

COLLIE NEWS

Where our money comes from and where it goes

In 2013, SWCR's revenues were \$34,440. Our expenses were \$34,994. We're a nonprofit corporation, so we try to break even. A cushion from 2012 helped tide us over.

As always, we paid no salaries. All of us are volunteers; our goal is to spend every penny on the collies. Last year we came pretty close.

Of the revenues:

\$24,699, or 72%, came from donations.

\$7,555, or 22%, came from adoption fees.

\$2,186, or 6%, came from fundraising.

(SWCR raised adoption fees this year, making them more in line with those of other nearby collie rescues.)

Of the expenses:

\$29,844, or 85%, was spent for veterinary fees and medications.

\$1,807, or 5%, was spent for dog food for fosters and gas for dog transporters.

\$652, or 2%, was spent for grooming and microchipping.

The other 8% of expenses went for liability insurance, website hosting fees, PayPal fees, government fees and licenses, and fundraising costs. Our newsletter printing and postage costs were covered by private donations.



This little boy met Lily, SWCR Class of '08, at the Renaissance Faire in Alamogordo. Can I pet her? he asked. Of course, we said. He sat down. She sat down. And then Lily did an extraordinary thing: She put her head in his lap while he gently petted her. The boy, his mother later told us, is visually impaired. Somehow, Lily understood.

A herding extravaganza

Arizona Sheltie Rescue and SWCR held their annual Sheltie and Collie Extravaganza on Feb. 1 at the Iron Spoon Ranch in Laveen, AZ, just outside Phoenix.

Attractions included herding instinct testing, agility testing, canine good citizen testing, dog massages, raffles, and a chili cookoff among seven chefs.

Many collie and sheltie adopters brought their dogs, and some bravely entered the herding ring for the first time.



Gracie (formerly Daisy, '12), handled by owner and SWCR volunteer SuAnne, displays her herding ability at the Extravaganza.

SWCR will hold online auction in September

We're gathering items to sell, both collie and non-collie collectibles. Can you help?

A Lassie lunchbox from the 1970s. A T-shirt depicting Lassie nudging Timmy into a well. A framed poster of a crow from an exhibit of modern Japanese art.

These are just a few of the things we plan to offer for SWCR's first-ever online auction, beginning in September.

If you have similar items or noncollie objects you think people might like to buy, we'd be very grateful if you could donate them for the auction. All proceeds will benefit our rescued collies.

To sell your items, we'll need a photo of each one, a description and an estimate of market value.

Visit our website, www.nmcollierescue.com, or our Facebook page for more details.

To donate an item, please e-mail Arlene Starkey at: arlenestarkey@q.com Or call her at (505) 892-8538.



HEARTFELT THANKS TO...

■ **Corrales Kennels**, in Corrales, NM, for keeping our collie-mix boy Duke for 15 days at half the usual rate. Why? Because owner **Dan Meurer** believes in helping rescued dogs. Bravo, Dan!

■ SWCR board member **Arlene Starkey**, of Rio Rancho, NM, who paid for Duke's professional training lessons.

■ **Wayne Anderson** of Alamogordo, NM, who has fostered so many of our

rescued collies and shelties, often on short notice. We're so grateful to you, Wayne.

■ **Gayle Alexander** of Los Angeles, who transported **Bella** from Wellsville, UT to Las Vegas, NV. Gayle was on her way home from a vacation in Yellowstone. She picked up Bella, stayed overnight with her in a motel and drove to Las Vegas — where **Sara Gates** kept the collie until her Arizona adopter picked her up. Many thanks!

YES, I WANT TO SAVE A COLLIE!

I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE \$ _____

to bail a collie out of a shelter, groom a matted collie, spay/neuter a collie, or pay a collie's vet bills.

I WOULD LIKE TO FOSTER a collie in my home. I have a fenced yard and a lot of love to give!

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