



The Collie Rescue Network News

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CRN Announcement: New Secretary—Marion Shapiro

Collie Rescue Network would like to formally welcome Marion Shapiro as the new CRN secretary! We are thrilled to have Marion aboard and we're all looking forward to having a new "hand on deck" to keep us just a little more organized.

You can reach Marion at info@collierescuenetwork.com



Check out Collies listed with our friends to see if there might be a good match for you there!

NorthEast Ohio Collie Rescue

www.neocr.org

Okanagan Collie Rescue

www.collierescue.ca



*Heartfelt Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers
who helped at the*

Critter Jungle Doggie Wash!

Enormous thanks to volunteers Finola, Laurie M., Ginette, Marie, Shari, Laurie G., and Gloria! Also, big Collie tail wags of thanks to Kelvin and Jeff Stanke from Critter Jungle for holding this event and for always supporting their local rescues!!!



The volunteers washed and towel-dried lots and lots of dirty doggies and ended up raising \$582.00!

Please be sure to visit Critter Jungle at the Hampton Park Plaza in Ottawa to show them you appreciate their on-going support of all their local canine rescue groups!



Critter Jungle
Hampton Park Plaza
1405 Carling Ave.
Ottawa, Ontario K1Z 7L6

Adoptee Update: Lincoln

I want to update you on our wonderful tri-colour smooth collie, Lincoln! I'm sending some pictures giving you an idea how beautiful and content he is. Although he looked sadly out the rear window when we drove away from his foster home, it's as though he's been with us forever. Lincoln (aka Mr. Elegant) was in beautiful condition and wonderfully behaved when we got him. He clearly came from a home that love him.



He is the official greeter at the dog park we visit each day. He will see the dogs arriving and heads over to say hello and have a sniff. Lincoln is also the referee when the puppies get too rambunctious or there is a disagreement brewing over a ball or a stick. Oh, and what fun if another collie arrives—he knows they are family and it's a special occasion.



Lincoln loves his walks, the water, a cozy bed and his little fuzzy squeak toys. His favourite toy is still the one he brought with him, a soft plastic green and red nubby thing that has a very appealing (only to Lincoln) squeak. He shows a little weakness in his hind leg occasionally, the only sign he is approaching 12.

We adopted another dog almost a year ago. Rufus is 8 years old and supposedly an Afghan and Border Collie mix, but who knows for sure. Rufus is as rumply and sill as Lincoln is suave. They are a great match and get along well.



Every day my heart feels full with pride and joy when I watch my big dogs napping safely and happily. I thank the folks at Collie Rescue Network for your wonderful work.

Margo Carson



8th Annual
Animals R Us Festival

July 23rd, 2011

Thank You To The Volunteers!

Thanks to Lisette, John and Kerry along with the booth Collies, Antrim and Kiwi for representing Collie Rescue Network at this year's Animals R Us Festival in Cobourg, Ontario on July 23rd.

Everyone had a great time, despite the incredible heat! Lots of visitors stopped by to say hello and we were thrilled to see some of our adopters come by for a visit with their new Collie family members!

For More Information on the festival, visit:

North Humberland Humane Society
www.northhumberlandhumanesociety.com

Hot Days—Cool Treats!

**Frozen Peanut Butter-Yogurt
Doggie Treats**

- 1 32oz. Container of fat-free vanilla yogurt
- 1 Cup of smooth peanut butter

In a microwavable bowl, microwave the peanut butter until it is melted. Add the yogurt and mix well. Spoon into ice cube trays for smaller treats or muffin cups for bigger treats. Freeze until hardened and serve frozen.

Hot Weather? Hot Dogs!

During the summer please remember that dogs can suffer (and die from!) heat stroke just like humans can. Never, ever leave your dog in the car, even with the windows left open. The inside of a car heats up quickly and dogs left in cars die every single summer in North America. Don't let yours be one of them!

At home, make sure there is plenty of fresh water accessible for your dog. If you need to leave your dog outdoors during a hot spell, please make sure there is shade available (and remember the moving sun can mean shade one hour and none the next).

If it's really hot, take shorter walks so your dog doesn't overheat.

Are You My New Family?

The following dogs are looking for great new homes where they can become a new, loved family member. If you think you are a good match, please contact the rescue listed with each dog.

Jazz



Jazz is a very sweet senior gal who would truly love to find a place to really call Home. She is such a good girl—she is excellent with other dogs, great with cats and loves to be around her people. She is *very* overweight and has been slowly but surely working on her weight loss in foster care. Her new family will need to continue to ensure she gets lots of exercise. As she loses the weight, Jazz's mobility is increasing—however, she will need a home with no stairs, especially for outside potty time. Once she loses the pounds, and now that she is on Metacam (an

Arthritic medication prescribed by the CRN vet, which may or may not need to continue after she loses the weight, it's hard to say until we get there with her) she will likely be fine with a few steps though. Jazz is really a lovely gal who wants to find a place that will love her, will let her know she is finally Home and will shower her with the affection she craves.

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Puck

Puck is a very handsome young adult who is on the larger size for a Sheltie. He is an energetic, strong and confident boy who will need an experienced and loving home that can help him continue working on basic commands, leash walking and his doggie social skills - Puck can be selective and pushy with other dogs. Once he trusts Puck enjoys petting and belly rubs and is happy to hang out with his people, he is just waiting for that special someone to help him realize his full potential



Southern Ontario Sheltie Rescue

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www.petfinder.com/shelters/ON91.html

Are You My New Family?

The following dogs are looking for great new homes where they can become a new, loved family member. If you think you are a good match, please contact the rescue listed with each dog.



Thor is a 1.5 year old Boxer mix. He is an active dog with high energy. He has obtained basic obedience skills and some special skills training. He enjoys learning and is very capable. He has an amazing nose and has participated in many scenting activities. Thor embraces physical affection and does enjoy his quiet time. He bonds well with his humans and is an excellent household companion. He is crate trained and travels well in a vehicle.

Thor requires a knowledgeable owner who has an understanding of canine behaviour. He can be overly aroused and reactive to other dogs and therefore should be the only dog in the household. At this time, Thor can not partake in any off-leash play with other dogs and should not attend off-leash dog parks.

Thor does enjoy the company of children but should be supervised due to his size, agility and excitement levels.

Forever Friends Dog Training School in Ottawa, Ontario will donate a Basic Training program to Thor's adoptive owners in order to ensure the proper training techniques and in order to encourage bonding in a familiar environment.

Thor is an amazing dog who has been well loved. Thor has been a participant in the Courageous

Companions Program. Although it has been determined that Thor will not be a suitable Service Animal, he has developed many useful training skills and will make a fantastic companion for an active individual with a willingness to continue training and time to invest in their partnership.



For more information on Thor, please contact Forever Friends Dog Training School located in Ottawa, Ontario

613-727-4335

Peripheral Vestibular Syndrome

-Jennifer MacDonald

One of our adoptees was recently diagnosed with Vestibular Syndrome. When her Mom called and told me her symptoms, I immediately thought, “stroke”. With symptoms appearing suddenly (people have stated their dog was running, playing ball in the yard and 20 minutes later was unable to stand up) and including things like a head tilt, disorientation, walking in circles or with a “drunk-like” gait or being unable to stand—it’s understandable why this syndrome is often misdiagnosed, even by many vets.

First, what is the vestibular system?

The vestibular system is made up of nerves running from the back of the brain to sensors in the inner ear. It is responsible for maintaining not just balance but how your dog’s body reacts to gravity (or spatial orientation). It basically tells the brain where ‘up’ is for the dog’s head and body in relation to the ground whether they are sitting down, standing up or spinning around in a circle. It is what keeps your dog from falling over.

So, what is Peripheral Vestibular Syndrome?

Vestibular Disease (which refers to any abnormality of the vestibular system) is divided into two categories. The first, Central Vestibular Disease, which is much less common, occurs as a result of an abnormality of the brain. The much more common Peripheral Vestibular Syndrome (or Idiopathic Vestibular Syndrome—so named as the cause of this more common form is unknown, hence the “idiopathic” or “from an unknown cause or source”) accounts for most spontaneous cases of Vestibular Disease.

Peripheral Vestibular Syndrome largely affects senior dogs (and generally aged 12+), however there are cases where middle-aged dogs have

been diagnosed with this syndrome. Symptoms arise suddenly and include symptoms such as:

- Head tilt
- Leaning or falling over
- Loss of coordination
- Stumbling or “drunken” walking
- Salivation or vomiting
- Nystagmus (eyes darting up and down or side to side)

Symptoms are, for obvious reasons, alarming to owners and most rush to their vet’s office thinking the dog is having a stroke, a seizure or something equally life threatening! Thankfully, Peripheral Vestibular Syndrome is not life threatening and in many case will resolve itself slowly over a period of anywhere from 2 to 10 weeks.

How to help with the symptoms?

First things first—you need to visit your vet to confirm that you are dealing with Peripheral Vestibular Syndrome and *not* Central Vestibular Syndrome (which will involve much different treatments). Once you know you are dealing with the Peripheral form, there are several things you can do to at least make your pet a bit more comfortable until the condition resolves.

Hand feeding bits of yummy foods (canned food, baby food or even human food) may be necessary. Imagine being sea-sick all day long and how unappetizing most foods would seem. Feeding soft, easy to chew foods will help tempt your dog into eating while getting those needed calories into them.

Raising their food bowl (if they are able to eat unassisted) and water dishes will help so they don’t have to lower their head to eat/drink and potentially lose their balance.

Many people report that acupuncture or head and neck massage helps both with speed of recovery but also with just a general calming sense for the dog. Home massage is easy for an owner

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to do on their own and may help keep your dog calm and relaxed.

If nausea and vomiting are present, your vet may prescribe an anti-nausea medication or perhaps will tell you to try over-the-counter drugs such as diphenhydramine or meclizine (please be sure to speak to your vet prior to administering ANY over-the-counter medications). Helping to alleviate some of the sea-sickness feeling may help your dog eat better and just all around feel better!

If mobility is a big problem, make sure to keep your dog away from stairs or anything that might cause injury. You can purchase a sling to help them potty and navigate steps if necessary.

Since Peripheral Vestibular Syndrome is idiopathic (stemming from an unknown cause) there is no known preventative. After recovery, some dogs will have a permanent head tilt but they seem to adapt and it doesn't seem to affect their ability to eat, walk or play or their quality of life in any meaningful way.

If you feel your dog's symptoms are worsening or you are not seeing any improvement, visit your vet immediately.



Kiwi was diagnosed with Peripheral Vestibular Disease at age 12. She is recovering and coming along well.

Contact Us!

We want to hear from you! This is your newsletter and we'd love to know what your favourite recipes are that make your Collie sit up and beg! Do you have a funny story to share about your Collie? A picture that you'd like to show the world because your Collie is just so darn cute? Send us your thoughts, your stories, your recipes and whatever else you can think of that our readers would enjoy!

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Woofstock 2011

Thanks for your support!!

Enormous Thanks to all the amazing volunteers for helping to make Woofstock 2011 a big success! From those who manned the booth, the Collies who were the "2011 Booth Collies" to those wonderful folks who dropped by to say Hello! The numbers are still not in but we've heard all the rescues did amazing this year. A big Collie Thank You to volunteers Lisette, John, Joan, Brian, Marie, Sharon, Uta and Linda for running the booth over the weekend for CRN!

