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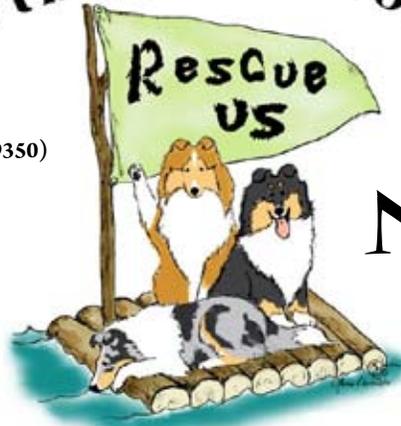
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NorCal Sheltie Rescue Newsletters are mailed out via US mail to our donors, veterinary offices, and special friends like Norcal Collie Rescue. We will also mail copies to those who request them, and we hand newsletters out at public events to those who are interested in learning about our mission, but mailing paper copies is more costly than electronic versions which are always available on-line (<http://www.norcalsheltierescue.org/Newsletters.html>) in a glorious, four-color version that can be downloaded and shared. Please share the Newsletter with other Sheltie lovers and tell them to contact us if they would like us to include them on either our e-mail and/or snail-mail mailing lists.

Winding Up a Very Busy 2013



After over a decade of directing our nonprofit rescue organization, I am very proud to announce that we have saved over 500 Shelties during that time. The costs of rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming Shelties continue to escalate, not only the financial costs which are primarily for veterinary care, but also the intangible costs of time, energy, and emotions of our volunteers. We could

not continue our work without the support of so many friends and organizations.

The year 2013 included three large intakes of multiple Shelties: three (3) from a Sheltie breeder and trainer who died unexpectedly, twelve (12) from a county confiscation, and four (4) from a breeder/owner with too many dogs for the suburbs. In the last newsletter we gave specific information on these intakes and acknowledged the generous donations we received to help cover their expenses. We are pleased to report that these dogs are all thriving in their new homes, with the exception of one who had to be euthanized for medical reasons. One of these dogs just happened to find his way into my home and heart: David, a 12-year-old American/Canadian champion with a temperament matching his beautiful conformation.



The year 2014 begins in quieter fashion. We have rescued five (5) Shelties ranging in age from seven months to thirteen

years, from tricolor to bi-black to sable (no merles to date). As you know, all of our rescue Shelties live in private foster homes as they are assessed for health and behavioral issues prior to adoption. We have a waiting list of adopters, most of whom want young, sable females. We encourage applicants to consider middle-aged and senior Shelties, who have lots of love to give. For those Shelties who are medically challenged or terminally ill, we are fortunate to be able to place them in loving hospice homes, giving them a great life for however long they have to live. In this issue we give credit to our hospice foster homes for their generous and loving care of these special dogs.

We are frequently asked about the reasons for Shelties coming into our program. We explain that the reasons are endless. Our mission is to take them in and concentrate on their future, not their past. We don't judge; we simply accept every Sheltie in need, regardless of the history. Here are a few of the most common reasons people cite for surrendering their Shelties:

- Loss of home
- Loss of job
- Death in family
- Illness in family
- Financial limitations
- Medical issues of dog
- Behavior issues of dog

In addition to owner surrenders, we also work closely with shelters and other animal rescue groups. It's not uncommon to have a shelter notify us about a stray Sheltie, and we sometimes become aware of dogs through craigslist or social media. We have our 501c3 nonprofit information on file with many shelters and we are always quick to respond. When resources allow, we

occasionally accept a stray Sheltie from Taiwan, working with a phenomenal rescue group there. The dogs are completely vetted prior to being flown to California, which saves us quite a bit of expense. It is very rewarding to know that we have truly saved the lives of these Shelties, who otherwise would surely die on the streets. In December and January, we took in two such dogs, a one-year-old sable male and a five-year-old tricolor female, both of which have already been adopted to loving homes.

Besides the usual collection of stories and photos of happy Shelties and their people, this issue also includes information about two recent issues gaining our attention and a third needing a reminder:

(1) Tried-and-true old flea-control measures seemed to have lost their effectiveness. The January 2014 issue of *The Whole Dog Journal* (www.whole-dog-journal.com/) has an outstanding summary of all the flea/tick/heartworm medications and their individual benefits and risks.

(2) It is important to take care of your dog's feet. In 2013 we took in two separate Shelties who were unable to walk, let alone stand comfortably, in part because of their out-of-control-long toenails—and even, as seen in the photo, their dewclaws. The Canine Health Foundation's article "Feet on the Ground." has advice on caring for your Sheltie's feet: <http://www.akc-chf.org/news-events/library/articles/feet-on-the-ground.html>



(3) Feeding a quality food is paramount to your dog's good health. *The Whole Dog Journal* offers dry and canned dog food reviews, comparisons of all dog food brands, homemade, organic, and raw dog food diets (http://www.whole-dog-journal.com/topics/dog_food.html).

Our group has been helping expand our knowledge by finding useful information on Sheltie health and care to share in the newsletters. We appreciate the extra ears and eyes to find information that will help us all keep our Shelties safe, happy, and healthy. If you come across a link or article that you find especially interesting and useful and that should be shared with other Sheltie people, please don't hesitate to send it to us. The more ears and eyes we have out there, the better for all of us.

After completing the annual expense report for the 2013 tax year, I am acutely aware of the cost of doing business—in this case, rescuing fifty-three (53) Shelties in the last year. We are grateful to all those who support us financially and to those who support us in so many other ways as well: pulling dogs from shelters, transporting, fostering, working our booth at dog events, educating the public about the breed, maintaining the databases and files, embroidering the logo apparel, preparing and publishing the rescue calendar, and more. I could go on and on about our wonderful volunteers and our generous donors. Suffice it to say that we consider ourselves extremely fortunate to share the same mission and to be part of the success story that is NorCal Sheltie Rescue!

Wishing you lots of Sheltie kisses!

—Gale Ann

Speaking of Generous Donors



The Larson Sisters, Penny and Sue, have been experts on the "Irish Patterned Dogs" for many decades. There is a wonderful, happy sibling rivalry that benefits all of white-tipped-tail-dogdom. Sue breeds and trains

and shows Collies (earning more than 100 AKC titles on her dogs over the years), while Penny's love is...SHELTIES!! She is now the proud 'Mom' to three sable boys: Ryan, now 15 and

still doing well, loved performance events and retired as VTCh Darrowby Tryan My Best TDX, CDX, RAE, HT, MX, MXJ, OF, MXP, MJP2, OFP. Nick, now 10 1/2, is still going strong and hoping to add to MACH2, PACH, ADCH, C-ATCH Adohr in the Nick of Time TDX, RA, HT, T2B2, OF, T2BP2, OFP. Drummer, now 4, is working to add to Adohr Make a Joyful Sound MX, MXJ, OF, T2B3, HT.

Unfortunately, Penny was struck from behind by a fork lift in a parking lot at the Agility National Championships a couple years back and was badly injured. Thankfully she recovered exceedingly well and didn't need all of the settlement monies that recently came her way. Penny gave a lovely chunk of that settlement to NorCal Sheltie Rescue!! Bless you, Penny Larson. Shelties past, present, and future are forever in your debt—and so are we.

Sheltie Health

Note that the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Hotline, the best resource for any animal poison-related emergency, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, has a new website: <http://www.aspc.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control> The toll-free number is still: 888-426-4435 (a consultation fee may apply).

Useful internet resources for canine health and safety

(1) Here's a complete list of plants toxic to dogs:

<http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/poison-control/plants/>

(2) The Heimlich Maneuver for dogs:

<http://www.dogheirs.com/dogheirs/posts/1186-heimlich-maneuver-for-dogs>

(3) CPR for dogs:

<http://www.dogheirs.com/dogheirs/posts/201-cpr-for-dogs-cardiopulmonary-resuscitation>

(4) The Dog Food Advisor (P. O. Box 6441, Williamsburg, VA 23188) offers a free subscription service that sends notification of any dog food recalls:

<http://www.dogfoodadvisor.com/dog-food-recall-alerts/>

(5) There are ways to help "Curb" Car Sickness in Puppies and Dogs:

<http://www.tripswithpets.com/pet-friendly-travel-car-sickness-for-puppies-and-dogs>

(6) Something new in the way of doggie diapers (these are good for "markers," incontinence problems, females in season,, and housebreaking issues:

<http://peekeeper.com/>

(7) BE WARY: Dog theft is on the rise in El Dorado County and elsewhere in the nation:

<http://inedc.com/1-7866>

(8) Concerns about Trifexis:

http://abc6onyourside.com/shared/news/features/top-stories/stories/wsyx_special-report-abc-6-investigates-pet-owners-claim-heartworm-medication-29524.shtml

Chew on this

The UK dental vets opinion: "In the last few weeks we have experienced a surge in the numbers of fractured teeth from antler chews sold for dogs as 'natural tooth cleaning.' The teeth damaged have all had the same buccal slab fractures of the upper carnassials. Many have fractured so severely that surgical extraction is the only treatment possible."

<http://www.dentalvets.co.uk/index.php/news/27-antler-dog-chews-an-upsurge-of-fractured-upper-carnassial-teethad>



The Art of Living with Shelties

Emily & Caper Are At It Again

One of our Sheltie Rescue adoptees recently added another obedience title to the list of six titles he has mastered in the last 15 months.

His name is Hidden Creek Caper CGC, RN, RA, RE, BN, CD, CDX owned by Emily and Eddy. Caper finished his CDX at San Mateo DTC on Jan. 18, at the Santa Clara Fairgrounds. He finished with a flourish, earning a 192.5, taking first place out of a class of 29 participants! AKA "Little Man," he is now on his way to mastering agility and loving every minute of it!



NorCal Sheltie Rescue Expands Northward

Many of you have met our core volunteer, Peggy Prater, who has been "in Shelties" for eons and was also the President of Skyline Dog Fanciers (hosts to many big, fancy dog shows in our area). Peggy has now moved to southern Oregon (Medford) where she will connect up with the Oregon dog community and be an outpost (as is our core volunteer, Pat Mahoney, in western Nevada) for NorCal Sheltie Rescue. We all wish Peggy great success in her new ventures.



Vicki's painting of Peggy and Flash

This lovely poem came through the national rescue list. —Gale Ann

FOSTERING FIONNA

by
MARY ANN MAC DONELL

Although you're only with me for a very short time,
I will love you like one of my very own.
I will help you overcome the pain you've endured,
Then find you the perfect home.
I know you're confused, and filled with fear,
And life hasn't been kind to you.
But I will teach you to trust again,
By loving and holding you near.
You will never again walk the streets alone,
Feeling ill or in need of a meal.
You'll have food, and a bed, and I'll tend to you
wounds,
As slowly you begin to heal.

I will watch you grow stronger as the days fly by,
As I realize with a heavy heart,
The time has come to let you go,
And give you a brand new start.
So I will find you the perfect family,
One who sees you as I do.
A kind and gentle loving soul,
That's what I see in you.
The day has come to say goodbye,
And I know there will be tears.
You now have a family to call your own,
And bring joy to for many years.
As I watch you leave,
And see how far you've come,
I know I couldn't ask for more.
For in no time at all,
There'll be another you coming through my door.

Hospice Care for Some "Throw-away" Shelties



Claudia, Terry and Jenny at a 2013 PFE Rescue event

We all earn the feathers in dealing with the "down and dirty" of rescue. This can be the day-to-day pick up and clean up and tidying up that comes with living with dogs, the trips to the shelters, to the vets, the nursing care and decisions about what is best for each and every little being who comes under our care, but above all,

those wings come with the commitment to letting go. That letting go can be the moment of heartache when one sees a beloved foster furkid go off with his or her forever family (we always remind each other, "You aren't losing a furkid, you're gaining a family"). Toughest of all is that final decision about letting go. Letting go is easier when it means the end to some poor little creature's suffer-

ing, but it's never easy to make that decision and some of us can't bear it even when it's the right thing to do. Knowingly taking on a hospice dog with a limited time to live may be the most beautiful, the most generous, and the most heart-breaking of all the ways to earn angel wings. One of our volunteers, Claudia, has done this over and over—by choice. If it's an old, broken, sick, crippled Sheltie that nobody else is willing to take, Claudia is there. Claudia took in the tiny, blind, and deaf Tinkerbelle in 2012 (Tinkerbelle went to the Bridge on March 22). Claudia currently has Jack (see below). These were preceded by Jenny, Terry, and Archie, all now peacefully and lovingly at the Bridge. And if we need short-term foster for somebody while Gale Ann and Terry are finding a permanent foster or forever home, Claudia is always there for us. Bless you, Claudia.



David and Tinkerbelle, two of Claudia's many fosterlings

And Now for Jack

Some of you have heard the story of Jack—who, by the way, is currently thriving in Claudia's care. Jack came to us a pitiful, hairless mess of a Sheltie, covered with bleeding and oozing sores. His relinquishing owners had rescued him from a neglectful owner.

For two years they and a local vet clinic had tried to help solve Jack's skin issues, but his problems persisted and worsened. We had them bring Jack directly to Dr. Kimberley Boyanowski at Peninsula Animal Dermatology, knowing she had solved difficult skin problems for other dogs we knew in the past. Dr. Boyanowski immediately diagnosed Jack's problems: demo-



dectic mites on the rampage due to an autoimmune issue. She developed a treatment plan to resolve them (and thankfully had a stockpile of Interceptor) while we awaited MDR1 mutation test results that would allow him to be switched to ivermectin. Jack showed improvement within a week and is now a healthy, happy camper living with Claudia, basking in the love and attention of Claudia and her grandchildren.



Jack "before" and...



after!

Rainbow Bridge



Angel

Angel (12) and her daughter Taffy (11) came to our house February 2013. Angel passed June 16th, 2013. She had a very happy 5-month stay with us. We always found her napping in the sun, or under a shady tree in the grass, or on one of our big pillows with her daughter Taffy at her side all the time. We took both of them in so they would not be separated, and Angel enjoyed every last minute she had with Taffy. She was a happy old Sheltie, and her favorite thing was for us to sit down on the ground and give her big bear hugs. She always came back for more. She was comfortable and happy here, and we enjoyed having her. Thank You for letting Angel come to our house, she was as sweet as every Sheltie we have known. Her daughter Taffy is happy and healthy and we hope she will be with us for another 2 or 3 years.

—Lucie



Archie & Bob, his foster dad

Archie came to us in such deplorable condition that the vet at his intake exam said he would probably not last more than a few days. “Do you want me to put him down?” she asked. “No, I responded, “I’ll take him home. If he’s going to die, he’s going to do it in a comfortable, warm bed on his own terms and his own sweet time and with the taste of steak on his tongue.” I took Archie home and put him in that warm bed. I fed him steak. Archie took one bite of steak and looked up at me as if to say: “Die? Who said I’m going to die?? Not as long as there is steak to be had.” Archie lived nine gloriously happy months and earned a huge and devoted fan club (see “Archie’s Girls” in the previous issue of the newsletter). And when that time finally came for Archie, he went to the Rainbow Bridge lying happily in my arms, munching steak. Archie never even noticed the little shot that made him feel so, so very sleepy.

—Vicki



Becky

Sterling wrote, “Becky, my hospice foster, died very early on Saturday morning, August 31. She died naturally and in her sleep. My time with Becky (it would have been two years in November) was a total treasure to me. She was a lovely little spirit and her presence here was a very healing and positive influence on ↗

Hardy (a.k.a. “Mister”), my other sheltie foster, who had been unsocialized for the first ten years of his life. They slept together on my bed every night, and because Hardy always wanted to be in on any kind of attention I was giving Becky, he learned to stop hiding and to join the normal life of the household. He has come a long way during his time here, and it was due in part to Becky. She was a great little teacher. As I type this, the floor beside my desk is vacant, which is where Becky would always plop herself down when I was working in my office. It will be a long time before I stop looking for her there. I loved her very much.”



Little Becky (right) was always a comfort to her skitish brother, Hardy.



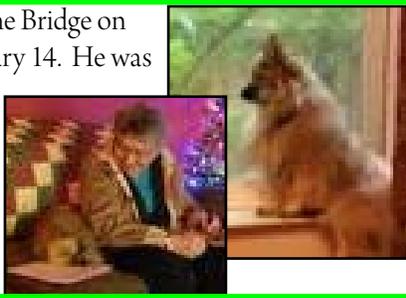
Pam’s hospice foster, Misty, came to us grossly overweight. She had some wonderful, happy years in Pam’s care and was the neighborhood “mascot” since everybody in Pam’s neighborhood joined the campaign to walk her and keep her fit and happy. Pam wrote us, “She was my little buddy, we went everywhere together. She loved going on car rides even if it was a quick trip to the store. As long as she was with me, that was all she wanted.”

When Peggy rescued the hairless Annie four years ago, some of us thought she was the ugliest Sheltie we had ever seen—in fact some of us thought she might not even be “pure Sheltie”—but with Peggy’s love and care and a glorious new coat, Annie turned out to be a Sheltie Princess—and a character. Annie went peacefully to the Bridge this past September at the ripe old age of 15.



Peggy wrote us that her hospice foster, “Skippy (May 1997-Sept. 25, 2013) crossed peacefully over the Bridge this morning. His rug is empty. He was such a sweetheart. He is now with his owner, Josephine whose loss he was mourning when he came to me. Bless them both. He will be missed.”

Spencer Tracy went to the Bridge on Valentine's Day, February 14. He was one of the six Montana "Shelteranians" (Sheltie and Pomeranian crosses) we took in five years ago. Spencer and Marie were constant companions.



Steve's beloved Woody came from the Yolo Shelter in 2012. He also went to the Bridge on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2014. Woody escaped out Steve's front door and was hit by a truck, a heartbreak for all of us, Steve above all.



Rusty

Art and Norma adopted Rusty at age 10, and had him for four years, taking him to hydrotherapy for his arthritis every week; 14-year-old Rusty went to the Rainbow Bridge on Dec. 5, 2013. Broken-hearted, Art and Norma wanted to wait for a while before adopting again, but when they saw Danny Boy on our website, they knew it was time to add another Sheltie to their home. As with Rusty before him, Danny Boy is thriving and very much loved.



Danny Boy

Some NorCal Sheltie Rescue Events

The Annual Sheltic Picnic, Dillon Beach, August 17, 2013



Frank and Lucie Hock (left) brought some of their "Hockdogs" to the picnic all the way from Napa. Liliane's Manchester met his double, Ricky, there (center image); and Nancy (right) cuddles with some of her boys, while about 40 other Sheltie families from all over Northern California enjoyed romping on the beach on a very breezy day.

City of Rocklin's Annual Woofstock, Sunday, August 25, 2013, Johnson Springview Park



NorCal Sheltie Rescue's Team Sheltie from the Sacramento area (Kathie, Karen, Nancy, and Gale Ann) attended this popular and well-attended event sponsored by the City of Rocklin Parks Department. It offers a fun run, games, and vendor, rescue, and veterinary booths.

We hope to see you and your Sheltie(s) at one of our planned events this year:

- ➡ UC Davis Campus Picnic Day, Saturday, April 12th, on Hutchison Field at LaRue & Hutchison Drive next to the campus multi-story parking structure.
- ➡ Annual Sheltie Fun Day and Picnic, Saturday, May 17th hosted by NorCal Sheltie Rescue and Performance Dogs in Action in North Sacramento (www.performancedogsinaction.com).

The Annual Rescue Parade and Raffle, Saturday, October 19, 2013

As in years past, the Sheltie Parade and Rescue Raffle followed the "Best in Show" judging at the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California Specialty at the big Golden Gate Kennel Club cluster show at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, CA. This event, organized by Kathie and Liliane, features our spectacular raffle with hundreds of items—some of which are worth many hundreds of dollars—that are donated by our volunteers and the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California.

Sheltie Rescue Retreat/Board Meeting, November 1-3, 2013



Golden Gate Kennel Club Dog Show, January 26-27, 2014

Vicki and Sheltie friends, Karen Olson, and Kim Strassner, were our representatives for the "Sheltie Education Table," while some of the top Sheltie breeders and handlers paraded their furkids in the show rings at the Cow Palace.



- ➡ A "Quiet" Fourth of July romp, contact Vicki (vicki.doylejones@gmail.com).
- ➡ Woofstock, Sunday, August 24, Rocklin, CA
- ➡ Annual Rescue Parade/Raffle, Saturday, October 18th, hosted by the Shetland Sheepdog Club on Northern CA (www.norcalshelties.org) and NorCal Sheltie Rescue, Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. As more events are planned we will post them on our *Events Page* at norcalsheltierescue.org.

Recent (and not-so-recent) Adoptions

Piper (formerly Peaches), left, with her rescue brother, Finn, was adopted in December to Carol and her family in SoCal. Susan fostered Peaches and did a great job helping her overcome her fears and learn a few manners. Her foster mom, Susan, wrote: Peaches was an owner surrender that I had around Christmas time. She was a delightful youngster with a lot of working attitude; her older owners couldn't deal with the energy. She wanted to herd everything! She was a very nice little girl and mannered up quickly. Her new owners do agility and obedience with both dogs and they go hiking and have fun! They are terrific folks! Just as nice as nice can be! You know, like the rest of Sheltie folks!



Maddie (formerly Daisy) was adopted as an agility prospect by Gayle in Oregon.



Adoption day for Brodie (Bobo) from Taiwan



Linda in Sonoma adopted Chelsea on February 18th. Linda was lost without her Sheltie, Elsie, who had passed away shortly before Chelsea arrived.



Merlyn's adoption day



"Christmas" in July! Christmas came into rescue on July 13th and found her forever home within days



VanGogh ("Gozer")



Parfait



Cody and Luanne, his new Mom



The puppy, Cooper, was adopted by Lisa—and her granddaughter



Reba, adopted by Kay



Lilly Belle



Gillian with Cathy & Rosemary



Lisa & Cooper



Shane



Dixie



Duchess (was Sarah) and Charm



Shelby & Casey

SPECIAL FRIENDS

Below is a list of veterinarians and clinics around Northern California that our core volunteers and foster homes have used to care for our rescue Shelties. Some offer a very nice discount to NorCal Sheltie Rescue, and all are experts in every aspect of Sheltie (and Collie Family) health issues, vets who have helped us in special ways, or those who have gone beyond the call in caring for the creatures we love. If you have a wonderful vet to recommend to your fellow Sheltie family members, please share their contact information with us.

VETERINARY CLINIC

Adobe Animal Hospital
 Airport Pet Clinic
 Animal Clinic of Benicia
 Animal Hospital of Sebastopol
 Auburn Animal Hospital
 Blue Oak Veterinary Hospital
 Bradshaw Veterinary Clinic

LOCATION

Los Altos
 Cameron Park
 Benicia
 Sebastopol
 Bakersfield
 Jackson
 Elk Grove

VETERINARY CLINIC

Brighton Greens Veterinary Hospital
 Coastside Veterinary Clinic
 Cool Animal Hospital
 Missouri Flat Pet Clinic
 Peninsula Animal Dermatology
 UC Davis Vet Med Teaching Hospital
 Waterhouse Animal Hospital

LOCATION

Grass Valley
 Half Moon Bay
 Cool
 Placerville
 San Carlos
 Davis
 Fresno

Please visit our website for a host of ways you can help support NorCal Sheltie Rescue. We have links for on-line PayPal donations and suggestions for planned giving/estate planning options. NorCal Sheltie Rescue, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax-deductible charitable organization, so your contributions are tax deductible and are used 100% to support the veterinary needs of rescue Shelties. And did you know that you can name NorCal Sheltie Rescue in your will or Living Trust? We hope you'll consider including a gift to NorCal Sheltie Rescue in your will or living trust. Called a charitable bequest, this type of gift offers these main benefits:

Simplicity. Just a few sentences in your will or trust are all that is needed. When making or revising a will or living trust, please consult with an estate planning attorney. Sample language is as follows:

"I give" [if a Will] or "The Trustee shall distribute" [if a Living Trust] "the sum of \$ _____; or the following property: _____; or _____ percent of my estate [or trust estate, if a Living Trust]; or the residue of my estate [or trust estate] to NorCal Sheltie Rescue, a California non-profit public benefit corporation located in Elk Grove, California. IRS Tax ID 20-4107630."

Flexibility. Because you are not actually making a gift until after your lifetime, you can change your mind at any time.

Versatility. You can structure the bequest to leave a specific item or amount of money, make the gift contingent on certain events, or leave a percentage of your estate to us.

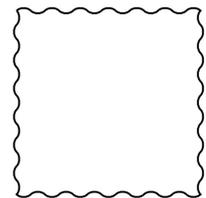
Tax Relief. If your estate is subject to estate tax, your gift is entitled to an estate tax charitable deduction for the gift's full value.

Our mailing lists have lots of blanks and/or defunct e-mail addresses. Please make sure to update your e-mail and US mail addresses with us, and please ask other Sheltie families you encounter to do the same. Thank you for staying in touch with NorCal Sheltie Rescue (<http://www.norcalsheltierescue.org>).

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