

The Collie Advocate



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Collie Trivia/Facts

- The Rough Collie originated in Scotland
- Since the original 1943 film star Lassie, there have been eight official Lassies.
- Martin Riggs from Lethal Weapon (played by Mel Gibson) has a Collie named Sam that has appeared in all the Lethal Weapon movies.
- The original Rough Collie color was all black

Holiday / Winter Pet Care Tips

With the holidays upon us we don't want to forget about our pets and their safety. Everyone wants to celebrate and spend time with family. Our pets are part of that family. While we as humans may throw caution to the wind and get carried away in the festivities our pets (both dogs and cats) may not be used to the indulgences and can have serious problems. The following are some tips for you to consider to keep your pets safe during this times of joy.



- Many of the traditional holiday foods contain high amounts of fat which should be avoided. Excess fat can create problems with digestion or inflammation of the pancreas (Pancreatitis). For more info about this go to: www.peteducation.com or www.petmd.com
- Chocolate, which is available all year, should always be avoided as it is a deadly toxin to pets.
- Pets are attracted to aluminum foil, wax paper and plastic wrap

that may have been used to cover foods. These items can cause digestive upset or even obstruction

- Holiday Decorations can pose hazards as well. Tinsel, glass ornaments, spray on snow, ribbons or anything your pet could swallow. **DO NOT** tie ribbons around your pets neck!
- Poisonous Plants are toxic to pets like poinsettia, holly, mistletoe, philodendron and dieffenbachia
- Bones should be avoided at all costs. Especially those of birds like turkey which can be hollow and break into sharp pieces.

- Some pets become nervous with all the excitement and may need a quiet place away from all the noise and people

- Holidays can be stressful to humans. Be sure to keep all prescription and over the counter drugs out of your pet's reach as they can be lethal even in small doses.

- In the cold months to come watch for signs of frostbite. Skin can look reddish, white or even grey, be scaly or peeling. Remove ice from walk ways and try to wipe snow, ice and salt from your pet's feet as soon as it comes indoors.

- Anti-freeze can kill your pet! The chemicals crystallize in the kidneys so symptoms may not show up for a few days. Store it in tightly closed containers and out of pet's reach. Always clean up any spills immediately and thoroughly.

- Give your pet a HUG!!

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Guarding the water bucket

Tri-State Reunion

Earlier this year on October 3, 2010 Tri-State Collie Rescue held their annual collie reunion. It was in Delaware, OH at Companion Dog Park.

There was a great turn out of both humans and their collies. The collies had a wonderful time running through the park playing together. What a site to see a true “pack” of collies. There were some old well know faces and some new ones too. Past adopters showed up with some collies adopted from TSCR, volunteers, fosters and foster dogs and even a few people that just collie too.

Some of the activities included a raffle for several gift baskets and a 50/50 drawing. Also a silent auction for several wonderful items that were donated by several generous supporters. Items included various collie themed things such as bags, puzzles, games, pictures and more. Also auctioned were portable carriers, books, collectibles and figurines. Along



The Collie line up getting ready to be introduced.

with a bake sale of cookies, brownies, cake and other goods.

There were lots of other activities such as games for both humans and collies. While people practiced their hand playing Corn Hole the collies tried their paws playing on an agility course. A fun time was had by all!

After playing for hours a delicious lunch was served. The collies got treats of course! There was also a Blessing of

the Collies. After the blessing everyone lined up to introduced themselves and their collie (s).

A big thank you goes out to everyone

involved who worked so hard to make the day happen. Your hard work was so appreciated. It was definitely a fun filled day! We enjoyed seeing all the collies and truly hope that everyone can join us again next year. For those of you who could not make it this time we hope to see you next time too!



Collies are partners. A Collie will meet you, look into your eyes, accept your introductory rub of his chest and chin, and decide you’re his for life. Feed him, care for him, and you’ll never be alone while he lives.



Fundraising Idea - How you can help

We are working on a fundraising idea and need your help. We will be collecting and collating recipes for the first ever Tri-State Collie Rescue "Cookbook".

Anyone can submit recipes and it can be of any kind (as many as you would like too!).

We are looking for submissions in the following categories: Appetizers and Snacks, Bread, Breakfast, Main

Dishes, Side Dishes, Salads, Soups/Stews/Chili, Pasta, Seafood, Meat and Poultry, Veggies, Drinks, Desserts and of course — Pet treats!!

So get out those old cookbooks grandma handed down and send those recipes in! Recipes can be submitted to Laurie Schmidt by email at: laschmidt17@yahoo.com (please include TSCR Cookbook in subject line) Thank You!

Happy Holidays To All!

Looking for that hard to find gift for the person who has everything or is hard to buy for?

How about making a donation in their name to Tri-State Collie Rescue

You will be giving a wonderful gift that makes you and the recipient feel good—*PLUS* you will be helping rescue a collie in need!

www.tristatecollierescue.net

Oh and did we mention we are 501(c)3 so your donations are tax deductible!



Looks are NOT everything - Choose wisely

Looks aren't everything, beauty is only skin deep, never make a pretty woman your wife...all those platitudes about people, but they also apply to dogs. If you choose to adopt or purchase a dog based on looks alone, you may be sorely disappointed. Research the breed characteristics for the dog you would like. Understand that if you choose a herding dog, you should not be surprised if the dog chases things that move. If you choose a guardian dog, you shouldn't be surprised that the dog isn't friendly to strangers or even maybe other dogs. If you choose a breed known as energetic, perhaps the couch potato you really wanted isn't underneath that beautiful exterior.

Our job as rescuers is to pull dogs from environments such as shelters, neglectful or abusive situations, or pick them up as strays on the street. An important piece of our work is to rehabilitate these dogs, and place them in loving homes where they can live out their lives with dignity, good food, warm beds, and loving



hands. We get to know our dogs' temperaments and personalities while in foster care. We can recommend a good match for your family, but if you are only interested in how the dog looks or how old it is, I can almost bet, and win, that the dog will get returned to us. Think about your lifestyle, your hobbies, your friends, your work, and your tolerance for working with a dog. Do you have access to doggie day care, the dog park, or obedience classes? Do you work 12 hour shifts and expect your dog to be left alone all day? Do you have neighbors, friends, or relatives who could help, and take your dog out mid-day, so it's not crated, gated, or left alone for the entire time

you are at work? Do you want to play fetch or throw a ball endlessly to tire out the "energizer bunny" dog?

The point is...figure out the personality and temperament you need and want in your next best friend. It really doesn't matter how pretty that young sable or tri is, if he is still a puppy, chewing, not housebroken and needs leash work, and what you are really looking for is a calm, laid back collie. Nice dogs become beautiful as they come to be integrated into your family. The dogs will soon blossom; will begin to gain weight, fill out, and their coats will become full and lush. Their eyes will sparkle, and they will smile with their faces and tails. So please consider factors other than looks when you take a dog into your lives. Some of our dogs may not have the Best In Show looks, but they have the personality, and sane mind that most breeders and show people would love to have in their breeding program.

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FEATURED COLLIE

DAISY MAE



Miss Daisy Mae is a gentle soul and true lady. She is estimated to be about 8 years old. She loves to give kisses and will sing along to "You Are My Sunshine". When she first came into foster care, she was very reserved, but is coming out of her shell more and more. She gets along with other dogs and generally ignores the cats. She will attempt to give chase outside, but she has limited mobility in her back end. She gets around fairly well and can maneuver shallow steps but needs some assistance getting into a vehicle. She LOVES to go for rides, especially when the journey culminates in a trip to a (any!) fast food establishment! She is also fond of short

walks, napping in the sunshine, a nice comfy couch with a pillow under her head and any leftovers that you can provide. Daisy Mae is a sweet girl with plenty of love to give to that lucky someone!

*All I want for
Christmas is a
forever home. Will
that be
with you?*

Preliminary Stats for 2010

So far through November
Tri State Collie Rescue
has approximately

Taken in :
147 Collies

Adopted out:
132 Collies

Medical Treatment Above and Beyond

19 of these dogs were Heartworm Positive
13 had Mange - generalized demodectic (5 puppies & 8 adults)



A Letter from “Kirby”

The following is a letter from a former Tri State Collie that found his forever home. He is pictured here with his new sister, Callie. Every so often Kirby likes to let us know how he is doing. His new family has graciously been baking dog cookies and selling them with the proceeds being donated to Tri State Collie Rescue. We are so happy for Kirby and thought you might like to read about his happy “tails” too.



Dear Tri State Family,

I'm writing to let you know the dog biscuit sale for the other collies is going very well. All of the biscuits that Mom took to yoga class are sold and the box of biscuits at the tree farm is disappearing fast. Dad mixed up another batch of biscuits but Mom hasn't baked them yet. She's been baking bread for sale today and didn't have time, but she said it will be done soon.

It's been a great week! I only got into a little bit of trouble and that was for taking the toilet paper into the kitchen while Mom was in the bathroom and needed it. She was laughing about it but she told me not to do that again. I also took two rolls of toilet paper and a roll of paper towels out of the closet in the upstairs bathroom. Dad said he thinks I'll be able to get a job with a paper shredding company when I grow up!

Other good news: Mom accidentally overcooked a batch of dog biscuits on Wednesday, so Callie and I got to keep them all, not just the little ends and broken ones! We don't care if they're a little too crispy — we're just happy that there's a big bowl of biscuits on the counter.

I has another adventure this week. I helped Mom drive back to the vet and got two shots and a Bordatella vaccine so I won't get sick when I go to the kennel. I like my vet, but I still cried and howled when I got the shots. Mom had to hold onto me really tightly because I was wiggling all around and almost fell off the table. The good news is I weigh 25 pounds. Mom was afraid I was still a little skinny, but both the vet and my Grandma said I look good. I'm getting my adult fur and have lost one baby tooth. Dad said he'll be removing the board from my crate soon because I'm almost big enough to fill up the whole crate.

We love to hear from our past collies and want to thank Kirby's new parents for the updates. They really mean a lot to us all.

A Letter from "Kirby" - continued

I've really learned to ring the bell on the door when it's time to go out. I'm in the process of training Mom and Dad that when I ring, it's time to go out. They're a little slow on the uptake sometimes, but they're catching on! I only had one little accident and Mom said it wasn't my fault because Dad cut himself and she was helping him and didn't take me out when it was time. Dad is o.k. and I didn't really get into trouble.

We had snow up here in Ohio and I had a blast jumping and running in it and pushing it with my nose.

Say hello to all my buddies in Kentucky!

*Love,
Kirby*

Important information about EMEPRID

MDR1 - with a new
DRUG DANGER
Death of a female
collie on 12/08/2010
EMEPRID after
injection to treat
gastro-enteritis.

The Emeprid is a new drug (MA granted on 05/10/2009) with the active molecule is metoclopramide. This medicine is an antiemetic and a regular of motility of the gastrointestinal tract. It is used to treat nausea and vomiting. The molecule family of ben-

zamides interacts with P-glycoprotein (P-gp) whose effectiveness is dependent on MDR1 profile of the animal.

“So it is quite conceivable that neurological side effects occur when administered simultaneously (metoclopramide, sulpiride) with an inhibitor of P-gp (*Swiss Medical Journal* 03/31/2004)”.

Given this known interaction with P-glycoprotein, it is best to avoid medi-

cations containing this drug metoclopramide in breeds affected by MDR1. Pending further information (if any overdose), the drug EMEPRID (oral and injectable solution) should not be used for these breeds: Collie, Australian Shepherd and Miniature, White Swiss Shepherd, Shetland Sheepdog, Old Francais and Long-haired Whippet breeds American, McNab and Silken Windhound.

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Who we are:

TRI STATE COLLIE RESCUE VOLUNTEERS have been professional breeders and dog show exhibitors, and we have more than 50 years of combined professional experience with the collie breed. In addition, our group includes devoted collie owners and lovers. We are listed as a recognized rescue group with the COLLIE CLUB OF AMERICA

We are on the Web!
Visit us at:
www.tristatecollierescue.net

OUR MISSION:

To end the indiscriminate breeding practices of irresponsible breeders, to educate the public about the lifetime responsibilities of caring for a pet, including the necessity of spaying and neutering, and to promote the return of undying love and devotion collies offer their owners. Too many purebred collies are found as strays, in dog shelters, or in the humane societies. We hope to eliminate the euthanasia of these collies.