



## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Issue 7

### GIBBS is a "GSROR MOVIE STAR!"



A fellow officer of my husband, Stuart, is really into movie making. He was working on a film and casting extras. The movie needed a German Shepherd, and since he knows we have one, he asked Stuart if he and Gibbs (formally known as Leo) wanted to star in the movie. All Stuart knew was that his part was to play a German soldier and Gibbs was his German Shepherd.

Gibbs was a natural and is a born star. He responded perfectly to everything Stuart asked. He barked on command, laid "down" next to the stunt man, and performed "come" when called. Stuart said they both had tremendous fun and Gibbs received attention from everyone. As you can

tell, he has really come out of his shell!

Gibbs is our "child" and we love him very dearly. Not only is he very comfortable at home, but he follows me everywhere. He brings his toys and lays them gently in our lap to throw for him. If we don't throw them he picks the toy up and sets it back in our lap just in case we didn't see it.

I am thankful every day that we have him. He is such a beautiful boy, and is now immortalized on film for the whole world to see how wonderful he is!

Gibbs made the trailer for the movie, although a very brief barking scene. Go to You Tube and look up "Saints and Soldiers Airborne Creed" <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSRIXYurtE8>

### Believe in Angels



Meet Angel, a 1 yr old girl who was picked up as a stray in Idaho in August and sent to a high kill shelter. She was scheduled to be put down when a volunteer fell in love with her and started looking for rescue to help.

Julia & Lisa, from HART (Helping Animal Rescue Team) based in Nevada, stepped in and

found GSROR through networking. Once we committed to taking her they pulled her out and placed her in a foster home. Emily helped get a foster home arranged for Angel and then Kristen was Angel's temporary foster home. She went above and beyond to get her settled back into life. Angel was flown into Broomfield on 10/10/11 by Dr. Peter Rork who volunteers his time and plane to help dogs in need get to safe places.

A special thanks to HART for all their hard work and dedication to seeing that more lives are saved. Thanks to Kristen for opening up her home and giving Angle a family.

Thank you Dr Rork for bringing Angel to us. You are the angel here!!





## SEPTEMBER ADOPTIONS



Congratulations to our 4-legged friends who have found their forever homes. Good luck to you all!!!



**BEAU**



**MAX**



**DYLAN**



**ROMEO**

## News and Upcoming Events

GSROR is proud to announce that we have our first calendar and will be ready for sale at our November 12<sup>th</sup> event. This calendar is very special to us as the 13 dogs featured are the first 13 adoptions we had as a new gsd rescue.



### DOGGIE WASH on November 12th

*just in time for*

**PICTURES WITH SANTA** on November 20<sup>th</sup>!



*Details to follow...*



## *Tracey's Training Tips*

### **Common Dog Training Terms**

(Speaking the Lingo of Other Dog Enthusiasts)  
Part 2 of 3



Continuing our exploration of common dog training terms, here are a few more for this edition of "Tracey's Training Tips." Again, I have chosen terms that I commonly use and have tried to keep the definitions simple.

**Luring:** A training technique where the trainer "lures" the dog into a desired behavior. For instance, a trainer puts a treat near a dog's nose, then moves the treat up over the dog's head until the dog naturally sits down, thereby creating the behavior of "sit."

**Capturing:** A training technique where the trainer waits until the dog happens to do a desired behavior, then marks and rewards (M&R) the dog in that position or activity to teach him to do it. For example, a trainer can M&R when a dog is already lying down with a verbal cue and treat, thereby "capturing" the behavior of "down," until eventually the dog does it on cue.

**Shaping:** Another training technique where the dog gets a M&R for doing specific actions (called approximations) that will eventually lead to the final, desired behavior. For example, when teaching a dog "place," he gets a M&R when he puts one foot on his bed, then when he puts 2 feet on his bed, and then when he puts all his feet on a bed, until he has eventually learned the desired behavior of "place."

**Chaining:** This is done when a trainer teaches a dog a series of behaviors that will all fit together into one activity. Typically, the behaviors are taught in reverse order (back-chaining) with the last behavior being taught first. For instance, if you want to teach your dog to bring the newspaper to you, in back-chaining, you would start by teaching him to hold the newspaper in his mouth in front of you and then teach each behavior that leads to that moment in reverse order.

**Modeling or Guided Learning:** Yet another training technique where the trainer physically assists the dog with doing the desired behavior. This can be seen when a trainer is teaching "sit" and touches the tail area of the dog to encourage the dog's body into a sit position.

**Proofing:** This is when a trainer cues a dog for a behavior numerous times, in all sorts of environments, and under all kinds of conditions with the intent of making the behavior 100% reliable when cued.



## Barker Days

Thanks to all of you who helped make Barker Days a success on September 10th! A great time was had by all – 2 and 4 legged friends alike!!



## Happy tails

