



Mid-Atlantic German Shepherd Rescue

Providing Rescue and Adoption Services in MD, DC and VA



MAGSR NEWS!

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Dear Victor,

MAGSR has recently had a sudden influx of Heartworm Positive dogs. [Heartworm](#) is an infection spread by mosquitos. The worms live in the hearts of dogs and can be fatal. This condition is easily prevented by giving your dog a once a month pill. However, these dogs did not have the benefit of a loving owner who looked after their health.

[Henry](#) is a very sweet and very sick GSD that was recently brought to MAGSR's attention in the hopes that we could help this poor boy. Weighing barely 47 pounds (his ideal weight should be closer to 75lbs) Henry is not only severely emaciated but very weak. His condition is so fragile we were afraid an 8 hour transport from Bluefield, WV might be fatal. In lieu of the usual transport by multiple volunteers (being moved to a new car every hour or so) MAGSR was able to send a dedicated driver to pick him up and bring him back, all in all an 18 hour day for the driver, but a much safer transport for Henry. Henry is now resting in a foster home where, with good food and TLC we hope he will have the strength to undergo the heartworm treatment. To sponsor Henry, please click [HERE](#).



[Elliot](#) and [Everett](#) are brothers, 2 of 6 purebred GSD's confiscated as an abuse case in SC. They were one day short of euthanasia when MAGSR offered to bring them in. After a long trip up I-95 from SC, the brothers arrived late Saturday night in terrible condition, gaunt, panting heavily and looking very weak. We were astonished to find they were heartworm positive as well! Both were taken to the vet due to their general poor condition and obvious distress.



Elliot has a respiratory infection but Everett has had a couple of days of 104 degree temperature as

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Dog of the Month

[Cooper](#)



Cooper is a simply fabulous dog who has been looking for his forever home for far too long! OK, so little dogs and kitty cats are playtoys for Cooper. But he loves to swim, and would love a nice jog with you! He promises to be your best friend forever!

well as pneumonia. Everett has been in and out of the vet and on IV fluids for severe dehydration. He is not out of danger yet but, due to 24 hour care and multiple antibiotics, seems to be responding. Everett and possibly

Elliot, with combined heartworm and bacterial/fungus infections would not be alive now except for the quick reaction of MAGSR. To sponsor one or both of these great dogs, please click [HERE](#).



[Cindy](#) is another special dog, pulled at the last possible minute from a GA gassing shelter to start her long trek to the safety of MAGSR, and yes, Cindy too, is heartworm positive. To sponsor Cindy, please click [HERE](#).



[Thor](#) is possibly the luckiest of our Heartworm positive dogs as he has a lighter infestation and overall is in good health. He is being pampered by MAGSR fosters who will care for him until he is fully recovered.



MAGSR will bear the cost of the heartworm treatment (except for Thor, whose treatment has been generously donated by his foster!) which includes regular blood work, vet visits and antibiotics. However, the sudden influx of so many dogs not only heartworm positive but seriously ill, will tax [MAGSR's Medical Fund](#).

Each one of these special dogs most likely would not be alive today if not for the generosity of MAGSR's donors. These dogs need your help. Please consider [sponsoring](#) one of these great dogs. They will reward you with many happy kisses!

Candice Bagrosky
MAGSR
President

MAGSR'S Annual Calendar Contest!

Ask to meet Cooper today!

Update Your Info!



Do you have a MAGSR dog? Have you moved or changed your information?

Please [Click Here](#) to update your information! Send us some updates on your dog!

Save The Date!



The annual MAGSR Bull and Oyster Roast is coming up! So don't forget to Save the Date!

Saturday, October 17, 2009

7pm - 12am

It's time for the MAGSR Annual Calendar Contest. Submissions have been rolling in! Don't miss out on your chance to make your MAGSR dog a star! Click [HERE](#) for details!! But don't wait! Time is running out!!

This is a great opportunity to help raise money to help the dogs and to have a great time!

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more details!

Abby's Story

My family and I adopted "Abby" in 2001 from MAGSR. She was a loving, devoted German Shepherd to not only me (her mother) but the entire family. Unfortunately Abby was diagnosed with a ruptured (bleeding) tumor on her spleen on Wednesday, 9 Jun 09. Prognosis was not good and with her blood count down and her advancing age of 9 estimated years, she was euthanized and buried on Friday 12 June 09 in one of her favorite fields next to a playmate, 11 year old Jasmine, a Doberman.

Abby came to us over 8 years ago from MAGSR as a 43 pound, worm infected, fly bitten dog who had the roughest coat I have seen in a while and who was also frightened of cameras. She was adopted by the other family dogs, a Collie and a Doberman with whom she played very well. She tolerated cats, mostly because the Collie would play and sleep with them. Fetch was not a game she enjoyed, but walking, running, riding in the car, and quietly sitting or laying under your legs was her favorite past time.

At the time of her death, Abby was a healthy 77 pound, silky smooth girl who loved her people as much as they loved her. She loved her ears and muzzle to be rubbed but most of all a tummy rub was a great reward. Her tail always waged when she saw her people, early am or late pm. At the command "Abby, Christine" (Abby's mom), she would literally fly downstairs to the garage door to wait for Christine to walk through the door after



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work.

Abby was a great companion, a beautiful dog, and a good friend. Although there may be other German Shepherds in this family, there will never be another Abby. She was one of a kind and is deeply missed.

God speed Abby.

Your loving family, Christine, Jim, and Desiree
Herrick

