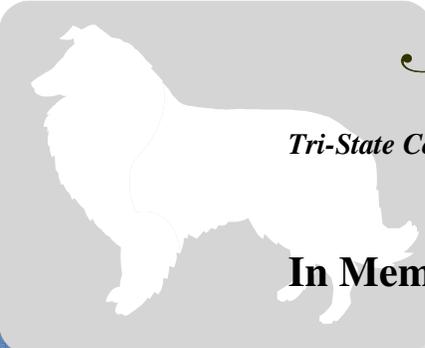


The Collie Advocate



Tri-State Collie Rescue

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Rescue- Restore- Rehome: The Ultimate Recycling

In Memory of Jerry Burgderfer

Tri-State Collie Rescue mourns the loss of our devoted, longtime volunteer Jerry Burgderfer, a pilot killed in a tragic accident on Dec. 4, 2009. Please see page six for our tribute to Jerry, his devotion to the dogs, and his flying hours for our charity.

Sharon Goodburn, Director Emeritus, Appoints New Directors for Tri-State Collie Rescue

Tri-State founder Sharon Goodburn formally announced her retirement as active Director on January 31, 2010. Sharon will continue to serve Tri-State actively as Director Emeritus, and will remain involved in most functions of the rescue.

Welcome our new directors: Martha Raymer and Charlene (Charli) Schauffler! Martha and Charli became active in Tri-State after adopting from our rescue. Martha has been serving as the Kentucky Chapter Coordinator and one of our Adoption Coordinators, and Charli has been our Foster Coordinator. Please welcome our new leadership and keep their success in your thoughts! Sharon is still with us and still active in the group.

Blastomycosis Alert

Last summer, TriState rescued a dog, Harper, from the Ohio Valley area. When he entered rescue, all was well, but within a few days, the Blastomycosis fungus flared up, costing him his eye and almost his life.

Blasto is present in organic soils, along streams, lakes and ponds. Landscaping soil

and even potting soil can harbor Blastomycosis. In the environment Blasto is present mostly in Mississippi, Wisconsin and the Ohio River area. For more information about Blasto, visit:

<http://www.canineblastomycosis.com/>

If your dog presents with a sudden illness be sure to ask about Blasto, just in case!



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Tri State Collie Rescue has rescued, restored and rehomed 136 collies.

Our cost per dog is \$375 and our average adoption fee is \$233.



Wish List: Can You Help Us Help Them?

1. FOSTERS, Fosters, Fosters!!!
2. Volunteers for transporting— please see our website for volunteering information
3. Discounted vet services
4. Discounted grooming services
5. Help with working at or planning events (especially IN and KY)
6. Word of mouth publicity (Idea: buy a Tri-State bumper sticker for your car!).
7. Adopters
8. More volunteers for WV chapter
9. Teachers to help us bring Tri-State to your school for educational visits

Needed Items

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

Arf! Goodsearch for Tri-State!

Have you tried to earn money for Tri-State by using Goodsearch? Do you know what Goodsearch is?

Goodsearch (www.goodsearch.com) is a search engine and shopping service provided by Yahoo. \$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 store this information. Goodsearch’s results are about the same as Google’s.

“GoodShop,” located on the goodsearch website, also benefits TSCR. Companies

will donate a portion of your purchase to TSCR if you buy products through Goodshop. Remember to GoodShop this Holiday season!



Behind the Scenes of Rescue: Sponsor our Collies!

By Charli Schaffler

Rescue is ever-changing, unpredictable, rewarding work, but most people only see the end result on our website: pictures of rescued Collies that have been brushed and fed and loved. Behind the scenes, however, not all of them start out as the healthy, happy dogs we see on our Collies for Adoption page. Some rescues do come to us in good condition, but some of our rescues need a lot of extra help and much expensive medical care.

This article is dedicated to those rescues that need more help, the very special ones who have problems that love and food and a warm home cannot always solve. Please consider sponsoring one of these rescues as they usually need long-term, often expensive, medical care before they can join the beautiful, happy Collies ready to be adopted by a Forever Family that appear on our Adoption page.

Lucy came to us when she was only 4 months old and was adopted by a loving family last year. Unfortunately, when she reached “adolescence,” she developed a bad skin condition, and in spite of the family’s valiant effort to help her, she had to be returned to TSCR for treatment. She had been misdiagnosed with allergies by her adoptive family’s veterinarian and, in fact, had [Demodectic Mange](#) (a non-contagious, difficult-to-treat condition) and a recurrent staph infection from the mites that overrun an immunocompromised dog to cause this type of mange. After many vet visits, along with seeing a dermatologist, we now need to try a different treatment which will cost us approximately \$300.00 per month for her care and must be continued until all the mites that cause Demodectic mange are killed, and there is no more chance of the staph infection growing on her skin because of them. When Lucy is finally healthy enough, she will be spayed, and ultimately returned to good health. Lucy is a very young, happy, sweet girl in spite of all that she has gone through and is going through, but she needs Sponsors to help with her treatment so that she can someday appear in pictures on our Collies for Adoption page looking like the beautiful girl that she could be. Please help us treat and cure Lucy by becoming her Sponsor!

Some of our visitors may remember that **Harper** diagnosed with [Blastomycosis](#), a fungus that lives in soil and can be deadly to dogs that are infected. In Harper's case the first sign was an eye infection accompanied by high fever. Treated as a virus, Harper's condition continued to worsen, and over the course of 5 days, the infected left eye swelled and eventually ruptured. Harper's Canine Ophthalmologist diagnosed Blastomycosis. Harper is still being treated with a very expensive antifungal medication, Itraconazole, and is going to be fine, but at \$7.50 a pill, curing

Harper has been and continues to be costly. He required surgery recently to remove his ruptured eye.

Thanks to the kind generosity of so many Collie lovers out there, Harper seems to be on the road to recovery. Harper is doing better, and all signs point to continued improvement. Although he has been undergoing treatment for some time now, even now, he still has a way to go. Please know that the donations we have received and hope to still receive have made all the difference in keeping Harper alive and getting him on the road to a full and happy life for years and years to come. We would welcome new Sponsors to help keep Harper on the road to recovery as his treatment is still ongoing.

Rex is a sweet 4 year old boy who came into rescue in August of 2009. Unfortunately, Rex has difficult-to-control seizures, and while he was adopted by a wonderful family who spent a great deal of money to try to find a medication to control the seizures, they had to return him to TSCR because they could no longer afford his treatment. He requires \$103.00 worth of Phenobarbitol every ***, but his illness is still not entirely under control. Please consider Sponsoring this wonderful boy so that we can continue to try to find a way to control his seizures and get him back on the Adoption page!

Heather and Shane are a beautiful sister and brother pair who came into rescue with Demodex mange in October 2009 and were successfully treated and adopted, but their mange returned, and so did they! They are only 10 months old and are just as sweet as can be. They love to play and cuddle! Unfortunately, their Demodex has proven difficult to eradicate in spite of the fact that they have been in treatment for over a month and a half now. Both Heather and Shane have had to have their beautiful coats shaved to help the treatments more effectively clear the mites that cause Demodex, and they have to wear sweaters in this cold weather! It seems that their treatment will take even more time, and as it is costly and time consuming, we could use a bit of help from loving Sponsors to help us get them ready to go to a Forever Home! Please consider becoming a Sponsor for this beautiful sister and brother!

Please help us to save these beautiful Collies by becoming a Sponsor. If you would like to make a donation for Lucy, Rex, Heather and Shane, or Harper's medical expenses, you can do so through the PayPal link on our website www.tristatecollierescue.net or by mail to TSCR, 626 Sable Chase, Brownsburg, IN, 46112.

A Letter from our Founder and Director Emeritus, Sharon Goodburn

I began saving collies at the tender age of 17 after I had obtained by very first purebred collie. Princess. She was with me everywhere I went, and was my companion for 14 yrs. I loved the breed so much and wanted to be around them as much as I could so I would visit the kennel that my precious Princess came from, I would brush and feed the collies whenever I had the opportunity. I was told by the breeder of Princess to never allow a collie to stay in a shelter or humane society because they would surely die there. I would go to the local shelters and walk around to see if any where there and if so, would do my best to save them from certain death. This was back in 1959.

I worked at Kingswood Collie Kennels off and on from 1959 until 1983, when I opened up my own boarding facility. I also showed and bred collies from 1983 until 1996. I only bred a couple of litters a year and kept half of the puppies whenever I had a litter. I only sold puppies on spay/neuter contracts and would always take my collies back if someone needed to find a new home.

In 1984 I, along with a couple of other breeders, decided to expand our "rescue" to a couple of counties in Ohio other than Franklin. Those counties would include all of the counties surrounding Franklin Co. The first year we were able to save 17 collies and thought we had done a terrific job!

Now, we are in Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, and will help other collies in far off states if we can arrange the transportation. We now save anywhere from 135- 200 collies in a given year.

Since I have been doing rescue for over 50 years it's time to pass the torch so to speak. I have found two great ladies to take over at the helm, they complement one another in their abilities.

I will certainly be here to help and advise whenever possible.

Sharon Goodburn
Founder, Tri-State Collie Rescue
Saving Collies since 1984

Rest in Peace, Jerry Burgderfer

Our beloved longtime Tri-State volunteer, Jerry L. Burgderfer, 58, passed away suddenly in a plane crash on the evening of Friday, December 4, 2009. Burgderfer, an experienced commercial pilot, was returning home from dropping off a passenger in Michigan when the accident occurred.

Jerry's family, friends, grandchildren and thousands of voiceless creatures remember his love and concern. Everyone who met him remembers him as the kind of person who would do anything for you.

For over fifteen years, Jerry was a wonderful and caring volunteer for Tri-State Collie Rescue. Tri-State president Sharon Goodburn recounts that she could always count on him, and his devotion to the collies was only surpassed by the love of his family. Other volunteers recall his reputation for assisting when no one else could.

Marilyn Baumgardt, a Tri-State volunteer in Indianapolis, Indiana, remembers meeting Jerry at the tarmac of the Indianapolis airport. "When he landed he taxied right toward me, having obviously seen Spencer and I waiting for him. It was a beautiful afternoon and a beautiful project to be involved in. Spencer was an old guy so Jerry tenderly carried him to his plane and up the steps," she says. "It brought a tear to my eye to see Spencer leave, but also because it touched my heart to see someone willing to go to such lengths for collie rescue. It was an experience I will always remember. Spencer has since passed as well and I know he is there in heaven greeting Jerry, and giving him slurps of thanks for all his work with collie rescue."

Tri-State volunteer Linda Vaughan recalls the photos Jerry sent to her when he flew two collies she had fostered in Indiana all the way to their new home in North Carolina. She did not ask him to send the photos, but knows he did, just to reassure her that the dogs were fine. Sure enough, they were relaxed, and even looked like royalty, as they flew in a first-class canine cabin.

"I only had the honor of meeting him once," says Vaughan, "but I could tell he was a kind hearted man. When no one else could help with the transport he was there. He took the pictures just to reassure me. He was a man of rare character and he will be missed!"

On his last day on earth, Jerry picked up a one-year-old collie, Joshua, from fellow volunteer Dave Magers in Tiffin, Ohio, and brought him to Columbus so the dog could take part in Tri-State's prison program, where correctional inmates and collies both learn life skills that will help to restore them. His final rescue will doubtless be remembered at the correctional facility for bringing them a soft and gentle friend, and offering the example of a selfless last act in a life lived for others.

Sharon Goodburn recalls Jerry's amazing work in restoring a dog named Daniel, who lived for years in inhumane conditions at a breeding farm, stuffed into a horse stall with his four brothers. Daniel was very fearful of humans and even tried to run away because he was so frightened. Jerry worked very hard to make Daniel a good companion. He spent his own money and his time on Daniel, he never gave up on him, and after a year and a half, Daniel was ready to go into a loving home.

"Jerry was always there for our collies," says Goodburn. "This is a terrible loss to the world."

(Update: Jerry's last Tri-State passenger, Joshua, was a favorite at the correctional facility. The inmates are looking forward to assisting another dog as sweet as Joshua. Joshua has now gone to live with his forever family in Virginia.)



Purebred puppy mill survivor Patches, aboard Jerry's plane, as he flew to his new home in the South. This is a rare view of the amazing charity work that Jerry and his company provided to Tri-State Collie Rescue through the use of air transport. (Photo courtesy of Linda Vaughan).

First Canine Health Seminar held in Columbus, July 2009!

*Interested in
Volunteering
for TriState?*

*Please go
to our website,
and fill out the
Volunteer
Application.*

On July 25th we held our very first seminar, silent auction and raffle at the DoubleTree Hotel in Columbus Ohio. We are proud of this event and consider it a success!

Our keynote speaker was Linda Arndt, a Canine Nutrition Consultant, who spoke about the whole topic of "how and what to feed your dog".

A special emphasis was on the specific needs of rescue animals in order to promote long term wellness, to help prevent the recycling of dogs

through rescues.

Arndt is 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 has published in numerous pure breed journals and holistic health journals. Her study on bone diseases in large dogs led to the development of Eagle Natural Pack dog

food.

Look forward to attending our next seminar next summer.

Watch for announcements and invitations on our website and through mail.

Please consider getting involved as a sponsor and/or attendee!

From Start to Finish: How We Rescue, Restore and Rehome

Tri-State Collie Rescue, spread out across Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and Indiana, has rescued, restored and rehomed about 150 collies in 2009. Many past adopters and friends of our rescue may wonder, "How do we do it?" Here is a summary of the three steps: rescuing, restoring, and rehoming. Of these, the restoration at our foster homes is the most critical part of the process.

But first, how do rescues enter Tri-State? Some are owner-surrendered. This means that, if an owner becomes disabled, needs to move, or is otherwise unable to care for the dog, they turn them over to Tri-State to find their beloved pets a good home. Among these dogs are collies with immune system or other health problems, whose owners cannot afford their care.

Other rescue dogs are strays, dumped in the country. Tri-State volunteers are known to locate stray collies and go out in the fields and try for days, sometimes even weeks, to bring the fearful dogs into our custody.

Some are from puppy mills, where animal welfare and local law enforcement officers step in to save dogs from horrible conditions.

Finally, the rescues come to us from shelters or sister rescues. Tri-State volunteers keep an eye out for dogs in need at local shelters. And since Tri-State has been saving collies since 1984, we

have established good working relationships with many municipal shelters, other collie rescues and all-breed rescues in the Tri-State area and actually across the USA.

Once rescued, dogs are seen by a veterinarian and sent to a loving foster home. The restoration process is different for each dog, but this critical step of our work depends on a reliable network of readily available, loving, foster homes.

Tri-State is not a shelter, and has no shelter. We insist that someone must live with and get to know a collie to successfully restore and rehome the pet.

Whether a collie is young or old, fearful or playful, sick or well, the time spent in foster care and evaluation helps Tri-State to learn about the dog. Knowing whether a collie is good with cats, children, and other dogs is essential for successful placement.

Other important information surfaces during the evaluation period. Is the collie housebroken? Is she a chewer? How strong are their herding instincts? Is he or she an "escape artist" ready to sail over the fence twelve times a day?

Not only is the evaluation critical, but the love and restorative care given to the collies in foster homes are very important.

Since collies are sensitive dogs, if they have been in a shelter or a dangerous situation, they are likely to bolt or at least be avoidant. It's really important for the dog to recover from the trauma of being caged, abandoned or abused and to learn to trust humans again.

Some of our strays or shelter dogs need to put on weight. (An occasional owner-surrendered dog needs to lose weight!) We do our best to stabilize the dogs' health before rehoming them.

And since Tri-State is a rescue, we take in dogs with all kinds of health problems! One collie, Beauty, came to us with warts all over her body. Her foster dad gave Beauty a lot of attention and a very special diet, and we were able to cure her within a year! We routinely restore dogs with heartworm, who will then be healthy for the rest of their lives.

Rescue, restore, rehome. After collies are acclimated to their foster homes, they are placed for adoption.

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If we could add 50 people to our foster network, perhaps we could save 200 or 300 collies next year—and increase the number of mixed-breed collies we are able to save! Please contact [Charli Schlauffer at colliecoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:colliecoordinator@gmail.com) if you want to restore a dog's life by becoming a foster Mom or Dad.

Tri-State Collie Rescue

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.tristatecollierescue.net

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Rescue, Restore, Rehome [continued]

Foster moms and dads take photos and write biographies of the puppies or dogs, and these are placed on our website

(www.tristatecollierescue.net).

Potential adopters find us online or at events, and fill out an application. Adoption coordinators and their team conduct interviews and vet checks. Fosters are matched with suitable homes, and adopters meet the dogs while Tri-State requires photos of the home and yard, and conducts home visits whenever possible, to assure that the premises are appropriate for the pet.

Adopters pay a fee which is actually less than the actual

average cost incurred in restoring the dog. The adoption fee is actually tax-deductible if you file using the 1040 long form. We look for good homes first and foremost and rely on donations for our support.

After the collie goes to his or her forever home, Tri-State is still part of their lives. Adopters promise that, if any problems arise, the collie will be returned to Tri-State. Because of our evaluation and adoption processes, these cases are only a small percentage of our adoptions. Another way we stay involved is to hold reunions for past adopters. We are here as a resource, and send this newsletter to our adopters, and now hold annual seminars to educate

About Us...

Tri-State Collie Rescue was founded by Sharon Goodburn in 1984 to save collies whose lives were in danger because of abandonment. We

are active in OH, IN, KY, as well as WV. Stay tuned as TriState expands!

our adopters and the public on canine care.

We are proud of what we accomplish, and are proud of our volunteers. But the need is so great, especially in hard times! If we could add 50 people to our foster network, perhaps we could save 200 or 300 collies next year—and increase the number of mixed-breed collies we are able to save! Would you or someone you know like to try fostering?

While we need all kinds of volunteers, and financial support too, fostering is the lifeblood of our rescue. It is also a lifeline for our precious collies!

