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Hello All

Another year has gone by, as we all say "where did it go?" I know our life was filled with shelties (with that comes dog hair). I can't thank you all enough for your dedication, your kindness and the donations that come in to help. Without you all, (the Hero's) Mid Florida Sheltie Rescue would not exist. We have placed 77 shelties this year (we lost a few trying to save them). I am happy to say that the numbers are getting smaller. Each year that goes by, we are placing less and less, telling me families are able to keep their dogs and or families are not purchasing dogs knowing that they can't afford the cost of owning a dog, which is almost a Luxury these days. Again I thank you ALL for all your help your dedication and Love.

I love you all you're the BEST!

Hope you had a Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year!

Fondly,
Barbara Davis
Founder
Mid Fl Sheltie Rescue

News from Sassy



Hello to all my Sheltie brothers and sisters. This is Sassy. I was adopted into my “Furever” Home this past May and I now have a Mom, a Dad and a Sheltie brother. Sorry for not catching up with you sooner but I have been soooo busy. I started obedience school right away in June and finished at the top of my class. After that I had to practice a lot of what my mom calls “socialization” skills. See, I really like all of my canine friends, even the big Dobermans but people, especially new people, scare me. I thought that I was pretty social already because I get along great with all the dogs I meet and a few cats in my new neighborhood. My new Mom wants me to be even more social and to like people. So she started taking me everywhere to meet the nicest people who would happen to have a few treats to toss my way. Well that wasn’t so scary. I figured it out. If I sit nicely for petting it usually pays off in tasty treats coming my way. While I was working on the socialization thing, my Mom sent in some papers to the AKC to make my name official and to get my PAL number.

See guys, you need to have an AKC PAL number so you can collect a bunch of letters after your name. My brother has a lot of those letters and I will be working hard to catch up with him. Once I figured out the sit nicely for petting routine, I went with Mom to a Responsible Dog Owner thing and took a Canine Good Citizen Test. Guess what. I passed and got my first set of letters to put after my new official name. They are CGC. That’s for Canine Good Citizen. Then it was back to school again to take a Rally class. That’s where you walk around a ring with your Mom and she tells you to do stuff. I learned to follow her directions all around the ring. I had to practice my Rally homework every day. Mom got busy and sent in more papers to the AKC. This time it was for an official AKC Rally Trial. That is where you meet a lot of other people and their dogs. Everyone gets to go in the ring and show off what they have learned. I have to admit, it was a little scary at first. There was a man in the ring following Mom and I around all of the time. I wasn’t too sure about. I thought it was kind of suspicious, but Mom acted like it was OK so I just did what she told me to do. I did keep one eye on that suspicious guy though. At the end of the event we got to go back in the ring for ribbons and pictures because I got a passing score and I even got 4th place. Mom told me that you have to pass three times before you can get some more letters after your name. I am getting better. Mom entered us in another weekend Rally Trial and I got a 3rd place on Saturday and a 1st place on Sunday. Mom said it was the best Christmas present ever. So guys, I am sorry if I haven’t written sooner but I have school and homework and Rally trials and my brother’s events too. I am his biggest fan.

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News from Sassy Continued...

I did take a minute to get my Christmas picture taken. I hope you like it. (I'm the one on the right) Merry Christmas everyone!



Officially yours,

Sheltie Havens Sassy Girl CGC RN

Thank you Jackie for sharing!



Mickey's Story

While vacationing in Florida, we saw Mickey's picture on your website....



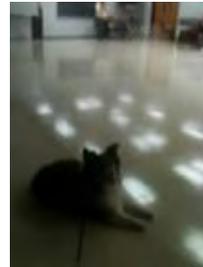
Such a handsome little guy! This little face just melted our hearts and we knew we had to offer a forever home to him.



His story is much like the ones of so many Shelties. He had a hard beginning, but his life now is filled with love and all the attention he can handle.



We brought him to the mountains in Western Maryland March, 2012 where he saw snow, not sure if this was the first time for him, but he definitely enjoyed running in it and licking it!



Mickey attended the Dog Obedience class at the local community college and received His "Good Citizen Certificate". There were 10 dogs, most of where were much larger dogs than Mickey, in the class at the time he was there and he did very well. We were very proud of him!

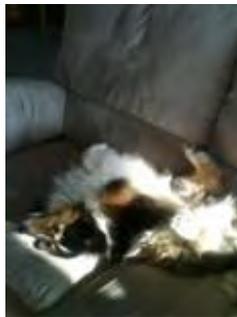


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Mickey's Story Continued...



Mickey loves to run, so we took him to a dog park to meet other dogs..... He was a little shy, but he got along pretty good.



When he is really tired, this is how he likes to lay....on his back with all four legs up!!



Last year we spent the Winter in the Panhandle in a pet-friendly community where you can run the dogs on the beach. Mickey absolutely loves it there. He met 5-6 other Shelties and we let him run on the beach (on a very long leash!) and he tries to catch the waves!

November 29, 2013 we will be taking Mickey back to the Gulf for more fun on the beach. He is our “pride and joy” and we look forward to many, many more years with this little guy! Thank you Barbara and all the members of the Midland Sheltie Foundation for all the hard work you guys do with these Shelties trying to secure good homes for them.



Mickey Thanks you too!!

Thank you Pat for sharing Mickey's story!

STEPHEN'S HANNAH



I NEED A BELLY RUB!



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DANIELLE’S SHELTIES

ICE, BOO, MEKO & EMMA...



Thank you Danielle!



ATTENTION ALL SHELTIES!!!



ARE YOU TALKING TO US???

A HARD LESSON LEARNED

On Christmas day we had a big ham dinner. A few days later my husband fried up the leftover ham and we used it for lunch. There were still some pieces left over (it had been a BIG ham) and they were piled up on a paper plate and pushed as far back on the counter as they would go. Connor, one of my two rescue Shelties, is an acrobat. (On Christmas day he somehow reached onto the counter and pulled down the biscuits that had been wrapped in a towel and left there. We found the towel, and some crumbs, and Connor with a biscuit-eating grin.) But I would have sworn I'd gotten the ham out of his reach.

A little later my son came in and reported that he'd found an empty paper plate and the tongs on the kitchen floor. There was a long black hair caught in the tongs, surefire proof. "Well," I told Connor, "You'll probably puke later, and you'll have no one to blame but yourself." I knew that dogs didn't do well with pork—it's too rich for them—but the worst I'd ever known about was some vomiting and diarrhea. I had no idea how dangerous ham could be—over the years I've even given my various dogs ham leftovers, in small quantities.

That night Connor ate his dinner hungrily and seemed happy as ever. About two hours after his dinner—six or seven hours after eating the ham—Connor started throwing up. By midnight I was sure he'd chucked up the entire contents of his stomach, but apparently not since he threw up again in the morning. He refused breakfast but drank water like he'd spent a week in the desert. Usually one who follows me everywhere, yesterday he wouldn't leave the cold tile floor. I could tell he was hot; he was panting loudly and rapidly and drinking water

almost constantly. After a couple hours watching him, I was worried enough to call the vet, who told me to bring him in. I figured at worst he'd get some anti-nausea medicine, but I looked up dogs eating ham on the internet and one word kept coming to the fore: pancreatitis.

It turns out that's just what Connor had, and it nearly killed him. I couldn't believe how changed he was—in just a few hours he'd gone from energetic and mischievous to weak, dizzy, hot—he didn't even recognize me when I walked back into the hospital area at the vet's. After many hours on an IV for him and a sleepless night for me, he is almost himself again—somewhat the worse for wear, and very tired and ragged out—but it took a lot of antibiotics, anti-inflammatories, nausea meds, and stuff to combat dehydration to get him better.

I guess the most obvious conclusion to draw from this is that I should pay more attention to what I'm leaving on the counter and train my dog that stealing food from the counter is a no-no, and I certainly intend that. But at the same time, it hits me how many times in the past I have given all my dogs ham scraps. I had no idea how dangerous ham is for dogs. According to Karen "Doc" Halligan, DVM, ham tops the list—even before chocolate and grapes—of foods you should never feed your dog (<http://www.dochalligan.com/top-20-foods-not-to-feed-your-pets.shtml>).

I learned an expensive lesson. It cost me \$600 but it could have cost my beautiful Sheltie boy, and that is just too high a price to pay. In hopes that someone else may find this information beneficial, I'm passing along my experience. Don't let your dogs have ham. Trust me, you won't like what it does to them.

Thank you Mel for sharing your story with us.

Charlie's Story



The subject line on the email said “Walt needs a home.” Uh-oh, I thought, I don’t think I’m ready for another dog yet. Just three months ago, I had lost my sweet sheltie boy Chip, who had been my first rescue. He helped me heal from the loss of my Kaffe, a sheltie who came to me after his owner, a dear friend, passed away. I loved Chip so much that I adopted another rescue, a girl named Skyler, and the three of us shared our home for nearly eight years. I missed Chip, and I felt badly when I had to leave Skyler at home by herself.

I opened the email and read about Walt, who had been picked up as a stray. His teeth were bad, and he had to have 13 of them pulled, but he was otherwise healthy. He’s an older boy, between 9-12 years old. His sweet face tugged at my heart. Chip had been a stray too. Now here was another little boy who needed a home and love. “He doesn’t look like a Walt though,” I thought. His coloring reminded me of a Charleston Chew bar, and I started thinking of him as Charlie. I realized the best thing I could do to honor Chip would be to adopt this little stray sweetie. And he could be a friend for Skyler.

The day after Thanksgiving, Barb and Karen brought Charlie to me. He was the smallest sheltie I had ever seen. He looked like a little live toy. When Skyler saw him, she woofed as if to say “Mom, what’s that in our yard??” She sniffed him curiously and watched with interest as he explored our house.

Charlie quickly adapted to his new name, and he is settling in very nicely with Skyler and me. They love to bark together, especially when I get home from work. Charlie follows Skyler’s lead, and he respects her as our little princess. I think she tells him “Just stick with me, kid, and you’ll be fine.”



We’ve only been together for a short time, and already Charlie has found his place in our home and our hearts. Charlie is very affectionate, he loves to be cuddled, and he is starting to play with toys. Thank you, Mid Florida Sheltie Rescue, and especially Barb and Karen, for this precious boy who has brought us so much love!

Sandy Vassel
St. Cloud

Thank you for Sandy for sharing! We are all so happy that (Walt) Charlie has a home!

Nature's Pastels



Penny & Lucky Photo

Sue Klaiber won the “Pet Portrait” raffle at the October Yappy Hour in Melbourne, FL. Susan H.Long has provided us the stages of the portraits she did as well as the final portrait.



Step 1 - light sketch in black pastel pencil



Step 2 - The “grisaille” which is shaded black pastel pencil that is used as an under-painting for the color work



Step 3



Step 4



Final

Pet Portraits by Susan H. Long
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2013 ANGELS

Roberts Printing Inc - Clearwater, FL
Fay Easter - Sarasota, FL
David Stockman - Titusville, FL
Gloria Invines - Port Charlotte, FL
Joanne De Candia - The Villages, FL
Tim Checkwick - Ocoee, FL
Kim Pond & Karen Wargo - Merritt Island, FL
Linda Tartak - Miami, FL
Mark & Nancy Brennan - Lancaster, SC
Millennium Middle School - Sanford, FL
Michelle Green - Palm Bay, FL
Michelle Anderson - Sarasota, FL
Kristen Uebrig - Coral Springs, FL
Ramona Williams - Macon, GA
Stephen Herring - Fort Myers, FL
Sylvie Davis - Winter Springs, FL
Russell Mann - West Islip, NY
Kenneth and Becky Homan - Jacksonville, FL
Jodi Sutherland - Fremont, NH
Mary Curran "In Memory of James West" - Port Orange, FL
Linda Hines - Clermont, FL
Mr & Mrs Tompkins - Plant City, FL
Victoria Brown - Oviedo, FL
Greg Olthaus "In Memory of Lady" - Leesburg, FL
Bill Moore - Leesburg, FL
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Ron Drake/Rinda Bruce - St. Petersburg, FL
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Greg Prindle - Norwalk, OH
Vicki Weis - Redwood Falls, MN
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Charlyn Davis - Davie, FL
Mr and Mrs Hooch - Jacksonville, FL
Pamella Slusher - Miami, FL
Donna Koby " In Memory of Bear" - Orlando, FL
Janet & Garrison Thompson - Cocoa, FL
Valerie & Jeffery Brehm - St. Petersburg, FL
Kelly McDonough - West Palm Beach, FL
Nancy & Peter Byrnes " In Memory of Costello" - Ruskin, FL
Kristie Mancuso " A Clip in Time" - Lakeland, FL
Chris Schneider - Kenneth City, FL
Charles Friel - Longwood, FL
Heather & Jack Schaefer - Tamarac, FL
Dick Hoffman - Palm Bay, FL
Dana & Jody Fishkin "In Memory of Chester" - Royal Palm Beach, FL
Sue Wheeler - Orlando, FL
Cindy & Brad Ashley "For Rusty, Shelby & Corky" - Sebastian, FL
Kenneth W. Homan - Jacksonville, FL
Dawn Davis "In Memory of Ruth Pratt" - Indialantic, FL
Dorothy Lube "In Memory of Ruth Pratt" - Melbourne, FL
Nancy Byrnes - Ruskin, FL
Bruce McGill "In Memory of Ruth Pratt" - Tampa, FL
Wallace Banach - Port Charlotte, FL
Jodie Coscia - Fremont, NH
Sharon Ross - Lauderdale By The Sea, FL
Pamela Corbin - Orlando, FL
Harriet, Muffin & Dusty Nolan - Naples, FL
Karen Feliciano - Marietta, GA
Troy Corbin - Ocoee, FL

2013 ANGELS CONT.

Kevin Keller - Ocoee, FL
Chris Schneider - Kenneth City, FL
Kenneth W. Homan - Jacksonville, FL
Sidney George - Naples, FL
Bruce Richardson - Ocala, FL
James Rafter - Groveland, FL
Sandy Roy - Melbourne, FL
William Wheeler - Antioch, TN
Michelle Anderson - Sarasota, FL
Faith Martin – Ponta Vedra Beach, FL
Anita Faunce – Coconut Creek, FL
Florence Search – In Honor of LuAnne Lee
St. Petersburg, FL
James & Laurie Rafter – Clermont, FL
Kay Lawrence – Clearwater, FL

Many of you have donated to our Rescue several times. We couldn't help so many Shelties without your help....Special Thanks to all our Angels!



It's Skyler & Charlie again!

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Donate directly to our Rescues through Pay Pal on our website

www.midflsheltierescue.com

OR

Send donations to: Mid-Florida Sheltie Rescue
c/o Barbara Davis
1480 Meadowbrook Rd.
Palm Bay, FL. 32905

OR

Donate directly to our Vet clinic, in care or Mid-Fl. Sheltie Rescue at:

TUSCAWILLA OAKS ANIMAL HOSPITAL
1490 TUSCAWILLA RD.
OVIDO, FL. 32765

Even if you cannot adopt, you can still do something to become a "Sheltie Angel."

Please see below for ways to help the Shelties in need:

***Donate a Bed**

***Foster a Dog – Application to Foster is on our website.**



FOSTER FAMILIES NEEDED!

Mid-Florida Sheltie Rescue is looking for interested foster families. If you would like to help out, please fill out a "foster application" on our website. All interested foster families must have a fenced in yard to ensure the safety of our Shelties.

MFSR provides the food and medications needed for their Rescues. We need YOU to provide the shelter and love to help these precious animals until the time their "forever" family is found.

Barbara's Corner



Links to share...

Copy and paste these links into your browser

Warning

<http://msutoday.msu.edu/news/2010/msu-researchers-link-pet-food-dog-illnesses-nationwide/>

How to control tartar build up on your pet's teeth

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2014/01/01/pet-oral-health.aspx?e_cid=20140101Z1_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20140101Z1&et_cid=DM37007&et rid=385824254

Things dogs teach us – video clips

<http://www.coolstone.com/media/7474/Things-Dogs-Teach-Us/#.UsSrtW-A1Mu>

Why you shouldn't shave your double-coated dog – Seattle Dog Health – Eximanager.com

<http://www.examiner.com/article/why-you-shouldn-t-shave-your-double-coated-dog>

Easy Freeze – Fun website

<http://www.petmountain.com/searchx/0/0/1/1/?s=Easy+Freeze&gbrand=Kong+Company>

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OVIEDO, FL. 32765
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ORLANDO, FL 32822
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PALM BAY, FL. 32907
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(321) 724-1141

ANIMAL HEALTHCARE CLINIC
2118 Drew St.
Clearwater, FL 33765
727-446-5501

We want to thank our Vets who help our Rescue. Without their help, we could not give our Shelties the medical attention that they need.



MIRIAM'S PRINCESS



Princess and I travel together as often as possible. Here we are on a little hike in the mountains of Maggie Valley, North Carolina. The other pictures are of my beautiful princess being herself!!! The bottom pic is one of my favorites!!!!



Sweet doesn't begin to describe her disposition. She is sweet, loving, loves to cuddle and we couldn't be happier together.



Thank you Mid Florida Sheltie Rescue for rescuing this amazing personality!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Miriam Ericsson

Thank you for sharing Miriam!



DUSTY AND SHADOW – TAMPA, FL

Thank you Marty for sharing!



Thank you Cathy Tonneberger!

Michael Smith hosted a Collie/Sheltie Play Date recently at his home in Dania Beach, FL...



Ok, let's see if I can remember most everyone. L to R: Elizabeth with Ripley, Dante with his owner, Mike (me) with Missy who is looking away, Wendy with Calynn, Cliff and his wife with Buddy who is 15 weeks old, and Melissa with Autumn. Elizabeth and I would housesit any of the dogs in this photo. All well behaved! Also not in the photo were Tim and Marla with Evan and Luke (one Collie and Sheltie).



Dante and I having a talk.



Alexis with 4 yr old Jake (the youngest member at the Tradewinds & Atlantic Railroad) and Buddy who is 15 weeks old and full of energy.



Your Collie Play Date host and hostess Mike and Elizabeth with Missy, Ripley and Dante. Dante met his first cat today and was seeking protection of Elizabeth.



Thanks for sharing Michael & Elizabeth!

FEATURED SHELTYE



DIXIE

Little Dixie is just the sweetest little girl. She is very frightened, used for breeding only. She loves to cuddle, but knows nothing about the world. Dixie needs a fenced in yard, and a family that has the time and patience to teach her to love and trust. She just wants to be loved. Another confident sheltie would help her come out of her shell. She is just so cute you can't help fall in love with that little face.

Application, home visit, and vet reference required.

If you are interested in adopting please fill out an adoption application online at www.midflsheltierescue.com

Thanks to all who sent in their stories and photos! This newsletter couldn't be possible without you!

SHELTYE VOLUNTEER ANGELS

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A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR FOSTER MOMS & DADS... WE COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

We want to extend a special thanks to all our Angels who help support and keep Mid-Florida Sheltie Rescue alive.

Without your contributions we would not be able to help all of the Shelties that are in need.



We hope that you enjoyed this edition of our newsletter. Thanks to all who sent in stories. If your story or photos did not appear in this issue, it will be in future issues....stay tuned! Thank **YOU** for your continued support!

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