



German Shepherd Rescue of The Rockies



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Ali's Journey

Ali is a sweet, gentle soul that has only known one home in her life of somewhere between 6-8 years. When she became disabled and needed surgery, she was dumped at a pound with a death date set for her. A caring volunteer at the shelter saw her lying on a cold cement floor covered with ticks. A rescue jumped in, and Ali was on her way to Colorado.

When I first saw Ali, I immediately noticed something wrong with both legs on the right side of her body. While standing she was unbalanced, and it was difficult for her to walk. She was obviously in pain. GSROR took her to a vet who diagnosed her with a torn ACL. Both of Ali's front legs had atrophied and her back left leg was arthritic. I asked the vet if she could tolerate the surgery, if she could mend on her own, or if we had other alternatives. The vet advised surgery, as Ali did not have many options and pain meds could not alleviate her excruciating pain. Her condition would only get worse, destroying any quality of life. Otherwise in good health, Ali could have another 3-5 years left. Since we cannot ask Ali if she wants to cross the bridge or take the journey that is ahead for her, we need to trust our feelings to make the right decision. Because she has held in there long enough to find the people that can help, we will not give up on her.

When she first came to her foster home, she spent most of her time on her bed only getting up to go outside with help to walk. Each day Ali shows us more of who she is as she is becoming part of the family and wanting to be a normal, happy girl. After 10 days of keeping to herself and eating from her bed she came out to eat breakfast with the other kids. When I took her outside for fresh air and sunshine, she picked up a ball and brought it back to me. Ali wanted to play. Her broken spirit came to life. I did not believe that she was ready to be put down or discarded like she was. She wanted to experience life.

Ali came into our rescue on April 20th and thanks to donations from caring people we were able to have her surgery done May 10th. She is doing amazingly well and does put her leg down with some weight on it. We will start her physical therapy according to the doctor's instructions and hopefully Ali will be brand new very soon and looking for her own special home.



**A very special
THANK YOU for
all that made a
donation. If not
for your
kindness and
generosity this
would not have
been possible
for Ali.**



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FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!

We are only able to help as many dogs as we have foster homes to place them in. Please click on the [Fostering Guidelines](#) for more information about our program. Some

of our dogs come to us with behavioral issues, so we have found that previous experience with German Shepherds is helpful. If you have the desire and the interest, but are not familiar with the breed, we ask that you fill out the application. Regardless of your experience with GSD's, our dogs need good foster homes. We have a trainer that will educate future foster and adoptive parents about the breed and provide you with training tips.

We want to thank you for your interest in helping German Shepherd Rescue of the Rockies 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.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT EVENT!



Spring showers bring **MUD PUDDLES!!**

And anyone with a dog knows what that means...



**So please, do your white carpet a favor
Bring your dog down to our
CHARITY DOG WASH**

Where: Hobnob Pet Daycare located at 8990 W. Colfax Ave, Lakewood, CO 80215

When: May 21st between 8 AM and 12 PM

Cost: \$25 no matter how dirty your dog is!!

What else will be there?: We're so glad you asked, there will also be delicious baked goodies, jewelry, and German Shepherd Rescue of the Rockies T-Shirts!



All proceeds benefit the **German Shepherd Rescue of the Rockies**,
a newly founded German Shepherd rescue.





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Looking for Forever Homes: <http://www.gsror.com/available-dogs/>



We have two dogs that are waiting for someone to make them part of their family. To read more about them please visit our website at <http://www.gsror.com/available-dogs/>

RADAR



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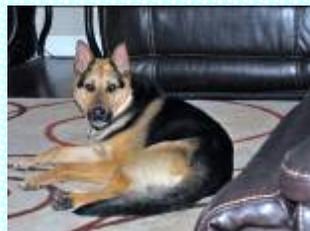
Adoptions!

OUR FIRST 5 DOGS BROUGHT INTO RESCUE HAVE ALL FOUND THEIR FOREVER HOMES!!!!

TASHA



DUKE



JEZZY



DEX



LEO





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Hot Dog to Help Dogs Event!

We had a nice turn out for our Hot Dog to Help Dogs Event. Lots of folks stopped by and brought their furry friends. We had over 10 German Shepherd dogs standing in our parking lot at one time. People stopped just to look at the beautiful sight. A special thanks to the volunteers and all who gave their support.



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SHOP FOR PAWS!

GSROR has a gift shop coming soon. Some of the items we sell at our events will soon be available from our website for you to order. We have blankets, doggie vests, jewelry, decorative bird houses and of course our GSROR T-shirts.





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Spring Tips for Your Dog's Health!

Spring is in the air and so are fleas and intestinal parasites. As dogs start to shed their winter coats, dog owners begin to see fur everywhere in the home. Dogs spend more time outdoors, and with more exercise nutritional needs change. The following spring safety tips for dogs will help you and your dog make the most of the season.

Spring Safety for Dogs: Tip #1

Fleas that were no problem in the cold of winter, will rear their biting little heads again with spring. Since fleas can cause a series of health complications, it's important to treat your dog with flea prevention when spring starts. Easiest are flea prevention medications that are applied topically once a month. However, be careful not to wash your dog with soap-based shampoos, as these will cleanse his coat of the flea medication. Instead use water-based shampoos, or give your dog a flea medication in pill form. A single female flea can lay over 300 eggs a day, so take preventive measures to protect your dog and home from an infestation as the warm Spring weather starts.

Spring Safety for Dogs: Tip #2

Spring is the season when most dogs pick up intestinal parasites. Tapeworms are contracted from fleas, when a dog licks the flea bites, and roundworms and hookworms are easily contracted as well. Whether your dog drinks from a stream or plays with another contaminated dog in the park, intestinal parasites are easy to contract. Luckily they are also easy to prevent. By placing your dog on worm prevention medication when spring starts, you can keep him healthy all season long

Spring Safety for Dogs: Tip #3

Dogs are more active in the spring when the weather is mild and prolonged exercising outside becomes possible. Be sure to provide your dog with plenty of fresh water, and refresh the water daily to keep the water tasting good and free of drool. And consider adding vitamin supplements to your dog's food or increasing his daily portion of food.

Spring Safety for Dogs: Tip #4

Spring is the time to check your dog's collar and name tag again. Now that your dog will be outside more, be sure that his collar is snug enough not to snag on a branch and come off. Be sure your telephone number on his dog tag is up-to-date. Wipe your leash with anti-bacterial wipe once a week, to remove any dirt or contaminants that may cling both to the handle and to the leash itself, especially where it may cling around your dog's backside.

Spring Safety for Dogs: Tip #5

If your dog spend time in a gated backyard when the weather is nice, take the time to walk around the fence and make sure that there are no gaps underneath and no broken sections. In spring your dog will be digging around and is likely to find little openings he missed in winter, when it was too cold to be out for long periods.

Spring Safety for Dogs: Tip #6

Now that your dog will spend more time outside, his grooming is more important than ever. Make sure to clip nails regularly and to give your dog the basic grooming that is important for his health as well as yours. This will help contain the shedding associated with seasonal change, when your dog sheds his winter coat.

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