“Thank You For Loving Me”

Panda
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Tis the Season for Giving

Our collies in rescues around the country need our help financially all year ‘round. We have the easy job at CRF & it is our pleasure to be able to help financially for collies with high medical needs to help them become adoptable going into the future. However, we can only do this thanks to you. Yes YOU. Remembering the Collie Rescue Foundation with your donations, memberships, and in your estate planning is the way we are able to continue to help collies in need. The various rescue groups around the country and their amazing foster homes are the ones who do the real work - saving the collies. Those people work very hard, spending a lot of the costs out of their own pockets, skipping holidays & family events to go save a collie in need. We see them do this ALL THE TIME. Any time a collie is in need, someway, somehow, the rescue groups are there finding a way to help that one collie, or many collies in some cases, finding space for all of them, getting them the medical care and love they need.

In this holiday season, let’s all give what we can to help the collies in need. Please donate to the Collie Rescue Foundation, or to a local collie rescue group if you prefer. Keep your donations where you know they will do a lot of good & not be going to pay big salaries. This is the case with all collie rescues - your donations go right to help the dogs.

As we wind down 2017, we at CRF look forward to 2018 & our continued ability to help more collies. I would like to extend my gratitude to our CRF officers & board for all their work & efforts on behalf of the collies. We at CRF are also very grateful for your donations, and for those unsung heroes in the trenches doing the real work - saving collies.

Give your collies some extra hugs - they are safe, warm and happy in your loving care.

Merry Christmas to All & may you all have a wonderful New Year.

Vickie VonSeggern

New Members
Caryl Pomales
Dorraine Watts
Mark Woynicz

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS, OLD & NEW!
Think back when you have had a litter of puppies and it is time to start leash training. You put a collar on and attach a leash to it and TRY to get them to move! This goes on for several days and finally they agree (with the help of some treats) and they finally get the hang of it! YEA! It is all fun practicing now! But what if it is a 50 lb. collie and you only have one shot to get him in a car and he will not move and flattens out on the ground? Not so much fun then.

Panda was released by his owners and we were told he was covered with fleas, so they were asked to take him to a groomer near their home for grooming and flea treatment. He had ticks as well and had to be shaved. When it was time to pick him up the groomer put his collar on and attached the leash and took a few steps toward the door-nothing happened, he did not move. I tried to get him to walk with me, still nothing, he was too heavy to carry to the car so it was decided we would just have to drag him to the car. He did not resist the dragging (poor baby) and was loaded in the car and off we went.

Little did I know getting him out of the car would be as big a job as getting him in the car. He did not want to get out of the crate so he had to be dragged to the front of the crate and when he was finally out and on the ground he lay down and would not get up. After leaving him there a while once again he had to be dragged to the fenced in yard.

For a few weeks after coming into rescue when he would go to a yard he would just lie down and look so pitiful (like he had lost his best friend) which he had since he lived with another collie. After a few weeks he did begin to interact with humans and seemed less depressed.

It is probably safe to say he had never been off the property of his previous home and probably never been walked on a leash. He was adopted twice and returned twice for the same reason, just acting depressed. The second time he was returned he jumped out of the car and began wagging his tail and was so glad to be “home”. His coat is growing out a deep black and his ears now are up and alert where before they were flat against his head. It will take a special home for Panda as it takes him longer to warm up to people than most collies. He now wags his tail and barks happily as he gives you that collie smile that says, “Thank you for loving me”.

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Leon is Home for the Holidays!

Collie Rescue of Illinois

“Hello! My name is Leon! What’s yours?! It doesn’t matter, I love you anyway! What are you doing? Can I do it with you? Did I mention that I love you? Where are we going? How about outside? I love outside! There are birds, squirrels and leaves that move! It really doesn’t matter where we are! Mostly, I love you!

I am a two year old white collie who joined the Collie Rescue family this past July. I guess I had a pretty rough start to life; I had fleas/ticks, had to be shaved, I was heartworm positive and had tape worms. I was a mess! I am so grateful that Collie Rescue took me in. I spent the first couple of weeks with a wonderful lady named Dian, but her cat and I didn’t get along at all. So she called a new foster mom named Lisa and she took me in. Then I spent last few months with my new foster mom while going through my heartworm treatment. And guess what!? I found out that I will be living with them permanently! Woo hoo!

So I live with her, her family and my new best friend, Fred, a soon-to-be 13 year old Collie Rescue boy! I’m pretty sure that he loves me a lot, especially when I drop toys on his head while he is sleeping...I’ve learned LOTS of things in the past few months: street signs don’t move, no one else is going to eat my food if I don’t eat it in 15 seconds, and Fred doesn’t want to play when he scratches his ear! My mom says that soon I can go to a class to learn even more things! I can hardly wait!”
As the newest member of the Collie Rescue Foundation board, I was a little surprised to see how much money the foundation pays out on a regular basis to affiliated rescues across the United States. The inner workings of the board are (and honestly not due to me, I am just learning) prompt, accurate, compassionate, and performed with great integrity. And so it is, I am quickly learning, with all of the affiliated rescues. These folks have got each other’s backs. The networking, encouraging, and helping each other whenever a collie in need is discovered in the dark regions of the internet… or in poorly run shelters. I laughed a little (really very, very little) when we received a poorly written communication from a person who disagreed with us because all we do is take in great collies and sell them for a profit. Oh, my… if only! As every rescue organization in our network knows…saving Collies does not make money. It COSTS money.

My letter to you today is not, however, intended to raise money. Your generous donations to the Collie Rescue Foundation and to your local Collie Rescues have been amazing. Just the thought of what you do dampens my eyes and makes me draw quick breaths.

With each request for reimbursement from the affiliates comes a picture and a story…sometimes written and sometimes not… of a Collie in need who is suffering tremendous personal pain in both the physical and psychological sense…often ripped from their homes because they are physically damaged by trauma or neglect. The women and men who come to their aid are selfless. Though hardened by disappointing experience in fellow mankind, their devotion to these orphaned creatures is both unheralded and unparalleled.

As I wish for you a happy Colliedays and a Happy New Year, I close with these words of prayer that remain on my desk all year long. It is Albert Schweitzer’s Prayer for the Animals.

Hear our humble prayer, O God,
For our friends the animals,
Especially for animals who are suffering,
For any that are hunted
Or lost or deserted or frightened or hungry;
For all that will be put to death.

We entreat for them all Thy mercy and pity,
And for those who deal with them we ask
A heart of compassion
And gentle hands and kindly words.
Make us, ourselves, to be true friends to animals
And so to share the blessings of the merciful.