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Southland Collie Rescue has saved more than 2650 collies throughout Southern California (and beyond) since 1993.

NEWS

Progress Report...The Illinois 12

As with so many dogs that come from abusive environments, the progress of the Illinois 12 toward becoming well-adjusted family companions has been sporadic.

Almost all of the twelve collies that Southland Collie Rescue brought in from the hoarding situation in Illinois are doing okay and settled in their new Southern California homes...beginning to live the good "collie life." But there are a few that are still struggling to get past their difficult early living conditions.

BUTCH

Butch is still a work in progress. He is at his best and happiest when he is playing with his collie girlfriends. Here he is wedged between his new companions. Penny, Butch and Zara...aka...Lady Penelope, Prince Butch and the Czarina!



Left to right, Penny, Butch and Zara.

GIDGET

Gidget is a happy, sweet, gentle and very playful girl. She loves everyone and everyone loves her, including the collies and kitty in her new family. Her new family



Gidget lovin' the beach!



Gentle kisses with adopter, Bert Grimm

is all madly in love with her. And the best part is her gentle kisses in the morning and total excitement when they walk through the door every day. She was a dream for every one of them from the moment she arrived!

DILLON

Dillon was just 8 months old when SCR brought him from Illinois. Within a few days of his arrival at his foster home, he required emergency surgery for an intestinal blockage. We feel that if Dillon had not been rescued and brought to SCR, he probably would never have had this critical \$9,000.00 surgery and likely would not have survived.



Dillon on a walk with his greyhound friends...beautiful!

Since Dillon fit in so well with his foster's two rescued greyhounds, he was adopted by this wonderful family. "His" greyhounds have since shown him what it's like to be a "real" dog. Dillon is well on the road to a happy, well-adjusted collie life.



Dillon recovering from intestinal surgery.



Gidget, Sailor, Treasure & adopter, Shauna Hoffman.

from the moment she arrived!



A Few Words From the President...



Sue Baldwin with Wesley.

September 10, 2022, is a day I will always remember. This is when fosters from all over Southern California gathered at Collie Haven in Riverside, California to accept the "Illinois 12" ... some of the 198 collies that were seized from a hoarder in Illinois last August.

But these weren't the typical "rescue collies" we were used to taking in. These dogs were damaged as they were from a hoarding situation... and some were worse than others. Our foster homes needed to be experienced so we had to screen accordingly. How many dogs we could take depended on how many experienced fosters

we had. We opted to take 12...and we did it right. Every dog was placed successfully into a knowledgeable, loving, and caring home.

As of this writing, the trial of the hoarder is ongoing in Illinois. The sad part of this story is that animal hoarding differs dramatically from all other hoarding in one critical respect...**THE OBJECT OF THE HOARDING CAN SUFFER.** There is no pain in a box of used magazines or old clothes. Yet most of the hoarding evidence presented in the courts is on law enforcement, penal issues, and how to recognize hoarders. The media does not focus on animal suffering, but rather on the state of the hoarders' home and property...tangible things presented in photos as piles of rubbish and old books.

With animals, particularly dogs, hoarding can present significant psychological harm. The mental issues come from stress induced by confinement for extended periods in restricted spaces...and in this case, in an inhumane environment of filth, and temperature extremes. The dogs also suffered from boredom due to lack of human interaction resulting in insufficient socialization and fear of people.

Many of our 12 collies, lacking this socialization, reacted to humans by withdrawing, attempting to run, or by freezing and shutting down. But on the positive side, several of the dogs showed only limited traces of psychological harm. And the best news is that today many of the collies are displaying dramatic improvements and are becoming the "Lassie's" we all know and love.

A special tip of the SCR hat to these amazing fosters for opening their homes and their hearts to one of these brave survivors. (Some of these foster families have happily adopted their Midwest collie and joined the esteemed ranks of "foster failure!!")

Thank you all SO MUCH!!

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Happy Adoptions



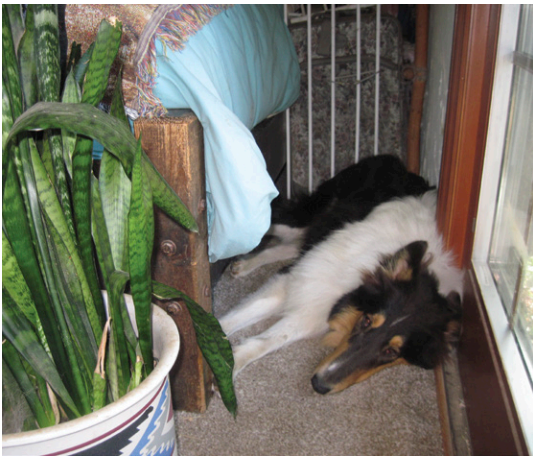
Terry Albert adopted
Treasure in Tehachapi.



Gidget was adopted by Bert Grimm
& Shauna Hoffman in Santa Clarita.



Nessie & Flynn were adopted by
Stacy Bowring & Julie Jones in Camarillo.



Feeling secure in his "safe place."

GUNNER

Gunner is our super sweet, 3 year old tri-boy who is totally fearful of the outside world. He is still decompressing and is afraid of human contact if he isn't in his "safe place" in the house. This lovable boy will be staying with our SCR President forever as it doesn't appear that he'll ever be ready for a move. He is well-loved and will be formally adopted in the future.



Gunner is absolutely gorgeous.

LOUIS

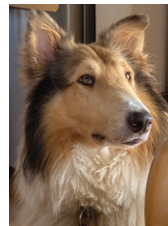
Louis came into foster care a feral dog, never having been in a house, walked on leash, or called by a name. He has grown into a handsome, playful, happy young dog that is ready for the adventure of being a human



Louis and his pal, **Javi**.

companion. The patient work of animal behavioralist Brian Glenn was fundamental in helping Louis accept doors, furniture, and leashes. There is still a lot of work to be done: Louis easily reverts to fear/aversion and hides or runs away, but he continues to make progress and blossom.

Louis has been adopted into his fosters' home after stealing their hearts and becoming best friends with Javi, their previous collie foster-fail!



Louis

Louis

<p><i>I'm here, With my brothers who scream, ask, cry There's no water There's no food The cage, the confinement. hurts me, scares me.</i></p> <p><i>And one day, something new. We are moving, a route People, cars, Houses and their noises It scares me.</i></p> <p><i>They touch me They look at me, They clean me, They talk to me and cry. They say "never again". They call me "friend".</i></p>	<p><i>I look at you. I hear you I smell you. I follow you We play, We eat, We drink We walk together.</i></p> <p><i>You call me "my dog" And in my wolf eyes A golden something shines A something you call Love.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(A special tribute to her dog, Louis, the Illinois 12 and the other collies rescued in Illinois in 2022.) — Ale Folguera September 27, 2023</i></p>
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Mei Mei has become an adoring family dog.

MEI MEI

Mei Mei's adoptive family is delighted with her progress. She has come so far in the three months since she joined their family. Her confidence has grown by leaps and bounds. She loves to play, meet new people, and especially other dogs. She is incredibly gentle and loving. They are extremely grateful to SCR and especially her foster mom, Nancy Tong, for rescuing her.



She loves to go on walks with her new family.



Merle is certainly a gorgeous blue merle!

 **MERLE**

Merle is a sweet, shy boy who loves consistency. Predictability is the key to his contented home life. His bed is his safe spot. He is still nervous about any and all noises. Merle gets along well with his canine family and will tolerate his human family especially if treats are involved. He has just started coming to family for comfort and attention.

Unfortunately, since Merle will not walk on a leash, he has not yet been to the groomers, veterinarian or been scheduled to be neutered. When he gets leashed, he drops to the floor and becomes 75 pounds of immovable collie fur.

 **MERLIN**

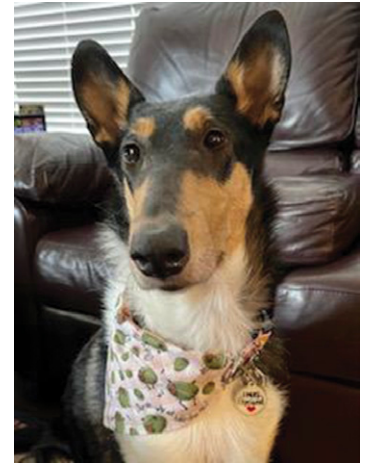
Like most of the "Illinois 12," Merlin was in dire need of TLC when he came to his new adopters. He was timid, his fur had been shaved and his teeth needed some serious attention. Now, almost four months later (and after several visits to the vet), he has transitioned into a happy, healthy, and trusting collie who is a full-fledged member of the pack! He is gentle, inquisitive, and the perfect gentleman... and his family reports "not one accident in the house the whole time!" Merlin is a true blessing! His only shortcoming appears to be that he's camera shy and requires two members of his adoptive family to get good pictures of him!



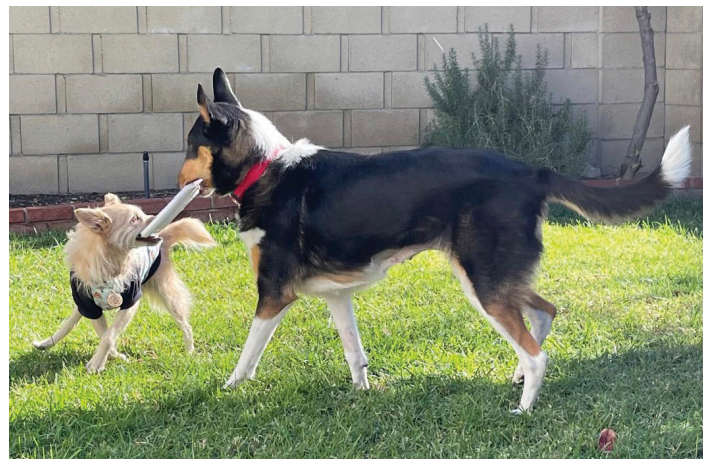
Merlin was a shy little boy in Illinois.

 **OLIVE**

Olive is very loving, sweet and gentle with people she knows, but is still wary of strangers. She enjoys her morning walks and is quite playful with Frisbees, balls, and her well-loved hedgehog toy. Olive is trustworthy at home and has become very comfortable with soft beds, good food, and a nice brushing. She loves being part of a family with her two scruffy siblings... Rita and Riggs.



Olive is stunning!



Olive has learned to play!



Today **Merlin's** getting the attention he's always deserved.

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Saffy enjoys her quiet time.



SAFFY

Saffy is doing so well in her forever home. She has big brother Cooper and her bird friends. She is housebroken, goes upstairs where her second bed is located whenever she wants to get away. She has her own big backyard to run and play. Saffy loves her walks and saying hello to neighbors as they go by her yard. She is a star student in training. On cold nights, Saffy loves to relax in front of the fireplace with Cooper. She has truly settled in to her new home and is such a precious new addition to the family.



SERENA

Sweet, loving, shy Serena is slowly making progress. Her health issues have been resolved but psychological issues remain. Serena stayed in an x-pen at night for the first few weeks while she adjusted

to her new surroundings. Now, when not out for a walk, she spends most of her time in the living room. At night she sleeps in the bedroom. For the first month her tail was continuously tucked and only wagged when she met the neighbor's two golden retrievers. Now Serena is playful on walks (and sometimes in the house as well!) She likes meeting other friendly dogs and is starting to go up to people who will stand quietly as she summons the courage to approach them.



Serena slept in an x-pen when she arrived from Illinois.



Sweet **Serena** is slowly making progress.



TREASURE

Treasure is a perfectly wonderful dog and is fitting in well. He has become very attached to his artist-adopter. But just like the other Illinois collies, he has a few quirks. He won't walk on wood floors (even with carpet runners), and won't come in the house unless he's lured with chicken! He loves being brushed (good thing!) and enjoys playing with his fellow sheltie and dachshund. Watching him romp in the yard is positively joyful. Treasure is older than was thought...perhaps 5 or 6 years or more, as he



Treasure loves to play with his friends.

definitely has some arthritis. But he is a gentle soul and his adopter feels so lucky to have him. She loves him... and attests to the fact that "he's perfect!"



Gorgeous...**Treasure!**

Thank you everyone who helped Southland Collie Rescue save the Illinois 12...the incredible rescuers, our amazing foster families and you, our terrific donors who contributed to make this rescue financially possible...we cannot do what we do to save collies without all of you...**THANK YOU!!**

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

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

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So if you love the See's Candies chocolate tradition...and our Southern California collies...keep an eye out for the seasonal programs (some of which provide SCR up to 50% of the purchase price.) **You'll see these special offers on SCR's Facebook page, or order anytime from our 2023 See's Candies storefront shop at https://www.yumraising.com/secure/terryr_southland_collie_rescue_63/JanMon3525/candy**

And don't forget, all See's Candies Yumraising funds go directly to SCR to help the collies!

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Thank you for making a difference for the collies.

more... Happy Adoptions



Louis was adopted by Ale Folguera in Santa Barbara.



Toby was adopted by Regina & Mark Stewart in Westminster.



Saffy was happily adopted by the Girard Family.



Mei Mei was adopted by the Snelling Family in Irvine.



Dillion was adopted by the Wares-Humes Family in Seal Beach.



Jeff & Linda Lundberg with Olive, Riggs & Rita.



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From all of us at SCR, especially our collies...we thank you so much for everything you do.

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