



SHEPHERD TALES

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MARSR is dedicated to finding good homes for unwanted or abandoned German Shepherds in the MD, DC and VA region. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Contributions are tax-deductible.

Note From the President

All of us at MAGSR would like to thank each and every one of you who have helped us to continue helping the wonderful dogs that have come into our care. We have many dedicated volunteers who work hard, long, hours. Many of which are in weather not fit to be in making sure all those who live at the kennel get play time outside! They do that to make sure our dogs have what they need, and the right homes are found for them. We also could not do what we do if not for the very generous supporters who donate their hard earned money so that we as a rescue can afford to continue. Generous is an understatement, and thank you doesn't seem to say enough. A very special thank you to our Secret Santa as well as Chompers family.

We are still in need of foster homes and active volunteers, so don't think there's no room for your help. Come join us and you'll see what those loving eyes will do to your heart! If you are short on time, or money is tight, please spread the word about MAGSR and what we do, and please make sure to include the urgent need for all pets to be spay or neutered. While it is our hope to be here and help as many as we can, there is nothing more that we would like then to have to close our doors because there were no more homeless animals. That is a day we would all celebrate!

You will read more later about an upcoming celebration we are having which is our Adopters Reunion. This is a day set aside for our families to come out for food and fun...and so we can visit with those who were once in our care. Please mark your calendars and try to join us, we'd love seeing all of you again!

Denise

Rescue...think of the difference a few can make to many.

ATTENTION: MAGSR ADOPTERS AND VOLUNTEERS



ANNOUNCING THE 6TH ANNUAL ADOPTERS REUNION!

Please join us for a Backyard Bar-B-Q (by Milt's Catering)
 Games, raffles, prizes, food and fun for all!

Saturday April 29th, 2006 (rain or shine) — NOON to 5PM
 OREGON RIDGE PARK, Cockeysville, MD
 \$18.00 Per-Person (children under 6 and dogs are free)

Invitations will be arriving shortly.

Questions or additional information email: magsr_reunion@comcast.net

Chained Dogs need your Help!

One of our five shepards, Rumba, gets very anxious once I step out of her sight. She will not stay around with anyone else but me and if she cannot have me she will usually choose to lie outside while waiting for my car to return.

I thus, came back home once on a very cold winter night to find her covered with stalactites of mud! I rushed her inside and quickly removed all the ice from her coat. She loved the attention of course, but while we were there enjoying our happy hour I could not help thinking of all the poor chained dogs left outside in the blistering howling wind for endless nights and days, without water (or just a frozen bucket), no clean blanket or straw, no attention, rubs or love.

Some time ago, I took the decision to join a group created by Tammy Grimes: Dogs Deserve Better. Tammy Grimes was born in Pennsylvania. Like most people she was not aware of the chained dogs up until she had her first encounter with a black labrador named Worthless by his owner. Tammy watched him powerless for six years before she got the courage to get him out of this situation. Her move was a success and she took the labrador away along with another dog. Worthless became "Bo" and he lived six happy months finally free and loved. Bo unfortunately passed away but his legacy remains with us: he is the reason for the group to exist and for all of our daily efforts towards this cause.

The chained dogs usually live in appalling conditions and in complete indifference, which for a social animal is the worst we can do. By restraining his movements, denying his center of activity, often depriving him of his most basic needs -food, water and warmth-, the chained dog turns into a monster. Please check the website "unchainyourdog.org", where you will find an incredible collection of recent articles depicting the attacks of dogs on people, usually children. I personally studied each one of those articles. By the evening of that day, I was deeply alarmed for my family's safety! Out of all the cases I read, I could conclude three things:

- a) all attacking dogs were chained
- b) almost every owner involved was not found liable for anything since most attacks occurred on private grounds.
- c) Every dog owner was happy enough to wash his hands by having the dog euthanized and the incident was obviously closed, leaving a child or an elderly scarred for life, scared of dogs, with huge medical bills to cover, or even worse and simpler, a dead person!

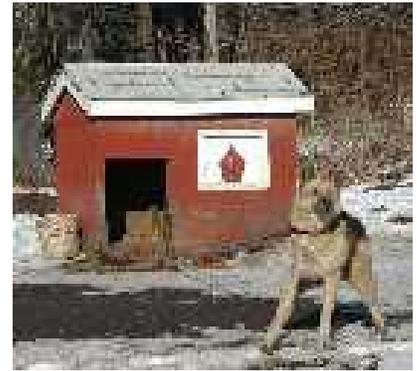
The studies of dog attacks have come recently to the conclusion that 12 to 18 people die each year of dog related incidents. This is far too many when you also know this can happen to anyone of us, while we are just happily strolling alongside a street in a town we may be visiting.

In Europe, Austria recently passed its first law making it completely illegal to chain dogs. Now, let's make sure the US doesn't stay behind. Some states already have total bans on chaining such as the counties of Okaloosa (FL), Lawton (OK) to name a few. These are proofs that taking dogs off their chains is not a dream. Then, comes the problem of the partial bans as in Montgomery County (MD). The law says that no dog shall be chained or penned for more than 12 hours which is inapplicable in reality: people chain their dog(s) for 12 hours then move them into a pen for yet another freezing night, or people keep the dog(s) chained all day and night as long as no one complains -and even though someones does, who is going to count the hours this dog has actually been out?! It's simply not enforceable and so far only serves to give a good feeling to our elected representatives. In real, it's zero.

This is why we should keep acting until we definitely put a stop to this barbaric practice. If a dog has never been chained, there will be little reasons for it to attack anyone. The more participants we are, the more pressure we can bring on the states to set up laws banning chaining and the happier our pets will be.

Please help Dogs Deserve Better. Visit our website (dogsdeservebetter.org) to see how you can help. Become an area rep; report cases you know of. Ignorance is no bliss when it turns to murder.

As the author of this article, I also want to add that I was myself bitten by a chained german shepard when I was 6. It never stopped me from loving dogs but let's unchain the dogs since we would all rather be safe than very very sorry!



This photo was taken Feb 05 in Garrett County, MD.

This German Shepherd is a lucky one, he gets a cute little house while most don't even have a box. This dog is kept on a lot, but no one lives there. The dog only gets attention (if he gets any) during the day. At night, he is still chained and his job must be to guard the property.

Since he is chained, he can't do much harm to trespassers. And, since no one lives nearby the thief could actually even steal the dog, no one would know!

By Catherine Gaunoux

Available Dogs

Please visit our website, www.magsr.org, to see who else is available for adoption.

MAGSR is one of the few breed rescues who will take mixes. Below, as well as on our web site, you will read about a few of them still waiting for their loving, forever homes to find them. You'll also read about our many German Shepherds on our site as well!

Trevor

I've been living with MAGSR and staying at the kennel for over a year now. I know I'm not one of those GSDs but one look at me and you can see just how handsome I am! I know my new family is out there looking for me so if you see them would you please point them in my direction...but only if they don't have any of those cats! I really am ready for my own home.



Georgie

Aren't I just the cutest! I'm small in size but I think I'm pretty big which sometimes gets me in trouble! I've been lucky enough to be in foster care with Jamie and Jon who keep reminding me that I'm not the boss of anything...but hey, ya got to give me an 'e' for effort! Here's what I'm looking for in a home...love, firmness, fun. Just because I want to be the boss of things doesn't mean I should be so make sure you keep me in check so that I know you have everything under control and I don't have to worry about it.



Suzie

Suzie Q is what someone calls me but I'm not sure what the Q stands for. I know it comes from a song because someone is always singing 'oh Suzie Q baby I love you Suzie Q' (she's always singing about something!)? Oh well, the part I do understand is I am loved and that's what counts. I am looking forward to my new family coming to take me home but I just don't know when that will be so can you help me out with that please.



Zena

How ever did I find myself in a GSD rescue! They all know I'm a Neapolitan Mastiff but they love me anyway! Where I used to be I started getting pretty sick and lost a lot of weight but the MAGSR people who came all the time for most of the other fur kids there started taking care of me, and my first mom said they could find me a new home. Now I'm getting my girlish figure back, feeling much better, and loving life again. If ya see anyone out there looking for an older big girl be sure to tell them about me!



Candy

I was looking over this information and noticed none of the German Shepherds were being listed this time so I asked if I could be included! You see, LUCAS, DINGO, and I were all at a shelter that something terrible happened at, the furnace blew up and the shelter burned down. We were a few of the lucky ones who made it out, and even luckier to now be with MAGSR where we'll be loved and taken care of. As much as we love our volunteer friends what we really want is a home of our own so if you hear of an empty spot in someone's heart please let them know about us.



Meadow

Hello...who's there? I hear and smell you so I know you're there! Don't think just because I'm blind I don't know that treat is in your hand so give it up! Right after I get done with this treat what say we go for a walk! That will give us time to get to know each other then we can come in and cuddle while we wait for my foster mom Jen to fix lunch. Yeah, that's right, I'm no different then any of those other fur kids you've read about except I just can't see you.



Heatstroke

Hyperthermia or Heatstroke continues to be one of the biggest killers of dogs all across the country. While the death or suffering of a pet is always painful, it is even more so when the condition is 100% preventable. Even moderately elevated air temperatures can lead to heatstroke. In fact, many dogs present with the condition in spring or fall when owners are less cautious and unintentionally put their dog at risk.

103 degrees F: Normal body temperature for dogs

105 degrees F: (Heat Exhaustion): You must provide your dog with cool water and a cool, ventilated place at once. Cover him with towels drenched in cool water. Focus on the groin area but provide cool water all over the body. Monitor your dog closely and take away the towels once the water has reached his skin. This allows evaporation, which very effectively helps to lower body temperature. Use a fan to increase air flow. Call your veterinarian or emergency room once your dog has been stabilized.

Signs of Heat Exhaustion: Bright red gums, excessive panting, elevated heart rate and sometimes lethargy. Heat exhaustion is the immediate precursor of heatstroke and should be taken very seriously.



107 degrees F. and above (Heat Stroke)

Signs of Heatstroke: Your dog will be panting furiously and have a rapid heartbeat. He will often be lethargic and uncoordinated, stagger and/ or collapse. Your dog may also experience seizure-like activity and coma, often followed by death if he does not receive immediate first aid, and subsequent emergency treatment. Your dog is in immediate danger for irreversible brain damage, kidney failure, liver failure, gastrointestinal problems and other life-threatening conditions. Immediate first aid must be rendered. Don't delay treatment as time is of the essence and the sooner your dog can begin regulating his temperature, the better the chances for recovery.

First Aid: Every moment your dog is overheated increases the likelihood for irreversible cellular damage or death. Put your dog into a bathtub filled with cool water (do not use very cold water or ice water). Help him cool down by dousing his entire body. Once you have initiated this treatment, call your local emergency center or your primary care vet. After giving your dog a chance to cool down, move him to a cool, well ventilated place and give the water a chance to evaporate. If you have a fan, place it next to your dog to help create a cool breeze.

Your dog needs to be evaluated and closely monitored after the incident. Your veterinarian will want to check liver and kidney values and administer intravenous fluids. Other diagnostics or treatment may be necessary to increase the chances for recovery. It is usually necessary to leave your dog in a 24-hour, fully-staffed facility for constant monitoring.

Caution: Do not assume that your dog will get better once he has received first aid. Internal damage may not be immediately noticeable and it is ESSENTIAL to have your dog evaluated at your veterinarian as quickly as possible.

Prevention:

- Be sure that your dog has access to a fully shaded area (remember that a shady area, may no longer be shady as the day moves on)
- Provide plenty of fresh, cool water
- Put up a kiddie pool your dog can use to cool down
- Check on your dog frequently
- DO NOT EXERCISE your dog unnecessarily or do so in the cooler morning or evening hours after sundown.
- Don't leave your dog in the car. Even with the windows cracked, you are putting your dog at risk.

Risk Factors

- Heat
- Exercise
- Anxiety
- Dehydration
- Antihistamines
- Brachycephalic breeds (short-nosed breeds)
- Dogs with dark coats
- Humidity
- High body mass
- Poor ventilation
- Obesity
- Phenothiazines (some medications for vomiting)
- Heavily coated dogs
- Increased age

By: Birgit Newman

Pets Help Keep Children Healthier!

Children and pets are a wonderful sight! Some worry that a pet may bite a child or give them an infection. While this is true, the benefits of having a pet far outweigh the risks.

We have heard a lot about pets helping the elderly. There are more and more programs that bring pets into nursing homes. Pets help people who are ill feel a little more comfortable. Even hospitals have been known to allow a favorite pet in to see their owner. Now research is confirming that pets do help all of us live a healthier life, especially children.

Did you know that the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland uses animals to comfort and motivate patients during treatment? Pets do reduce pain and stress. The effect may be perceived; that is, seeing the pet relaxes you and gives you something else to focus on. We know that relaxation stimulates our natural pain relievers. We feel and have less pain.

Pets can improve a child's reading scores and their IQ. Children in families with a pet tested better in their thinking processes. One 1996 study showed that children with a pet had an average IQ five points higher than those without a pet. Is this higher IQ because children with pets have more stimulation, a constant companion, someone to talk to, to explain things to, or just someone to play with?

Children with pets have better social skills. Our society tends to focus on nurturing in girls, but not always boys. Studies have shown that boys do not have the same opportunities or interest in learning nurturing skills. Pets teach all of us to care for others.

Children with a pet are less depressed. Pets can even help children overcome shyness. Pets help us to find comfort in touch and contact with others. A pet gives you unconditional love that we all need.

How many people do you know who talk to their pets? Just about everyone. They are company in a busy world where we sometimes feel ignored. They help us stop to smell the roses. They give all of us the chance to play. They make us laugh! They let us blow off steam, cuddle or just sit quietly but still feel supported.

The newest research shows that children with pets have less risk of developing allergies. One 2002 study actually showed families with a pet had a 50% reduction in children with allergies. The more pets, the lower the allergic response. When children do not come in contact with pets at a young age, their immune system may overreact to everyday things in their environment. Pets can stimulate a healthy immune response in children early in life, thus avoiding an overreaction as they get older. This means fewer allergies and asthma.

Don't forget about exercise! The news is filled with concerns about overweight children. Children with pets are more active. They walk, run and chase their pet. What better way to get exercise than having fun with your pet?

The benefits of having a pet are obvious. Just keep both your pet and your child safe. Prepare your pet when a child is on the way. Then, as your child grows, teach your child how to be gentle and safe around all pets. We will all enjoy a healthier life!

Further information can be found in the May 2003 article supplement of Contemporary Pediatrics, entitled "Pets and Children: A Healthy Combination," by Marty Becker and Edward Creagan.

The author, Jan Kilby RN, MS is an Education Specialist at Franklin Square Hospital Center in Baltimore, Maryland. She developed a program called Pet Prep, to help parents-to-be prepare their pet for a new baby. For more information about this program, look on the Franklin Square website www.franklinsquare.org.



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Training Does Work...No, Really!

In October of 2004, I brought Malcolm (now known as Bug) home from MAGSR. He is an awesome GSD/Golden Retriever mix with ears to die for and the softest dog I have ever felt! My husband & I had lost a dog earlier in the summer - a sweet, gentle little mutt named Biscuit whom we loved beyond belief. Our house was just too big without a dog in it. Then came Bug - the anti-Biscuit! He's a hard-headed, stubborn, pushy boy.

A condition of the adoption contract was to attend some sort of training. I went to Wes Jenson of Arrowwood Shepherds - highly recommended by MAGSR. I attended 3/2-hour sessions, but his training freaked me out! (Don't forget, I was still in Biscuit mode) Prong collars? Be the alpha? Are you crazy? You don't "torture" animals like that, you love them!! Well, I had just gotten Malcolm & I didn't know him too well yet even though I knew why he had been returned to MAGSR. I decided to give us some time to get to know each other & see what we could work out on our own. I mean, I'm an intelligent person - he's a dog. How hard can this be? How many people own dogs? Impossible to fail!

Oh, wrong, silly girl!

My approach with Malcolm was a loving, gentle one. I felt sure that the more love I gave him, the more gentle he would become. I was trying to teach him to be more mellow & low key by petting him & kissing him & trying to calm him down. When it was just the 3 of us, life was good. All of us snuggled on the couch - soft dog draped everywhere & getting scratches from 4 hands! Drooling with anticipation at dinner-time, and of course getting a few bites! (Well, that still happens... sorry Wes!)

But God forbid, the doorbell should ring! Malcolm would lunge & snarl & growl & bark like some psychotic devil-dog. Same for the mailman, the UPS man, the girl scouts... Okay, I thought, he's a good guard dog - not a bad thing, right? But I was terrified when having any people over - totally unsure of how he would react. He would do his junkyard dog routine upon the ringing of the doorbell, but would be okay once the folks got into the house - For the most part. A few people (how he picked them I don't know) he would become aggressive with - circle, jump on, nip. He never bit, as in broke skin, so I thought he was just trying to keep them in line. (Somehow he felt them to be a threat to me?) I came up with all the same excuses MAGSR hears from owners and reads on owner surrender paperwork all the time!

As I look back over the last year, I see how Malcolm totally ran my house! What was my first thought when having something delivered or inviting friends over? How will psycho-beast react? I moved around him, not he around me. I've gone so far as to board him when having a party so I didn't have to deal with chaining him up & listening to him bark & literally throw a fit. Somehow it all made sense at the time...

The last straw was when we decided to get another dog - Sheena. They had met at Sheena's foster's home - so not on Malcolm's "turf" - and while they did ok there, I promised to follow the rules that MAGSR and Wes preach to make sure this would work for both dogs - "be the alpha." I agreed.

I brought Sheena home from MAGSR and was sure in my bones that Malcolm would eventually kill her. It was awful - he was attacking her at every turn. I returned her to her foster home the very next day, absolutely sick to my core.

I was sure that a playmate would be a great thing! 2 dogs would be awesome! I had no idea Malcolm would react so strongly & negatively. I was torn - Sheena was a sweet, beautiful girl who needed a home, a home we could easily provide, and I instantly fell in love with her. But Malcolm was having none of it. Does he win?

Enter Wes Jenson of Arrowwood Shepherds. Again. I made a panicked phone call to him & explained the situation. He graciously agreed to a home visit to assess the situation. He promptly (but gently & non-judgmentally) kicked my butt. Everything I had been doing in the past year was training Malcolm to be the top dog. I was doing everything wrong with all the right intentions. As I have worked with Wes, I have learned that his approach is not torturous at all, but loving discipline. The prong collars, rewards for good behaviors, and corrections for bad behavior are all correction tools a mother dog would use to teach her children proper behavior. Malcolm needed me for sure - just not in the way I had believed.

Obedience training has been my salvation. In a matter of weeks, I have retained my status as top dog & my house is my own again! Sheena came back & guess what? A playmate IS a great thing! 2 dogs ARE awesome! This tale is far from over. I, along with Sheena & Malcolm will be training for the rest of our lives. Every day. It's not nearly as much work as it sounds. It's fairly simple - a sit before going outside, a down-stay before eating. Just reinforcing my leader status. It works! It works well! And it works quickly! Once I took control away from Malcolm he was confident enough to relax and just be a happy, playful dog - who adores his new sister now!

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For anyone who has a dog & is seriously thinking of surrendering it, please try this first. Give it a few weeks & just a bit of your time. I work all week, I know how sacred weekends are - it takes a surprisingly small amount of time to turn a dog around. I didn't know any of this stuff - my little Biscuit just came "ready made." I was lucky to have him as my first experience with a dog; he was easy & let me see how wonderful it is to have a dog in my life. I will never be without one again.

Malcolm has taught me that I need teaching! Some dogs, actually most dogs, don't come ready; they need to be taught the rules. There are lots of specifics, but it becomes natural - like walking. Dogs heel, not drag you! Humans come first - going through doorways, walking up & down steps, eating. Dogs stop until you tell them to go. Dogs quiet when you tell them to (HA!), and dogs stay at a down until you release them (HA! again). (Some parts are a bit easier than others.) Dogs do not demand to be petted - you pet them when you deem it proper. I deem it proper A LOT though!

"Treat them like dogs" has been the hardest part of my training. My dogs are my kids & it's tough not to touch them continually (especially the Bug with his rabbit-soft fur). But the results are amazing & the peace is wonderful! Training, training, training! No matter who you are, or who your dog is - I swear to you this works! Malcolm might have been put down if not for MAGSR & me & Wes. Just a little dedication to understanding dogs & a little time commitment to work the commands make life a totally different place. Please train - it's an amazing experience, it's a support system - there are lots of us know-nothings out there! And it's fun. AND, depending on the size of your dog, it's a free workout! Wes Jenson is a fantastic trainer. If he's too far, go some where else, ask your vet for a recommendation, ask MAGSR, look in the phone book, or go online. It DOES work!



Karen B. (aka Malcolm & Sheena's Mom)



Newsletter Memorial Page

Your donation in memory of your pet or loved one will be used to help a GSD in need.

In Memory of:

Dedicated to:

Please send your tax-deductible donation to:
MAGSR, P.O. Box 5, Laurel, MD 20725-0005

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Calendar of Events

SATURDAY, April 1, 2006

Pasadena PetsMart - 11am to 2pm
24 Mountain Rd, Glen Burnie, MD

SUNDAY, April 2, 2006

March for the Animals - 11am to 2pm
Maryland SPCA - Druid Hill Park
2600 Madison Ave, Baltimore, MD

SATURDAY, April 8, 2006

Ordinance Road PetsMart - 11am to 2pm
597-C East Ordinance Rd, Glen Burnie, MD

White Marsh PetsMart - 11am to 2pm
9921 Pulaski Hwy, Baltimore, MD

Arundel Mills PetsMart - 11am to 2pm
7663 Arundel Mills Circle, Hanover, MD

MONDAY April 10, 2006

Manic Monday - 6am
Fells Point, Maryland
Sponsored by WJZ-TV, Channel 13

SATURDAY, April 15, 2006

Pasadena PetsMart - 11am to 3pm
24 Mountain Rd, Glen Burnie, MD

SATURDAY, April 22, 2006

Columbia Petco - 11am to 3pm
6181 Old Dobbin Lane, Columbia, MD

Hickory Feed and Pet Supply
German Shepherd Day - 9am to 3pm
East Jarrettsville Rd, Forest Hill, MD

Bark in the Park - 12pm to 3pm
Rain or Shine
Bohrer Park Summit Hall Farm
506 S. Frederick Ave, Gaithersburg, MD

SUNDAY, April 23, 2006

Dog's Day in the Park - 10am to 3pm
John C. Rudy Park
400 Mundis Race Rd, York, PA
Sponsored by Animal Rescue, Inc

SATURDAY, April 29, 2006

MAGSR 6th Annual Adopters Reunion
12pm to 5pm
Oregon Ridge Park, Cockeysville, MD

SUNDAY, April 30, 2006

Walk for the Animals
SPCA Anne Arundel County
Quiet Waters Park
600 Quiet Waters Park Road
Annapolis, MD

Puppypalooza - 12 Noon - 5pm
Elizabethtown College
One Alpha Drive, Elizabethtown, PA

SATURDAY, May 6, 2006

Pasadena PetsMart - 11am to 2pm
24 Mountain Rd, Glen Burnie, MD

Pet Expo Greenbelt Community Center
10am to 3pm
15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD

SUNDAY, May 7, 2006

Paws in the Park - 12pm to 3pm
Montgomery County Humane Society
Wheaton Regional Park

SATURDAY, May 13, 2006

Ordinance Road PetsMart - 11am to 2pm
597-C East Ordinance Rd, Glen Burnie, MD

White Marsh PetsMart - 11am to 2pm
9921 Pulaski Hwy, Baltimore, MD

Arundel Mills PetsMart - 11am to 2pm
7663 Arundel Mills Circle, Hanover, MD

SATURDAY, May 20, 2006

Pasadena PetsMart - 11am to 3pm
24 Mountain Rd, Glen Burnie, MD

SUNDAY, May 21, 2006

Howard County Pet Expo 11am to 3pm
Schooley Mill Park, Highland, MD.
12975 Hall Shop Rd, Highland, MD
(Rain date, June 4, 2006, Sunday)

SATURDAY, May 27, 2006

Columbia Petco - 11am to 3pm
6181 Old Dobbin Lane, Columbia, MD

Hampstead Day
Hampstead, MD

SATURDAY, June 3, 2006

Pasadena PetsMart - 11am to 2pm
24 Mountain Rd Glen, Burnie, MD

SATURDAY, June 10, 2006

Ordinance Road PetsMart 11am to 2pm
597-C East Ordinance Rd, Glen Burnie, MD

White Marsh PetsMart - 11am to 2pm
9921 Pulaski Hwy, Baltimore, MD

Arundel Mills PetsMart - 11am to 2pm
7663 Arundel Mills Circle, Hanover, MD

Walk-N-Wag event
Frederick County Humane Society
Baker Park 2nd & Carroll Parkway
Frederick, MD

SATURDAY, June 17, 2006

Pasadena PetsMart - 11am to 3pm
24 Mountain Rd Glen, Burnie, MD

Bark in the Park - 9am to 4pm
Humane Society of Baltimore County
1601 Nicodemus Road, Reisterstown, MD

SATURDAY, June 24, 2006

Columbia Petco - 11am to 3pm
6181 Old Dobbin Lane, Columbia, MD

Cordorus Summer Blast 2006
10am to 10pm - Live Bands and Fireworks
Codorus State Park Campground
1066 Blooming Grove Road, Hanover, PA

SATURDAY, July 1, 2006

Pasadena PetsMart - 11am to 2pm
24 Mountain Rd, Glen Burnie, MD

SATURDAY, July 8, 2006

Ordinance Road PetsMart - 11am to 2pm
597-C East Ordinance Rd, Glen Burnie, MD

White Marsh PetsMart - 11am to 2pm
9921 Pulaski Hwy, Baltimore, MD

Arundel Mills PetsMart - 11am to 2pm
7663 Arundel Mills Circle, Hanover, MD

SATURDAY, July 15, 2006

Pasadena PetsMart - 11am to 3pm
24 Mountain Rd, Glen Burnie, MD

SATURDAY, July 22, 2006

Columbia Petco - 11am to 3pm
6181 Old Dobbin Lane, Columbia, MD

SATURDAY, August 5, 2006

Pasadena PetsMart - 11am to 2pm
24 Mountain Rd, Glen Burnie, MD

SATURDAY, August 12, 2006

Ordinance Road PetsMart - 11am to 2pm
597-C East Ordinance Rd, Glen Burnie, MD

White Marsh PetsMart - 11am to 2pm
9921 Pulaski Hwy, Baltimore, MD

Arundel Mills PetsMart - 11am to 2pm
7663 Arundel Mills Circle, Hanover, MD

SATURDAY, August 19, 2006

Pasadena PetsMart - 11am to 3pm
24 Mountain Rd Glen Burnie, MD

SATURDAY, August 26, 2006

Columbia Petco - 11am to 3pm
6181 Old Dobbin Lane, Columbia, MD

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for additional information on upcoming
events.**

Memorials

In Memory Of Uncle Amar-your buddies miss you - John & Susan Avalos
 In Memory of Skinny Minnie from the Tobogganhead sisters - Jon & Jamie Farris
 In Loving Memory of Amy and in honor of Sophie, both gorgeous and wonder GSD's - Juliana Ko
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A Prayer for Animals

*Do not stand at my grave and weep,
 I am not there; I do not sleep.
 I am a thousand winds that blow;
 I am the diamond glints on snow;
 I am the sunlight on ripened grain;
 I am the gentle autumn rain.*

*When you awaken in the autumn
 in the morning hush,
 I am the swift uplifting rush
 Of quiet birds in circled flight.
 I am the soft star that shines at night.
 Do not stand at my grave and cry,
 I am not there; I did not die.*

MAGSR online store!

While we will continue to offer the same great products we always have through our regular online store this new section will add a ton of new items! Check it out from the links on our website or go to www.cafepress.com/magsr.

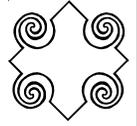
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And as always, know that 100% of the profits from the sales go directly to helping our dogs. So go a little crazy in the store.





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Chomper's Legacy: The MAGSR's Medical Fund

In Memory of Yaeger, Hanna, Haggaris, Sunny, and Dylan
(Made possible in part by a very generous gift from Chomper's family)



MAGSR's medical fund has been renamed in honor of a special rescue fur kid named Chomper. Chomper, the handsome boy to the right, was a yellow lab (mix?) rescued in Florida in 1995. He was an intensely loved and adored member of his new family from the very first moment they all met. Chomper's Legacy helps dent the senseless slaughter of dogs through negligence and irresponsibility and to help them find the love, kindness, caring and safety that he found with his very special family. Chomper's Legacy pays special tribute to those dogs who have medical or other serious issues making them the "un-adoptable" dogs in shelters and thus the first to be put down. Thanks to special supporters like Chomper's family, dogs like Yaeger and Hanna can and are helped by MAGSR - often when no other rescue will even consider them - and despite leaving us before being adopted; they were loved. Chomper has been watching over his family from the Rainbow Bridge and is so very proud of them for choosing this way to honor him.

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Xena, February, 2006
Winnie, February, 2006
Ben, February, 2006



My beloved,

Zen Lehmiller

How I long to hold you again.
My arms ache to feel the weight of your head as you rest in my embrace.
My hands long to stroke your shiny hair.
My legs are chilled without your soft warmth snuggled between them.
My face is parched without your wet kisses.

Memories of you haunt me day in, day out.
Your scent lingers in all your favorite places.
I walk the trails of our forest, where we used to go,
and see glimpses of you around every turn.

You were utterly dependent on my love.
When I came to you, you would perk up and dance with joy.
The joy and delight you held in me has changed me forever.

Your sweet brown eyes penetrated my soul.
You saw to the dark, shameful depths of me, yet loved me still.

In my life, I will have many more loves like you.
But none will ever take your place.

I miss you,
old boy.

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