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Southland Collie Rescue has saved more than 2610 collies throughout Southern California (and beyond) since 1993.

NEWS

Dog Rescues Join Forces to Save Magnar!

We have a saying at Southland Collie Rescue, "Rescue takes a village!" Well, when it came to saving Magnar it was more than a village, it was three dog rescues from three different countries around the world...No Dogs Left Behind in China, Okanagan Collie Rescue in Canada and of course, Southland Collie Rescue.

It started when we were contacted by No Dogs Left Behind (NDLB) about a collie that had been saved from certain death in the Chinese Wet Meat Markets. NDLB is a U.S. non-profit organization based in China with the mission to save dogs from being sold as food. And lo and behold there was a collie in China that needed to be saved! Skinny, limping and, just like every collie, begging to be loved, Magnar, was our next rescue. When the call came to SCR, "Will your organization commit to getting Magnar to the U.S.?" Our answer of course was a resounded..."YES!!"

We shared with you earlier last year that SCR had partnered in bringing three collies, we called our China Dolls, to Southern California. It was such an important rescue and it touched so many people that we knew Magnar was the next collie we needed to



Magnar comfortable in his foster home in Canada.

help. And lucky for us, our generous donors agreed! In virtually no time, we were able to raise the initial costs to transport Magnar out of China.

But rescue is more than finding and transporting dogs. It's healing them...mind, body, and soul. It wasn't long before NDLB realized that Magnar had even more challenges than most. He had a back leg that was very unusable. It appeared that sweet Magnar had previously belonged to someone because the veterinarians could see that his leg had once had surgery. This boy had been cared for but his whole story will never be known. Was he stolen from his family? Was he given up because of his leg? Was he put out on the street? Was he sold to the wet meat market? We'll never know. Whatever his story, NDLB was going to make sure he was saved.

Unfortunately, it didn't take long for NDLB to realize that the leg would need to be amputated. So, with the unbelievable dedication of NDLB and their many worldwide supporters, they raised the funds required for his surgery. And the procedure was a success! Sweet Magnar became a fully functioning 3-legged dog...a tripaw!

Now SCR and all of Magnar's donors were waiting for word of his flight to Los Angeles. Then it happened. Out of concern for questionable rabies protocol, the



Magnar in China before surgery.



A Few Words From the President...



Sue Baldwin, SCR President with Wesley.

Reminiscing...The Story of Dylan

One evening in 1993...almost 30 years ago and just my third year in rescue...I received a call from a collie owner saying they couldn't keep their dog anymore. "Dylan's 9 years-old and never gets sick....he really is a good dog. We got him for the kids, but now they're too busy and nobody has time for him. Will Southland Collie Rescue take him?"

I gave the people directions to my home and they showed up the next morning with a collie running loose in the back of their pickup truck. After signing the required Owner Relinquish Agreement, they handed me a nearly empty bag of grocery store dog food and a very sad looking collie. According to his people, Dylan had spent his entire life as a backyard dog. He had never been neutered...but at least he's been given his rabies vaccination.

Unfortunately, this is a story I've experienced far too many times over the past 29 years and is typical of many owner-relinquished dogs. I've heard all the rationale..."We're moving and can't take the dog with us." "My husband's allergic to his fur." "He barks too much." And the saddest excuse of all..."Our dog's gotten old and sick and I don't want to watch him die."

I've actually been at a shelter when a family dropped off a senior dog, then went back through the kennel looking for a puppy to adopt! If not for SCR, situations like this would be a death sentence for an older dog.

As the people drove away, I got down on my knees with Dylan and spoke to him from my heart. "Life is changing for you, boy...and it's

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going to be for the best. Come on inside and let's get started!"

Dylan was initially wary and hesitant to step over the threshold, so we went very slowly, allowing him to check out each room, one at a time. And then we explored the yard.

I kept everything positive for Dylan and he responded extremely well...collies are so forgiving! After a few days, I allowed him to roam freely in the house...no accidents, no problems. He loved being a housedog and didn't even want to go outside anymore.

After his vet exam and neuter surgery, I began taking adoption applications.

A single woman called; she told me she had a collie growing up and wanted to meet Dylan. When I mentioned that he was 9 years old, there wasn't a moment's hesitation. "I just lost my dog to bone cancer...age isn't a factor. I just want a collie to love."

When the lady came to meet Dylan it was hard to tell who chose who...all I could see was a perfect match! They drove away together, but this time Dylan wasn't in the back of a truck, he was in the front seat proudly sitting next to his new guardian!

A year later the woman wrote to tell me that she and Dylan had moved to Virginia Beach for her new job. She sent me photos of Dylan comfortably sleeping on her bed. When she married, she sent more pictures of Dylan with his new family. Dylan lived for several more years but his favorite spot was always on the bed!

Rescue is full of rags-to-riches stories that make forever imprints on our hearts. The story of Dylan and his adoption so many years ago will always be with me. And a special message to that wonderful woman...Melissa. If you're still on the SCR mailing list, I thank you every day for making a difference in the life of a collie named Dylan.

Sue Baldwin

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President, Southland Collie Rescue

"The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

- Mahatma Gandhi

Are Rescue Dogs Angels In Disguise?

Despite the fact that he didn't live a day outside the shelter, Comet profoundly changed my life.

I'm very fortunate to have been involved in a number of rescues over the past few decades and each time I feel as if I'm part of something bigger than life. Because rescues are often heart-wrenching experiences where you try to understand what the rescue dog has been through and wonder how they have the will to carry on...because sometimes they don't. But regardless of the outcome, it often feels as if you're in the presence of an angel.



Comet

Over Christmas last year, with the help of many SCR donors, we worked to pull Comet from one of the worst high-kill shelters in Southern California. He was picked up as a stray and designated "rescue only" because he snarled in pain when he was caught. Only a rescue organization was even allowed to look at him.

Seeing this kind-faced dog, it was obvious that not long ago, he had been someone's pet...but he had no microchip and no collar, and no one to step up to say, "He's my dog!"

It was below freezing when we arrived at the shelter. We peered into his kennel and saw that he could hardly move...but he hadn't given up.

Quickly, we drove him to our vet telling him all the way "You're safe now, boy. You'll never be hurt or neglected or abused again. That's our promise."

But our promise wasn't enough. Before the first 24 hours of his freedom had passed, Comet was gone.

There are no words to describe the heartbreak we felt, but we took comfort knowing that in the end, Comet was loved and warm and cared for.

I saw an angel in his eyes and while it still hurts to think of what he'd been through, it was a profound experience.

As a scientist with an insatiable curiosity, I look to the spiritual, the unknown, the impossible to prove. I see factors that come into play in discovery that have no possibility of being scientifically explained. But one thing I know for sure...rescue dogs are angels that have come to save us...if we first open our hearts to save them. And this angel's name was Comet.

-Bert Grimm



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*"It is amazing how much love and laughter dogs bring into our lives
and even how much closer we become with each other because of them."*

- John Grogan

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"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole."

- Roger Caras



Thank You!

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U.S. government shut down all animals being imported from China and 100 other countries. Magnar's coming to SCR was put on hold. And to make matters worse, no one knew for how long.

Finally, after months of waiting, NDLB put together a plan to fly Magnar to Canada, quarantine him there for the required six months and then the U.S. would allow him into the country!

Canada! That meant that SCR needed a rescue organization willing to partner with us in Canada to welcome Magnar, oversee his medical appointments and find the perfect foster that will begin the healing of this sweet boy's soul for six months! Enter Okanagan Collie Rescue (OCR) and their president Maria Zerjav.



Maria Zerjav, President of Okanagan Collie Rescue, when **Magnar** arrived in Canada.

from over 80 pages of medical records that he had more to heal than just from his surgery. Magnar couldn't hold his weight. He had been diagnosed with kidney disease. And his teeth were the worst we had seen on a dog in a long time. Who would foster this needy collie for OCR and SCR? Enter angels Charlene and Rob MacDonald...wonderful members of the Okanagan Collie Rescue family.

Now all we needed was Magnar! It was still wait and see. We would be told one flight arrival day and then it would change. NDLB needed to get the dogs on a flight and pray that the Chinese government would not stop it and confiscate the dogs...so all of his travel information was wrapped in secrecy. It wasn't until the flight was actually in the air that we were notified that Magnar was truly on the way. December 8, 2021...more than six months since it all began...Magnar was FREEDOM BOUND!

Magnar's healing is ongoing. He has a specially made splint to help his body gain strength. He is on a special diet. And he even has a vet that reads Chinese and can see all of his past records! Magnar still has a long road ahead of him. And it is with the help of so many of you, our amazing donors, that we can give him the care he truly deserves. Magnar is a trooper! He is without a doubt one of the sweetest, most loving boys ever. Of course he is...he's a collie!

-Shauna Hoffman



Duchess joined the Fernandez Family in Paso Robles.



Mary Prickett adopted **Josie** in Pasadena.

"Saving one dog may not change the world, but the world will certainly change for that dog...forever!"

- Anonymous

How You Can Help Southland Collie Rescue!

In addition to mailing in your check, tapping the “donate” button on our Facebook page or donating through our new SCR website, below are a few more “totally painless” ways that you can help support Southland Collie Rescue.



SHOPPERS CAN HELP SCR FOR FREE!

Every time you use your **Ralph's Club card** or shop at **Food 4 Less**, you can help Southland Collie Rescue. As part of their Community Contribution Program, these stores will donate a percentage of your total grocery bill to Southland Collie Rescue....and it doesn't cost you a penny!

To enroll (or re-enroll,) simply email a request to info.collie@gmail.com and SCR Area Coordinator, Theresa Sanford, will send you a card with activation details.

(Please note: Ralph's shoppers need to re-enroll every September.)

Food 4 Less customers need to do exactly the same... email a request to info.collie@gmail.com and SCR Area Coordinator, Theresa Sanford, will send you a card with activation details.

So remember when you shop at Ralphs or Food 4 Less, you'll be helping Southland Collie Rescue help collies in need.

Thank you for your support!

THERE ARE LOTS OF WAYS THAT YOU CAN SUPPORT SOUTHLAND COLLIE RESCUE...take a look at the list below and see if any of these options works for you:

- Donate online now...go to www.collie.org...and tap the donate button.
- Donate online monthly...you can put your concern for the collies into action every month by making a monthly donation.
- Planned Giving...consider creating your personal legacy to the collies by leaving a gift in your will or trust to Southland Collie Rescue.
- Donate stock or real estate...make a gift of real estate or publicly-traded stock, bonds or mutual funds to SCR.
- Employer Matching Gifts...want to make even more of an impact with your donation to SCR? See if your employer offers a matching gift program.

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Southland Collie Rescue
PO Box 432
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Why donate your old car, truck, RV, motorcycle or boat to some unknown charity when you can convert it into a tax deductible donation for Southland Collie Rescue.

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You can also donate on the Southland Collie Rescue website...www.collie.org. Simply click on the “Donate” button on the top right menu. Then scroll down the page and click on “Donate your Vehicle.”

Thank you for making a difference for the collies.

Another Happy Adoption



Tara & Ira Meltzer adopted Lacy in Rancho Mirage.

Grief-to-Happiness...SCR's Christmas Eve Miracle

Just days before Christmas last year, after being part of our family for almost a decade, we lost our beloved 12-year old SCR collie, Donovan.

We had rushed him to the vet in the morning but discovered that cancer was over-taking his body. There was no cure. In shock, we said our goodbyes. Needless to say, our holiday spirits were devastated.

But three days later, a Christmas miracle occurred. SCR Area Coordinator Theresa Sanford learned of Lacy, a 4 month-old collie found in a San Pedro park. There were 3 people on the waiting list to meet her at the shelter but amazingly, they were all no shows! Theresa bailed Lacy out and thought "Who would be willing to take a collie puppy on such short notice just before Christmas?"

Knowing of Donovan's passing, she called to ask if we would consider providing a temporary home for Lacy. When we met this white-factored, tricolor pup on Christmas Eve Day we knew there was nothing temporary about it!

Having all her medical needs covered that morning she was ready to go with us to her "forever" home!

Today, Lacy is thriving as she playfully romps with her "sister" Angelina. They are inseparable and love nothing more than a game of tug.

"Yes Lacy, there really is a Santa Claus...and he appears to us as Southland Collie Rescue!!"

-Ira & Tara Meltzer

"Heaven is the place where all the dogs you have ever loved run to greet you." - Anonymous



Collie Haven Wish List

Southland Collie Rescue can always use supplies for our dogs: Frontline flea treatments, dog beds & blankets, Petco and PetSmart gift cards, as well as U.S. made dog treats. Collie Haven, SCR's own foster facility in Riverside, CA frequently needs Home Depot and Lowe's gift cards for those much needed Spring repairs.

From all of us at SCR, especially our collies...THANK YOU very much for your generosity!!

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