FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been quite an amazing summer on so many levels in collie rescue. Our Hawaii Three collies became a prime concern after the sudden death of their owner, a well known breeder of Champion collies & shelties. Some 12 collies & 8 shelties became homeless and there is no collie rescue on the islands. The Collie Club of Hawaii members went to work immediately helping to care for the dogs working with the family of the deceased & they were able to re-home all the shelties and all but 3 of the collies - 3 older boys. This is where CRF came in, and to the rescue came the Southland Collie Rescue who worked hand in hand with the collie club of Hawaii & CRF to arrange to ship all 3 dogs state-side during the heat of the summer. I cannot tell you how happy we all were when we saw the pictures of the boys coming out of their crates at the airport safe and sound. I also cannot express how proud we all are of the rescue community and the collie fanciers & club in Hawaii for all their work and caring for these dogs. We have also learned that Janet Hitt, AKC licensed collie judge has donated her fee for judging to the care of these collies. CRF is also indebted to Diane Troxell, our VP, who jumped right in assisting with the organizational aspects of getting the dogs here.

Shipping - from Hawaii is incredibly expensive - and in the summer, had to be done at night & into the wee hours of the morning arrival. It can be done but oh boy what a ride this was!

Currently CRF is following a large scale rescue in Solon, Maine where some 70 or so collies were removed from horrible conditions, and some of them were pregnant. Along with the Collie Club of Maine and the Collie Rescue League of New England, CRF has donated significant monies to the authorities in charge of the dogs care while the rescue group and collie club folks physically brought them food and offered to help care for the dogs. The owner has now relinquished the dogs & adoptions have begun. We would like to have seen all of the dogs go directly to collie rescue groups, rather then just a handful of them - however, this is usually the way things end up when authorities remove dogs & the dogs are of a breed that is very easy to sell. Everyone wants to help save Lassie, and at least the situation at this place has come to an end and all the dogs will be spayed/neutered, and rehabbed so they will have good lives.

We at CRF extend our gratitude to all of our rescue group volunteers who are in the trenches saving collies each and every day, as well as all of those kind and generous people who support these endeavors with their donations. Working together each person chipping in a little adds up to a huge amount & makes the difference to the lives of so many collies. It is a very good day!

Vickie VonSeggern, CRF, President
On May 30, 2019, the Collie community lost a valued member: En Harriet Chang. En was the Vice President of the Collie Club of Hawaii, and a former CCA District Director for Hawaii. She was especially proud of the accomplishments of Gold Grand Champion Overland Remembrance of Things Past (Marcel), the #3 Rough Collie in the Hawkins System, winner of three Awards of Merit at the CCA National, and a participant at the Westminster Show. Besides breeding and showing Collies and Shelties, En was a graduate of Juilliard School of Music and a concert pianist. She will be sorely missed by her friends and family.

En left behind 21 dogs: 12 Collies and 9 Shelties, ranging in age from 21 months to over 12 years old. This is the story of the “Hawaii 3.”

In early June, the Collie Rescue Foundation learned of En’s passing. En was fortunate to have a good friend in Dr. Linda Kuribayashi, President of the Collie Club of Hawaii, who had already begun to work towards fulfilling En’s last wish of finding good homes for all of her dogs. There are no Collie rescues in Hawaii. Linda got word to the Collie Rescue Foundation, as she was slowly finding new homes for the dogs on Oahu, the big island, and Molokai, that even after a thorough and exhaustive effort to re-home all of these dogs in the Islands, three of the most senior male Collies remained homeless: Marcel; Mickey; and Morgan.

The Collie Rescue Foundation knew that bringing these dogs to the mainland would be a complicated and expensive undertaking, and we knew we would need a strong partner to accomplish this. Southland Collie Rescue (SCR) was up to the task, and their team immediately went to work.

By the time the dogs received a clean bill of health to fly, SCR had already secured foster homes in the Southern California area.

A plea for financial assistance went out on social media and the PayPal donations and checks started coming in from all over the U.S. Some were SCR people; some were CRF people; there were fanciers and breeders; FB followers; rescuers; collie lovers; and more. The flights were confirmed and the next thing we knew, the Hawaii 3 were scheduled to arrive at Los Angeles International Airport at 11:30 p.m. on July 11.
Waiting to welcome the boys to California were Mitch Telson, Shauna Hoffman, and Bert Grimm. Then it was into a hotel room for the night and off to their waiting foster homes the next day!

There were so many good people who worked on this rescue that I have a hard time typing this story through the tears. The Collie Rescue Foundation would like to thank everyone for opening up your hearts and wallets for these boys.

I would especially like to thank the following people. If I forget anyone, please forgive me.

My fellow CRF Board members who are always there for Collies in need and:

- Linda Kuribayashi
- Fay and Cal Jitchaku
- Dr. Francis Kamiya
- Sue Baldwin
- Mitch Telson
- Shauna Hoffman
- Bert Grimm
- Diane Palumbo
- Jenny Farrell
- Sheila Buchanan
- Dave Buchanan
- Mike Goldberg
- Joan Baggaley

The world is a better place because there is always someone out there helping others. Someone is always trying to make this world a better place to live. You all have made a difference. Mahalo.

Dear Collie Rescue Foundation Member,

We can’t thank you enough for your support of the Collie Rescue Foundation. Thanks to you, we have distributed $15,000 in assistance to rescues just so far this year. Here is some of what has been putting our funds to good use:

- Three senior Collies from Honolulu, Hawaii
- Close to 100 Collies in Solon, Maine
- A femoral head ostectomy (a surgical procedure that aims to restore pain-free mobility to a diseased or damaged hip) for an 8-year old Collie

Your contribution was essential in making these dogs lives better!

Our annual Fall membership drive has begun. This letter is your annual membership renewal reminder that membership dues are payable by November 1. You may renew your membership for 2020 by going to the shop page on our website and renewing your membership using the form. Please go to the following page:

https://collierescuefoundation.org/product/crf-membership/

Again, thank you for all of your past support.
Sincerely,
Diane Troxell

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Thanks for supporting Collie Rescue!
-Editor
To all of CRF’s helpers at the 2019 National in Peoria -- thank you for the gift of your time! We are so grateful to you and to the generous donors who made our fundraising efforts a success!