Collie Rescue Story - Murphy

Murphy is a beautiful blue merle boy at Tallahassee Collie Rescue. He likes Treiball, loves to play with toys, and likes to carry a bucket around, in the words of TCR "He is quirky but sweet". He looks great but Murphy is a special needs collie. He has a seizure disorder that has been difficult to regulate but he is making progress. Murphy needed to have a neurological assessment, which included several tests including an MRI to see if a cause for his seizures could be found. The Collie Rescue Foundation was able to help TCR with these out of the ordinary expenses. Murphy has a chance at a new home because of the time and care Tallahassee Collie Rescue has been able to provide him.

Collie Rescue Story - Lazarus

Lazarus was a junkyard dog. He was a 15 year old collie in a bad situation. Collie Rescue of the Carolinas stepped in to help this senior boy. When he arrived at his foster home he had two baths and all the mats were cut out of his fur. Clean and tired he settled down with a bone. Early the next week Lazarus went to the vet for a checkup.

Unfortunately the vet found an advanced case of heartworms, kidney failure, and a large mass. Lazarus would never survive exploratory surgery so the decision was made to put him down. Not all rescue stories end in a forever home, but Lazarus was clean and cared for at the end. He was ready to go to the bridge and waited until he was in a safe place. Thanks to Collie Rescue of the Carolinas for making this possible for Lazarus.
President's Message

This year marks the seventh anniversary of Collie Rescue Foundation, Inc. We are a 501c3 organization founded to provide financial aid to rescues. Whether it's a large-scale seizure with dozens of Collies or one dog in rescue needing help, we are there for them. Any Collie in a rescue situation that needs medical attention so he/she can find their forever home is eligible for our assistance.

While we are a separate organization from the CCA, our roots began with the foresight of Presidents Michael Esch and Pati Merrill. They envisioned a national 501c3 umbrella organization that would step up to aid any Collie in trouble. We are indebted to the CCA for their support, both past and present.

This year we welcomed Collie Rescue of Chapel Hill, TN to our list of growing Affiliates. When rescue groups become an Affiliate with CRF they are listed as a resource on our website, join our email list, and become the core of our efforts to help Collies. While they are not the only ones who step up, they are who we turn to first when there is something to be done.

As always, we had a busy year providing financial assistance to Collies with groups from Florida, to Minnesota/Wisconsin to Arizona and points in between. Most of our stories have happy endings, with the dog/s finding their furever homes after successful treatment of their medical issues. In addition to the “typical” conditions of heartworm or mange, this year we assisted with 2 leg surgeries, a bilateral entropion, a touchy dental on a gray Collie and an emergency surgery on a dog who had eaten peanut butter and much of the glass jar!

We remain committed to our mission of helping Collies all across the country and sincerely welcome all donations in order for us to realize that goal.

Remember, “All Collies belong to you and me.”

~Candi Sapp, President

Collie Rescue Foundation Spray Bottles

The proceeds from these spray bottles will go to help collies in need. They will be available at the National Specialty in LaCrosse. Plan to support the CRF and purchase several. They are $6 for one or $5 if you buy more than one.

Thanks To Our Affiliates

It is because of local rescues that collies in need are helped to a better life. A special thank you goes out to our affiliate rescues: Gulf Coast Sheltie and Collie Rescue, Southwest Collie Rescue, Rocky Mountain Collie and Sheltie Rescue, Collies Florida Rescue, Friends of Collies and Shelties, Gulf Coast Collie and Sheltie Rescue, Tallahassee Collie Rescue, St Francis Collie Rescue, Collie Rescue of Greater Illinois, Tri-State Collie Rescue, Louisianna Collie Rescue, Collie Rescue Inc., Almost Home Dog Rescue of Ohio, Minnesota Wisconsin Collie Rescue, Collie Rescue of the Carolinas, Cascade Collie Rescue, Collie Rescue of Chapell Hill TN, and Houston Collie Rescue.

Without the dedicated volunteers around the country many collies would not be in forever homes right now.

Collie Rescue of Northern New Jersey

The CRF wants to give a shout out to the Collie Rescue of Northern New Jersey for letting us use the Caroling Collies picture. Be sure to look for them on Facebook and see all the good work they do for collies!
I wonder if it’s heretical to believe that when at last my tired feet shall tread the Other Shore, a madly welcoming swirl of Collies will bound forward, circling and barking around me, to lead me Home!

—Albert Payson Terhune

Duke
On August 21, 2006 Duke and his sister Cassie (now named Dutchess) were surrendered to a wonderful foster Mom, Annmarie Kruszinis. Duke and Dutchess’s former owners had fallen on hard times and starved the pups nearly to death. Annmarie and her family lovingly spent months nurturing them both back to health and happiness. My husband, Sal, and I were living quite contently with 4 healthy, loving collies when we read of their story on Petfinder.com. I could not get them out of my head and pursued adopting them. When they were healthy enough to find forever homes, we were blessed to be chosen to adopt Duke into our family. It has been 6 wonderful years so far. Duke is a Happy-Go-Lucky little boy. He has an amazingly sweet and nurturing disposition. He always wants to please us. He is always welcoming to other dogs that visit or join our collie pack. Duke brought “silly” and “goofy” back into our home and we love him with all our hearts.

Ranger
Ranger was rescued along with 22 other smaller dogs, mostly shelties, on or about December 10, 2008. When rescued, he was badly matted and covered in his own waste. He had to be completely shaved down to his skin. I met Ranger shortly after his rescue. His physical condition was just skin and bones. He looked like a kid’s stick figure drawing of a dog. His legs wobbled unsteadily as he slowly stepped each foot forward to greet me with his loving, collie eyes. His toe nails were so long they curled to the side. His back legs were splayed out and his front legs bowed. When he was rescued, his back legs were caked with feces and stuck together so badly, that he could not separate them and walk on his own. He then spent a couple months in a rescue facility along with his other rescued furfriends under the loving hands of volunteers. On February 25, 2009, I was asked to foster Ranger while his owner proceeded with a court case to keep possession of him. I couldn’t get him in the car fast enough! The owner’s home was condemned as a result of the rescue. He was found wedged behind a large china closet that had been moved away from the wall slightly allowing no room to turn around. During his confinement, he had learned
or was forced to cope with his situation by not sitting or rarely lying down. He would just pace until exhaustion forced him to collapse. Our vet agreed with us that if there appeared no physical pain associated with the positions, we should try to teach him. After 6 weeks of gentle persuasion in our home, he not only did it on his own, but on command too. It was just a psychological mental block. He had been watching the rest of our collie pack sit for a treat every day and now he understood! With all that this sweet little collie boy has been through, Ranger still has the **Blessed Heart of a Collie** and greets everyone with enthusiasm and sweetness. Today, Ranger and Duke are BEST Buddies!! Duke continues to show an amazing amount of tolerance and playfulness with Ranger’s exuberant, yet somewhat clumsy demeanor. We were finally allowed to adopt Ranger in 2011. The Bark the Herald Angels Sing photo shows sweet Ranger singing his heart out in the spirit of Christmas.

Our other 3 collies, Christopher, Annie & Jeannie came from a reputable breeder prior to Duke and Ranger joining the family. Luckily they have only known love and safety in their lives. Regardless of where they came from, we have been truly blessed with all our collies.

~Karen & Sal Panettieri

### Indiana Collie Club Turns Agility Into Rescue Dollars

A huge THANKS goes out to the Indiana Collie Club! This club hosted a 3 day Agility Trial last June. They were able to have an open date for one year and decided to use this opportunity to do something for rescue. Their trial netted a little over $5,000 which was all donated to rescue. The Collie Rescue Foundation was given $3,000, $1,000 was given to two different local collie rescues and $200 to a local Sheltie Rescue. In addition at year end they donated an additional $1,000 to CRF and another $1,600 to their local collie rescues. What an awesome way to help collies in need both locally and on a national level. It is no easy task to put on an agility trial but many collies stand to benefit from the Indiana Collie Club’s efforts!!

### Barb Saterbo

The Collie Rescue Foundation recently lost a good friend and supporter, Barb Saterbo. Barb passed away after a brief battle with ovarian cancer. She bred champion collies under the Sollis kennel name and created art celebrating the collie. The logo for the Collie Rescue Foundation is a small example of her work. As the "brand" of the CRF it really shows what you need to know about the collie breed.

~ Thanks to Barb’s family for this photo.