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"A
Note: Diary of a

*Personal
Rescue"*

How many volunteers does it take to rescue a dog? I just had a very incredible rescue experience that I wanted to share with you all. I got a new foster pup and it was amazing how the whole thing came together! And this really isn't about the dog - it is about the people who were involved in his rescue. This dog had been sitting in a shelter since August 26th and it was already Sept 27th. He was skittish and afraid so he wasn't showing well for adoption but the shelter workers thought he had so much potential and really wanted to see him off to a good home. It was time for him to be rescued - problem was he was stuck in a shelter near Cleveland, Ohio. I reached out to one of our rescue partners up that way and asked if she might have contacts that could help us get him to NC. She said she would be happy to get in touch with some of her drivers and see what we could work out. A good start. So next, I called the shelter. They were skeptical of our efforts to spring this dog and get him from Ohio down to NC - they had been promised the goods before by other Rescues and been burned and this shelter doesn't hold dogs for anybody. The shelter volunteer, Kara, decided that she would put her faith in us and work with us and give us a week to get the boy's transport lined up.

A week of nail biting ensued as we figured out the legs of the transport and how many drivers it would take and the pleas went out. First up were a couple of lovely ladies, Linda and Joan, who would pull the boy and then drive him 2 hours down to Cambridge, OH to meet up with the next leg. I have to share a wonderful sentiment that they shared with me - that every time they pull a dog, they wish him or her a "Happy Birthday!" Isn't that a beautiful thought? Please whisper it into the ear of the next dog you rescue in honor of the moment and in the spirit in which these two kind ladies helped me out, a complete stranger!

Next up stepped Susannah who would drive the hour and a half



from Cambridge to Ripley, WV. And then Ron, who would drive the next leg from Ripley to Beckley, WV where I would meet him as I planned on

driving the three hours up from NC. Ron's suv had broken down mid-transport the weekend before but he had had it repaired and he was ready to roll and rescue again! So on Saturday, October 9th, the big rescue began and right on schedule at 2:15 that afternoon, I was in Beckley, West Virginia, 3 hours from home, and wrapping my arms around my new foster pup and whispering to him "Happy Birthday!" This particular rescue isn't unique - it happens hundreds of times every day throughout the country. So how many volunteers does it take to rescue a dog? One to reach out and make the first call - and then have faith that there will be others who will answer and help. **To date, GSRA has rescued 144 dogs in 2010** - that is tremendous! Just think of all of the volunteers and man hours that it took to make that happen - the ones who assessed, pulled, transported, and fostered. I continue to be in awe of my extended Rescue family and of course, my own GSRA Family! It is amazing how many people will jump in to help save the life of a single dog. THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who made great things happen in 2010! Keep the Faith!
Truly, I couldn't imagine a nobler thing to do - spending my time, volunteering to help save the lives of dogs. I am certain that you all feel the same. One life at a time, one dog at a time.

**Blessings to all my fellow GSRA Volunteers,
Lesa
GSRA Volunteer Coordinator**



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This issue of our Newsletter is dedicated to our volunteers and celebrates all things 'volunteer.' We have just had the most successful Reunion Picnic to date - GSRA's annual day of reflection and celebration - to look around and see how many lives, both human and canine, that GSRA has touched. The Picnic is a great coming-together for all of our volunteers and adoptive families to see how all the hard work has paid off throughout the year.

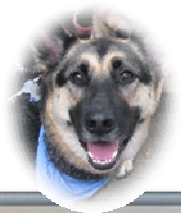
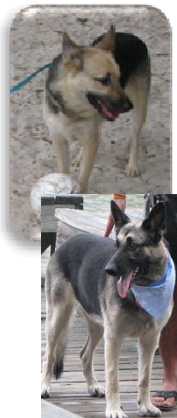
Below are a few snapshots from the reunion. You can use this link to view the whole slideshow:

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So another year has flown by in record time and we had another successful reunion! We had the most fun planning this one. We've been helping out for the last three years, but being co-chairs was going to be a little different for us. We were originally part of a 10 person committee and we both have to admit that we were nervous about getting everything together and coordinated on a short 2.5 month time frame. Yikes! However, the nervousness disappeared when we received an overwhelming response to our request for help. GSRA really came through and made this the best reunion ever. We had to make an elaborate spreadsheet to keep track of you all! Of course, we never really had a doubt that you wouldn't help out, I mean GSRA volunteers are the best around, are they not? Our focus this year was to make it more about you. Everyone works so hard all year long and gives so much of themselves that this is the time of year we try to send a little appreciation your way. We got a

sense that this year was more like a "Reunion". To us, a reunion means family getting together, eating great food, having fun, making memories and reminiscing about old ones. The attendance was huge with over 175 people and 125 dogs. WOW!! It was like a sea of black and tan. We were also ecstatic that so many past adopters and GSRA alumni showed up to join in the fun. It was amazing to see the dogs we've all help place enjoying an afternoon with their FUREVER families! It just warms your heart and reminds us of the great work GSRA does every day.



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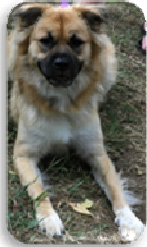




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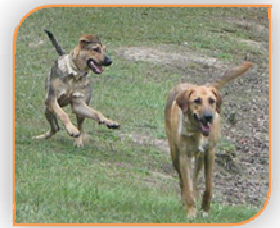
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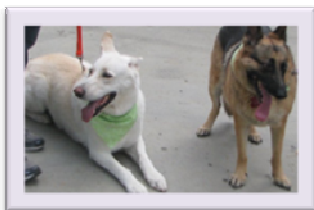
Our sincere thanks to everyone who had a hand in planning this event! This was truly a team effort! They always say it takes a village and our village was well represented. Thank you to everyone for all you do all year long. The fosters that take these wonderful animals in and give them shelter, love, and food ; the applicant screeners for getting to know the people searching for a new family member and standing by their side until they do; the people that assess our dogs, pull them from shelters, nurse them back to health, do home visits, transports, and aid at the adoption events; the team that keeps us in the loop with newsletter, facebook, and media coverage; the webmaster who keeps our webpage current and looking fabulous; and to the Board for keeping GSRA running smoothly and for giving us the encouragement and support we all need.



And just a reminder of the big hearts in this group, the winner of the 50/50 Raffle, Rochelle Araujo, graciously donated \$500 of her winnings back to GSRA out of the \$1500 she won. THANK YOU ROCHELLE!!!!



GSRA also debuted its first Annual Silent Auction this year at the Reunion. The volunteer base exploded with donations of gorgeous baskets, dog items, and gift certificates. With over 20 items, it was a huge success and raised over **\$700** for the rescue. Thanks to all of our donors...there's just too many to list! Special thanks to Karen Akers for putting together a gorgeous basket that was awarded to the donor of the highest winning bid item, BJ Welker! The GSD statue that she donated raked in \$65! We can't wait to see how great it will be next year!



We still have money trickling in, but the reunion as a whole, raised over **\$10,000** for the rescue. However, we did have some expenses, but that's how much money came in through donations, raffle ticket sales, and merchandise sales. That's phenomenal and will help so many dogs in need. It's so nice that such a fun event can raise so much money!

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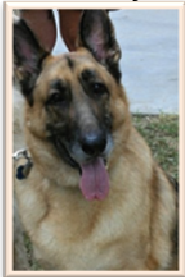
Shannon N. (Set-up and Silent Auction), Lesa A. (Design and Merchandise Sales), Lindsay R. (Food & Beverages), Sandy N. (Clean-up), Jen H. & Steve R. (Yummy pig), Eric C. (Turkey frying), Tom N. (Photography), Carol S. (In Remembrance), Scott P. & Cody S.

(Entertainment & MC), Joan H. (Liver Cookie Sales), and Aliceia A. (Homemade Jewelry Sales)

A BIG, BIG THANK YOU to Amy S. who has donated the funds to cover

the expense of the pig for the past 2 years. Those piggies ain't cheap, ya know ☺

Thank you to our model,



Cassidy, for our new, AWESOME, logo and to Lesa for putting it all together.

Our "junior" GSRA award goes to Sarah H., 16, who dazzled as a puppy handler. This was her debut as a volunteer and

she did GSRA proud! We hope to see more of you Sarah!

Meet your committees:

Set-up: Shannon N., Cathie H., Ellen O., Erika C., Caroline E., Dawn C., Andrea P., Jon H., Tina T., and Jodie D.

Registration: Erica D.,



Jan B., Annette K., Natasha R., Jennifer R., and Al & Shannon R.



Raffle: Heather A., Nancy S., Pat R., Erika C., Amy B., Jan B., Amy P., Joan H., Aliceia A., Debbie B., Bear C., Jan M., Maureen T., Mary & Sandy M., Ellen O., Bob L., Roberta C., and Heather W.

Food & Beverages: Lindsay R., Kelly W., Kelly G., Jen H., Steve R., Eric C., and Rebecca M.

Merchandise: Lesa A., Mary M., Elaine B., Marty S., Dawn A., and Roberta C.

Clean-up: Sandy N., Kelly W., BJ W., Erika G., Jon H., Andrea P., Pat Renaldi, Shannon & Tom N., Erika C., and Lesa A.



Special thanks to Southwest, Kris O. with Senior Corp, Raven Rock Artworks, Pepsi, Butterball, and all our other sponsors who made this event a huge success!

We look forward to next year and welcome your comments and ideas at

hakers@charter.net and goerica@gmail.com

Heather A. & Erica D.
2010 GSRA Reunion Co-Chairs





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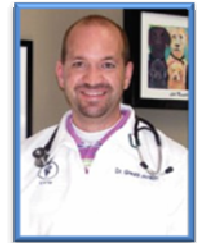
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Veterinary Spotlight:

The Animal Hospital of Mebane

The Animal Hospital of Mebane was established in June 2008 by Dr. Gregg Jordan. A graduate of Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Jordan has devoted his professional career in advancing his skills in internal medicine, surgery, radiology, dermatology, emergency and animal behavior medicine. After working as a relief vet for many years, Dr. Jordan chose to open his own private practice to provide a place for his clients and pets to "call home."



The Animal Hospital of Mebane offers quality veterinary care in a clean and modern environment for patients in the Alamance County and surrounding areas. When you walk through our doors, our goal is to assure you and your pet feel right at home. Our clients and patients can expect to be treated with compassion, courtesy and respect. Services include wellness visits and vaccinations, dentistry, surgery, radiology, boarding, grooming, an on site pharmacy, and Home Again microchip identification. We emphasize preventive care and client education as the best tools to keep your pet healthy. We have been honored to be recognized as the **Mebane Enterprise Reader's Choice award for #1 Veterinary Hospital** every year since opening. Being a part of the community we serve is very important to us. We are members of the Alamance County Area Chamber of Commerce and the Mebane Business Association. We work with the local humane society and several animal rescue groups.



Above all, Dr. Jordan loves his family. He and his wife Heather have been married for six years and recently welcomed their new son Noah Weston into the world. Both are extremely proud of their bundle of joy (who by the way looks just like his father), and are thankful God chose them to be his parents. For them, their little man has put into perspective what life is all about. In addition to their son, they have three wonderful dogs, (all rescues) Patch, a dalmatian mix, Bella, a black labrador, and Clifford, a cocker spaniel. Dr. Jordan enjoys the lake, snow skiing and simply relaxing on his patio. Both love singing in the church choir at Lamb's Chapel and are just thankful for all the Lord has done for them.

GSRA would like to thank Dr. Jordan and The Mebane Animal Hospital for all they have done for our rescue dogs. They have helped us treat many of our heartworm positive GSD's and provided us with low-cost spay/neuter options as well. A BIG "THANKS" from all of us for all the dog's lives you have touched!!



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When your foster dog is the right fit...

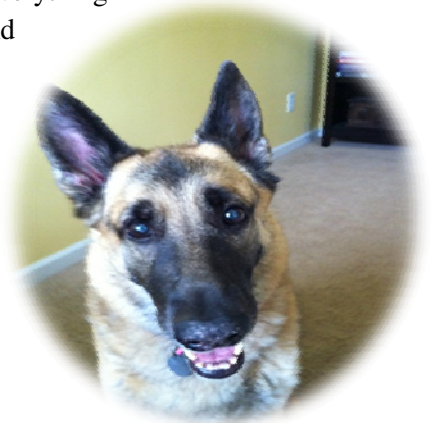
“As I drove to Jacksonville I kept thinking that I must be insane. Who, in their right mind, chooses to take on a geriatric, high strung, diabetic GSD who is almost totally blind? This was what kept running through my head while driving the two hours to pick up my new “foster” dog. As I pulled into the gas station for the exchange I was convinced that I had made a huge mistake. And then I saw her. Forget foster, she was mine. Forever. No doubt about it.

I’d had my eye on Brayden for over a year before she came home with me. I would look through the GSRA website and see which dogs were new and which had been adopted out. All the while Brayden was there, just waiting for someone to give her a chance. When I first saw that she needed a new foster home I hesitated. I’m sure it was for many of the same reasons any potential adopter would have paused. A 9 year old GSD with diabetes, urinary



incontinence and vision issues doesn’t sound quite as appealing as a darling adolescent who is house broken and ready to play. So after I saw the second email, which was basically begging for someone to take her, I figured it was a sign.

It’s been 6 months since I first saw Brayden in that parking lot and we’ve come a long way! I’d be a liar if I told you that everything was smooth sailing and she’s the easiest dog I’ve ever had. Yes, it is a bit more work having to give her shots twice a day and go to the vet every couple of months but diabetes hasn’t



slowed her down a bit. If I didn’t know better I’d swear she was only 4 or 5 years old.

Having lived with GSDs my entire life, I can say without hesitation that Brayden is the kindest, most loving dog I have ever lived with. Her playfulness and silliness are infectious and she’s made our home a giant playground. She’s the first older dog I’ve adopted and I’m now hooked. Giving Brayden a home where she will be loved and well cared for until it’s her time to go is a huge honor and something that I’ll cherish forever. There’s something about the way she nudges me for love that tells me she’s as happy with us as we are that she’s here.”

The Best Things
in Life are
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Proud Rescue Dog Mom,

Kelly G.



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ONE FAMILY'S STORY ON FINDING THEIR NEWEST MEMBER:

Marshal Dillon is living up to his namesake. Named after Marshal Matt Dillon of Gunsmoke, our new family member is loyal, endearing, honest and compassionate. He's our constant companion: adoring car rides, leaping for joy at the word "walk" and a he is a great dinner date. He's a star wherever he goes. Everyone admires him and you can't blame them; look how handsome he is!

Marshal, who was originally Titan, has been with us for two months and every week his personality blooms a little larger. Today he chased his first squirrel. Last night was the first time he's carried his stuffed dinosaur to bed. Last week he learned what a joy it is to chase a ball. And two weeks ago he dug his first hole, much to our chagrin in the back garden. But it was impossible to be mad at him because he was ecstatic with a lolling grin and head cocked to the side as if to say: "aren't you proud of me?"

Marshal's had a lot of firsts so far. But the amazing thing is there are still so many firsts to come.

Marshal is two, and he's so busy rediscovering his lost puppyhood. But he's also trying super hard to be a grown-up. So eager to please and so very smart: he's a true champion of the German Shepherd breed.



So far he's learned shake, down, wait, ride, walk.... and the list goes on. The more he learns the more we have to spell. He's such a smarty pants though; he's already learned w-a-l-k means the same thing as walk. Not only is his vocabulary growing; he's learning to spell. Soon we're going to be resorting to the thesaurus! Marshal's a special addition to our family. My husband and I have wanted a dog for a long time. We had one cat and then we had two cats, and we worried that we might be rocking the boat. We made excuses, like our apartment was too small or we weren't home enough. Right before we moved from Chicago in July we made the leap and contacted GSRA. When we met Marshal in August, it was love at first sight! All that was left was introducing the resident fur children: Jackson and Jameson. Jameson came downstairs to meet the new addition right away. Jackson is little more reserved, but we have a feeling he'll come around. They'll probably all be snuggle buddies before long.

GSRA is doing an amazing thing uniting dogs in need of a home with a forever family, giving them the opportunity to be loved, needed and wanted. We are so happy that we met our match and that Marshal can be a puppy for as long as he wants!

Sincerely,

The D. Family



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Who's Got Those Ears?!

Our GSRA "Sexy Ears" model was finally revealed at our 2010 Picnic. Those gorgeous ears belong to GSRA alumnus - Cassidy. Cassidy came to GSRA back in April 2010 as a 3 month old pup. She was born missing her back right foot and her "owner" had taken her to be euthanized at the vet shortly after her birth. An angel working at the vet's office saw Cassidy and took her in, bottle fed her, nurtured her and when Cassidy was weaned, she came to GSRA. Cassidy was adopted by Gladys and Dave L. in July and is living her happily ever after now! They are working with NC State to fit Cassidy for a prosthetic foot - this will be a lengthy process but at the end of it all - we hope to see Cassidy run! For now, she gets along just fine. Cassidy hasn't let her "Sexy Ears" supermodel status go to her head - she's just happy to boss around her 2 big GSD brothers, Ehren, and more recently, Stout, another GSRA alumnus. She's an outgoing, confident girl who really just loves to cuddle up with her people and hopes to continue to live a low key, quiet life without the fuss of paparazzi.





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BEFORE



Annie's search for her forever home

What a makeover! Look at me, I'm beautiful! Yes, I was a sad looking girl when I first found my foster family back in July. I was lost and really needed help so I parked myself on the porch of a loving family seeking that help. Well, with lots of love and treats this ugly duckling has turned into a swan! I have been working really hard to eat lots and lots to gain weight. I enjoy exercising and an occasional coat brushing. Look! I even got a new furry fall wardrobe.

AFTER



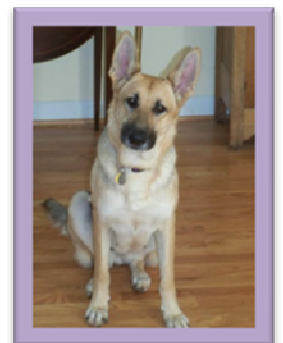
I have been working very hard with my foster family to learn polite behavior, and I know most of my basic commands, too! (Shhh, don't tell, but I will counter surf when I think no one is looking- lots of good things up there!) I really love playing with my foster puppy sister. We especially like play wrestling and chasing each other. I also have two foster cats that I really like to look at, but they sometimes get kind of grumpy with me when I try to play with them. I think I'll ask Santa for a kitty of my own this year!

I also have a foster human boy I live with. He is 9 years old. I like children, but little ones make me a bit nervous. I really like to play with my boy and his friends. He gives me treats and throws lots of balls and Frisbees for me to catch! I especially like to go through his closet and pick out stuffed animals for my collection. He is really nice though and gave me my own stuffed dolly instead.

I have started several hobbies with my foster family too. As mentioned on my web page, I have a beautiful "shiny things" collection. I also collect Webkins, flip-flops, and pillows. I do enjoy running fence line races with all 5 of my doggy neighbors, but somehow they wear out before I do. I also specialize in getting belly rubs. Oh, did I mention that I like kitty watching?

Now, I do have a few special needs that make me a SPECIAL girl (that's what my foster mommy tells me). First, I do have heart worms, but that is treatable, says the doc. Also, I DO NOT LIKE CRATES...really! Lastly, I am working very hard to learn to feel secure when my family is away from me. I come with a special coat (Thunder Shirt) that helps me to feel secure and I always listen to special soothing music when my family is away. My foster family also tries very hard to keep to a consistent schedule so I know I can count on them.

So now that you know a little more about me, here's a little more about the family I'm searching for.... Since I like to play outside as often as possible, I'd love a family that wants to play outside with me. A home with a fence would be best so that I can play outside safely. I would also love another young canine companion that would like to horse around with me. I'm looking for a family that will continue my training with trust and security, and who will love me forever! Could YOU be the family I've been waiting for?!





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To Volunteer? or Not to Volunteer? (what a silly question!)

"I started volunteering with GSRA on a whim... I came across the website while searching for a dog obedience class in Jacksonville. In reading the profiles of the dogs online, I was taken in by the sheer number of dogs available for adoption. The care they were given was obvious, shining through the well written profiles and pictures. So I filled out the volunteer application and was added to their email list.

It wasn't long before the pleas being sent out for foster homes really got to me. This is particularly true for a plea that Shannon wrote for Hazel and Ruby, two 10 week old GSD-mix puppies that were born in the rescue and were now ready to venture into a new foster home. I figured, how hard could this be? 😊

It took some convincing for my husband to agree, but we were soon approved as a foster home and the girls moved in. Boy, were we in for a surprise – our one (and only) dog was adopted by us as an adult! I couldn't even imagine how much puppy food or paper towels we would end up going through. But every day those puppies made us laugh and occasionally shake our heads at their antics.

When Ruby was adopted very quickly by a fellow GSRA Volunteer, I was both happy and sad. (I always shed a few tears when one of our foster pups gets adopted, but I remind myself that an adoption means there is now a spot for another foster in our home.) So I found myself practically begging Andrea to send us another foster when Ruby was adopted...Hazel missed her playmate! And we realized it was actually better for us to have more than one foster, as the puppies tended to entertain themselves when needed. Our older girl isn't up for their trouble-making puppy games. She just wants to make sure they didn't bother her or try to sleep on her bed!

To me, the most important aspect of GSRA is the support network behind it all. This support network has helped me and my foster puppies through all sorts of puppy adventures (think bee stings, fire ants, and spay incisions that just wouldn't heal) and also encompassed my own dog when we started having health issues with her. This same support network is also there to provide guidance to volunteering in ways beyond fostering. Clearly, fostering is enormously important as foster homes are the reason why GSRA can operate as a whole. But there are always opportunities for the behind the scenes work that some may not realize exists. The opportunities are as big or as little as you want – donating a dog toy to baking cookies to organizing a picnic to screening applications.

As a team, GSRA and its leaders exemplify an enormous respect and positive attitude that is second to none. There is always respect for those that must work or have family commitments that don't always allow for a large amount of volunteer time.

I volunteer and will continue to volunteer with GSRA because that support network exists. No matter the contribution the respect and attitude are consistently the same.

Volunteers are welcomed into the GSRA family and this is why I choose to be a part of this organization. "

Erika C.





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Howl-O-Ween

Makes 14 bewitching treats, perfect for goblin'

*Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

*In a bowl, mix water, pumpkin, vanilla and egg thoroughly.

*Combine flour, pecans, baking powder, nutmeg and cinnamon in a separate bowl, stirring well.

*Add wet ingredients to dry and mix well, making sure no dry mixture is left.

*Spoon into a greased muffin tin, filling each cup completely. Sprinkle the top of each muffin with oats and bake for 1 ¼ hours. Cool completely and store in a sealed container.

Ingredients:

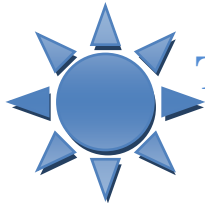
2 ½ cups water
½ cup canned pumpkin
1/8 teaspoon vanilla
1 egg
4 cups whole-wheat flour
¼ cup chopped pecans
1 tablespoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
½ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ cup oats

This recipe courtesy of the "three dog bakery cookbook" by Dan Dye & Mark Beckloff



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Training Tips: 7 Steps to Eliminating your Dog's Counter Surfing

1. Prevention:

Don't leave yummy items unattended and risk your dog self-rewarding herself!

2. Don't wait until your dog is actually on the counter! As you see him approach, tell him NO firmly while he is still thinking about it. Be willing to follow up immediately with your body moving toward him with stern look. Wait until he obviously obeys by laying down, walking away, etc. then quietly praise his choice. Catch the good choices! Anytime you see him walk past the counter without jumping, praise him.

3. Off Command:

Teach your dog the Off command and practice with yummy items on tables, chairs, counters, etc.

4. Make a Yuck, lemon juice, or lime juice sandwich and leave it near the edge of the table.

Hopefully your dog will find it yucky! You should test it first by allowing him to lick the product off your hand and making sure he hates it.

5. Put upside down self-sticky shelf liner on the counter's edge (so you can still cook!) with the stick side up. Be sure you are supervising in case your dog actually thinks the sticky on his paws is very cool. Thank you to SPCA Dog Trainer Molly Stone for that idea.

6. Take six empty soda pop cans and string them together. Place a couple of small pebbles or two pennies in each. Place a yummy bait at the end of the string. Your dog gets the bait and all cans come crashing down! Immediately go get the cans up before your dog sees what's up and chooses to play with the cans.

******DO NOT** do this one with a sensitive dog! S/he will never enter your kitchen again!****

7. X-Mat. A plastic mat with raised plastic nubs on it. (<http://www.jbpet.com>)

Sylvie Pleasant
Certified Dog Trainer and Behavior Consultant



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“TRIPAWDS HAVE MORE FUN!”

That’s what my t-shirt says and I have to say, it’s pretty true. I saw Gabby on the “other” rescue dogs page of the GSRA site over 3 years ago and I knew she was the right dog for our little family. The fact that she was missing her right rear leg was not a deterrent in the least. After all, we were already the proud owners of a three legged cat so it was only natural that our dog was missing a limb! It wasn’t a matter of feeling sorry for her because she wasn’t perfect, what dog is? She was perfect for us and that’s all that mattered. We don’t know exactly what happened to Gabby, just that she was found along the road, leg mangled beyond repair, but with her spirit fully intact.

After we adopted her, there were a few times she would look at me with sad eyes as if to say, “Too many steps, mom...I can’t!” but she never convinced me of that! I’d just look back and say, “Yes, you can...now c’mon.” It never failed that after a minute, she’d climb the steps to be right on my heels again. So far, the only thing she truly can’t do is scratch behind her right ear! Her



Gabby after her surgery.

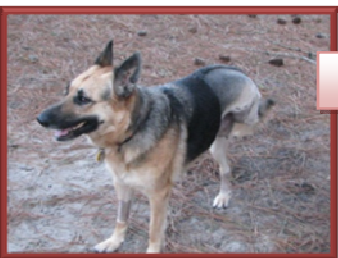
mom is happy to oblige...and maybe I have spoiled her a bit. It’s not at all uncommon for her to wiggle up beside me with her nub trying feverishly to scratch that spot, and I always give in and scratch it for her.

The things we have to keep in mind is that extra weight may be harder for her to carry and that if she plays too hard she can over extend her front leg trying to compensate for the one that’s missing, but being a tripawd has not slowed her down.

Now that there are other tripawds in the rescue, I encourage you not to see them as disabled. They do not view the world the way we do in terms of things they can’t do. They only see mom at the top of the steps saying, “Let’s go,” so they live in the moment and go! Remember to find the dog that is perfect for you because no dog, like no human, is truly perfect. I promise you would be surprised what you can learn from a three-legged dog!

*Proud Tripawd owner,
Leshia*

For more information on GSRA’s current tripawd, Luka, check out her bio on our website <http://www.gsdrescue.org/animals/detail?AnimalID=2882235>.

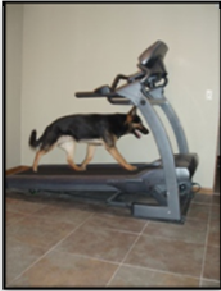


Luka

Here’s what Luka’s foster mom had to say after the surgery, “Luka is doing wonderfully. She had her staples removed and everything is healing nicely. She has no trouble getting around, and seems delighted with life. She is ready to start looking for her forever home. Whoever adopts her will have a sweet, funny, and absolutely devoted companion. She is such a unique and special girl. You have to meet her in person to appreciate her wonderful disposition.”

Classified

WANTED



Wanted: Free, used treadmill for me and my GSD.

Contact: Marcia Cleveland
(located in the Greensboro area)
waterstorkstork@yahoo.com

Wanted: cultivator or small rototiller in good condition for moderate gardening.

Call Elaine: 919-715-0665 (work)
(located in the Raleigh area)

Do you have an unused GSRA crate just taking up space?
I can take it off your hands and store it until it's needed next!
Do you have a medium or large crate you'd like to donate to GSRA? I can take that, too! Please contact Carol at cms@clearwire.net to arrange pick-up or transport.



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BUSINESS

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THANKS!!

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BUSINESS

GSRA orders food for our fosters from a local pet company. Here's more info about their business:

Triangle Pet Supply is a local company that has taken the best parts of an online store and combined it with local service and free delivery. They carry the healthy brands you find at the local pet store (and some hard to find ones as well) at great prices. You can order anytime of day or night so there is no rush to "get to the store" and then they drop it off at your house for free.

In addition to being cheap and convenient, they are choosy about the products they carry. Every food, treat, etc is evaluated for ingredient safety, quality, and overall value for you and your pet. <http://www.trianglepet.com/about-us>

Want a food they don't list online? Contact them and request it. They add tons of new products every month, attend national pet expos to stay on top of what is going on in the industry and their monthly newsletter keeps you up to date on those new product additions, local pet events, industry news, the monthly sales, and at least one special deal or freebie.

Have a question about a food, allergies, or other problem? Email them and Tracie sends you a thorough evaluation. She is a dog food nutrition volunteer at All Experts with the highest possible customer satisfaction rating and she's right here in the Triangle! <http://www.allexperts.com/ep/3799-116156/Dog-Food-Canine-Diet/Tracie-Fowler.htm>

Triangle Pet supports rescue groups and foster parents with discounts. Their foster nutrition program gives 10% off all your purchases (for your pets and/or foster pets) as long as you are an active foster. Ask Shannon Nguyen for details if you would like to be signed up and even if you aren't able to foster at this time, Triangle Pet's regular prices are great so check out their website today.

<http://www.trianglepet.com>



Editor's note: I order my dog's food from Triangle Pet Supply and am always happy with the service. Tracie is fast to answer any questions and to offer advice for my many dog needs!

If you are local to the Raleigh/Wake Forest area, you should check out their website!

If you have a story you'd like to share for a future issue, please feel free to email the editor, Amy, at myshepherdsrock@yahoo.com.

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 enjoyed this edition ☺