



Southwest Collie and Sheltie Rescue

Serving Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas

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Called to Action: Collies Needed Immediate Rescue in New Mexico

Our Eastern New Mexico contact received a call on Friday, August 28, 2020. A collie breeder had suddenly died and the extended family wanted the breeder's dogs taken into rescue promptly. The situation was changing moment to moment all day Saturday, as the family waived about which dogs they would keep, and which they would surrender.

Kathy Wallis mobilized volunteers and vehicles to drive out to the property. In the end, SWCS Rescue volunteers picked up four adult dogs (one male and three females) and three puppies (one is a blind double-dilute). The dogs appear skittish and not well socialized.



All the animals will be kept in a boarding kennel for a few days while they are checked for health and dental issues. They will need to be neutered/spayed, to receive vaccinations, and to be tested for heartworms. The dogs will then be assigned to foster homes.

Please be patient while we assess this situation. We will send out another newsletter with an update, in the next 10 -12 days.



As you might imagine, this operation needs your support to pay for boarding and veterinary bills. Any amount of donation is greatly appreciated.

Small gifts can add up to a substantial amount of money, so even \$10 is welcome.

Thank you so much!

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Recently Placed in Forever Homes



We are all delighted that the lovely tri-colored **Sheba** has found herself a home. She now shares her life with two loving owners, a German Shepherd, and a cat in Prescott Valley, AZ.

I'm **Cupcake**, and I am one lucky dog. I was in the shelter and I was a mess. So many rotten teeth! But then SWCSR saved me. After my dental treatments and a bath, I got a really nice person to adopt me.



Hello, Beautiful! I'm the charming Mr. **Cash**. As soon as I got into the foster family's home, I knew I didn't want to ever leave! So I was a good boy, I cuddled with everyone, and I didn't make any messes.

In addition, I gave them long looks with my dreamy eyes, so they would know how much I loved them. They had to adopt me after that! I'm in heaven now!



When she arrived in rescue, **Blaaz** needed special care. Pat, an experienced foster dad, took her to physical therapy for months to rejuvenate her. As you can see, Blaaz looks amazing! She now has a permanent home with Pat.

Senior Tri-color Starr has been adopted by the Chamberlains this summer. She gets to lounge around with Spirit, another SWCSR alumni in the same household. Nice!



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*This is the story of Cricket and Bessie
How in the spring their lives got messy.
Their owner got sick,
They had to leave quick,
And they came into Rescue all stress-y.*

Cricket was sent to an Arizona foster for a couple of weeks, but she was soon discovered to have health problems. She was then moved to a foster family in Phoenix, close to our veterinarian. Cricket wasn't eating; she was rail thin. Yet she still headed for the door and tried to escape at every opportunity. And then she bit someone who was trying to keep her from flying out the door and into traffic. Sigh. Her future was not looking good.

Meanwhile in New Mexico, Bessie was terrorizing the cats at her foster home, and she could not be dissuaded from causing trouble. I received a call, asking if I would foster Bessie. As I had no pets at this time, I would be a good match. Ha! Bessie was pleasant enough during the day. However, she would wake me up several times a night! She would tap on my shoulder until I got up. But she didn't have to go outside. She was telling me she wanted to leave; she had had enough 'visiting', and wanted to go back home.

At first, I didn't know that Bessie had been a 'roommate' to Cricket for almost seven years. I had heard about the problems Cricket was having in Arizona, but didn't immediately connect the dots. Sometimes I need a little coffee, you know? It finally dawned on me in my sleep-deprived state that Cricket wanted to find Bessie, and Bessie wanted to find Cricket. That's what the crazy behaviors were about. Maybe.

Long story short, I asked the Board if Cricket could come to live with me and Bessie. Either it was going to be all hallelujah or all hell breaking loose, and there was only one way to find out.

*Now this tale has an ending like Lassie.
The two gals are no longer antsy!
They love their new home,
No more will they roam,
From the household that tickles their fancy.*

The usual sibling rivalries are back in place. Bessie likes to steal Cricket's food, but at least Cricket is eating regularly. Bessie is letting me sleep! Cricket has no interest in running away, and rather likes sitting in my office next to my desk. It's finally all good.
MC, editor

*Cricket, the Escape Artist, is on the left.
Bessie, the Night Stalker, is on the right.
Dead Squirrel toy is in the background.*



Can you give us a home? Please?



You know how it is.

Sometimes a dog's gotta do what dog's gotta do. And dogs who have had a hard life, well, those dogs gotta eat. Recently our large **collie-mix DC** decided to steal a snack. In a split second, DC swallowed four (yes, 4!) whole ears of corn. Yikes!

As you can imagine, this is very bad for the digestion. Rushed to the vet, DC was briefly a candidate for surgery. However, this lucky dog managed to pass some corn cobs front and back, such that surgery was not required. But if you are also a fan of fresh corn, DC would appreciate a little support. Please go to our website and scroll down to the DONATE button to help with DC's vet bills.

By the way -- This big-little rascal is ready for his forever home. Why not send in your adoption request right now?



"Hey, I'm looking all over for you!"

Buddy wants a home really badly. Could you be the one to cherish this guy?



The face says it all!

Abby is cute, cute, cute. Young and energetic, she will make a fabulous long-term companion.

Don't hesitate! Contact us through the website, and make an application for this charming Sheltie-mix.

**Make Life a Little Sweeter--
ADOPT from us!**

Go to www.SWCSRescue.com

At the top of the page, **click on the FORMS tab** to download an adoption form.





In Memoriam

We were recently saddened to hear of the passing of our long-time supporter, Roger Woodle. Our thoughts are with Roger's family at this time.

Our volunteer Kathleen knew him well and shared some memories with us:

I was in 5th grade when the school's music teacher, Roger Woodle, introduced me to strings. My parents rented me my first violin that year. I played in high school in Rogers' showcase 'Strolling Violins' group and I went on to play with several college symphonies.

My own experiences as a violinist, and the time I taught so many others to play as he had taught me, are among the fondest memories of my life.

Roger had always told me that he missed having a dog, and that when things slowed down, he would talk to me about getting one. He eventually submitted an application to SW Collie and Sheltie Rescue. A few days later he stopped by my house for a visit (we lived only a few blocks apart).

Ah, Fate! I was fostering a sheltie named Bo at the time. Roger came into my living room, and that little dog made a beeline up over the couch, perched himself on the back of the recliner, and put his paws on Roger. It seemed like they had been friends forever.

Rodger and Bo had been together for ages, and then a little tricolor Sheltie, Toby, came to SWCSR from a family in El Paso. Roger and Bo agreed to foster Toby, and soon Toby became a permanent member of the family.

Those two little dogs were Roger's constant companions after his wife died. He made it a point to always tell me when his SWCSR newsletter arrived in the mail, and he regularly donated to our rescue efforts. In addition, he sometimes provided his minivan to us so we could do a rescue transport.

Roger was 90 when he passed away this summer. He was a composer, arranger, and talented musician. His passion for music - and his love for his Shelties - are an inspiration to many.

Going Home!

She showed up on someone's doorstep - hot, thirsty, and looking worn out. Young **Ruby** came to us in June, and has been fostered by Lisa and Doug in Tucson ever since. This couple loves the outdoors, and Rusty, their previous SWCSR collie, has been on many a camping trip. After some serious training, Ruby blossomed into a fabulous dog. Her companionship with the aging Rusty is the primary reason that Lisa and Doug have decided to permanently adopt her. To go with her new life, she has a new name: **Lucy**. She will be going on her first camping trip with Rusty later this week!



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