Faith, the latest in the flood of neglected dogs to come a long distance to safety and love, came to us by transport on the evening of August 10th. She left her crate and into the loving arms of Jeff and Nikki Ruggeberg. Jeff drove her to our Director’s house on the following morning. Not much brushing necessary because she does not have much fur. But a bubble bath with EpiSoothe by Virbac and the loving hands of Suzey Higgins, our groomer.

Faith would have been one of the tragic neglect stories that we hear so very often. But the fabulous humans with LAWS (Leavenworth Animal Welfare Society) didn’t give up on her. They got her out of a padlocked kennel, began the basics of her necessary vet care and reached out to find a Collie Rescue that would nurture her both medically and emotionally.

As I say so very often, it takes a village to save a dog.

Bless the people who help animals.
Rescue definitely takes a “national” effort, thus we thank all of you that helped us fulfill our motto “All Collies Belong To You and Me.” Without your support, we would not have the funds to provide financial aid to local rescues that need our help. Sometimes it is only one collie with special medical needs that strain the rescue’s budget. Other times it is helping a rescue with a large intake of collies that require routine care and vaccinations; but because of the sheer numbers, it becomes a funding problem for the rescue.

We appreciate the artists and people that donated so many beautiful and unique items to CRF. A special thank you to Cindy Alvarado-Yeary, Ana Goulet of G & G Studio and their Virginia Perry Gardiner Collection, Kris Mulligan, Ted Paul, Donna Walle and to Ramonette Dugan, whose continued support with her artwork is the foundation of our fundraising at the CCA National.

We also owe a big thank you to some very special volunteers. Joanne Huff helped me set up on Tuesday, worked every day and helped me pack up on Saturday morning. I swear if Joanne doesn’t already have angel wings, they are about to sprout! Caryn Thacker, who helped me go around to sell raffle tickets for the large framed print of Cindy Alvarado’s, “Playtime.” Volunteers from Tri-State Collie Rescue Bev Sullivan, Kim Glass and Martha Raymer took turns showing up for several hours each day and helping wherever needed.

To our donors and those who supported our auction and sales, a hats off thank you! There were so many of you that helped us reach our goal. We thank all of you for your continued support. It is your support that makes CRF belongs to you and me.

Please, check us out on Facebook or our website, www.collierescuefoundation.net, where you will find a PayPal link. If you haven’t yet joined us, here is your invitation! It is your support that makes a difference for collies in need of our help. Thank you one and all!

Penny, adopted from Collie Rescue of the Carolinas, relaxing at the CRF booth at the 2016 CCA National.
Amid the warm and humid last gasps of summer, while the first yellowed leaves fall from the ancient maples to rest on hallowed ground, music and laughter rises along the shores of a tiny, fire blue lake in North Jersey. The barks of more than two hundred purebred Collies greet each other and those who have been blessed to know and understand their nature. This is Sunnybank. This is the estate of Albert Payson Terhune who bred and wrote popular books about the Sunnybank Collies that have entertained and enthralled the Collie world for what is now 100 years. This is “The Gathering.”

For one weekend each year, Sunnybank becomes a pilgrimage of sorts for many of those who breed, rescue, and love Collies. Here, breeders, rescue organizations, owners, Terhune enthusiasts, and those who love and tolerate them gather in celebration. The Collie Health Foundation makes this special time a major fundraiser and an enjoyable experience for all. On Saturday, experts from the Terhune Sunnybank Memorial offer tours of the historic property, and speak on topics of interest. History is revealed to an enthralled audience, and often to tears of joy as “first-timers” begin to understand that the words written in this very place still resonate today to all those who know our furry friends. Folks can be seen chatting, admiring the Collies, or quietly reading words written right there in a private spot such as the "Evening Lookout", amid towering trees, all the while feeling the presence of history and the excitement of the collectors finding that perfect treasure at the tent.

There are Therapy Dog exams, and several matches on Sunday. Among the weekend highlights are the Sunday morning programs which alternate as a Rescue Parade and this year’s event, the Sunnybank Memorial Program. Rarely a dry eye can be found as a bagpiper plays while the names of our recently departed are read aloud and their memorial is placed on the hill beneath Champion Rock, the gravesite of many of Sunnybank’s finest.

Food, History, Sunnybank, and Collies! What’s not to love?

Tell Us a Story!

Hi! I am your newsletter editor. I am owned by Whendy, the 14th Collie in our lives. She insures that I pay attention to all things Collie as she keeps a watchful eye on our basement studio.

I would LOVE LOVE LOVE to hear your rescue stories, tips, and general knowledge about the breed we love, and the dangers that they face. Each issue I will write a short article (I need your ideas!) and perhaps share an image or two. I hope you enjoy! - Chuck Heubach
Reach me directly at twincitydog@gmail.com
You found him along a roadside. You picked him up, and gave him the love he craves. You washed and combed his dirty fur. You trimmed his nails, and gave him food and water to eat and drink. You cured his heartworm, and gave him a warm and dry place to rest his head. You did this all, through your membership in your local rescue and CRF.

No Need to pick those petals.....
You KNOW he loves you!
The Collie Rescue Foundation sends a big welcome to Chuck Heubach as its new Newsletter Editor. Some of our readers may be facebook friends with Chuck, or follow his Twin City Dog page, also on facebook. His artwork is delightful and his writings are endearing....we feel very fortunate to have him! Chuck attended The Gathering at Sunnybank, held in August in Wayne, NJ. and you will find an accounting of his adventure there in this issue.

CRF is gearing up to hold a couple online auctions yet this year, with the first one to be held in October. We should have some really exciting stuff up for bid, so watch our Collie Rescue Foundation facebook page for details.

If you haven’t as yet done so, please consider becoming a member of CRF. As a 501c3 organization, your membership fee is tax deductible and you will be helping us to help Collies with medical needs so they can then be looking for their forever home!

New Member!
Dean Mair

Welcome Back, Dean! The Collie Rescue Foundation is extremely grateful to each and every member. Your membership saves lives!