



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, Northern VA and south-central PA Over 2,500 since 1999

Greetings!

The Mid-Atlantic German Shepherd Rescue has been working tirelessly in our community for 12 years in many different ways, saving as many German Shepherds and Shepherd mixes as we possibly can. Saving so many lives would not be possible without the wonderful and caring volunteers that give so freely and lovingly of their time, hearts and souls.

Our volunteers provide comfort, care, stability and love to many abandoned, abused and neglected GSDs, some for the first time in their lives ever experiencing this type of care and human companionship. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers that always go above and beyond for the dogs of MAGSR, for without each and every one of you there would be no Mid-Atlantic German Shepherd Rescue and without MAGSR so many more wonderful, loving dogs would lose their lives.

Volunteering is a great way to help MAGSR fulfill its mission. We do so many different things to save animals lives, there's always a way for someone to volunteer and something's can be done from the comfort of your home. We welcome as much time as you can give, as with everyone's efforts combined we can do so much more. We need people to transport dogs. We need people to be a foster parent for dogs, providing them with care, comfort and love while they wait for their forever family. We need people to help at adoption events, with dog walking at our kennel, grooming, socializing, screening potential adopters, home visits and follow up calls. We need people to help

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YOUR INVITED!!!!

SANTA AT RIVERMIST

December 10, 2011

That's right! It is that time again. Please join us for our annual Santa at Rivermist event. Come have your dogs photo taken with Santa. There will be food, merchandise and great fun for the entire family. All proceeds go directly to the dogs.

raise funds to cover the costs of vaccines, spay/neuter surgery, food, boarding and training.

If you are interested in volunteering with us please fill out our online application [here](#). If you are interested in learning more about the many volunteer opportunities available, please contact our committee at membership@magsr.org. If you are not able to volunteer but would still like to help save the lives of the many deserving German Shepherds and Shepherd mixes a donation of any amount would go along way in providing housing, food, medical and training for our dogs in need.

We are very grateful for your continued support. We wish you a very Happy, Healthy, Peaceful and Prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,
Caroline

Caroline Mandel
MAGSR President

TAX ADVANTAGE DONATING

Individuals who want to maximize their donations may wish to consider establishing a charitable gift trust or donor advised fund.

This is begun by placing monies into a financial institution, i.e.

a bank, brokerage, mutual fund, etc. The funds, once committed,

may not be returned to the donor. The donor receives an immediate charitable deduction (assuming that one itemizes) for

the monies deposited. Donated assets which have appreciated

in value, such as, stocks, or mutual funds placed into the trust

are not subject to capital gains taxes for either the donor or the

charity. The donor may subsequently make gifts to approved

charities (501(C)(3), MAGSR is an approved charity, on a schedule

of his or her choosing. Depending upon the financial institution,

the monies may be invested in a variety of financial instruments.

Since there are limitations on the types of investments and the



Moscow 2010

Moscow is one of MAGSR's success stories. Moscow was found as a stray on the streets in Baltimore. He was distrustful of humans and had lost all faith in man kind. Moscow was adopted in April of 2006. He was promised by his adopter that there will be "no more bad days". Moscow flourished into a wonderful well mannered dog. A true example of the German Shepherd breed. Moscow graduated top of his class in basic obedience, advanced obedience and went a few steps further and received his AKC/CGC certification and has also went on to become a therapy dog. One who brings joy and smiles to many faces, young and old just with his presence. We have never lost touch with Moscow. He has put in countless hours representing the rescue by attending events showing what a wonderful breed German Shepherds are. He is a true love and is loved very much by many of the

amounts that may be gifted, as well as the deductions that can be taken, and frequent changes in the tax code, one should consult with a tax professional before making a decision on whether or not donor advised gifting is appropriate.

Mac Hadley

AVAILABLE NOW THE NEW 2012 MAGSR CALENDAR



JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	
8	9	10	11 Independence Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

MAGSR volunteers.

**PLEASE REMEMBER!
UPDATE YOUR MAGSR
CONTACT INFO TODAY!**

Did you move, or, has your contact info changed? Please be sure to update your contact information with MAGSR today to insure our records are updated should your dog go missing. We love updates and pictures.

**UPDATE CONTACT INFO
HERE**



P.S. If you ever have questions about your dog's training, food, health, behavior, or anything else, feel free to contact MAGSR

at: help@magrs.org.

WAYS TO HELP

There is **STILL TIME TO DONATE TO SUPPORT THE DOGS.**

The dogs are counting on you for your support!

MAGSR volunteers and all our dogs value your ongoing support. We're counting on your generosity to assist us in making our dogs whole so we

[Click for MAGSR's 2012 calendar](#)

If you still haven't purchased your 2012 calendar, no need to worry. The 2012 MAGSR calendar will warm your heart in any season!

It's perfect for keeping track of all your important appointments, events, parties and vet visits. Plus, it's a great way to help the dogs of MAGSR. Every day is a reminder of your help to MAGSR's critical work.

Get yours today! All proceeds from your purchase go directly to funding our rescue efforts. MAGSR is a 100% volunteer organization, so everything you [contribute](#) to MAGSR, including the proceeds from our [calendar](#) and other [merchandise](#) sales goes, literally, to the dogs.

Thank you!

Holiday Tips to remember

The holiday season is upon us and it's a time to rejoice, spend time with family and friends, reflect on the past year, and optimism for the future. This joyous time of the year can be hazardous to our pets. Below are some tips on how to keep your pet(s) safe during the holidays. If you have specific concerns, it's always best to consult with your veterinarian.

Holiday Decorations

Most families enjoy decorating for the holidays. We use items such as ribbons, decorative paper, ornaments, beads, tinsel, lights, and lots of extension cords. Your pet will undoubtedly be fascinated with all new smells and what they think are new toys for them to play with. Ingesting holiday tinsel, ribbon or other decorations can cause serious intestinal damage to your pet(s). Surgery may be required to remove these items if they do not pass on their own.

Decorative lights are another hazard of the holiday season. Both indoor and outdoor lights should be carefully examined to ensure safety for your pet(s). You would be surprised to know how many pets will chew on extension cords and suffer electrical shock. Symptoms of electrical shock are burns, difficulty breathing, abnormal heart rhythm, loss of consciousness, and death. If your pet has been injured by electrical shock, seek medical treatment for your pet immediately. Treatment will be most effective if begun soon after the shock. Experts do recommend using grounded "3-prong" extension cords.

can accomplish our mission to provide much needed rescue, rehabilitation and adoption into permanent homes!

Please go to www.magsr.org

- * Sponsor one of our dogs!
- * View dogs to foster or adopt!
- * Donate to our Medical Fund!
Donate Now!



Won't you show our older, previously neglected, our "dental dogs" or a medical dog such as Leila how much you care. Leila came to us as a medical dog with liver shunts. Leila was purchased from a breeder, within a month of arriving home she became ill. Leila had been diagnosed with liver shunts and required a very expensive surgery to correct her condition. Her family was not able to afford the surgery and knowing without the surgery she would not survive. They reached out to MAGSR. Although we were tight on medical funds we could not sit back and let sweet little Leila suffer. Leila was taken to U Penn and was evaluated by a team of specialists. Leila stayed at U Penn for two days and underwent specialized testing to evaluate her condition. It had been determined that Leila had two very large interhepatic shunts, one of which was very complicated and may not had been able to be fixed. Her main vet at U Penn had sent Leila's info to three other shunt specialist (CA and NY) for other opinions. The thought was that the first

Holiday Liquids and Water

Pets are enticed by any source of water and holiday tree water is no exception. Some families will add chemicals to the water so the tree will remain fresh throughout the holidays. One way to keep your pet(s) safe is to read the label and be sure the additive/chemical(s) are safe for pets.

Another source of hazardous liquid is potpourri which makes our homes smell festive but is another source of enticing liquid your pet(s) may want to drink. It would be a good idea to have those potpourri pots placed high enough so your pets can reach them.

Holiday Foods/Goodies

Enjoying traditional family recipes or indulging in sweets is part of the holidays but we should not certain foods with our pet(s). While having family and friends over, you may want to let them know not to share the holiday goodies with your pet(s) as holiday food can cause your pet to become ill. Chocolate can be toxic or even fatal to your pet(s). Chocolate poisoning does occur most frequently in dogs but other pets are also susceptible. Theobromine is the toxic compound found in chocolate. The toxicity of chocolate depends on the amount and type of chocolate ingested. Vomiting, increased thirst, diarrhea, weakness and difficulty keeping balance, hyper excitability, muscle spasms, seizures, coma, and death from abnormal heart rhythm can occur from eating ingesting chocolate. If you see or believe your pet has eaten chocolate, seek advice from your veterinarian and/or get medical attention for your pet right way.

Holiday Plants

Are poinsettias toxic to your pet? Experts say poinsettias are not very toxic to pets but they do contain a milky sap that can irritate your pet's mouth. On the other hand, mistletoe can be very toxic to pets and you should seek veterinary help immediately if your pet has potentially ingested any part of the plant. Mistletoe can cause vomiting, severe diarrhea, difficult breathing, shock and even death within hours of ingestion. Holly berries and holly leaves can also be a problem although signs of poisonings are generally mild, and include vomiting, belly pain, and diarrhea.

Message from the Board of Directors

The Mid Atlantic German Shepherd Rescue (MAGSR) is a lifeline for abused, abandoned and neglected German

shunt could be coiled, meaning they would insert a stent into the vena cava and then place coils in the blood vessel that is not routing properly. The coils would catch platelets, forming a clot which will slowly close the blood vessel. This was all done by going through the jugular vein. The second, more complicated shunt was fixed by running dye through the blood vessels, then following the dye through the bad vessel and then repair. The procedure involved several specialists. Her team was able to coil four of her shunts and insert a stent. Leila did very well after surgery and her liver shunt surgery was a success. She is now eating regular dog food and off of her medications with the exception of Prilosec, which she will take for the rest of her life. Leila does still have several active shunts but they are not affecting her life so there is no need for surgical intervention. If these active shunts do begin to affect Leila, she will need further medical intervention which may include more surgery.

With your help, we can continue to care for dogs of all ages who are facing medical issues, starvation, broken bones resulting from an accident or human abuse, hip dysphasia, epilepsy, mange, heartworm, mega-esophagus, pneumonia and more.

Won't you give to the dogs, now?
Click here: [MAGSR MEDICAL FUND](#)

Thank You

SAVE THESE DATES

The World of Pets Expo
Maryland State Fairgrounds,
2200 York Rd.
Timonium, MD 21093

shepherd and German Shepherd mixes. - Not just when they are initially rescued by MAGSR but throughout their lifetime.

But you already know what MAGSR offers and you know the importance of MAGSR's work - which is saving the lives of German Shepherd's and GSD mixes.

Today, we invite you to help us save even more lives. We strongly believe in our mission and your gift today will help us save a life tomorrow.

Why should you consider giving your support to MAGSR today? Without support of the community, MAGSR would not be able to save GSD's from shelters, provide medical care, provide temporary housing, or training. Your gift will help ensure that we will be able to continue to carry out our mission and provide the best care while the dogs wait to find their forever homes.

There are two ways to give: Paypal or send a check to MAGSR PO Box 353 Mt. Airy MD 21771. Your [donation](#) is tax deductible.

Contributions like yours will make all the difference in the life of a German Shepherd. However you choose to give today, we thank you for your gift of hope!

Sincerely yours,

Caroline, Lisa, Eva, Sandy, Tammy and Paul
The Mid Atlantic German Shepherd Rescue Board of Directors

About Mid Atlantic German Shepherd Rescue

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January 27-29, 2012
Friday 2:00-8:00, January 27, 2012
Saturday 10:00-7:00, January 28, 2012
Sunday 10:00 - 6:00, January 29, 2012
<http://www.worldofpets.org/>

Santa at Rivermist

December 10, 2011, Saturday
December 11, 2011 Rain Date Sunday
Rivermist Kennels
19515 New Hampshire Ave
Brinklow, MD, 20862

Adopters' Reunion April 2012

Watch our website for date
Oregon Ridge Park
13401 Beaver Dam Road
Cockeysville, MD. 21030

Santa Photo's at Muddy Creek

Muddy Creek Animal Hospital
5558 Muddy Creek Rd
West River, MD 20708
December 17th 9:00am -1:00pm
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