



Northern Chesapeake Sheltie Rescue



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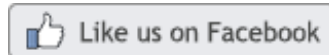
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Upcoming Events!

[Craft Show](#)
Middletown HS in
Middletown DE

Spring 2017

Flowers are blooming, the snow is (hopefully) gone and we're looking forward to a new year of fun and events! We have posted under Upcoming Events on our website and in this newsletter all of the events we have planned so far.

NCSR took in 42 shelties and two collies in 2016 including several seniors with advanced medical conditions, some of them are still in hospice care in our foster program. We thank all our friends and donors who have helped provide for these beautiful shelties. 100% of all donations go toward the care of these dogs. We have been very successful with our fundraising efforts and we are very thankful for your support!

We will continue with Quarter Auctions, Facebook Auctions and whatever other good ideas we can think of.

One of our biggest fundraisers is the NCSR calendar. We showcase one of our adopted shelties on each page and on the cover. Photos can be submitted for the 2018 NCSR calendar any time! Please send pictures to ncsr@comcast.net. Our calendar is always a hit! Maybe your sheltie can be in the next one! Large files, please! Deadline is July 1, 2017.

We are looking forward to a great year! We love our adopters and volunteers! Thank you all for all you do!

Looking For Quality Items, Gift Cards or Services For Fund Raising

WE NEED YOUR TREASURES!



May 6, 2017

[Facebook Online Auction](#)

May 3, 2017 - May 5, 2017

[Mid-Maryland Petaplooza](#)

April 29, 2017 9am - 6pm Frederick Fairgrounds 797 E Patrick St, Frederick, MD

**[Separation Day](#)
New Castle, DE
June 10, 2017**

**[Dog Fest](#)
Baltimore Humane Society, 1601 Nicodemus Road, Reisterstown, MD
September 16, 2017**

**[NCSR Reunion Cookout Mariner Point Park](#)
Joppatown, MD
September 23, 2017**

**[Darlington Apple Fest, Darlington, MD](#)
October 7, 2017**

Other events are pending confirmation. As new events are added and we get website updates we will post them on our website, Facebook page and future newsletters!

[SAVE THE DATE!!!](#)

As you know, we are a non-profit organization dedicated to helping Shelties in Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Founded in 1999, our philosophy is to assist Shelties regardless of age or condition whenever possible. We take in young, senior and hospice shelties alike. Our passion and commitment drives us to help as many shelties in our community as we can and we and they need YOUR help.

To raise funds, NCSR holds online and live auctions and also sells items at local events. Our supplies are running low, and our organization is asking you and others you may know if they would be willing to donate services, gift cards or merchandise to be used at events to raise funds for the rescue.

We have a craft show and an online auction coming in May! So if you or someone you know has dog items you bought that were never used, sheltie items that you no longer want, crafts that you or your friends make and you would like them to be used for a good cause, please contact us!!!

Any donations will be greatly appreciated. We and the shelties will be eternally grateful and promise that your donated item/s will be put to good use!

Tax receipts are available upon request.

If you have an item that you would like to donate please contact our Delaware Director - Lisa Flowers at Purecountry1299@aol.com.

Is It Safe for My Dog to Drink From Rivers, Lakes or Oceans? **

Any animal compelled to lap up toilet water probably has a cast-iron constitution, right? So what harm can come to a dog who drinks out of natural bodies of water?

Plenty, as it turns out. Outdoor water sources can harbor organisms and chemicals that can be harmful to your dog, some of which can put you at risk for zoonotic disease as well.

Some of the Risks

Here's just a sampling of what can lurk in outdoor water

The annual NCSR Reunion Cookout will be Saturday, September 23rd at Mariner Point Park in Joppatown, MD! Stay tuned for more information!

2017 ASSA NATIONALS

Can't get enough of beautiful shelties?

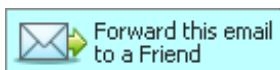
Want to take a mini vacation?

The ASSA Nationals will be held on, April 14 - 22, 2017 at Purina Farms in Gray Summit, Missouri

For scheduled events visit www.ASSA.org. Sheltie Rescue groups will have a booth set up with many unique sheltie items for sale!

Contact Us

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sources:

Bacteria

Water that's contaminated with animal or human waste can contain bacteria, including species of salmonella, Campylobacter, Escherichia coli and Leptospira .

In mild cases, these bacterial infections can lead to diarrhea (which could make for a long drive home from the beach, even with the car windows rolled down). Severe infections with these organisms can be much worse. Some of these bacteria may be shed in the stools of infected dogs, and improper handling of feces can potentially lead to infections in people. Of these bacteria, infection with the Leptospira species can be especially concerning. These bacteria are often found in marshy or muddy water and slow-moving or stagnant pools frequented by wildlife, such as raccoons, opossums, skunks and rodents. Infection in dogs, if not treated early, can result in liver and/or kidney damage and death. Organisms can be shed in the urine of infected dogs, leading to potential infection in people.

If you live in an at-risk area or like to take your dog hunting, ask your veterinarian about leptospirosis vaccines. Although these vaccines can't offer protection against every subtype of these bacteria, they do help protect dogs against some of the more common ones.

Blue-green algae

Though not exactly a plant, these bacteria produce energy by photosynthesis. Cyanobacteria can form colonies of blooms that often float on the water's surface, especially during the hot weather of summer and early fall.

Dogs may swallow the blooms while swimming or ingest them when grooming their coats after being in the water. Some of these blooms produce toxins, such as microcystins, which can lead to liver failure, and anatoxins, which typically affect the nervous system. Signs can begin soon after ingestion and may include vomiting, diarrhea, seizures, collapse and death.

If you suspect that your dog has swallowed blue-green algae, it's important to get him to the veterinarian immediately. No antidote for the toxins exists, but supportive care may help your dog survive.

Parasites

Outdoor water sources are also sources for parasites, including species of the protozoans Giardia and cryptosporidium. If your dog gets diarrhea after a day on the water, one of these may be the culprit.

Chances are, these parasites won't be spread to humans, but there is a slight risk for those who are immunocompromised.

Chemicals

Outdoor bodies of water can not only contain surface run-off from surrounding lands, such as pesticides and herbicides, but other chemicals like gasoline and oil from boaters.

Salt

Consuming a little bit of ocean salt water probably won't hurt your dog, but large amounts of it can lead to dehydration and electrolyte imbalances. Dogs drinking ocean water may also experience diarrhea.

So What's a Dog Owner to Do?

When heading into the great outdoors with your dog, always pack a portable bowl and plenty of fresh water. If you notice your dog trying to drink out of a river or lake (or the ocean), lead him to his water bowl.

In cases where the water smells or looks dirty (as enticing as that is for most dogs), it might be better to keep him on shore. And if your dog doesn't seem like himself after a day on the river, lake or beach, take him to your veterinarian, just to be sure.

And remember: If you wouldn't drink the water, it's probably not safe for your dog to drink either.

****Article Written by vetSTREET - www.vetstreet.com ****

Showcasing Our Fosters-Merlee

This little cutie is a sheltie/border collie mix about 16 months old. She is a young dog with lots of energy. Merlee loves playing with other dogs but can be a bit dominant for such a little thing so a patient, non-alpha dog about her size would be perfect as a sibling/playmate. She is a loving, sweet, cuddly girl and enjoys belly rubs and really loves her toys!



Merlee has a pancreatic enzyme deficiency and MUST be on digestive enzymes for the rest of her life. The enzymes help her body digest and absorb the nutrients from her food. She will need annual vet follow up care. For these reasons we consider her special needs and need to keep her relatively local. We would be happy to provide information on her supplements and care. Merlee is being fostered in Kearneysville, WV.

**We welcome your suggestions, tips, and articles!
We love to showcase our adopted shelties, so
please send pictures and stories! Is your sheltie a
Therapy Dog or has she attained an obedience or
performance title? Let us know, we love to brag!
This newsletter is about you and for you. Hope to
see you at one of our events!**