

# SOUTHWEST COLLIE AND SHELTYE RESCUE

Serving Arizona, New Mexico, and West Texas



## SWCSR and Covid19

*We know that a lot of people are struggling during these times of pandemic and quarantine. As a Collie and Sheltie Rescue, we have alerted certain organizations about our willingness to help at-risk collies, shelties, and their families. If you are having problems which are impacting your ability to care for your dogs, please consider using us as a resource. Let us know how we can help you by sending a message through our Facebook page, or sending an email to [bkferrell@cox.net](mailto:bkferrell@cox.net). Together we will make it through.*

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## Dogs on Lockdown \* Special Edition

These last two months have been challenging in so many ways. While the world outside is empty and inhospitable, those of us lucky enough to have adopted a collie or sheltie are living in a strange kind of paradise.

We wish to recognize all the adopting and foster families who care for these exceptional dogs; this edition of the newsletter is dedicated to you.

MC, editor



### JAKE

Since being adopted in spring of 2015, Jake has had quite a few adventures. His family relocated to Boise, Idaho where he is now living a fabulous outdoor life. According to his mom Anna, Jake "loves to run up and down the forests, while we cross country ski." He enjoys playing in the ocean waves in summer, as well. During pandemic days, Jake takes long naps at the house and is happy to have everyone at home with him.

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Lounging with Mom is particularly important when she reads about Cats. Wouldn't want Mom getting any ideas...



During the quarantine, John and Ketti are relaxing at home in Northern New Mexico with three SWCSR alumni: **Tavvi and Eva** (above) and **little Luna** (who was snoozing elsewhere and missed the photo op).

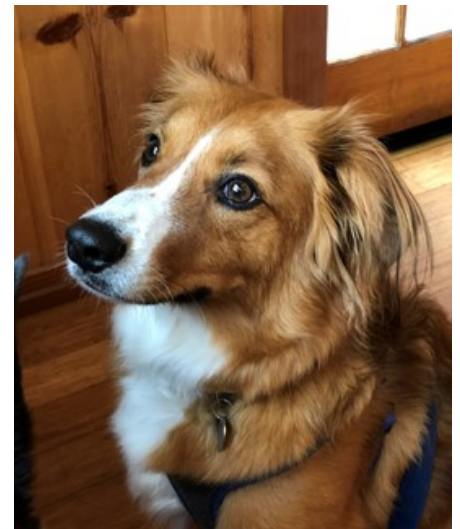
Also in New Mexico, **Wessie** has adjusted to his home of six months. "He's spending time in our home office, bonding with Eric as he works from home," says his mom, Heather. "He's learning a few tricks and happily accepts carrot chips as a reward, especially if you toss one in the air for him to catch. Wessie is a beautiful watchdog, talented shoe stealer, and an excellent mouser - which we discovered when he brought one into the house! "



## Meet the Prince of West Texas!

Prince is one of the collies that came to SWCSR from the Tomball seizure in 2014. Bev, his owner, says he is quite the clown, and he likes to invent games to play with the other collies at her house. Rarely does he sit still for very long, so this picture is unique.

"**Sunshine** (left) is 11 years old but acts like a puppy. **Ellie** (right) came last October and was very fearful. She and Sunshine have spent a lot of the quarantine playing with each other, wrestling, jumping on top of each other, and engaging in fake bites. Sunshine has always had a sunny disposition, but it thrills us that Ellie has lost almost all of her fearfulness. They have both been such a comfort during this isolation at home." David & Jennifer



During quarantine, **Brody** is keeping to a strict schedule of morning play time with his sister, Joy the border collie, and afternoons keeping his mom Margaret company while she works from home. He is also perfecting that give-me-a-cookie face.



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Jenny of El Paso



## Gratitude is in everyone's hearts these days.

We are grateful we are safe, and grateful for the essential workers who keep us safe. At SWCSR, we are always grateful for the donors who time after time provide the extra-special funding we sometimes need.

This month we would like to recognize **Jenny and Mitch** of El Paso for their ongoing support of our organization. Because of their generosity, many animals have been treated for painful and debilitating conditions.

Most recently, Jenny sent us a generous donation for the support of our unadoptable collies. This gift demonstrates her depth of commitment to SWCS Rescue. Thank you so much, Jenny!



**Mozart** finds quarantine very rewarding.

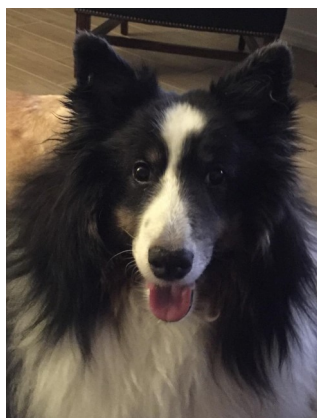


My name is **Jesse**. Don't leave home without me!

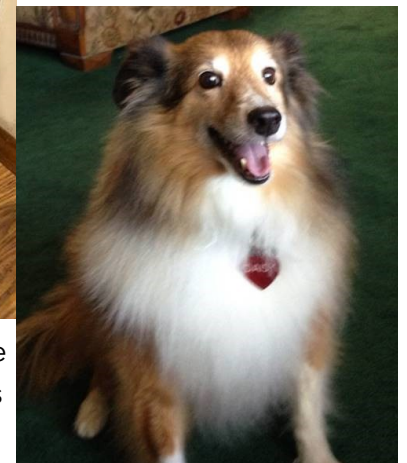


12-year-old **Wally** watches over his parents, Mike & Sandy, during lockdown.

Yo! I'm happy little **Vinnie**, and I have loved this stay-at-home time. How about you?



**Daisy** was shaved before she was rescued. Just look at this senior dog now!



## SOUTHWEST COLLIE AND SHELTYE RESCUE

**Here's the face behind Facebook! Ramona Zapustas is our Facebook Commander. Let's hear how she describes her involvement in this very important communication tool.**

"I started out volunteering with Mid-Arizona Sheltie Rescue, then went to AZ Sheltie Rescue when it was formed, and here we are today as SWCS Rescue. In all, I've been involved with the group about 15 years now. I remember suggesting that we should have a Facebook page when social media was becoming popular, and talking to fellow Rescuers about it. I am not a social media guru; I just thought it would be good for us to have an online presence since that's where things were heading. I was SO excited when we had 50 likes on our page after launching it; now we're at 3000+ and counting!

Most of my challenges with Facebook have to do with the platform itself; sometimes they make changes that aren't necessarily user friendly. I try my best to create timely posts on adoptable dogs, interactive posts for our Fb followers, and to keep the lines of communication open so our users can contact us easily with questions." **We really appreciate your hard work, Ramona. Thanks!**

