



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, south-central PA.

Rescue since 1999 * Over 2000 adoptions in our first decade * 2250 adoptions in 2010 * Sept-Oct.2010

Dear Victor,

This month's message involves news of another German Shepherd rescue in our community. That brings to mind how many dogs are out there in need of rescue, and another rescue means more shepherds and shepherd mixes pulled from shelters and more deserving dogs adopted into new homes - always a good thing!

We know from our own experience that it takes dedication, hard work, and vision to become the effective, flourishing, all-volunteer rescue that MAGSR is today. We're proud of MAGSR's proven track record of more than a decade of unparalleled volunteer rescue and adoption service to abandoned, abused and surrendered shepherd dogs, puppies and senior dogs, as well as to adopters and their communities. Our rescues and adoptions have increased each year, and we enjoy a wonderful reputation in the veterinary and kenneling community as an exceptional rescue.

Going into our 12th year, MAGSR continues to thrive, welcoming new volunteers and expanding our services to help more dogs find their forever homes. We've recently introduced training and behavioral programs for the dogs, and in the past two years we have been expanding our care of dogs with serious medical issues. But we only can continue to do this in partnership with you! MAGSR's success depends on the commitment and growth of our dedicated volunteer base, and the loyalty and support of our donors and supporters in the community. As I mentioned in our previous newsletter, fundraising is critical for us to be able to maintain the services we provide, and we rely on your very generous contributions to be able to carry out our important work for our dogs and their new families.

We know there are other causes and other rescues, but there's only one MAGSR, and we're counting on you help us change lives. As always, we thank you, everyone, for all you do for the dogs.

Sincerely,

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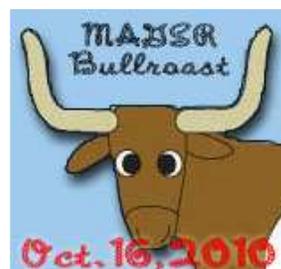
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**2010 MAGSR Bullroast
Get Your Bullroast Tickets!**

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ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY!

Come out to the 2010 MAGSR Bullroast and help us raise funds so that we can continue to achieve our mission of finding loving homes for abandoned, abused, and unwanted German Shepherds

Bill Myers
MAGSR President

MAGSR PRESIDENT'S COLUMN ~ A MESSAGE FROM BILL MYERS

Those Golden Years: Reaching Out to Seniors

by Eva Hartig, MAGSR Board Member, with Lory Rosenberg, MAGSR volunteer

MAGSR believes that senior German shepherds and shepherd mixes have a lot to offer. Though many are housebroken, not at all demanding, affectionate, enjoy human and canine companionship, and are crate and obedience trained to boot, we see too many of these older dogs being "left" by their families at shelters. Even worse, we are called by county shelters about older dogs who have been abused, ignored, or consigned to living outdoors no matter what the weather. While some senior dogs may develop health problems as they get older, they still enjoy exercise, moderate activity, kindness, and deserve a loving home and a comfy place to rest their bones!



And we know that there are many, many dog-lovers among the senior citizens in our communities, but many may feel that they can no longer take on all of the responsibility that comes with having a dog as a member of their family. MAGSR is committed to offering a "Seniors for Seniors" Senior Dog Program that can bring these two groups of seniors together!

Recently, MAGSR volunteers and MAGSR dogs went to five Senior Centers in Baltimore County, visting with between 20 and 50 seniors in each of the Parkville, Jacksonville, Cockeysville, Mt. Carmel, and Liberty centers. Our goal is to introduce our dogs and provide news and information about the benefits of rescue and adoption of senior dogs. We talked about MAGSR's history and programs, and answered questions. We handed out information about our "Seniors for Seniors" Program to everyone in attendance and asked that they share the information with family, friends and neighbors.

and shepherd mixes.

Bowie Elks Lodge
1506 Defense Highway
Gambrills, MD. 21054
Saturday, October 16, 2010
7PM - 11PM

Music by DJ

Rockin' Ryan Bulson
GREAT PRIZES & WINNINGS

Tickets ~~ only \$35.00
Table of ten for \$300.00
Children 6-10 \$15.00
Children 5 and under free

Includes dinner, dessert,
soda, wine, beer, coffee, tea
~~cash bar~~

[Click HERE for Tickets NOW](#)

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

Have you adopted a MAGSR dog?
Did you move, or, has your contact
info changed? Stay in touch with
MAGSR and update your contact
info today! **[CLICK HERE TO UPDATE](#)**
(and send photos-we love photos!)



**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



MAGSR Board Member Eva Hartig at Cocksylville Senior Center

Our rescued dogs qualify to participate in our Seniors Program if they are over 7 years of age. They may be re-homed in individual or group settings, which are subject to a home visit evaluation and approval by a qualified MAGSR volunteer. If a group home wishes to take part in the program, it must have written authorization for placement of a dog in residence from its governing body. Group home settings also must have a designated Staff Member with overall responsibility for the welfare of the dog.

A Senior Program placement is a long-term foster placement in which MAGSR maintains ownership of the dog and participates in its ongoing care. Once a Senior Program dog is placed, a MAGSR volunteer will be assigned as the Coordinator. The MAGSR Coordinator will visit periodically to assess the placement and provide assistance in training. MAGSR also will provide food if necessary. MAGSR will provide transportation for veterinary services, and in certain circumstances, will accept the financial responsibility for vet services provided by a MAGSR vet partner. In this way, MAGSR will lift some of the burdens of caring for an older dog and ensure its welfare, while enabling senior citizens and group homes to be the dog's principal guardian and caretaker.



MAGSR volunteer Linda Kramm at Jacksonville Center.

The senior center staff people put our dog posters on their bulletin boards and asked that we leave information at the center. The staff people as well as the seniors really seem to enjoy our visits and love to see the dogs, and we've been invited back to visit. Some of the centers and individuals alike have made generous donations to support our work.

We can help!

The Foster Roster

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 SAGE
or, Lady, who is too old
to be living at the kennel!*



Ask about fostering today!

Go to www.magsr.org
for more information.

MAGSR NEWS'
Sept-Oct. Featured Dog
PONCHO

MAGSR's Senior Dog program is designed to resolve some or all of the obstacles faced in the re-homing of a senior GSD. Grants and donations provided for this program will be used to provide veterinary care, grooming care and food for the care and welfare of the dogs.

All MAGSR volunteers services are 100% donated and all funds provided for this program will be used for the direct expenses of the program. MAGSR wants to help these wonderful and devoted "senior" dogs thrive by placing them in suitable homes and overcoming the most common obstacles for taking a senior dog home. In this way, we hope to ensure that our senior dogs live out the "winter" of their lives in a healthy and loving environment.



Play the 50/50 - tickets still available !

(October 22nd, 2010 - last day to buy a 50/50 ticket)

Q: WHEN IS 50, 100%?

A: WHEN IT'S FOR OUR DOGS!

**Play the 50-50 and we all win !*
So, play the 50-50 today!**

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There's thousands of dollars to win -- for a car, for extra cash, or for a dream vacation ~ and ~ for the dogs

PRICELESS!

*** contact a MAGSR member for details and tickets or go to www.magsr.org**

RUNNING WITH DOGS (and around them)

by Rebecca Goldring, MAGSR Volunteer

We all like to enjoy some fun in the sun, whether we're out with our children, our spouses, our pets, or just out for a run, ride, or skate on our own. That's why it's especially important to remember to be courteous about sharing the road with two and four legged creatures alike.

All too many times I've been out walking a dog or two, and suddenly there's a runner breathing down my neck, a kid whizzing by me on a bicycle, or an oncoming walker who



Poncho is a 2 years young, medium-large shepherd (75 lbs) who's waiting for a new start in his life. Poncho's been ridin' alone since his owner tragically lost his life in an automobile accident. Poncho had been by his owner's side since he was a puppy, and they were constant companions and the best of friends.

Poncho is understandably confused to find himself living at MAGSR and is grieving the loss of the his closest friend and the human with whom he shared his life. We have been told that Poncho enjoys the company of people, and often played with the neighbor's dogs, a Lab, and a tiny dog who would come through the fence to see him.

Poncho is looking for a loving family who will have the time and patience to help him move on and settle into a new life. He's no cowboy without his pardner by his side.

Training is a requirement with all of our dogs, and is something that Poncho will benefit from

greatly, as this will help Poncho build a lifelong

bond with his new family.

Could you be his Cisco? Do you have a place in your heart, home and family for this

sweet boy? Please ask to meet Poncho, get to know him better, and perhaps you'll both be singing' Happy Trails as the sun sets in the West. (Please excuse mixed metaphors).

refuses to move to one side of a walkway. This is not only frustrating, it's dangerous! On busy streets, with lots of traffic noise, it's easy to unintentionally startle people (and dogs). Navigating among people who are wearing headphones with the volume turned up can be just as difficult, if not more-so. Here are some tips to remember for staying safe on your excursions.

If you are walking, jogging or biking with a dog or dogs:

- Keep your dogs TO ONE SIDE of you while walking; preferably not the side people (and other dogs) are most likely to pass on.
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- Keep your dogs LEASHED and do not use a retractable leash in an area populated with walkers, bikers and other dogs.
- Be alert, but BE CALM - your dogs will pick up on your energy level. Ask other walkers to leash their dogs before their unleashed dog approaches yours.
- Avoid wearing LOUD HEAD PHONES or talking on a CELL PHONE. If you are distracted it will take you that much longer to notice your dogs have seen a squirrel, cat, cyclist, other dog, and interfere with your ability to make quick decisions.
- Speak up to draw ATTENTION to yourself and your dogs. I can't tell you how many times someone walking and texting has nearly walked into me even after I get their attention.

If you are walking, running, biking, and you are going to pass by someone with dogs:

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- BE AWARE that all dogs can bite, it's just a matter of what might provoke it. Startling them is not a good way to find out. RESPECT THEIR SPACE.
- If you are coming up BEHIND someone with dogs, move to one side and shout "ON YOUR RIGHT/LEFT!" Most dog walkers will walk their dogs on their left side. This warning gives them time to get in between you and their dogs, and prevents you from startling the owner (pack leader). If you scare the pants off the pack leader, his or her furry companion(s) will not be happy pack members.
- If you are coming up TOWARDS someone with dogs, acknowledge their existence and PICK A SIDE of the road. Many times I've had joggers come racing towards me with an attitude and say "MOVE!!!" It is much more difficult for someone handling dogs to move over a bit - and if you're running down the center of a walk way, where exactly should I move? SHARE THE ROAD.
- If you are riding by on a BICYCLE, make sure to give the "ON YOUR RIGHT/LEFT" shout and allow as much space as possible. A lot of dogs are petrified of bicycles.
- Do not wear HEAD PHONES that are tuned up so loud that you can't hear me shout "on your left!" when I run by with my dogs. PAY ATTENTION to your surroundings.
- If you pass near someone with dogs, do not reach out and pet them with first ASKING PERMISSION and do not TAUNT them.
- TEACH YOUR CHILDREN what a bad idea it is to taunt dogs or their owners, and to always ask before approaching to pet a dog. Children need to know these things as much as adults do, it protects them.

In a perfect world, all people would be courteous, kind, and observant of good road manners. In a slightly less perfect, but more Darwinian world, my dogs would reprimand people with



www.magsr.org

Thank you!

Our MAGSR volunteers and dogs value your ongoing support. We're all counting on your continued generosity and assistance in MAGSR's premier rescue, rehab, and adoption efforts!

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Please go to www.magsr.org

and

Sponsor one of our great dogs!
View our dogs for foster or adoption!
Donate to our dogs' Medical Fund!



"I think I speak for all the MAGSR dogs, when I say you have our deepest thanks," Karl.

"Dogs are pack animals and in their psyche, you are either a leader or a follower. They look to us to provide direction. If we fail at that job, our dogs - most of them reluctantly - will step into that void and take charge . . .and we start to see issues like aggression, fearfulness, separation anxiety, relentless barking. . . .
Positive leadership is the foundation of good dog behavior..."

Susie Homire, Maryland's Dog Whisperer
www.leadyourpack.com

bad road manners and those people would learn an important lesson (evolve). In the world as it is, people can scare us, taunt us, run into us, ignore us, or literally (yes this has happened) run up behind me and breathe on the back of my neck (*I wanted to bite that creep*). And if my dogs turn around and tell someone to "bug off," whether or not they over-react or bite, they are at risk of having a complaint filed against them. Did I write this to protect people from dogs? Maybe a little, but it's more to protect dogs from people.

PLAY SMART. Your dogs are depending on you.

ARTICLES FOR MAGSR NEWS

Member articles welcome! Please submit article ideas via email to Lory Rosenberg before the 21st of each month for publication in the next MAGSR NEWS. MAGSR reserves the right to reject copy found by the BOD not to be acceptable or appropriate. The views expressed in copy written for the MAGSR NEWS reflects the opinion of the author and does not necessarily constitute a policy or position of MAGSR.

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