must go NOW, not hours later...Dogs, especially shelties, do not meander around the same place usually, they seem to be “going” somewhere. Either back to their hideout or a new hideout.

If you get sightings don't chase him, you'll just chase him out of the area. Try to keep him comfortably in the area he is spotted in. Find a place to feed him, so that he feels he can comfortably come back to that spot for food...and then try to beg, borrow or steal a humane trap. Because he is a sheltie he isn't going to go to a stranger to start with, and with his mind set now EVERYBODY is a stranger. The only way you are going to get him is if he happened to run into somebody's yard and gets cornered, or he goes into a trap.

Lost shelties are in “flight” mode. If you think they will come to you when you call them, that has not been my experience. They see a human or a dog and they are gone. They don't wait to see who it is. Don't take a dog with you looking. That has not worked for me ever. The dog is now scared to death... he is in flight mode. IF he did see you he would not hang around to see who it was, he would take off running to find a place to hide.

When he finds a hideout, it may take several days for him to get comfortable enough to come out... THAT's why you get the large signs out and flyers or business cards to a lesser extent. I think the big signs get to way more people than you can cover with flyers. When he gets hungry and starts to venture out to look for food...people will call... then you do putting the food out and setting the trap.

**Be diligent in your search... Don't think he will come home on his own.** Sometimes they do, but you cannot take a chance. Make sure everyone knows this dog is being searched for and continually be seen “searching” so if anyone does have the dog, they know you are not going to give up and go away!

**If you are thinking someone “has” the dog, because there have been no sightings...**Two things. As you are driving around looking... Tape one of those large posters to the back of your vehicle, so everywhere you go, “people” know “somebody” is still looking for this dog, as is not going “to just go away!”

**Also, if you suspect the dog may have been stolen,** state that the dog is microchipped. If its a bitch, state that she is spayed. Some put “NEEDS MEDICATION” in large print on their flyers and posters. And if at all possible, offer as large a reward as you can afford.

Words of advice from a dog officer – make sure you keep calling dog officers (I believe you **MUST physically check the Animal Control facility** and Humane Society yourself. Do not leave the decision as to whether a dog in the ‘jail’ is a Border Collie, Aussie, or a Sheltie up to an inexperienced \$1.95 shelter worker, (JMHO) and vets to check – yes you'll drive them crazy, but better safe than sorry.

**Most importantly – lost dogs do not usually range.** They usually stick to one particular area, might be 3 miles in diameter. Now, she might have traveled a couple miles before she got to that area, or she might be around the corner, but odds are if she's loose (and not stolen) that she's either with someone, or she's staked out an area.

For every day that passes that you don't have any calls with sightings, put new signs out approximately 1 mile in each direction.

**Make sure to look for her at her regular meal times.** This seems to bring frightened/lost dogs out of hiding, being the creatures of habit that they are. Rule of thumb, though – expand by one mile in each direction for every day she's been missing, and call all ACOs, shelters and vets in those areas. Mail flyers to all local vets (within 30 minutes driving distance)

**Create “drop zones” where you can leave food and an article of your clothing** so that if she runs across it, she will stay with your scent. We successfully found one of my own dogs that I had recently placed when she escaped her new owners and couldn't be caught. We had reports of her in an area, left a shirt there, and there she stayed until caught (she was terrified and wouldn't go near her new owners). If possible (and she's used to it) leave her crate outside, too.

Since I spend a good part of my day looking for lost dogs, I can tell you, they are really easy to miss. They can be five feet away and you'll miss them, but they are creatures of habit, and even when lost, they stick to a routine.

**When you are on foot searching you need to think like a dog.** What does she like? Which direction would she be most likely to head? Is there another house/yard in the neighborhood similar to yours? She might be there. If she's crossed a street, she might have a visual barrier preventing her (in her mind) from returning. Follow the lay of the land – which way would you be most likely to go if you were she? Take the path of least resistance. If you come to an area where there is a drainage ditch, or railroad tracks, or high power lines... that is like a highway! Walk it and “quietly” look for the dog. Do not take a chance on scaring her out of the area.

**BUT DO NOT GIVE UP!** It is perseverance that gets the dog! Good Luck! Darla Duffey and Ashley the searcher dog!

*(She's gone but not forgotten)*

If there are no dogs in heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went!

## Bragging RIGHTS 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 DDuffy@aol.com or Samantha at Mantha1999@aol.com

Kody aka Coby

He is doing really good. He is an excited little guy but as he has grown I am seeing a wonderful boy under all that energy and anxiety. I have worked with him on his issues with sounds, especially beeping. It took a while, but he is just about over it. He has also stopped trying to chase cars while walking. I got a training slip lead and just the different feel on his neck was all it took. He is smart and very sensitive. You get a hundred times more from him with "good boy" than NO. He is very social. Has not met a stranger. He loves dogs and babies. He met my 16 mo. old granddaughter for the first time. She started throwing the ball to him. He brought it to her every time and was very gentle. She was squealing with delight and he was an angel. A very joyous moment. I am quite proud of him. It has been 4 months and he has grown so much. He loves to chew and loves fabrics in particular. I won't tell you how I know that. He is over 30 lbs and very muscular. I believe he would love agility training and I am looking into that.



I just moved to Marietta, Ga with my son. He loves the lack of humidity. He has a bigger house and a bigger yard. I retired and I am now home full time. I do not know what made the first lady who got him at the pet shop give him up, but I am glad I found him. He is growing up to be a wonderful, crazy, maniac of a great sheltie! Hope all is well with you and your pack!  
Debbie

## HOW NOT TO GREET A DOG

Most people do this stuff and it stresses dogs out so they BITE!  
I don't care how cute you (or your kid) think Boogie is. Please show him some respect.



Doing this to a dog who doesn't know you is like a perfect stranger giving you a great big hug and kiss in an elevator. Wouldn't that creep you out? And wouldn't you have the right to defend yourself?

## THE CORRECT WAY:



www.doggedrawings.net Lili

These are Bonnie & Clyde. Brother & sister raised together. They are 10 years old but act

Adopted....Great what can happen to precious Shelties !



JOJO,  
almost as soon as the newsletter came out, we got a call from a former adopter. They have an older male from us and thought maybe Jojo would live him up some. So far it's working out Very well. Jojo lives in St Augustine.

### Shelties Currently Available. July 2015



These are Bonnie & Clyde. Brother & sister raised together. They are 10 years old but act like youngsters. I want them to go together if possible. Bonnie is shy, Clyde is very outgoing and Bonnie feeds off of Clyde's emotions. If it's OKAY with Clyde, it's Okay with her.

### Still in our care..... forever we are guessing..

These because of their ages.

These because of their temperments !



Dakota 14



Duffy 13



Minnie 6

Here but not really adoptable. Their temperaments are really messed up. We consider them major flight risks. They came together probably related, from a home in Alabama. Dumped at a Vet's office and brought to us by a friend coming this way. Owner remarried and new wife did not want the dogs.



Cooper 7

Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue thanks our vets for their care of all of our animals.  
We truly appreciate their kindness and professionalism.

**Mandarin**

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Jacksonville FL 32257  
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This is the best guide to toxins for dogs I have ever seen!

<b>ALCOHOL</b> COMA DEATH INTOXICATION	<b>AVOCADO</b> CONTAINS PERSIN: VOMITING DIARRHEA	<b>RAISINS CURRANTS</b> KIDNEY FAILURE
<b>COOKED BONES</b> STOMACH LACERATIONS	<b>WALNUTS MACADAMIAS</b> NERVOUS SYSTEM AND MUSCLE DAMAGE	<b>ONIONS GARLIC</b> BLOOD CELL DAMAGE ANEMIA
<b>DAIRY</b> TOO MUCH: DIARRHEA	<b>the world's MOST DANGEROUS FOODS FOR DOGS</b>	<b>GRAPES</b> KIDNEY FAILURE
<b>MUSHROOMS</b> SOME VARIETIES: SHOCK DEATH	<b>FATTY FOODS</b> TOO MUCH: PANCREATITIS	
<b>CAFFEINE</b> VOMITING DIARRHEA TOXIC TO HEART & NERVOUS SYSTEM	<b>XYLITOL</b> (GUM, CANDY ETC.) LIVER FAILURE HYPOGLYCEMIA DEATH	<b>CHOCOLATE</b> TOXIC TO HEART & NERVOUS SYSTEM DEATH
<b>MEDICATIONS</b> (TYLENOL, ADVIL ETC.) KIDNEY FAILURE GI ULCERS	If you think your dog ate something dangerous, CALL YOUR VET or: ASPCA POISON CONTROL HOTLINE (888) 426-4436 NATIONAL PET POISON HELPLINE (800) 213-6680	

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When the air temperature is this  
asphalt has been measured at this\*

Air Temperature	Asphalt Temperature
77°	125°
86°	135°
87°	143°

\* These temperature correlations represent  
worst scenario variables: direct sun, 0 wind,  
very low humidity and high radiant energy

At 125° F, skin destruction can  
occur in 60 seconds.

An egg can fry in 5 minutes at  
131° F.

In 85-degree heat a car can heat  
to 102 degrees in 5 minutes and  
120 degrees in 30 minutes

Data Source: James J. Berens, MD contact burns from streets  
and highways, Journal of the American Medical Association;  
214(11):2025-2027

**HOT PAVEMENT SAFETY**

## 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)  
Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue would like to thank the lovely people who have answered our call for help !!!

Monthly Donations (so faithfully month after month) Thank you, thank you!

Shelley Reid in Memory of Casey

Dave & Marilyn Dahl now owned by Cindy—"CC" the monster AND Bella, the little Bi Black girl.

Dr Dan Brown DVM and

Dr. Karen Brown DVM

Nonie Willard & Margaret Jones owned by Piper.

Carrie Andolina In Memory of Lady, Listen and Princess.

Mark Erickson owned by Daisy, Buddy & Cody

Donna Smith Owned by Rebound and others.

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Joe & Jan Pieroni owned by Cheyenne and in Memory of Selena

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Bob & Anne Funkhouser owned by Sophie

Robin Scheiderman

Jack & Marilyn Bain in Memory of Macgregor

Alice and Terry O'Connor in Memory of Woodydog by Sleepydog

Joseph & Frances Rodriguez in memory of Pippi, Boomer, Fiona, Pumba & Tyler and all the wonderful Shelties who bring so much joy to life.

Tanya Carrar owned by Sailor and Secret

Julie Parker owned by Timmy in honor of Chancelor.

Dave Weighton owned by Jessie

American Express (various anonymous)

IBM Corp

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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 dduffy@aol.com, the same as my email address.

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