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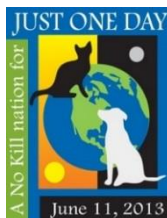
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Just One Day...can make all the difference in the World

One Day. 24 Hours. Tuesday. June 11, 2013.

One day means so many things to so many people, but for an animal in a shelter, it can be the difference between life and death. That is why on June 11, 2013, hundreds of animal shelters and rescues across the nation and in Canada will pledge not to kill any animals that are adoptable and instead apply their time and energy to finding homes for the animals in their care. The hope is that in the very near future, all shelters will have a No Kill policy. For shelters and rescues that always supported a No Kill policy, this is an opportunity for them to bring attention to this sad reality.

According to the ASPCA website, between 5 and 7 million companion pets enter animal shelters across the nation and "approximately 3 million to 4 million are euthanized (60 percent of dogs and 70 percent of cats)," that amounts to over 8,000 killed in just one day. The percentage of animals killed in shelters varies from state to state.



On June 11th, events will be held all cross the nation. In Denver, City Park will be the site of a Just One Day event from 3pm-8pm. Volunteers from a number of organizations, including "No Kill Colorado" will be on hand to offer information on lifesaving programs. Furthermore, Colorado's Governor, John Hickenlooper, recently signed a proclamation designating the date be celebrated as a day "...where shelters agree not to euthanize their healthy adoptable animal for one day and instead use innovative techniques to market their homeless pets, promote adopting and engage in community outreach as a means to empty their shelters..."



GSROR is happy to sponsor a program dedicated to showing shelters that there are other options before ending a life. We have pulled many dogs from shelters due to overcrowding. We have also taken in many dogs due to health or behavior issues which caused the shelter to deem the dogs unadoptable or requiring of too many resources.

When we are contacted about a GSD who does not have a chance where they are, we bring them into our rescue. We provide the necessary health care, training, guidance and support, so we can place them in suitable homes. We are asking shelters to reach out to more rescue groups, like us, more often or host more adoption events, so that these wonderful creatures have the chance to live a good life filled with love and happiness instead of being put to sleep.

For more information, please visit www.justoneday.ws and www.nokilldenver.org.

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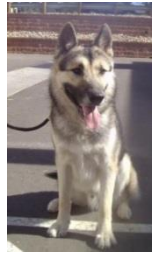
For more information on these wonderful dogs looking for a home, please visit our website at www.gsr.or.com.



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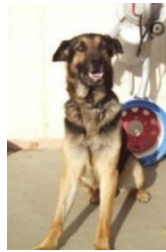
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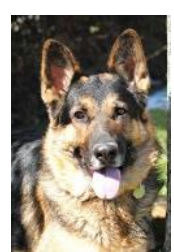
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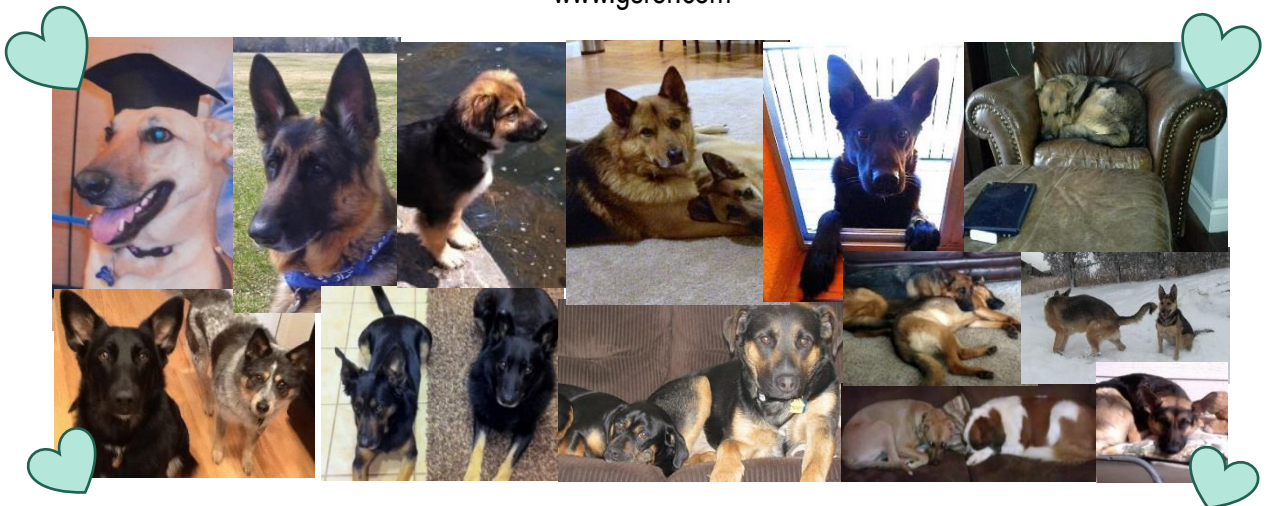
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Happy Tails

Happy Dogs in Happy Homes! To see more Happy Tails, check out our website at www.gsr.or.com





TRACEY'S TRAINING TIPS



Reinforcements: A Fancy Term for Anything Good

Let's talk about "good things," shall we? Hmm...good things for me? The sound of rain, gift certificates, popcorn, and heated neck wraps. How about for you? *And now*, how about for your dog? My dog finds leg rubs, belly tickles, playing fetch, chasing the cat, oh, and popcorn (wonder why!) to be good things.

Dogs love reinforcements. They learn from them, whether we intend for them to or not. For instance, a dog jumps on a person's leg and the result is him getting petted. Dog learns that jumping on person gets him a "good thing." Reinforcements can work the other way in training, too, of course. I say "sit", dog sits, and he gets a piece of chicken. So, dog learns that a good thing comes when he puts his bottom to the ground upon hearing the sound "s-i-t."

Sometimes, what we think would be a good thing to a dog is not necessarily so. Our job, then, is to discover what our dog *really* likes. That knowledge can help us bond with him and effectively train him, but it can also enlighten us as to why he does the things he does, especially those behaviors that are not so desirable.

Obvious "good things" for a dog would be food and toys. What else would make a dog feel like he just scored? How about getting to ride in the car? Or go on a walk? Or jump in a stream? Or go sniff another dog? Or get on the couch? Take some time to really observe what your dog likes to do or to get. If they are things that you are happy to provide for him, then use any of them to train your dog or at least request desired behaviors from him.

For example, your dog LOVES to go for walks but jumps all over you when you are trying

to leash him up. Use the eventual reward of going on a walk to teach him to hold still while you put the leash on. Begin by leaning over to attach the leash. When he jumps up, stand up and refuse to put on the leash. When he stops jumping, bend over to leash again. Continue the process (and he might learn quickly or he might take quite some time) until he figures out that the quickest way for him to get to go on the walk is to stand still while the leash goes on.

You can also use your observations about what your dog thinks is good in the reverse way. Going back to our example about a dog who jumps on a person and gets petted. You might be frustrated by his behavior but not know how to stop it. Observe *what* the dog is getting out of the bad behavior. In this case, he gets petted or touched. So, the easiest way to stop the behavior is to take away what he finds rewarding or "reinforcing" and only give it to him when he is doing what you would prefer he do.

One important note: If at any time, your dog gets his "good thing" when you do not intend it, he will remember that and try for the good thing again. If you pet him once when he jumps up on you, after you have broken his habit of thinking that he gets petted for jumping, you might find that you are back to square one.

At any rate, take some time to watch your dog. When and how does he find joy? You might just learn something new about him, which will at the very least strengthen your ability to communicate with him.

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Kibbles and Bits:

How Safe are Our Pets in Automobiles?

Center for Pet Safety™ conducted a Pilot Study on Pet Harnesses and the results were alarming.

For the past several years, a number of products have come on the market that offer pet owners some peace of mind when traveling with their dog in the car. Dog safety harnesses or “canine automotive restraints” work like a seat belt for humans. They consist of a harness that wraps around the dog’s body and a strap that attaches to a car’s seat belt. The premise was promising. Using guidelines from child restraint systems, manufacturers attempted to create the same safe environment in cars for dogs. However, most of the manufacturing companies did not do their own scientific research on their products with regard to the effectiveness of a safety harness on a dog’s body in the event of an accident.

In 2011, the Center for Pet Safety implemented a pilot study “to determine the *general effectiveness* of canine automotive restraints,” after the founder of the organization’s pet dog was seriously injured while wearing such a safety harness. Using harnesses intended for bigger breeds, tests were conducted at a research facility that also does automotive tests for the U.S. Dept. of Transportation. Tests were videotaped involving a crash test dummy dog model in

30 mph simulated car crashes. The results were alarming. 100% of the harnesses failed to prove safe enough to protect the dog, as well as the humans, in a car during a collision. Some of the issues included the harness failing and the dog becoming a projectile in the car and the harness becoming a choking or bodily-compressive danger to the dog.

When contacted by the Center for Pet Safety, dog safety harness manufacturers acknowledged that they had no standards by which to construct such harnesses, but had intended to create a helpful, if not lifesaving, product.

The safety of our pets factors high in the decisions we make – just look at the difference we have seen in the dog food industry. However, there is still quite a bit of work to be done in determining the standards by which safety products are engineered for our canine buddies. If you would like more on the pilot study conducted by the Center for Pet Safety organization, please visit:

www.centerforpetsafety.org.

New Mobile App to Help Report Animal Cruelty

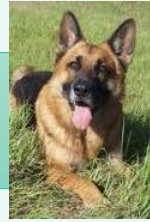
ALDF Crime Tips App

The Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF) has developed a mobile app to help people report animal abuse and neglect to local law enforcement. For more information, please go to www.aldf.org and search their site for “crime tips app” or visit the German Shepherd Rescue of the Rockies website, www.gsr.or.com, for a link on the front page.



For the Love of a Dog

Inspiring Stories, Trivia, and Some Surprising Fun!



MATCH THE QUOTE TO THE PERSON WHO SAID IT:

1. "Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read."
 2. "Happiness is a warm puppy."
 3. "Dogs never bite me. Just humans."
 4. "Meow' means 'woof' in cat."
 5. "I am fond of pigs. Dogs look up to us. Cats look down on us. Pigs treat us like equals."
 6. "If there are not dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went."
 7. "Dogs feel very strongly that they should always go with you in the car, in case the need should arise for them to bark violently at nothing right in your ear."
- A. Winston Churchill
 - B. Charles M. Shultz
 - C. Dave Barry
 - D. Marilyn Monroe
 - E. Groucho Marx
 - F. Will Rogers
 - G. George Carlin

Answers: 1-E, 2-B, 3-D, 4-G, 5-A, 6-F, 7-C

Thanks to www.goodreads.com/quotes.

German Shepherds...Everywhere!

Never a Dull Moment... we recently had 11 dogs all at one park to take some photos for our website. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this possible!



Riley's Reading Room, Part 2

'Cause what is summer without some good books to read?



No Buddy Left Behind: Bringing U.S. Troops' Dogs and Cats Safely Home from the Combat Zone -- by Crisp and Hurn.

Merle's Door: Lessons from a Freethinking Dog -- by Kerasote

Amazing Gracie: A Dog's Tale -- by Dye

The Art of Racing in the Rain: A Novel -- by Stein

Until Tuesday: A Wounded Warrior and the Golden Retriever Who Saved Him -- by Montalvan

**Sergeant Rex: The Unbreakable Bond Between a Marine and His Military Working Dog* -- by Dowling *GSD Alert! Woof!

Winterdance: The Fine Madness of Running the Iditarod
--by Paulsen

~Enjoy!

Come Join Us
This Summer!

Calendar of Events

June 11, Tuesday- Just One Day: No Kill Colorado at City Park in Denver, 3pm-8pm.

July 13, Saturday- Brown Dog Adoption Party in Wheat Ridge. (More info to come)

August 17, Saturday- Denver Pet Expo, Merchandise Mart in Denver, 10am-6pm.

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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.