

COLLIE NEWS



Anne Embry and her collie Ace might just be studying SWCR's latest bank statements.

We have a new treasurer

In January, SWCR's board of directors unanimously elected Anne Embry, a longtime volunteer, to join the board as our new treasurer. Former treasurer Lee More continues as SWCR's vice president, newsletter editor and keeper of databases.

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Special needs dog Bella finds the very best care

The beautiful Border Collie girl came to us from Hobbs, NM, two years ago. She was only 8 or 9, but something was very wrong: She was unsteady on her feet and in pain. Arthritis, yes, but more than that.

Bella had little energy. She limped. She had trouble getting up. Sometimes she tripped and fell, or bumped into things, or wobbled from side to side.

Still, she grew to love her walks with her foster parents in Tucson, Frank and Olivia. She would play keep-away with Olivia and chase a tennis ball. It was painful to watch her fall, but she'd get right up again.

"She appears to be happy though, and always is such a love," wrote Frank. "We've grown to love her as our own."

Every so often, however, Bella would have an episode: She'd become disoriented, distressed, unable to walk. "Her eyes twitch, left to right ... She moves her head up and down, then turns sideways."

Celtic dogs come out to play at festival

Every May, on the grounds of the famed hot-air balloon festival in Rio Rancho, NM, people gather to celebrate their Celtic heritage. Large men in kilts compete to see how far they can throw a telephone pole; vendors sell haggis, a savory pudding made of sheep offal; and bagpipers lead a parade of collies, shelties and other Celtic dogs. This year, as always, quite a few SWCR adopters and dogs were on the scene — and our volunteer Rich Sanchez was there with his camera. Here are a few of his photos.



Above, a little girl falls in love with Molly, adopted by SWCR's Candy and Rich. Top right, blue merle girl Skye (SWCR Class of 2015) stands with dad Hickory, in the brown kilt. At right, sheltie Bryn ('12) says, "What a great day to be a Celtic dog!"



Bella with Oso Rojo, one of her favorite toys.

Each time, Frank and Olivia would reassure her, calm her. Frank would cradle her in his arms and carry her. And each time she would respond to treatment. Now she hasn't had an episode for more than a year.

Bella's left rear hip is damaged and the leg has limited range of motion. Several lumbar vertebrae are abnormal. Could she have been hit by a car, and suffered head trauma as well? Maybe; no one knows.

Last year, just before Christmas, Frank and Olivia adopted Bella.

"That little dog has brought much joy into our lives," they wrote, "in spite of all the work and heartaches." We can only imagine the joy they've brought to her.

Christmas in July? Yes indeed!

And Hanukkah too. During July, SWCR's Custom Collie Store will offer a 10% discount on all purchases. We'll also gift-wrap any present, provide a gift note from you, and ship it free to the person of your choice just in time for the December holidays.

Last year one of our adopters sent custom-made Collie Store throws to five people on her gift list. Everyone loved them and she had a no-stress holiday. You could too, and help rescued collies at the same time: SWCR netted \$892 in 2016 from Custom Collie Store operations.

So check out the store's vastly improved website, <http://nmcollierescue-com.3dcartstores.com>, and imagine how great it would be clear your December gift list in July.

At right: detail from our famously soft throw, with an embroidered collie. And who doesn't need a great denim shirt?

