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## 2010: A Busy Year



### President's Message

by Karen Boselly

This has been the busiest year that I have known in rescue. As of November 2010, I rescued and placed 19 collies and helped with four shelties for my friends at NorCal Sheltie Rescue. Along with the many dogs I handled this year, it was also my first year as President, learning those ropes.

As we all know, the amount of homeless animals has increased greatly due to the many people who have lost their jobs and homes in this recession. Out of the 19 collies that I personally rescued, five of them were turned over to NCR because of loss of home and would have gone to an animal shelter if we were not there to receive them. Five were pulled from shelters and may have been there for those same reasons.

The times I walked through the shelters to receive a collie, I witnessed the hundreds and thousands of dogs in them. It has never been easy for me to walk past all of those dogs, many of whom will die there, and emerge with only one purebred Collie. I have never once done it and not come out torn up inside. I tell myself that we are at least helping a handful of dogs to go on to live a full and better life. Some would probably have died in those shelters, right along with the masses, especially our old and sick collies.

We have received several dogs this year who are nine years or older. Two were extremely elderly and in great pain from a lifetime of poor care. Frisco and Duke would have died in a shelter alone and with no love if we had not stepped in. They are both now living in foster homes and are enjoying their lives. It takes a special person to take in these deserving oldsters and love them, knowing they don't have years and there will be heartbreak. Thank you to Sherry Luttrell, Charlene Logan Burnett, and Karen Bell for their dedication and warm hearts for those two antique collies.

We also have Rex who is 11 years old. Since he came to us in April, he's had two surgeries for the worst bilateral anal hernia that his surgeon has ever seen. These dogs are not yet ready to go over the bridge. They deserve love and care until the end. It is costly for us, not to mention difficult to find folks who are willing to love and care for them. Rex is doing very well now and loving life at my house.

We also took in five dogs this year with sarcoptic mange. It is a horrible mite, also called scabies, which burrows into a dogs skin, causing severe itching and skin infection. It makes me wonder if the mite is on the rise. But again, I have to thank a loving person, George Machun, for stepping up and taking in two dogs with sarcoptic mange into his home to protect the rest of my foster dogs from contracting the mite.

So today I am grateful to the small handful of people who open their hearts and homes to help foster our collies and to the people who generously donate money so we are able to continue our work to save the collies. I also want to thank our many adopters, some of whom have adopted older collies, who are true angels.

We at NCR continue to take in any collie, no matter their age or health or behavior. We continue to give them the best care and love we can provide. We continue to screen our adopters to ensure the safety and well being of our rescued collies. All of our rescued collies have a story...all are sad. We are very thankful for the happy homes our great adopters have provided for the dogs.

I am very proud of the work we do and proud to have been President this past year of our caring organization. With your help, I hope we can continue to grow and thrive and continue to save the collies in 2011!



## Treasurer's Tips

by Cathy Toft, NCR Treasurer

THANK YOU donors! Because of your generosity, we can continue our work. Stay posted in our future newsletters for how your donations are put to work.

January is the month I send out IRS tax receipts for donors who have contributed a total of \$75 or more in donations during the last fiscal year. Mary Callahan also sends a Thank You note during the year as your donations come in. These notecards are also suitable for IRS purposes. I am still sending receipts and expect to get all 2010 receipts out by the end of the month. Please email me at [cathy@calcollierescue.org](mailto:cathy@calcollierescue.org) if you have any questions.