


The

Sheltie Gazette

SOUTHLAND SHELTYE RESCUE, INC.

A Spook-tacular Time Will Be Had By All!!

 Join us for our Fall Picnic on **Saturday, October 27th**. Start time is 10 a.m. and the picnic will be at Memorial Park in Sierra Madre (driving directions are on the back of this newsletter).

We will have a **raffle** headed up by Barbara Bushka and we certainly welcome any raffle prizes you can donate. Contact Barbara for more information or to deliver raffle items in advance at 661-296-2879 or email at sheltielvr2@yahoo.com. If you prefer to bring your donation(s), please plan to have it there by 9:15 a.m. If you aren't able to be to the park that early, please bring it anyway and we'll use it at our next picnic. Your donations are precious to us and they're tax deductible! Every ticket sold means more money to help the Shelties in need.

We also plan to have our **doggie play area** which has been very popular and we look forward to watching our Shelties play together.

This year, in addition to our annual **Halloween Dog Costume contest**, we are also having a **Dog Owner Look Alike contest** AND (in the spirit of the season) a **Best Dog Trick contest!**

We will also have a **potluck**. Please bring a main dish if your last name begins with A-L, and a side dish or salad if your name begins with M-Z. Desserts, soft drinks, and paper goods will be provided by SSRI.



Did You Know?

In addition to donating on our website (we take *PayPal!*), you can help the Shelties out when shopping for groceries or online at Amazon! If you are a *Ralphs club card* member, you can choose SSRI to receive a portion of your purchases in the Ralphs Community Contribution Program (registration is annually on September 1st; our number is GC948). Shop *AmazonSmile* and you can select SSRI to receive .5% of all eligible purchases you make online.

~ Thank you from the Shelties



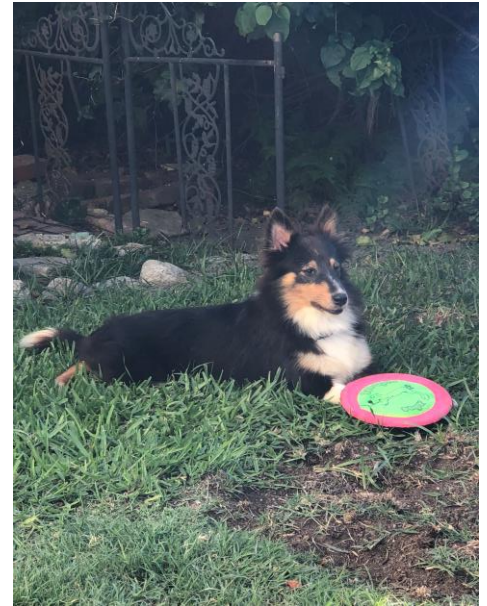
Adoption Happiness

Gia

Gia (Italian for God's precious gift) is a rescue from South Korea that Charlie and I met at her foster Mom's home for a playdate. Charlie and I fell in love with her...we have so missed our Molly who crossed the rainbow bridge in April...and decided to adopt her (she liked us, too!). Gia is settling well into her new home; she hangs out with her Sheltie brother and gets to go to Grandma's for day care (and hanging out time with Grandma's two fur-kids, Jaden James and Bella Rose).

Gia is so smart! Besides learning English, Gia is learning to walk on a leash and has started obedience training. While she sits for treats and being fed, sitting at a curb is still a work in progress but Charlie and I know she will get the hang of it!

She LOVES her toys, especially her frisbee – it's so entertaining to watch her chase a second frisbee with the first one still in her mouth. Gia is a real love-bug and so much fun to be around!



Pepper

This very handsome Sheltie was brought to a shelter in March to be euthanized. We will never know why, but thankfully the shelter felt Pepper had more purpose in life and posted his picture on their website. SSRI rescued him and placed him in foster care. His foster home helped him lose weight and learned all about Pepper and his happy disposition – he loves dogs, cats, children, and adults.

After successful surgery to remove a spindle cell neoplasm, Pepper started his recovery at his second foster home where his foster family fell in love with him and decided to give him a forever home. Pepper now lives with his sister (Lady), loves his neighbors' children, and has started obedience training. Pepper (aka Dr. Pepper) will be taking his therapy dog evaluation with the BARK organization by the end of this year. His next chapter will be working with children in building their reading self-confidence and sharing his joy about life. The doctor is in!

(More) Adoption Happiness

Lady Bug

Lady Bug (at 3 ½) was turned into rescue because of issues regarding potty training and barking. Sheltie lovers immediately giggle about the barking “issue” - we all say, "they are Shelties!"

After some needed medical attention, Lady Bug was fostered in a home with two other Shelties. In less than a week, Lady Bug figured out the potty training and had stopped barking while on her walks. Isn't it amazing what a little Sheltie peer pressure and some consistent, lovingly given training can accomplish!

A volunteer with a therapy dog organization contacted the foster home about Lady Bug for a friend. After a few visits, a strong bond – and partnership – was well on the way to being forged. Lady Bug was adopted, headed off to her new, forever home and has been enjoying lots of tummy rubs since.



Leo

Leo, Leo, Leo...what a story our Leo is...bounced around to 3 different homes in 18 months, nearly out of control, in need of a very firm, consistent – but loving – hand to help him socialize and understand he was part of a pack.

His potential family – mom, dad, kids and Gracie the Sheltie – came out to meet him and, although Gracie was ambivalent, the human folk fell in love and decided to adopt him.

Less than a week after taking him home, the family was questioning their decision for although they still loved our Leo, he was proving to be a huge challenge and had started behaving very aggressively to the men-folk and to Gracie.

Arrangements were made to pick Leo up and take him back to the kennel. Things looked gloomy for him until this wonderful family decided to try a different approach, saw some positive steps forward and made the decision to keep working with him.

Fast forward and we have a completely different story! Multiple texts have been received from the family about Leo's progress – walking on leash with Gracie without barking, interacting – calmly – with other people and generally learning his place in his new pack. The family said they can't imagine their life without Leo in it! Fairy-tale, happy ending for all!



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Rescue's Wish List

Foster homes are always needed! As are volunteers to scout shelters, transport Shelties and do home visits. Donations of the following are also needed:

- ☞ Certificates for gas, food, grooming, training, carpet cleaning
- ☞ Frontline Plus or Advantage
- ☞ Washable beds, blankets, towels
- ☞ Training treats and toys
- ☞ Postage stamps

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We Our Foster Families!

In this season of thanks, SSRI extends a HUGE shout-out and HUGS of gratitude to our fosters!

Special thanks to Terry Albert, Christy Conn, Sarah Moreno and June Zoppa! You all stepped in/up with little to no notice and we couldn't be more grateful to you for your support and love for the Shelties!

~ Thank you from the SSRI Team

Fall Picnic: Saturday, October 27th, 2018 at 10 a.m.

Sierra Madre Memorial Park, 222 West Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre CA 91024

Directions to Memorial Park, Sierra Madre, CA.

From the West:

- 210 fwy. East and exit Baldwin Avenue
- Go north to Sierra Madre Blvd., turn left
- Memorial Park is on the left side of the street at the corner of Sierra Madre Blvd. and Hermosa

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