

# NEW JERSEY SHELTIE RESCUE REVIEW

Winter 2021



## message FROM THE PRESIDENT

### ***Welcome to the Winter edition of our newsletter!***

As we move into the holiday season and the New Year (wow ! 2022 already!), I want to wish everyone on behalf of all of us at NJ Sheltie Rescue the very happiest of whichever holiday you and your family celebrate. This includes your four-legged family members of course!

2021 has brought many challenges as we navigate the 'new normal' and learn to live with COVID. We've been lucky enough to hold our annual picnic this fall, although our Holiday Party had to wait another year. It was great to see all our old friends and some new ones too! I think my favorite part of our get-togethers is the Parade of Rescues. Seeing all those dogs so happy with their homes makes all the hard work worthwhile - THAT is our 'paycheck' for helping out the dogs that need us.

Thanks to all of our wonderful supporters, donors and volunteers, we have been able

to help every dog that needed us this year. Helping these dogs would not be possible without the folks who help us each and every step of the way as we take in dogs of any age, get them healthy, and find their forever homes. And we are ready to help any sheltie that needs us in 2022, no matter their age, medical or behavioral issues - it doesn't matter, we will help them all. If you want to be a part of our Volunteer team, please let us know.

We are whiskers-deep in our planning for the Spring Sheltie Picnic, which we have dubbed the 'Spring Sheltie-palooza'. The Spring Sheltie-palooza will be held April 3rd in Shamong, NJ. I have been wanting to hold an event further south for the South Jersey folks who find our northern NJ events a little too far. South Jersey folks will get to meet new sheltie friends and show their support for rescue in a beautiful location. We will be in a huge covered barn with plenty of room so no worries about a rainy day. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for updates. If you are able to help us with this event, please contact us.



**Katy White, President**

**Shetland Sheepdog Placement Services of NJ**

*Helping Shetland Sheepdogs in need in New Jersey*



# SHELTIES

Our Current Fosters

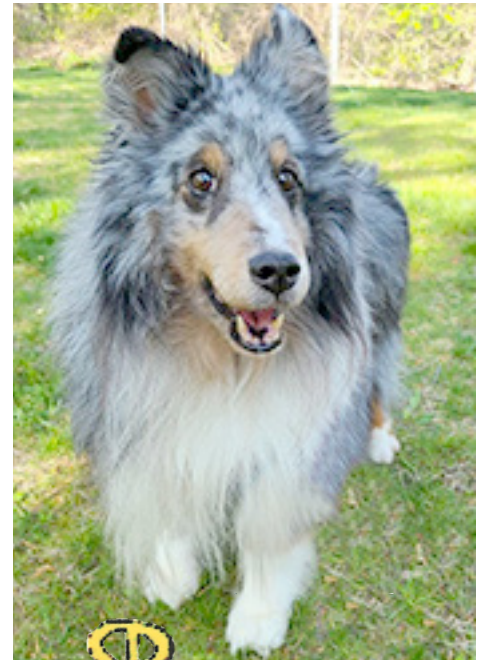
*Saving one Sheltie  
will not change the  
world but for that one  
Sheltie the world will  
change forever.*



Penny



Shelly



Merrill

SSPSNJ is not a shelter or kennel, all our dogs are kept in foster homes with families who will help determine what home is right for each dog. All our fosters undergo evaluation with veterinary check ups, being brought up to date on vaccinations, heartworm checked, dental evaluations and spayed or neutered if needed.







## Are you interested in becoming a foster home for a rescued Sheltie?

As a foster family, you will take a rescued Sheltie into your home and care for him or her as you would your own pet, providing food, shelter, companionship, basic training and exercise, arranging for any required veterinary care, and supplying generous amounts of patience and love. SSPSNJ Foster Care Providers sign a contract for each dog in their care. The fostering period can last anywhere from a few days to a month or more. Some Shelties may not get along well with other dogs, cats, or children and may take longer to place. Your evaluation of the Sheltie's character, temperament and training level are invaluable. The more we know about a dog's habits and behavior (positive and negative), the easier it is to match him or her to the perfect owner.

A foster home does not need to have another dog. Some foster dogs do not require a fenced-in yard. We would appreciate any foster time you can give no matter how long or short the sheltie can stay in your home. Many of the foster homes are also a "failed foster home". Some families fall in love with the Sheltie/Shelties that they fostered. They then adopt them, and that's fine with us. We just want all to be happy. Who knows—you may find a new friend or make a new friendship with the adopting family! Our Rescue covers the veterinarian bills as long as the dog is taken to one of our approved veterinarians.

We truly appreciate all the help that our volunteers and friends have given us, but without foster homes we will not be able to continue to bring new Shelties into Rescue. We do not want to have to turn away a Sheltie in need. We do have a fondness for senior Shelties that no one else would help, and that is why a majority of our foster homes are full. Please help us continue in our mission of not turning a Sheltie away.

We are not a shelter or kennel, all our dogs are kept in foster homes with families who will help determine what home is right for each dog. Being a foster home can be a rewarding experience. You get to help a sheltie in its search for its permanent forever home.



## ►The Basics of Fostering

►**Adoption...An Overview:** People interested in adopting a Sheltie from SSPSNJ will be asked to complete an application and have a home visit from a volunteer. Once the application is approved, and assuming there is a Sheltie in rescue that might be a good match, the applicant is referred directly to the family fostering that particular dog. Arrangements are made between the foster family and the applicant to meet the dog, usually at the foster family's home. It is preferable to have all members of the applicant's family available to meet and interact with the Sheltie. If all are in agreement that the home for the Sheltie is suitable, a "hold" is placed on that dog. We like to ask the family to wait 24 hours to make the decision, but this is flexible. An adoptive family may be given the chance to have a Sheltie in their home for a short trial period before a final decision is made. Upon adoption, the new owner will sign all adoption contracts and SSPSNJ accepts an adoption donation. The SSPSNJ representative will also give the adopters copies of all vaccination and medical records.

►**Before Fostering Begins:** If you have other pets, it is very important they be current on all vaccinations before you begin fostering. This includes vaccinations against rabies, parvovirus, kennel cough, (or bordatella). Your Dog(s) should also be on preventive Heartworm medicine. If you have dogs that have not been "fixed" please be sure we know this, as many rescued Shelties are still intact. The first priority for a Sheltie coming into rescue is to see that all vaccinations are current, a heartworm test is done and the dog is placed on preventive heartworm medicine. The next step is to arrange for the Sheltie to be neutered or spayed, if necessary. SSPSNJ has established favorable pricing with several area veterinary clinics, and you may be asked to help with transport for these visits. In special cases we will make arrangements with the foster home's veterinarian.

►**The Sheltie's Background:** A rescued Sheltie may have come from a shelter, been a stray, or had a very wonderful home. Surprisingly, the dog coming from a previous home may show the most stress, as she or he has been accustomed to a particular environment and routine, and may suffer a



loss of security, when thrust into a new situation. A stray dog or one coming from a shelter often adapts to new situations more readily.

►**Easing The Stress:** Almost every Sheltie has been through some ordeal before being rescued. The dog may have been in a shelter, housed under less-than-ideal conditions in the original home, been tied outside, reprimanded too much or not at all, or have been homeless and subject to many stray dog experiences. Whatever the history, the Sheltie may be unsettled both physically and emotionally upon arriving at your home. Quite often dogs will mirror their environment. It helps to initially limit distractions around the house such as television, loud noises and children's activity levels. Rescued Shelties need large amounts of reassurance, attention and affection every step of the way. Patience is a key attribute of some of the best foster families. Signs of temporary stress include shedding, panting, pacing, general restlessness, increased water consumption, and a more frequent need to urinate. Sometimes the excitement of a new home and surroundings can cause the rescued Sheltie to forget it was previously housebroken. Monitor water intake and give frequent opportunities for potty breaks for the first several



days. Until you are sure the dog is housebroken, leave a short leash attached to the collar for quick exits and confine the dog to one or two rooms initially, so you can more easily monitor any accidents.

►**Safety and Separation:** One of your most important tasks is to provide a safe environment for the rescued Sheltie. This means always walking the



dog on a leash when outdoors or closely monitoring if in a fenced area to be sure he won't try to jump over the fence. Until the dog bonds with you and your home (generally a couple of weeks), there is a greater risk he will try to run away.



Proceed slowly when exposing the Sheltie to its new environment. If there are other animals in your home, introduce them slowly and individually to the Sheltie. The entire first day may be one of separation. This enables the foster dog and your current dog or cat to become aware of each other's scent without having to directly "confront an intruder." The second day may be one of introduction, usually requiring the use of a leash for both dogs while they meet each other nose to nose for the first time.

Carefully monitor children's or other pet's interaction with the Sheltie and watch for signs they may be suffering from over-stimulation. Be prepared to initiate "Time Outs" and separate the Sheltie quickly if play becomes too rough. Do not leave the rescued Sheltie alone with children or other animals until you have thoroughly evaluated the dogs temperament. When leaving the house, always separate the Sheltie from your other animals until you have gained complete confidence in their relationship.

SSPSNJ encourages the short-term use of crating for many rescue dogs. It helps dogs adapt to their new environment more quickly, can help in monitoring level of housebreaking, protect furniture from younger or more "chewy" dogs, and also give the Sheltie a small place of its own where he knows he is safe.



For health reasons, some Shelties may need to be separated from other animals for several days when they first come into rescue. This can also mean you must carefully monitor and immediately remove feces from your yard to avoid contamination or spreading disease (such as worms) to your own pets.

► **Training:** As a foster family, you help “socialize” the Sheltie and make him or her more adoptable. This can include helping the Sheltie learn to trust people again, as many dogs may have been abandoned or abused. You may also teach or reinforce basics like housebreaking, commands such as Sit, Come or Stay. Some Shelties may have been through an obedience course and some may come with absolutely no clue about what is expected. SSPSNJ will place these Shelties to be indoor dogs, but some of them have lived outside all their lives. You must acclimate the dog to indoor living and teach appropriate “house manners.” Never use physical punishment. If you’re having trouble correcting a behavioral problem, contact SSPSNJ to discuss alternatives. Keep in mind that some adult rescue dogs need more care and attention than a puppy.

► **Health Care:** You are responsible for monitoring and maintaining the health of the Sheltie in your care. This includes feeding a quality dry food such as Nutro, Eukanuba, or Science Diet, sometimes bringing a “skinny” Sheltie back up to proper weight, providing monthly heartworm medicine (the cost of which is reimbursed by SSPSNJ), and watching for any sign of illness or other condition that would require veterinary care (such as vomiting, worms in the stool, coughing, ear infections, etc.).

► **Expense Reimbursements:** SSPSNJ reimburses all medical expenses, however, veterinary care must first be discussed with SSPSNJ and approved PRIOR to the vet visit. This will be our biggest expense and we have established favorable pricing with several reputable clinics. New fosters should be brought up-to-date on vaccines [rabies, distemper, parvo], have a heartworm snap test, be microchipped and, if medically cleared by the vet, altered. All additional fees such as dentals and bloodwork **MUST BE APPROVED BY THE SSPSNJ BOARD**. As a general rule we are not able to reimburse other expenses such as food, mileage, phone calls, toys, etc.

► **Record Keeping:** You will need to keep accurate records of veterinary care. The original medical records will be given to the new adoptive family; copies will be kept by SSPSNJ.

► **Supplies You Will Need:** Some things you will need on hand include a long leash, dog grooming brush, chew and play toys appropriate for Sheltie size dogs, quality dog food, water and food dishes, and a method of confining and/or separating the dog (either crating, closing doors or putting up gates to certain rooms).

► **If Things Don’t Work Out:** Support or advice from other experienced foster families is always available. If a Sheltie cannot adapt to a particular situation SSPSNJ will place the dog in a new foster home.







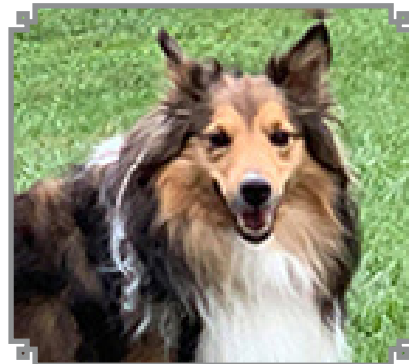
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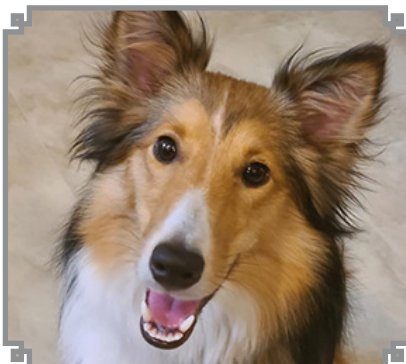
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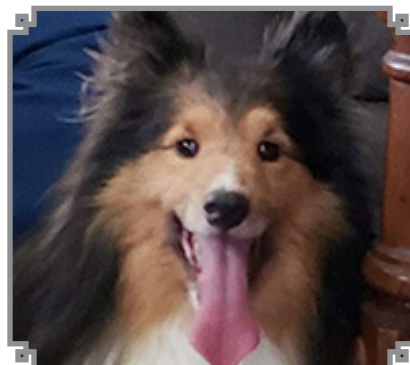
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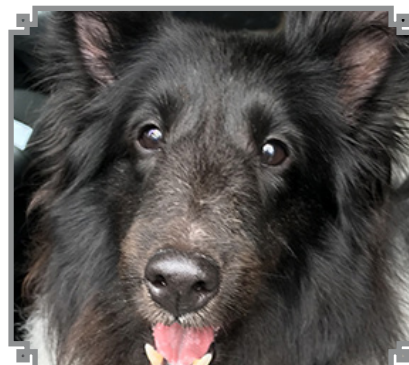
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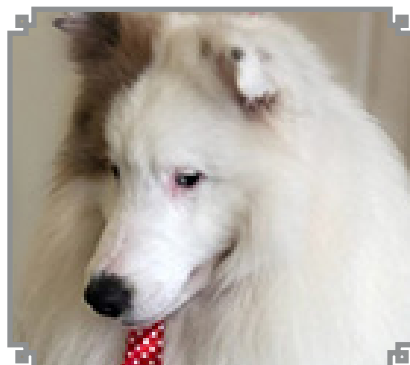
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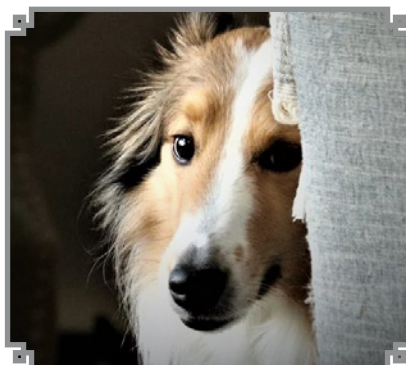
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***These shelties have found loving homes to call their own.***

Shetland Sheepdog Placement Services of New Jersey (SSPSNJ) is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization managed by a group of very dedicated volunteers committed to the welfare of unwanted or unloved shelties.





## Carlson can bond with anyone.

I want to share this amusing story here so that anyone who had anything to do with Carlson (an SSPSNJ Alumnus) during his time with the rescue and who



doesn't know me, can get a chuckle out of it. I do apologize, it is a bit longer than normal but well worth the read. Yesterday at one of the parks I take Carlson and Ronan to, we came across an elderly man sitting on a bench in the park along the Delaware River at Glen Foerd estates. We came across this man a few days ago and Carlson of course, has to go over and greet him. Yesterday this same elderly gentleman was there again, sitting on the same bench along the river, and Carlson pulled us right over to see him. Carlson was so cute with this man I asked him if it was okay if I took a picture or two and he said sure. Carlson was all over him, on his lap, kissing his face and when he got down he had his beak up the man's pant leg licking his leg! He finally sat down beside him and the man rubbed and rubbed his head and ears and Carlson was in heaven; he loves his ears massaged! Then he laid down at his feet. When I was going to continue along with our walk Carlson made no indication that he was ready to get up and go. I had to keep telling him to come along until he finally



did get up. The man really loved him and said he'd never met such a wonderful and friendly dog in his life and wished that he could have a dog just like him.

**THIS DOG CAN BOND WITH ANYONE**, doesn't matter if he knows you or not. He is, hands down, the most affectionate dog I have ever had and I have had dogs my entire life. Before I left, I asked the gentleman if he had email so I could send him the pictures I took and he said no, that he liked to read books and go to the library a couple times a week to read the newspapers for free. He had a book with him and asked me if I would like to see what he was reading and I said sure, whereupon he held up his book titled "SOCIAL MEDIA IS BULLSHIT!" Well, I damn near fell over it was so funny. But he was serious and said that this generation has no idea how to communicate that they are all stuck to their computers and cell phones and how sad that was. I think Carlson sensed something in this man that he needed a friend and Carlson was right there to shower him love. I am so grateful every day that the rescue chose me to love and care for him. He is one very special boy. Hope you enjoyed this little quip and the pics!

by Marianne Amole and Carlson

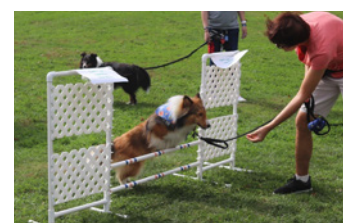
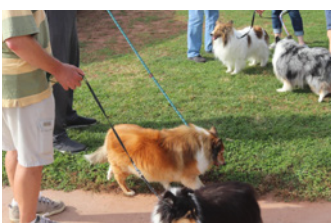
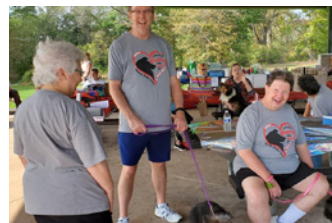




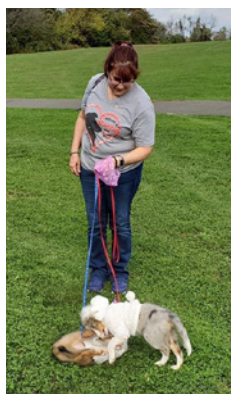
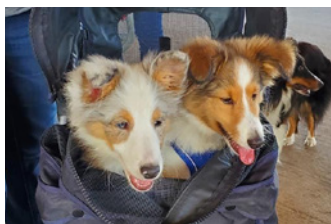
# SHELTIE rescue picnic

A day of  
fun with  
our Shelties!

## 2021




























**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Sunday, April 3, 2022**  
 Sheltie Picnic & Fun  
 Raffle Baskets  
 Parade of Rescues & More  
**Suffolk Stables, Shamong, NJ**  
 In Southern New Jersey






















## Ways You Can Help Support NJ Sheltie Rescue!

Become a **FOSTER HOME**. While fostering, we get familiar with that Sheltie's personality and needs. Foster homes are an important part of our rescue since we do not operate a shelter. All our rescued Shelties go into a home environment for evaluation.

Do **HOME CHECKS** for prospective foster/adoptive homes. Home checks are used as an aid in ensuring that we are placing the right rescue in the right home.

Provide **TRANSPORTATION** for our shelties, whether it is picking them up from a shelter or home, taking the dog to a foster home or to the vet... we always need people to help with transportation needs.

**SPONSOR** a sheltie in a foster home to help with their needs.

General **VOLUNTEERS** are always welcome. We could always use volunteers to help with fundraising, the rescue picnic and holiday party along with spreading awareness of our rescue to the any one interested in helping Shelties.

**DONATE** to SSPSNJ. Donations are used to rehabilitate and support Shelties surrendered to us. All dogs are taken to a veterinarian for a complete physical, brought up to date on all shots, blood is checked for heartworm and tick-borne diseases, and spayed or neutered (if needed), a thorough dental if needed; older dogs have a senior panel to evaluate kidney, liver and pancreatic organ function, as well as



screen for diabetes and other metabolic disorders, CBC & differential checks for anemia, infection and immune system status. A thyroid panel is run on dogs showing signs of hypothyroidism.

We hope that you will consider fostering, adopting volunteering or donating. If you have any questions, please feel free to email [info@njsheltierescue.org](mailto:info@njsheltierescue.org).

You may mail donations to: **Shetland Sheepdog Placement Services NJ, 107 Broad Street Suite 694, Hainesport, NJ 08036**. Make checks payable to: **Shetland Sheepdog Placement Services NJ or SSPSNJ**.

As always, a sincere thank you for making a donation to SSPSNJ to help us rescue Shelties in need.

You can use either PayPal for monetary donations or Amazon Smile or iGive.com when shopping online. Once you've created an account on either of these websites, each of these designates a portion of your purchase to SSPSNJ. Links are below for your convenience.



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