



COLLIE ADVOCATE

Tri-State Collie Rescue Newsletter

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Say Yes to Flu Vaccinations

There are two types of the Canine Influenza Virus (CIV). Both are highly contagious respiratory diseases and most unvaccinated dogs are susceptible. Neither strain is infectious to humans and canine flu is not seasonal.

Since this flu is spread much like a human common cold, the more your dog socializes with other dogs, the higher their risk of infection. Common clinical signs are coughing/retching, discharge from eyes and or noses, lack of appetite and lethargy. Talk to your vet about protecting your pets. In total, two doses are given two to three weeks apart.

Snapshot:

Q: Adoptions in 2017?

A: 98!

Q: Expenses in 2017?

A: Vet bills: \$36,685 Medicine: \$6,544

Q: Adoption Fees Received in 2017?

A: \$30,338

Be good to your dogs and keep their nails trimmed. Much like women who wear high heels, long nails change the natural leg bone alignment, adding torque or twisting to the joints. See story, below.

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Summer is on its way!

NAILS

ONE OF YOUR MOST IMPORTANT GROOMING JOBS

A dog's nails are important parts of their anatomy, used to grip the ground when accelerating and turning corners. Dogs who spend a lot of time outdoors run on different surfaces and wear down their own nails. But most housedogs just don't get enough wear from tile, carpeting and hardwood floors.

Having long nails changes the way a dog carries itself, causing the bones in the foot to flatten and sit at an incorrect angle whenever running, walking or standing. This causes joint stress and can lead to pain and arthritis. Long nails change the natural alignment of leg bones, adding torque or twisting to the joints.

Just ask anyone who wears high heels and most will say that the shoes cause foot and knee pain that lasts sometimes for days. Imagine, then, the pain a dog endures from having nails that are too long!

Unfortunately, it is easy to overlook this basic grooming need. Many of the dogs we take into rescue need a nail clipping when they arrive. Remember that trimming nails is not merely a cosmetic issue — it is a health issue. And it is one of the most important and basic things you can do to take stress off your dog's joints as they age.



SISTERS...

A lifetime together, friendship forged in love, companionship, and shared memories. That's Brandy and Daisy. Our adoptable couple.

Brandy was brought home as a sweet, beautiful rough Collie puppy. Happily, she was treasured by the whole family including two teenaged boys. Within a year, everyone decided that a second puppy would be twice as much fun! This time, they chose a delightful, spunky little smooth Collie and named her Daisy.

The two girls thrived in each others' company and though only slightly older, Brandy doted on her little sister. Daisy adored her in return. If one dog was being petted, a second nose soon burrowed in. They spent their days playing and their nights snuggled close together sleeping. Everything was perfect in their little world.

Sadly, though, devastating news arrived in the spring of 2017. Their owner was terminally ill. A member of the family reached out to Tri-State Collie Rescue — they wanted to keep the dogs with their mom as long as possible since the girls were everything to her. But could TSCR take them when the time came...and find them a new home **together**?

We knew what a challenge that would be. Two SENIOR Collies, who needed to be kept together? We agreed to take them when the time came knowing that with our experience and vast network of Collie lovers, their best chance for a successful adoption was with us.

Word was sent out to our volunteers that we needed a good foster home to be on standby so Brandy and Daisy would land softly when the time came. We found the perfect foster with TSCR volunteer Marie in nearby Buffalo, New York.

On a bright October day came the dreadful news that Brandy and Daisy's mom was being admitted to Hospice. Arrangements were made for foster mom Marie to pick the girls up the following day, on a Friday. By moving quickly and thoughtfully, Marie would be around all weekend to help the girls adjust to leaving the only home they had ever known.

TSCR volunteer Jeanette, who had been the family's initial contact, accompanied Marie to help bring Brandy and Daisy to their new foster home. Upon arriving at Marie's home, a text appeared on Jeanette's phone that the girls' mother had passed away...*at the exact moment they were walking out of their home.* The girls' mom had held on until she was sure that they were in safe and caring arms.

After taking a few days to let them settle in, it was time to address a couple of health issues. Daisy was considerably overweight and Brandy was seriously underweight. She was also very weak. She would pick up a few kibbles of food then stop, lay down and not eat at all. After sizing up the situation and noting both girls' rancid breath, it became clear that they had dental issues; Brandy's were severe. Her teeth hurt too much to eat and she was slowing starving.

When their medical records arrived, it was discovered that neither dog had been to the vet in quite some time. Once again, TSCR moved quickly to meet their medical needs and to get estimates for dental care. The bills and estimates were staggering but absolutely necessary. TSCR reached out to The Collie Rescue Foundation for help. Thankfully, they generously agreed to pay for both girls' dental work!

In short order, dental day arrived and the two sweet Collie girls waited in the examining room, trembling with fright. They stood so close to each other that you could not have slipped a sheet of paper between them. When all was said and done, Brandy lost one tooth and Daisy had no extractions. Both, however, had seriously infected gums which accounted for their wicked breath. The girls recently completed three rounds of antibiotics and are on their way to a full recovery. Brandy now eats — and enjoys — her kibble and her only concern at mealtime is keeping Daisy in her own dish!

These two brave and wonderful Collies are looking for a calm and loving place to spend their remaining years. Sweet Brandy, 11, tilts her head and smiles when you talk softly to her. And beautiful Daisy, 10, has been so quietly brave. The girls are polite and gentle...it was a month before even one Arrrrrf was heard. They love to give kisses to anyone who will let them and enjoy long naps (always side by side), short frolics outside and just being in the same room as the rest of the family. They are oh so easy to care for and both stand quietly for brushing. They nudge you if they need to go out.

They ask for so little...they need only each other (and you) to be happy! Please consider adopting them and fill out an application at www.tristatecollierescue.org.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Humble and kind are words that come to mind when Jim Curtin's name is mentioned in the Tri-State Collie Rescue family. He is this issue's honoree...

Several years ago, Jim lost his second Collie to cancer and, like so many of us, was debating whether to get a new Collie or wait for the sadness to pass a bit.

While at a local farmer's market near his Ohio home, Jim saw a woman with three Collies. Of course, he had to visit with the dogs. In talking with their owner, he discovered she was a volunteer with TSCR. She asked if he would be interested in becoming a foster.

After thinking about it a bit, Jim decided he would foster a couple of dogs. Now, 20 fosters later, he still enjoys it!

His first adoption was with a couple that drove from New York City to "fetch" the newest addition to their family. These

adopters are still in touch with Jim. They send contributions to the annual Tea Party and include pictures of their Collie every year.

Jim's last adopter drove from Chicago armed with two boxes of chocolate, a Collie calendar and Collie statue for Jim.

It is meeting these wonderful dogs and their special potential parents that keeps Jim fostering with TSCR. In addition to fostering, Jim, a CPA, provides his professional services to the Rescue. He is the group's accountant and also files all the legally required paperwork.

Jim is a wonderful asset to our Rescue. Thank you from all of us!!

BE SAFE!

MDR1 — PROBLEMS WITH CERTAIN DRUGS

Information: Drs. Marshall Palmer de Lucas / Doggraming, MT AP/RC-2013



Mutation MDR1 DANGEROUS DRUGS

1	ANTIPARASITIC
2	ANTI-DIARRHEAL
3	ANTI-EMETIC
4	PRE-ANESTHETIC / ANELGESIC
5	ANTI-ULCER
6	ANTI-EPILEPTIC
7	STEROID
8	ANTI-PROTOZOAL
9	IMMUNOMODULATOR
10	IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE
11	CARDIAC
12	ANTIBACTERIAL
13	ANTIFUNGAL
14	ANTI-NEOPLASTIC

- Totally Prohibited
- Potential High Risk
- Caution and minimum doses
- Prevention for some past cases of toxicity

WISH LIST

Can you help us help them?

Foster. Foster. Foster.

We are constantly in need of loving foster homes.

Along with fosters, we also need:

Transporters

Gas Cards

Volunteers

Discounted Veterinary Care

Grooming Services

Large Crates

Petco/PetSmart/Chewy Gift Cards and Cash Donations