



# Mid-Atlantic German Shepherd Rescue

Providing Rescue and Adoption Services in MD, DC and VA



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

**Rescue since 1999 \* Over 2000 adoptions in our first decade \* Over 2400 adoptions in 2010 \* Dec. 2010**

Dear Victor,

I hope that you all enjoyed the holidays, and as 2010 comes to a close, I want to extend my sincere wishes to everyone for a New Year that is abundant and prosperous in every way. Like other non-profits, individuals and families alike, MAGSR continues to feel the bite of the tough economic climate, but with your support, we've been able to weather these difficult times.

MAGSR is now half way into our 12th year of rescue and I'm pleased to report that despite the increased challenges that accompany the economic downturn, we've been able to respond to the growing number of dogs' needing our help in obtaining medical care and finding new adoptive homes. Despite some reduction in our resources, we are keeping pace with the number of permanent adoptions that MAGSR has facilitated in recent years, and we have been able to continue to extend care to deserving senior dogs and to several abused or abandoned dogs suffering from severe injuries and serious medical and dental conditions.

On this last day of 2010, I urge you to open your heart and your wallet, and give what you can to MAGSR to help us to help the dogs. Your donation will allow us to maintain the level of care and help we can provide, and to make a greater difference for more deserving, loving and devoted canines. With much gratitude for your generosity and support,

Sincerely,

*Bill*  
**Bill Myers**  
**MAGSR President**

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**PLEASE DON'T STRAY!**  
**UPDATE YOUR MAGSR**  
**CONTACT INFO TODAY!**

Did you move, or, has your contact info changed? Stay in touch with us at MAGSR and update your contact info today!

[UPDATE CONTACT INFO HERE](#)  
(and send photos - we love photos!)



**Tax Advantaged Donating**

by Mac Hadley

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. While we are not endorsing any financial institutions, this video link helps to explain the advantages of donor advised gifting.

See <http://schwabcharitable.org/view-demo>.

Also, the tax bill, which recently was approved which extended the Bush era tax cuts, provides the opportunity for taxpayers 70.5 years or older to contribute IRA assets to an approved charity. The payout

can be used to meet the required minimum distribution (RMD). While the donor will not be entitled to a deduction for this gift, it is not determined to be income. Please see the attached link from the Wall Street Journal. (Please copy and paste into your browser). [http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703395904576025610771041244.html?mod=WSJ\\_PersonalFinance\\_PF5](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703395904576025610771041244.html?mod=WSJ_PersonalFinance_PF5)

Since there are limitations on the types of investments and the amounts that may be gifted, one should consult with a tax professional before making a decision on whether or not donor advised gifting or gifting from one's IRA is appropriate for your circumstances.

**TIME MARCHES ON...  
BUT NOT WITHOUT MAGSR's 2011 CALENDAR**

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@magsr.org](mailto:help@magsr.org)

*We can help!*

**MAGSR Foster Roster**

**You? Foster a dog?**

That's right! So many of our great MAGSR dogs need a foster family to help them prepare for adoption!

**... a family like yours!**



**Georgia** - is from - Georgia, and she had had quite a journey to get to MAGSR. She was picked up as a stray in GA where she spent some time residing in a shelter.

Georgia is a sweet and affectionate girl and got along well with the other dogs she met while living at the shelter. She is an active dog who loves to play and is looking for a home and family of her very own. Training with her new family will help build a bond and teach her to be the best dog she can be. In the meantime, she'd love a soft bed, good food, lots of play time, and some treats for her good behavior, which she's working on thanks to the wonderful MAGSR volunteers who spend countless hours with her. Georgia is eager to find her family -- and hopes right away wouldn't be too soon to ask for some belly rubs? She can't wait to meet you!



[Click for MAGSR's 2011 calendar](#)

Still haven't purchased your 2011 calendar? No worries! The 2011 MAGSR calendar is like no other and 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. And 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!*

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**December's Featured GSD: Keiser**

And then there's **Mac**,  
a big puppy in a dog's body!



Mac had a family but for some reason they decided they did not want him anymore and took him to a shelter. The shelter staff saw how great Mac was and called MAGSR.

Mac likes going for walks, playing ball and especially loves kids. His former family had children ages 1 year and up and he adored them. Although he likes to play and can be a bit of a wild child, Mac enjoys being by his people's side. He's smart, knows some of his commands and will excel at training and make his new family proud.

So, please . . . don't delay, ask about fostering today! Go to [MAGSR's WEBSITE](#) for more information on Georgia and Mac.

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

Please go to [www.magsr.org](http://www.magsr.org)

- \* Sponsor one of our dogs!
  - \* View dogs to foster or adopt!
  - \* Donate to our Medical Fund!
- [Donate Now!](#)



### Keiser

Kieser is a big handsome, longish hair GSD. Unfortunately his owner was diagnosed with cancer and is unable to care for him any longer. His previous owner had found a home for him, but he did not get along with the cats of the home and had to be returned to her. She reached out to MAGSR in her time of need and now he is in our care looking for a new family and home.

As Kieser spent a lot of time outdoors he will have to learn some house manners, but being a smart GSD he should catch on quickly. Training will go a long way with this and will, of course, help him become the best dog he can be as he creates a bond with his new family. At one time he lived with another male GSD, but he did not get along with him very well. It is best if he lives with female dogs as he does enjoy their company. If you are interested in learning more about Kieser please contact us.

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### **SAVE THESE DATES:**

#### **The World of Pets Expo -**

Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, January 28-30, 2011

Friday 2:00-8:00, Saturday 10:00-7:00, Sunday 10:00 - 6:00

<http://www.worldofpets.org/>

#### **MAGSR Basket Bingo**

March 19, 2011, Saturday

American Legion Hall in Sykesville, MD

#### **MAGSR Adopters' Reunion, April 30, 2011 Saturday**

Oregon Ridge Park

13401 Beaver Dam Road

Cockeysville, MD. 21030

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Won't you show our older, previously neglected dogs, our "dental dogs" and little Angel, who just joined us after being left at the vet's when her family could not afford the treatment she needed, that you care? Your generous donation to MAGSR's Medical Fund for our rescue dogs in need of care can make all the difference in the world.

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

**Won't you give to the dogs, now?**

Click here: [MAGSR MED FUND](#)

### *Thank You*

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