

SCR Welcomes the China Dolls... REMY, CLYDE AND DUNCAN!

Rescue often happens very quickly... so when the lives of our favorite pets are on the line, Southland Collie Rescue is always ready to help.

This couldn't have been truer than on January 16, 2021. SCR received an excited call from Denice Rutherford, a terrific collie rescue person in Colorado, who had been helping coordinate the rescue of three collies, Remy, Clyde and Duncan, from a meat market in China. The dogs were due to be flown to the east coast, but at the last minute, their destination was rerouted to Los Angeles.

Denice's question was simple, "Can SCR partner with the on-the-ground U.S. rescue group, *No Dogs Left Behind* (NDLB), to bring these collies to America?"

Well, if you've heard anything about the horrors of the Chinese meat markets for dogs, you know that we couldn't wait to help. In fact, SCR's President, Sue Baldwin, had been following these collies for months after our organization donated food to NDLB early in 2020. So, of course, our answer was a resounding "YES!" and, "What can we do?"

Our charge was simple, meet Remy, Clyde and Duncan... our "China Dolls"... at LAX and transport them to foster homes in Southern California.

Immediately our SCR team, led by Area Coordinator Shauna Hoffman, went to work in securing transportation from the airport to three diversely located foster homes. Volunteers Mike Cash and Kyle Orlemann met the collies at the Covid-conscious receiving area that NDLB had set up. Mike and his wife, Rosie drove Clyde to Orange County while fosters, Elizabeth Girard, Sheila Buchanan and Dave Buchanan transported Remy and Duncan, to their respective foster homes in Canyon Country and the Valley.

As of this writing, the dogs are settling in to their temporary homes where they are being thoroughly vetted, and given time to heal and get acclimated to their new surroundings... including learning English!

When Duncan arrived on the "China Doll Express," he could almost be heard saying, "Do I get out of my air kennel into this unknown world? I'm underweight, I smell bad... but I'm not afraid... I'm just cautious. So,



Duncan LOVED his first bath!



Remy with her foster mom, Elizabeth Girard



Mike and Rosie Cash transporting **Clyde**

here I go!"

Well, that was when he came to the U.S, now it's a different story. We can just about hear this little boy shouting, 'I am "KING DUNCAN," living my best life, eating great everyday. I'm warm, clean, and love playing with my toys and my collie friend. I'm learning the rules

A Few Words from the President...



Sue Baldwin with Cowboy & Heath.

AHHH, SPRING... the season we look forward to seeing some changes in our lifestyles. As we all know, last year was a difficult year of staying home and being safe for ourselves and for others in our community. As the warmer weather approaches, we are looking forward to once again having collie adoption events, conducting in-person home visits, and enjoying play dates with our dogs. We miss seeing our old collie friends and meeting new ones.

All through the pandemic, Southland Collie Rescue continued to take in dogs. We've done it by developing Covid-safe provisions for both in-take and adoptions. We are fortunate to be able to do most of our important rescue work outdoors as beautiful Southern California offers us great year-round weather.

Collie Haven, SCR's own collie shelter, has been set up as a safe place where our caretakers, Bret Cotton and Amilio Rojas were able to continue their work during the pandemic. As Covid conditions improve this spring or summer, Bret will return to his regular outside work place. While Amilio,

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who is a very knowledgeable registered nurse, will remain at Collie Haven. Through the year, Amilio established all the necessary precautions at Collie Haven as he and Bret regularly dealt with repairmen, gardeners and various other essential workers and visitors.

During this unique period, our caretakers took on the added responsibility of building a wonderful outdoor collie meet and greet area. Using a portion of the donation from the Grace M. Muir Trust, Amilio and Bret purchased 3 cement benches, several umbrellas and colorful planters, and designed a functionally beautiful meeting and sitting area which we are honored to call the "Grace M. Muir Memorial Collie Garden."

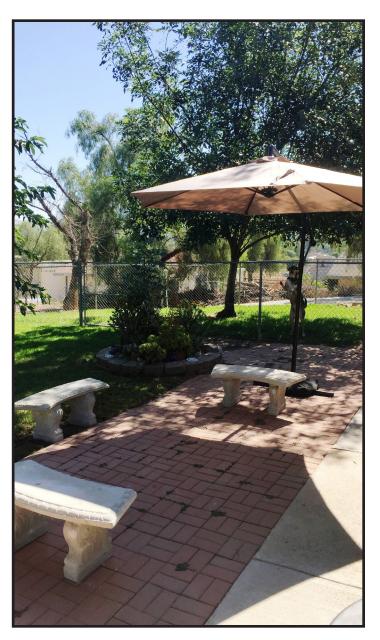
2020 was a challenging year for everyone. But we're now looking forward to returning to our more normal lives. We hope that you and your loved ones have stayed healthy and safe during this period and share with us the excitement of a new year. Let us all be happy and blessed to once again enjoy our family, friends, collies, and other animal companions. From all of us at Southland Collie Rescue, we wish you the very best.



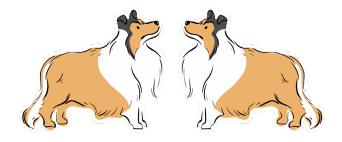
Sue Baldwin President, Southland Collie Rescue



Collie Haven resident, **Oliver**, enjoying Grace M. Muir Memorial Collie Garden



The Grace M. Muir Memorial Collie Garden



"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

Do You Have An Emergency Plan?

2020 has certainly been challenging year. In addition to the Covid-19 pandemic which has impacted all of our lives, those of us on the West Coast have suffered through some of the worst wild fires in recorded history while many of you who get our newsletter in other areas of the country have been severely affected by a brutally cold winter, life-threatening floods and too many torrential hurricanes to even name. Successfully surviving Mother Nature's wrath this year has taken more than simple luck; it has required grit, determination and a well-thought-out plan.

If you have a plan in place for you and your pets, you will likely encounter less difficulty, stress and worry when you need to make a decision during an emergency.

But if you didn't have your plan together last year, here are some tips that will help you, your family and your companion animals be prepared when we face the next demanding year.

Things to include in your plan:

- Have an evacuation plan for your pet. Many public shelters and hotels do not allow pets inside.
 Know a safe place where you can take your pets before disasters and emergencies happen.
- Develop a buddy system. Plan with neighbors, friends or relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to.
- Be certain your pet is micro-chipped. Make sure to keep your address and phone numbers up to date, and include contact information for an emergency person outside your immediate area.
- Contact your local emergency management office, animal shelter or animal control office to get additional advice and information if you're unsure how to care for your pet in case of an emergency.



One of the most important things to have in your plan is a **Survival Kit...** the items you'll need to have available to keep you and your pets safe and comfortable. Here's a basic list of items to include:

 Collar or harness with ID tag, rabies tag and a leash. Be sure to include your name, address, phone numbers and email addresses.

- **Food.** At least a three-day supply in airtight, waterproof containers.
- Water. At least three days of water specifically for your pets.
- Medicines and medical records including your pet's allergies and emergency numbers...also in a water-proof bag.
- **Important documents.** Registration and adoption papers and vaccination records.
- First aid kit. Cotton bandage rolls, bandage tape and scissors; antibiotic ointment; flea and tick prevention; latex gloves, alcohol and saline solution.
- Crate or pet carrier. Have a sturdy crate or carrier available to evacuate. It should be large enough for your pet to stand, turn around and lie down.
- Sanitation. Wee-wee pads, (if appropriate,) newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and spray bottle of household cleaner.
- A picture of you and your pet together. If you become separated, a picture will help you document ownership and allow others to assist you. Be sure to include species, breed, age, sex and color, plus distinguishing characteristics.
- Familiar items such as treats, toys and bedding can help reduce stress.

And finally, stay informed:

- Pay attention to wireless emergency alerts for local alerts and warnings sent by state and local public safety officials.
- Listen to local officials when told to evacuate or shelter in place.
- Download the FEMA app and get weather alerts from the National Weather Service, for up to five different locations anywhere in the United States.

You can find additional information about planning for an emergency at www.ready.gov, www.redcross. org and www.fema.gov.

SCR recommends that you put your plan together now... when you don't need it.

As Howard Ruff so aptly quoted, "It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark!"

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and with my tail confidently wagging, I can't wait for kisses and hugs from my foster parents!'

When Clyde was first met by his foster parent, Shirley Abbott he was a scruffy, smelly, exhausted dog, but he came with his tail wagging.

Three weeks and a bath later, he was no longer scruffy and smelly... just a gorgeous little gentleman with that same happily wagging tail.

We will never know Clyde's actual age or how he ended up in the meat market, but what we do know is that he is a sweet, loving, outgoing older boy, who always wants to meet people and be petted. And despite his senior status, Clyde is quite active and knows how to play with toys... especially tennis balls. He walks well on a leash although he is curious and wants to investigate everything.

Clyde is a small collie, AND... he's underweight. But he's a typical collie... and loves to eat, so we're working on getting him to his optimum weight. And, not surprisingly, the more he eats, the more he wants to walk, run, and play!



Remy feels more secure every day!

Then there's little Remy. Remy was a scared but surprisingly trusting and incredibly sweet girl when she got off the plane from China. At first, she didn't know how to enjoy life in a house with a family... but it was apparent that she wanted to. The first time she heard a garbage truck it sent her into fear mode. However, over the next four weeks, Remy was housebroken, learned to walk on a leash, and how to go up and down stairs on her own. She also has figured out that a soft, warm bed is much more comfortable than sleeping in a crate.

While she's still a little nervous, Remy is learning to trust and explore her new world as a loved member of a human family.



Clyde with SCR board member and foster mom extraordinaire, Shirley Abbott!

We want to give a special thank you to long-time SCR supporter, Diane Palumbo for funding a significant portion of the China Dolls rescue expenses... and a huge thank you to all the rest of you who responded so quickly to our request for funds. As we've said many times in the past... there is no way that Southland Collie Rescue can save collies without your continuing help and support. Remy, Clyde and Duncan thank you very much!

In fact, if you'd still like to make a donation to help defray some of the stateside China Dolls' expenses, please go to our web site www.collie.org or our Facebook page and hit the DONATE button. And be sure to check the SCR web site and Facebook page for the latest China Doll updates!

Welcome to the United States... Remy, Clyde and Duncan! You are China Dolls that are certainly going to be loved!

- Mitch Telson



Duncan has become a very handsome boy!

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!

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

Food 4 Less customers need only 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.
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- 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.

Or you can donate the old fashioned way... mail your personal or cashier's check to:

Southland Collie Rescue PO Box 432 Dana Point, CA 92629 Tax ID #: 95-4422628

Whichever way you choose to donate, we sincerely thank you for your help...and so do the collies!!

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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.







Duncan went to his new home in Santa Maria with Gary & Connie Morgan

Collie Wish List

Southland Collie Rescue always welcomes supplies for our dogs: Frontline treatments, dog beds, Petco and PetSmart gift cards, as well as dog treats that are made in the United States. And Collie Haven, SCR's own foster facility in Riverside, CA frequently needs Home Depot and Lowe's gift cards for those necessary repairs.

From all of us associated with SCR, but especially our collies, we thank you VERY much!!

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