



The GSROR Quarterly

German Shepherd Rescue of the Rockies

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5K 4 Paws Run (or Walk) for the Cause

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Mark your calendars and join us on **Saturday, September 27, 2014** for the 5K 4 Paws Run (or Walk) for the Cause to benefit German Shepherd Rescue of the Rockies and DMK Re-Homing!

Check in begins at 8:00am with the run/walk starting at 9:00am.

Event is at Road Runner Sports Shops at Walnut Creek, 10436 Town Center Drive, Broomfield, CO

Four-legged friends are welcomed but we do ask that all pets be socialized and leashed.

For more information or to register online, visit the event website at:

<https://roadrunnersports.fundly.com/5k4paws>

Please share with all your friends and family – this will be a fun event for all!

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4TH 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 15, 2014. 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.

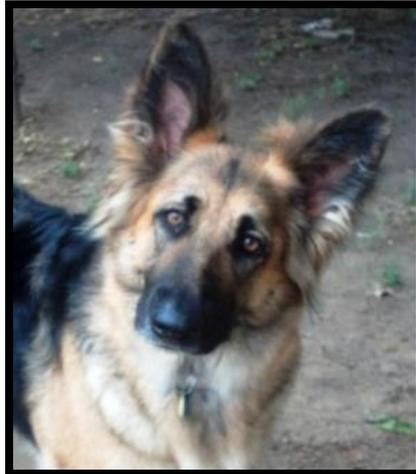


Available Dogs



ADDISON

Addy is a shy timid dog when first meeting new people and is looking for a home with a single women but she can live as a family member with dad & kids.



HAYLIE

This beautiful 3 yr old girl is as sweet as they come.



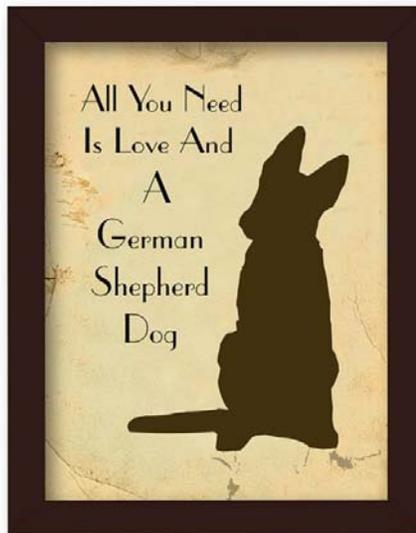
ATHENA

Athena is almost 4 years old and is looking to be part of a family that will give her lots of love and support.



BRONCO

Bronco is a 2 yr old male that thinks he is still a 4 mo old puppy. He is very active and has lots of energy.



CHEWIE

Chewie, short for Chewbacca, is about 14 months old. He rides great in a car and enjoys walks, he loves his toys and playing with his person.

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

Available Dogs



BELLA

Bella is a 1.5 year old female that is looking for someone that is a patient and loving family.



JOSIE

Meet Josie, a 6 month old GSD mix who is all puppy from her big floppy ears down to her big heavy feet. She sits very nicely and is working on other commands like down, leave it, and wait.



SHILOH

Shiloh is about 2 yrs old and still has lots of puppy happiness.



CAPTAIN

Captain was an owner surrender to a shelter in a farming community when they realized that he had a strong prey drive and could not be around chickens or cats. We brought him into our group to give him another chance at life to have someone to love him.



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BOBBY

Bobby is a 3 yr old girl that lost her dad because he is in the military and was being deployed. She is a mild mannered sweetie absolutely loves fetch.

Crime doesn't pay, but it *does* pay to be a winner.

Have you ever gotten a bit perturbed with a certain bad habit your dog has and asked yourself "Why on earth does my dog do this?!" I know that I have. The answer I always seem to arrive at is that it must have a payoff of some sort. My dog might find an activity like chewing on the banister rewarding because it releases angst. Why is she feeling this way? Perhaps she doesn't have enough exercise. Or maybe she's releasing tension brought on by major schedule changes in the family or maybe she's just plain bored.

How does one go about fixing such a situation? The bottom line is I need to teach her that demolishing the banister doesn't pay. If I catch her gnawing on one of the posts I need to diminish the satisfaction she derives from that activity. I could do that in a number of different ways: I could try catching her in the act and then clap my hands to startle her; I could have her go lie down in a different room; or I could spray her on the bum with a spray bottle while she's committing the offense. I need to experiment to find something that is meaningful to her and makes her think it might not be worth her effort to dine at the Banister Buffet any longer.

On top of that, I really need to make sure that I make any necessary adjustments to the environment so that she has better alternatives. If she needs to spend more time out with me on walks, I can make that available to her to burn some excess energy. If I can modify my schedule so that it's more predictable and less stressful, I will do that. If she's bored and likes to chew, I'll make sure she has some chew toys available. Every time I see her passing up the banister to go get a toy, I'm going to be her biggest cheerleader and make sure she knows how awesome I feel about that. *It pays to be a winner* is the message I want her to hear loud and clear, and I can communicate that in a number of ways: I can gently tell her "good girl" and pet her; I can ask her to bring me the toy so I can throw it for her or play tug with her; I can also walk over and give her a treat.

So think about how you can apply these principles to fix challenging behaviors you face with your own dog. Does she dash out the back door whenever you open it and nearly take you out in the process? Think about what she could do instead that you would consider a "winning" behavior. What if she waits when the door is opened? How many ways can you think of to make it pay for her to be a winner in this situation?

If she chooses to go bounding out into the back yard without an invitation, what are some things you could put in place to make sure it's not as fun as she once thought it was? What if you began attaching a leash to her before you open the door so you can prevent her from rushing out? That's going to be a bummer for her – and it should be, at least until you feel you can trust her to do the right thing again.

Remember: your dog only does things if she thinks there's sufficient payoff. Once she perceives the mannerly route as rewarding and the disorderly path as riddled with problems, she'll begin to choose the former.

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HALLOWEEN PET SAFETY TIPS

Fall is here and Halloween is just around the corner. The following are tips from the ASPCA on how you can make this a safe Halloween for your pets

1. No tricks, no treats: That bowl of candy is for trick-or-treaters, not for Scruffy and Fluffy. Chocolate in all forms—especially dark or baking chocolate—can be very dangerous for dogs and cats. Candies containing the artificial sweetener xylitol can also cause problems. If you do suspect your pet has ingested something toxic, please call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.

2. Popular Halloween plants such as pumpkins and decorative corn are considered to be relatively nontoxic, but they can produce stomach upset in pets who nibble on them.

3. Wires and cords from electric lights and other decorations should be kept out of reach of your pets. If chewed, your pet might suffer cuts or burns, or receive a possibly life-threatening electrical shock.

4. A carved pumpkin certainly is festive, but do exercise caution if you choose to add a candle. Pets can easily knock a lit pumpkin over and cause a fire. Curious kittens especially run the risk of getting burned or singed by candle flames.

5. Dress-up can be a big mess-up for some pets. Please don't put your dog or cat in a costume UNLESS you know he or she loves it (yup, a few pets are real hams!). For pets who prefer their "birthday suits," however, wearing a costume may cause undue stress.

6. If you do dress up your pet, make sure the costume isn't annoying or unsafe. It should not constrict the animal's movement or hearing, or impede his ability to breathe, bark or meow. Also, be sure to try on costumes before the big night. If your pet seems distressed, allergic or shows abnormal behavior, consider letting him go au naturale or donning a festive bandana.

7. Take a closer look at your pet's costume and make sure it does not have small, dangling or easily chewed-off pieces that he could choke on. Also, ill-fitting outfits can get twisted on external objects or your pet, leading to injury.

8. All but the most social dogs and cats should be kept in a separate room away from the front door during peak trick-or-treating hours. Too many strangers can be scary and stressful for pets.

9. When opening the door for trick-or-treaters, take care that your cat or dog doesn't dart outside.

10. IDs, please! Always make sure your dog or cat has proper identification. If for any reason your pet escapes and becomes lost, a collar and tags and/or a microchip can be a lifesaver, increasing the chances that he or she will be returned to you



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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For additional information about GSROR, or to make a donation via PayPal, check us out on the web at www.gsror.com



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

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REMEMBER HENRY FONDA?



You may remember our story about Henry Fonda from a few months ago. Henry was found on the side of a highway, discarded in the middle of winter. Henry looked as if he had spent a long time on a chain or in a small kennel. He was very weak, extremely malnourished and had very little hair. He was near death! Henry though had a great will to live and after just a few days of warmth, food and love, Henry perked up and showed he was ready to get better.

Henry had good recovery of his skin condition and now receives antifungal medication and medicated baths on an ongoing basis. He had his broken teeth removed (painful and broken to the roots most likely from chewing a chain) and causing a life threatening mouth infection. He has most recently had a bout of stomach bloat and torsion. Henry has amazingly recovered from each illness!

Henry loves people, he loves to rub his head in your lap. He lives on a sunny temperature controlled porch and has 3 dog friends. He likes to take short walks in the yard but never takes his eye off his favorite dog friend or person. He never wants to be left behind again.

Due to Henry's ongoing medical costs donations would be appreciated. All donations can be made directly to Countryside Animal Hospital, Hot Springs, Arkansas 501-624-2351.



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