




The

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Sheltie Gazette

SOUTHLAND SHELTYE RESCUE, INC.

Come Play with Us!

 Please join us for our Spring Picnic on **Saturday, May 30th**. 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 also 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. Your donations are precious to us and they're tax deductible! Every ticket sold means more money to help the Shelties in need.

You can make arrangements to drop off your donation(s) ahead of time (contact Barbara Bushka) or you can bring it to the picnic. If you plan to bring your donation(s) to the picnic, 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.

Please bring your own lunch and snacks. Rescue will provide the paper plates, napkins, silverware and drinks.

Special Guest! Reverend Susan Scranton, Rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Glendora, and longtime Sheltie owner will attend our picnic and offer blessings of the animals. Susan conducts a service yearly at her church celebrating St. Francis of Assisi, who is considered Patron Saint of Animals and the Environment. Her service reminds us of our call by God to care for our animals, and we remember that we do not bless animals to make them holy we bless them because they are holy and worthy of blessing. We welcome all who wish to participate.



Did You Know?



In addition to donating on our website (we take PayPal!), you can help the Shelties out when shopping for groceries! 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). Donations can also be sent directly to Secretary/ Treasurer Bonnie Diener at: 524 E. Sierra Madre Bl., Sierra Madre, CA 91024 ~ Thank you from the Shelties





Furever Homes Found!

The story of Blu!

Blu's owner gave him to up to rescue for (her) medical reasons. He was a big boy and, supposedly, shy. She warned me that he would only get in her car. An open door and an offered treat later, proved her wrong and we were on our way. Before driving off, I offered Blu some water...he refused, just looked at me with eyes that said, "please take me home". I was certain my David would say "no" to keeping him.



Blu had to spend some time at the vet before he could be fostered. A week or so passed and we went over to help a fellow rescue volunteer. Kathy came over with the foster paperwork for us to sign and - oh joy! - David said, "why don't we just adopt him?".

A few weeks later we headed out - with FOUR dogs in tow - on a planned road trip. Blue did great! He hung out in the back seat with the two bigger dogs while our smaller pup hung out in the front seat with us. He turned 5 this past April, has fit right in with our family, including getting along with our kitties. Such a loved addition to our fur family! - Fur Mama Kathy





Calling on our SSRI family! 🐾

Southland Collie Rescue urgently needs caring foster homes. Do you have a little extra space in your heart and home—or know someone who does? This is your chance to truly make a difference.

While we haven't seen many Shelties come through rescue in recent years, our Collie rescue partners are currently experiencing a large influx of collies and are in *desperate* need of loving foster homes.

Fostering is life-saving. It provides a safe, nurturing environment while these dogs wait for their forever families—and it allows Southland Collie Rescue to continue helping more dogs in need.

Be the bridge to their new beginning. ❤️

If you can help, please apply here: <https://collie.org/adoptapplication>

Every foster home makes a difference. 🐾



Fiona & Molly



Gracie



Toby (fostered by SSRI) with SSRI Penny





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
- ☞ Amazon Gift Cards

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We Our Foster Families & Volunteers!

SSRI extends a HUGE shout-out and HUGS of gratitude to our fosters!

We also want to share our love for, and appreciation of, all our volunteers; we couldn't do this without you!

~ Thank you from the SSRI Team

Spring Picnic: Saturday, May 30th, 2025, 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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