



# HAPPY 2012 GSROR Newsletter

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## Note from Katie: Year In Review

Thank you to all who have been a part of German Shepherd Rescue of the Rockies this year. We are excited to have adopted out 49 dogs in our first year of operation in 2011. It has been a growing experience for us all and we are so thrilled to

celebrate the many lives we have saved. We couldn't have done it without your help. We especially want to thank our fosters, our numerous volunteers, our affiliates including Brown Dog School, Gillet Vet, Hobnob,

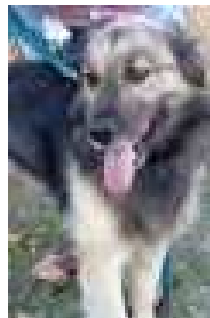
Daily Wag, and Denver's Pet Place. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead with all of your support in time and donations.

Happy 2012!

## SOS!! Foster homes needed....

FOSTERS ARE OUR MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE. THEY TAKE IN DOGS NEEDING A TEMPORARY, SAFE HOME. THEY PROVIDE A HOME, LOVE, AND CARE FOR THE DOG AS IF IT WERE THEIR OWN WHILE IN THEIR CUSTODY. OUR FOSTERS ARE COMPASSIONATE, GIVING PEOPLE, WILLING TO INVEST THEIR TIME TO HELP A DOG IN NEED. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FOSTERING, PLEASE COMPLETE AN APPLICATION ON OUR WEBSITE. THANK YOU!

## Featured Dog (s)



### Meet Hank!

We call him Mr. Sweetie Pie. He is between 5-7 years old and his former owner from Kansas no longer wanted him. He is as sweet, mellow, and laid back as

they come. He is house trained, crate trained, and loves car rides and walks. He is very food motivated, so training is easy. He promises to be your best friend!

**Dahlia** is a sweet girl looking for a

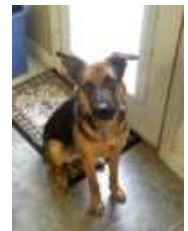


family. She has been in rescue for over a year and would like to find a forever home in 2012! She is often overlooked be-

cause she isn't a purebred German Shepherd. Please give her a chance, and she promises to give endless kisses and unconditional love in return.

Visit the "Adoptions/Available Dogs" tab on our website

to read more about Hank, Dahlia, and other available dogs awaiting NEW homes in the NEW Year!



## What's New: GSROR.COM

We want to encourage you to visit our website at [www.gsror.com](http://www.gsror.com). There is a lot of information including available dogs, applications, Tracie's Training Tips, and Happy Tails. We have recently included a place to post videos of your newly adopted friend. Please

share with us by sending video clips to [gsoar@gmail.com](mailto:gsoar@gmail.com). Check out our 3, heartwarming video posts. We welcome many more!!!



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## What's New: FACEBOOK

We are also trying to improve our Facebook page and would like to add photographs of your newly adopted family member. We will include a photo of each dog on our Happy Tales Album, so please send anything fun and cute (i.e. your dog with its dog, cat, or human siblings; your dog in costume, etc.)

We will also be starting a new album of photos of Adoptee Accomplishments. In this album, we'd like to recognize

your dog for anything he/she has done. For example, if your dog is a graduate from a Canine Good Citizen class, an obedience course, an agility or Schutzhund trial, or a service dog training class, please send us a photo and tell us about it.

Anything you think is worthy of praise. If you complete training and have your dog protecting horses, or doing protection work, or hiking its first 14er. We want to see it!!

Please email these photos with a brief description to [cthornburgh3@gmail.com](mailto:cthornburgh3@gmail.com). Put GSROR in the subject line and include your dog's name at the time you adopted it as well as his/her name you have given the dog.

Follow all these wonderful updates on Facebook.

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"LIKE" US ON  
FACEBOOK!!!!

## Events: Meet and Greet

Come meet other dog loving people in 2012 at our GSROR Events and help a dog find a new home!

Our website is constantly updated with opportunities to participate in monthly events. We welcome new and existing volunteers at our events and will

put you to work!

Please join us at our next event to help show off some of our available dogs seeking forever homes!

**What:** "Meet and Greet"

**When:** Feb 19, 12:00-3pm

**Where:** PETCO, Park Meadows

Email Katie ([gsoar@gmail.com](mailto:gsoar@gmail.com)) if you can help with transporting a dog or being part of this wonderful event!

## Tracy's Training Tips: The Name of the Game is impulse Control

In honor of this time of year when the vast majority of us have been trying not to overindulge in the holiday goodies, I decided to share several of the many, fun impulse control games you can play with your dog. Learning impulse control is a wonderful way for your dog to develop the skills and mental ability to control his actions, to look to you for guidance before making a decision, and to lower the level of his arousal when he gets excited. These games can also be the foundation work for training "leave it." The games progress in increasing difficulty, so feel free to start wherever your dog needs work and move on once your dog "gets" it.

The first game begins with putting a yummy treat in your hand and closing it, then putting your hand near your dog's nose and holding it very still. If this is new to your dog, he will probably try to lick, nibble and nudge your hand to get the treat out. Keep very still, however, and the second your dog pauses from his actions, say "yes" (or click), and open your hand to let your dog get the treat. Keep doing this until he no longer tries to get the treat (controls his impulses) and just stands there waiting for you to open your hand. You can increase the difficulty by not giving him the treat until he looks up at you.

In the next game, put a treat in each

hand and close them. Let the dog sniff both hands, so he knows that treats are inside. Now, pull your hands apart, keeping them down at his level, as if you have airplane wings. Your dog will probably go from one hand to the next sniffing and maybe trying to get the treats. As before, keep your hands still and once he stops trying to get at the



treat in either hand, or even better, stops and looks up at you, (again, controlling his impulses) say "yes" and give your dog the treat from the hand is furthest from him.

Now, the next game requires that your dog is on leash. Toss a treat just out of reach of your dog and hold tight to the leash, in case he lunges to try to get the treat on the ground. Stand firm. The very moment your dog stops pulling on the leash and has a more upright body stance (indicating that he is controlling his impulses), say "yes" and give him a different treat from your hand. Keep repeating the process until he stops trying to get the treat all together. Then, you can try walking closer to the treat and do

the same process. You can make it even more difficult by walk around multiple treats on the ground.

The ideal scenario is that the dog actually starts to look at you for guidance when he encounters something that interests him. Highly reward this behavior from your dog! This new ability to control his impulses will translate with just a little work to other situations, such as waiting for a meal or waiting to go outside or waiting to get out of the car, and so on.

One final note, my personal training preference is that you never allow your dog to pick up any food you drop on the ground. Instead, you should pick up the food and hand it to your dog. This way, there is never any confusion for the dog about what he can pick up himself and what he should never touch. They cannot necessarily tell the difference, say, between a treat and a prescription pill that just fell on the floor. I also think it is always good to instill in your dog that all good things, like treats and rewards, come from you. After all, you want to be as important in your dog's life as he is in yours.

**"ALL GOOD THINGS COME FROM YOU"**

Remember to have fun with it! Dogs love learning new things!

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## **Dog News: Digestive Enzymes Reduce Shedding**

### **How Digestive Enzymes Reduce Excess Shedding in Dogs**

Your dog cannot tell you what is going on inside his body, he can't tell you when his stomach is irritated, or if he is under stress. You need to notice the signs of bodily stress in your dog. **The number one indication that your dog's body is under stress is excessive shedding and fur loss.** True, all dogs shed a normal amount, but when your dog is shedding excessively or losing patches of fur, it's time to take notice.

Digestion of the modern pet diet takes an enormous amount of energy to process. This is because pet foods are generally lacking in natural enzymes—enzymes which would normally aid in the digestive process if the animal were eating a raw diet. Even the best dog foods you can buy will not contain the key digestive enzymes that a dog's body is used to in a raw diet. Vets agree, that over time, this causes your dog to show signs of stress because he is stuck producing all the necessary enzymes from the pancreas at each meal.

By adding supplemental vegetarian enzymes to your dog's meal, you **replace the lost enzymes and support your dog's natural digestive process,**

### **Why Vegetarian Digestive Enzymes and Not Animal Digest or Pancreatic Enzymes?**

Animal digest is made from unspecified parts of unspecified animals and is a common ingredient in many digestive enzyme formulas and even pet foods and pet supplements. The industry is not regulated so any kind of animal can be included in animal digest; if your dog is allergic to certain meats, these enzymes may cause issues. Animal-based enzymes also do not go to work immediately in the stomach and can be largely destroyed by stomach acid, rendering them less effective overall.

The safest and most effective choice for digestive enzymes for dogs is a vegetarian supplement. Unlike animal-based enzymes, vegetarian enzymes go to work immediately with no negative side effects. It's like giving your dog the benefits of a raw diet with the convenience of a modern diet.

### **Why are there so many different types of enzymes in Enzyme Miracle?**

Enzymes are catalysts for a process. Digestive enzymes catalyze digestion and certain enzymes will only digest specific foods. For example, there are several types of Protease needed to break down protein. Lipase digests lipids, or fats. Enzyme Miracle has carefully balanced 11 vegetarian digestive enzymes to help pets completely support digestion in dogs and cats. This added support helps relieve digestive stress from your pet's body and reduce signs of stress, like excessive shedding and hair loss in dogs and cats.

## **Happy Tails:**

We have been so fortunate this year to change the lives of many dogs. Please visit our website to view our 2011 Adopted Dogs!!!



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