



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

Rescue since 1999 * Over 2,000 adoptions in our first decade

Dear Victor,

Spring is the season of renewal, and so it is for MAGSR. We had a spectacular first quarter of 2010, and with over 60 dogs adopted in 4 months, we're well on our way to a second decade of over 2000 successful adoptions.

New opportunities

It is a time of renewed efforts for our dogs, and there's so much energy, that MAGSR is literally buzzing with activity! We are actively welcoming new volunteers into the rescue and offering more opportunities for volunteer participation in a variety of rescue activities. If you've been thinking you'd like to help out and be part of our team, now is the time!

We're looking for more volunteers to join us at our new kennel location to exercise, train and work with the dogs who are boarding there. We also hope to see more families join our "Foster Roster," and help one special dog get ready for adoption. We're expanding our community outreach with new events being scheduled and hosted monthly and throughout the summer so our wonderful dogs can be seen and met by more people in more places.

New MAGSR Board of Directors

At our annual election meeting on May 22, 2010, MAGSR members elected Eva Hartig, Jenn Phillips, Paul Caprio and Mark Sagarin to join Sue Cox, Tammy Shiprak, and me on MAGSR's Board of Directors. Members extended their congratulations to the new Board, and their heartfelt appreciation to Lisa Jarvis and Victor Martinez for their tireless work and leadership on the Board over the past 2 years.

New challenges - fostering a senior dog

Last month I mentioned that unlike many rescues, which limit the dogs they accept or pull from shelters to available foster homes, MAGSR is committed to doing everything we can to bring the largest number of dogs into rescue and out of harms way. To that end, we make quality kennel boarding available to as many dogs as possible while they are awaiting temporary foster homes or permanent adoption. But kennel boarding isn't for all dogs, and it's not a good setting for dogs over 6 or 7 years of age whose joints may be getting a bit stiff, and for whom the cement floor is not nice and cool, but uncomfortable

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The Foster Roster

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You? Foster a dog?
That's right! So many of our great MAGSR dogs need a foster family . . . a family *like yours!*



A dog like **BOOKER**

and even painful.

We have some of the most deserving, sweet-tempered, senior (and middle-aged) canine citizens who are looking for nothing more than a soft bed, kind words and a gentle touch - like the two who recently lost their guardian and their home of 10 years, or the sweet, young at heart girl who finds the stairs a little bit difficult, or the older girl who cries when she gets up or down. How grateful they would be if you would open your heart and your home and offer them temporary lodgings while they are waiting for their new homes. I guarantee, you will benefit as much as they, and it will prove to be an experience you won't soon forget.

Please give us a call if you would like to consider fostering with MAGSR.

Sincerely,

Bill Myers

MAGSR President



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PART II of MAGSR's Hoarding Tails



**ONCE HOARDED, THEN BOARDED, NOW ADORED:
The Saga of the Wonder Boys and Sister Nellie**

by Tina Woods, MAGSR Member

(See Part I, FROM HOARDING HORRORS TO HAPPY HOMES, by Leigh Clark, MAGSR Adoptions Co-Coordinator, in MAGSR News - April 2010)

Pet hoarders account for 250,000 cases of animals hoarded each year! The definition of a hoarder is someone who collects so many animals that the animals do not receive the bare minimum in care including nutrition, vetting, sanitation and shelter. The hoarders are usually in denial of the situation and have little insight about their predicament. The psychology of hoarding is not well understood or agreed about by experts. Nevertheless, without having to get into the psychological or behavioral characteristics of the hoarder, we can see the negative impact on the animals they take in: hoarding is a form of animal abuse and/or neglect no matter what the hoarder's intent or plan. Many animals die under the filthy, germ-infested conditions and the living are left to fend for themselves, often without food or water, sometimes in the presence of the dead carcasses of other animals.*

MAGSR and other rescue groups recently came to the aide of 17 German Shepherds and mixes who were seized from hoarders in AA County. These particular hoarders were not physically abusive and were not charged with any animal abuse by the County. They were able to keep three of the dogs, and are contacted regularly by Anne Arundel Animal Control. The remainder of their animals were confiscated.

MAGSR took in brothers Clyde and Cyrus, their little sister Nellie, and two puppies, Abbott and Costello. As is typical of MAGSR's teamwork approach, volunteer Kevin C. picked up the older dogs and volunteer Leigh C. drove off with the two puppies. Kevin delivered the bigger dogs to Greater Annapolis Veterinary Hospital where they could be checked out for possible heart worm infection and other health issues. All the dogs had fevers and

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A dog

like **BUBBA**

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small eye lesions due to lack of adequate nutrition and development support.

Volunteer Leigh C. agreed to foster Nellie, who needed special care and was the most in danger, and Kevin transported Nellie to Leigh's vet, Dr. Gray at Muddy Creek Animal Hospital, where Nellie was diagnosed with parainfluenza. Leigh and Dr. Gray worked out an arrangement so that Leigh could take Nellie home every evening, flush her I.V. line and perform chest physical therapy. This therapy involves cupping the hands and clapping over the dogs chest to keep the air-ways open and allowing congestion to drain. For weeks Nellie was treated during the day at the hospital with fluids and antibiotics and taken home and nursed at night by Leigh. After four months of care and being quarantined from Leigh's other dogs, Nellie recovered fully, and was adopted by Brenda, a prior MAGSR adopter.

I had the good fortune of being involved very early on with our wonder-boys Clyde and Cyrus. If ever two dogs looked nearly identical, it is those two. Clyde and Cyrus were extremely thin, but clearly appeared to have some German Shepherd and Husky features and beautiful coloring. Both were wild and energetic, but smart. They took to training quickly and loved attention. In fact, they craved attention.

Cyrus was more outgoing and had a slight stubborn streak. Clyde was a follower, but very active and loving too. Astonishingly, their personalities had not been destroyed by their living conditions. One thing was clear--- the wonder boys had no idea of hygiene and how to keep clean in their runs. But both boys were loving, sweet and wanted to cuddle all the time.

A small cadre of dedicated MAGSR volunteers took an enormous amount of time, energy and patience to work with these boys and find them the wonderful families and homes where they live today. It was not easy, either, because they needed bathing from top to bottom whenever they went to "meet and greet" events to be seen by potential adopters. But each meet and greet proved to be a positive adventure for the boys.

The kind folks at Hereford Country Club for Pets where they were boarding would bathe them regularly, so they usually were clean when we came to pick them up -- except once when Linda K. and I picked the boys up to go to Towson PetSmart. Somehow the message was not relayed in time and we arrived to find our boys covered with not-so-fragrant dried excrement. The owner of the kennel quickly hosed down their feet and dried them off and off we went to Towson with all the windows of our car open!

Arriving at Towson, we had to groom them as best we could outside of the Towson Petsmart. That day we bought a lot of products: dry shampoo, sani-wipes, air-freshener, doggie deodorizer and the boys had a great time getting hugs and rubs by unsuspecting admirers. Although we pulled it off without offending anyone, we had to deodorize them multiple times that day!

At another meet and greet at Westminster Petsmart, Clyde and Cyrus met a nice lady, Lynn, who was interested in helping MAGSR and becoming a foster parent for one of our dogs. She had two Corgis, however, and was not sure how they would take to a rather large, active dog. She was able to take the quieter one, Clyde, for a considerable amount of time. Thanks to volunteer Eva H's relentless assistance with Lynn's fostering of our wild child, this allowed Clyde to get healthy, put on some weight, and receive the human attention that he craved. Lynn loved Clyde and she found it hard to let him go when her Corgis demanded that he leave the premises, but she was key in getting Clyde ready for his next big adventure! Luckily, another MAGSR volunteer, Jamie C. took him in for a short stay, and off they went to yet another meet and greet.

In the mean time, Cyrus, the more outgoing of the two, was adopted to a great family with a home on Chesapeake Beach where he is enjoying the good life!

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contact info changed?**

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your contact information,  
and be sure to send in an  
update on your dog! (We**

Clyde, the quieter of the two boys, was the last to be adopted. It just so happens that Linda and I had done the home visit of a young art teacher, Ana, in Baltimore City. Unbeknownst to us, she went to Jamie's meet and greet event in Dundalk, fell in love with Clyde and decided to adopt him. Clyde has settled well into his forever home; he and his mom Ana are about to graduate from training, and Ana runs Clyde through Druid Hill Park daily. Linda and I have visited him several times to help out as needed, loan her a crate, and just to see our boy in his new home.

So there it is: with Kevin's transport and Leigh's loving care and fostering for Nellie; and with lots of walking, training, and bathing from me, Linda K and Sharon W, plus weekday walking by Jean H, Cindy G and Bill M, topped off by 3 eventful meet and greets for Clyde and Cyrus -- all 3 dogs became adoptable and we achieved 3 happy-ending adoptions!

Teamwork made a difficult hoarding rescue case into a successful and rewarding experience for all -- including Nellie, Clyde and Cyrus, who became adoptable and are now living the good life they deserve. Thanks to all the MAGSR volunteers, these two wild and crazy guys and their little sister have settled down, learned their manners, and are making their new owners proud.

\* For more information on hoarding, see Humane Society of the United States reference to criteria for hoarding developed by The Hoarding Animals Research Consortium at Tufts University, available at: [http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/abuse\\_neglect/facts/hoarding.html](http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/abuse_neglect/facts/hoarding.html).

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## REUNION REVERIES

by Caroline Mandel,  
MAGSR Member and 2010 Adopters Reunion Coordinator

MAGSR's 10th Annual Adopters Reunion brought out many Alums and their wonderful families. To see 184 people and 106 dogs all in one place was a sight to behold. Discovering how some of our littlest pups have grown up into quite *large* adult dogs was indeed a treat! And gazing at all the beautifully groomed coats and sweet demeanors of well-nourished, trained and loved and healthy dogs was truly heartwarming.

MAGSR's annual reunion is a time for all to celebrate -- where the volunteers of the rescue have an opportunity to see the outcome of all of their hard work and dedication, while the adopters can show off their wonderful and much loved furry family members. Although the weather was looking as though it was not going to co-operate, thankfully the rain held off. The skies brightened to welcome all the dogs and their devoted families.

We enjoyed great tasting food by Beefaloo Bob's, wonderful desserts, soft drinks, door prizes and raffle items that were donated by our generous volunteers and supporting businesses. Flowers were plentiful, with hanging baskets, annuals, perennials, ground cover and herbs for sale, with the proceeds going to help save more MAGSR dogs. And speaking of dogs, all of the dogs in attendance handled the crowd well and did their families and MAGSR proud!

We had a great DJ who kept the music playing and the raffle prizes coming. These prizes were spectacular, and of course, our ever popular MAGSR merchandise was a hit. Our MAGSR merchandise sales are especially important to us because each and every purchase not only provides us with needed financial support, but results in MAGSR advertising a-plenty. In fact, with so many in the general public now wearing our MAGSR logo and

love photos!)

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

**MAGSR - just email us at:**

[question@magsr.org](mailto:question@magsr.org)

*We can help!*

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## MAGSR DOG OF THE MONTH JERRY LEE



Jerry Lee is a very handsome boy and he knows it! What a great dog! This boy is not for a first time dog owner. He definitely needs people who are not only familiar with the breed, but who have had GSD experience in the past and will commit to a training program with him. Without proper training, Jerry Lee will become overly protective of his environment; with proper training he will make a fantastic companion. Jerry is friendly and loves to go for walks and play ball. He has wonderful house manners, is house-trained and crate-trained (he considers it his den), and is learning to respect human food / cat food / dog food boundaries. He bonds very quickly and tightly to the strongest person in the family, and that person will become his most valued resource. Jerry knows: heel, come, sit, down, bed, blanket, ball/toy, yes, no, car, and leave-it.

Jerry has a typical GSD aloofness / wary reaction to strangers, but once he learns that certain folks are regular visitors, he warms up to them. Jerry Lee is a

members sporting our member-only Maryland license plates we've got a great way of getting our name out there and creating more interest in our dogs!

The Reunion's popular K-9 games were enjoyed by everyone, and the lucky winners went home with neat prizes of their own. There were demonstrations by Angel K-9 and P.U.P.S Dog Obedience Training, featuring some of our very own MAGSR alums. And our participating vendors once again busy serving MAGSR alumni and their families everything from bullysticks and treats to communications and wellness updates.

This important MAGSR tradition will continue next April with MAGSR's 11th annual Adopters Reunion, and you won't want to miss out on the fun. So watch for the announcement in our upcoming newsletters, and be sure to save the date.

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sweetheart, wants to please and needs the right family and environment to bring out his loving and playful nature. If you can give Jerry Lee the training, the structure and consistency that he needs in his new and forever home, please contact us and,

**... ask to meet Jerry today!**

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