

## COLLIES AT HOME



Longtime SWCR foster dad Damon, in Albuquerque, meets Collie, '18, for the first time. It was love at first sight and the fastest foster fail we've ever had. Damon adopted this pretty girl right away and renamed her **Ava**. You may recall that Collie was found starving in a cotton gin parking lot by Sheryl, in TX, who restored her to health and planned to keep her. Turned out Collie has a strong herding drive and was herding her horses and goats into fences. Sheryl sadly gave her up, but was heartened after a long talk with Damon.



Very old dogs are beautiful, too. **Laci**, '15, was rescued at age 10 in Yuma, AZ, then adopted by a woman who had to give her up because of financial problems. She landed in Phoenix with SWCR's Cindy Reel as a permanent foster and thrived. Last month Cindy reported that Laci was starting to get stuck in corners, a sign of dementia, and having a hard time getting up. All that ended on May 17. "With great sadness Laci was put to rest this morning," Cindy wrote. "We are honored and blessed to have had her in our lives and to have had the opportunity to love and care for her. Some say she was lucky to have us but on the contrary we were the lucky ones."



**Laddie** the sheltie & **Buddy** the collie (SWCR '16) discover that spring has sprung in Tucson, where they live with their mom, Arlene. Beautiful flowers, beautiful boys!



Here's Steve Miller, husband of SWCR volunteer Lisa, with their four dogs in Palo Duro Canyon, near Amarillo, TX. From left: **Ridley**, '13; **Buster**, '18; **Sebastian** and **Honey**.



**Prince** (sable and white) is one of the Tomball collies, rescued from a hoarder in Texas in 2014. Sadly, this year he lost his friend **Miss Magpie**, '06. Rescued from a Texas shelter, she'd just given birth and suffered from advanced sarcoptic mange, heartworms, hookworms, and tapeworms. Beverly White quarantined her, nursed her back to health and adopted her.



Writes Debra, a therapist in Roswell, NM who uses her two collies, Shiloh and Bella, as part of her therapy work:

"I had a little boy as a client starting when he was 2.5 years old until age 6. He lives with his grandparents now and we keep in touch. This little boy has always been terrified of dogs.

"We made plans for them to stop by the office. I took **Shiloh** (SWCR '12) to work that day. When they arrived, I let Shiloh go to the waiting room first.

"When I entered I saw Shiloh walk slowly towards this boy (who now is 10) with his head and tail down and stopped just in front of the child. This boy reached out and petted Shiloh, who then wagged his tail and looked at him. They spent the next hour on the floor together. It was amazing!

"This can't be taught to a dog. Shiloh just has a natural instinct with people and seems to know what they need."

**We'd love to see your collie or sheltie in the newsletter!**

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