



# SUMMER GSROR Newsletter

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## Note from Katie:

We currently have 14 dogs in rescue and have one more coming in. We are in immediate need of foster homes.

Please go to our webpage at [www.gsr.or.com](http://www.gsr.or.com) and click on the [Fostering Guidelines](#) for more information about our foster program. Some of our dogs come to us with behav-

ioral issues, so we have found that previous experience with German Shepherds is helpful. If you have the desire and the interest but are not familiar with German Shepherds, we ask that you fill out the application. Regardless of your experience with this particular breed, our dogs need good foster homes. We hope to soon have a program avail-

able to educate future foster and adoptive parents about the breed and provide training tips.

We want to thank you for your interest in helping GSROR by opening up your homes, families, and hearts to help a dog in need. Rescues would not exist if not for the thoughtful time and generosity of foster parents.

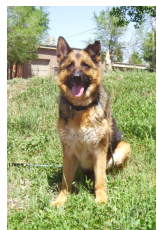
## FAMILY IN NEED!



Meet Axel and his family. GSROR was contacted last month about a possible owner surrender. The family adopted a puppy from a shelter in Louisiana and named him Axel. When they moved to Colorado they took him to the vet and were informed that he has heart worm disease along with hookworm. (story continued on pg 2...)

## Featured Dog (s):

### GUNNI



MY name is Gunni, and I am looking for a new home. I came to GSROR when my owner had to move into an apartment. I am a 7 year old, 99 lb German Shepherd. I am a sweet & gentle giant, who loves to be cuddled and always with you. I love to be on the bed, on the couch, in the car, and go for walks. I make a good protector as well. I bark when I hear someone at the door or feel like my owners are being threatened. I also am not good with small pets such as little dogs or cats. I am use to being in the house while you are at work and want to sleep with you at night. Won't you please consider getting to know me either as a foster or adopt me forever!?

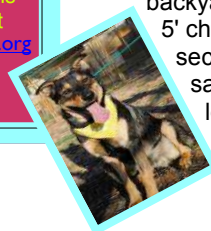
### TAVES!

Taves is a very active 2 yr old boy that loves people and dogs. His ear say a lot about his personality. He plays well with other dogs of all sizes. He rides well in the car and enjoys long walks, although he does pull on the leash. He is very affectionate & loving and will lay in your lap, while giving lots of kisses. Taves can be a little hand shy and may take some time to warm up to people. He does seem to like women over men, but it depends on the person. He doesn't mind being with cats and has good house manners. He is crate trained and house trained and does not chew.



Taves enjoys playing with his toys and catch in the backyard. He can climb a 5' chain link fence, so a secure fence is necessary. Taves would love to be a member of your family!

GSROR alum BUD is making headlines at [www.salinaanimalshelter.org](http://www.salinaanimalshelter.org) under Happy Tails



## Family in Need (contin from pg 1)

The family got Axel the meds needed for hookworm, but the vet wanted \$1200 to treat him for heartworm. This was an amount that they could not afford at the time. They were ready to let him go into rescue to save his life, when they reached out to us for advice or help. We were happy to step in and pay for the treatment so Axel could stay with his family. He is a valued family member who is very much loved. We are happy to report that within only a few weeks of his initial heartworm treatment, Axel is responding very well. Welcome to Colorado, Axel! If you are interested in helping support Axel and his family, you may donate via PAYPAL at [www.gsror.com](http://www.gsror.com).



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## What's New: FAVORS PROJECT

My name is Cindy Thompson and Favor's Project is named after my first retired racing greyhound, Paunan Favor. You always hear about someone rescuing a pet. but in 1996, Favor rescued me and changed my life. I became involved in greyhound rescue and transportation, and started a business making dog collars, beds, and coats and traveling to greyhound adoption group fundraisers in the Midwest. I lost Favor in 2006 to Osteosarcoma. In 2008 I started Favor's Project. We collected good used collars, leashes, and harnesses and donated them to rescue groups. In January 2012, we were asked if we had any collars and leashes that we could do-

nate to the pets of homeless people. We gladly donated what we had, and asked for donations at an agility event where there were vendors. In the first three months of 2012 we received so many donations that it was decided to form a 501(c)3 non-profit to encourage businesses to donate as well.

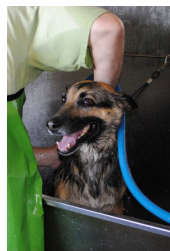
Favor's Project is a very unique non-profit. We have centralized collection of those items that many rescue groups and shelters are not able to obtain on their own. This makes it easier for those who donate to know that their donations are going to organizations that

need them through a central collection. Thanks to the kindness of businesses throughout the Denver Metro area that are allowing us to place donation buckets in their stores, we are now collecting ever more much needed items. As Favor's Project is able to collect more, then we will be able to help more rescue groups and shelters.

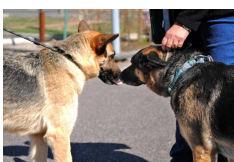
For more information and locations where you can drop off unneeded items, please visit:  
[www.favorsproject.org](http://www.favorsproject.org)  
[www.facebook.com/favorsproject](http://www.facebook.com/favorsproject)

## EVENTS:

Thank you to all of you who came out to our Dog Washing event at Hobnob in May. We were fortunate to have many dirty dogs visit for a bath and nail trim. Groomer, Kestra Cross, donated her services and



Hobnob allowed us to use their wonderful facility to benefit the dogs.



**Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup>** we will be out at Tawaga Gardens for their annual "Grey Kitty Birthday Party". Many animal



and pet rescue groups will attend. There will be a flyer to follow!

Also, **Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>** will be the 10th Annual Adoption Party at The Brown Dog School.

## Tenth Annual ADOPTION PARTY

Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>



come and enjoy:  
 pet caricatures  
 vendors  
 games  
 prizes  
 silent auction  
 food

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

... and maybe find your new best friend!!  
 Accepting donations of old toys, canned food, blankets, collars, leashes, shampoo, & general pet supplies. All proceeds will go to local rescue groups.

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# Tracey's Training Tips: How Does Knowing "Sit" Help Thee? Let Me Count The 20 Ways...

(For ease of explanation, I will be using male gender pronouns when describing "your" dog)

First, let me begin by specifying the type of "sit" I mean. I'm not talking about the kind where you ask your dog for a "sit" and he sits then bounces right back up. I am talking about a "sit" where he sits and waits for you to release him (see the GSROR June 2011 TTT article about the importance of a release word.) The "sit" can be right next to you or from a distance. You might be thinking to yourself, "Teaching a dog sit has got to be one of the most boring tricks there is. Why get all excited about it?" I'll tell you why.....Ready?

1. It's super easy to teach.
2. Just about everyone, even those unfamiliar with dogs, knows that "sit" is a common behavior they can ask a trained dog to do to make a connection.
3. You can have your dog sit to greet people, so he does not jump up on them. This is especially helpful with big dogs greeting children. (Hard to jump, if you are holding a sit.)
4. Your dog can sit before going outside or exiting a car, so he does not charge out into traffic.
5. Sitting is a very polite way for your dog to wait before being fed.
6. How about a "sit" at the top or bottom of the stairs to avoid the dreaded "having your feet knocked out from under you."
7. Ask for a "sit" before throwing

8. Do you ever feel like you are one of the three stooges when going through doorways with your dog? Ask for a "sit" and cross the threshold with space to move.
9. Getting weighed at the vet clinic should be easier with a "sit" on the scale.
10. Speaking of the vet clinic, the



doctor and staff would be so thankful if they could check your dog out while holding a "sit", instead of chasing him around the examining room.

11. If your recall is not as strong as your "sit" command, call to your dog to "sit" from a distance if he is running about and not coming to you. Now, you can approach him.
12. Trying to get that perfect family photo? Your dog might just be the stillest one of the bunch while holding a "sit."
13. If someone is nervous about meeting your dog, having your dog in a sustained "sit" can be less threatening to them.

14. And if your dog is nervous about meeting new people, having the new person ask for a "sit" and give your dog a treat for sitting might help your dog feel a little less unsure.
15. Imagine you are trying to bring groceries in from your car? Wouldn't it be easier if you could prop your door open and know that your dog will sit there and watch you bring in the bags of food? Of course, it would be even better if he could help you bring them in!
16. It's easier to pay at the cash register at your local pet food store, if your dog is in a sit next to you. (I have personally experienced the opposite with a dog that ran to greet another dog entering the store while the leash was on my wrist. My money and purse went flying!)
17. Carrying something fragile? Ask for a "sit" so your dog does not knock, right out of your hands, the rare, priceless vase your Great Auntie just sent you from Timbuktu.
18. You can ask for a "sit" before you open the hot oven, so your dog does not stick his nose in.
19. A glass jar just fell and shattered all over the floor. Ask for a "sit," while you carefully clean up the sharp, slivers of glass.
20. A "sit" can help leashing up or taking off the leash go much quicker.

Could I think of more? Oh, yes. You might have even discovered some situations in your own life when having a dog who knows "sit" has or would come in handy. So, let's not underestimate the importance of teaching your dog to hold a "sit." Ask for it often and reward it always with a treat, a pat or some praise.

Remember to have fun with it! Dog's love learning new things and they are excited by the things they DO know!







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**Protect your pets from the most common causes of in-home pet poisonings:**

**# 1: People Pills**

**# 2: Grapes, raisins, and other human foods**

**# 3: Xylitol**

**# 4: Lilies**

**# 5: Certain flea and tick products**

**# 6: Cleaning supplies**

**# 7: Rodenticides**

**# 8: Glow Jewelry**

**# 9: Lawn chemicals**

**# 10: Paint**

## **Dog News: The Lawn Habit That's Killing Your Dog by Leah Zerbe**

- A lush lawn creates a sense of pride for many American homeowners, but a new study finds that utilizing a chemical lawn service to achieve those results is likely causing malignant cancer in many pet dogs.
- In the study, researchers identified 263 dogs with biopsy-confirmed canine malignant lymphoma (CML), 240 dogs with benign tumors, and 230 dogs undergoing surgeries unrelated to cancer. Then, they asked the pet owners to complete a 10-page questionnaire. Scientists found that dogs with malignant lymphoma were 70 percent more likely to live in a home where professionally applied lawn pesticides had been used. Dogs with the serious malignancy were also 70 percent more likely to come from homes where owners used chemical insecticides to combat pests inside of the home. Interestingly, this study found that use of flea and tick control products did not appear to cause an increased risk of canine lymphoma.

**The pesticide to create lush lawns, may be killing your dog!**

Humans should take this study as a warning, too. The methods researchers used to determine risk in the dog study are part of a trusted model for assessing non-Hodgkin's lymphoma risk in humans. Other studies have linked lawn chemicals to melanoma and childhood leukemia.

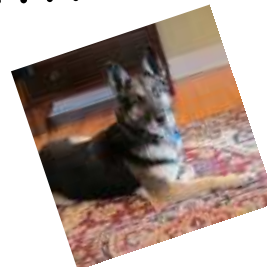
Source: *Abstract of Environmental Health* 112(1): 171-6 (Jan. 2012)



## **Happy Tails:**



Congratulates to all of our adopted dogs and their new families! Please visit our website to view all of the happy tails!! YOU DESERVE IT!



**www.gsror.com/happy-tails/**