



Mid-Atlantic German Shepherd Rescue

Providing Rescue and Adoption Services in MD, DC and VA



2011 Canine Cupid & Puppy Love Valentine's Edition

Mid Atlantic German Shepherd Rescue *Newsletter*



Be mine!

You're my cup of tea!

Say yes!

Let's be sweethearts!

I love you!

Rescuing, Rehabilitating, Training and Rehoming for Abused, Abandoned, Neglected and Surrendered

German Shepherd Dogs & German Shepherd Dog mixes in MD, D.C, NoVA & So-Central PA

Rescue since 1999 * Over 2400 dogs adopted and rehomed to date * Jan-Feb

2011

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CANINE CALENDAR

Events you won't want to miss!

Next up...

***February 11, 12 & 13, 2011**

Come meet MAGSR Dogs:

Kaden, Bear, Elmo and others at

Dear Victor,

V is for Valentine's Day - and for Volunteering!

Mid-Atlantic German Shepherd Rescue [MAGSR] is an all volunteer organization. There are no paid positions in MAGSR; we rely on our capable, talented and dedicated volunteers to keep all of our critical rescue activities functioning. These activities are carried out professionally and successfully thanks to our volunteers. Each volunteer donates whatever time the or she can spare to help the dogs in so many ways. But there is always more to do and always more that can be done.

There are many, varied volunteer opportunities within MAGSR, and there is sure to be something that will interest each person, allowing you to tap into your experience and skill set or venture into trying something new. Beginning this March, 2011, we will be hosting a regular volunteer orientation session that will be offered

Petsmart National Adoption Events
at Dundalk, Pasadena, Columbia, Annapolis and other Petsmart locations. Details on the MAGSR website at [EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

***February 12, 2011**
Cupids and Canines
(details at [EVENTS CALENDAR](#))

***March 19, 2011**
Longaberger BASKET BINGO
(details below)

***April 30, 2011**
Annual Adopters Reunion
(details below)

**MAGSR's
Longaberger*
BASKET BINGO
Saturday March 19, 2011**

**Not affiliated with
The Longaberger Company*

Come make a difference in a rescue dog's life and enjoy a fun-filled evening of BINGO! Food & drink (non-alcoholic) for purchase.

- * 20 bingo games**
- * 2 special games**
- * special raffles**
- * door prizes**
- * additional bingo packages available for purchase**

Bring 2 canned pet food items to donate to local and needy animal shelters and receive a game card for a special bingo game. One game card/person.

**American Legion Post 223
7327 Slacks Road
Sykesville, MD 21784**

**Saturday March 19, 2011
\$15 reserved tickets
(purchase by 3/15/11)**

every 6 months. At this session, interested volunteers can learn more about MAGSR, get a clear understanding of our mission, hear in-depth updates on the volunteer opportunities that exist, meet other volunteers, and hopefully, find their place in the organization.

I am pleased to report that we been fortunate to have nearly 50 volunteers join us in the last 2 months alone! I look forward to meeting each of you individually, and working with you for years to come. My hope for each of you is that you find your opportunity to get involved in the rescue, become committed to the work, and feel the warmth and satisfaction of knowing that you, too, are instrumental in helping MAGSR fulfill our mission.

With thanks for all you do,
Sincerely,

Bill Myers

Message from the President, Bill Myers

And They Call It Puppy Love . . .
with VALENTINE'S DAY HEART SPONSORSHIPS!



It was love at first sight when young Jackie-O arrived with her litter of 9 tiny puppies! And now that their mama's done her part, these healthy little guys and gals are getting bigger & friskier, with bigger appetites and greater needs. Yes, that's right - 9 puppies! Pictured below are: Teddy, Alice, Franklin, Ellie, Jemmy, Dolley, Duke, Abigail, and Tank.

Happiness is a Warm Puppy

These cuties ended up at animal control after being outside with no shelter. Brrrr! Mama Jackie, who appears to be a Dutch Shepherd, was doing all she could to take care of her babies in the freezing winter weather. Thank goodness it was reported, and this sweet family is now in from the cold enjoying the comforts of a warm foster home with lots of love and attention.

Teddy and Abigail are largest, and both so very sweet with their siblings. Alice, Ellie, and Dolley are right behind in size and every bit as sweet.



Abigail



Alice



Franklin

Jemmy
Franklin, Duke and Tank

round out this bunch of irresistible

\$18 at the door
(if seating is available)

To reserve your tickets:
click on **BASKET BINGO**
to pay by PayPal, or send
checks to:

MAGSR
PO Box 353
Mt. Airy, MD 21771

(Put "Basket Bingo" on check)

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2011 ADOPTERS REUNION

SAVE THE DATE - April 30th!

Join our volunteers, fosters,
adopted dogs, fur siblings,
kids, friends, families, and
supporters alike for MAGSR's
12th Annual Adopters
Reunion.

Welcome Spring 2011 at
Oregon Ridge Park in
Cockeysville, MD, catch up
with fellow dog lovers, savor
food by Beefalo Bob's, and
enjoy games, prizes, training
demos, vendors, and MAGSR
merchandise!

More information to follow.

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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

munchkins. They are indeed a beautiful mix of German Shepherd mixes.



Dolley



Duke



Teddy

[Looking](#)

for Loving Sponsors

These little pups, like all of our dogs, depend on your generosity to get them from rescue into their forever homes. Whether it's vet care for the puppies or kenneling for adult dogs whom we just don't have room to foster, rescue is a very expensive business that relies completely on you.

Won't you open your heart (and wallet) this Valentine's Day and help to support MAGSR dogs by giving generously to our newest puppies, or to any of our canine cupids waiting patiently in foster or boarding for a furever home!



Jemmy



Tank



Ellie

It's easy to sponsor one of our puppies or canine cupids, and what a beautiful way to honor and pay tribute to your own pup or human loved one, or simply to support MAGSR's *Puppy Love* celebration.

Here's what to do:

First, select the precious puppy or canine whom you want to sponsor (and you can sponsor more than one) on the [MAGSR Website](#).

Next, click **HEART SPONSORSHIP** to go to our special page for Valentine's Day where you can write in the name of the dog or dogs you selected to sponsor and indicate how many hearts you will donate. Just use the PayPal button on the page or send in your check by mail.

All of our girls and boys send sloppy kisses and tail wags for your support. These babies will be ready for adoption after February 22, 2011. Please give from the heart now with **MAGSR's HEART SPONSORSHIP!**

Thank you!

MAGSR and update your contact info today!

Send your current contact information to:

[Contact Info Update](#)

Let us know how you and your dog are doing! (send photos, we love photos!)

If you ever have questions or concerns about your dog's food, training, health, behavior, or any other aspect of your relationship, feel free to contact MAGSR:

Help@magsr.org
We can help!

PACK PAWLITICS: Time To Think Like A Dog

Many MAGSR families include more than one animal member and often include members of more than only the canine species. Dr. Karen Becker, the resident proactive and integrative wellness veterinarian of HealthyPets. Mercola.com* addresses the potential sibling rivalry that can be triggered when you bring home a new dog and add to your pack (online article excerpt below).

She writes; "If you have more than one dog, one is dominant. However, a new addition to the pack sometimes changes the social structure. A new pet can become the new ruler of the roost, and the animal you thought of as dominant can become a subordinate in the new pack structure. This may not feel right or fair to you, human that you are, but it's important to respect whatever hierarchy evolves in your pack.

Trying to force your re-structured pack to return to the old hierarchy can foster

Foster Favorites: Educating Elmo

You'll often hear people say that at MAGSR, "forever" means forever, and "forever" means for the long haul, lasting, permanent, and never-ending.

So when we match up one of our rescued dogs with his or her "forever" home, we're talking about for a lifetime. A loving, healthful, positive, peaceful, and comfortable lifetime. No matter what may have happened in the dog's past, no matter if the dog is midlife or beyond, and no matter if the dog needs medical attention or behavioral rehabilitation, MAGSR believes that each of our rescue dogs deserves a second, or even a third, chance at "forever." And that means when a MAGSR dog is in our care awaiting rehoming, or returned after an unsuccessful adoption match, we will work with and nurture that dog in every way to prepare him for success in a new "forever" home!

The education of our little Elmo is a prime example of this attitude and



approach. Elmo came from out of state, the victim of an abusive home. When Elmo was 6 weeks old, his "owner" beat Elmo's mother and 2 of Elmo's 6 siblings to death. The remaining puppies were taken to a shelter where Elmo became more fearful and had more difficulty adjusting than the other puppies, who were placed in new homes. So, the shelter contacted MAGSR, and we agreed to bring Elmo into rescue and work with him.

Elmo suffers from severe fear-related issues, some of which are directed at particular humans with little rhyme or reason. While Elmo's current foster family has been diligently working with him on these issues, it will take time. Elmo's forever family will need to continue to work with him with the understanding that Elmo may always be a "work in progress" and may continue to have fear-based issues with humans for the rest of his life.

Nevertheless, Elmo has made impressive progress and really has blossomed in his current foster home. Many of his fearful behaviors have been almost eliminated, and he has acquired a good level of comfort when he is at home. Even better, Elmo recently has gone to MAGSR PetSmart meet and greet events and accompanied his foster mom to MAGSR meetings where he handled himself beautifully. Elmo now can comfortably spend time in unfamiliar social settings, meet new people, exercise his canine curiosity, and accept human affection.

Another positive for Elmo is that because of the extra time and attention Elmo has received working with trainers while in MAGSR, he has gone well beyond basic obedience in training classes and is a super star on a leash! And finally, Elmo LOVES other dogs no matter their personality and finds confidence in their abilities to trust people. He LOVES to play with toys and to romp with the other two dogs in his foster home. His foster mom reports that she has never met a dog who is better with other dogs than Elmo. For that reason, we have concluded that Elmo will thrive if placed in a home with another confident and social dog.

inter-pack aggression issues. So let your animals decide their own reporting structure, and fall in line with it.

And remember to give the dominant pet his due. In other words, pay attention to him first when you come through the door (as an example). This is what he expects, and so do the other members of his pack. Don't try to 'square things up' by ignoring the new leader in favor of your displaced dominant dog. All you'll likely get in return is sibling rivalry among your pack."

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ARTICLES FOR MAGSR NEWS

Member articles welcome! Please submit article ideas via email to Lory Rosenberg before the 15th of Jan., March, May, July, Sept., and Nov. for publication in the next MAGSR NEWS. MAGSR reserves the right to reject copy found by the BOD not to be acceptable or appropriate.

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The best forever home for Elmo will be one without children, and one that offers a patient, comfortable environment. He does well with a strong, experienced handler - a person whom he can respect and with whom he can feel confident. His new family will need to understand that Elmo has limitations and be willing to work with Elmo to help him to try and surmount them. Despite his terrifying and sad beginnings, and the resulting limitations he experiences, Elmo is a healthy, sweet, loving dog who finally is beginning to learn to enjoy life as a young dog should. And somewhere inside, Elmo knows you are out there, looking for him.

Canine Wellness Tips & Tales: Exercise!

What's the one antidote that can improve or cure so many physical and emotional ailments? For humans and canines alike -- it's exercise! Dr. Karen Becker, DVM of MercolaHealthyPets.com* provided an interesting overview of the benefits of physical exercise now available to dogs using a treadmill.

"If your pet isn't provided opportunities to express her body's need for physical activity, her loss of muscle tone and body condition can set her up for soft tissue and joint injuries. Lack of sufficient aerobic exercise is also a major contributor to the rising pet obesity trend and the serious, debilitating diseases that go along with it. It also sets the stage for behavioral problems brought on by physical boredom and lack of mental stimulation. This is especially true for working breeds and other dogs with a very high need for activity."

Recognizing that, ". . . it's not always practical for pet parents to exercise their dogs outside due to weather or time constraints, a treadmill can be a great tool to get your pup active and maintain or improve his weight and physical condition" Dr. Becker writes.

"If you have a small or medium size dog and already own a treadmill designed for people, you can begin training your pup today to use the machine. It's dangerous, however, to put a large dog on a too-small treadmill, so if you're unsure whether your pup can use your machine, talk with your veterinarian or a knowledgeable trainer or pet physical therapist."

Dr. Becker cautions parents whose dog is a large breed with a long stride - a description that may fit a lot of MAGSR dogs - that, "you may need to consider purchasing a treadmill designed specifically for canines."

"Dog-powered treadmills run in the \$300 to \$500 range. Motorized equipment is more costly, from about \$500 all the way up to \$3000, depending on size, special features, brands and manufacturers."

"Obviously, a motorized treadmill will allow you more control over the pace your dog maintains while exercising, and you can easily raise and lower the degree of incline," says Dr. Becker.

Obviously! To read the complete article, including Dr. Becker's tips for teaching your dog to use and love the treadmill, and to follow the links to view products from several pet treadmill manufacturers: <http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2010/08/26/treadmill-training-for-the-canine-in-your-life.aspx>.

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the gift of warmth, comfort, nourishment, safety, and a gentle
touch*



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