

# NEW JERSEY SHELTIE rescue REVIEW

Spring 2022



## message FROM THE president

### Welcome to our Spring Newsletter!

I, for one, am looking forward to some warmer weather.

We are very excited to be planning our next event, the **Sheltie-Palooza!** I have been wanting to do an event further south for a long time to be more inclusive of our friends in the southern part of the state. You will find a lot of information in this newsletter about this 'sheltie picnic - South Jersey'. Even if you can't make it, you can still support this event and rescue by purchasing one of our limited edition **Tee Shirts** - there are still a few days left to order or a **Chef's Table Raffle Ticket-Dinner for 6 (A \$300 value)**. This location, Suffolk Stables, has been very supportive of us and I'm very excited to be able to host the Palooza here - it's a beautiful location. It used to be a racehorse breeding and training farm back in the day and was close to 1,000 acres. It's still 100 acres and home to over 50 horses.



We recently designated several of our fosters that came to rescue in 2021 as '**Forever Fosters**'. That means that a dog has significant medical issues, advanced age, or behavioral issues that makes them difficult to adopt to a forever home. We are featuring these dogs in this newsletter so you can read their stories. A **Forever Foster** is treated just like any other dog in the home, and are loved as a member of the family. The difference is that Rescue will always oversee any care that the dog gets - and they get whatever they need. As you can imagine, the medical care can be expensive for these dogs. **We follow the National Sheltie Rescue Association Code of Ethics which can be found at <https://nationalsheltierescueassociation.org/ethics.html>.** We are looking for sponsors for these dogs to help offset these costs. Please contact us if you would like to make a one-time, or monthly donation to support these dogs. Every little bit helps and no donation is too small.



I hope to see you soon at our **Sheltie-Palooza!**

**Katy White, President**  
NJ Sheltie Rescue

**Shetland Sheepdog Placement Services of NJ**  
*Helping Shetland Sheepdogs in need in New Jersey*





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.

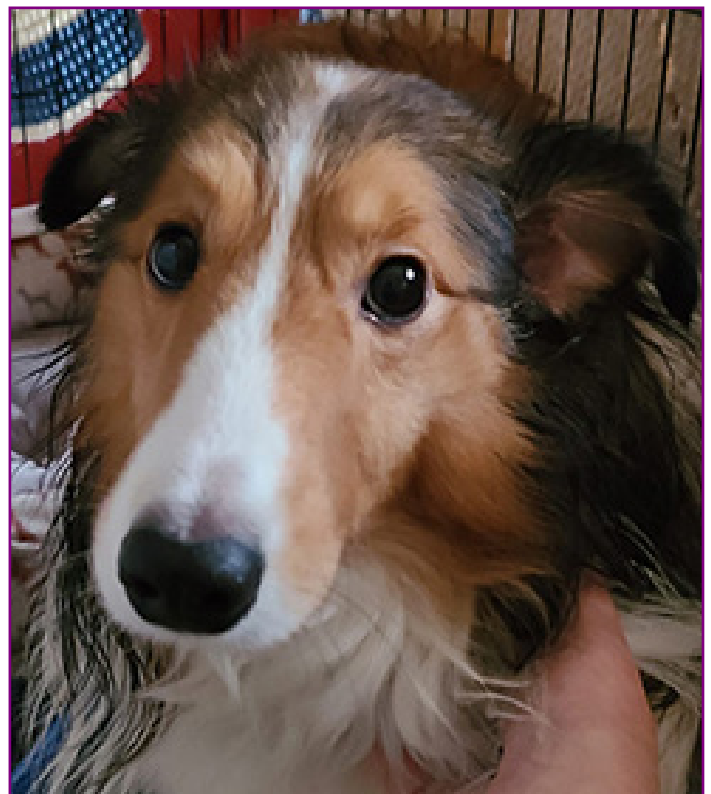
## Our current foster, *Luca* is available for adoption.



Although Luca is okay around other dogs in a controlled situation (ie, all on leash), he really needs to be an only dog. He lived as an only dog most of his life so he does not have great doggie social skills. He plays very rough and does not 'hear' when the other dog tells him that they've had enough. This can and will lead to a dog fight as he will retaliate when another dog tells him off. He also does not like to share his toys or tennis balls with other dogs. So no exceptions to the 'no other dogs in the home' rule. He also is not a fan of children, so he will need to go to a home without young children. An older, dog savvy teen would likely be okay.

Luca is a 5 year old neutered male. He weighs about 25lbs. He can be a little shy when first meeting new people, but he does warm up especially if they offer him a treat. Luca is a very enthusiastic, happy dog who loves to go for walks, run around the yard, chase tennis balls, and play with his toys. He is a barker and will let you know if someone is at the door, or sometimes he just likes to bark to let you know he is happy.

Luca has impeccable manners in the home, is housebroken and is not destructive. He is crate trained but does not really need to be crated once he is comfortable in the home. Luca needs to go to a home with a fenced yard so he can run off some of his energy, and with a family who is willing to take him for 20 - 30 minute walks most days. He is a great walking buddy, is not reactive to cars, bicycles, joggers, or dogs barking behind a fence. He does not pull on a leash. He is a higher-energy dog and needs an outlet for all that energy to help him behave his best.



# Our New Forever Fosters program



SSPSNJ believes that there is a home for every dog we rescue and we are willing to wait to find it. However, every now and then certain dogs have ongoing medical expenses that make adoption more difficult. These dogs have a very special place in our hearts and still deserve a chance at happiness.

## Why Sponsor A Dog in Our Forever Foster Program?

By donating to our **Forever Foster Program**, you are helping an animal who would be otherwise in a cage, on the streets, or worse. You are providing them with the means to live out the rest of their lives in a warm, loving home with a family who loves them. It doesn't have to be a lot - donating \$5 per month would mean the world to any of our **Forever Foster** dogs.

Our **Forever Foster Program** is an amazing program, but also a costly one. This program allows dogs to live out their lives in a home with amazing people who love them, when they otherwise would not have had that opportunity, due to their age and/or medical condition(s). By contributing to our **Forever Foster Program**, you are supporting these beautiful dogs and allowing them to live out their golden years with love, dignity, and a family to call their own.

## How Can I Sponsor a Forever Foster Dog?

If you would like to make a donation to help with the "Forever Foster" program or a specific "Forever Foster" dog, simply go to <https://www.njsheltierescue.org/donate> to donate using PayPal or mail your donation check to us: **Shetland Sheepdog Placement Services NJ, 107 Broad Street Suite 694, Hainesport, NJ 08036**. Make checks payable to: **Shetland Sheepdog Placement Services NJ or SSPSNJ**. Note your donation is for the **Forever Fosters Program** or a specific **Forever Foster** dog.

No amount is too small--truly. When it comes to rescue, a little bit goes a long way. If every person gave just a little, the animals in our care would have a whole lot.



*Merrill*

Merrill came into NJ Sheltie Rescue's care in April 2021. He ended up in the shelter with his 2 friends when his owner was unexpectedly taken to the hospital by ambulance. These 3 dogs had led a very quiet life with their owner up until that day. They were terrified and confused and didn't understand what had happened to them. But through the persistence and perseverance of several volunteers, and with the blessing of the shelter, the rescue was able to get all 3 dogs out and into foster homes. We at NJ Sheltie Rescue will do everything in our power to help any sheltie that needs us. →



## Forever Fosters continued

Merrill is the oldest of the 3 dogs, at the age of 13. It took him a little bit of time to settle into his foster home, as is normal. He missed his old owner and was confused about his life being turned upside down. But he did settle in and he found his 'happy' once again. He is such a sweet boy and his foster family adores him.

He's had his share of health problems since he's come to rescue. Most recently, we discovered that he had a surgical repair of a back leg that involved pins and screws, and that the repair had failed. The plate and screws were migrating and starting to come through his skin. Not only is this painful, it also opens up the possibility of a systemic infection. So Merrill got the surgery that he needed to remove the broken hardware. He took the surgery in stride and is recovering well.

Merrill has a few other health issues that we are keeping a close eye on. Due to his age and these health issues, he was deemed a 'Forever Foster' with the rescue. That means he will live out his life as a much loved member of his foster family, and rescue will cover any medical expenses he may have.

Your donations to NJ Sheltie Rescue go to help dogs like Merrill. We accept donations and sponsorship for specific dogs - if you would like your donation to go to Merrill's ongoing medical needs, all you have to do is let us know!



## Shelly

Shelly is a 12 year old 'plus' size girl. She is a smart, sweet sheltie who was raised with much love by her former dad. Sadly Shelly lost her home because her dad is in a nursing home now.



Shelly is now one of our forever fosters due to her age and medical needs. She has arthritis and has been diagnosed with Cushing's Disease, both of which are being treated with medication and testing. Her medical treatments will continue so she is comfortable for her remaining years. Shelly has responded to her treatments so far and is in a forever foster home where she will be loved and cared for.

We will gladly accept donations for Shelly to help with her ongoing medical needs. She will need medication for the Cushing's Disease and supplements for arthritis for the rest of her life. Please indicate that you are donating for "Shelly".

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## Forever Fosters continued



### Penny

Penny is a 13 yr old female sheltie/American Eskimo mix. Penny is not a fan of kids and her family spent a lot of time trying to work things out. Her family loves her very much but decided it would be in Penny's best interest to find a new home where she would have more freedom and attention than they could give her.



We have decided to make Penny a Forever Foster due to her age and she has behavior issues that would make it difficult to find a suitable home for her. She is doing well in her current foster home who have learned to work with each other.

We will gladly accept donations for Penny to help with any medical needs she may have along with her regular care. Please indicate that you are donating for "Penny".

## SHELTIEPALOOZA T-SHIRTS



A portion of the proceeds on each T-Shirt sold goes directly to SSPSNJ to help us continue our mission to help shelties and sheltie-mixes in need.



*New Design, New Colors to show your support of SSPSNJ*

To place your order go to  
<https://www.bonfire.com/sheltiepalooza/>







## SSPSNJ Alumni 2020-2021



*London*



*Maya*



*Khalessi*



*Ally*



*Samantha*



*Kingsley*



*Archie*



*Carlson*



*Whitney*



*Alaska*



*Mojo*

***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.





## Meeting Khaleesi (SSPSNJ Adoption Success Story)

Let me begin by saying that we had not had a dog in our home in a very long time. Both my husband and I traveled often for business so we didn't feel it would be fair to have a dog alone for long periods of time. When we both retired and had more time we decided the time was right for us. We had several



dogs while our children were younger and living at home including our Sheltie and Black Lab. I always knew I would want another Sheltie when we brought a new dog into our home. I just love the breed.

In February 2020, I started our search for our new pup. It was not an easy task. I searched every day, sometimes more than once, on several different rescue sites. Many other people were also looking



for a dog and any available seemed to go quickly. By around May I contacted the NJ Sheltie Rescue group. It was the best thing I ever did. After completing the application, interview process and waiting a few months, we were identified as being possible candidates to adopt Khaleesi. When we met her on Dec 5, 2020 at her foster home, it was 'love at first site'. I absolutely knew I wanted her to be our forever pup. She was exactly what I was searching for as we didn't want a puppy or a very active dog. You know as retired folks, life slows down a little bit!

The foster parents brought Khaleesi to us the following Saturday, Dec 11th. She found her way around the house and yard quite easily. Her first day here was good. She ate her food and drank her water with no issues. At night she knew right where her place would be. That's right, in the center of the bed.



Khaleesi has never used a crate nor has she ever chewed anything in the house that wasn't hers. We have been so fortunate to adopt such a well trained pup.

When Khaleesi first came to us she was very shy and seemed afraid of men and younger children. She did not hesitate to snarl at them and show her teeth to let them know their place in her house. It took several months to 'break' this habit with her but after she knew she was safe and how much we loved her, the snarling stopped.

Khaleesi's hair is different from other shelties. Instead of being straight, her hair is curly on the ends. One more reason I knew she was meant to be ours. I also have curly hair!



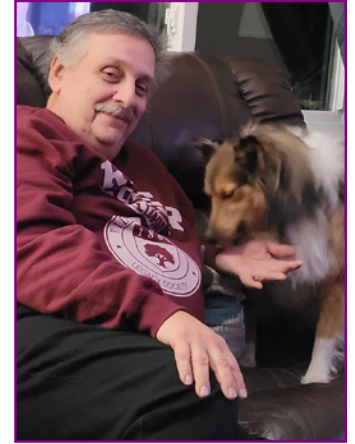
It was important for Khaleesi to like Jim, my husband. It took about a month for her to realize what a kind, soft-spoken man he is. If you saw the two of them together you would think she had been with us forever. She absolutely adores him and curls up to him whenever possible. She has this funny routine of licking his hands all the time. Then it continues for her to chew his fingernails. You can actually hear her grinding her teeth against his fingernails. In addition to doing this anytime during the day, it is especially important for her to get that time with him when she gets into the bed. There is no sleeping until she has five minutes on his hands and fingernails.



Khaleesi doesn't really play with toys. She is content with 2 chew toys and my old slippers. That's fine with me as it gives me a good reason to buy new ones. Most of the day, unless she is following me around the house, she is content to sit and watch us from her favorite spot in the living room.

Khaleesi is not fond of the car but has made a few trips with us and she is making progress. She will again be going on vacation with us for six weeks to Myrtle Beach in March.

We added a new deck to our home this year. Khaleesi immediately found her lookout spot at the top of the steps and she absolutely loves sitting there watching all the neighbors go by. She really enjoys being outside and like most Shelties, enjoys the colder weather. It is sometimes hard to get her to come back in.



We were told that Khaleesi got her name from the 'Game of Thrones' TV show. (Her brother's name was Aegon). I searched the meaning of her name and it actually means 'Queen' and that is certainly fitting of this little girl. She has definitely become the Queen of our house!

Jim and I cannot thank the NJ Sheltie Rescue for allowing us to adopt Khaleesi. Thank you also for the tremendous support you provide to all the dogs you rescue and their adoptive families. You truly are a very special group of people.

## Living With An Older Dog

Living with an older dog means feeling your heart speeding up every time you see them a little more still than usual and approaching with the fear that they have stopped breathing.

Living with an older dog means being aware that some of the things you'll do together may be the last.

Living with an older dog means thinking "this is their last summer", "this is their last July", "This could be the last morning".

Living with an older dog means they bark at any noise at any time, not because they know what they are barking at, it's they feel they need to bark and let us know.

Living with an older dog means, you have to lift them up into the truck, the bed, the couch, the stairs.

Living with an older dog means putting off commitments because it's important to be close to them.

Living with an older dog means we trip over them

because they are so sound asleep they don't hear us approaching them.

Living with an older dog means accidents in the house, it's ok they don't mean to do it.

Living with an older dog means feeling guilty because you know you could have done more, giving them more runs, more travel, more hugs, more caresses, more everything.



I would like to say that living with an older dog also puts us in the face of our own death, fragility, vulnerability.

Living with an older dog means we got to experience life with an older dog, which is one of the best joys on earth!



# How important is proper nail care for your dog?

According to an AKC article (link provided below), a dog's nail consists of the living quick and the hard outer material called the shell. The quick supplies blood to the nail and runs through the core of it. Nerves in the quick cause bleeding and discomfort when cut. Regular nail trimming will cause the quick to recede from the end. Short quicks are the preferred length for the dog's well-being and easy maintenance.

Long nails can turn a sound paw into a splayed foot and reduce traction, and they can cause deformed feet and injure the tendons over an extended period. As the long nail hits the ground, the pressure puts force on the foot and leg structure.

**Long nails** can deform the foot of your dog and cause **serious injury** to the tendons within weeks

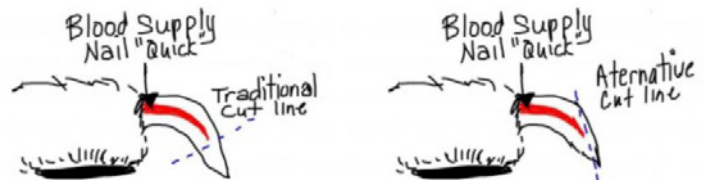


Per **Donna Colletti of Pinnacle Shelties**, it is not only the strain on the tendons, but also changes that occur in the entire foot and upper arm. Rescue has had several "duck footed" shelties over the years due to changes in the foot from long nails. If the nails are long, they hit the ground before the pad, which causes the nail bed to be sore. The dog is supposed to touch the ground with the pad first.

Nails that are "over the pad" are too long. Chronic long nails can even start to slant, turn and bend when they get too long.

The quick must be exposed to dry and shrink back. Most vets and groomers trim a long nail and leave easily 1/4 inch from the quick - this nail will remain long.

Donna actually cuts nails at a slightly different angle (see diagram) so that the quick is sure to recede. There is a link below for a video showing how this is done.



## Resources:

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/nail-neglect-can-lead-to-health-problems-for-your-dog/>  
<https://susangarrettdogagility.com/2013/08/cutting-your-dogs-nails-how-important-is-it-really/>

## Examples of nails that are too long



## Properly trimmed nails



Event Donation **\$10.00** Per Adult

PayPal prepay or pay at the door

Children under 12 free with adult admission



All Proceeds To Benefit  
Shetland Sheepdog Placement  
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**Save The Date**

**Sunday**

**April 3, 2022**

**11:00 - 4:30**

Rain or Shine

Well Behaved  
Non-Shelties  
Are Welcome.

# Sheltie Palooza

A Day Of Fun With Our Shelties!

**\$10.00 Event Donation Includes:**

- Games
- Photo Booth
- Costume Contest
- Parade of Rescues
- Agility Demo/Set Up For Play
- Grooming Demo for the Pet Owner

- Hoagies

Purchased separately

**Tricky Tray Baskets**

Prizes for best 3 donated baskets

**SPECIAL**

Basic ear trims will be available for a separate donation amount of your choice.

**Location:**

**Suffolk Stables**

Location indoors is not heated or air conditioned. Bring your own chairs.

**1418 Old Indian Mills Road • Shamong, NJ 08088**

Event donation payment may be made using **PayPal** or by mailing a **check** 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 (note payment is for Event Donation)

**Volunteers to help with this event are greatly appreciated. If interested, contact us at [info@njsheltierescue.org](mailto:info@njsheltierescue.org)**

Our Sheltie Palooza is a fundraiser and a chance to meet and share the day with our shelties. A majority of the basket items, event items and activities are donated.





# Hoagie order Form



**SSPSNJ**

# Sheltie Palooza

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**Sunday, April 3, 2022  
11 am to 4:30 pm**



We are planning on having hoagies made for us for the SheltiePalooza. If you want to order a hoagie, please fill out this form with your selection and either mail it back to us with your check or email the form and use **PayPal** for payment.

	8" Hoagie	Qty.
Ham and Cheese.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$7.50 _____
Turkey and Cheese.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$7.50 _____
Italian.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$7.50 _____
Bottle of water and a bag of chips.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1.00 _____

**EVENT ENTRY** ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

\$10.00 per adult

Pre-pay or pay at the door.

Children under 12 free  
with adult admission.

**TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ☐

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

PAYPAL ☐

Your **ORDER** and **CHECKS** or **PAYPAL** Payments must be received by **Wednesday, March 30, 2022**.

Email: [info@njsheltierescue.org](mailto:info@njsheltierescue.org) for order/questions

Mail: **SSPSNJ, 107 Broad St., Suite 694, Hainesport, NJ 08036**



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# *Chef's Table*

## *Dinner for 6*

**Appetizer/Salad**

**Entree (with appropriate sides)**

**Dessert**

**All beverages are included,  
both alcoholic and non-alcoholic.**

**\$25**

Per Ticket Donation  
(A \$300.00 Value)



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*Winning Raffle Ticket Will Be Drawn at the SheltiePalooza on April 3, 2022.  
Winner need not be present. Must be used by November 2022.*

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*Raffle Winner: Please let us know about any food allergies when making your reservation.*







# SHETLAND SHEEPDOG

A hardy worker from a remote Scottish Isle,  
I'm protective, smart and versatile.

A loyal guardian of the family home,  
I need a job to do, or I'll invent my own.

As a herding dog, I'll take great pleasure  
In rounding everyone up to keep them together.

I love to please, so I'm remarkably compliant,  
But sometimes I find it hard to keep silent...

I'll make hilarious noises of my own invention –

A unique Sheltie way to get your attention!

And at the end of the day, I'm a sponge for your love,

Ready for plenty of cuddles and  
a sweet belly rub.



## 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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