



COLLIE ADVOCATE

Tri-State Collie Rescue Newsletter

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Tea Parties, Calendars and Wreaths...oh my!!



Coming soon...watch your mail.

It is almost time for our annual Tea Party holiday fundraiser. Please take a moment to review the letter you receive and, if you are inclined, follow the instructions provided to make a donation to our wonderful cause! And enjoy a tasty cup of tea on us as we reflect on all that we have and all that we share with others.



Our third annual calendar fundraiser is underway! Featuring photos submitted by our collie families, order yours before they are sold out. The calendars are \$15 each or 2 for \$25 plus shipping of \$4. Order links are on the TSCR website and Facebook page. Thank you!

Once again, we are pleased that Lynch Creek Farms will donate 15% back to TSCR for each item sold! You can order now from the TSCR website and select the date you would like to receive your order. And the shipping is FREE! Happy shopping.



Order using the payment button on our website and Facebook pages. For calendars, you can also send a check payable to Tri-State Collie Rescue at 3009 Pebble Brook, Jeffersonville, IN 47130. Thank you!

Adoption Statistics

Monthly Adoptions Numbers

We are proud to report that Tri-State Collie Rescue found new and loving homes for over 100 Collies so far in 2019. And, we have decided to begin keeping track of how many dogs come into our care every month:

- 14 in August:** Georgia, 1; Indiana, 2; Illinois, 1; Kentucky, 1; New Jersey, 1; New York, 1; Ohio, 2; Oklahoma, 1; Pennsylvania 1; Tennessee, 1; W. Virginia, 1
- 10 in September:** Alabama, 1; Indiana, 2; Kentucky, 1; New Jersey, 1; Ohio, 2; Pennsylvania, 3
- 7 in October:** Michigan, 1; Missouri, 2; N. Carolina, 1; Ohio, 2; Tennessee, 1

* August	21
* September	14
* October	17

If you or someone you know has always wanted to own a Collie, please visit our website at tristatecollierescue.org and fill out our adoption application. It is just that simple. We will take it from there; great vet references are mandatory, of course!



The love of a senior dog

A glimpse into our upcoming Senior to Senior Program

As I type this article, he is stretched out on the couch next to me with his head on my lap. I wistfully look down at him and our eyes meet. There is no relationship that is as solid as ours and no eyes that capture my heart like his do. He is the man that every woman dreams of. He loves long walks at leisure, doesn't mind watching chick flicks and never complains about my cooking. In fact, he just about sounds too good to be true — but he's not. And the good news is that there are thousands more where he comes from. For a man this perfect, look no further than your local shelter or rescue.

You aren't going to find this guy in the puppy room, though. This is a type of love and calm devotion that only a senior dog can bring you. Sadly, many people overlook these wonderful gems, though, when searching for their perfect companion; And what a mistake that is. Senior dogs make great companions for a number of reasons.

First, senior dogs are calmer and less energetic than young dogs. They don't require the constant attention and redirection that puppies and young dogs demand. In fact, they are often quite con-

tent to just be near you...doing whatever it is that you are doing.

Second, they usually come with basic training skills, such as house training and simple obedience commands. And if they don't? Seniors are easier to train than young dogs because their attention span, focus and impulse control are much greater than that of a puppy.

Third, older dogs settle in households more quickly than puppies because they already know how to get along in a family unit. And, they relish the comfort of routine.

And last, but certainly not least, from the first minute you spend with a senior dog you will have a good idea of what kind of companion you are getting. He won't get any larger than he is at your initial meeting and his established personality gives you an immediate glimpse into how he will fit into your family.

Watch for upcoming information on our Senior to Senior program. You won't want to miss it!

HOLIDAYS

Foods your dogs should avoid

During the hectic holiday season, it is important to remember restraint when it comes to giving treats to your family pets. Be careful of alcoholic drinks that may be left unattended; they are very dangerous if ingested.

At Thanksgiving, fat trimmings and bones are dangerous for dogs since fat can cause pancreatitis and bones may splinter and cause obstructions or lacerations to a dog's digestive system. Christmas finds dogs chewing on artificial trees, small ornaments and presents. Holly berries, poinsettia flowers, pine needles and mistletoe plants are all poisonous to dogs.

How your dog can share in the holiday fun!

FOODS TO AVOID	REMEMBER:
<input type="checkbox"/> Onions and garlic <input type="checkbox"/> Fatty cuts of meat and skin <input type="checkbox"/> Bones <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy products <input type="checkbox"/> Grapes, currants, and raisins <input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate <input type="checkbox"/> Xylitol (very deadly!) <input type="checkbox"/> Walnuts and macadamias	Treats should represent no more than 25% of a pet's daily caloric intake DOG FRIENDLY FOODS <input type="checkbox"/> Green beans and carrots (raw or steamed) <input type="checkbox"/> Skinless baked poultry <input type="checkbox"/> Plain white or brown rice <input type="checkbox"/> Baked white or sweet potatoes <input type="checkbox"/> No added butter, oil, or salt!

IF YOUR DOG EATS A TOXIC FOOD PRODUCT:
 Call your veterinarian or ASPCA Poison Control at (888) 426-4435

Ask your veterinarian if you have any concerns about specific foods- even if they are "safe!"

And New Year's Eve's alcoholic drinks depress the nervous systems of dogs and can cause vomiting, diarrhea, difficulty breathing, tremors, coma and seizures.

Keep your pet safe while you celebrate!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

The unsung heroes.
Our transport volunteers.

There are many components to a successful rescue organization. Of course, it all begins with a dog in need of a home but there are things that have to be done perfectly in order to make finding that wonderful new home a reality. Along with legal compliance, fund raising & budgeting to securing great adoptive homes, there is one more crucial component — a dedicated team of people who, at a moment's notice, is able to drop everything and get that needy dog to safety. TSCR is blessed to have a committed group of volunteers who do just that.



While our list of dedicated transport volunteers is ever-changing, our Regional Transportation Coordinators hold the entire process together. Interestingly, it doesn't matter where their homes are located, they always have their fingers on the pulse of the list of moving Collies. They know exactly who needs to go where and when, especially for long distances.

For shorter travels, one of the Regional Coordinators will reach out to whomever lives closest to the dog and continue making calls until the entire journey is covered. TSCR tries to keep each leg to less than 2 hours each way. Depending on weather and traffic conditions, that can be tricky. At each journey's end, the rescued dog will be safely delivered to one of two places: Their new foster home or, if the situation warrants, directly to a TSCR approved vet.

"Wherever and whenever" is the motto for our wonderful TSCR transportation volunteers. Thank you all so very much — we couldn't do it without you!

WISH LIST

How can you really help us help them?

Foster. Foster. Foster.

We are constantly in need of loving foster homes.

Along with fosters, we need:

- * Transporters
- * Gas Cards
- * Volunteers
- * Discounted Veterinary Care
- * Grooming Services
- * Petco/PetSmart/Chewy Gift Cards and Cash Donations

**SPECIAL! SPECIAL!
READ ALL ABOUT IT!!**

We now have an **Amazon Wish List!** Visit our Facebook page for the link to see what is currently needed for the care of our foster collies. We couldn't do it without you!