



Outstanding Rescue of 2008: Dr. Pat Colletti and “Irish”

In the last newsletter we described our most heart-warming rescue of 2008—of “Irish”, a five-year old male Irish Setter who was an owner surrender at the Reno, Nevada, animal shelter.

Irish is diabetic and his owner was unable to afford the insulin needed to control his diabetes. He had diabetic-related cataracts in both eyes and was virtually blind. The day before his euthanasia Irish was rescued and fostered by Dr. Pat Colletti, a pediatrician in Reno. Dr. Colletti led the three-week collaborative effort between the Reno Animal Shelter, an ophthalmology specialist, and NorCal Irish Setter Rescue, to evaluate Irish and determine the best course of treatment.



Irish with his best friend, Dr. Pat Colletti

Irish was found to be a good candidate for cataract removal. With success, the surgery could restore 90 percent of his sight. Irish's surgery was a success, his eyesight is largely restored, his diabetes is under control and he is now in his forever home with the Colletti family in Reno.

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Calendar



Dublin's St. Patrick's Day Parade

When: Saturday, March 14, 9:30 AM

Where: Amador Plaza Road, Dublin, CA

What: Dublin's St. Patrick's Day Parade,
sponsored by the Dublin Lion's Club

Once again NorCal Irish Setter Rescue will show our Irish spirit and participate in the parade. Bring your Irish Setter and strut your stuff in the parade.

More than 60 floats will travel the parade route, which begins on Amador Plaza Road and ends at Amador Valley Blvd. and Donohue Drive. The parade will be led by the Grand Marshals from Bray, Ireland, and feature local marching bands, bagpipers, and emergency service vehicles wrapped in green.

Please join us! Bring your Irish Setter, water you can carry for your dog, poop bags, Irish costumes (optional), comfortable walking shoes, and your Irish spirit.

Look for the rescue group to gather near Petsmart before 9:00 AM. We will line-up for the parade at 9:00 AM along Amador Plaza Road.

**Important: Pets are not allowed at the festival. If you plan to attend the festival after the parade your dog will not be permitted on festival grounds.*

For more information, contact Debra Dove at (510) 524-2602 or email albanyclan@comcast.net.

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No one can tell the story better than the man who came to the dog's rescue, Dr. Pat Colletti. In his own words, he describes what he found:

"I first heard about Irish via an emergency email on a Thursday afternoon in September. Irish had been dropped off at Washoe Animal Services (Reno) with orders to kill him. He had become diabetic, and due to the owners neglect in giving insulin, had dense cataracts and was stone blind. Washoe County has come a long way from the old days when they would have just followed the instruction! They had the owner sign over the dog, then immediately started looking for help.



When I got my email, I was literally getting ready to fly out of town, so I called Bonny Brown, the new director of the Nevada Humane Society, and told her the dog story and my inability to immediately respond. She personally went over and got Irish. That weekend, she had the vet from the Humane Society take Irish home for the weekend and got his untreated diabetes under control.

The next week I picked up Irish. What a magnificent dog! I have rescued setters for several years and he has absolutely the best temperament ever. I have three setters at home, including a three-year old Irish red and white who is still a little hyper and I was concerned about what he would do with a blind dog. I fostered Irish out to my office nurse's sister until I could get the vision corrected. Reno is lucky to have a nationally known veterinary eye specialist, Dr. Dan Lavach. He agreed to see Irish and after a very thorough examination, decided to do the corrective surgery (and with a generous discount). So Irish got his vision back! He continued in the special foster care until he was healed.

With local contacts I had Irish "interviewed" by the local TV station to tell his story and hopefully find a permanent home. Several nice people came forward and I talked to them, but none of them could give Irish the exercise needed to keep his diabetes in perfect control. Then his real hero stepped forward. My wife, Laurie, started working with Irish and introduced him to our three setters. They all got along perfectly and that sealed it. Irish moved in and everyone is living happily ever after!"

– Pat Colletti

We owe Dr. Colletti a huge "Thank You" for all of his efforts, connections, determination and commitment to Irish Setters.

Donations Exceed Expectations

Our primary source of income is from the donations that come from our friends and supporters who support our cause by participating in our various fund raising activities. Debra Masterson and her husband, Rich, celebrate and honor the dedication and hard work of the foster families and volunteers of Irish Setter Rescue by annually offering a \$1,000 matching donation challenge.

From November 30 until December 31, Debra and Rich matched every donation to NorCal Irish Setter Rescue until donations reached \$1,000. NorCal Irish Setter Rescue received a total of \$5,540 from generous people like you. Your donations will provide twice the benefit in 2009. Thank you all for your care and support of NorCal Irish Setter Rescue. Your compassion and willingness to help is never taken for granted!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our organization in 2008!

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Donations

The economic downturn has meant an increase in the number of dogs being surrendered to shelters. We are preparing for an increase in Irish Setters needing new homes. Your generous contributions to NorCal Irish Setter Rescue will help us during these difficult times. Please consider making a donation now in honor or memory of your favorite Irish Setter and help the dogs that are experiencing a tough time. Use the form provided or visit our web site at www.ncisrescue.org/donation.shtml to download our online donation form.

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