The Faces of Your Generosity
As we go into summer, more of us are taking dogs along in cars for fun trips. Several things to always keep in mind is the fact that if it gets to 68 degrees and in sun, your vehicle will heat up to 90 plus in a matter of minutes. Leaving the car running, even when locked can be a risk for thieves. Best to either leave pets home or be able to stay in the car with them. Many states now have laws allowing people to break into the car to help a pet or a person. Be sure you know exactly what the law allows in your area - usually calling 911 is first on the list. Stay with the vehicle till the police arrive - just in case. Rescue groups should keep in mind that CRF can help with heartworm treatments and dentals. These are costs that can be quite high & are both pretty commonly needed in collies coming into rescue. Tick diseases are also on the rise so when having a HW test done be sure it also is the snap test which includes several tick diseases. Info on what we cover is on the CRF website. I have also noticed an increase in snake bites in dogs in certain areas. Be careful if you live in such an area. Many collies love the water but not all dogs are natural swimmers. Be sure pets have life jackets & only allow swimming in safe areas. Pretty much the precautions taken for ourselves and our kids are the same for our dogs. Keeping a first aid kit in the vehicle for both humans and dogs is a great idea.

Lots of controversy about shaving rough coats in hot weather. It is not advisable as the coat insulates the dog from both heat and cold and protects the skin from sunburn. Keeping your dog thoroughly brushed out and bathed regularly is the best bet - which means once or twice a week minimum, along with a complete bath treatment at least every 4-6 weeks. With rescue dogs they may often require shaving due to neglect. This is often kinder to the dog - the dogs health and well being has to be considered in these cases.

Fund Raising - many of our rescue groups are excellent at doing fund raisers to help them continue to help collies in need. There are lots of venues available to you for this. If you don't have a Facebook page for your rescue group, please consider it. Many people follow these groups and when there is a need are very willing to help out with donations. Someone does need to keep content fresh. People love to see the happy ending stories and know their dollars helped in some way. Facebook makes it easy to do this.

Enjoy your summer with your dogs!

Vickie VonSeggern
Collie Rescue Foundation
President
Having been involved with the Collie Rescue Foundation for a while, now. It still gives me little tingles when I see how hard our affiliates work in the field to rescue these beautiful animals. It still gives me shivers to see how selflessly they labor without much recognition. There isn't much fanfare, there isn't much celebration.

Many of our affiliates haven't even asked for our help in the time I have been here. That tells us that there are many, many people individually donating to their favorite collie rescue. You have no idea how happy that makes us!

None the less, when that time comes (and you know it will) that some hoarder is suddenly discovered, that the Collie Rescue Foundation will be there to help.

We don't rescue collies ourselves. Instead, we provide a backstop that helps prevent any collies from slipping through the cracks simply because there isn't enough money in the local coffers. Our support comes from your membership, and from grants and bequests from collie people all over the USA.

We salute you, our collie caring comrades, and we welcome your continuing support to CRF and to your favorite local collie rescue. Even if you cannot rescue, foster, or adopt...your membership and support is invaluable! Thank You!

I hope to see many of you next month at Sunnybank!

Chuck Heubach

NEW MEMBER!
EMILY BERKLEY

CRF Loves and Appreciates all Members, New & Old!

Your Membership and Support Saves Lives!