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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

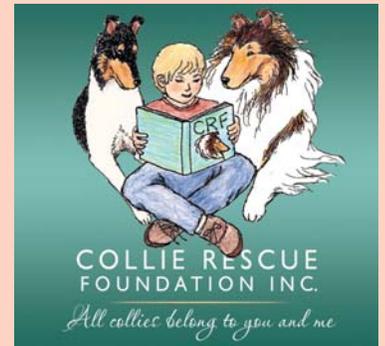
I hope everyone has had a great summer. As we head into fall, I must comment that most folks are very aware of the Illinois collie confiscation involving 198 collies and several PG moms . This is a criminal court case still in progress as I write this. I had hoped to have more news on the case by now but unfortunately that is not possible as yet. What I will comment on is to say that first off, all the dogs are safe & being cared for right now. In addition, I must also say the Animal Control folks have done an incredible job with these dogs & are working closely with various collie rescue groups. We have had cases in the past where the AC did NOT want to work with rescues and we could not get the dogs . Various collie rescue groups have also been on site from the start helping with these dogs . I am so impressed with all of them and how they have gone above and beyond to help these dogs . We at CRF could not be more proud of all of you. CRF to date has paid out 30K to help the dogs & we expect to help further as this progresses.

A huge amount of money will be needed to help these dogs over the long haul. CRF can only do this thanks to ALL OF YOU and your generous donations. The real work is done by those on site. As the giving season approaches us, we appreciate all of you who remember to help these collies in your holiday giving. Only a very minute % of what you give goes to expenses to run CRF - so most of your donations goes directly to help the collies. I hope to have much better news on this case next time around.

In the meantime - Have a wonderful fall season - it is my favorite time of year and the collies sure love it too.

Vickie VonSeggern - CRF President

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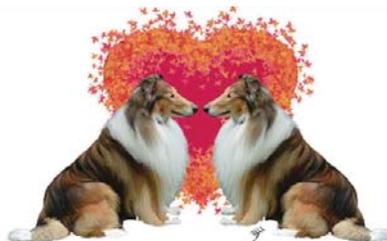
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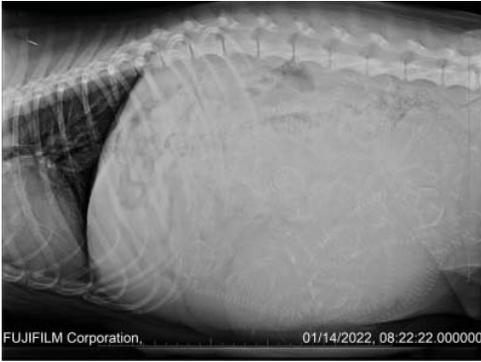
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# MONTANA RESCUE



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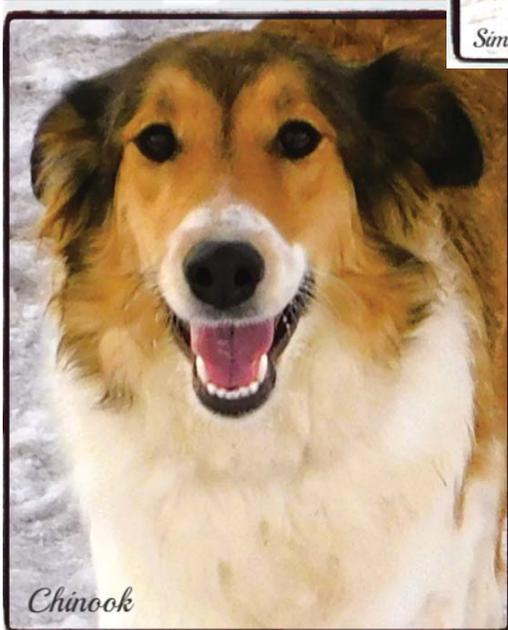
In January of this year MWCR was asked to help with a situation in Montana where a breeder was having difficulties and was shutting down her operation. We agreed to take two 9 month females and 4 puppies and began calling them the Montana 6.

As you can imagine, figuring out how to get 6 dogs from Montana to MN was a bit tricky, but our amazing volunteers stepped up and were even lucky enough to get out ahead a blizzard that was moving into eastern ND. Although one of the young females had already been spayed, we discovered that the other girl was quite pregnant and that the father could either be a Great Pyrenees or a border collie. Since the xrays showed a lot of babies, we were hoping for her sake they weren't Prys and that she wouldn't give birth en route!

Much to everyone's relief she waited to deliver until she was in her foster mom's capable hands. On January 20th the Montana 6 became the Montana 17 when we were joined by 11 collie/border collie pups. Happily, everyone is now in loving forever homes and, although I don't think we've ever had an adoption so far away, by a wild coincidence 2 of the girls ended up moving all the way to Washington state and now live only an hour apart from each other.



*Simba*



*Chinook*

We owe a huge Thank You to all the coordinators, transporters, fosters and volunteers who made this massive undertaking a success!



**Rosie**

## MEMORIALS



Collies Rescue Florida  
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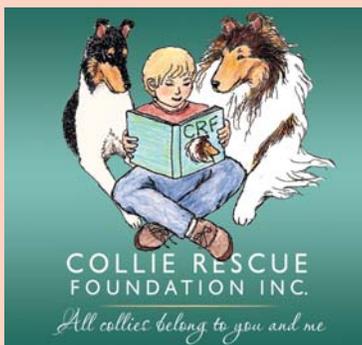
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## FROM RAGS TO RICHES: THE TENNESSEE THREE

Wednesday 1/27/2022

It was a cold Wednesday night in late January when I received the forwarded TSCR contact form with a cover note asking, 'can you check this out please' that would trigger a full-scale effort to rescue three dogs who had been left behind by their owner several months before. The information on the contact form was sparse, but alluded to a tragic situation, 'We rescued 3 Collies that need a home ASAP. The Collies need love. They are great dogs, but their owner unfortunately was sick and is removed from the residence. If you know of anyone that can help, it would be appreciated.' I called the Alabama number provided and was unprepared when the voice at the other end asked, 'Can I call you back tomorrow?' without elaborating. The call left me concerned in case she had changed her mind, or something had happened. I sent her my contact information and an assurance that TSCR could take care of the dogs and find them the right forever homes.

Thursday 1/28/2022

The following morning, her call came in and as I found out more, the plight of the dogs and urgency of the situation became clearer. The dogs' owner had been incapacitated and moved from their home the previous year, leaving the dogs outside in the yard to be fed by neighbors. The person who had submitted the contact form, 'Tracy' had been feeding them, and eventually moved them to her own farm. There were two males ('Blue' - blue merle, 'Shadow' - tri), and a female ('Shiloh' - sable), and she thought they were around 7 - 10 years old. Tracy said the dogs' coats were in poor condition and she didn't know their medical history. She also let me know that Shiloh had been aggressive towards other dogs, although not Blue or Shadow. I asked for photographs and committed to collecting the dogs as soon as possible. Although taken in the dark by flashlight, the photographs revealed three dogs with heavily matted coats, in an outside pen. From my experience, I could tell that it had been many months since they had received any attention, and with a lack of any known medical conditions and living in an exposed enclosure, the Collies urgently needed to be moved to shelter and given care. After seeing the photographs, I gave our Director an immediate update, suggesting we try to collect the dogs that weekend given their urgent need and the imminent freezing weather. We discussed options and our Director reached out inside TSCR volunteer network to start the rescue chain.

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Friday 1/29/2022

Time was running out if we were to pick up the dogs that weekend before the cold front arrived. I posted pictures of the dogs with an urgent request for fosters on the TSCR Facebook page. By that afternoon, the Director contacted me to say that Transporter Al could pick up the three dogs from me at the Ohio border on Saturday and take to them TSCR foster hero, Sharon Brown. I finalized timings with Al and Sharon, and then confirmed the plan with Tracy.

Saturday 1/30/2022

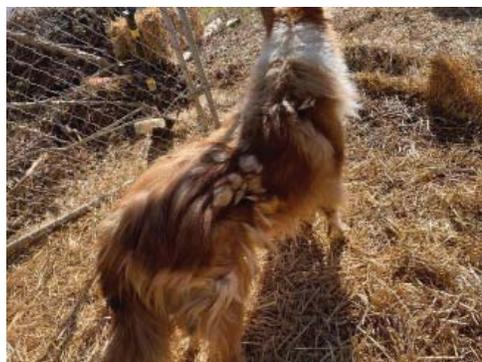
Saturday dawned cold and bright in Atlanta. Ice and a dusting of snow made the trip through the mountains a little more interesting, but the light traffic allowed timely progress. I mulled over the fact that Tracy had told me that Shiloh had been aggressive to other dogs (although not those we were collecting that day). My SUV didn't have space for three crates, and so it was an act of faith and the inherent good nature of Collies that I had planned to have the 3 dogs uncrated in my car for the trip. Tracy's farm was up a dirt track. I arrived early and knocked on the door, but no one was home. I looked around and saw a barn further up the hill. Loudly calling out 'hello' to avoid any surprises, I made my way up through the mud and melting snow. As I got closer the dogs began to bark, and I saw them for the first time. They were in a chain-link pen with a tarpaulin that the wind had ripped it down. The dogs each had a plastic kennel, and the ground was covered with wet and muddy straw. The dogs' coats were in extremely poor condition, with horrible mats.



Rhett (Blue)

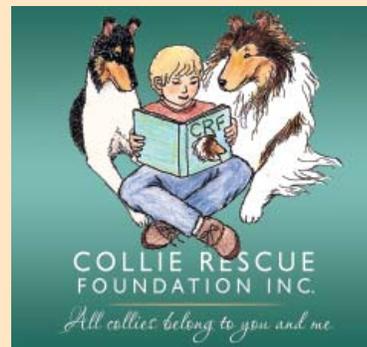


Gibson (Shadow)



Nina (Shiloh)

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Thanks for supporting Collie Rescue!

-Editor

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I knelt outside the enclosure and introduced myself and the boys cautiously came over to check me out. Since time was of the essence to meet with Al, I started to consider just how I could get the dogs into the car. I saw Tracy arrive home, and I went to greet her. She provided more background on the dogs and confirmed that it had been several months since the dogs' owner had left them. She had made huge efforts to look after the dogs and had moved them from their previous predicament, but also recognized that they needed more care and to be placed with families that could give them the love and attention they needed long term. She told me the last time the dogs had been in a vehicle was when she and her husband had moved them

here a few months previously, and that had only been a few miles. We brought out the dogs individually so that I could meet them in person. It became apparent that, while they were comfortable on a leash, they were not inclined to jump up into my car. After all attempts at bribing them with treats failed, I ended up picking them up and loading them through the tailgate. I loaded Shiloh first, and by the time I had loaded Shadow and Blue, Shiloh had graduated to the driver's seat. I was glad my 'dog mobile' is bedecked with towels, as the inside was now covered with muddy dog prints! I drove gingerly along the mucky track, trying to avoid unsettling the dogs while the car slithered in the wet, thawing mud. I was mindful that they had been thrust into a very unfamiliar situation and being thrown around in a strange vehicle wasn't going to make them feel more comfortable. They eventually settled, with the boys in the back, and Shiloh on the seat behind me. Several times she pushed her head around the head rest or over the center console and seemed eager for attention. I usually scratched her head or chin, and she would eventually retreat to the back seat. We were making satisfactory progress and on schedule to meet Al at the appointed time when Shiloh decided to up her game. First, she rested her body on the center console, and shrewdly wormed her way onto my lap. I was sure that Highway Patrol would not be fully supportive of this arrangement and so looked for an off-ramp. As we were driving through the 'Boone's, there weren't many forthcoming and it was about 20 minutes before I was able to pull off and relocate her to the back seat. After that, the journey was uneventful, and we made it to the rest stop to meet with Al. Everyone had a welcome opportunity to stretch their legs, and Al loaded them for the final leg of their journey to their foster Sharon Brown.

As I headed home, Al let me know they had been delivered to Sharon, and over the following days and weeks Sharon gave us updates on their progress. In standard TSCR practice they received new names. Blue, became 'Rhett', Shadow 'Jordan', and Shiloh 'Nina' (although Sharon calls her Princess, and I understand why!)

Sharon Willman Brown:

"People always ask me how I can foster these dogs. That it must be so hard not to get attached. My reply is, YES! It is hard. But I explain that every time one of my fosters leave for their new life, a little piece of my heart goes with them. And I know, when one leaves, there is always one or two in the wings that need me just as much."

I am grateful for all the volunteers and our gracious benefactors at TSCR. Being able to help these dogs, and transform their lives, is what makes rescue so satisfying! It is a testament to the TSCR volunteers' dedication, commitment, and willingness to mobilize at the drop of a hat. Within three days of TSCR being notified of the Collies plight, they were in safe, secure and in a caring environment, receiving the attention they needed. Plans being put in motion to find their forever homes and ensure 'better days ahead'. A big 'thank you' to everyone who made this possible. Happy furever lives!!

"...and folks, this is why we do rescues."

Sharon Goodburn, Director

TriStateCollieRescue



## THE TENNESSEE THREE



by Sharon Brown, Foster Mom

When the Tennessee 3 arrived at my home to be fostered they were in the worst condition of dogs to ever come to me as rescues. My heart sank when I saw the horrible shape they were in! There were two males and one female. Rhett was the blue merle and estimated to be about 10 years old. Gibson, the other male was about 4 years old. Nina, the female was estimated to be about 8 years old. It was immediately apparent that she was the "Boss Lady." All three were mentally depressed and they were exhausted from their long transport to safety. After devouring a healthy meal and enjoying fresh water, the three settled into clean, comfortable, and dry surroundings and slept like babies. For the next few days, I allowed them to just decompress and feel safe and secure with minimal mental demands. They continued to eat and sleep well and started to show their individual personalities.

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Now neatly groomed and happy, it was off to the vet for vaccinations, dentals, and neuters and a spay. All three were well mannered and none were heartworm positive which was welcome news! The dental work was much needed, and they all required tooth extractions. Gibson lost four, Miss Nina lost eight, but poor Rhett lost a total of fourteen. It was during Nina's' spay that a small mammary tumor was found. After its successful removal, a histology examination found it to be malignant. Our incredibly talented Vet, (Dr. Timothy Soroosh) was able to get clear margins and Miss Nina was going to be just fine! They all came back home to recuperate, and I was happy being their nurse.

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Nina has fit into their home perfectly. Joy says she is "loved so much." She follows Jim around everywhere, loves to cuddle, eats well, loves her treats, and has the run of the house. She sleeps wherever she wants, usually in their bedroom. She has had no potty accidents at all since they got her. They don't have a fence, but Nina walks very well on a leash; only barks when another dog walks by or when a loud car radio booms past. She didn't bark at all for the first two weeks. Joy says all their friends have fallen in love with her and think she is beautiful. Nina is bothered by storms and starts pacing well before the storm starts. They bought a Thunder-shirt for her, and it helps quite a bit. Her first at home vet appointment is next week, and she will call me after that to update me. She will ask her vet for Interceptor or Sentinel, and for Frontline Gold.

Karen says Rhett (Blue) is such a sweet boy. He is getting very comfortable in her home. He is totally housebroken. He doesn't respond to commands, but then he really doesn't need to: he is a very good boy; no problem at all. He eats very well and just enjoys being loved and pampered. Her vet suspects he might have laryngeal paralysis, causing a slight cough. He also has weakness in his back end, probably arthritis. Rhett is on Sentinel and will be on Frontline Plus during flea season. Karen loves him and hopes to have him a very long time.



Jeff says Gibson (Shadow) is getting to know his new name. He's an angel. He doesn't know any commands, but he is so well behaved that he doesn't really need them. He's very well-mannered and great on a leash. He is slightly shy and scared of thunderstorms, but otherwise he seems very happy in his new home. He developed vomiting and bloody diarrhea when they brought him home. A visit to the vet revealed a severe case of hookworms – the vet said he was "full of them." He was on chicken and rice for quite a while but seems to be feeling better now. For just the last several days, he has been more active and playful. Jeff suspects he is blind or almost blind in his left eye, but that doesn't seem to slow him down much; just affects his vision a little in low light. Overall, Jeff and Ellie are very glad they adopted Gibson. They love him.



## Fall Dog Treats & Cookies



### Peanut Butter Pumpkin Dog Treats (Recipe courtesy of Jamie, My Baking Addiction)

- 1 cup pumpkin puree
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup oats (optional if your dog is on a grain free diet, sub an extra ¼ cup grain free flour)
- 3 cups whole wheat flour, brown rice flour, or gluten free flour
- 3 tablespoons of all natural peanut butter (no xylitol)
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. In small bowl, stir together the flour, oats, and cinnamon.
3. In a separate large bowl, whisk together the eggs, pumpkin and peanut butter until combined. Stir wet ingredients into dry.
4. Pour onto a floured surface and roll dough out to ½ inch thick. Cut out using cookie cutter.
5. The dough will be a little sticky, a dusting of flour for your hands and the rolling pin will help. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes until golden brown.
6. Place on cooling racks and let cool thoroughly. They will harden as they cool.



*Bleu*