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From the Treasurer:

Treasurer Reports:

Many, many donations have been made through PayPal to MSR. More than three thousand dollars starting March 14 through March 25, 2016. Additional checks totaling over thirteen hundred dollars from individuals have been very generous as well.

This was desperately needed to cover medical expenses for multiple shelties in rescue at the same time. Had it not been for this amazingly successful fundraising, MSR would be in very dire straits financially. Tender Touch Veterinary Hospital in Scarborough, Maine, has been cooperative & patient with the balance we have incurred.

**But, we are catching up....
and with everyone's help we will make it through, addressing the medical issues of our fostered shelties!!**

We thank Danice Jacobson, one of our Board members for her networking & fundraising expertise in reaching out to people. Donations have come all over the US, from \$5.00 to \$500.00.

In the spirit of a non-profit, as treasurer, I am working on thank letters to each and every donor.

Submitted by Anne Dunbar, Treasurer

From the Editor:

Good news, the MSR Newsletter has its own email now. All email submissions for the newsletter need to be sent to msrnewseditor@gmail.com, mailed submissions will still go to my home address at 356 Mountain Rd., Arundel, Maine 04046. Thank you everyone who submits things to share. Happy Easter!
Lynn R. Baker, Editor

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**MAINE SHELTYE RESCUE INVITES YOU TO ATTEND
THE
SOUTHERN MAINE COASTAL CLASSIC DOG SHOWS**

Reserve the dates: May 19th through May 22nd.
Wassamki Springs Campground
56 Saco St,
Scarborough, Maine.

Hundreds of dogs will converge in Scarborough, Maine, for the state's largest canine event. The seventh annual Southern Maine Coastal Classic Dog Show, four days of AKC All Breed Dog Shows.

Maine Sheltie Rescue will be among the vendors selling dog related merchandise. So plan to attend and be sure to stop by the Maine Sheltie Rescue table for Sheltie merchandise and support Maine Sheltie Rescue. All activities begin at 8am to 5pm each day, outdoors rain or shine.



Jake says "Thanks"



MSR alumni, Jake – Vose – Bradish says thank you to Anne Dunbar for the rescued bed. "My favorites are the puffy beds, thanks Anne!" Jake says.
Submitted by Cynthia Bradish



Fear Based Behaviors – Part 2

By Stephani Morancie

Please Come Inside! Or, You are Letting All the Heat Out!

Most dogs like to be outside. Most dogs like to be inside, too. But, some dogs do not like going between the outside and the inside of a house. These are dogs that are afraid of doors. The techniques used below are also useful for those dogs that are not afraid of doorways, but do not want to come inside.

Some symptoms of doorway fear:

- Running quickly through the doorway, heedless of anything in the way, including cabinetry, humans and other dogs.
- Linger in an open door, looking around.
- Walking halfway through a doorway, then turning and running away or backing out of the doorway.
- Running away when the door is opened.

One thing to consider if you have a dog that is reluctant to come inside: if the dog will be walking onto a slippery floor, a rug or non-slip surface might solve your doorway problem. This problem is also seen at places where the door moves on its own (such as at a pet store with an automatic door).

If you have a double door, such as a storm door and a regular door, it can be helpful to prop one open while training the dog. In other words, while practicing moving through the doorway, it is easier to only have to open one door.

You will need: treats. If you also use a clicker, then you can use a clicker to help with this process. You can also use a marker word, such as yes. If you have multiple dogs, then crate the other dogs or put them in a separate room so that you can focus on the dog with the doorway issue. I also practice this behavior with the dog leashed at first. Once the dog is proficient on leash, then we practice off leash.

I usually start each training session with a short walk outside. Then, we approach the door. As we approach the door, I click and treat the dog for being near the door. If the dog knows some tricks, it can be helpful to help him calm down and gain confidence by doing some tricks near the doorway.

Now, once the dog is settled and looking for treats, I touch the doorknob. Click/treat. Then, I open the door. Click/treat. The criteria I am looking for at this point is that the dog is remaining by my side while I open the door (not running away or dashing through the door). If the dog is not able to remain by your side, shut the door and train more slowly.

Once the dog remains comfortably by your side while the door is open, we need to work on walking through the door. *It does not matter who goes first.* What does matter is that we walk through the door, not run through the door.

For a really timid dog, this is an approximation of the steps I would use to train him to walk through the door:



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1. One paw through the door. Click/treat. We might still see a retreat back out the door for a few more clicks and treats.
2. Two paws through the door. Click/treat. Does the dog retreat? If yes, then allow it to retreat away from the door and start again.
3. Once I have a consistent two paws through the door, I step completely inside and work from there. I will look for the following criteria:
 - a. two paws through the door and back legs not stretched out (stretched out back legs indicate fear)
 - b. Two paws through the door and a third paw lifted and ready to set down.
 - c. Three paws through the door.
 - d. Four paws through the door.
4. Once I have all 4 paws through the door, I need to have the dog move safely across the room. So, I now look for 4 paws through the door and then walk 5 feet and sit. This is trained separately. First, I teach the dog to walk 5 feet away from the door and I then pair it with a sit. If your dog knows a “Go To Mat” cue, then having a mat 5 feet away from the door can be very helpful with this step.
5. Once the dog is safely away from the door, we need to shut the door. This is the time when a really fearful dog might try to dash back outside. So, it is important to click/treat the dog for remaining in position away from the door. If the dog does break his stay and dashes out the door, do not try to stop him by grabbing the leash or slamming the door (unless, of course, you want to undo the work you have just done). Let him go. Then, go outside and start over.
6. Once the door is shut and the dog remains in the sit-stay, he should be rewarded for this and then released from the stay.
7. For dogs that dash outside from the inside, I would reverse these directions: start with a good sit stay on a mat and then work on walking slowly to the door. Then a calm and patient wait while the door is opened. Then, calmly walking through the door. Then walking away from the door. Finally, the door is closed.

If you have multiple dogs, then you probably know that doorways are one of the places that scuffles will break out. The technique described above can be very helpful for training each dog to sit and stay while the door is opened. Then, release one dog at a time to go through the door and then move away from the door area. This last part is important. Each dog needs to understand that the door area needs to be clear and that they need to move away from it. We do this by rewarding distance from the door.

If I was in a hurry and had a less timid dog and needed to get him inside, I would try luring him until he was comfortable. This technique is not as effective as the technique described above, nor does it teach doorway manners. But, it can be very helpful in a pinch. The things to keep in mind are that you should open the door as far as it will open. Then, hold the door open while standing sideways to the dog (standing sideways is less threatening to the dog). Crouching is also very helpful at this point, too. Lure the dog through the doorway using a high value treat.

When training your fearful dog to enjoy walking through a doorway please do not drag him. This can cause more fear and more doorway issues. If you do not have time to train your dog, then use the luring technique until you can set aside the time to train him.

If you have a fearful dog and need some help, please feel free to e-mail me at smorancie@yahoo.com

Ziggy's Vet Tale by Terry Brown

Last year Jenna was so sick from pneumonia, she was hospitalized for nine days.

During our wait in the waiting room, I sat next to a woman and her boyfriend, who were crying. The woman asked who I was visiting. When I told her Jenna her eyes lit up. She told me her 4-year Sheltie, Champ, was placed in the cage under Jenna. They noticed what a beautiful girl Jenna is.

Their Sheltie was getting an emergency pacemaker put in his heart as soon as possible. They had to call in a cardiologist surgeon.

I asked them if they would like a visit from Ziggy. I asked staff at the desk if I could bring Ziggy in for a visit. I got a quick OK

As soon as I brought Ziggy in, he jumped up on the chair next to the woman and immediately smiled and licked her face. He jumped off the chair and went to her boyfriend and greeted him. He smiled and put his chin on his leg.

Before we left, Ziggy did his math and reading homework. Ziggy added, subtracted, did multiplication and some square roots with his paws. For instance, after I asked Ziggy to add two and three he hit my palm five times with his paw. I held up a flash card that had SIT written on it. I held up two cards that said DOWN and ROLLOVER; he did both. That prompted smiles and laughter.

Both Jenna and Champ fully recovered and are healthy today.

Terry Brown



Photo shows Ziggy and Jenna on therapy dog duty at Albany International Airport:

MSR WEBSITE NEWS



We are continuously updating the The MSR Website. Come check us out and read our [NEWS!](#)

The above banner was updated twice this year. First, we added the pictures of Skye Blu (left) and Saige (right), both rescues we placed in 2015. The other update is the MSR Maine License number below the seal.

One way the website has changed is there are no more passwords required for any of the pages. The Board felt that information given on the former password-required pages was too important to keep hidden. We also found that though we shared the password with members, it was often lost. So now there is no excuse! Come, read and share our pages with your friends and family!

One super cool page is [SHELTIES IN RESCUE](#). This Sheltie Rescue page is continually updated, as homeless Shelties come in, are fostered and rehomed. We post pictures of them with their stories. Most of these Shelties do not make it to [Petfinder](#) as we have [Applications](#) on file for perspective families. This Sheltie Rescue page is found under the **NEWS** section of the website.

Doubly important is our new drive initiative to help MSR Shelties that have huge medical needs. We dedicate website pages just to them, individually: fundraising for their particular circumstances. We have had wonderful monetary response to these drives. Here are the pages for [TOBY](#), [LADY](#), [MAYZEE](#) and [REX](#). We think Toby went viral from [FaceBook](#) as we linked his website page to his FB story. Learn more about this in the Treasurer's Report. These special Sheltie pages are located under **DONATE NOW**.

[MAINE OVERNIGHTS – ARF ARF](#) is a website page that we're excited about. We are pleased to have a MSR member that runs a pet friendly, Bridgton based motel: Pleasant Mountain Inn! A Waterford friend of mine also runs a pet-friendly Inn (The Waterford Inne) which is also included on this webpage. If you have friends who own a Maine based, pet-friendly Motel/Inn or have stayed in a particularly nice pet-friendly place located in Maine and think it would be a nice addition to this page, tell us at MAINESHELTIERESCUE@GMAIL.COM.

We have added some fun posters to the website. A few are: [SHELTIE HAIR](#), [SIMON DREAMS](#), [LIVES WHOLE](#) (SCROLL DOWN to see them!!). Please click around to find others!

Tail wags,
Ginny Raymond

Doc who is now Dylan:

We are thrilled to have Dylan (used to be Doc) as part of our family and have been thoroughly enjoying him since adopting him last June 2015. He is lots of fun and continues to wag almost constantly. Sue M think's he should be called "Sir Wags a lot."

I - Sue W - am enjoying working agility with him and, after a slow start due to my knee difficulties, am looking forward to starting to run Dylan in CPE sometime soon. Will have to work out some "I Love to Spin" problems - a spin between each weave pole accomplishment is really fun to watch.

Here are a couple agility photos and one of a run with Dylan and some of the Belgian family.



Dylan A frame March 2016



Dylan broad c sm March 2016



Submitted by, Sue West and Sue Morlan, Dylan, Sasha and the rest of our Belgian family.

Toby:

Toby is an 8 year old Sheltie who came to Maine Sheltie Rescue in a very tragic way. Toby was taken to the local emergency veterinary clinic last week. His owner suffered a stroke and was hospitalized. 11 days later Toby was found, on death's doorstep. Initially, the vets did not think Toby would pull through, unable to stand or walk, or eat and with kidney function levels dangerously high.

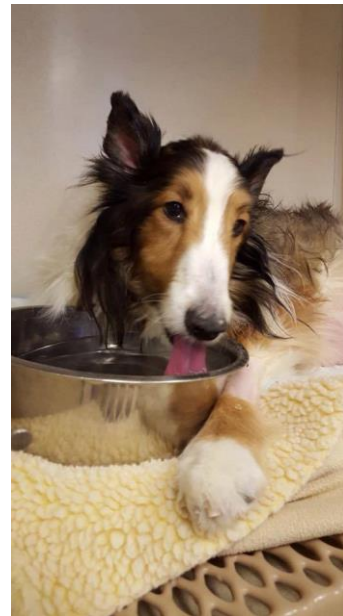
Much to the surprise of those caring for Toby, he has improved a little each day. After 5 days of around the clock care, Toby was ready to be transferred to Maine Sheltie Rescue's veterinarian.

Evidence supports that Toby had been neglected far longer than 11 days. Toby is seriously obese at 70 pounds, his coat, nails, and ears are in deplorable condition. Maine Sheltie Rescue has received good news - Toby sat up on his own and his blood levels were within normal limits. Toby has a long road ahead; he is being fed by syringe through a feeding tube that may be removed soon.

The arthritis in his legs requires he have physical therapy four (4) times a day in addition to helping him stand and walk. Toby has demonstrated a will to live, and Maine Sheltie Rescue is committed to getting Toby healthy and eventually finding him a home where he will never know neglect.

UPDATE: As of the date of this newsletter, Toby's feeding tube has been removed and he is receiving massage therapy that seems to be helping, but he still has a long road ahead of him.

Needless to say, the costs for Toby's care are already mounting. Please consider helping Toby make a full recovery by donating to help with Toby's medical care. Donations made directly to Maine Sheltie Rescue are tax deductible and donors will receive a receipt for tax purposes. Donations may also be made directly to his vet, Tender Touch Veterinary Hospital, 336 Gorham Rd, Scarborough, ME 04074, 207-839-7456. Maine Sheltie Rescue thanks you for your help in rescuing Toby. <http://www.mainesheltierescue.org/donate>



Missy & Lady:

When it rains, it POURS!-

Maine Sheltie Rescue has been busy tending to the Shelties currently in our care when we received a call from an elderly owner needing to surrender her Shelties. She shared that her two Shelties had not had veterinary care for a few years and she could no longer care for them. Maine Sheltie Rescue took both Missy 9 years, and Lady 4 years, directly to the vet. Missy, the 19 lb Sable merle had flea bites that caused hair loss and skin irritation, was found to have a hernia which will require surgical repair, and tested positive for Lyme disease. Lady, a Tri has a large mammary tumor that was seeping fluids and had a profuse odor, also had fleas, and both Shelties had nails that appeared to have never been trimmed. They were groomed very soon after they came to us, Lady's mammary tumor needs to be removed and biopsied, the surgical consult alone was \$100. Missy is receiving treatment for the Lyme disease and will be scheduled for a hernia repair. Our costs for helping these two ladies only increases our financial burden caused by Shelties not receiving adequate care. Please consider helping Maine Sheltie Rescue to provide Lady and Missy the medical care they have lacked for so long. Maine Sheltie Rescue extends to you many thanks for your support as we rise to this next challenge.

Please donate to Maine Sheltie Rescue at: <http://www.mainesheltierescue.org/aid-lady>

OR-

Tender Touch Veterinary Hospital

336 Gorham Rd

Scarborough, ME 04074

207-839-7456

Please note that they are a bonded pair, and they'll be adopted together.



Missy



Lady



Mark your calendars

Maine Sheltie Rescue's annual Bark-B-Que is
right around the corner.

When: Saturday June 4th, 2016

There will be lots of good food, a raffle table,
a microchip booth, great friends and of course lots of
SHELTIES.

We hope to see you there!!!



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