

# The China Dolls... Part II

While it's not the usual practice of Southland Collie Rescue to bring collies in from outside the country, sometimes the need is so great that we have to bend our own rules.

That was certainly the case earlier this year when we assisted No Dogs Left Behind (NDLB) in Beijing, China.

You may recall that NDLB is a United States based, non-profit rescue group that works diligently in China to save dogs...all breeds of dogs... from the horrors of the wet meat markets.

When SCR learned that there were three collies destined for this horrible fate, we mobilized our local teams and stepped in to lend a hand. The results were more than amazing!

With the help of a terrific band of collie lovers... rescuers, transporters, fosters and adopters... we are so happy to report that *Duncan*, *Remy and Clyde*...the original China Dolls...are now all doing



Clyde has learned to "snitch" snacks!!



**Rocky** (formerly **Duncan**) is living the good life!

well and settled in their forever Southern California homes.

But no sooner had our team recovered from this international rescue that we were notified of another collie in China that was in trouble...big trouble!

Many of you will recall our special Facebook appeal in March for *Magnar*, a very sweet collie boy who not only had been saved from the meat market but also required major surgery to remove a severely deformed back leg. And this procedure needed to be done before he could travel to the U.S.

Some of our terrific donors gave directly to NDLB for Magnar's surgery and others of you donated generously directly via PayPal or personal check to SCR to provide for his post-op transportation to America.

We're happy to report that Magnar had his leg surgery last month and is recovering, albeit not without some post-amputation medical issues.

However, as we were making our plans to transport Magnar to the United States, we, like the

# A Few Words from the President...



Sue Baldwin with Cowboy & Heath.

We at Southland Collie Rescue are so fortunate. We have some of the best volunteers, the greatest adopters, incredibly generous donors, loving and caring foster homes...and the most wonderful collie lovers who support us as we work to rescue every collie that needs help in Southern California. In fact, we've never turned down a collie that needed us...even if we had to physically carry them out of the shelter!

It's because of all of the fantastic people associated with SCR that we're able to do what we do for the collies. But what we always need...and what is so hard for me to ask for, is your financial support. So I was thinking, "How can we make donating to SCR as simple and easy as possible? And how can you do it without putting extra demands on your daily budget?" Well here, (and on page 7 of this newsletter,) are a few of the really effortless ways that you can help Southland Collie Rescue that won't cost you an extra penny.

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- Sign up for Ralph's or Food 4 Less charitable donations. Based on the people that are signed up...SCR gets an annual check from Ralph's and Food 4 Less for more than \$700...enough to take care of a collie dental. Can you see how much more SCR would get if ten more people like you also joined this program?
- Sign up and use AmazonSmile when making purchases on Amazon. SCR gets .5 cents of every dollar you spend...and that adds up to almost \$1,000.00 every year...nearly enough to feed our collies at Collie Haven! But can you imagine if twice the number of donors signed up!
- Are you going to be getting a new car this year?
   Why not do as several other generous SCR
   donors have done...donate your old car to CARS.
   SCR gets a HUGE cash benefit when people use
   this trusted service.

And then, of course there's the more traditional ways to donate:

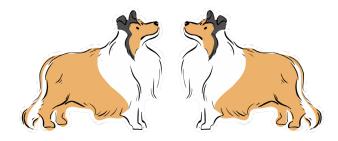
- Set up a monthly donation to SCR via Pay Pal. (And please remember any amount helps...\$5 to \$100...every dollar makes a difference for the collies!)
- Check if your employer has a matching funds donation program and find out how you can join.
- Provide for Southland Collie Rescue in your will or trust. None of us are getting any younger, so as you're thinking about how to share the benefits of your lifetime of work, think of the collies of Southland Collie Rescue.

Remember, all the information you need to help SCR with any of these donations is located on page 7.

And once again, all of us associated with Southland Collie Rescue thank you for everything you do to help the collies.



Sue Baldwin President, Southland Collie Rescue







Clyde joined Marilyn & Dick Mazess & Nadia in Montecito



**Nutmeg** and the King Family adopted **Poppy** in Apple Valley



The Chamoun Family of Long Beach adopted Molly

# Tips for Keeping Your Senior Dog in Top Shape



Little is more endearing than the loving gaze of a senior canine family member. After standing by you through thick and thin, you want to ensure your collie's golden years are the best ever. Read on for some terrific tips to help keep your aging pup happy and healthy.

## Healthy from the Inside Out

Proper nutrition is important during all stages of life, and seniors have particular considerations. As Pet Coach explains, older dogs are often more sedentary than in their younger years, so their diet should be aimed toward reduced calories, but with ample protein, fat, and fiber. It's generally best to feed your pooch a high-quality senior dog food. In fact, many senior dog foods have supplements built in to help older dogs with various issues, such as digestive concerns, joint health, and antioxidants.

#### **Complementary Considerations**

Even if your pooch is eating great senior food and your vet is happy with his overall condition, sometimes aging dogs could use a little boost in certain respects. There are several excellent supplements available for dogs, depending on your concerns. For instance, there are digestive aids that help to balance gut health, like probiotics, prebiotics, and digestive enzymes. There are a variety of joint supplements if your dog isn't as spry as he once was. Before adding any new therapies, always talk with your vet.

#### **Keep Him Comfy**

As your dog ages, he might have trouble climbing onto the couch, or he may have lost some of his body fat, which makes it hard to ward off

a chill. Some older pups even have a hard time bending down to reach their food and water. To ensure your beloved pet remains as comfortable as possible, look for ways to tweak your environment. Perhaps it's with raised food and water bowls, a heated pet bed, or even pet stairs to make it easy to amble onto the couch.

#### Get Out and Go

Sometimes, older dogs slow down quite a bit. There are many reasons it can happen. The environment isn't as stimulating when they don't see and hear like they used to, sometimes their joints might ache, and sometimes they even get depressed. However, exercise is important for dogs of all ages. It helps ward off chronic health conditions senior dogs sometimes experience, including diabetes, heart disease, and stroke. If you live in a walkable neighborhood, take your dog with you on your next outing to grab coffee or run errands. Start out with easy activities, and increase his activity levels gradually.

Older dogs are important family members, and little could be more appropriate than honoring them with good health. Make sure to support him if you notice concerns, and help him stay fit. Keeping your beloved companion healthy and happy will not only help him, but it'll also be good for your own heart.

Courtesy of Nick Burton



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Riley's 10th birthday

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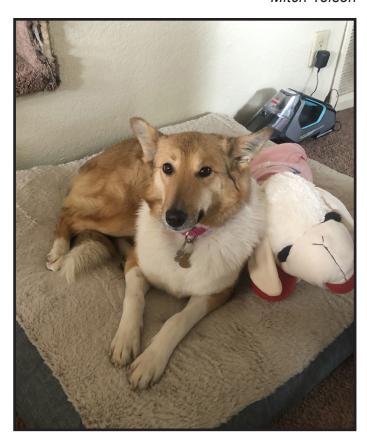
rest of the country, learned that due to possible rabies concerns, transportation of animals from over 100 countries, including China, would be banned beginning the middle of July. As it was impossible for Magnar to be ready to fly to America so shortly after his surgery, we began to accept the idea that our gentle collie boy might have to spend the rest of his life at the NDLB facility in China.

But there's good news! We have since learned that there is still hope that NDLB might be able to transport Magnar, (and about 100 other dogs,) out of China when the temperatures cool off in September or October. While the U.S. travel ban will still be in effect, NDLB has committed to setting up a temporary shelter in a nearby country so that Magnar and all his canine pals will be safely out of danger. Following a possible six-month quarantine, Magnar and the others could be coming to America!

So stay tuned for more news about Magnar, our fourth China Doll.

As we get ready to go to press, we've learned that Magnar is adapting quickly to walking (and running!) on three legs so he's now a certified three-ped! And with the continuation of regular physical therapy and lots of TLC, we are optimistic that this boy will live a happy and normal life...hopefully with a loving family right here in the United States.

- Mitch Telson



Remy is chillin' with her own toys!





**Mirage & Mahtex** were adopted in Santa Barbara by the Telson Family



Lisa & Chuck Lehman of Calabasas have given **Flo** her forever home

"I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love. For me, they are the role model for being alive."

— Gilda Radner

# 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) visit the Ralph's Community Contribution website at **www.ralphs.com**. It's that simple! If you have any questions or need enrollment assistance, please email **ralphs4scr@yahoo.com**.

(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.
- 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.

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!!

# amazonsmile

AmazonSmile is another great way for you to support Southland Collie Rescue every time you shop with Amazon. SCR supporters who start at smile.amazon.com will find the same Amazon they know and love, with the added bonus that Amazon donates 1/2 of 1% of the price of eligible purchases to Southland Collie Rescue. That may not sound like a lot, but it sure adds up for the collies! Signing up is easy! Here's how:

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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 deductable donation for Southland Collie Rescue.

It's a free, convenient service provided by CARS (Charitable Adult Rides & Services.) You can donate on their site at *www.careasy.org* or call 866-398-4483. CARS trusted service makes sure that your vehicle is property handled so you get your tax deduction and Southland Collie Rescue gets the benefit of your donation.

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.





Tom Moore adopted Finnegan in Los Angeles



**Maggie** has found her forever home with Pam & Dan Nusser in Riverside

# **Collie Wish List**

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

From all of us at SCR, but most especially our collies...

Thank you VERY much!!

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