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UPCOMING EVENTS

We will be out at the Katz & Dogs located at 22978 E. Smokey Hill Rd. Aurora, CO 80016 on June 18th from 12- 2pm. Please stop by to meet some of our wonderful dogs looking for their new family.

JULY EVENTS

We will be out at the Brown Dog School for the Ninth Annual Adoption Party event on July 9th from 12- 3 pm. There will be many other rescue breeds groups there with activities, vendors, prizes and food. Donations are accepted for dog food, toys and blankets. All proceeds will go to the local rescue groups

We will also be Tawaga Gardens for the Grey Kitty Birthday Party event on July 16TH

FLYERS COMING SOON!!!

MAY ADOPTIONS

Congratulations to our May adoption pups who found their forever homes. We are so happy for you and you families!



Radar



Marcy



Lola





ALI'S JOURNEY

For those of you who do not know of Ali, she came into rescue 5 weeks ago with a torn ACL. And with the help from some very caring people we were able to raise the money needed to have her surgery. Unfortunately the sutures that were sewn into her knee to hold the two bones together broke and she had to have the surgery performed again. Now she is brand new and doing great. She is still looking for her very own forever family, and if you have a place for her in your heart and home for an older girl that is very sweet and gets along with all animals, please fill out an application for her at www.gsr.or.com



MEET TRACEY

GSROR is delighted to welcome to our team Tracey. She is our new Rescue Trainer and helps with new dog evaluations, training for our dogs while in rescue that need a little help. And she volunteers her time to help our adopters with any behavior issues, training questions or problems they have after they bring their new member home. Every month we will have a special section dedicated to Tracey's Training Tips where she will give suggestions, tips, comments and information on topics such as training, behavior, communication and body language.



Tracey's Training Tips

Perhaps you have taught your dog to sit, lie down, or even heel using the command words "sit", "down" and "heel." Have you also taught your dog a "release command?" A release command is a word or phrase of your choosing that you say to your dog when he no longer needs to remain sitting, to stay in a down position or to continue walking by your side. Like an employee clocking out at the end of the day, a release command lets your dog know that he is done with his "job" and can do as he likes. The powerful thing about teaching a release command is that it essentially acts as a "stay" command. Basically, when you ask your dog to sit, he must remain sitting until you release him. So, he "stays" sitting. In trainer lingo, this is called a built-in stay. To teach a release





command, first pick a word or phrase. It can be anything. Some favorites are “okay,” “free,” and “all done.” Typically, the word “okay” is not recommended because it is a word that is so frequently used in daily life that it might confuse the dog. You can even be creative and use a word like “kumquat” or “sassafras.” Whatever you enjoy saying and can remember works as a release command. Now, whenever you ask your dog for a sit and they sit, for instance, quickly say your release word before they stand up and then praise them. If, however, your dog stands up before you can say your release word, put them back in a sit position and try again. After a number of repetitions, your dog will start to understand that he needs to stay in a sit position until he hears another word (sound) that means he doesn’t have to sit anymore.

Not only does having a release command let the dog know when it is okay for him to do something other than what you just told him to do, but it will also teach him to “stay” until released.

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

STILL WAITING FOR THEIR FOREVER FAMILIES

These beautiful dogs are still waiting to meet their forever families. Please help us complete their lives and yours. Please fill out an app on our website if you would be interested in meeting any of these wonderful dogs at www.gsr.or.com



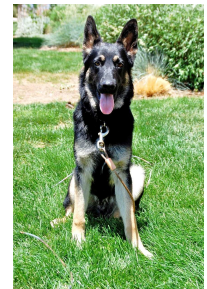
Krisha



Ali



Carson



Neptune



Ginger



Gloria



Gus



Mary





Why Prevent Heartworm?



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Untreated Heartworm Disease Can Be Fatal

A tiny bite from just one mosquito is all it takes for the parasite to enter your pet's body and bloodstream. Over time, heartworm larvae can grow into long worms that live in the heart and major vessels surrounding the heart. The heart muscles get weakened and the pet's lungs slowly get obstructed. If left undetected or untreated, the worms can even cause sudden death.

This is why heartworm preventives are important and should be administered year-round. Tablet or topical treatments are available for you to administer once a month, or the veterinarian can give your pet a preventive injection every six months. A yearly heartworm test and preventives are crucial for minimizing your pet's risk of contracting this serious disease.

Prevalence

Banfield's Applied Research and Knowledge (BARK) team reports that heartworm disease is most prevalent for dogs in Mississippi (6.7%), Arkansas (6.3%), Louisiana (5.0%), Alabama (2.9%) and Texas (2.6%). According to BARK, dogs living in the south central region are almost 30 times as likely to test positive for heartworms than dogs living in the northwest region.

But it doesn't matter where you live because heartworm disease is present in all 50 states and has been diagnosed during every month of the year and in every state where there is a Banfield hospital. Although heartworm disease can affect both dogs and cats, it is not as common in cats.

Symptoms

In the early stages of the disease, your pet might not show any symptoms. In fact, in most cases, a pet will show no initial signs of having the disease. But the development of a persistent cough, a reluctance to exercise, fatigue after light exercise and a decrease in appetite and weight can be indications that the disease is present. Cats' symptoms of heartworm disease can include vomiting, rapid breathing and weight loss.

Diagnosis and Treatment

Following a heartworm test, your veterinarian will perform a complete blood count and urinalysis if your dog is diagnosed with the disease. The medication for treatment (immiticide) is used to kill adult heartworms and stop them from reproducing and involves multiple special injections by a veterinarian and strict exercise restriction. You will be instructed to limit your dog's activity during treatment and keep its blood pressure and heartbeat low. Too many worms in the lungs can clog blood vessels and potentially cause death. In addition, routine blood work will be done by your veterinarian to monitor the progress. After treatment, year-round heartworm preventives will be recommended to prevent re-infection.

There is no approved treatment in the United States for heartworm disease in cats and so prevention of the disease is particularly crucial.





Charity Dog Wash



**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO MADE
THIS EVENT A SUCCESS!**



**WE HAD A WONDERFUL EVENT WITH
ALL THE FOLKS WHO CAME TO
SUPPORT OUR NEW RESCUE.**



**EVEN THE DOGS ENJOYED GETTING
ALL THE ATTENTION.**



**A SPECIAL THANKS TO HOBNOB PET
DAYCARE FOR HOSTING THIS EVENT!**



HAPPY TAILS WAGGING IN THEIR NEW HOMES

