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*All collies belong to you and me*



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

This has been a busy time for all of our rescue groups as many of you have had to deal with some large rescue operations, very ill dogs, and some unusual situations. I cannot express how proud we all are at CRF and how impressed we are with how all of you have immediately gone into action to help these collies all over the USA. We do indeed have some of the best people doing rescue for the collies. I am especially impressed with how all of you also work together to save dogs. This is so important in making certain that dogs do not fall through the cracks. We at CRF are so proud to be able to assist financially in so many of these cases. I encourage all of you to take a look at the CRF website - forms are there for you submit bills to

us. We like nothing better than to send you checks!

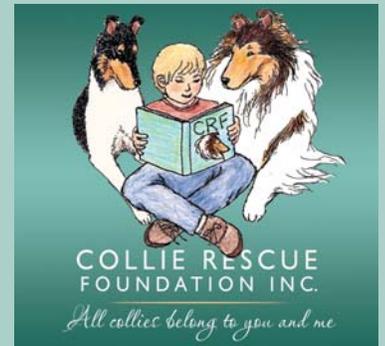
As I write this, yet another large rescue has just taken place and more collies in need have been removed from a sad situation.

This will be my last President's message. I have served in this position for 3 years and it is time to step down. Diane Troxell will be our new CRF President and I know the organization is in good hands with her at the helm. We all look forward to 2020 and continuing to work with all of you for the collie.

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Vickie VonSeggern - CRF President

## NEW MEMBERS



Linda Kurz

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The Collie  
Rescue Foundation  
Welcomes New &  
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Membership Saves Lives!

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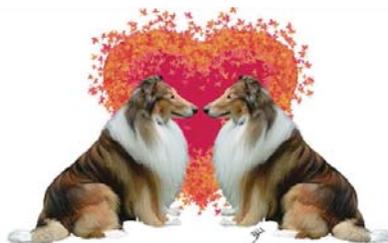
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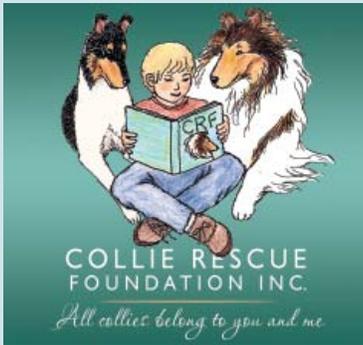
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## CRF FUNDRAISING



### SPRING FACEBOOK AUCTION!

Collie Rescue Foundation sends a huge thank you to Cindy Alvarado Yeary for her donation to CRF of "Kindred Spirits," an original graphite pencil drawing!

Please watch our [Facebook page](#) for details about the upcoming auction and your opportunity to bid on this fabulous piece.



A beautiful sable rough Collie watches over a foal in this giclee print from my original graphite pencil drawing "Kindred Spirits".

This giclee print captures the intricate detail of the original drawing, is individually created with archival ink on fine art paper and is signed and numbered. This print measures 13" x 16" with an image size of 11" x 14". The edition is limited to 200 and each print includes a certificate of authenticity.

## TEN DOG TENNESSEE RESCUE

By Cheryl Rakich  
Almost Home Dog Rescue of Ohio

As an intake coordinator for Almost Home Dog Rescue of Ohio, my morning typically begins with perusing Petfinder, Adopt A Pet and other sites. On a morning in September, however, I felt like I was reading the opening lines of "Law & Order."

There, in front of me, the headlines in a local Tennessee publication advertised these Collies: "Anyone wanting to start breeding, here is your chance. Three bred females, two males and five puppies that are four months old. Make some money or start a breeding business."



Instantly, I knew our organization was beginning another momentous episode of sick dogs, mile-by-mile logistical planning and possibly eye-popping vet bills. However, this situation pushed the edge of our mission.

Our other intake coordinator, Cindy, called the seller who was happy to share that breeding dogs funded her true passion: horses. As in most unscrupulous deals, she needed these dogs to be gone 'ASAP' because she had been accepted to a police academy to start a new career. She said she locked up the three females in heat in a horse barn with two males, expecting them to be pregnant. She thought the five pups would fetch \$700 each. Mostly, she needed them "out fast."

An online search turned up her puppy ads for Poodles, Corgis and Dalmations, as well as Better Business Bureau complaints for selling pups with parvo and refusing to return phone calls from customers with sick pups.

How much worse could this get?

Regardless, the volunteers of Almost Home stand ready to "be there" for Collies or Shelties whose journey has led them to dark and fearful places. We help them all, but ten dogs would really stretch our team, so we collaborated with TriState Collie Rescue. Together, we sorted out the logistics and found a vehicle big enough for ten dogs, someone in Tennessee to drive them, a boarding kennel with room for ten and a vet to squeeze them in for exams. Kim of TriState and I logged many hours on the phone and computer.

Once we had possession of the ten Collies, we breathed a sigh of relief. Certainly everything would be smooth now.



But it was not to be. All five pups had parvo and one adult had heartworm.

Still orchestrating from Ohio, now we had to find a 24-hour emergency hospital for the pups and someone to transport them.

Thankfully, our volunteers mobilized and the pups were treated quickly. Once

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stabilized, we recruited a driver with a van to retrieve the puppies from Tennessee. Two days later another driver moved the adults to Ohio.

Kim and I, plus our amazing volunteers, made the magic happen and they all arrived safely. The pups went into isolation at our vet office for five days. The adult with heartworm has now had his last injection.

Today, all ten Collies are living their best life in new homes, much loved and valued. Our hope is renewed daily by our rescued dogs' incredible resilience, grace and willingness to trust and love again, despite having every reason to give up on the human race.

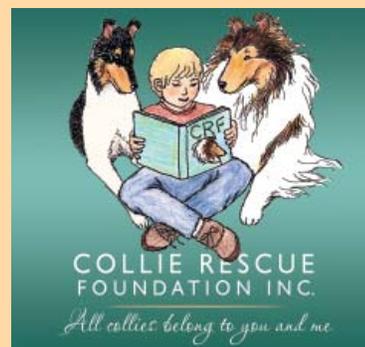
This battle was won, but the war continues. The parvo virus lays active for a year. This breeder continues to breed sick dogs. Authorities are of no help. Both TSCR and AHDR contacted the Tennessee attorney general, the national Humane Society and local humane authorities. The seller's county doesn't have an animal control officer.

The journey of these ten dogs has a happy ending, made possible in part by the generous financial support of the Collie Rescue Foundation. This vital resource enables volunteers at affiliates like Almost Home and TriState to respond quickly to at-risk Collies, whether they come to us alone or with 9 others. This support enables us to say, "Yes, we can help."

We thank the Foundation, and the many generous donors, for thinking ahead, donating to our cause and giving those of us on the front line the resources to make tough decisions, use our volunteer-power wisely, stop the Collies' suffering and drastically change the trajectory of the Collies who desperately need us.



## MEMBERSHIP



We invite you to become a member!

### Membership

Single Collie \$25

Pair of Collies Family \$40

Serious Supporter \$100

Wild about Rescue \$500

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### Send payment to:

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CRF Affiliates are found in almost every US State. Affiliates network, support, and help each other.

If you would like to see your local collie rescue featured in our national newsletter, let me know!  
mistygab@hotmail.com  
Thanks for supporting Collie Rescue!

-Editor

## PUPPIES: MAINE SEIZURE



## UPDATE: THE SOLON ME SEIZURE

Collie Rescue League (CRLNE)  
By Cathy Vellucci, Executive Director



As many of you already know, a seizure of approximately 80 collies occurred in Solon Maine in July 2019. Collie Rescue League of New England and eastern New York (CRLNE) was fortunate to take in 22 collies from the Maine Department of Agriculture in the ensuing weeks. That's a lot of collies!

Many of these collies were fearful, malnourished and suffered from various medical issues – some relatively minor and others with very serious medical problems. CRLNE thanks our membership and sister rescue leagues, multiple collie clubs, and of course, Collie Rescue Foundation, in the form of well wishes and donations both monetarily and in the form of merchandise to generate sales.

All collies were placed in foster homes as soon as they came to us. Most have been adopted, but we still have a few in foster care. Adopting them has proven to be complex because of their extreme skittishness, and they can only be placed with adopters with fenced in yards due to their flight risk.

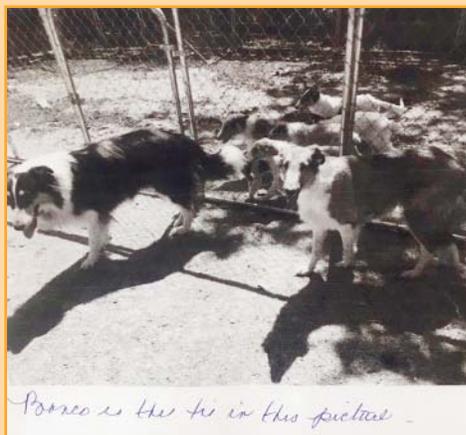


The photos included with this article are of one of the Solon rescues (S'more) both in her foster home and then in her adoptive home. S'more is ever so slowly coming out of her shell. She came to us in early September and was adopted in late November. In late January, she decided it was safe enough to leave her open crate to join her furry siblings and bark for the first time. CRLNE knew we had found the perfect adoptive home when we worried that she would never be quite 'normal,' and the adopters said "even if she never comes out of her shell for her whole life, we'll still be in love with her."

We think she's definitely in the right home, wouldn't you agree?



# COLLIES HELPED BY COLLIE RESCUE FOUNDATION



Pictured  
left to right:

Brody, Bronco, Cooper,  
Emma, Gibb,  
Henry, Frank, Oreo,  
Sadie, Joshua, Skye

