



The Sheltie Spin

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All your friends at NVSR wish you and yours a very Happy Holiday Season with lots of tail wags, new toys and treats, and Sheltie kisses galore!

Oreo Withrow



Petey Robertson



Bentley Hendrix



Spirit & Tigger Grant



Cody Piazza (R.I.P., Cody)



Cady Grant



Belle & Brady Parrish



Anneka Miranda



Ladybug, Periwinkle, Paisley & Sassy Pohnert





Before-and-After Transformations

Most of the Shelties that NVSR takes in are in pretty good condition – the right weight (or close to it), up-to-date on most vaccines, friendly, well-behaved, healthy. On the other hand, many of them are not. Some dogs coming directly from owners have been neglected or even mistreated. When we hear of a Sheltie in a shelter, we always make room (sometimes squeezing him or her into a foster home) for such a dog. Shelter dogs have often been strays or neglected for a long period of time. They usually have not had good vet care or been groomed for a long time. Here are the stories of four Shelties who fortunately found their way to NVSR and are now living “the good life.”

Heidi

In July this year, Aussie Rescue friends told us about a Sheltie in very bad shape in a shelter. They said we should probably let her go – “too far gone” and scheduled for euthanasia the next day. A stray for a very long time, she was terribly thin and could not stand. NVSR volunteer



Louise Cortright hurried to the shelter the same day and picked up “Heidi,” skin and bones and very weak. Louise is one of our expert foster providers who can help very compromised dogs regain their health, if possible. She set about to get Heidi well, and it was touch and go for several weeks. Heidi ate four or more small meals a day because her internal organs had shrunk so much during her stray period.

As she began to recover, it was three meals a day, then the normal two. Heidi could finally stand by herself, walk around in the yard, and eliminate without falling over. Every day she got stronger.

When Heidi offered a “play bow,” Louise knew she was going to be all right. Heidi emerged from her “too far gone” state into a playful, affectionate, mischievous little girl who tried her best to get the dogs and cats in her foster home to play with her. Her coat filled out, and she became very interested in everything going on. At this point, Louise knew that Heidi was ready for the right adopter, and Geri Piazza, another volunteer who had recently lost Cody, her senior Sheltie (NVSR 2006), became very interested ... and “the rest is history.”

Here’s Geri’s part of the story: *Two months ago, I adopted Heidi, who had been an emaciated stray that Louise fattened up over the summer. My girl Heidi is a happy dog, and you would never guess that she was living on the streets and starving to death this summer. She is quick to wag her tail and give kisses. Every day we play with her toys – she loves to play catch and fetch, and I’m astonished at how she will leap into the air to catch a ball or toy. When she has the toy, she will exuberantly squeak it, or she will bark to get my attention: “Let’s play!” She makes me laugh out loud. She is a lot of fun!*



Heidi meets a new dog just about every day on our walks through the neighborhood, and I’m proud of what a little lady she is about greeting strangers. She is brave and friendly but not aggressive. Other dogs absolutely love her. I heard a neighbor say, “Wow, my dog hasn’t gotten this excited since he was a puppy!”

Pretty soon I hope to take her to Woofs! in Arlington for private training. She is mostly deaf so I want the trainers to teach me sign

language for Heidi. She is a good girl who wants to learn so I think we’ll both enjoy going to school together.

Oreo

Most of you know Oreo’s story – he was our “poster Sheltie” last spring for our donation drive. He came to us from owners who could



not put up with his pooping in their apartment. We don’t worry much about housetraining issues with our intakes, because with proper retraining, they are usually overcome unless there’s a medical reason. We discovered right away that Oreo walked with his four legs trying to go in different directions. (His former family had not noticed this in the three months since they adopted him from a military shelter!) He also had trouble controlling his bowels. We knew right away that this beautiful 5 year old Sheltie had to have a chance at a normal life.

His foster provider, Kathy Kelly, took Oreo to South Paws for evaluation and an MRI. (You can guess how expensive that was!) The doctor discovered a cyst impinging on Oreo’s lower spinal cord, which caused a loss of sensation in his legs and bowels. We were very happy to learn that surgery could remove the cyst and give Oreo a more normal life – so without hesitation we scheduled the surgery. Oreo was a real trooper throughout his recovery and physical therapy. Kathy built him a ramp to get into the backyard, and Oreo started to run and chase with the other dogs as soon as he could, even though his legs still didn’t work perfectly.



When he was ready, Oreo looked for a new family and found Jon and Donna Withrow, who had adopted Buddy from NVSR in February. They wanted a buddy for Buddy, and they had been following Oreo’s progress since his surgery. It wasn’t long before Oreo moved in with them. Here’s what Donna has to say:

We first met Oreo when Kathy did our home visit last winter. We fell in love with him. Oreo seemed to bond with his soon-to-be dad right away. However, Oreo had not had his surgery yet, and no one was sure at the time what medical issues he might face. Since we had lost our beloved Sheltie, Prince Reggie, in August, we knew it was best for us not to adopt an ill Sheltie.



Shortly after that we saw Buddy’s sweet face online, then called Max. We knew we had to adopt him and make him our little Buddy. We continued to think about Oreo and e-mailed Kathy to see how he was progressing. Buddy needed a friend, and we needed another Sheltie to love. Kathy and Oreo came for a visit ... and Oreo stayed. What joy Oreo and Buddy have given us. Oreo would like to share his story, too:

Hello my dearest NVSR family. Wow, what can I say? First a big thank you and lots of love to Kathy and my dear foster family. Thank you so much for loving me and nursing me back to health! My mom and dad thank you, too! When I first met my soon-to-be mom and dad, I knew they were the family for me. Buddy is a good older brother. We get along great. He likes to groom me and will lick my back and give me kisses. We have 2 ½ acres I walk and run around on each day. Buddy doesn’t run as fast as I do so when Buddy is



napping Mom and I go out to play. Sometimes in the morning for special occasions Mom and Dad let Buddy and me get in bed with them. I love it!

Mom and I do physical therapy together. I am working on getting stronger with each day. Sometimes when we are doing our exercises Buddy will come in and join us. He has now learned to sit, especially when a delicious training treat is involved. I keep trying to show him how to "give paw," but he just doesn't get it, even for a treat. Buddy doesn't hear well, so I let him know when someone is coming to the door and he greets them with me. I love being with Buddy. I also have grandparents, an aunt and uncle and cousin. They give me so much love I can hardly believe it. I am really happy here. My mom showers me with kisses everyday. I don't know what else to say except thank you to each and everyone of you. My mom and dad wish all humans could have the joy they have with me and Buddy. I hope all my four legged brothers and sisters find their forever home. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Jamie

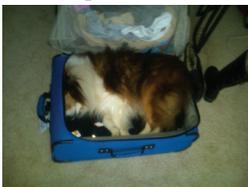
Jamie luckily turned up at a caring rural shelter in West Virginia. He was found with his younger buddy, Jasmine, outside a shelter volunteer's home; they were obviously left there on purpose. Neither dog had been brushed for years! Jamie especially was one huge, thick mat, and he was obese at 41 pounds – much too much for a small dog. Although many rural shelters don't have resources to care for, much less find homes for, the large number of animals that come to them; this one did post Jamie and Jasmine on their Petfinder site. Pat Koch, our NVSR eagle eye volunteer, spotted their posting, and she and Martha Heisel drove off to WV and brought Jamie and Jasmine into the NVSR fold.



Jamie was fostered by Martha, who spent many hours (!) teasing out the mats in Jamie's coat. Some of the worst tangles had to be cut out, but with patience, Jamie's coat began to take shape again. After several baths, his skin is in good shape, too. His obesity was addressed by the vet, and we found that his thyroid was hardly working at all. Jamie was placed on inexpensive thyroid supplementation, and he began to lose weight almost immediately. From a dog that could barely stand up, much less move around, within two months Jamie became an energetic little guy with a lovely coat and a happy bounce in his step. At about 10 years old, Jamie is completely deaf, but he rarely misses anything in his foster home.



Because he's a senior dog, we thought that Jamie might be in foster for a long time. However, Heather Gordon came along and fell in love with him. And, who wouldn't? Jamie is a real charmer who loves to cuddle when he's not exploring on walks or napping. When Heather packed for a business trip, Jamie suggested that he should come along. Jamie has just moved in with Heather, and they are having a wonderful time exploring their new life together. By the way, Jasmine was adopted, too, by the Moan family. She's living the good life, too.



Dusty

Dusty came to NVSR in spring 2009 from his owner, who was about to give up on him ever walking again. Dusty had fallen into a concrete hole several months before and broken both his back legs. Surgery had repaired the legs, but his left leg was unusable. Dusty preferred to sit, and he looked so sad – at just a year-and-a-half old!



We placed Dusty in foster with Louise Cortright, because we knew that he'd need special care. After examining his legs carefully, our vet determined that surgery could remove the pin in his left leg and repair the damage sufficiently so he could walk again. The pin was removed surgically, but a wound infection set in, which also had to be overcome. However, Dusty was not about to be left out of the action.

After surgery, Dusty started his rehab, beginning to use his left leg again, and his atrophied muscle mass began to return. Physical therapy helped a great deal, and Dusty could soon run and jump again, even though his left rear leg remained an inch shorter than his right one. He didn't really care about that. He was just glad to be "on the move" again. Dusty hadn't had any obedience training, so his new family would need to work on that. He didn't want to come when called, now that he could move around again.



Dusty was adopted by Kathy and Douglas Juron in late July 2009, who really wanted him and promised to take him to class. Here is their news:



*I have had Dusty now about 2+ years since adoption, and he is absolutely the sweetest little fella with whom I have ever had the opportunity to share my home. We first went to Beginning Obedience, where he was a *star* pupil [no surprise there!], and later, Intermediate Obedience, where he also excelled. Then, on to Agility I and Agility II. He's not allowed to use some equipment because of his legs, but we have so much fun.*

*Thanks to all of you at NVSR for doing what you do!!! I can't tell you how many people I've told that I have had a **lot** of experience with 'all volunteer' organizations in the past, but I have **never** encountered one as well-run and organized as yours!!*



Oh, btw! I have been a model in our local Kennel Club's annual fashion show for the past several years, and as my female Borzoi Lydia has gotten too old to do it anymore, she won't be coming with me next March. I am taking Dusty. I will have an introduction, of course, and plan to tell everyone about NVSR.

This is the kind of work we do every day at NVSR. Most dogs don't require extensive rehabilitation, and they can move on to adoption fairly quickly. But, there are always the Shelties who need special care to help them live a good life. We love helping them and seeing them off on their journeys with their adopters.



Holiday Tips

Let's face it, the holidays are almost here. It's too late to train your dog before Aunt Mabel arrives. Even if you have trained your dog, the holidays present a whole new set of challenges. Your dog is excited (or stressed). You are excited (or stressed) and have less time for your dog. There are all sorts of distractions (including food). Be patient. This too shall pass.



Santa O'Shea

• **Your dog will get excited when guests first arrive.** Remember, in your dog's mind, Aunt Mabel could be arriving from Publisher's Clearing House or could be a vicious killer there to do harm. Before your guests are due to arrive, put your dog in another room

or crate. Once your friends and relatives are in and settled, your dog will be happy to greet everyone.

• **Your dog should be on leash when greeting your guests.** This will help keep your dog from jumping and running around. It's more pleasant for your dog than being yelled at for saying "hello" the way that dogs say "hello".

• **Don't assume that everyone likes dogs (even yours).** Be sure to ask your guests ahead of time. It's not fair to your dog or your guests to allow your dog around people who are afraid of dogs. Your guest will feel uncomfortable all night, and your dog will get in trouble for simply being himself around the wrong person.

• **If you have a timid, anxious or reactive dog, don't force him to be part of the activities.** It's best to allow your dog to spend the afternoon in his crate or in a separate room with the door shut and something super yummy to chew. Be sure to do this before your guests arrive. Your dog would rather be in a safe place than around all those "scary" people.

• **Teach your guests, both adults and children, how to interact with your dog.** When people approach dogs head-on, look them directly in the eye, reach over them, pat them on the head or lean over them, dogs feel threatened. So, ask your guests to angle sideways and pet your dog under his chin or on his chest. If your dog looks away or backs up, respect your dog's wishes. He is not comfortable and would rather not meet and greet.

• **Being around young children is stressful for most dogs.** Kids have high-pitched voices, move quickly and are unpredictable.

Don't let children crowd your dog, chase him, pick him up, hug him or get their face in your dog's face. Let your dog go somewhere safe, where he won't be bothered by children's antics. Even a good dog will bite when he has had enough.

• **If you have a small dog, don't hold him when people approach.** Small dogs may feel trapped and become "growly" if held during a greeting.



Shamrock & Fawn Wines

• **Ask your guests NOT to feed your dog.** The emergency vet offices are full during the holidays with dogs that have had too much "holiday cheer". Well-meaning friends may not know that raisins are bad for dogs or that macadamia nuts could kill your dog (think cookies). Instead, have some of your dog's healthy treats around for your guests to offer your dog.

• **If you don't want your dog to eat off the kitchen counter or beg at the dinner table, keep him out of those rooms.** Put up a baby gate, or put your dog in a crate or room with a special treat – like a Kong stuffed with goodies or an interactive toy that will drop kibble if moved the right way. Don't feel guilty: Your dog will get plenty later when he helps you clean up by eating all the crumbs.

• **Don't tempt fate.** Even the most well-behaved dog will be tempted to commit "a crime of opportunity". If you're planning on cleaning up later, so you can watch the game or move to another room for dessert and coffee, make sure your dog comes (and stays) with you. If your dog does get something such as a turkey bone, offer your dog something yummy in exchange, instead of trying to reach into his mouth to get it.

WATCH THOSE DOORS! Just as you should have your dog in another room/in a crate/on leash when your guests arrive, you need to do the same when your guests are leaving. People will be hugging, getting their left-overs to take home and putting their coats on. No one will be paying attention to how wide the front door is held open or for how long. It only takes a second for your dog to bolt out that door or to follow a guest out and keep going!

*From: Your Dog's Friend Newsletter
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NVSR is now on Facebook

Look for us at "Northern Virginia Sheltie Rescue (NVSR)."

We use our Facebook page for:

- Communicating with our volunteers and adopters quickly
- Posting information about events
- Posting pictures and chat about our adorable Shelties
- Asking other members about issues with our Shelties
- Getting the word out quickly if a Sheltie goes missing
- Any other information related to Shelties, Sheltie rescue, Sheltie humor, etc.

Through Facebook, we can link to many Sheltie and animal rescues, as well as other helpful organizations and individuals. This makes it easy for us to ask for help from other rescues in the event of emergencies.

Information posted on the NVSR page is sent to everyone that has *liked* the page. Joining Facebook is easy: go to www.facebook.com and fill in your e-mail address and a password. Please use Secure Browsing by always using the <https://www.facebook.com> address; the "s" shows that you are using *secure browsing*, ensuring your data is encrypted and guaranteeing privacy. If

you already have a Facebook account, *Search* for "Northern Virginia Sheltie Rescue (NVSR)" and *Like* the page. We'll see you on Facebook!





Volunteer Spotlight: Kathy Kelly

Kathy Kelly, a telecommuting freelance editor, first volunteered with NVSR in 2001 shortly after Nimbus, one of her two Shelties at the time, passed away. She and her husband, Jim Wright, were new to the area and were looking for a way to be with dogs without actually adopting another one immediately. *"I thought about volunteering as a dog walker for one of the area shelters,"* Kathy said, *"and went searching online where I found out about NVSR."* She thought fostering a rescued dog sounded like a good idea. Pat Wilson came to do her home visit. It must have been a great idea, for when asked how many foster dogs she has had, she just laughed. *"I keep a list,"* she said, *"I've had 65 or 66 foster dogs so far."* Kathy said she has had some memorable fosters, such as her very first, Kringle. He was adopted and became Neo, just the first of many to go through her home on their way to their forever homes.



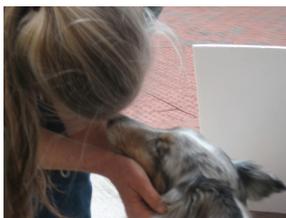
Kathy & Liam

Her household currently holds two resident Shelties and one foster named Laddie [check out Laddie on our website]. Like many of us, she has been a "foster flunkie," too. One of her current Shelties is a former foster named Kyla. *"She's overly sensitive,"* Kathy says. *"She can smell another dog a mile away and seems to think they are a threat, so she's nervous when walking. Sometimes, she acts like a crazy dog."* She also remembers Molly, a senior Sheltie at 13 ½, given up when her family moved from a house into a townhouse. They felt she would miss the backyard too much. *"He just came up to me with this senior Sheltie girl draped over his arms,"* she says. *"I felt so bad for her. Their townhouse had a back yard, but it wasn't as big, so they gave her up."* Mollie soon made Kathy a "foster flunkie" and lived for another two and a half years.

Fostering is a commitment and can be time-consuming. When asked about participating in dog sports or other dog-related activities, she just laughs. There just are not enough hours in the day with as many foster dogs as she takes.

Of course, not all foster dogs find their forever home on the first try, she says. NVSR requires that if a dog does not work out or the owner cannot keep it, it must come back to NVSR. *"Sometimes, a dog comes back from what seemed like a good home, but something just didn't work right. I feel bad for the dog. You try to figure out what went wrong."* It does not happen often, but it does happen. No matter how hard we try to place a dog in the perfect home, it does not always work out that way. People are not the only ones with personalities. For example, sometimes the newly adopted dog may not be welcomed by the adopter's current pet.

Kathy feels that she has learned a lot from being a volunteer. *"I spent a lot of time tagging along with Jean McCarty at events,"* she said. *"That's how I learned so much about running them."* She also praises the group knowledge in NVSR. *"I've learned so much about dogs,"* she says, *"and I really take advantage of the knowledge the other volunteers have. The volunteers have so much knowledge they can share."* She is also appreciative of our adopters, she says, and is very glad so many people come forward both to volunteer and adopt NVSR Shelties. *"I found as time went by, many people had heard of NVSR and praised it as a well run and organized rescue,"* she notes.



Kathy & Kyla

Consider Adopting (or Fostering) a Senior Sheltie

Right now, we have an "over-supply" of dear older Shelties waiting for homes. We anticipate the response, "I'd just get attached and he'd be gone." Well, the seniors need homes, too, and they teach us to enjoy each and every day, not to worry about the future. Can you consider giving one of these dears a permanent home? We'd love to give you more information about these beauties – just ask.



Max: 12 years young and very sprightly. He loves to play and make his foster mom laugh.

Pepper: another spry 12 year old who loves to be with people. You could take friendly Pepper anywhere, and he'd love it.



Zeus: a 10-12 year old Sheltie mix with a very friendly personality. He gets along with EVERYONE – a wonderful older guy. Zeus is eligible for our Permanent Fostering Program, in which we continue to pay the dog's expenses while you keep the dog.

Ginger: a beautiful 12 year old who didn't get enough attention at her former home. She's very friendly and willing to decorate your home.



Digby: a 10 year old that won't stop playing. Wouldn't you love to be greeted by a cute, cheerful little guy with a toy in his mouth?

Fun Activities and Fundraisers

Scottish Walk in Old Town Alexandria, December 3rd, a "Bonnie" Showing by the Shelties

Many Sheltie lovers donned their colorful tartans and joined NVSR and Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club to march with their Shelties in the annual Scottish Christmas Walk. For the 41st year, more than 100 Scottish Clans, pipe and drum bands, Scottish dancers, reenactment groups, Scottish dog groups, dignitaries, and of course, Santa Claus marched through the streets of Old Town Alexandria. More than 20 Shelties were in the parade, heralded by, "Here they come – the SHELTIES!" and "I adopted my Sheltie from NVSR!" We had wonderful weather, and spirits were high.



Gift Wrapping, December 17th, 19th, 21st, 22nd

We'll be smiling and ready to wrap gifts for ... donations. This is a fun way to promote our Shelties, and you can get some of your Christmas shopping done.

• **December 17th only Barnes & Noble, Tysons Corner VA**, 10 am to 10 pm. Contact Joyce Miller (joycem1218@yahoo.com) if you can help.

• **Barnes & Noble, Brandermill**, 4600 Commonwealth Center Parkway, Midlothian VA, 10 am to 2 pm. Contact Melody Goins (goinsm@comcast.net) if you can help. **We'll also be at Brandermill Dec 19th, 21st, and 22nd from 6 to 10 pm. Stop by and say hello!!**



Rescued Rescue Rescues Rescued Rescue

By Mike O'Shea, NVSR Volunteer,
and Dixie Doodle (NVSR 2008)

On our way to herding practice recently, we noticed a dog wandering across route 28 at Compton Road just out of Manassas. The traffic had stopped for the dog, allowing me to follow the dog onto Compton. I stopped my truck in the middle of the road and tried to coax the dog to me to no avail. Other motorists waited patiently while I hopped back into the truck to follow the dog further down Compton. Other drivers tried to head the dog off but she kept getting by. We kept stopping and starting trying to corral the dog – no luck. We all finally gave up with the dog a ½ mile away.

I decided to drive down Compton to turn around and saw the dog go up a gravel road. I pulled into the road and saw the dog go over the hill. Since we were off the main roads, I let Dixie Doodle out to help. We went up the hill and saw the dog 200 yards away following a fence across a large field. Knowing Dixie's herding training, I did a "fetch send" to her, and she flew across the field at full speed, up to the dog, and they touched noses. Then, I used Dixie's herding commands. She slowly moved the dog back across the field to me, and I was able to put a leash on her. I noticed recently shaved areas on the dog and thought she might have escaped from a nearby vet clinic. I took her there, but they did not know her. On her collar was a Heart Shaped tag with HART on it. After cleaning off the tag I found a number for HART Rescue and the dog's tag number. I called that number, was told the dog was in their system, and they would check and call me back. Deciding on continuing to our herding lessons, we started back through Manassas and then received a frantic call from the owner of our new acquisition, saying they were afraid something had happened to her and would come pick her up. We met at the Court House in Manassas and 15 year old "Charlotte," a golden Lab was returned to her visibly shaken owner. Without Dixie Doodle's herding training, we would not have retrieved the dog and helped her get back home.

Moral of the story: RESCUE TAGS and rules work. (And, so does herding training.)



Dixie Doodle showing off another of her talents.

The Papers We Leave Behind

By Gregg Bender

Holidays bring many things, including travel. There are many places we and our Shelties are welcome, but sometimes they must stay behind with a pet sitter, friend, or family member. In this case, information about them is important - even vital for their health and safety.

For our pets, we created a simple set of documents to fill out and leave for their caretaker when we leave town. You can do the same.

Dogs crave routine. Your leaving for an extended period is a jolt to that, which can cause emotional, behavioral, or physical upsets. Leaving a description of your pet's routine, a "Pet Routine Letter," can head off much of this stress. For this, we write an AM to PM description of each dog's routine, broken into detailed "Morning," "Afternoon," and "Evening" descriptions. This should include feeding and treat times, "going out" times, favorite games and toys, and any other information you deem necessary.

The next two documents we provide are more critical. In case of emergency, you don't want to leave your pet's caretaker floundering for information. So, we leave a "Veterinarian Permission Letter" and a "Veterinarian Listing."

The Veterinarian Permission Letter is a dated letter that says that in an emergency your pet sitter has your permission to seek veterinary treatment for your pets. List each pet by name, species, and breed. Write a simple paragraph stating your permission is given until you are able to be contacted or be physically present to take over supervision of your pet's care. Include your cell phone number, as well as the number(s) where you will be staying. **More contact information is always better than less. Don't forget to sign and date the letter.**

The last document can be a part of the Veterinarian Permission Letter. The "Veterinarian Listing" is just that. Write down all of your veterinarian's contact information: clinic name, doctor's name, address, phone number, and hours of operation. *Do the same for an emergency vet clinic as well, just in case there is an emergency after hours.* If you don't know a local emergency veterinary clinic already, find one now and contact them to set up your pet's files. Minutes count, and you shouldn't be paging frantically through phone listings in an emergency.

We have these documents in our home computer and just change information as needed each time we travel. Once the first examples are saved, making needed changes only takes a few minutes. This set of documents will allow you and your pet caretaker to have a much less stressful trip, as well as reassuring your pets by continuing their routines as closely as possible.



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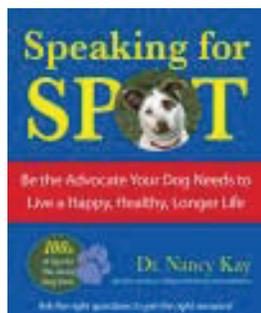


Holiday Shopping for the Shelties!

Here are some ideas for holiday gifts that will also help NVSR.



The 2012 NVSR Calendar, of course. 12 months of gorgeous Shelties. We still have them available. \$18 plus \$1.50 for postage. www.nvsr.org



Purchase at www.SpeakingForSpot.com. Check the NVSR box so we get a donation of \$6 per book until Dec. 31. Two books for the price of one!



Need a new doggie door? Hale will give NVSR a double donation until Jan. 3. www.HalePetDoor.com



Jessica Frost-Ballas, harp
Beautiful Christmas harp music played by our volunteer, Jessica Frost-Ballas. \$15 at www.jessicafrost.com

Beautiful Sheltie angel ornaments. Lots of sweats, shirts, totebags. Purchase on the NVSR website. www.nvsr.org



Do your holiday online shopping through the iGive.com or GoodSearch.com portals and help NVSR that way. No cost to you!!

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who are brought to or found by NVSR.**

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NVSR MISSION STATEMENT

NVSR will take in any Sheltie in need regardless of age, except those with histories of repeated, unprovoked biting. Dogs accepted into rescue will be evaluated in foster homes, receive veterinary care and necessary resocialization, and ultimately be placed in homes where they will be loved, protected, and well cared for. Also, we support efforts to reduce pet overpopulation; all of our Shelties will be spayed or neutered prior to adoption or, if not yet at a safe age to be neutered, placed on a spay/neuter contract at the time of adoption. NVSR is a 501(c)3 organization.