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What a Difference You Make!

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Hard to think of spring when in my area we got some 20 plus inches of snow since Easter. BUT spring it is, and this weather will soon give way to green, flowers, and more time spent outdoors, often with our dogs. This time of year I like to remind folks to be sure to get their annual heartworm testing done and keep dogs on preventive. Heartworm treatment is one of the things we see a lot of in rescue dogs all over the country. People do forget - life happens to all of us, so a friendly reminder is helpful! In some warmer parts of the country, preventive use needs to be done year round. All rescues should keep in mind that CRF will pay for the MDRI test for foster collies. It is ideal to run this test for HW positive dogs to help determine best treatment modality for that dog. We cover the cost of the test in full. See the Washington State University website at this link for details

http://vcpl.vetmed.wsu.edu/

Happy Spring!  
Vickie VonSeggern’  
CRF President
Phoenix is another collie that was treated for Heartworm disease by Collie Rescue of Greater Illinois. We would like to thank Collie Rescue Foundation for financial assistance.

Phoenix is an approximately 2 year old sable and white rough collie. He was seized in a hoarding case and made his way to Collie Rescue of Greater IL in the beginning of May. His blood work revealed that he was Heartworm positive and soon after started his long treatment.

His foster dad reports that he is a very sweet boy that loves people and just wants to cuddle with everyone he meets. Phoenix rarely barks unless he is outside and hears another dog. He is working on learning new commands and can already “Sit” and “Give Five.” This boy is a cuddler and will often sit partially on, or against, his foster dad or the kids. He happily gets on furniture uninvited, will even go into another room and get comfortable on a couch or chair for a nap. Lucky for Phoenix, he is allowed to that in his foster home. Phoenix’s foster family loves him and is planning on adopting him. We are all thrilled about that!
Tiska, a 3 year old collie, was picked up as a stray by animal control along with a 9 year collie Iris. Both girls were transported to our rescue back in August 2017. Tiska’s coat was in terrible condition; she smelled really badly and was in a desperate need of TLC. Once at the vet, it was discovered that her coat was literally nothing but clumps of tangled hair and dried mud. After a thorough examination, fecal test and blood work, we found out that Tiska had hookworms and unfortunately was diagnosed with Heartworm Disease...The vet also noticed some blood in Tiska’s urine and after a test and an ultrasound it was determined that Tiska had an urinary tract infection. Soon after Tiska had a visit with one of our wonderful groomers. The groomer was quite shocked to see the condition of Tiska’s coat! It took multiple baths to loosen up the dirt but unfortunately her coat had to be shaved. But that’s OK because we are sure she was feeling much better and her coat would grow back in no time. We started addressing Tiska’s health issues right away including her long, challenging and expensive heartworm treatment. In December 2017, Tiska had her last heartworm injection and the next blood test is due towards the end of January 2018. We are all keeping our fingers crossed that she is heartworm FREE!

Hunter came to us as a stray. Because of this, we don’t know his story. We think he is approximately 8 years old. He was found, looking like he was recently shaved and in pretty good shape. Of course no collar or chip to help us or the shelter locate an owner. During his intake exam, it was apparent he was in need of a dental cleaning badly. After checking out his blood work, and making sure all was good to proceed, Hunter had that dental and now has some pearly white teeth! We would like to thank the CRF for covering the cost of Hunter’s dental. Helps us to help the next one.
From the Editor

I am a huge fan of both Albert Payson Terhune and Collie Rescue. Whilst perusing one of APT’s fine novels just the other day, I read about another of Terhune’s famous collie fight stories.

For those who have never read Terhune, many of his stories contain a few pages in which one of his collie characters engages in combat with a snake, a mountain lion, a bear, a hawk, a herd of charging bulls, and other similar and dangerous, seemingly unbeatable foes.

The collie, regardless of which hero collie it is, all have similar characteristics in these battles. They are usually “everywhere and nowhere in particular”, they will typically slash, go for the throat, and will have endless energy that ultimately is too much for the opposition. At some point, the collie seems moments from being destroyed by their enemy, but manages to escape because “A collie down is not a collie beaten”.

When I read these stories I am reminded of you, the membership of the Collie Rescue Foundation. Each month we see evidence of Collies fighting to regain their strength and hope, regaining their damaged trust in humanity, and finding and giving love as only a collie can. Because of you, a Collie Down is Not a Collie Beaten. Albert Payson Terhune would be proud of you.

-Chuck Heubach