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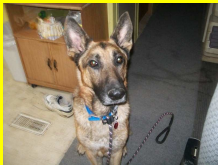
Note from Katie:

We are in full swing this Spring with GSROR news, events, and PUPPIES!!! We have had some wonderful dogs come through our rescue and touch our hearts, including 5 adorable German Shepherd/Lab puppies!!! Included in

this newsletter are just a few stories from the past couple of months at GSROR. We have had the opportunity to change the lives of many lost, homeless, and less fortunate dogs as well as their new owners who have welcomed new family

member (s) into their homes. Thanks to all of you for your time, energy, financial resources, and support. We couldn't do it without YOU. We look forward to your continued support this year. Happy Spring to all!!!

Featured Dog (s):

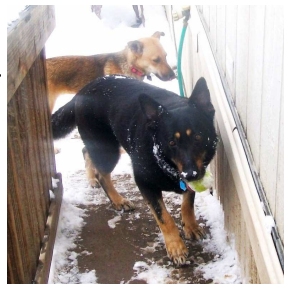


A Life Cut Short...

Thank you to those who followed Leo's story. This poor baby's weak body could not handle everything that was wrong with it. Leo was only with us for 20 days before he lost his battle to heart worm disease, but he touched many lives and will be deeply missed. He was truly loved by his foster family, Pat, and Katie. Thank you to all who donated to pay for his medical expenses in hopes of giving him a better life. He is comfortable now.

Meet Maddie!

Maddie is a 6 yr old female who was used for breeding and then tossed outside to fend for herself when she could no longer have any more puppies. Her previous owners hoped she would get hit by a car, so they could be rid of her. However, she did not let this kill her spirit. This happy girl loves to play with other dogs and people. She enjoys car rides and just hanging out with you to keep you company. She would be a wonderful companion for any family that just wants a friend.



If you would like to meet Maddie, please visit our website at www.gsror.com and complete an application.

Foster Me PLEASE!



Greta came into rescue from MO on 2/18 and immediately had surgery to remove a growth from her chest.

Since there were no foster homes available, she was kenneled in order to heal properly. We believe that Greta has lived in shelter type atmospheres most of her life. She hates them!!! She panics and tries desperately to get out to be with people that will pay attention to her. Unfortunately she tore open her stitches and had to go back through surgery.

She is in a temp home for now but needs her own place so she can cooperate from surgery.

If you can give her a safe haven for at least 2 weeks please email Katie at gsroar@gmail.com.

What's New: Puppies, puppies,

On November 10, 2011 a kind woman pulled a very pregnant German Shepherd momma from the Joplin Humane Society. The timid shepherd was about to be put down because she was pregnant, and the shelter was out of room. About 5hrs after leaving the shelter, Bella gave birth to 6 adorable puppies.

The woman who saved Bella has decided to keep her and raised the puppies until they were ready to go on their own. The puppies are very sweet and loving and have been raised in a house with other dogs, a house cat, and kids. One of the puppies was adopted by a wonderful family in Missouri and 5 (2 girls and



EVENTS:

Auraria students will be hosting an animal fair on Monday, April 2nd from 9am—5pm at the Tivoli Commons (Auraria Campus, 900 Auraria Parkway, Denver CO, 80204) for the **Humane Treatment of Animals.**

The Auraria Animal Fair promotes various local and statewide animal shelters, welfare organizations, and influential individuals in the animal rights movement. Walk by the Tivoli Commons to learn more about adopting a pet, eating a more humane diet, and helping out animals who are suffering in

CHECK OUT GSROR!!
We are featured in the February/March issue of Mile High Dog Magazine - "Can You Rescue Me"

German Shepherd
Rescue of the Rockies

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3 boys) were sent to GSROR in February. They have all received great vet care and are current on age appropriate vaccinations, heartworm prevention, have been micro chipped and altered.

We think that Dad might be a lab, but it's hard to tell. From the looks of these pups' paws, they will be big dogs. All are happy, healthy, and very smart. They are learning their basic commands and socialization.



FOSTER HOMES NEEDED SO OUR KIDS CAN BE PART OF A FAMILY UNTIL THEIR OWN FAMILY COMES ALONG!

Please send in **HAPPY TAILS** Videos for our website!

puppy mills, factory farms, and captive hunt facilities.

Experts in the field of animal welfare and animal rights will be on the campus to answer any question you have

GSROR will have a table with t-shirts, brochures, a donation jar, etc... NO dogs will be present.

If you would like more information about the fair, you may visit:

<http://humanetreatmentofanimals.com/events/auraria-animal-fair/>

To volunteer your time and help educate others about our organization, please contact Katie at gsroar@gmail.com

Thanks!



Tracey's Training Tips: Building Confidence in Your Puppy!

“Socializing Your Puppy” is a phrase that has come to mean “allowing your dog to interact with and learn from other dogs.” In the dog training world, “socializing your puppy” means much more than simply that. It also means building confidence in your puppy by exposing him to all sorts of new and unfamiliar things in a positive way, so he experiences no fear or overcomes his fear and is willing to check out even more new things as he gets older. Think about it, your puppy has only been in this world for a very short time and the world is a huge place! It would take forever to expose him to everything the world has to offer, but if you work on building his confidence right from the start, this will create an ability in him to continue experiencing new things for the rest of his life without initially reacting with fear. In other words, he will have developed the confidence to explore. The most important aspect of this activity is not how many new things you can expose him to, but rather, that every single interaction is carried out in a positive manner. Additionally, if your puppy shows any signs of hesitation or fear, your number one goal is to work with your puppy in a calm and rewarding way, so he overcomes his hesitation and associates the new thing with a

good experience. Referring to Dr. Sophia Yin’s “Checklist for Socialization” from her book, Perfect Puppy in 7 Days as a guideline, here is a list to give you an idea of the types of interactions, with positive results as the goal, which will help build confidence in your puppy:

>>Handling (such as touching the



body, holding the puppy, examining the ears, mouth, eyes, and putting on and taking off collars, etc.); Unfamiliar People (all ages, heights of people, all manner of clothing like hats and sunglasses, and all types of movement like in a wheelchair, crawling, etc.); Unfamiliar Dogs and Other Species (old and young dogs who play well, cats, horses, birds, etc. (please supervise all interactions so that all animals and people are safe.)); Surfaces (wood, grass, stairs, wet floors, mud, linoleum, agility equipment, bridges, etc.); Sounds (hair dryer, door bell, vacuum cleaner, sirens, etc.); Ob-

jects (skateboards, bikes, buses, garbage trucks, brooms, etc.); Environments (city streets, veterinary clinic, outdoor malls, inside pet-friendly stores, etc.)<<

With all of these activities, please keep in mind *safety first* and be careful not to overstimulate your puppy. Start with smaller, less intense situations and build from there.

Confidence has to be built. Remember, the most important thing is that each experience is a positive one for your puppy. So, go slow and pay attention to your puppy, watching for any signs that he is feeling uncomfortable (i.e. backing away, head low, tail tucked, body crouched, turning head away, etc.). If the experience is a bit too much for him, talk calmly to him and give him some distance to the item. If necessary, guide him out of the situation. Then, turn around and expose him to something not quite as intense and celebrate the successful moment, even if it just one tiny step in the right direction. For more information about Dr. Sophia Yin’s book, please visit her website

at www.drSophiaYin.com.

“When you have confidence, you can have a lot of fun. And when you have fun, you can do amazing things.”

~ Unknown

The process of building confidence is certainly possible in older dogs. Ideally, if you have a puppy, then is the best time to work with confidence building, before they have had a chance to develop negative or scary associations with anything. But this

behavior/training theory can work with any age dog. If you have any questions about your particular situation and dog, please consult with a professional trainer/behaviorist.



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Located in Centennial, Colorado, TriPodDog Design is a home-based art studio and Jen's pack of dogs like it that way. Denver-area residents are welcome to stop by for a cup a chai to talk about their pet's portrait and meet the ever-changing pack. Or visit me on my website blog for stories about dogs that have passed through my life and the baboons that I worked with in Africa.

Dog News: PET PORTRAITS WITH A HEART by Jen Geraghty

Rescuing dogs and creating pet portraits is my dream come true! Beginning with a single dog which called to me from the pages of a rescue webpage and who has now become a part of my family, I have developed a passion for dog rescue and have found a new outlet for my graphic design and artistic skills. Daily, I have the opportunity to interact with pet-loving people, while I sit in my sunroom surrounded by my dogs and cat, creating art. As administrator of the Sunrise Foundation LTD (a Colorado non-profit dog rescue), my six-pack (or more) of dogs is constantly changing. I am so grateful to have the opportunity to save dogs from the brink, love them and heal them, and then find them a loving home. It's my passion. My family has welcomed and supported my work in building better lives for over 40 rescue dogs to date.

\$20 from every portrait purchased will be donated back to GSROR by selecting GSROR in the pull down menu on the order form on website.

What began as a love for dogs, cats, primates, bunnies, pigs, birds, fish, and all things living has now become an outlet for my creative pursuits. Not only do I have the opportunity to care for these animals, but I am able to use my artistic training to create portraits which highlight and express their personalities. Working from snapshots, I create a digital portrait using Adobe Photoshop and Corel Painter software. With a tablet and stylus in hand, I paint using pixels instead of paint.

After your approval, (satisfaction guaranteed) the digital image is then professionally printed on canvas using the Giclee printing method. The vivid archival colors will not fade and will last a lifetime. The canvas is then stretched, signed and delivered, ready to hang on your wall. The digital files of the image are included in your purchase.



Happy Tails:



Congratulates to all of our adopted dogs and their new families!!!

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