



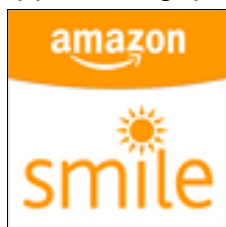
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5TH ANNUAL GSROR CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

It's that time of the year so get your cameras out or start looking through all the photos you have taken throughout the year! It's time to enter your seasonal or holiday-themed photos or ANY favorite photographs of your German Shepherd Dogs into the Annual GSROR Calendar Photo Contest!



The winner of the contest will have their pet's photo on the cover of our calendar and 12 others will be voted upon to fill in the months of the year. Later this year, the GSROR calendars will be on sale just in time to give to all your friends and family for the holiday season!

Deadline to submit photos is October 31, 2015. Please submit your photos with a \$5.00 Entry Fee for each photo submitted to Katie at gsroar@gmail.com with "Photo Contest" in the subject line. You can pay for your entry through PayPal on our website, www.gsr.or.com or mail a check to GSROR, P.O. Box 1481, Westminster, CO 80036.

This is a contest for Amateur Photographs only. Please no professional submissions. Check out our website for all the details.



Looking For Their Furever Homes



BELL

Bell is a 1 year old girl that wants to belong to someone who will train her and love her for all she is.



BOBBY JO

Bobby Jo is a 3 year old girl that lost her dad because he is in the military and was being deployed. She is a mild mannered sweetie and loves to play fetch This girl can catch anything and absolutely loves it.



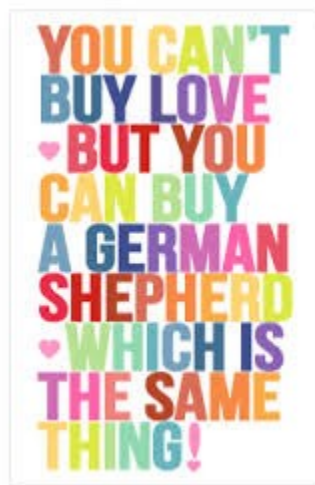
GINA

Gina is people friendly and loves to play fetch, go on walks or play with her bunny.



BRONCO

Bronco is a 2 year old male that thinks he is still a puppy and he is an adorable boy in looks and personality.



MADISON

Maddison is a young 7 year old purebred Long Coat GSD that will make your heart melt with all the joy and happiness she will bring you. Maddy is in perfect health and still acts like

For more information on the dogs listed above or about GSROR, please visit our website at www.gsror.com

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ROXIE

Roxie is a 6 year old sweetheart that is good with children and enjoys easy walks and loves hanging in the house with her people.



THEODORE

Theo is a total sweetheart. He is 3 years old and is looking for an adventurous family to take him places and do things with. being next to that special someone who will love on him.



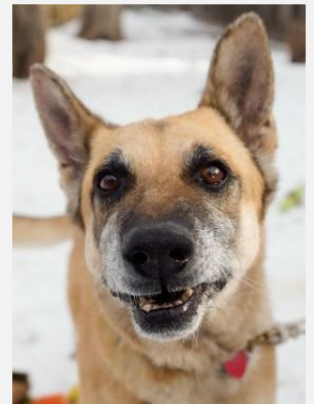
SHEP

Shep is around 11 months old and he is your typical puppy with lots of energy to burn, but he can also be very calm laying on the floor with his toys. He is good with children of any age and good with other dogs.

GSROR SPOTLIGHT ...

ZEUS

The vet thinks I'm about 9 years old but when you come to meet me you would think by the way I love to run around I was only 2. I am a very happy boy now that I am off the streets and in a warm home with people that take really good care of me. I love to run and play with toys and more than anything I love to go for walks, although I'm so excited I do try to pull a bit but with a little help from you I can only get better. I am a good listener and I do what I am told when I am told to do it, my foster mom is very proud of me for being so smart. I also love lots of attention and head rubs and every time you sit down I will be right next to as I love being close



Stop by and see German Shepherd Rescue of the Rockies at the upcoming Responsible Dog Ownership Day (RDOD) from 10:00am—3:00pm at Shelly's Garden Country, 4181 West 120th Avenue in Broomfield.

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You just can't do both

I have a challenge for you: the next time you need to sit down to write someone a note or a letter, breakdance at the same time. I can hear you right now... *What? How is that supposed to work?* It's not supposed to work and that's the point. There are certain activities that cannot be performed at the same time. In dog training lingo, we call these incompatible behaviors and teach them to our dogs through "differential reinforcement."

The crux of the concept is that if your dog offers certain behaviors that you find distasteful, one of the best ways to stop them from occurring is to substitute different ones. The classic example is a dog that jumps up to greet people. If you teach her to sit when people approach, she can't possibly be jumping and sitting at the same time, any more than you can pen a letter while breakdancing. Training her to sit when greeting people is easier said than done, but is doable if you're willing to put in the necessary work.

If your dog is always underfoot in the kitchen, how about having her do a sit-stay in the living room? If she has a nasty habit of charging people at the front door, simply send her to her bed when the doorbell rings. The mechanics of teaching these behaviors and training for reliability is beyond the scope of this article. However, there are plenty of books out there as well as resources online that can help you if you get stuck. You can also connect with a local trainer to guide you through the process and help with the finer points. The key is to identify things you'd like to change as well as solutions to the problems you've been having.

Make a list below of five things your dog does that you really don't care for.

_____	_____
_____	_____

You may have listed some behaviors like digging in the backyard, chewing on your shoes, etc. Next to each of those items, write out alternative, and incompatible, behaviors. Knowing what you don't want your dog to do isn't enough. It's a start, but you have to move beyond it. You must know what you do want. Once you have a crystal clear picture of what you want your dog to be doing, you are ready to begin the teaching process.

Whatever incompatible action you are teaching your dog, make sure that when you start out, you teach her away from distractions. The last thing you'd want to do is expect her to learn the new behavior in the real situation. For example, let's say your dog counter surfs. You've identified keeping all four paws on the floor as your alternative behavior. You know better than to teach this in the kitchen so you take her to the basement because there are no distractions down there – nothing she'd be tempted to jump up on. Instead, she just hangs out near you. You say "Good girl!" and feed her a treats every so often. Several training sessions later, you are practicing on the main level of the house. You continue encouraging her and feeding treats for four-on-the floor. By the time you've done a number of short training sessions and are finally working with her in the kitchen, she's got momentum for the behavior and if you continue to reward her periodically, she'll have new habit that you're much happier with. You will have made staying on the kitchen floor far more rewarding than jumping up on the counter – problem solved.

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A Message From Kodiak



Dear Katie,

I would like to share a short saga of my new life as an adopted rescued dog.

On April I was introduced to my new mom and dad, then loaded in a strange car and transported about 70 miles to a strange house. Dad took me around and told me this is now your home. I guess that means I am now the owner of a 4 bedroom house on 1/3rd acre of property, but I still let them pay the bills. And if I own it all, why did they fence me out of the front yard.



Dad is a hard headed German just like me, we like each other a lot. He takes me for long walks almost every day. Mom is part Native American and thought I needed a Native American name: Kodiak Sasquatch In-da-way Mud-tracker is what she decided was descriptive. Because I am always laying where she wants to be, and track in mud on my large paws, I guess I earned my new name.



I like mom, she gives me carrots and melon as treats along with dog cookies. She also changed my food to one that has everything I need so I don't have to take any additives. I have not had any skin or tummy troubles in a long time now. Since I've been in my new home, I have gained 6 to 7 lbs and I'm now 86 lbs. Mom says I am plush, dad says I am buff. I have lots of toys that I don't have to share. I have learned to bring them inside when I am done playing with them or they will get soaked from the sprinklers or eaten from the lawn mower.

I like to go to Murdock's! The girls there spoil me with treats and compliments. Also mom always gets me something, she has even let me pick out my own toy.

Mom and dad are sneaky; they have learned if they play ball with me with 2 balls, I have to drop one to get the other. Dad is teaching me to catch a ball. Last night I caught 4 in a row, then I quit while I had a good average.

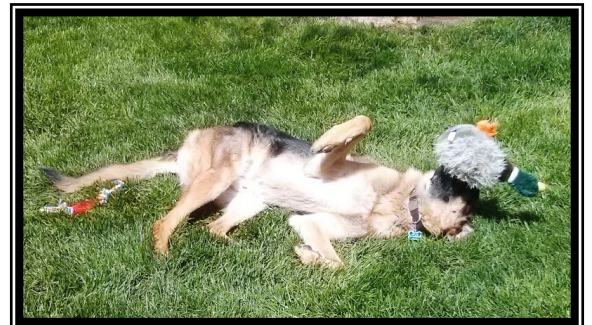


I have 3 beds, 1 in the living room, 1 in the bed room (I sneak naps on their bed too when they aren't home, but don't tell them) and 1 on our covered deck. We spend lots of time out there this summer.

Life is good, I get to bark at the trash men, chase rabbits and squirrels, track voles, and watch the birds. I get brushed almost every day. We often will go for a stroll in the evening, sometimes at parks where I get to meet other dogs and people, (when mom is along we walk much slower, but that is fine because that gives me more sniffing time).

Sometimes mom goes shopping by herself. I didn't know she could drive. When she gets home I insist on inspecting her bags (wouldn't want anything bad in the house you know).

I take very good care of mom and dad. I love them a lot. They tell me they love me too. I guard them, if I can keep track of them. I give them kisses. I even bring mom her slippers some times.



Best wishes from Kodiak

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED

Looking for a new hiking buddy? Maybe someone to snuggle on the couch with and watch TV? Or maybe to take a long car ride on a beautiful spring day? If you've answered yes to any of these questions, then you should consider being a GSROR Foster Parent!

In order for us to help save more dogs we need foster parents ... Animal lovers like you to open up your home and foster one of our dogs until they find their furever family. A foster home provides a safe and temporary home for dogs while we search for their permanent home.

Some of our dogs come to us with behavioral issues, so we have found that previous experience with German Shepherds is helpful but not necessary. Our dogs need good, loving foster homes and if you have the desire and interest, we will be there to help.



We do ask that you check out our [Fostering Guidelines](#) and the complete our application. We hope to soon have a program available to educate future foster and adoptive parents about the breed and provide training tips.

If you are interested in becoming a GSROR Foster Parent, make sure to check out the article on page 5 regarding, **Tax Breaks for Pet Foster Parents** This is a great article explaining how to recoup any out-of-pocket expenses you may have as a foster pet parent.

We want to thank you for your interest in helping GSROR by opening up your homes, families, and hearts to help a dog in need. Rescues would not exist if not for the thoughtful time and generosity of foster parents.

Yes, I'd like to help GSDs in need. Here is a contribution to GSROR in the amount of \$ _____.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, ST, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please mail this coupon, along with your check or money order to:

GSROR
P.O. Box 1481
Westminster, CO 80036

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Our Mission Statement

German Shepherd Rescue of the Rockies (GSROR) serves the public as a non-profit organization dedicated to the rescue of homeless and abandoned German Shepherd Dogs (GSD). While providing loving, temporary homes for our dogs in rescue we get them vetted and spend time getting to know them personally so we can place them in the home that best fits their needs. Our goal of German Shepherd Rescue of the Rockies is to find well-matched, carefully-screened, permanent homes and families for each dog. As a community resource, we provide nutrition information, referrals, education, training tips and other services.