



The GSROR Quarterly

German Shepherd Rescue of the Rockies

A Colorado Non-Profit Organization 501 (c)(3)

Adopt-A-Spot (not the kind you are thinking)

While we support adopting dogs, even ones named "Spot", the German Shepherd Rescue of the Rockies has discovered a GREAT OPPORTUNITY to get much needed FREE Advertising.....**But we need YOUR HELP!**

Adopt-A-Spot is a Denver Community program through the Keep Denver Beautiful affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, in which citizens and organizations can volunteer to maintain a particular area of Denver by picking up litter, and if necessary, removing graffiti and illegal signs for a 12 month period. Keep Denver Beautiful offers safety and procedures training and clean up supplies for a minimum of 4 scheduled clean ups per year that are scheduled by the Spot Adopter.

Here's where YOU come in! By agreeing to participate in this wonderful opportunity to keep a corner of our world beautiful, the GSROR will get **RECOGNITION WITH A CITY ISSUED SIGN** that will be visible to **MANY!**

WHAT: Denver's Adopt-A-Spot Program

WHERE: Numerous locations are available right now. Visit www.denvergov.org and search for Adopt-A-Spot to see what part of the city would you like to sign up for, then...

WHEN: Please contact me *immediately*, so we can reserve the spot that is convenient to you **AND** get our GSROR signs up in the community, **NOW**.

Add to the fun by inviting your family and friends to join you in supporting a great cause and helping to keep our world a beautiful place!

Thanks for getting involved! I am already planning to Adopt-A-Spot on 44th Ave. from Pecos to Zuni for GSROR! I look forward to hearing from you!

~Katie

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WWW.GSROR.COM

2nd Annual GSROR Calendar Photo Contest

Reminder: The Deadline of October 15 is quickly approaching. Please submit your photos with a \$5 entry fee for each photo submitted (pictures of GSDs only, please) 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. Please turn in pictures that are seasonally or holiday themed. The winner of the contest will have their pet's photo on the cover of our calendar. Twelve others will be voted upon to fill the months of the year. The GSROR Calendars will be on sale later this year.





Available Dogs



LUCA
13 Mos., Male
"Big, Goofy Guy who loves to play in the water"

ZIVA
3 Yrs., Female
"Respectful and Ready to Work"

SHILAH
12-14 Mos., Female
"Beautiful, Friendly, very active girl."



VIRGIL
5 Yrs., Male
"All around Great Boy, lots of energy, loves to explore"

TUX
13 Mos., Male
"Great with other dogs, a little shy with people, but warms up quickly"

TUNDRA
8 Mos., Female
"Wonderfully Sweet, ready to learn and eager to please"

For more information on the dogs listed above, please visit our website at www.gsr.com.

Happy Tails

Happy Dogs in Happy Homes! To see more Happy Tails, check out our website at www.gsr.com



Simplify, Simplify, Simplify

Before you teach your dog anything from "lie down" to "fetch me a cold one from the fridge," I'll let you in on a little secret dog trainers use to be successful...they break down the desired behavior or chain of behaviors into pieces, rather than trying to teach the whole. In other words, they SIMPLIFY the activity for the dog.

Lie Down. For instance, let's take the basic idea of teaching "lie down." Whether the luring, capturing, or shaping method (see Oct. 2011 Tracey's Training Tips for definitions) is used, the act of lying down can be broken up into parts which can be taught separately. First, a trainer might teach a dog to "sit." Then, the trainer might teach the dog to bend his head down towards the ground. Finally, the trainer might teach the dog to slide his front paws forward until he is in a "down" position. The particular steps don't matter so much, as long as each step along the way is understood by the dog and the end result is the desired behavior.

A Cold One. Now, let's take the more complicated idea of teaching "fetch me a cold one from the fridge." Again, various training methods can be used; however, only one element is taught at a time

to simplify the activity.

Basically, the activity is broken up into the following parts: person signals the dog (any kind of cue will do, like a word or a hand gesture), dog walks into appropriate room (the kitchen), dog approaches the fridge, dog grabs the handle of the fridge, dog pulls on the door, dog reaches head into the fridge, dog recognizes appropriate item (a cold one), dog grabs the item with his mouth, dog backs out of the fridge, dog closes the door, dog exits the room, dog returns to the person, dog relinquishes the cold one to the person. Whew! There are a lot of parts to that trick! But by teaching each part individually to the dog and then starting to link the parts together (chaining), eventually, the dog will be able to do the entire trick in one shot.

For behaviors or tricks as complicated as that one, most trainers will prefer to teach the final part first and work their way backwards (back chaining). The reason for this is so the dog will remember the last parts well from doing them so many times and will remember the first parts well because they were taught most recently. (Might sound complicated, but it works.)

Why would a trainer simplify behaviors?

1. How would you prefer to learn a poem? One line at a time or the entire thing in one reading? Exactly. One line or one part at a time is much easier.
2. If the parts are easier to learn than the whole, then the dog is much more successful at learning AND the trainer is much less frustrated.
3. When a dog is successful and the trainer is not frustrated, both are eager to continue the process of learning, making the entire experience much more pleasant.

Practice. Sometimes, it can be challenging to determine all the parts that make up a behavior or trick. But with practice, you will get better at seeing the parts and knowing the best way to teach them to your dog. Then, before you know it, you've got a dog doing exactly what you taught him to do and your family and friends will be amazed!

Remember. Have fun with it! Dog's love learning new things and they are excited by the things they DO know!

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Our Wish List

1. **Dog Food and Dog Treats.**
2. **Gift Cards from Petco or Petsmart or any other pet supplies stores.**
3. **Cash donations are always greatly appreciated!**
They allow us the flexibility to purchase the things we need right away or provide assistance to any dogs who need special care. You may offer donations through a link on our website.



Fall Calendar of Events

September

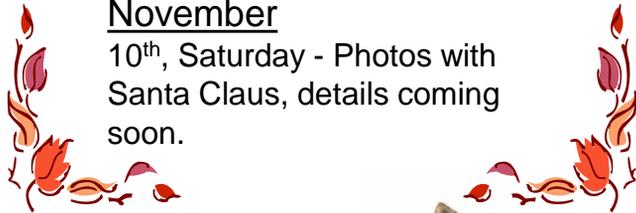
22nd, Saturday- Petco Adoption Event, Golden. Set up 8:30am, hours 10am-3pm.

October

13th, Saturday – Meet & Greet, Park Meadows Petco, Englewood. 9am-1pm.

November

10th, Saturday - Photos with Santa Claus, details coming soon.



Want to
Volunteer?



Please visit our website at
www.gsror.com
for more information.

Doggy Kisses

(in other words, Thank You!)

To our new volunteers who stepped up to help process our applications

~ Monica, Jessica and Joselyn!

To Joy for taking photos of some of our available dogs!

To Favors Project for all the donations of toys, blankets, & food!

To Janice for hosting the adoption party and all the volunteers who helped with the Brown Dog Adoption Party~Marchell, Jessica & Mark, Vickie!

To Vickie & Joe for the garage sales, recruiting fencing and all the other projects that they are looking into to help raise money for the rescue!

As always, thanks to all the daycares for taking in all the new kids for us: Daily Wag, Rover Retreat, Hobnob Pet, Cisco's Den, City Bark Too, Camp Bow Wow-Lodo!

Brown Dog Adoption Event ~ July 14th





Find Me A Home PLEASE

Who does not shed a tear when they see a shelter pet, staring at back at them with those big eyes that you know are saying “take me home, please, please, please take me home. I’ll be good I promise!” Not enough of us, that’s for sure. But for those of us who do, we know that we can’t take every pet home, unless of course we have a 40 acre ranch with unlimited income to feed and care for all those needy paws. This is where Shelter Me Photography (SMP) enters the picture with a mission to change the way people see shelter pets by professionally photographing and promoting them in coordination with caregiver communities, and by teaching shelter-photography workshops to shelter and rescue workers nationwide.

Capturing those “big eyes” and a whole lot of love in a single image isn’t easy, but after photographing over 8,500 homeless animals in over 50 shelters across 11 states, SMP’s director and co-founder, Nanette Martin, has mastered the task. As the country’s most experienced shelter photographer, Nanette’s images have increased adoption rates – some as high as 100%; facilitated the adoption of special-needs/hard-to-place shelter residents into forever homes; and caused the removal of numerous dogs from death row after their pictures revealed the true spirit of their nature.

Nanette and SMP are proud to partner with shelters, rescues and foster organizations anywhere in the country, especially the German Shepherd Rescue of

the Rockies (GSROR). Nanette is particularly sensitive to the plight of large breed dogs that enter our nation’s shelter system and turns to groups like GSROR when she encounters one in need of immediate attention.

You may be thinking “oh my gosh, how does SMP pull this off all over the country?” The answer to that is, it takes a village! SMP relies on the support of sponsors like Purina One and individual supporters like

YOU. While it is critically important that you support your local shelter or rescue, consider this . . . when you donate \$20 to

SMP, you cover the cost of what it takes to photograph one animal, giving that animal the best advertising possible to find a loving, forever home. Not only does the animal win, the shelter brings in an adoption fee and space opens up for another pet that otherwise might just end up on death row due to overcrowding. Now that’s what I call a big bang for just \$20 bucks!

Volunteers also make a huge difference for SMP, so consider sharing some of your time with them. Depending on your skill set, experience, species preference (dogs, cats, rabbits, etc.), what you like to do and how much time you have to spend, they would love to have you on their team!

If you want to schedule a workshop, get more information, volunteer or make a donation, log on to SMP’s Facebook page at facebook.com/sheltermepphoto, send an email to info@sheltermephotography.org or call 303-929-5655.

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For the Love of a German Shepherd Dog

Inspiring Stories and Fun Trivia about our Favorite Breed

What was the name of GSD who was...?

1. Owned by John F. Kennedy?
2. A main character in the movie, "Beverly Hills Chihuahua?"
3. Owned by Franklin D. Roosevelt?
4. A main character in the movie, "I Am Legend?"
5. Owned by Roy Rogers?

1. Clipper; 2. Delgado; 3. Major;
4. Samantha; 5. Bullet, the Wonder Dog

Riley's Recipes:

Pumpkin & Peanut Butter Dog Treats



2 ½ C. Whole Wheat Flour 2 Tbsp. Peanut Butter
 2 Eggs ½ tsp. Salt
 1 Rounded C. Canned ½ tsp. Ground Cinnamon
 Pumpkin

Optional Variation #1: Add 2 extra Tbsp. Peanut Butter and ¾ C. Rolled Oats

Optional Variation #2: Add ¼ C. Blueberries

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Whisk together all ingredients in a bowl.
3. Roll dough out to about ½ inch and cut into strips or fun shapes.
4. Bake in oven until hard and golden brown, about 30 minutes.



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) in Denver, Colorado and surrounding areas. While providing loving and temporary care, the 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, and other services.

Our Board of Directors

Katie Hodgson-*President*

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