Collie Rescue Story - Otis, Saving A Leg

We don’t know how it happened ... a car, a horse, the boot of a human. By the time we rescued Otis, age 7, his right front leg had been broken in three places — for at least a month. He had not received any treatment. His useless paw curled under and scraped the ground when he walked.

His coat was so matted with debris — twigs, burrs and prickers, especially goatheads — that it took hours to remove the mats so the vet could see his skin the next morning. But Otis was so happy to be rescued! His eyes shone and he smiled at everyone.

~ Lee More, Southwest Collie Rescue

Before Treatment

CRF Can Help!

This is just the kind of dog that CRF is able to help. Otis just needed some extra TLC to mend his injuries, but that extra help can cost a lot of money. We can provide rescues with the extra money it takes to heal a dog like Otis and find him his forever home!

After Treatment
About Southwest Collie Rescue

Founded in early 2002, our mission is to take in every purebred collie in our territory who needs help, no matter how old or how sick.

SWCR’s territory covers a huge area: New Mexico, Arizona and West Texas. But we’ve also reached out to take collies in Colorado, Nevada, Oklahoma and Kansas. Our volunteers typically log many miles on their cars!

We’ve now rescued 617 collies, a number that includes some shelties and a few other “honorary collies.” We are a nonprofit, tax-deductible, IRS-approved 501c3 corporation.

SWCR’s adopters come from as far away as the San Francisco Bay Area, Washington state and Alaska. All have driven or flown to pick up their collie in person. We screen adopters carefully through an application, home visit and phone calls. Our adoption contract insists that we take back a collie if for any reason the owner can’t keep it.

Each rescued collie is thoroughly vetted, fostered for at least two weeks and given comprehensive medical care. Each is spayed or neutered. If a collie needs major surgery, we raise most of the money for it via our website, www.nmcollierescue.com, and our Facebook page.

We send out a newsletter twice a year to adopters, donors and other members of our collie family. SWCR has a significant donor base: Of our revenues in 2011, 64 percent came from donations, 19 percent from adoption fees and 12 percent from local fundraising events.

CRF Logo Spray Bottles

Help the Collie Rescue Foundation and yourself by purchasing a 24 oz spray bottle with a heavy duty spray head. Perfect for grooming and shows your support of the Collie Rescue Foundation. These bottles will be available at various specialty shows around the country as well as the National. On site prices are $6 each or 2 for $10. Additional bottles may be purchased for $5 each. If you would like to have us ship one to you, you will need to pay the exact shipping in addition to the price for the bottle.

Show Availability

Nebraska Collie Club Speciality on October 5–6.

Collie Club of Kentucky October 20 – 21

East Tennessee Collie Club Specialty November 2–3

Christmas is coming. These bottles will make great gifts for the collie folks on your list!
Thank You Donors!

We could not do what we do without the generosity of collie folks near and far. Check out our donor list and if you meet any of them say thanks for supporting collie rescue.

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And a special thanks goes out to these local collie clubs that support rescue!

Collie Club of America
Collie Club of Alabama
Indiana Collie Club

THIS HOUSE
(author unknown)

Here in this house...
I will never know the loneliness I hear in the barks of the other dogs "out there". I can sleep soundly, assured that when I wake my world will not have changed. I will never know hunger, or the fear of not knowing if I'll eat. I will not shiver in the cold, or grow weary from the heat. I will feel the sun's heat, and the rain's coolness, and be allowed to smell all that can reach my nose. My fur will shine, and never be dirty or matted.

Here in this house...
There will be an effort to communicate with me on my level. I will be talked to and even if I don't understand, I can enjoy the warmth of the words. I will be given a name so that I may know who I am among many. My name will be used in joy, and I will love the sound of it!

Here in this house...
I will never be a substitute for anything I am not. I will never be used to improve people's images of themselves. I will be loved because of who I am, not someone's idea of who I should be. I will be taught all the things I need to know to be loved by all. If I do not learn my lessons well, they will look to my teacher for blame.

Here in this house...
I can trust the arms that hold, hands that touch... knowing that, no matter what they do, they do it for the good of me. If I am ill, I will be doctored. If scared, I will be calmed. If sad, I will be cheered. No matter what I look like, I will be considered beautiful and known to be of value. I will never be cast out because I am too old, too ill, or too unruly, or not cute enough. My life is a responsibility, and not an afterthought. I will learn that my humans can almost, sometimes, be as kind and as fair as dogs.

Here in this house...
I will belong. I will be home.