

The Sheltie Spin

Summer 2026



"Giving Shelties a New Leash on Life"

All Hands on Deck

A Thank You to Our Volunteers by Nancy Tisdale and Elaine Taylor

Over the past year, NVSR has participated in the three multidog intakes, the last one in March 2026. All three intake efforts were from far outside our normal catchment area, and all were the result of breeders with health-related issues. Each of these "all hands on deck" situations required participation by many of our volunteers.

Part of NVSR's role as a proud member of the National Sheltie Rescue Association is to assist when an urgent situation arises that local groups can't handle alone. The National Director posts the need for other groups to help and asks how many dogs each group can take. We have taken in 16 dogs in the last year from these three large efforts. These situations are usually urgent and require intensive organization and communication! We usually know very little about the dogs, other than their location and the expected date of distribution. If time allows, all dogs are vaccinated for rabies, or confirmed to be vaccinated, and issued a health certificate to cross state lines.



Mary Babcock with Phil

Once it is confirmed that we will be receiving several dogs, the real fun begins. Multiple things must happen simultaneously. We put out an appeal to our volunteers for foster homes and transporters to take the dogs to those homes once they arrive at a distribution point in Virginia. And as soon as you think you have a handle on the situation, things begin to change—the number of dogs, the distribution date, or even the cross-country transporters' pick-up location—and we must make accommodations. We are endlessly amazed at how flexible our volunteers are amid all this chaos! Here is a play-by-play of how our own volunteer team carried out this March 2026 multidog intake.

Sunday, March 1st. Dogs are loaded and the van heads back to Virginia and North Carolina. Our intake coordinators line up NVSR volunteers to provide foster homes and transport. We were extremely fortunate to have our Sheltie friend and a Virginia breeder, Mary Babcock, and the Director of Triangle Sheltie Rescue in North Carolina, Sherri Walter, willing to make the long trip. National Sheltie Rescue requires that the dogs have no potty breaks, so the trips can be very long and tiring, in this case 19 hours straight through from the Midwest. Mary and Sherri had arrived at the distribution location Saturday night and left Sunday morning with a total of 12 dogs, 6 going to Virginia and 6 to North Carolina. They drove through the night and arrived midmorning at Nancy Tisdale's home in Charlottesville.

Monday, March 2nd. The dogs arrive in Virginia. When the van arrived at Nancy's home, everybody had much-needed breaks and stretched their legs before unloading the six NVSR dogs in their crates for sorting. Nancy and Sherri photographed and filled out intake forms, matched what vet records came with each dog, and prepared a packet for each of the foster providers. Two of the transport volunteers, Kathy Kelly and Elaine Taylor, arrived when the van did to help with the dogs, and then, with multiple dogs in each of their vehicles, headed to rendezvous with foster providers. Kathy drove north to meet Louise and Mike Kenny, who continued north, taking Phil to Barb and Bob Gardner in Purcellville, Fresno to Linda Hill in Harpers Ferry (with a layover at the Kennys'), and Kyle to Susan and Cary Hendrix in Crofton, Maryland. Elaine Taylor headed east to meet Linda Falck, who took Nugget and Hawkeye to her home in



Williamsburg. Barbara Ann Holmes then drove to Linda's to pick up Hawkeye and take him home with her to Chesapeake.



Kyle

The following days were anything but easy! Kyle, a 10-year-old male, was severely shut down and fearful. His coat was in terrible shape, and he was obviously unwell. He snapped and bit at every attempt to touch him, breaking through the skin of Mary, his foster parents, and a technician in the vet's office. Because of his intense biting, the vet recommended that he be tested for rabies, which was negative. NVSR abides by the National Sheltie Rescue's policy that we do not adopt out a known biter. After agonizing discussion with the vet, we made the hard decision to humanely euthanize Kyle.

Wednesday, March 4th. Nugget's foster mom, Linda Falck, fell and broke her wrist! Oh my! And she already loved Nugget in their two days. NVSR always tells our volunteers, "We have your

back if, for any reason, you can't keep your foster." This foster home change had to happen fast! New volunteers Steve and Karen Steinbach offered to pick up Nugget the next morning and take her to Richmond, where Melody and Kevin Goins hastily prepared their "guest dog bed" for her. Thank goodness for our flexible volunteers who can act with just a few hours' notice.

Nugget



Hawkeye, another 10-year-old male, was struggling and obviously ill. Barbara Ann got him to her vet, where his blood results showed significant organ failure, so we decided to move him back to Nancy's for close medical supervision. Barbara Ann drove Hawkeye from Chesapeake back to Richmond, where Elaine met her and brought him to Charlottesville. Since Nancy was fostering Talley, Elaine offered to take her home.



Hawkeye

Nancy, who is both a vet technician and an RN, gave Hawkeye the best care, but he had a terrible gagging cough, and ultrasound showed an abnormality on his pancreas. Nothing the vet tried budged the numbers on his bloodwork, and he had no good outlook for his future. So, after Hawkeye had what were probably the best six weeks of his life—sleeping on Nancy's bed and having lots of loving attention and a yard where he could be free—the vet recommended we help him peacefully cross the Rainbow Bridge. He was a good soul, and letting him go was one of those hard parts of rescue work.

On a happier note, Talley (right) was spayed and has been adopted! She is very loved in her new home and has another Sheltie playmate. Fresno (photo on page 1), who had moved to Melinda Hall after Linda Hill was scheduled to go out of town, has also been adopted and is loving his new home and family. Nugget and Phil still need a bit of vet care at the time of this writing, but both will make lovely additions to a home soon.

As you see, our amazing volunteers are the heart and the backbone of NVSR. Some foster, some transport, some help with special needs and events...and some encourage from the sidelines! But all are so important. Might you be willing to join their ranks? Check out the Join Our Effort page on our website at nvsr.org, and let's start a conversation.



Is it Your Time to Become an NVSR Volunteer?

No obligations—just rewarding opportunities to be part of this important work!
Contact us at shelties@nvsr.org



Talley



Join Us at the 2026 NVSR Picnic – And Bring Your Sheltie!

Saturday, September 19, 2026
Curtis Memorial Park • Hartwood, Virginia



Our annual picnic for adopters, volunteers, friends, and Sheltie lovers is coming up soon! Join us for a fun-filled afternoon where Shelties and their people come together to make new friends, play **games**, enjoy **doggie massages**, eat all kinds of **yummies**, and get the first chance to purchase next year's **Sheltie calendar**.



Where: Curtis Memorial Park
58 Jesse Curtis Lane, Hartwood, VA 22406

Time: Arrive around 11:00 AM and stay until 3:00 PM

RSVP: Registration is not required, but for planning purposes you may RSVP to:
picnic@nvsr.org



Bring your lawn chairs, your cameras, your appetite, and of course — your Shelties!



Save the Date — Mark Your Calendars!



Scottsville Creatures Great & Small
Date and Time TBA



54th Annual Alexandria Scottish Walk
Saturday, Dec. 5th at 11am





Capture Your Sheltie's Personality Through Your Phone Camera

Simple Photo Tips for Everyday Sheltie Moments

Most of us don't carry around fancy cameras anymore — but we almost always have our phones nearby when our Shelties do something adorable, funny, or unforgettable. The good news? Your cellphone camera is more than capable of capturing beautiful photos full of personality and emotion.

The best Sheltie photos are not always perfect poses. Sometimes the best pictures happen during playtime, nap time, zoomies, or quiet moments when your dog simply feels relaxed and loved.

Here are some simple ways to improve your everyday dog photos while capturing the personality that makes your Sheltie uniquely yours.



Get Down to Your Dog's Level

One of the easiest ways to instantly improve your photos is to stop shooting downward from above. Instead, kneel, sit, or even lie on the floor so your camera is at your Sheltie's eye level.

Photos taken from your dog's perspective feel more personal and natural. You'll capture better facial expressions, brighter eyes, and a much more flattering angle.

Get Up Close

Don't be afraid to move in closer. Shelties have expressive eyes, beautiful coats, and sweet little details that deserve attention.

Close-up photos can highlight:

- soulful eyes
- tipped ears
- tiny puppy paws
- a happy smile
- a favorite toy

Your cellphone camera works especially well in natural window light or outdoors during early morning or evening.



Try Action Shots

Action shots may take patience, but they can create incredible photos full of movement and excitement.

Try photographing your dog:

- running across the yard
- catching a toy
- jumping through leaves
- splashing in water
- doing zoomies



Use burst mode or "live photo" settings on your phone to improve your chances of getting the perfect shot.

Consider Your Background

A busy background can distract from your dog. Before taking the picture, quickly look around for:

- clutter
- trash cans
- cars
- leashes
- random people distracting objects

Simple backgrounds help your Sheltie stand out. Natural settings like grass, trees, porches, fences, or soft blankets often work beautifully.

Be Patient

The perfect photo rarely happens on the first try. Sometimes your Sheltie will cooperate beautifully. Other times they may decide the camera is suspicious, become distracted by squirrels, or simply walk away. That's okay.

The best dog photos often happen between poses — during quiet moments, silly expressions, or unexpected interactions.

Keep your phone nearby and keep photographing everyday life.

Those real moments are often the ones you'll treasure most.

Final Tip: Take Lots of Photos

Digital photos are free — and Shelties are wonderfully expressive. Take lots of pictures. Try different angles, lighting, and settings. Some photos may be blurry or imperfect, but every now and then you'll capture one that truly feels like your dog. And those are the photos worth keeping forever.



📷 Help Us Fill the 2027 NVSR Sheltie Calendar! 🐾

Now that you've picked up a few tips for capturing your Sheltie's personality, it's time to put those camera skills to work!



We are officially collecting photos for the 2027 NVSR Sheltie Calendar, and we would love to see your favorite rescued Shelties featured.



A few important reminders:

- Each photo must include at least one rescued Sheltie
 - Sorry, no humans in the photos
 - Please send photos in the highest resolution possible so we can print clear, crisp calendar images
- Natural expressions, everyday moments, action shots, and seasonal photos are always favorites!

Submission Deadline: July 10, 2026 Email your photos to: calendar@nvsr.org

We'll be anxiously waiting on the other end and will gladly acknowledge receipt of your submission.

Thank you for helping us celebrate rescued Shelties all year long!



In Memory of Suzanne Poorker

Long-time NVSR volunteer Suzanne Poorker passed away Saturday, May 23 from cancer.

Suzanne and her family ran the "Sheltie Shop" at the annual NVSR picnics where she sold NVSR labeled clothing to raise money to fund the large veterinary expenses we incurred annually to get our foster dogs ready for adoption.

She was a dedicated volunteer from 2007 to 2026.

During those years she adopted Sam, Sophie, Angel, Pinky, and Merlin, giving them all wonderful homes and contributing actively to NVSR discussions of health and behavior issues.

She now joins her beloved dogs as she crosses the Rainbow Bridge.

This issue of The Sheltie Spin is dedicated to Suzanne for her years of love, service, and devotion to NVSR.



Cool & Yummy SUMMER TREATS

SAFE RECIPES YOUR PUP WILL LOVE!

When the summer heat is on, these frozen treats are a fun and healthy way to help your Sheltie cool down.

Made with simple, dog-safe ingredients—you can feel good about sharing!

PERFECT FOR HOT DAYS & HAPPY PUPS!



1. Frozen Banana Peanut Butter Popsicles

A classic combo that's creamy, dreamy and always a tail-wagger!

INGREDIENTS

- 32 oz plain low-fat or non-fat yogurt
- 2 mashed bananas
- 1/2 cup natural peanut butter (xylitol-free!)
- 2 tablespoons honey (optional)

DIRECTIONS

Combine all ingredients in a bowl. Blend well. Fill small paper cups (like 3-ounce bathroom size Dixie cups) with the mixture. Freeze at least two hours. To serve, let thaw slightly and pop the popsicle out of the cup by pressing on the bottom. Makes approximately 10 popsicles in 3 oz. cups.



BEFORE YOU SERVE...

- Treats should only make up a small part of your dog's diet.
- Introduce new foods slowly.
- Avoid chocolate, raisins, grapes, macadamia nuts, and xylitol. (Xylitol is very toxic to dogs!)
- Frozen treats are best enjoyed in moderation on hot days.

NVSR REMINDER

Every Sheltie is different. If your dog has allergies, diabetes, pancreatitis, or digestive issues, check with your veterinarian before trying new treats.



2. Pumpkin Puppy Freezer Bites



Pumpkin is gentle on tummies and great for digestion!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 1/2 cup pure pumpkin puree
- 2 tablespoons natural peanut butter (xylitol-free!)

DIRECTIONS

Mix ingredients until smooth. Spoon into ice cube trays or paw-print molds and freeze overnight.

Pumpkin is packed with fiber and can help support healthy digestion.

3. Blueberry Banana Frozen Bites



Full of fruity flavor and antioxidant goodness!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 banana
- 1/2 cup blueberries
- 1 cup plain yogurt

DIRECTIONS

Blend all ingredients until smooth. Pour into molds or ice cube trays and freeze until solid.

Blueberries are safe for dogs in moderation and are rich in antioxidants!

4. Watermelon Summer Cubes



A hydrating, refreshing treat for hot summer days!

INGREDIENTS

- Seedless watermelon
- A few plain yogurt spoonfuls (optional)

DIRECTIONS

Blend watermelon chunks (no seeds or rind!). Freeze in ice cube trays. Add a dab of yogurt for a creamy twist.

Remove all seeds and rind before serving.

Bonus: Yogurt Berry Bark



Crunchy, cool and easy to break into bite-size pieces!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup plain yogurt
- 1/4 cup blueberries
- 1/4 cup chopped strawberries

DIRECTIONS

Spread yogurt on a parchment-lined tray. Top with berries and freeze. Break into pieces.

Great as a training treat—just break into small pieces!

Homemade with love is always the best!



Living with Fearful and Traumatized Shelties

Every rescue dog comes with a story. Some stories we know in detail. Others reveal themselves slowly through behaviors, fears, and quiet moments that hint at what a dog may have endured long before rescue stepped in.

Recently, members of the Northern Virginia Sheltie Rescue family shared stories and experiences surrounding fearful and emotionally traumatized Shelties—dogs who may physically leave neglect behind but emotionally carry pieces of it for years.

One volunteer shared the story of Bella, a Sheltie rescued more than a decade ago from a horrific hoarding situation in Orange, Virginia. Many longtime volunteers remember “The Orange Shelties,” when approximately 30 dogs were rescued—twice from the same property—with NVSR and two sister rescues each taking in around 10 dogs. The Shelties arrived covered in hundreds of ticks, and volunteers spent countless hours removing them and beginning the long rehabilitation process.

Bella was one of those dogs. Her foster mom, Melinda, along with many dedicated volunteers, slowly helped Bella begin learning that people could be safe. But trauma does not disappear overnight.



After adoption, Bella quickly bonded with the woman in the household but remained terrified of men. She would not go near her new dad and barely tolerated him being in the same room. She also carried unusual behaviors likely tied to her past trauma. For example, she refused to drink water inside the house and would only drink outside on the back porch. Oddly enough, while camping in the family RV, she would drink inside the camper—but never inside the home.

The biggest hurdle, however, was trust. It took nearly a full year before Bella willingly approached her new dad and allowed him to touch her—entirely on her terms. He never pushed her. Never forced interaction. He simply existed quietly around her.

While he relaxed on the couch, Bella cautiously watched from a distance. Month after month, she slowly inched closer. Then one day, almost exactly a year later, she finally stood beside him and allowed him to gently pet her. From that moment on, Bella adored her dad.

Bella traveled the country camping with her family and enjoyed years of love, safety, and adventure. While she never became especially playful or highly interactive with the other dogs, she found her own comfort, happiness, and way of loving.

And perhaps that is one of rescue’s greatest lessons.

Healing is not always linear. Recovery is not always complete. And success does not always look the way we imagined it would.

Several experienced fosters and adopters also emphasized the importance of learning canine body language and recognizing subtle signs of fear, shutdown behavior, avoidance, and stress. Often the smallest details—posture, eye contact, movement, pressure, tone, or proximity—can either help build trust or unintentionally reinforce fear.

The collective wisdom shared by experienced rescue volunteers echoed similar themes:

- Let the dog control the pace whenever safely possible.
- Avoid forcing touch or interaction.
- Celebrate even the smallest victories.
- Build routines and predictability.
- Use calm coexistence instead of constant engagement.
- Understand that trust may take months—or even years.
- Accept that some dogs may never become traditionally outgoing or affectionate.

Most importantly, don’t think that fearful dogs are “failing.” They are surviving the only way they know how.

Sometimes the greatest gift we can give these dogs is not transformation, but safety, patience, understanding, and the freedom to heal at their own pace—no matter how long it takes.

And sometimes the biggest victories are the quietest ones of all.



Summer SAFETY with MAX



Your guide to a safe, fun, and tail-wagging summer on the water! 🐾

Summer is here soon so now is the time to pick out that brand new life jacket! While shopping keep these notes in mind and don't get distracted by the toy or treat aisle, **this is serious business!**

I'm all for online ordering, but some things need to be tried on to make sure you and Mom and Dad are happy. The best way to select the right life jacket is to head to your favorite Marine or Pet store (West Marine, Petco, Petsmart etc...) and walk the aisles. Early spring is when they have the best selection.

Look for something comfortable, easy to put on and make sure it has a handle, D ring for your leash and strong webbing and clasps to make sure it stays on. The handle is how Mom and Dad are going to grab and pick you up out of the water if you fall in so it needs to be strong.

Sizing is important; a life jacket that's too big will slip off in the water. However, a life jacket that's too tight will constrict your movement, impairing your natural swimming ability. So, how do you find a fit that's "just right"? Try them on! A well fitting life jacket will have room for a couple fingers, and will follow the contours of your body.

One last tip, make sure the snaps, clasps and buckles are located in a good position so they won't pinch or gouge you during nap time on the boat.

While we all want to look good, your life jacket isn't a fashion statement, pick one that is **bright red, orange, or yellow** so it can be seen in the water easily and having some reflective material on it is a big plus just in case you are out at night.



I'll give you a week or two to get your jacket then we'll talk about when and how to wear it...in the mean time, have Mom and Dad read this article to you...boat.us.org/lifejackets

Till next, be good!

Max 🐾

WHY A LIFE JACKET?

- ✓ Helps even strong swimmers
- ✓ Provides visibility in the water
- ✓ Helps prevent exhaustion
- ✓ Could save your life!



MAX'S QUICK TIPS



Try before you buy!
A good fit keeps you safe.



Look for a strong handle
so Mom & Dad can help you out.



Check the hardware.
No pinchy spots during boat naps!



Be seen, be safe!
Bright colors + reflective trim are a must.



Comfort matters.
You want to swim, not fight your jacket.

Don't Miss My Summer Safety Tips!



I'll be hanging out on the Northern Virginia Sheltie Rescue Facebook page every Wednesday this summer sharing important safety tips for Shelties and their humans.

Dad says I'm "helpful."
I say I'm saving lives.

Follow along and don't miss my next lesson!

— Max 🐾



Find us on Facebook!



Sheltie Quirks: Because Normal Dogs Are Boring

If you've lived with a Sheltie for more than five minutes, you already know... they are wonderfully quirky little creatures.

At NVSR, we hear stories all the time that make us laugh and say, "Yep... that sounds like a Sheltie."

One volunteer shared that after more than 20 years of owning and fostering Shelties, she has never had one simply stop and poop in one place. Nope. Her dogs prefer the "walk-and-spread-it-out-as-far-as-possible" method. Efficiency? Artistic expression? Nobody knows. Another Sheltie, Memzey, spends her nights barking in her sleep while "running" full speed in dreamland. The amazing part? She somehow sleeps through the barking, the kicking, and even the bed shaking. Her humans? Not so much.

Airplanes seem to be another Sheltie specialty. One Collie mix made it her life mission to protect the yard from every airplane and helicopter overhead.



Apparently, she believed the skies required constant supervision. Another rescue alum, Toby, took the job even more seriously — barking not only at airplanes but at the contrails behind them. He could spot them way off on the horizon and would faithfully alert everyone until the danger had

passed. Thankfully, not a single plane ever landed in the yard. Good dogs indeed.

And then there's Bentley, who spends afternoons staring at sunbeams on the kitchen floor, patiently waiting for them to move so he can chase the shadows. Chandler, meanwhile, barks and runs in her sleep while dreaming about her beloved ball.

The truth is, Shelties are smart, observant, dramatic, vocal, and sometimes just plain hilarious. Their little habits and routines are part of what makes us love them so much.

Then there was Darwin, who had very refined musical tastes. He would only howl along to two songs:

Happy Birthday and Deck the Halls. Nothing else earned his approval.

So now we want to hear from YOU!

What quirky habits does your Sheltie have?

Do they bark at invisible things? Herd the vacuum? Sing with the microwave? Sleep upside down like a pretzel?

Send us your funniest Sheltie stories and photos to sheltiespin@nvsr.org— your pup might be featured in a future issue of The Sheltie Spin!



Don't Shave That Sheltie!! Here's Why ...

A Sheltie's beautiful coat is more than just fluff — it's built-in protection. Shelties have a double coat designed by nature to help keep them warm in winter and cool in summer. Shaving that coat can actually do more harm than good.

Their soft undercoat traps air for insulation, while the outer guard hairs protect against sunburn, heat, and insect bites. Contrary to popular belief, shaving does not help a Sheltie stay cooler. Dogs cool themselves mainly through panting, not through their skin like humans do. And shedding? Shaving won't stop that either. Double-coated breeds will still shed, even with short hair.

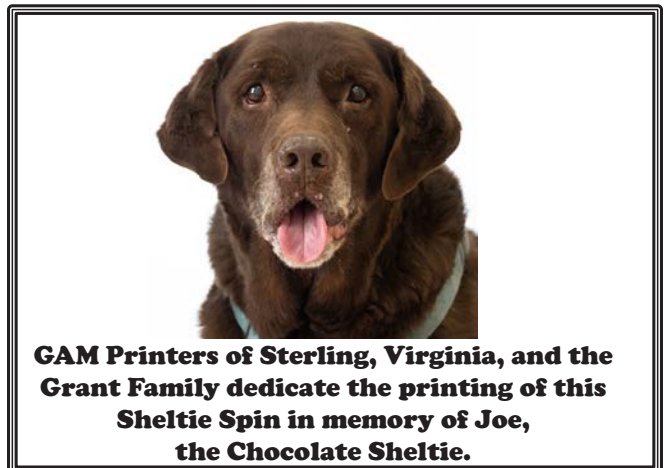
Another important thing to know: sometimes the coat does not grow back correctly after shaving — especially in older dogs. The result can be patchy, uneven fur and permanent coat damage.

The best way to help your Sheltie stay comfortable is simple: Regular brushing, routine bathing, keeping mats under control and plenty of shade, water, and cool resting areas

The only time shaving should ever be considered is in severe matting cases where there is no other humane option.

One more grooming tip: if you use a groomer, make sure they understand Sheltie coats. Ask them not to trim the natural feathering, ruff, or tail unless medically necessary.

That gorgeous coat serves an important purpose. A healthy Sheltie coat isn't just beautiful it's functional.



GAM Printers of Sterling, Virginia, and the Grant Family dedicate the printing of this Sheltie Spin in memory of Joe, the Chocolate Sheltie.



Someone's Trash, Our Treasure: Possum's Story

By: Mary Mounts



On January 2nd, 2019, I got a call from the Halifax Animal Shelter, telling me they had just confiscated a sheltie from a bad situation. "Did I want him?" I said, "I will be right there." I got to the shelter as the truck was pulling in. They brought out a pitiful looking Sheltie, covered in filth, fleas, scabs, and mats and looking very defeated. His name was Roscoe. He was missing hair on his face, legs, and tail.

We immediately took him to our vet in Danville, who said he probably had DM (Dermatomyositis). We talked with our groomer to see if she thought his coat could be saved. She sadly said "No," that she would have to shave him right away and then bathe him the next day. We had to leave him overnight. He was started on antibiotics and received vaccines.

When we returned for Roscoe, we immediately renamed him Possum. As you can see from the photos, the name just seemed to fit. He was feeling somewhat better with the nasty coat removed but he was still very uncertain and shut down. He also was positive for roundworms. The vet and groomer both agreed he was older than the 4 years his owner had stated. He was missing teeth and had bad dental disease. He was probably more like 12 years old, and he was deaf.

On a follow-up visit, they did a skin scrape, ear flush, and urinalysis and CBC with T-4. He was low thyroid with many other labs out of normal range. He was scheduled for a dental and neuter with skin biopsy and draining of a cyst on his tail on January 28. He was missing 10 teeth and had 8 pulled. It was determined he did indeed have DM. He was started on Pentoxifylline 400mg twice a day.

We did not introduce him to our dogs until he was free of parasites and feeling better. He was interested but not aggressive. They all accepted him as "no big deal"!





Possum was not housebroken, as he had spent his life in an outdoor pen, so he had to wear a belly band in the house until after his neuter. Since it was winter we had to dress him in pajamas to keep him warm. He was very sweet and cooperative. He just seemed so grateful for love and attention.



For the first few months we had him, he was able to find his way around and even jumped up on the couch with us. But when he began to run into objects we realized he was going blind. We were grateful he had some time to find out the layout of our house beforehand. We had to pad all the sharp corners as he would walk into them and hurt his poor face. He did not let his blindness and deafness stop him. He would prance around the yard and bark, seeming to enjoy the freedom.

Possum was so special to us, we still talk about him and smile. He had some funny quirks, like throwing himself down on a specific patch of zoysia grass and rolling back and forth to scratch his back. He always knew from the feel of the zoysia where he was! We enjoyed our little guy for almost 2 years until he had a stroke, and we had to send him to the Bridge. He was someone's trash, but he was our treasure!

This is our boy after his coat grew back.



WE'RE LIVE!
Our New Website Has Launched!

Northern Virginia Sheltie Rescue
Giving Shelties a new leash on life since 1999

CHECK IT OUT TODAY!

- ✓ Easier navigation
- ✓ Clearer information
- ✓ Helpful resources
- ✓ More ways to get involved

We're excited about our new look and all the ways it helps us better serve Shelties and the people who love them!

There are a few kinks we're working out (launch day is an adventure!), but we're on it and improving every day.

Thank you for your patience and support!

VISIT US TODAY: WWW.NVSR.ORG



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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. 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.