



NorCal Irish Setter Rescue Extends its Reach to North Dallas

When the call comes to rescue Irish Setters, it seems that NorCal Irish Setter Rescue is nationally known for successfully placing dogs in permanent homes.

Glenna O'Dell of Irish Setter Rescue of North Dallas contacted Paul Armbruster, president of NorCal Irish Setter Rescue, about the possibility of our group taking two young male litter mates, "Scout" and "Blue." The Texas rescue group had 13 setters and was forced to place the two young dogs in a kennel because they did not have foster homes available.

"Since we had several pre-approved homes available, I told Glenna that we would be willing to take the two boys if we could figure some way to get them here," Paul said.

"I contacted Eileen Ring and Mike Jarnagin about the possibility of them adopting the two boys. They both wanted to be considered as potential new homes. I put Eileen in touch with Glenna and through a large number of emails and phone calls, they were able to work out all of the details," he said.

Eileen had saved a large amount of air miles and offered to use them to fly to Dallas, meet with Glenna and bring the two setters back. She also was able to work out an arrangement with United Airlines to fly the two dogs for \$30 each, which would normally be \$250. She flew to Texas December 2, stayed with Glenna, and flew back to San Francisco on December 4.

Mike met Eileen at the airport. Eileen and the two dogs made the five-hour flight without any problems. Mike took "Blue" home with him and Eileen took "Scout".

Glenna and Irish Setter Rescue of North Dallas took care of all of the vet work and health certificates, but both dogs needed to be neutered. Mike and Eileen paid for the neuter surgery themselves and the dogs are settling into their new homes.

Under normal circumstances our cost for bringing these dogs to California would be approaching \$1,200 or more. Because Glenna and Eileen were willing to step up and take care of everything, our only cost was the \$60 air fare for the two dogs. We would like to thank both women and Mike for extending themselves and rescuing two great Irish Setters.

Calendar



Dublin's St. Patrick's Day Parade

When: Saturday, March 13, 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. Grab your green outfit and red dog, and come join the fun.

More than 60 floats will travel the parade route. It's an easy walk, approximately one mile, so it should be no problem for older dogs and small children. The parade will feature local marching bands and bagpipers.

Please join us! This year parade organizers require participants to wear something green or an Irish costume. So put on your Irish outfit, bring your Irish Setter (don't forget water you can carry for your dog and poop bags), and plenty of Irish spirit.

Look for the rescue group to gather near PetsMart (6960 Amador Plaza Road) before 9:00 AM. We will line-up for the parade at 9:00 AM along Amador Plaza Road.

**Important: Parade participants are required to wear Irish (green) apparel. 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 B.J. Booth at (925) 939-1351 or email bjboothreds@gmail.com.

Pressing Need for Foster Families

Six years ago, I wrote an article for the newsletter acknowledging and commending our foster families for their generosity, open hearts, caring hands and open homes. Many redheads have passed through NorCal Irish Setter Rescue (NCISR) in that time and all experienced the kindness of strangers in a stressful time in their lives.

However, in the last six years, many changes such as relocation, personal health, the addition or leaving of children in a family and other life changes have taken a toll on our pool of foster families. Six years ago we had approximately 30 people as foster family contacts. That number is now approximately 12-15. This newsletter will go out to 180 addresses all over California from Eureka to Los Angeles, San Francisco to Tahoe City and even to Idaho and Nevada.

The dogs that we acquire are coming from all over California as well as out of state. Just last month two redheads from Texas came from a rescue that was overwhelmed with dogs needing a home. The Board is seeing a new trend developing here. Just as we are finding that owner surrender dogs are more numerous than before, we are realizing that many rescues interact via cyberspace to see if dogs might have a better chance of being adopted by other rescue groups that may have a more generous pool of potential homes.

We have a generous list of potential homes, but we need more foster families so that we can say "yes" to more Irish Setters that are mired in a system that now has a shorter shelter stay. That means that rescue groups need to work more quickly to get dogs placed. Having dedicated foster homes is absolutely vital to this process in rescuing an Irish Setter in need.

I would urge all of you to consider being a foster family. If you own an Irish Setter you already fit a majority of the criteria. We need foster families who are willing to care for a dog who may need spay/neuter surgery or care for other medical conditions, can transport a dog to a vet, spend time interacting with and socializing the dog while assessing adoptability needs. Many of the Board members have fostered dogs and would be more than willing to mentor a new foster family.

If you are interested in fostering, please feel free to contact me. I will be happy to speak with you to determine if fostering a redhead is workable for you.

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Recent Rescues

In addition to rescuing the two young male dogs from Texas, NorCal Irish Setter Rescue rescued four other dogs:

Megan

Megan is a 3-year old setter who was surrendered by her owner because they could not keep up with her. She was examined by a vet and spayed. Maureen Santori fostered while she recovered from the spay surgery. Megan has been placed with a family in Nipomo and is thriving

Bailey

Bailey is a 4-year old male. His family did not have enough time to devote to him so he was surrendered to Rescue. He was adopted by a family in Granada Hills and is fitting in well.

Molly

Molly is a 4-month old pup from Modesto. Her owner did not have time for her so he advertised her on Craig's List. Bill and Laurie Scott picked her up and transported her to B.J. Booth for fostering. She was spayed and placed in her forever home in Los Altos.

Sammie

Sammie is a 7-month old female that appeared on Craig's List as a Golden Retriever. Golden Retriever Rescue picked her up. They contacted us and delivered her to Debra Dove who transported her to Stacy Turner for foster care. Sammie is now with a loving family in Cupertino.

The 2009 Donation Challenge was a Success!

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 Dove 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. Thank you all for your care and support of NorCal Irish Setter Rescue.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our organization in 2009!

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