



Mid-Atlantic German Shepherd Rescue

Providing Rescue and Adoption Services in MD, DC and VA



Rescuing, Rehabilitating, Nurturing, Training, & Healing Abused, Abandoned and Neglected German Shepherds & German Shepherd mixes for Adoption in MD, D.C, VA, south-central PA

Over 2,000 adoptions since 1999

Dear Victor,

Spring is here and MAGSR is just bustin' out all over with exciting new changes for our dogs and our rescue!

NEW DIGS AT RIVERMIST KENNEL!

We're moving our kennel program from Happy Hounds in PA to a new home at Rivermist Kennels in Maryland, where our rescue is based. We expect to be moved in and ready to go by the second week in May!

Many rescues limit the dogs they accept or pull from shelters to the number of foster homes that they have available. While we are constantly developing our roster of foster families, MAGSR believes that we must do everything we can to bring the largest number of dogs out of harms way and into rescue. For that reason, we have taken whatever steps we can take to make quality kennel boarding available in MAGSR for as many dogs as possible while they are awaiting temporary foster homes or permanent adoption.

And now, we're moving our kennel operations to RIVERMIST KENNELS! The advantages of Rivermist are threefold:

- Rivermist Kennels is centrally located on a 30 acre farm in Brinklow Maryland - an easier drive for most volunteers and adopters alike - with lots of room to walk and a ½ acre fenced play yard that we can use for dog-adopter intros and exercise.
- Rivermist Kennels is clean, comfortable, and well organized, offering our dogs housing in inside-outside runs that are 3 times larger than in our present kennel, and partially covered so that dogs can go out in rainy weather and still stay dry.
- Rivermist Kennels is run by experienced staff, who will monitor and accommodate our dogs' health and medical needs. MAGSR will have full access 7 days a week and our own entrance with plenty of parking for volunteers, fosters and adopters.

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**Don't forget your
2010 ADOPTERS
REUNION
Tickets**

See you there!

**Don't miss out! BE
THERE!**

JOIN US!

Don't miss it !

**Celebrate
Adoption**

JOIN US ON

ADOPTERS REUNION CELEBRATION April 24th
PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS BY April 17th

Please join us on April 24th to celebrate the season and the adoption of nearly 2100 dogs since 1999. Bring your adopted dog and siblings, enjoy terrific food catered by Beefalo Bobs BBQ, and check out the interesting vendors and MAGSR merchandise table. Join in the fun and take part in the contests and games, while you catch up with old friends and make new ones. **Get your tickets NOW!**

CLICK HERE for TICKETS ! Purchase by April 17th!

As always, thank you for your support of MAGSR. It's great to see all the enthusiasm and feel the spirit of unity among our volunteers and supporters as we undertake this kennel move and celebrate our 10th Adopters Reunion. Our dogs depend on every one of you and everything done by each individual is critical to the success of the MAGSR mission. Thanks again!

Sincerely,

Bill Myers

MAGSR President



FROM HOARDING HORRORS TO HAPPY HOMES

by Leigh Clark, MAGSR Adoptions Co-Coordinator

While driving to work last year, I received a phone call from the rescue coordinator at Anne Arundel County Animal Control. They had rescued 17 German Shepherds from a home in which they had been kept in horrific hoarding conditions. All of the shepherds would need to go to rescues since they had never been socialized outside of the home. Actually, none of the shepherds had been outside the home - at all, ever.

Hoarding - what is it?

Hoarding is a form of animal abuse in which humans collect and keep an excessive number of companion animals in conditions in which they are deprived of nutrition, sanitation, shelter and veterinary treatment. Often imprisoned in crates and locked rooms by a person or persons who may believe that they are protecting them, the animals are neglected and denied minimal standards of care, often resulting in their starvation, illness and death. The Humane Society estimates that nearly 250,000 animals are victims of animal hoarding each year. See Humane Society of the United States reference to criteria for hoarding developed by The Hoarding Animals Research Consortium at Tufts University, available at:

APRIL 24th

**OREGON RIDGE
PARK**

Arts and Science Pavilion
3401 Beaver Dam Road
Cockeysville, Md. 21030

CLICK HERE

**Tickets must
be purchased by
April 17th**

(due to catering
requirements)

CLICK HERE for tickets

**MAGSR's MOVING
our KENNELS to
MARYLAND!**

See you soon at
RIVERMIST KENNELS
Brinklow, MD

MAY 2010

Can you foster a dog?
**MAGSR dogs are
always looking for
loving foster families**

http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/abuse_neglect/facts/hoarding.html.

People who engage in hoarding are thought to have a psychological and neurological impairment, "which might involve dementia, obsessive-compulsive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, and attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder." Hoarding is not easily treated and offenders have a high rate of recidivism. (Humane Society). The animals who are subjected to hoarding are often malnourished, sick, and unsocialized, and may be kept locked up virtually on top of one another in squalor and filthy conditions that the hoarder ignores or cannot change.

Sometimes it's too late when the authorities finally intervene and seize the animals victimized by hoarding, but this time the dogs could be saved!

Rescue - how we help

In this case, MAGSR sprang into action. I immediately contacted our Intake Coordinator, and then made arrangements to evaluate all 17 shepherds.

MAGSR member (now Board member) Sue Cox and I spent approximately 4 hours at Anne Arundel Animal Control evaluating, photographing, and gathering information about each dog. MAGSR would not be able to take all 17 into rescue, but we were determined to save all 17 and get the word out to other rescues to help. Through our rescue contacts and posting on other GSD forums - ALL 17 shepherds were saved.



MAGSR was able to rescue 5 of the dogs - Clyde, Cyrus, Nellie, and 2 tiny puppies, Abbott and Costello. We were also able to help with transporting another dog, Asia, to a rescue that was waiting to help her. All of the dogs were filthy, smelly, and had been seriously neglected.

Little Abbott and Costello, who were barely 2 months old, became the delightful, squirmy, sweet-smelling puppies they were meant to be as soon as they each had their

first bath! They were adopted quickly, and fortunate to be able to put their first few weeks of life behind them, as soon as they joined loving families where they could grow up healthy and safe.

But what about Clyde, Cyrus and their sister Nellie, who were a bit older and who had lived through the squalid nightmare of their hoarding experience? They each stayed with us for a while, waiting for their "forever" families. Over time, each sibling came out of his or her shell, blossoming under the attention and nurturing of MAGSR volunteers, and proved to be the most affectionate sweet-natured dogs despite having had such an unfortunate past. But, we're saving all the details of Clyde and Cyrus's adventures with MAGSR for a future issue of our newsletter. So stay tuned, as this rescue story continues....

SENIORS FOR SENIORS - A New MAGSR Program

Senior dogs make up an important part of the canine population, with so much to give and share with their human companions. Generally house trained and obedience trained, they can be a lot less demanding than a



Have you ever thought about fostering a dog? If so, now is the time to act! [CLICK HERE](#)

Fostering brings a dog out of the kennel and into a loving, active home, where he can interact with h kids, adults, other pets, and take part in family life. This helps prepare him for his future adoptive family, and often means that he will find his perfect family and get adopted more quickly.

Some dogs have never lived in a home; some never have had the attention or kindness that is needed to thrive. Others, who have lived in a home all their lives, are confused and stressed out when they are left in a noisy and unfamiliar boarding kennel.

MAGSR will cover any medical costs, and support you every step of the way. Please help! [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to apply to foster. We'll bet you'll find a great dog just waiting for you!

HELP A DOG TRACK



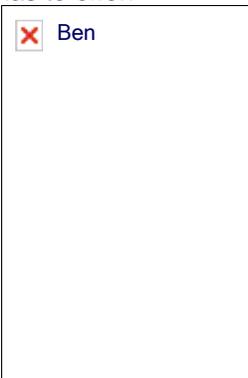
HER FUREVER HOME

puppy or high energy adolescent dog!

Unfortunately, seniors are too often surrendered and dropped off at shelters when they become too slow or their vet bills get too high. MAGSR is looking to connect senior dogs with senior citizens and other human companions who will appreciate all that a senior dog has to offer.

And, we are committed to helping senior citizens who want to share their life with a senior dog - by helping with the care and vet expenses, if need be.

If you know of seniors who would like to bring a senior dog into their family, or if you are aware of senior assisted living, or other residential programs that might be looking for a residential dog, please contact us at question@magsr.org



Our senior dogs thank you!

Ask MAGSR about fostering now!

PLEASE DON'T STRAY!
Update your MAGSR contact information!

Do you have a MAGSR dog? Have you moved or changed your information? Please **Click Here** to update your contact information! And, send us some updates on your dog!

P.S. If you ever have questions about your dog's training, behavior, health, or anything else, feel free to contact us by email: questions@magsr.org - we'll help!

BINGO BONANZA BLOWOUT

or

FRIDAY IS FOR FANTABULOUS FUNDRAISING

The true story of MAGSR's first Pampered Chef / Longaberger Basket Bingo - Friday, March 19, 2010

by Nancy Stec, MAGSR Member

"Can you make it happen?" That was the challenge.

With only eight short weeks to work, the planning committee for MidAtlantic German Shepherd Rescue's first combined Pampered Chef/Longaberger Basket bingo sprang into action!

There were baskets to be sponsored and filled, the hall rental to locate and coordinate, and a snack bar to organize and stock. Then, we had to apply for the gambling license, not to mention the food and bake sale licenses needed from the Health Department. We had prize lists to compile, a games schedule to organize, and volunteer workers to recruit for the evening.

Could we do it? Would we do it? Why, of course we would - it's for OUR DOGS!

Fundraising events always are a challenge to organize, but with the help of seasoned volunteers, and the infectious enthusiasm of some of our younger volunteers, we went to work. Nineteen baskets were recruited and purchased, all from donated funds. Five donations of kitchen prize packages added to these generous prizes. All the baskets were filled through the generous donations of rescue volunteers, and were stuffed to the limits with attractive and useful items.

We (finally!) located a venue available for bingo use on the evening of

MAGSR DOG OF THE MONTH APRIL is for ARCTIC



Arctic came to MAGSR just 10 days before she delivered her 9 beautiful babies, Arctic's Circle.

Pretty Arctic's babies have all left for their homes, and Arctic is more than ready to do the same. Is she waiting for you?

Friday, March 19th at an American Legion Post, and were able to coordinate a reduced rate through the sponsorship of one of the Post's members. Our snack bar crew, working nearly 'round the clock, organized lite fare and snacks for the bingo players to pur chase that evening. And it's no exaggeration to say that they were making weekly trips to the area big-box stores, because we always seemed to be missing something!

We had flyers donated by one volunteer, and we posted them everywhere we could. Bingo events have a considerable following, and we wanted to be seen! We advertised in local and area newspapers, Vets' offices, and any place we could imagine that our flyers might be seen by a Bingophile, so we would draw a bingo crowd. Then we waited.

Would they come? Would we show a profit? Would they have fun, and want to come again?

The answer is YES, a resounding YES! That evening we welcomed a record, sold-out crowd - some volunteers, some workers, but mostly family, friends, and community members. They were a generous crowd too, who bought bingo tickets, bingo cards, more bingo cards, raffle tickets, more raffle tickets, food and drinks, more food and drinks... well, you get the picture!

The hall was "decorated" with table folders detailing our rescue mission, featuring our dogs, and sharing some of our most compelling stories, and we received positive feedback about them. Every one winning a prize seemed happy and even those who didn't (and that includes me!) said they had a good time. There were lots of laughs and smiles all around as people exited at the end of the evening's games. And the final result? Lots of positive exposure for the rescue. An invitation to return from the Hall (they claim we were their "Best Bingo Group"). And a hefty profit of a few thousand dollars for OUR DOGS!

The jury is still out on a repeat performance... Still, it's nice to know this one was so well received. **BINGO!**

Arctic is a white GSD-husky mix dog. "Bi-eyed" with one blue and one brown eye, she's just a pup herself, barely a year old. Arctic absolutely loves people and knows she's a lap dog. She'll sit for a treat and loves attention! As a skilled counter surfer, Arctic keeps a collection of stuff on her bed.

She is a very, very sweet girl who gets along with everyone, big, little, and in between, and also gets along well with other dogs. Arctic loves going for walks. She is smart and loves to wander - and she can climb a chain link or ranch fence quite easily in search of the next good time, so a secure fenced yard and a watchful eye is required for this lovely girl! ;-)

**To meet Arctic,
call MAGSR today!**

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