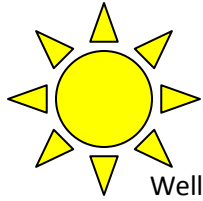


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WHAT'S HAPPENING SO FAR IN 2011?

Well guys this has been One Crazy Summer! We hope everyone has survived the heat as we look forward to fall and hopefully some cooler weather. We've got lots of news to share - from new board members to our upcoming annual reunion and picnic. But before we get into that, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank ALL the volunteers for helping us rescue over **100** dogs already this year! Way to go guys! We couldn't do it without all your support and hard work! We hope that you will all be able to attend the Annual GSRA Reunion Picnic on October 2nd and help us celebrate all the great things that GSRA has achieved over the last year. It's going to be a phenomenal event and we just love seeing all our GSRA alumni and hearing their success stories!

Some of you may already know but we've recently changed the makeup of the GSRA Board of Directors. Two of our more seasoned members, Marcia C. and Cathie H., resigned from the board, creating some empty seats. The Board was able to fill these seats with some new members who were chosen based on a long-standing record of consistent hard work aimed at supporting and improving the activities of GSRA.

Before we introduce you to the newest GSRA Board members, we would like to take a moment to thank Marcia and Cathie for all their time and efforts over the last several years. GSRA would not have been able to grow as much as it has, or place as many dogs as it has, without their tremendous support and hard work. Although Marcia and Cathie have stepped down from the Board, they continue to volunteer with GSRA and remain

essential to the daily operations of the rescue.

Thank you Marcia! Thank you Cathie!

In response to Marcia and Cathie's resignations, we invited Cris H., Erika C., Heather A. and Valerie W. to join the GSRA Board. We are delighted to report that each of them accepted our invitation and are now part of the 9 member GSRA Board of Directors.



Each of the new Board members already plays an integral part in the day to day running of GSRA. Valerie is our "Food Coordinator for Foster Homes," as well as being a foster mom herself! Erika is a long-standing applicant screener who is taking over the "Applicant Screener Coordinator" responsibilities from Cathie. Erika is doing this long-distance from Maine, where she and her husband recently moved – which goes to show that you don't need to be in NC to make a huge impact on the success of GSRA!

Cris is our "Webmaster Guru" and is responsible for developing and running our new and improved GSRA website. Cris' expertise and patience, along with countless hours of work, have enabled us to have a brilliant website that is not only great looking, but that is also highly functional. It allows handling all of our applications as well as allowing foster homes to post and update important information regarding their foster dogs.

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Cris is another long-distance Board member, having just moved to Savannah with her husband. Heather is best known in her role as the " Reunion Picnic Queen"! Heather, along with Erica D., lead the GSRA team as they prepare and then host the annual GSRA Picnic. When Heather isn't organizing picnics, she is screening applicants, assessing dogs and securing great raffle prizes for GSRA.

Cris, Erika, Heather and Valerie join the existing GSRA Board members made up of **Andrea P., Jennifer H., Shannon N., Maureen T. and Lesa A.** Jen and Andrea are our Co-Directors, which simply means that their names go on all the official GSRA correspondence (both good and bad!). They also act as the Intake Coordinators for GSRA, deciding which dogs are brought in and which foster can take a new dog. Shannon is our Foster Coordinator. She created this position and really revolutionized the way we work with our individual foster homes. Shannon also is a foster mom and plays a key role in staging GSRA events.



Maureen is our Treasurer - she keeps our books and makes sure that GSRA stays in the black. Under Maureen's guidance the financial health of GSRA has flourished. Maureen is also the premier puppy fosterer! Lesa serves as GSRA's Volunteer Coordinator and Events Coordinator. Lesa is also a highly accomplished grant writer who has secured numerous grants for GSRA over the last few years. Lesa is also a foster Mom – specializing in black dogs!!

We are often asked how board members are chosen and what the actual function of the GSRA Board really is. Unlike some organizations, the GSRA Board is not some ethereal entity with far-reaching powers and little, if any, hands-on rescue experience. Instead, GSRA Board members are regular volunteers who have accrued many, many hours of volunteer time, and who have a broad understanding of ALL aspects of the GSRA organization. As such, each Board Member is capable of making practical and useful decisions that work for GSRA and help to build and improve this organization as it moves into the future.

As always, thank you for your hard work and support of GSRA. The entire Board of Directors of GSRA looks forward to working alongside all of you in the future!!

As you can see, 2011 has been a successful year so far! With your help we can make this the best year yet for GSRA! New volunteers are always welcomed and there are many different ways you can help us make a difference. Go online now and fill out our volunteer app...

We'd love to have you on our team!!

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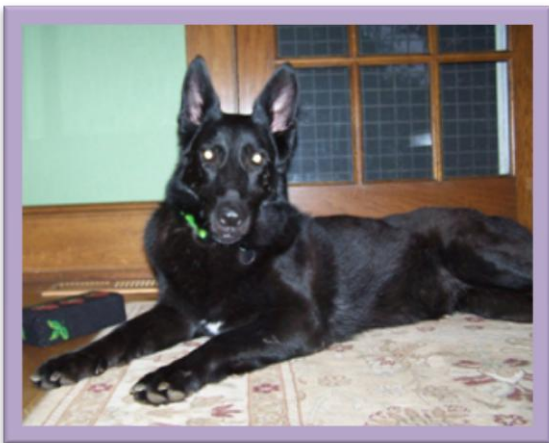
COULD YOU BE THE FAMILY SIMS HAS BEEN WAITING FOR?

“When I brought my new foster dog, Sims, home we went for our first walk together. Her big ears were moving, eyes focusing, her body relaxed and moving, and I thought, “What a magnificent dog!” I wasn’t the only one who thought so either; cars began slowing down, neighbors were watching, kids were pointing and asking, “what kind of dog is that?” or saying “what a beautiful dog”.

Kids often ask what has become my favorite question “is she friendly?” Although she is 71 pounds of black beauty, she put her head down for the first child to pet her; so gentle and so patient she waited for the scratch on top of the head. The child smiled and told me something that I would hear many times after, “she is such a cool dog!”



Sims is a very impressive, loyal, cute, and goofy dog. She loves her people, her food, and the car! She would be very content to be with you 24 hrs a day 7 days a week. No matter where you are in the house, Sims is happy to just be near you. She will sit in her crate (with the door open) and wait all day if she thinks that you are getting ready to feed her! And if she hears the car keys being picked up, she is standing at attention, ears perked, and ready to go. Doesn’t matter where or how long-this dog is ready to go!

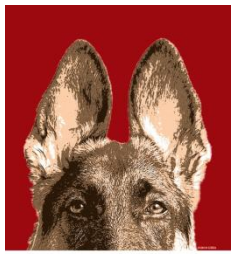


Sims is so patiently waiting for the perfect family! She needs someone who doesn’t mind that she has a slight limp due to her elbow dysplasia (which doesn’t slow her down much!), or that she has a little bit of grey on her beautiful face. She is waiting to show you what a laid back and loyal girl she is and I just know you will love her the minute you meet her! “

~Theresa P.
GSRA Foster Mom

If Sims sounds like the dog you’ve been searching for, go on-line today and complete our adoption application!

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LASSIE COME HOME!



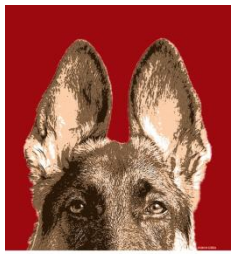
For anyone following our Facebook page, you will know that we recently had a scare with one of our dogs Kane, who ran away from home. It took a week, but we eventually caught him! During that time, we used every available resource to spread the word that Kane was lost, he was loved and we were trying to bring him home. A lot of what we tried was learned from previous experiences dealing with dogs that were AWOL. However, if you have never been in this position before (and I hope that most of you haven't) then knowing what to do or where to start can be daunting. And considering that your heart is already in your mouth worrying about your lost dog, it really isn't the time to be doing research. Therefore, we have compiled a list of things to do as soon as you realize your dog is gone. I cannot stress enough how important - and successful - these action items are. Every minute counts when your dog is out there on his own, so do everything you can to spread the word that he is lost and that you are looking for him. Although you will be met with a lot of ambivalence from people in the community in which your dog is roaming, you will also be helped and supported by complete strangers who care as much about animals as you do. So don't be shy - all you need is that one tip that will lead you to your dog - and if people don't know you are looking, then they won't know to contact you.

Before he goes missing:

- You should always train your dog to "Come" when called. You can also train your dog to "Come" to a dog whistle or a regular whistle. This can simply be done with repetition and human food such as hotdogs or stew meat. Practice in the house. Start by standing a little ways away from your dog and asking him to come to you. Reward him with a piece of hot dog when he comes. Then make it more difficult by going into another room or up the stairs. Again, call your dog and reward when he obeys. Increase the distractions to ensure that your dog has hard-wired this command into his head.
- It goes without saying that your dog should wear a collar with identification tags on it at ALL times. Microchipping your dog is also essential - but it doesn't work unless you REGISTER the chip information and link it to CURRENT contact information. All GSRA dogs are microchipped and this has helped us retrieve numerous dogs that have gotten away from their homes.
- If someone is pet sitting for you, and you know your dog will be nervous that you are not home, ask that the person never leave your dog alone outside. It is not uncommon for dogs to try to "find" their owners when they are away. Don't give your dog the chance of escaping - no matter how sweet his motives are - while you are not home. Even if he is caught, you are unlikely to be available to answer the call reporting him found and a delay in response may see your dog end up at Animal Control. Trust us - we have seen this happen before!



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As soon as your dog goes missing:

- Utilize missing pet services such as <http://www.findtoto.com>. The phone number is **877-738-8686**. For a modest fee, they will call every registered number in a certain mile radius around where your dog went missing. They will give out your dog's information (color, breed, name) as well as your contact information. This resource is best used as soon as possible after your dog has bolted.
- Post an ad on Craig's List in both the "Lost and Found" and "Pets" sections. Always include a picture of your dog. There are other sites that you can also post on. One local one is Triangle Lost Pets (www.trianglelostpets.org).
- Contact all animal related businesses in the area that your dog is missing. This includes: vet hospitals, animal shelters, groomers and pet stores.
 - Post fliers immediately with a picture of the dog and contact information. Translate to another language as the need dictates
 - Walk the streets calling for your dog. Get friends to help. Think about your dog's personality though. Is he likely to come to someone calling his name? Would it be better to call, "Fido – wanna go for a ride?", "Fido – want a cookie?" Think, would he be more likely to come to someone with another dog? Or food? Is he scared of men? In that case, ask women only to help in the search. Tell people to NEVER chase after a skittish dog – if they see the dog, crouch down and call for him, or throw out food. Tell people to call you as soon as they spot your dog, even if they can't catch him.
 - Call the local police and tell them that your dog is missing, what he looks like, what area he was last seen in and ask them to send out a call to all patrol officers in the area. If you come across a mail courier tell them also – these people travel the neighborhood daily and are an excellent source of "eyes and ears" when it comes to looking for your dog.



After he has been gone for more than 48 hrs:

- Utilize your local Animal Control Facility for help and suggestions on catching your dog.
- Use a live trap (you can obtain one from an Animal Control Facility) and place human food inside to tempt the dog. Cover the trap with foliage to camouflage it. Put the dog's bedding or favorite toys inside the trap.
- Make sure that your fliers are still up. Replace any that are missing or have fallen down.
- Continue to walk the streets asking people if they have seen your dog. You CANNOT give up. It took us **7** days to catch Kane.
- Check at the local Animal Shelter to make sure your dog hasn't been picked up. Do not rely on what the person at the front desk tells you when you call and ask if any dogs matching your dog's description have come in. They are busy and do not have time to go look or check in the holding areas.



We sincerely hope none of you have to go through what we went through that week that Kane was missing. But if you do, we hope that some of these tips help make your search successful.



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*“Go on take the money and run...
woof, woof, woof.”*



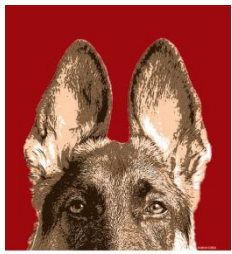
GSRA announces our 2nd Annual 50/50 Raffle. **It's a WIN, WIN for everyone.** Half the winnings go to the rescue to help the pups and the other half will fill your empty pockets. Last year's raffle was a big hit. We raised over \$3,000 and the winner walked away with \$1,500 (well she would have but she kindly donated \$500 back...Thank you Rochelle).

We will be selling tickets at our **2011 Annual Reunion Picnic**, but for those of you that cannot attend, you can send your money in and reserve your tickets today. For those of you that are volunteering or may arrive late, this means you don't have to wait in line. Remember, you **DO NOT** have to be present to win. The winner will be announced on October 2, 2011.

So come on everyone...let's start building that pot and let someone
“take the money and run.”

Cost of Tickets: \$10 each
Buy 3 tickets and get a 4th ticket FREE

To purchase tickets in advance email:
germanshepherdrescueadoptions@charter.net



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**The Future's so Bright
I Gotta Wear Shades**

GSRA
invites YOU to
our 2011 Reunion Picnic
Sunday, Oct 2nd
12 - 4 pm
10301 Penny Road, Cary, NC

Food, Music, Prizes, Good Company
What more could you ask for?

Please RSVP # of people & dogs
to the included email address
All well behaved people
and their dogs are invited!



GSRA cordially invites you to join us for a day of fantastic fun, yummy food, and wonderful company. This is a chance for everyone (volunteers and adopters) to reconnect with each other to see how their GSRA dogs have flourished in their new homes and to meet new friends that share something in common....**RESCUE.**

See below for all the fun things that will be happening. If you'd like to help make this day even more special by helping out in an area you may have some expertise in, let us know.

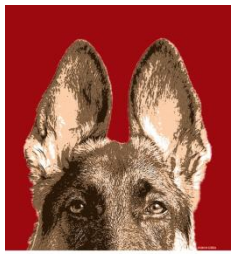
In grand Picnic style-there will be **FOOD**....lots and lots of **FOOD**. We will be cooking a pig (Carolina style, of course)....along with many other yummy foods such as hotdogs, hamburgers, fried turkey, veggie burgers, pasta salads, baked beans and decadent desserts. It does take a lot of food to put this event on and although our volunteers are working hard to make sure we have enough, we could use a little help. If you are a master chef and love to cook, we'd love to sample your special recipe. If you plan on coming and want to contribute, whether it be making a dish or donating some money to help purchase that big piggy, please help out the food committee by signing up! All you have to do to sign up is click on the link www.SignUpGenius.com/go/gstras/679381.

Did you say Raffles Prizes and cool items to bid on????

I thought I heard you say that and **YES**, we will be having several raffles going on along with a Silent Auction. We will be doing a 50/50 Raffle (you win half the pot, the rest goes to the rescue), a chance to win a week's stay in an Oceanfront Beach House on the Outer Banks, and a Cool Vaca-tion stay in one of the premier spots in Phoenix, AZ. (More details to follow on the big prizes and where you can purchase tickets). Along with our big raffles, we will have a general raffle where you can win gift baskets, beautiful artwork, cool products from all the best pet supply places, custom pet portraits, gift certificates...the list goes on. We have some good stuff to give away, but could always use more. **If you have anything you can contribute to the raffle, please email germanshepherdrescueadoptions@charter.net.** So many people have brand new stuff they've never even used...let's put that stuff to good use by raffling it off and making money to save more pups! All donations are tax-deductible and we will gladly provide you with a receipt. 😊

RSVP to germanshepherdrescueadoptions@charter.net

Please include the number or humans and dogs attending.



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More Picnic Fun...

Along with our raffles will be our **2nd Annual Silent Auction**. 15 gorgeous baskets will be on display with some super cool stuff for you to bid on. These items range from wine baskets, spa baskets, doggie fun baskets, and more. This was so successful and so much fun last year, we had to do it again. Auctions are always fun...sometimes it's just the thrill of outbidding everyone else and **WINNING!!!!** If you'd like to donate a basket for auction, please email germanshepherdrescueadoptions@charter.net

One more fun thing this year....to go with our theme of **"I Gotta Wear Shades"**, we



have teamed up with Doggles. Doggles are hip shades, much like sunglasses, but for the pups. They are super cool and provide UV protection for your best friend. We will have a few to raffle off, and a few pairs to sell at the event, but if you want to order a pair for your furry family member then let us know; we get a discount at \$19. Check out Kess pictured on the left in her shades. Don't make your dog jealous by not buying a pair! They come in an array of colors, too.

Email germanshepherdrescueadoptions@charter.net to place your order now for your dog's own pair of Doggles OR a fun picnic shirt for yourself!

Pre-Order your Picnic T-Shirts Today

2011 Picnic T Shirts

This year's design is on a tie dye light blue 100% cotton shirt

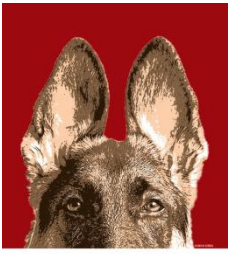
Available in the following sizes and prices

Youth Large	\$15
Adult S - XL	\$15
Adult 2XL, 3XL	\$17

Pre order now!!
Pay and pick up at the Picnic



Please RSVP back shirt sizes and how many by Sept 3



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*Is your dog reliable off leash?
If not, here are some tips to help:*

1. Be sure that your dog is heeling nicely beside you and responding to "Sit", "Down", or any commands promptly. If your dog is not responding two feet from you, he will not respond 20 feet from you!
2. Make sure your dog is always following you around the house and yard. Do not follow him except if you need to approach closer to get his attention. Once you have his attention, immediately turn around and walk away. If you have to, encourage him to follow you verbally but wean off the verbal as quickly as possible.
3. If you play chase games, make sure that he is always chasing you and that you never chase him.
4. Play the "Come Game" with your family. Have everyone be in a circle and take turns calling the dog, sitting the dog, and treating the dog. Once the dog catches onto the game, make the circle bigger and bigger until family members are even in other rooms calling the dog. Use the Release word so everyone knows the person is done treating the dog.
5. Never go up to your dog. Always call him to you.
6. Don't say "Come" until you know he is coming. Later, when he is reliable, use "Come" first then go get him immediately if he does not come.
7. Practice "Come" with a long line in the backyard, cul-de-sacs, parks, etc. Increase the level of distractions.

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DID YOU KNOW THERE IS A LAW FIRM IN NORTH CAROLINA THAT HANDLES ONLY ANIMAL CASES?

“Chances are if you answered no, that you are not alone. My name is **Calley Gerber** and I am an animal lawyer. When most people hear that I am an animal lawyer, the next question is usually about what that means and what exactly it is that I do.

In its easiest definition animal law involves any issues or cases that have an animal component. While that can include everything from companion animals, equines, wildlife, research animals or farm animals, most of the cases that come to me involve companion animals. The issues include everything from somebody harming their animal (whether by accident or intentionally) to custody and/or contractual issues. I represent not only private individuals, but also rescue groups and other non-profit animal organizations.

It likely goes without saying that I am an animal lover. For most of my life, there has always been at least one animal companion in my house. Even as a child, I found loving animals came naturally. Of course being an animal lover, it can be extremely challenging and emotionally exhausting for your job to bring you terrible stories about animals on a regular basis. I offer advice and guidance in those situations so people will know their rights and options and be able to make educated decisions on how they want to proceed. It is always rewarding when a client tells me they are thankful to have found me because they have already been to several attorneys and nobody would take their case because “it’s only an animal”. To me it’s much more. And, quite simply, that is why I do what I do.

People frequently ask me how I became an animal lawyer. It definitely was not a direct course as animal law was not offered at my law school and I didn’t even know it existed. I spent the first five years of my legal career as a prosecutor (which sometimes included animal abuse cases) and the next eight years as general counsel to a North Carolina company. Then, in early 2008, I turned my focus to helping animals and opened Gerber Animal Law Center. Everyone told me it couldn’t be done, to have a practice

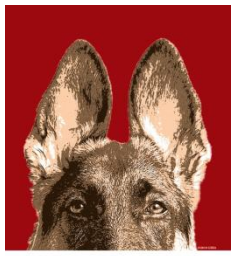
dedicated to only animal law. However, here I am over three and a half years later still pushing forward and working to help animals.

Animal law is a challenging field that is growing rapidly. Because I cover the entire state of North Carolina, I know there are differing attitudes regarding animals throughout the various counties and it is often unnerving to test out a local judge’s position on the issues. One person’s pest is another person’s project.

In addition to my day job as an animal lawyer, I also sit on the Board of Directors of three animal-related non-profit organizations, lecture and write on various animal law topics, and teach animal law at Campbell Law School. I am guardian to Joseph, my 3-year old rescue Great Dane and current love of my life. He came to me as a foster just before I lost my two dogs last year, just over two weeks apart. I call him my magic puppy because he came to me in terrible shape at one of the hardest and darkest times of my life; we rescued each other. Most days of the year, Joseph and I also share our home with a foster dog waiting to find his or her forever home. We strongly believe in adoption as the best option.”



Justice (1998-2010), my rescue German Shepherd/Akita



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For the record, it's all about the dogs...

“Imagine getting up in the morning and not having to let the dog out first thing. Imagine sleeping in without a cold nose waking you up wanting to go out or to eat. Imagine going a week without having to vacuum. Imagine no dog at your feet while you work on the computer, or nestled next to you while you watch TV. Imagine not having back windows smeared, dog hair blowing all around your vehicle, and no co-pilot by your shoulder, navigating from the back seat. We couldn't imagine it and when we lost our first shepherd, we were fortunate to find out about GSRA.

We picked up Olivia from her foster home on Easter Sunday, 2009. She is a RottieShepherd mix and looks totally different from our first shepherd. She's our wild child; loving, beautiful, head-strong and WILD! She gets so excited when we come home, or when she's going to get fed, or when we wake up, or go for a walk, or, or, or... And she is what her foster dad described as an “aggressive lover.” She insists on being petted and loved on and is not shy about asking for it.

We were so impressed with Olivia's foster family, Pat and Lesa A., and all of the GSRA family that we considered fostering. I fall in love with every German Shepherd I meet, so I thought this would be extremely hard because you have to give them up. Lesa suggested we try dog sitting for short periods of time. So we sat for 2 wonderful Shepherds and were hooked!

After our 4th foster, we failed! We knew within a week that Max would be our next

adopted Shepherd and our family was complete. We saw Max through some pretty serious surgery and just could not let him go. Our home is on the small side and 2 big Shepherds are our limit, so our fostering days are over.

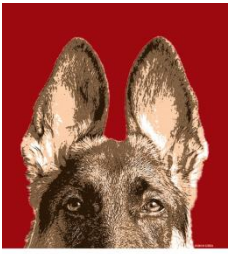


But we help out with transports, volunteer at every event that we can possibly get to, and I help out with some of the paperwork that seems to mushroom within any organization. Occasionally, we are asked to keep a foster dog overnight

and transport them to the vet for heartworm treatment. We feel honored and grateful to be a part of this wonderful organization. We feel fortunate to contribute the little bit that we do with GSRA. There are so many in this organization who keep it going and go above and beyond the call, the little bit that we do is a pittance in comparison. We are truly a family and support each other's efforts, rescue or otherwise. We form friendships and bonds that go way beyond just saving Shepherds. I've seen volunteers jump in and help with problems that creep up in lives and isn't that what a family is all about?

But our passion is the dogs and how we can help them find the loving, protective, fulfilling homes that they deserve. German Shepherds are family dogs and they need that unit to be complete and to enjoy their purpose. Sandy and I agree with the saying, “Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.” We can't even remember what it was we did with our time before GSRA, but love it so much that there is no going back to whatever it was!

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We tend to judge the character of a person by how much their clothes are accessorized by their dog's hair.

As I write this, I have a dog lying across my feet. I can't imagine not having a dog near me while I am working inside or outside. And even though we cannot actively foster full time, we have a temporary foster at the moment because we just couldn't turn down helping a dog. He has turned out to be the most wonderful foster we've ever had and I knew that he wouldn't stay on the website long before he found his forever home. Our hearts are bigger because of these foster dogs and we always have room to love a number of them. Sandy and I feel strongly that God gave us dominion over the animals of the earth and we are to be advocates for them because they cannot speak for themselves. We choose to be

the voice for German Shepherds.

I have been told numerous times by numerous organizations that GSRA sets the gold standard for rescues. Sandy and I are proud to be a part of this organization and appreciate the chance to meet and help so many fantastic German Shepherds. We also appreciate that they have taken in dogs that obviously have Shepherd in them, but may not have the classic GSD looks, because we wouldn't have Olivia. She joyfully greets us when we come home and snuggles with us while we watch TV on the couch. Max, our 8 year old boy, looks up at us adoringly and seems to be grateful just to share space with us. Can you imagine life any other way?

Sincerely,

Sandy and Mary M.

Proud GSRA Volunteers and
Foster Parents

If you would like to join the GSRA team and become a foster home for one of our wonderful GSD's, please go on-line today and fill out our foster home application:

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Introducing GSRA's 1st Annual

dogtoberfest
GSRA
invites you to
a Beer Tasting
hosted by
**East Wake Wines
& Craft Brew**

Sunday, Oct 23 from 1-3pm
1001 Widewater Parkway
Knightsdale, NC
\$20 per person which includes 6 tastings & appetizers

Join us for an afternoon of laughter, socializing and beer tasting. 10% of retail sales for the day will be donated to GSRA.

For tickets, please RSVP to grrabeertasting@gmail.com.

We will be sampling a variety of fall beers and pumpkin ales. In addition there will be a variety of hors d'oeuvres to taste and enjoy. (last year's spread at the wine tasting was amazing!!) If you would like to volunteer to help make this event a success or want to contribute an appetizer for everyone, please email as at grrabeertasting@gmail.com.

We hope to see you there!



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Who doesn't like a casual Friday? Why not go CASUAL for a CAUSE? Organize a Jeans Day for German Shepherd Rescue and Adoptions....

How it works:

1. For offices with no standing casual Friday policy, work with your boss (better yet - if you're the boss just go ahead and approve this idea now!) to select a future Friday when employees will be offered the opportunity to wear jeans in exchange for a minimum \$5 donation to a specific charity. (I, of course, propose this charity be GSRA!) If Friday's are already casual - how about a Worth-it Wednesday!

(same idea different day!)



2. Once you have the necessary approval and set the date advertise like crazy! Make sure everyone knows that they can finally break the monotony of "business casual" and go jeans casual all for the low, low price of a donation to an incredible cause! Make sure people know where and when they can make a donation.

**Receipts for the donations are available on request. 😊

3. When the big (casual) day has arrived, make sure that someone is available to collect donations from all your newly comfortable and happy co-workers. It might be a nice touch to trade a sticker or button for the donation so people can see who's participating and has earned their newfound comfort!

4. Send the money in to the rescue or, better yet, bring it in yourself to our annual Reunion Picnic on October 2, 2011 at Montague Pond in Cary.

If you already do this or implement this event in your office - let us know! We'd love to hear from you! **Enjoy your day of comfort and thanks for supporting GSRA!**

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I am always open to suggestions of articles you would like to see in future editions as well...

Remember, it is **YOUR** newsletter!! Hope you have enjoyed this edition. ☺