FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our first newsletter of 2019 announces some exciting changes & events. First off, Marie Mullin took over the newsletter position, but we decided to hire Joan Johnson, Blue Ridge Graphics to put the newsletter together for us. The newsletter will also be coming out twice a year now.

The first exciting event of the new year for CRF will be our raffle & auction tables at the Collie Club of America National Specialty in Peoria, IL. The show will run Tues to Sat., March 26 to 30.

This link is to more detailed info on all the events that week.


The start of the year has also seen a fairly large scale rescue operation which was effectively handled by several of our rescue groups, saving a lot of collies in the process. CRF did a fund raiser on Facebook & donated all of that money to help these dogs and a generous benefactor donated a substantial amount as well. We are so proud and thankful for all those who stepped up in one way or another to assist with these dogs and the many others our very capable rescues took in. It truly takes a village and our village has many wonderful people!

We look forward to seeing you at our tables at the Peoria national show! All Collies belong to you and me.

Vickie VonSeggern, CRF, President

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Bundling the original painting with the books as one item. Someone is going to be sooooo lucky.

Our raffle/auction tables will feature lots of beautiful collie art, books, magazines, prints etc. Many of the top collie artists have donated items to us for our sale & we are especially thrilled to be offering the original Cindy Alvarado painting, Gentle Hero, donated by Cindy, along with both of the Ace Mask books to go with the paintings, signed by the author & donated by him, Ace Mask. We are
TSCR had been watching a breeder in Mansfield for over a year. We had been getting reports from people that thing were not good at a breeding kennel there. We had reports of mange, skinny dogs, dogs getting loose, and that there were sick puppies hidden on the property. Well, you get the picture!

At the end of October, the owner suddenly died and his family advertised that they were trying to move as many Collies as quickly as possible as they did not have the means to care for them. TSCR tried as a rescue to work with the family, but they were unwilling. We sent some of our volunteers in to acquire seven dogs privately. The males were all very thin. On a scale of one to five, their body scores were a two according to our veterinarians. Some dogs have scarring on their noses, some had bald patches on their legs, and redness in spots. All of them were starving not only for food, but for attention as well.

We talked to the dog warden and Humane Society in that county, and at this time they had two Collies in their custody that had been running free. This is something that happened a lot with the Collies in Mansfield. We took in these two dogs, both were merle males and extremely thin. One had a horrible ear infection and what looked to be (and was later confirmed to be) demodectic mange. We called these two boys Tyson (the blue) and Maverick (the sable merle).

The following week, TSCR picked up three Collies that the Richland Humane Society had talked the family into turning over. At the same time, they turned over four dogs to Almost Home Rescue. They kept two dogs for themselves stating that the dogs needed immediate vet care. Though the breeding facility was investigated and found to be very unfit, it was given a week to comply and take care of the dogs that needed vetting. Attempts by TSCR going in as a rescue were always unsuccessful. We had some private citizens offer to get more dogs for us and we continued to work until we were told they are left with only two Collies – a male and a female, which we know will mean more breeding.

Collie Rescue of Illinois graciously offered help by taking four of these Collies that we were able to obtain, again privately. Some of the health issues besides those already mentioned include: infected dew claws; teeth and gums on a one-year-old that looked bad from lack of nutrition; cryptorchids; and of course, filthy and smelly coats requiring more than one bath. Overall, they were in bad health and suffering from neglect. Several are so shy they are going to need a lot of time and confidence-building. However, they ARE Collies, and most are bouncing back. Their ages range from seven months to four years old – the oldest being breeding females. These females were the only dogs that were not skinny. We were told a couple of the females had delivered approximately 60 puppies during their four years of life.
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UPDATE:
Just a short update on the dogs from Mansfield. TSCR ended up with 24 total from that place with four going on to Collie Rescue of Illinois. One of the last ones we got out was 30-days pregnant. She delivered her pups by emergency C-section: 9 living, one stuck in the birth canal. Mom was only 18 months old and according to the vet, too small to have them naturally. All are doing well. Many of the dogs from this cumulative rescue have been adopted into wonderful homes. We still have two in foster care, as well as the Mom of the puppies, some of whom are spoken for. To finish the story, the breeding facility still has two Collies; Almost Home took in four; and the Richland shelter kept two.

If anyone would like more information on this story, please contact www.tristatecollierescue.org, or wonderland_collies@hotmail.com.

AFFILIATE FOCUS: ALMOST HOME

Almost Home
By Kathy Wallace, Almost Home

My friend and I scheduled our visit to a large-volume “Class B” dealer at the request of Almost Home Dog Rescue of Ohio. But when we arrived, only the collies met us. No one from the business kept the appointment.

Behind a fence, we saw 12 collies: sables and tris, dirty and unkempt. There were no dishes for water or food and no shelter either. Later we learned there was little care.

For the next month, Almost Home repeatedly contacted authorities about this situation until they intervened and asked us to take four into rescue. At the shelter, the collies were scared and “shut down.” Leashes, collars and human touch seemed foreign to them. Three were beyond “thin.” They were skin and bones.

We kept the four overnight. When we filled a large dish with water, they ran as a pack to the bowl, pushed their way in and drained it in ten seconds. Every time we filled the bowl, they repeated this frantic drinking routine. We watched, horrified, our hearts breaking.

They skittered away from us whenever we tried to approach them until we fed them. After that all four camped together outside our back door. Every time we checked on them they jumped up with hopefulness. Their extreme hunger helped them muster the courage to overcome their fear and by morning we could touch them easily — until we tried to get them in the car. That triggered another round of fear.

After an hour drive we arrived at a large vet clinic. There they were bathed and groomed & fed extra food. The vets treated their infections and parasites, pulled broken teeth and

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spayed or neutered them. A few days later, each one left the clinic with caring foster families who had collies and other dogs to begin climbing the biggest mountain: socialization.

At each home, the collies bonded quickly with their foster siblings. Terrified to cross thresholds, they found comfort in trotting alongside a sibling. By example, the well-socialized dogs helped these scared collies learn the ropes. Of the four, tri-color Grace was the most socialized but arrived at her foster home with her tail between her legs and head down. She didn’t make eye contact and gobbled down her food, guarding it until she realized food was plentiful.

Sable Cappy arrived completely shut down. He had to be carried in and out of the house. He urinated in his dish to claim it as his own.

Rudy, the other boy, was not as thin, but he too was afraid of doorways and had to be carried. He chewed relentlessly, perhaps from anxiety and fear.

Sally, another sable, ran from her foster parents but rapidly befriended their two collie boys. She watched them hop up on a couch and snuggle with humans. Couches and chairs became Sally’s “safe spots” where humans could leash or cuddle her and she could shower them in kisses. Standing on a couch, she learned “sit” and “down” in under ten minutes. Like the others, she is smart and capable when secure.

Now, two have been adopted. The others are still building confidence. Every day, they get closer to becoming the loving, happy collies they deserve to be.

We at almost home are grateful for the financial assistance from the Collie Rescue Foundation. The list of medical issues these dogs faced was very long. Their socialization issues required longer foster care. Your support makes it possible for us to continue our mission to provide medical care, nutrition and love to the forgotten, dumped, abused, surrendered and medically fragile and to prepare collies like Grace, Cappy, Rudy and Sally for a loving, forever family.

NOTE FROM COLLIE RESCUE FOUNDATION

The CRF would like to applaud the efforts of Tri-State Collie Rescue and Almost Home Dog Rescue of Ohio for their tenacity in bringing the Mansfield, Ohio rescue to a successful conclusion. We know the rescues and their volunteers devoted many precious hours to ensure a happy ending to this situation.

We also want to thank our members for their support of CRF. Good intentions and warm, fuzzy feelings alone will not guarantee a successful outcome in any of these situations. It is through your generous donations that we were able to contribute financial support to these Ohio dogs.

We are so grateful for all of you!