Manuela's story shows how people work together to help a collie find a forever home. Manuela's foster in Puerto Rico tells the first part of the story. Manuela was found in late July 2013 by Johanna Suarez in Toa Baja, Puerto Rico. Johanna is a voluntary dog rescuer who travels around unvisited and forgotten places in search of mistreated or abandoned animals to give them food or help. As you can see from the pictures, Manuela was in very bad shape when she was found. Johanna contacted a local rescue, Alianza Pro Rescate Animales. They took Manuela to San Miguel Veterinary Services. She was so matted they could not even find a place for injections so she was shaved and surgery was performed on the large tumor on her neck. Then in October Manuela's foster found out about her because she was at a 5K dog run with her collies and stopped by the Pro Rescate booth. After about 6 weeks of looking for a home for Manuela in Puerto Rico Johanna called the rescue organization Save a Sato who in turn contacted Freedom Collie Rescue.

Manuela becomes Libby
You would never know that Libby wasn’t always the center of our world. She has only been with us a short time but she acted as if she belonged with us the minute she walked through the door. We have 2 male collies who have been with us for many years but Libby already wins the “center of attention” award. She is most definitely the “Princess” of the family. She likes to hang out with her new mom so much that she follows her everywhere and has earned the name of “speed bump” for crashing on the floor right in the middle of everyone. Libby does not like to miss a thing. You would never know her life started in such a rough way because she is so full of love for everyone she meets. She absolutely adores the children in the family and loves to play with her toys and chase the kids around the house. But she is also just as content to curl up on her soft bed and sleep the day away in the comfort of her new home with a nice full belly of food!
~ Libby’s Forever Family
A huge thank you goes out to all of you who have donated to Houston Collie Rescue and the Collie Rescue Foundation. There is no way those collies could have found new homes without your help!

Please remember there are collies in need all year round, all over the country. Check out your local collie rescue and give generously to them. Many times when big events happen we tend to forget those dedicated people who care for collies one or two at a time, making sure they find their forever homes.

Check out the Collie Rescue Foundation Website for a list of our Affiliates.

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This past Labor Day weekend the collie world was shocked by the seizure of over 100 collies from a home in Tomball Texas.

Houston Collie Rescue was called in to take the dogs. From an initial report of 35 dogs to the eventual total of 150+ HCR rolled with the punches. Collie lovers from all over wanted to know what they could do to help. Understandably the rescuers in Houston were preoccupied with caring for and evaluating dogs. The Collie Rescue Foundation stepped in to provide fast reliable information about what was needed and where money and supplies could be sent.

While many of the dogs just needed to be cleaned up and fed a quality diet to recover, others had problems that required more. All the collies were underweight, pregnant females were in the mix, skin issues, and the possibility of heartworm positive dogs were all real concerns. The first few days were a whirl.

Collie Rescue Foundation board member Babbi Dilbeck DVM went to Texas for a couple of days to help and to assess what needs Houston Collie Rescue would have going forward. In the meantime the Collie Club of America quickly sent a donation of $10,000 to the Collie Rescue Foundation to be sent on to help the collies. Many people called the local Petsmart to buy food and supplies.

Now about a month later all the dogs have started on the road to recovery. Although there are still some collies at “Camp Collie” the majority are with over 60 fosters in Texas and with other rescues. Some have even found their forever home already. Some of the foster dogs will need further veterinary care and a chance to find that perfect someone. Other fosters just need to be evaluated and have some time to learn how to be a dog in a loving home.

In such a big undertaking it was wonderful to see how many of our affiliate rescues stepped up with offers to take some of the dogs. Southland Collie Rescue, Southwest Collie Rescue, Collie Rescue of Illinois, and several others offered to take some of the dogs to lighten the load on the Texas volunteers.

The Collie Rescue Foundation was able to send $5,000 to cover immediate expenses and offered to cover transporters fuel costs as well. We also stand ready to help with medical costs including heartworm treatment for the 19 heartworm positive dogs in the group.

Most of the credit in this rescue goes to Houston Collie Rescue who were able to marshal their experience and know how at a moment’s notice to help those collies who needed help so badly.

Momma dog who gave birth to 13 puppies the weekend of the seizure.
President's Message

To say that the past few months have been stressful for the entire collie community is an understatement. June brought a felony neglect charge against an Alabama collie breeder who allowed numerous beautiful dogs starve to death. Once word got out, the collie fancy came together & donated money & food to the humane society holding the surviving collies as evidence.

Most of the members of the Collie Club of Alabama were present at a hearing to determine the dispensation of the surviving dogs. They were there in support of the breeders & co-owners that had flown or driven from all over the country in hopes of retrieving their collies. The hearing ended with the judge awarding custody of the dogs to breeders & co-owners who had documentation proving a legal right to them. Many tears of joy were shed that day. Most of the court staff, including the judge & prosecuting attorney, came to the animal shelter to see the dogs off. After two full months the dogs were going home. My faith in basic humanity got a serious lift that day. This was not a rescue situation, but I was there to make certain that rescue had these dogs covered in the event the judge made a different decision.

Before we had even caught our collective breath another event involving 130 plus collies took place in Texas, & is ongoing as of this writing. A hoarder who had been raided & had many collies confiscated once before, was once again on the radar of the court system. Houston Collie Rescue stepped up to the plate in both cases & have done a phenomenal job of organizing an army of volunteers to care for a huge number of dogs. They even brought out six cats and placed them with a cat rescue.

Once again, the entire collie fancy, both rescuers & show people, have provided money & support in different ways. Many show people have offered transport assistance, & even overnight accommodations for any transporters that might come their way. We will all be here until every collie has a forever home.

These two horrific events have proven that breeders and rescuers CAN work together to take care of the breed we all love. What we need to do now is to figure out a way to reduce the chances of these abuses happening in the future, because “All collies belong to you & me”.

~ Brenda Shreve, CRF President

Welcome New Members!

The CRF wants to welcome the following new members! Thank you for helping the Collie Rescue Foundation in its work to help all collies find a forever home.

Darlene Roy
Deborah Gates
Bethany Burke
Christina Cosdon
Rosemary Coyle
Susan Barmby
Linda E. Pletka
Mary E. Courtade
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Donna Holroyd
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