



## The Lost Rescue

How far will the Foundation go to identify a Kerry's breeder? A lo-o-ong way! Consider Tootsie.

The Foundation was notified late on a Wednesday night in March by SCWT Rescue that a Kerry was impounded in a Midwest shelter—puppy mill country! That night an email went out, followed by a call early the next day to a Kerry person we knew in that state. She, in turned, contacted a Kerry owner only a few miles from the shelter. By the time the shelter opened that Thursday morning, our person was there.

We learned Tootsie's approximate age, the price the owner paid for her, the state where she was bred, and that she was related to Mick! But we couldn't pull her out of the shelter. Ten people had already applied to adopt her, and she wouldn't be released until the following Monday. Our only hope was to locate the breeder, identify the former owners, and ask them to retrieve Tootsie.

The rest of the day was spent contacting breeders in that state, checking Mick's breeding record, and asking for referrals. No hits. We began to suspect the accuracy of the information we had. So we contacted the shelter's director.

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## 11 Weeks, 5 Rescues, 5 Surgeries

Between February 22nd and May 10th, the Kerry Blue Terrier Foundation rescued 5 dogs—and they all needed surgery! Two of these dogs were given up for health reasons, yet are completely healthy today. The identification, rescue, transportation, and care of these dogs is a tribute to the power of networking, the compassion of the Kerry community, and the generosity of our donors. By working together, we can accomplish miracles!

### Sammy in WA

Posted on a shelter web site as a Schnauzer/Poodle mix, Sammy was spotted by a Kerry owner nearly 1000 miles away who alerted the Foundation. Thanks to the quick response of the WA Kerry community and a Wire Fox Terrier breeder, Sammy was positively ID'ed as a Kerry, pulled from the shelter, vetted, and transported in a relay team of 4 dedicated people across the entire state of WA! By that night, Sammy had managed to endear himself to everybody he met, but most especially to his foster family, who decided almost immediately that this dog was a "keeper." Sammy had several infected cysts removed, got trimmed like a proper Kerry, gained confidence, learned to "play nice" with his Kerry "sister," and was formally adopted by his foster family.

### Blue in NY

Brooklyn Blue was found last March by one of our Shelter Scouts who volunteers her time scanning shelter web sites. He was relinquished to the shelter for euthanization because his owner claimed Blue had cancer. Thanks to an exceptional network of Kerry people in the Northeast, Blue was quickly rescued, and later transported by a relay of 5 drivers to a foster home close to Tufts University Veterinary Hospital with its staff of oncology experts—should we need them. After consultation with two vets, surgery was performed to remove two tumors from Blue's rear leg. The results? Both were benign fatty tumors!



Sammy

Blue never had cancer at all! Now available for adoption, Blue is a handsome gentle giant (22") with lots of love and affection to give some lucky family.

### Louie in CA

Two weeks after Blue's rescue, Louie's shelter photo caught the eye of one of our Shelter Scouts. In an advanced state of neglect, Louie was ID'ed by a former Kerry breeder as a Kerry mix based on coat, body structure, and his Kerry-like attitude. He was neutered, then fostered by another former Kerry breeder who asked that Puli Rescue take a look at him despite his docked tail. This was arranged, and much to our surprise, they judged him to be a purebred Hungarian Puli! Louie remained in his Kerry foster home, but was placed by Puli Rescue, who gratefully reimbursed all our expenses and also made a donation to the Foundation. In addition to generating much goodwill for our breed from the Puli community, Louie's rescue points out the difficulty in identifying our breed—even by the experts—when the dog is terribly neglected. It is little wonder that in the past, other Kerry Rescue groups have mistakenly rescued a small Bouvier and a pair of Portuguese Water Dogs. But when is a rescue ever a "mistake"?



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# Kerry Foundation Projects ~An Update

## 1. Education

The Foundation educates the public about the Kerry Blue Terrier through a comprehensive computer web site—<http://www.kerryblues.info>—and its internet newslst, KB-L.

### Completed

- Published a comprehensive grooming guide on the web.

### On-Going

- Update directories of breeders, groomers, handlers, and trainers.
- Pose Question of the Week.
- Advertise the breed in dog magazines.
- Add new web content.

### Planned

- Publish a pamphlet about the breed.
- Publish "The Kerry's Owner Manual™" in .pdf and print formats.

## 2. Rescue

The Foundation provides assistance to Kerries requiring rescue and supports the ongoing rescue effort of selected national and regional Kerry clubs.

### Completed

- Set up a toll-free rescue hotline.
- Published and distributed a "Kerry Identifier" to 1800+ shelters.
- Rescued and/or assisted 17 homeless or at-risk Kerries during the last 12 months.

### On-Going

- Scan the web for Kerries in need through our Shelter Scout program.
- Provide such rescue services as breed identification, transportation, vetting, fostering, rehabilitating, home screening, placement, and follow-up.

### Planned

- Improve the online Adoption Questionnaire and other placement forms.



## 3. Health & Genetics

The Foundation assists in funding research of health & genetics projects for the benefit of the Kerry Blue Terrier. It fully supports the existing health registries for data collection and dissemination on disorders that may afflict our Kerries, including the Orthopedic Foundation of America (OFA), PennHip, Ontario Veterinary College (hips), and Canine Eye Registry Foundation (CERF). In addition, the Foundation promotes participation in research studies and sample collections leading to the development of DNA tests for diseases such as von Willebrand's Disease (vWD) and PNA.

### Completed

- Established a fund with CHF for Kerry H&G research.

### On-Going

- Raise funds for H&G.
- Identify and fund research projects to benefit Kerries.

### Planned

- Publicize existing health registries and establish new ones for data collection on Kerries and encourage owner and breeder participation.
- Develop recommended screening procedures to motivate breeders and owners to have dogs tested and to encourage litter testing.
- Develop a health questionnaire.

## LET'S GO! Raffle

Got your tickets yet? Time is running out! Grab a pen and fill out the enclosed raffle tickets now before you get distracted. Otherwise, you'll never get that dream vacation you've always wanted — the one that puts a \$1000

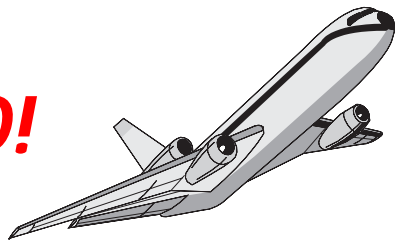
in your pocket, along with two free airline tickets to just about anywhere. The one with the free rental car waiting for you. It's the trip you won't want to miss!

Pssst! Want an inside tip? Ticket sales have been limited to the Kerry community and their friends. That means your chances of winning are one in hundreds—not one in zephtillions. It doesn't get better than this!

## DRAWING JULY 4th!



# LET'S GO!



Drawing: 7/4/03!

Where in the world would you like to go? Just close your eyes and let your imagination run a little wild for a moment. It's OK. It's free!

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- Think beach, and you could find yourself in the Bahamas, Barbados, or Hawaii.
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For a \$10 raffle ticket, you can win:

- 2 roundtrip coach tickets to any city served by American Airlines® or American Eagle®** in Europe, North America, South America, the Caribbean, and Hawaii. Travel is also valid **from any city served by American Airlines**—that's good news for our friends in other parts of the world. Some restrictions apply, but not many—tickets must be used by May 15, 2004, they cannot be traded for cash, and travel is subject to seat availability.
- PLUS a compact rental car for a week**—to see the sights!
- PLUS \$1000 spending money**—to make sure you have a good time!

Ready to go? Just complete and return the tickets attached with your check for \$10 each or \$50 for 6. Need more tickets? You can print them from our web site at: <http://www.kerryblues.info/>.



The drawing will be held by Verva Enoch, CPA, on July 4th, 2003. Good luck! And remember: your purchase helps us help Kerries in need.

*Note: All Kerry Blue Terrier Foundation Board members and their immediate family are excluded. Ticket purchases are **not** tax-deductible, nor are they doubled with matching funds.*



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## The Lost Rescue—*continued from cover*

From him, we learned two depressing facts: (1) her breeder had died, and (2) there were now more than 20 applicants waiting to adopt Tootsie. We were not going to get her out. Instead, we faxed over breed information with the request that it be given to her adopter with our phone number as a resource.

It was late that dismal evening when we learned that our person at the scene had obtained more information late that afternoon—the town where the breeder lived!

But the only breeder in that town—who was alive and well—had already been contacted, and had denied that the dog was of her breeding. Her Mick litter was a year older than Tootsie. What to do?

Friday morning we contacted the breeder again. We went over all the information that we had. It was then that the breeder realized that Tootsie was indeed one of her puppies, but not one from her Mick litter. All the other facts were correct, including a recent death in her family. We had found Tootsie's breeder!

The breeder immediately phoned her puppy buyers, and urgently asked them to retrieve Tootsie from the shelter and ship her back. They agreed, but they did not arrive in time. The shelter had decided to release Tootsie 2 days earlier than planned, and she was adopted out only hours earlier. Despite an enormous amount of effort, the rescue had failed.

It failed despite the fact that we had the right resources in the right places, despite the breathtaking speed of getting a Kerry owner at the shelter (in a rural, out-of-the-way community) the moment its doors opened, and despite the fact that we had found the breeder a whole day earlier and had no way to prove it. A combination of misinformation and broken promises by the shelter worked against us.

It is our hope that Tootsie found a wonderful home—one who understands and appreciates the Kerry temperament, that she's getting the training she needs, and that she's well loved and cared for. And we hope that if she ever needs us again, we'll be there.

 *Thank You* 

*The Foundation wishes to thank all the wonderful people who have served behind every Rescue effort.*

## Every Donation Helps!

Every donation received by the Kerry Foundation is matched dollar for dollar by a corporate donor. That means your \$200 donation is increased to \$400—doubling your investment in the welfare of the breed.

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift of:

- Kerry Guardian: \$1000
- Kerry Advocate: \$ 500
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# President's Message

Dear Kerry Lover,

You have no idea how much your support of the Foundation has done for the breed.

During the first year of the Foundation, it established itself as a major force in the Kerry community, with write-ups in the *New York Times* and *Newsweek*.

The Foundation's web site has received top ratings in all the major web search directories. Because of you, the number of visitors continues to grow at over 50% per year since it began in 1996. Thanks to the many authors who contributed articles, the Foundation's web site is by far the most extensive collection of Kerry information on the web.

The number of subscribers to the Foundation's internet newsletter (KB-L) also continues to grow. It continues to be the only place where all Kerry owners—not just breeders—can socialize, swap stories, share information, and discuss Kerry issues in a supportive environment.

At the Foundation, we believe that an informed public is a major contributor to the welfare of Kerries and to the peace of mind of their owners and breeders. Our half-dozen mentors have helped answer scores of questions from potential and new Kerry owners.

During the last year, the Foundation's rescue teams have worked on tens of rescues and at-risk Kerries, and assisted owners with the placement of their Kerries. Some of the rescue dogs were abandoned by their owners because of the dog's poor physical conditions that required extensive medical attention. We took responsibility for these dogs, and your contributions made that possible.

With your contributions, we have published a breed identifier, which was distributed to over 1,800 shelters, nationwide. Combined with our toll-free 800-number, we are able to find more Kerries and return them to the breeders or place them in suitable homes.

Last year, the Foundation, in cooperation with the AKC's Canine Health Foundation (CHF), established a fund for Health & Genetics research for Kerries. Your donations allowed us to make an initial deposit of \$5,000, which will be matched by the CHF. With your help, we hope to deposit another \$5,000 during 2003.

In its first year, the Foundation did not reach its goal of \$50,000 in donations. We collected about \$37,000. The matching gift program has therefore been extended through 2003. Your donations are matched dollar for dollar by a corporate benefactor.



Last year the Foundation was registered as a public charity in several states and in Canada. While Kerry clubs are private clubs, the Foundation is an independent public charity, recognized by the IRS as a public benefit corporation. The IRS has given the Foundation tax-free status as a 501(c)(3) entity. This means that your donations are tax-deductible.

Since 100% of the Foundation's staff are volunteers, all your contributions go directly to benefit the breed.

If you make a donation, buy a raffle ticket, name the Foundation in your will, or work as a volunteer, you know your contribution is used for the well-being of our breed, and not for the enjoyment of any individual or social club.

If you have any doubt about that, please call me at 805-686-0809.

Very truly yours,

John van den Bergh  
President

## Rescues—continued from cover

### Molly in NH

Two days after Louie's rescue, a call came from a veterinarian on the East Coast. Sweet little Molly had been abandoned



by her owners when she was diagnosed with a bladder stone that required surgery. She needed immediate medical attention, and the Foundation accepted responsibility. Surgery was performed and the stone analyzed, bringing the wonderfully happy news that it was a struvite stone, easily controlled by diet and routine check-ups. Molly has since recovered in foster care and is in excellent health. Playful, active, and affectionate with children, Molly is adored by her foster family, who so willingly took her in when she needed help most. Her adoption is pending.

### Belmont in CA

Belmont was relinquished to the Foundation because his owners were moving to a no-pets apartment. He was



picked up by a volunteer Kerry owner and examined by a vet. Belmont had not been groomed for many months, had ear and eye infections, an out-of-date rabies vaccination, and needed neutering and removal of a tumor behind his ear. His breeder did not want him back, so the Foundation made arrangements for his foster care and the necessary surgery. Belmont is a happy-go-lucky fellow, enjoying the company of his Kerry foster sister and all the attention his foster parents can lavish on him. Available now, this sweetheart of a Kerry will make someone a delightful companion.

For more information on our available Rescue Kerries, see <http://www.kerryblues.info/>

## You to the Rescue!

How many people does it take to rescue a Kerry? A whole team—and that's no joke! Here's how you can help.

- **Discover.** Join our team of Shelter Scouts and regularly scan shelter sites to find photos of impounded Kerries.
- **Recover.** Volunteer to ID a shelter dog and recover it if it's a Kerry. You will be asked to take the dog to a vet and possibly keep it a day or two until a foster home is found.
- **Transport.** Offer to join the Kerry "Underground Railroad" to transport our rescues through your area.
- **Foster.** Volunteer to foster a homeless Kerry. These dogs have no one else but us, and no place else to go. It may be one of the most rewarding experiences you'll ever have.
- **Donate.** Help us pay the costs of Rescue by making a tax-deductible donation to the Foundation.
- **Adopt!** All our Rescue Kerries make wonderful companions. Maybe one is right for you.

Contact [Rescue@kerryblues.info](mailto:Rescue@kerryblues.info)



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