



# The GSROR Quarterly

## German Shepherd Rescue of the Rockies

A Colorado Non-Profit Organization 501 (c)(3)

### AN UPDATE ON OUR SPECIAL KIDS

We can't thank everyone enough for all the support and donations that have been given to our three special kids, Gracie, TeddyBear and Bella and we thought you might enjoy an update on how they are all doing.



**Gracie's** biopsy came back negative for cancer from the mass on the back knee but was positive for sarcoma cancer from the mass on her face. At this time there is nothing more to do but watch to see if another mass may show up in the same area. This type of cancer has legs that they probably did not get all of it due to the location of being right under her eye. We were advised to not move forward with chemo until we see if this re-appears so the good note is that we can hope they got it all with the first surgery. The mass they found on her elbow when removing her stitches is a fatty mass that is nothing to be concerned with. Gracie is a trooper for all she has been through and we are not putting any undue stress on her. She has been in a great foster home with mom, dad, 2 male GSD's and 2 cats - she has lots of company and gets tons of attention. As long as she gets her allergy meds every day she is good to go. Gracie will be up for adoption soon.

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Thank you all so very much for helping us meet our expenses for these three very special dogs and to continue to do what we do!

**TeddyBear** developed other issues with bloody diarrhea, after a trip to the vet, he is now being treated for hook worms, another pest he got in Kansas. After these parasites were gone we did the last two injections for heartworm. Teddy has a bounce in his step and loves his tennis balls. He's good for one short throw and then he's down chewing on it happy as a clam. He gets along great with all dogs and cats he could care less about. He is deaf but he is learning sign language and responding very well. His favorite thing, other than treats, is to have both sides of his head rubbed while scratching his ears. Teddy will need to be heartworm tested again in 4 months but he is showing all the signs of being rid of them. We will be posting him for adoption soon.



**Bella** has started on prescription food and meds to try and help her gain some weight, if this does not do the trick, she will have to face surgery for an intestinal biopsy. She remains 15-20 pounds underweight but is a happy - happy girl that doesn't know she could be the next Twiggy....(for those of you that are old enough to remember her). We are hoping as soon as she gains 10 pounds to place her up for adoption too.

# Available Dogs



**CHEWIE**

Chewie, short for Chewbacca, is about 14 months old. He rides great in a car and enjoys walks, he loves his toys and playing with his person.



**CHLOE**

She is a very sweet, loving, affectionate, playful girl that enjoys just about anything.



**ATHENA**

Athena is almost 4 years old and is looking to be part of a family that will give her lots of love and support.



**RUDI**

Rudi is a sweet boy that is good with people, loves walks and car rides.



**TIA**

Tia loves to be with people, car rides and walks.

For more information on the dogs listed above or about GSROR, please visit our website at [www.gsror.com](http://www.gsror.com)

# Available Dogs



**SAM**

Sam is a 4 year old girl that is very people friendly and a great family pet.



**SHILOH**

Sammy is so loving and affectionate with the people she trust and will shower them with kisses as she learns how to please.



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## **FOSTER A GSD**

Not sure if now is the right time to adopt but you're looking to make a difference and would love to hear the pitter-patter of little (or big) paws? GSROR is still in desperate need of foster homes!

By fostering, you're not just opening your home to a dog in need, you're saving a life. And the more foster homes we have, the more lives we can save. Some of our dogs come to us with behavioral issues, so we have found that previous experience with German Shepherds is helpful but regardless of your experience with this particular breed, our dogs need good foster homes and we would love for you to join our foster team.

If you're interested in becoming a foster parent for GSROR, please read our Fostering Guidelines on our website at <http://www.gsror.com/foster-guidelines/>

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# JOIN US FOR A *FUNDRAISER* FOR GERMAN SHEPHERD RESCUE OF THE ROCKIES



*Into The Fire*  
A Paint Your Own Pottery Studio

**Into The Fire, A Paint Your Own Pottery Studio in Olde Town Arvada is doing a fundraiser for German Shepherd Rescue of the Rockies!**

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Just come in to paint between

***FRIDAY JUNE 6TH THROUGH SUNDAY JUNE 15TH***

and **20% or more** of your sales receipt will be donated to GSROR...

**All you need to do is mention you are painting for GSROR!**

**Reservations recommended but walk-in's are welcome with availability.**

Paint for your pet or paint for your people. Either way you come away with something you can use and you've just helped the rescue dogs too.

### Painting is fun and easy for all ages!

- 1) Pick your piece
- 2) Pick your colors
- 3) Create your masterpiece
- 4) Pick it up a week later after it's been glazed and fired



Call Into The Fire today to schedule your time to help Rudi, Chloe and all the wonderful dogs with GSROR!

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**Check us out on the web at:**

**[www.IntoTheFireArvada.com](http://www.IntoTheFireArvada.com)**



**PLUS ....** Paws 'n Play, the pet food store next to Into The Fire will also donate a percentage of sales from toys and treats during this time frame as long as you **mention the rescue**. Don't forget to get your pets something yummy and fun, and you'll be helping the rescue in more ways than one. [www.PawsNPlay.com](http://www.PawsNPlay.com)



# GSROR BUMPER STICKERS

GSROR now has Bumper Stickers on sale! There are 2 cool stickers for you to choose from at the amazing price of ONLY \$5 each and the best part, all proceeds go to help our wonderful GSDs!

To purchase your stickers, contact Jessica at [jessicaluvsherboys@gmail.com](mailto:jessicaluvsherboys@gmail.com) and place your order. Please specify which sticker and how many you would like. The first sticker is 3 x 5" black, white & red and second is 3 x 10" clear sticker with white lettering.

Payment can be made through the PayPal link on our website at [www.gsr.or.com](http://www.gsr.or.com) or by check made payable to GSROR and mailed to PO Box 1481, Westminster, Colorado 80701.

Once your payment has been received, your stickers will be mailed to you so please make sure your address is included on the Paypal order, on your check or let us know where you would like them shipped to.

Thank you for your support and please make sure to tell all your friends, neighbors and family as this is for a good cause to help the ones that are waiting for their family to come and take them home



## THANK YOU!



On behalf of Sammy and all of us at GSROR, we would like to take a moment to give a very special thanks to Brian Bergford with Altitude Dog Training and Uptown Dog Behavior Center & Daycare for his involvement with our rescues. Brian has given of his time to evaluate and work with some of the more behaviorally challenged dogs that we have pulled into our group. He has helped us understand their issues and work through them with proper training techniques and given us insight about the types of families and homes they will need to succeed in the future.

Brian and his staff work with these tough cases to determine the source of the dogs' issues and then implement a program to rehabilitate and guide them to become balanced and well-mannered companions. The dogs also have access to play groups (assuming they don't have serious aggression issues toward other dogs) which gives them the opportunity to learn appropriate canine social skills even if they're a bit rough around the edges or were denied access to other dogs while they were puppies.

Brian is also the author of Brian's Bite-size Behavior Bits which is featured on our website and in our newsletters. He has a fabulous take on training and makes working with your dog a fun, insightful, and informative learning experience.

We highly recommend him as your next trainer as well as his facility in Longmont for boarding and daycare. For more information about Brian and his behavior center please visit the following links:

<http://altitudedogtraining.com/> and <http://www.uptown-dog.com/>

## The Power of NOW

In the previous installment of Brian's Bite-Sized Behavior Bits, we explored the power of YES. This time, we're going to focus on the power of NOW. What is it, exactly? Consider the following scenario: you're in a restaurant and ask your waiter if you can take a look at the dessert menu he's got tucked under his arm. He says "Certainly, sir" and just stands there. You keep waiting for him to hand it over but to your amazement he looks at you as though he didn't even hear what you said. After a long, awkward silence he yawns, stretches his arms above his head, and finally relinquishes it to you.

The power of NOW is what you would have liked your not-so-awesome waiter to have exercised in the restaurant; as in "*give me the menu in a reasonable time frame, please*". It's also what you would like your dog to have done when you asked him politely to lie down and he did it... like three years later when he was good and ready. Requests – at least to us humans – hold an unspoken expectation that there is an associated time window in which they should be carried out. How do you activate the power of NOW? First, you need the power of YES in your corner. Your dog must understand what you want him to do before you can expect to sharpen his response time. If you haven't yet read my last article, make sure you do so to ensure that your dog has a proper foundation in place. Then you can begin to fine-tune his obedience and teach him about earnestness.

One tool I have found quite useful is something I like to refer to as the "you snooze: you lose" technique. In the early stages of teaching your dog a command, be very patient and tell him "Yes!" as soon as he does what you asked. When you start teaching him about the power of NOW, however, you only say "Yes!" and give him a reward *if* he does it quickly; you are effectively raising your standard – and his requisite workload. When he first learns a "down", let's say he's completing the task in 5 seconds, on average. In order to polish that response, you become pickier and only say "Yes!" if he does it within 4 seconds... then 3 seconds... and eventually 2 seconds. This is accomplished *gradually* by capturing and rewarding progressively faster responses and ignoring latent ones.

Another way to build speedier obedience is through providing guidance with light pressure. For instance, if you say "sit", allow for compliance within your pre-determined window before gently introducing steady pressure to your dog's leash in an upward direction. Maintain that pressure until his bottom is on the ground and then release it altogether. When you give commands in the future, he will begin to anticipate the collar tension and respond more quickly. Applying these concepts to our example with the waiter, you could omit a tip on visits when he procrastinates (no reward). If he doesn't understand the purpose of your passive-aggressive hint, you could help him understand by applying some social pressure, i.e. clearing your throat and holding your hand out for the menu. It's the same concept.


Incorporate the power of NOW into your daily training sessions. It teaches your dog that when he dillydallies, he misses the opportunity for a reward and/or feels mild pressure until he does what was requested of him, but when he does things on time, he earns a "Yes!" plus a treat, toy, or praise.

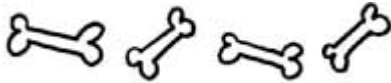
## Have You Pinned Us Yet?

That's right, German Shepherd Rescue of the Rockies is now on Pinterest!

For pictures of all of our adoptable dogs, like Sam here, health news and just general great shepherd/dog stuff, follow us today. <http://www.pinterest.com/GSROR>

Please share our pins with your friends who may be looking for a German Shepherd or just need some good information. And if you've adopted from us, please share pictures of your pup.

Happy Pinning! 



### 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.



### Our Board of Directors

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Events!

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

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/German-Shepherd-Rescue-of-the-Rockies-GSROR/144165055641962?v=wall>

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**Westminster, CO 80036**

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