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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is a season of renewal, hope, and optimism. No matter how long, dark and gloomy the Winter, it's great to remember that Spring will always arrive.

As the years pass, I am coming more and more to understand that it is the common, everyday blessings of our common everyday lives for which we should be particularly grateful. They are the things that fill our lives with comfort and our hearts with gladness -- just the pure air to breathe and the strength to breathe it.

I hope you can all take advantage of the nicer days to get outside and take your furry friends for a walk -- it's a

great way to bond with that special canine in your life.

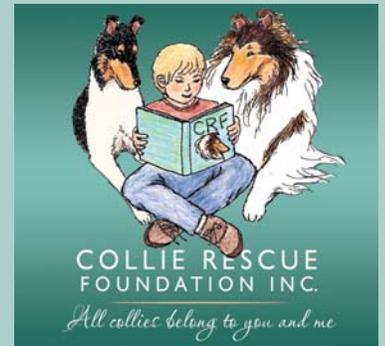
Volunteers devote hours of energy and effort to our organization every year. The CRF Board is fortunate to have a dedicated group of people who selflessly give of their time. Each issue beginning with this one, we will introduce you to these great folks.

As always, we thank you for your continued, faithful support.

ALL COLLIES BELONG TO
YOU AND ME.

Diane Troxell - CRF President

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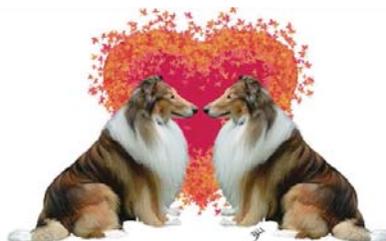
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SOUTHWEST COLLIE & SHELTYE RESCUE: KAIYA

Editor's Note: Kaiya was among a group of several other Collies rescued by Southwest Collie and Sheltie Rescue from poor conditions after the death of their owner. The Collie Rescue Foundation provided financial assistance made possible through your donations.

Background: Kathy Wallis, SWCSR volunteer and Board Member

On the last week of August, 2020, I received an early morning call from a lady in Chaparral, NM who asked if Southwest Collie and Sheltie Rescue had room to help several collies. The dogs, we were told, were in need of placement as the owner had died and a family member would surrender them to rescue. We were sent a few photos and confirmed that there were nine collies on the property, with three of them being puppies. One of the puppies, a double dilute girl, was blind.

Upon our arrival, we noticed a rough collie lying behind the walls of an overly weathered dog house. She was filthy, thin, and shy, but she let us approach her. At first glance, we could only see and touch her up to her shoulders, and she appeared to have an excessive amount of white in her coat. She was easy to identify in the group because of her markings. It appeared that she had one eye that was very small. We spoke to her and stroked her without issue. Inside the house, there was another adult female, two unaltered adult males, two sable and white puppies, and one double dilute pup that was undoubtedly blind. One of the adult females was the mother of the pups, but nobody was sure which one.



While in Alamogordo we arranged for the white-factored female to receive preliminary vetting and including a health check, vaccinations, heartworm test, fecal, and antibiotic treatment at Ark Animal Hospital and under the care of Dr. Rick Miller, DVM. She spent four days in boarding where we received further temperament feedback and got her groomed. A temporary foster home was arranged with one of our regular fosters, Wayne Anderson.

We arranged her transport to Phoenix for further fostering and medical attention.



Adopter update: Sue Clancy

I have wanted a collie for quite some time since the passing of my former collie. When I first saw a picture of Kaiya, I fell in love with her. She is the white factored female collie, one of the Chaparral collies rescued from New Mexico. Kaiya came to me on September 12, 2020. She was however, not in the best of health. She was very thin, had very dry skin and a very course dry coat due to her previous situation of malnutrition and over-breeding. She was also very skittish and not at all comfortable around people.

When I first got Kaiya she had to have emergency spay surgery as she had a discharge and the vet thought it might indicate pyometra. It looked like she had just had a litter of pups and one of the males in the group was diagnosed with an STD. She did not have an STD but during the spaying, the Vet found a very badly infected uterus which was about to turn septic. Thankfully, she had the surgery just in time and recovered quickly. She also had a third eyelid in her left eye. I took her to an eye specialist who informed me that she has Collie Eye Anomaly from poor breeding and that she is totally blind in her right eye. The vision in her left eye is partially impaired due to the

third eyelid but that there was nothing that could be done.

For the next several weeks in her new home, Kaiya was mopey, depressed, and not very interactive with people or her environment. It just so happened that one of the pups (her daughter) was up for adoption. I quickly expressed an interest in fostering to adopt the little one. Since the arrival of her pup on October 2, 2020, Kaiya has become a much happier, playful, and interactive dog.

Due to good healthy food, supplements for her coat, receiving necessary medical care, the arrival of her daughter, and lots and lots of love, Kaiya is now a new dog. She is very happy, is so much more interactive, has gained weight, has a beautiful thick fluffy coat, and has adjusted quite well to her now forever home.

I am so very grateful to Southwest Collie and Sheltie Rescue for all their help and support and most of all, for the two very special gifts they have given me.

Epilogue:

Although Kaiya was visually impaired, had issues from being over-bred, and suffered from medical neglect, she was cooperative for the groomer, for each foster home, and was just an overall sweet dog. We know she is certainly feeling better now, and she is in a home where she is loved.



TRI STATE COLLIE RESCUE: BUDDY

Buddy A Tail of Collie Love, Resilience, and Support



In summer 2020, TSCR asked me to foster a young collie who had been shot in the face and subsequently surrendered by the owner to a local veterinarian; this collie was in desperate need of extensive medical care. His name was Buddy and we would later learn that he was now blind. His optic nerve was severed by the gun blast to his head.

I am immensely grateful to the Collie Rescue Foundation for supporting Buddy and Tri State Collie Rescue (TSCR) in a coordinated effort to ensure that Buddy received the veterinary care he needed to address the initial trauma, routine surgery, subsequent medical complications, a second emergency surgery, and post-surgical care. The Foundation's financial assistance supported a sweet collie that suffered a horrendous and senseless injury -- a trauma that was followed by one medical complication after another. Fortunately, 6 weeks after the initial trauma, he wagged his tail as he trotted toward his new collie sister and new forever family – fully recovered, healthy, happy, and eager to welcome the next chapter of his good life.

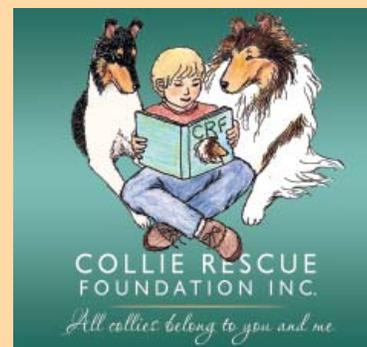
This is the story of a dog who could not “catch a break.” This is a story of unanticipated medical complications and subsequent critical care needs – and a rescue group in need of some way to pay for the vet care needed to save Buddy's life. His story highlights the critical role and wide-ranging contributions made by the Collie Rescue Foundation in support of collies in real-life, real-time emergency health situations. Buddy is a wagging tail testament to this truth. His life is a tribute to the generous support and immense impact of the Foundation's assistance. I am eager to describe how the Foundation made a monumental difference in Buddy's life.

He arrived at my home after less than a week following the gun blast to his face. A TSCR volunteer picked up Buddy from the original responding veterinarian (who found Buddy staggering, bloodied and blinded in the middle of a busy rural road), and transported Buddy to my home, about an hour's drive away. We carefully scooped up Buddy from the back of the volunteer's SUV. He stood tall in my driveway with an obvious bullet entry facial wound and green-colored nasal drainage (an infection caused by the bullet's damage to the nasal cavity). Buddy was obviously visually impaired – if not totally blind; we were unsure at that point.

For the next two weeks, we worked on the facial wound and nasal drainage with over-the-counter medications. Then, we scheduled his neutering procedure; he came home that evening with his happy-go-lucky attitude still intact. All went well with his recovery for the initial 72 hours, until I saw what appeared to be a swollen scrotum on Saturday night. It was the size of a kiwi fruit. Not terribly uncommon following a neutering, I was told it was probably a blood vessel that had not been entirely tied off – again, not uncommon --and was “leaking” and swelling in the scrotum area. A day or two later, when the blood should have been dissipating, the mass had grown to an alarming grapefruit-sized hard bulge. Two vet visits later on Sunday morning and again Monday afternoon, I was assured the blood in the bulge would dissipate, soon. But Buddy was having difficulty finding a comfortable position when lying down; this was not right – something was terribly wrong.



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Thanks for supporting Collie Rescue!

-Editor

MEET OUR BOARD!



ROBERT CORRY

I'm Robert Corry and was recently confirmed to the Board of the Collie Rescue Foundation. My wife, Judeth, and I have been active in rescue for thirty years. We started in rescue by accident when a cat we adopted didn't get along with our other cats and we fostered her until she found the right home. We became intrigued by rescue and became an active foster home.

We moved on to three acres and started to learn about dogs. It was our good fortune to meet Barb Lewis, then president of Houston Collie Rescue, at the Houston Dog Show. We adopted one of her foster collies and began our education on collies. We soon became a foster home for collies and decided they were just about the best creatures to walk the earth. We learned transport and caring for collies new to rescue. We spent endless hours during the large 2014 Tomball Collie Rescue caring for the collies, and fostering them. We still have three Tomball collies and love them very much.

I look forward to working with you.

CONTINUED: BUDDY



Three nights after the initial bulge presented, Buddy was not eating well – not even his yummy, canned food meatballs atop kibble. Overnight, concerned and not sleeping, I checked on Buddy in our kitchen, and found him in the corner; his enormous swollen scrotum sack had opened up, leaking blood and yellow fluid everywhere. We were off to the emergency vet clinic within minutes.

Fortunately, this clinic is a 24-hour emergency hospital with a full staff of 25+ veterinary medicine specialists. It's operated very much like a vet school medical hospital and is only 8 minutes from our home. After an initial evaluation that morning (3:30am), I learned that the horrendously swollen scrotum sack was an abscess (infection) not the result of a leaking blood vessel. Before mid-morning, the internal medicine specialist and surgical team conferred and agreed: this was a massive infection that required a complete scrotal removal. The surgery was rather involved because of the size of the infected area; the vets were not sure what they would find, and the cost was high for this rather involved procedure. Tri State Collie Rescue wanted to help and was willing to cover the cost, but the Rescue's modest funds designed to help cover vet bills would take a very, very deep cut –leaving TSCR's emergency fund and ability to help others significantly depleted. Tri State Collie Rescue would later reach out to Collie Rescue Foundation for assistance. The Foundation answered the call with a generous donation. The surgery was a complete success, and Buddy came home three days later. But more medical complications would arise.

As he recovered at our home, Buddy was steadily improving. We took slow, short walks around the yard; he ate well and we kept an Elizabethan collar on at all times to avoid any licking of the surgical site. His abscess was cultured to make sure we had the right antibiotic for this bacterial infection – now understood to be the triggering condition that led to growth of an enormous abscess following his routine neutering procedure. Five days post-surgery, Buddy's surgeon called with the pathology report, and it was not good news. The culture indicated that these bacteria was highly resistant to many – indeed, most – antibiotics. The antibiotic he was currently taking had no effect on these bacteria, with the clinical name: Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Pseudintermedius (MRSP). We switched antibiotics immediately, but this was also complicated with new cautionary guidelines. The new oral antibiotic could be hazardous to me. It required that I use gloves to protect my skin and my health -- before cutting the pills for Buddy's 3 times-daily dosage. After absorbing this news, we continued on for another 10 days with a regimen of prescription medicines, including the one that came with the "no-touch" cautions for human contact.

In time, Buddy pointed us to his (and our) new pathway – back to daily walks around the yard, back to playtime with our collie boys, back to yummy dog meals, and all the way back to a new, forever home and his adopted family.

A typical collie, Buddy is immensely loving and super affectionate. Buddy showed me that despite whatever he endured physically and medically, he was ready to enjoy interacting with new people and well-mannered dogs. With a notable degree of trust, patience, and tolerance, he was eager to share his new lease on life. His signals included tail wagging and walk-trotting, "leaning-in" against my legs, and cuddling when he was patted on his head or back end.

Buddy exemplifies what we all love about the intelligent, eager-to-please collies that we rescue and rehome. His resilience, patience, and affectionate way -- a lesson for all. My deepest appreciation to Collie Rescue Foundation for supporting Buddy and exemplifying an organizational spirit of support generosity, and care for our beloved collies.

For more information on Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Pseudintermedius (MRSP): <https://www.medvetforpets.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/MedVet-MRSP-in-Dogs-and-Cats.pdf>

COLLIE RESCUE OF GREATER ILLINOIS: ELLIE

Ellie's Story

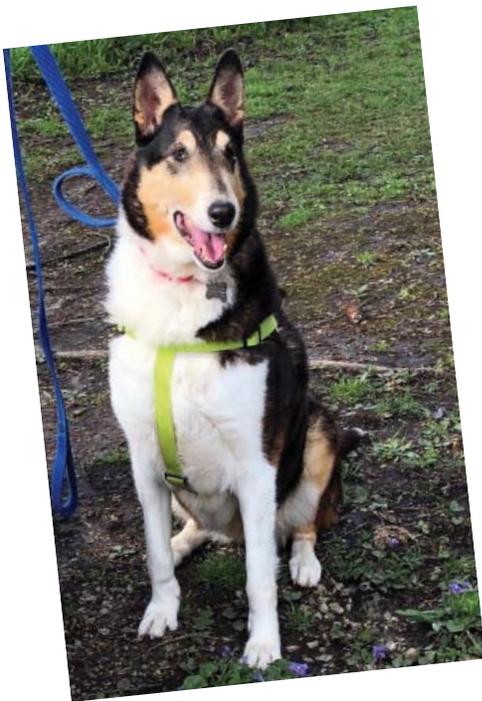
by Collie Rescue of Greater Illinois

(Collie Rescue Foundation assisted CRFI with Ellie's dental bills thanks to CRF member donations.)

Ellie is an approx. 6-7 year old smooth collie. She arrived at Collie Rescue of Greater Illinois after her owner passed away. Ellie used to be a house dog but after her owner's passing she was sadly no longer allowed in the house and ended up living outside with another family. Eventually, her new family realized they cannot properly care for Ellie and contacted our rescue for help. Upon arrival, Ellie received all needed vetting and vaccinations. During the exam, it was discovered that her teeth were in pretty bad shape and in desperate need of attention. Collie Rescue scheduled Ellie's teeth cleaning as soon as it was possible and ran a senior blood panel ahead of time to check if everything was well. Blood tests came back normal and on May 1st, Ellie went to one of our vets. Ellie had her teeth cleaned and a total of five teeth extracted: four molars and one incisor. The diseased teeth had to be removed. Poor Ellie was a bit sore for a few days but healed well. Sweet Ellie was adopted by a wonderful family who's going to love her and make sure she will never sleep outside again.

UPDATE FROM ELLIE'S ADOPTERS:

"Ellie is doing very well and we love her! She has fun playing with my in-laws' rough collie a few days a week. Here is Ellie with her cousin Zara. She's not a big fan of brushing her teeth but we keep trying."



ALMOST HOME DOG RESCUE OF OHIO: GRACE

GRACE'S STORY

By Linda Harmon for Almost Home Dog Rescue of Ohio



Sweet Grace, up in years, was confined to a small apartment kitchen. She was incontinent, elderly, shutdown and no longer a good fit for her family. They had fallen on hard times, raising a toddler and moving from a house with a yard into a small apartment.

In November 2019, her family asked Almost Home Dog Rescue of Ohio for help and volunteers quickly stepped in to provide medical care and the promise of a better life. Thanks to a grant from the Collie Rescue Foundation, the vet conducted a thorough examination and found Grace also had a bladder infection and Cushing's Disease. Her bladder leakage, likely resulted from a previous pyometra and spay, could be reduced with medication.

Once properly treated and groomed, Grace's personality blossomed into 100 pounds of love. She was ready for adoption. But for months, adopters passed her by. Her age, the \$160-a-month drug bill and the minor but still present leakage obscured the truth: She was one wonderful dog.

Carol Mondillo, foster coordinator for Almost Home, saw that and now Gracie makes her home with the Mondillo family north of Columbus, Ohio. Almost Home's senior-to-senior program funds the medical expenses and Gracie is again content and happy to nap indoors, play outdoors and enjoy her golden years.



"We don't have fences here and she comes and goes as she pleases, never venturing more than 100 feet away from us," Carol says. "She is just the best dog. She gets along with everyone and follows me everywhere. She looks at you with these soulful eyes that go right to your heart and your mind. It's as if she knows everything I'm thinking."

