

The Collie Advocate



Tri-State Collie Rescue

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TSCR Collie Survives Heartworm: "Beau: their favorite patient" by Maryfrances Kirsh

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Beau was found in Florida and was moved to Alabama where he was diagnosed with heartworms. He moved to Ohio in December to be cared for by Tri State and came to live with us while TSCR found him a forever home. Beau began heartworm treatment and was doing just fine until a few days later, when he started having labored breathing. We rushed him to the local MedVet. The doctors put him in Intensive

Care in an oxygen cage and treated him for pulmonary edema and a possible clot caused by those dead worms.



The doctors and assistants were so good to him. We visited him once or twice a day and found them loving on him and talking to him.

He was their favorite patient. The oxygen cage kept him alive. He didn't like being in it, but his oxygen level would drop when they opened it up and

so he had to stay there for six days. It cost TSCR \$2565 for Beau's treatment... but it was so very worth it. We loved having Beau in our family and were pleased with the forever family who adopted him. He is doing well and shows no current symptoms from his ordeal.



Beau's ordeal could have been prevented, if only his family had given him heartworm prevention each month. How's your supply of Interceptor??

MDR1 Multidrug Sensitivity and Collies!!!

Did you know that Collies and other related breeds risk fatal reactions if they take the most popular heartworm medicine—Heartgard?

Washington State University has done a study isolating a genetic mutation that affects 75% of collies and most other related dogs originating in the British Isles. This MDR1 gene mutation results in what researchers call "multidrug sensitivity." The result:

collies, shelties and other relatives can have fatal or serious reactions to certain drugs that, fortunately, researchers have identified.

ASK YOUR VET TO TEST YOUR DOG FOR MDR1 multidrug sensitivity.

The most serious reaction is to Ivermectin—the medicine in Heartgard (and a close cousin of Semelectin, the medicine in Revolution). A dog who came to us in 2008

had tragically lost its sibling because a vet didn't know the Ivermectin story. This dog recovered and is in good hands.

Common drugs to stay away from:

- Ivermectin
- Imodium
- Acepromazine (a tranquilizer)
- Butorphanol (painkiller and anesthetic)

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2008 Statistics: Tri State Collie Rescue aids 134 collies in need!



In 2008, Tri State Collie Rescue took in a total of 134 collies.

The intakes included:

- 20 from Tennessee
- 35 from Kentucky
- 7 from Alabama
- 2 from Georgia
- 6 from Arkansas
- 34 from Indiana
- 21 from Ohio
- 3 from Michigan
- And 6 from West Virginia.

We treated 2 for Erlichlia, 4

for generalized mange, 15 for heartworm, 1 for an auto accident, 3 very serious eye conditions, 3 for kidney disease, 40 dental cases/ extractions, 1 with warts all over her body (a first for us!), 6 urinary tract infections, 1 in fatal liver failure, 2 seniors that needed emergency medical care (IVs, x-rays); both died. Several dogs had "collie nose," 1 had

dermatomyositis, and approximately 70 had kennel cough.

Our cost per dog is \$375 and our average adoption fee is \$233. "Heartworm and dental issues can be solved through education, hopefully," says TSCR President Sharon Goodburn. "The immune system is a much bigger problem for the overall health of the breed."

Skye (see below; still adoptable) was found in 2008 running in the mountains with several other dogs. She had obviously been dumped...



Wish List: Can You Help Us Help Them?

1. Volunteers for transporting and fostering—please see our website for volunteering information
2. Help with working at or planning events
3. Word of mouth publicity... Tell your hometown or neighborhood newspaper about us
4. Contact our treasurer if your school or scout troop would like to host a food or blanket drive
5. Contact our treasurer if you would like to host a fundraiser for us in your community
6. Adopt a dog!

Needed Items

- Gas cards
- Gift cards for pet store chains in OH, KY and IN: Petsmart, Petco, Complete Pet Mart, etc.
- Cash donations
- Matching gifts from your company

Spring hints for Collie care

Be sure all your family pets are on Frontline (flea and tick prevention) and Interceptor (heartworm preventative)!!!

Caution: Some vets are prescribing a new flea product called Promeris. We caution you against using this on your collie—it is not recommended at this time.

Regular grooming (see our website for hints about home grooming) will keep ticks and other pests off your pet.

As the snow melts, check your fences and gates for weak spots! Especially places where a collie could dig his way out...

Make sure your pet's shots

including rabies shots are up to date before play dates at the doggie park are in season.



Dog Owner's Guide to Saving \$\$\$

Saving money is on everyone's mind, but Beau's story shows the danger of being "penny wise and pound foolish." Here are some Do's and Don't's to prevent accidents and cut big expenses:

- DON'T cut preventative care—and think about increasing it. \$5 of dog toothpaste is much cheaper than a \$300 surgery. \$50 of heartworm meds sure beats \$1500 of medical treatment for a dog like Beau!
- KEEP your fence secure. Injuries from fights and horrible car accidents are

completely preventable.

- DON'T give your own vaccines unless you are a veterinarian and are trained in pharmacology.
- DO buy in bulk. A 30 lb. bag of dog food costs less per ounce than a 5 lb. bag. A 6 or 12 pack of Frontline often costs less than a 3 pack.
- DO ask your vet about discounts (for referrals or frequent visits) and credit or pet insurance. Do not cut vet visits because you're waiting for payday!
- GROOM at

home— see our website for grooming tips: needed brushes are inexpensive and regular home grooming cuts down on professional services needed.

- USE a QUALITY boarder or petsitter when you go away—or seek a pet-friendly hotel. Don't leave your collie with the 10 year old next door to save \$20. A gate or door left ajar can be tragic.



Grooming at home keeps coats looking nice and saves money. ...

Our Senior Dogs... meet Andrew!

Every year, Tri-State Collie Rescue takes in senior dogs, who usually have spent many years with a loving family that for some reason cannot keep them anymore.

Seniors are housebroken and socialized, and are past the puppy stage with the chewing, training and escaping behavior that can be so tempting for a young dog.

They seek a happy home and a cozy bed—a loving owner to return the love they have by nature and that they need so much now that they miss

their old families.

It takes only a little love to give one of these dogs a forever home.

Tri-State offers a deeply discounted adoption fee for those who would like to rehome a senior!

To the right is a photo of Andrew, a "fun dog," and a 9 year old senior, sunning himself by the family pool. Andrew is smart, cat-friendly, and loving. He makes a game out of everything. He is described as a "well adjusted big boy"



and a real "man's best friend." He is, of course, housebroken, and is in good health except for a little stiffness.

Andrew Hanging Out at the Pool

(below):



"Seniors are housebroken and socialized... Tri State Collie Rescue offers a discounted adoption fee for rehoming a senior!"

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Maybe your home is his forever home?





Beautiful Brandi awaits a forever home.

Kentucky Pups Adopted, Adult Dogs Make Progress!

Working with a small Kentucky rescue, Tri-State Collie Rescue participated in saving a large number of pups and beautiful adults from cold, mud, isolation and starvation in December. Another KY puppy mill rescue took place earlier this year.

Some dogs have required a much longer then normal rehabilitation, such as

Daniel and Tyler. Both of these boys are in wonderful foster homes with patient volunteers. We are hoping both of these boys will be in their forever homes shortly. If you are interested in possibly adopting either one of these loving and kind souls, that come with some issues, contact TSCR. Tri State Collie Rescue also had to capture five beautiful

collies which had been dumped in the Delaware, Ohio area. There was a mom and her four young boys. We found great homes for all of them except Mom, she unfortunately didn't live long enough to find that love and comfort she so desired. It appears these were probably dumped by a breeder.

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Canine Health Seminar in Columbus, July 25th!

Please mark your calendar for July 25th! We are holding our very first seminar, silent auction and raffle. We are counting on all our supporters to attend.

50/25/25. (50% of raffle proceeds help Tri-State, and two winners each take home 25%.)

on the specific needs of rescue animals in order to promote long term wellness, to help prevent the recycling of dogs through rescues.



Tri-State will be hosting an all day health seminar at the DoubleTree Hotel in Columbus Ohio. Our keynote speaker will be Linda Arndt, a Canine Nutrition Consultant.

Morning events:
You will hear a veterinarian speak on general health issues including heartworm, and hear a behaviorist discuss keeping your pet (and your family!) happy. Stay tuned for more details!

About our keynote speaker:

Known affectionately by her clients as the Great Dane Lady or "Lady of Last Resort," Linda Arndt has spent 35 years as a professional breeder and university professor at Ball State University in Indiana, who has studied, written and lectured on nutritionally caused diseases in dogs. She owns many breeds, including collies!

You'll leave our very first seminar with the best feeding options for your collie.

The event will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel Columbus/Worthington: 175 Hutchinson Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43235. The seminar will be held from 9 – 5. Pre-paid admission is \$38 per person; and \$48 at the door. The cost of one meal is included in admission.

Keynote event:
In a world of too many feeding options for pet owners to decipher, this seminar will help to demystify the whole topic of "how and what to feed your dog".

We will discuss what's missing in all feeding methods - regardless of the 100% complete labels, and focus on common sense feeding options for all breeds, ages and sizes.

She has published in numerous pure breed journals and holistic health journals, as is an accomplished artist as well. She is listed in Who's Who of American Women and Who's Who of American artists.

And bring home items from our silent auction... and perhaps win a raffle!

We have reserved a block of rooms at the DoubleTree, and they are \$89 a night. The hotel allows pets with a \$50 non-refundable pet fee.

You will leave with "feeding options" that best suit your personal situation. A special emphasis will be

We will be having a silent auction along with a raffle -

Interested? Please email Lassie5900@aol.com!

Jordan's Journey by Linda Vaughan

I walked into Keystone Veterinary Clinic to pick up my first foster Jordan, a year old smooth sable white boy. After being boarded there for two weeks, he stood in the waiting room and looked up at me, scared and uncertain of what might befall him.

I loaded him into my Explorer in the pouring rain with the seats down and full room for him to stretch out and sleep on the three hour trip back home. Instead he paced all around, watching the cars zoom by and shivering, either from being wet or being scared, before he finally settled down and huddled in the back corner of the Explorer farthest from me.

Once home I let him loose in the big back yard that I had fenced in earlier that spring just for this purpose. He ran nervously around the perimeter of the yard as I stood there and watched him.

He was so thin and helpless. His previous owner had brought him and his brother into the vet's to be put down because they happened to be sick.

Here he was now in my care and dependent upon me to feed and water him, give him a warm and safe place to sleep, and show him the world is a happy place to live in and there are those special

people out there that are willing to give him a forever home.

I only had Louie, my standard poodle, at that time; they quickly became the best of friends. In fact, I believe Louie loved Jordan more than he loved me... but Jordan loved me most of all. He quickly learned we were his friends.

Whenever I was outside he'd run to me. If I were sitting he'd try to climb into my lap. I let him; I loved him too and the unconditional love he showered on me.

Daily he grew more confident and outgoing. He greeted everyone that came to visit with wagging tail and friendliness. He had learned that the world was a nice place to live and there are nice people out there.

The day came when my phone rang and a lady from New Jersey, who has become my dear friend, adopted him and he went to live on the east coast with two other collie brothers.

It was with many tears and heartache that I let him go, knowing there are many more Jordan's out there that need my help.

I get pictures of him and emails regularly telling me about his antics.

He's a happy boy and is loved very much by his new mom and that's what makes fostering all worth- while.

About the author:

Linda Vaughan is a dedicated Tri-State Collie Rescue foster volunteer who has rehabilitated many dogs since meeting Jordan.

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, please contact us at the phone number or email listed on the back cover of this newsletter.



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Search and Shop the Web and Earn Cash for TSCR

Tri-State Collie Rescue is now on Goodsearch!

Goodsearch (www.goodsearch.com) is a search engine and shopping service provided by yahoo.com. As the name suggests, by searching the web you are serving a good cause, as \$0.01 is donated to your

organization with every websearch

Go to "Who do you Goodsearch for?" and type in "Tri-State Collie Rescue, Brownsburg, IN." Goodsearch will remember this choice and every time you use it, they will donate a penny to TSCR. Users report that

Goodsearch's results are about the same as Google's.

Be sure to visit "GoodShop" located on the goodsearch website; leading companies will donate a portion of your purchase to TSCR if you buy products through Goodshop.

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- Common chemotherapy drugs

Please visit <http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu/depts-VCPL/VCPL-Brochure.pdf> and download this printable brochure with

information on MDR1. Place it on your fridge or medicine cabinet for quick reference. And ask your animal hospital if they need a copy, as the body of research on MDR1 continues to grow every year!



About us...

Tri-State Collie Rescue was founded by our current President Sharon Goodburn in 1984 to save collies whose lives were in

danger because of abandonment. In 2008, we saved over 130 collies! We are active in OH, IN, KY, as well as WV.

Please pass along the word about our work! The collies will really appreciate it.

