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FAMILY AND PET PHOTOS WITH SANTA

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SAVE THE DATE – IT'S TIME FOR FAMILY AND PET PHOTOS WITH SANTA!



What better way to ring in the holiday season than with a holiday photo so join us

Saturday, December 6, 2014

9:00am – 2:00pm

**HobNob Pet Daycare, 8990 West Colfax Ave.,
Lakewood, Colorado 80215**

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Prices are ONLY \$20.00 per session with up to 5 images posted online at

www.gsror.com for you to order from just in time to make your own personalized cards.

Photos will be taken by Uhli Photography. You can view some of their incredible photos at www.uhliphoto.com So make sure to mark your calendars and get ready to kick off the holiday season with jolly ol' St. Nick!



GSROR 2015 CALENDARS ARE HERE!

That's right, the 2015 GSROR Calendars are here! They are only \$20 each plus postage and there are a number of ways to get one

1. You can send a check to the address below. Please be sure to include your mailing address so we can mail the calendars to you. Also include your email address so we can send you an email and let you know when the calendars have been shipped.

GSROR
P.O. Box 1481
Westminster, CO 80036

2. You can order via Paypal directly from our website – www.gsror.com

3. The calendars will also be for sale at our Photos with Santa event on December 6, 2014. If you get your calendar at the event, then shipping costs will not apply.

These make great gifts and stocking stuffers and help our wonderful GSDs all at the same time so don't miss out, make sure to purchase your calendar today!



Available Dogs



BELLA

Bella is a 1.5 year old female that is looking for a patient and loving family. She is good with other dogs and loves to run and play fetch.



SHILOH

Shiloh is about 2 years old and still has lots of puppy happiness. She is well behaved, great with other dogs and likes car rides and walks.



BOBBY

Bobby is a 3 year old girl that lost her dad because he is in the military and was being deployed. A mild mannered sweetie she loves to play fetch and can catch anything.



BRONCO

Bronco is a 2 year old male that thinks he is still a puppy and he is an adorable boy in looks and personality.



ISIS

Isis is playful, active and such a happy girl that she will make you smile with all her cuteness

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



Available Dogs



ATHENA

Athena is 5 years old and an absolutely beautiful girl. She is people friendly, loves to play fetch and likes going on walks.



REAGAN

Reagan is about 8 months old. House & crate trained, this good girl love to play, go on walks and rides great in the car.

A HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Below are some of our ‘Happy Ending’ photos. When you do rescue work, there’s nothing better than seeing happy, smiling pups, especially when you know some of the terrible things that they have gone through.

There are millions of animals looking for their furever home, and not one of these sweet and innocent souls knows or understands what has happened or why they have been discarded. In fact, according to the U.S Humane Society**, “About 2.7 million healthy, adoptable cats and dogs—about one every 11 seconds—are put down in U.S. shelters each year.”

We’d love to have each one of our GSDs find a home for the holidays. By adopting or fostering one of our wonderful dogs, we’ll be able to save another GSD in need so that they don’t become one of those statistics.

Can you help? For more information on adoption or fostering and bringing a GSD home for the holidays, please visit our website at www.gsror.com

**http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/pet_overpopulation/



Playing nicely with others.

Have you ever watched your dog romping around with one of his friends and wished you felt more comfortable knowing what constitutes appropriate play? Whether you have multiple dogs in your home, you take your dog to the dog park, or whether he just plays with his neighborhood buddies on occasion, there are some basic rules of canine interaction to keep in mind. I get a lot of questions about this topic so I thought it would be a good one to explore.

There is a ton of literature and many, many books and blogs that have vast amounts of information on this subject. They explore everything from the roots of canine play rituals to the intricate details of body language. While these are fascinating aspects of behavior to learn about, we'll stick to a couple of simple, practical considerations that can help guide your dog in healthy play.

When I am first teaching people what to look for, I focus on two primary concepts: intensity and joint participation. Let's look at joint participation first. If both of the dogs are interested in the interaction and want it to continue, that's a good sign. If only one of the dogs is receiving benefit and playing, as Aimee Sadler (Director of Training & Behavior at the Southampton Animal Shelter) would say "at the expense of the other dog", something isn't right. Such a scenario requires handler intervention to redirect the energy of the dog who is taking advantage of the situation. This could be as simple as calling your dog's name or telling him "no". If he is really caught up in the moment you may need to clap your hands or use something like a spray bottle to get his attention. The main thing is to avoid getting caught up in the details of play styles and behavioral nuances – these take way too long to assess in real-time. Instead, look at the entirety of the scene unfolding in front of you. Ask yourself if both dogs seem equally engaged. They may be playing different roles (such as one chasing and the other one running away), but if they're both enjoying themselves, let them be.

Secondly, be mindful of the overall intensity level of the interaction. Two dogs may be playing and having a great time and it's okay for play to even become rough at times. However, there is a range of energy that facilitates healthy interactions. If the dogs know each other especially well, and particularly if they live together, they may be able to play much more intensely than they would with a dog they just met. Like any good heating and cooling system, there is a comfortable temperature range that is maintained by a thermostat. Most dogs will function as their own energy thermostat by pausing during play, shaking like they are wet which helps dissipate energy, as well as other behaviors like sniffing the ground or turning away for a time. However, you will need to step in on occasion if their energy is spinning out of control and they aren't checking themselves. Elevated levels of arousal have led to many a dog fight. It's where the "it's all fun and games until someone ends up in a cone" saying comes from.

Quite frankly, most dog interactions do not need to be thwarted by people; such interference can lead to a lot of unnecessary frustration between the dogs and sometimes causes fights. Remember: if the play is characterized by joint participation and fits within a comfortable range of intensity, sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!

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A LETTER FROM GRACIE

We thought you would enjoy this is a letter from Gracie. This wonderful girl is 7 years old and came to us from New Mexico. She was left in the backyard to die when her owners moved out. She came to us and we found out she had cancer. She was adopted and this is her note to us to tell us how happy she is!

Dear Jessica and Katie,

I just wanted to let you know what's new in my life... besides the fact that I'm still just becoming more beautiful by the day. I know this to be true because I'm told every day. I blink my eyes at my parents so they know that I understand. I'm just smart that way! My coat is not to be believed... so many new colors coming in and my tail is HUGE!

Riley (my brother) has taught me that playing with toys can be fun. I have a little furry fox that is mine, even though he occasionally thinks it is his. (Men!!!) I have even started chasing a ball. It's still a bit new to me, but I get a lot of praise when I play so I get excited. I haven't really ever run full force like Riley does, but a couple of days ago, I actually did run after him. I didn't even realize that I had started running, but knew that I must have done something good when my Mom and Dad got really excited about it. I love my car rides to the park and barking at the deer in the woods along the way. My parents took me and Riley to a new park that had lots of trails and trees. I couldn't decide where to smell first. It was like Dogneyworld!



So now the not so good, but no too bad either news... I'm having surgery at the end of the month to remove those polyps that have been bothering me for a while and the lipoma on my front underarm is rather large and will probably be operated on at the same time. I had my blood work done a week ago and it all looks really good, except my thyroid was really low. My parents and even the vet was surprised because my hair is growing so rapidly and I've really never been lethargic. I'm on Soloxine now and that should help me - I guess. I (my mom probably as I won't be up to writing) will certainly let you know how it all goes on October 28th. I really like my female vet now because she bribes me with cheese whiz and talks very sweetly to me. I even let a male tech take blood from my neck for a blood test without growling at him. I could tell that my parents really like the vet and all the vet techs there and that helps keep me more calm. I'm almost a celebrity when I go in as a lot of the technicians come in to the examination room just to see me and how I'm improving.



I plan on entering the calendar contest because I feel so good about myself and my life that I want everyone to see it.

My sister Sommer is still away at university in Scotland (wherever that is!) and I get to see her on Skype on occasion. Christmas will be so great when she comes home...then my family will be complete again.

In case you are wondering, Bart the cat still tastes pretty good on the top of his head. I occasionally sort out Riley's ears because he likes me to. And we tend to lay very close to each other no matter what room that we are in.

My Daddy will lay on the floor next to me and talk to me, so I lick him ALL OVER his face and ears. I kiss my mom a lot too, but my favorite time to do that is in the morning when she is still soundly sleeping and her face is facing to the outside of the bed, which makes it much easier to just surprise her with a huge lick across the face. I feel that it is my duty to wake her in that manner. She must not mind though, because she either gets up out of bed to pet me or pretends to be asleep, while she still pets me. I'm very hard to resist.

I hope you special ladies are out helping more angels like me. I owe you everything for placing me in one loving home after another. My life could have easily gone in a different direction and I really haven't even gotten over some of those earlier times, but am certainly now in a place that will allow me to make some positive changes for myself. It's nice to know that I matter... to so many loving people. So as always, thank you for loving me first and hope you are well and safe!

Love,
Gracie



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



We'd like to take this time to thank you for all the support you've given us over the past year and we wish everyone a

very happy holiday season and a wonderful 2015!

Have you become a German Shepherd Rescue of the Rockies friend on Facebook? What are you waiting for? You'll stay up-to-date on all our happenings Adoptions, Fundraisers, Fostering and Upcoming Events!

So next time you're on Facebook, make sure to check us out!



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.

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& Training... Or you may even find your new best friend!

Check us out at: <http://www.pinterest.com/gsror/>



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