

To The Point

EASTERN
GERMAN
SHORTHAIR
POINTER
CLUB RESCUE

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Newsletter
December 2010



Perhaps GSP should stand for "Goofy, Silly, Preposterous." You know our GSPs – they are bound to put themselves in a bizarre position, bury themselves under something fluffy, or just be caught somewhere they should not be!

See more goofy pics and Plato's goofy story on page 3.

Corporate, Club, Community & More

You have seen the calendars and the pictures (and can see more in this issue on page 2), but if you have not attended one of the events that EGSPC Rescue works, you may not know how much fun it can be for you and your dog!

"We attend as many events as our volunteer base will allow throughout the year. They serve as both fundraisers and educational forums. Even if we don't raise a lot of money at a particular event, chances are we meet a new potential adopter or volunteer," said Rayna Regenthal, Chair, EGSPC Rescue.

Rayna also pointed out that the group organizes its own annual events such as JAMM, and, now, the beefsteak

So Many Fun Events!

dinner. The Club also holds an annual education day, September Specialty Show, and Eye/Microchip Clinic.

While dogs are not allowed at all of our events, many welcome our four-legged friends and a few are geared toward their participation.

"Whether you stop by to visit, learn more, buy a rescue item, or just want to hang out and see what it's like to volunteer, we are always happy to see our past adopters, supporters, and friends," said Rayna.

You can find information about upcoming Rescue events on page 5 and, for the most current info, visit our Website or Facebook page.

For club events, visit www.egspc.org.

Recent Past Events & Volunteers

•L'Oreál Day, 8/21/10

Dana, Kyle, Judy, Laura, Sue

•Club Education Day, 8/28/10

Lori, Sandy, Sean

•Decoy & Gunning Show, 9/25&26/10

Cate, Nicole, Phil, Sandy, Sean, Sue

•September Specialty, 9/11/10

Judy, Karen, Laura, Nicole, Sue

•Chowderfest Merchant Mart, 10/2/10

Lori, Sandy, Sean

•Halloween Pet Fair, 10/30/10

Lori, Sandy, Sean

•Beefsteak Dinner, 11/5/10

Marin & Rayna

(Plus a slew of volunteers who attended)



Welcome New Volunteers!

Amy & Jeremy Colby
Lynne Lockwood
Kyle Rougeau
Ally & James Smith

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L'Oreal Day



Club Education Day



Decoy & Gunning



Chowderfest Mart



September Specialty Show



Halloween Pet Fair



Beefsteak Dinner



PLATO'S WORLD

Poor Plato wound up in Ocean County Animal Shelter-South several times. He was adopted and returned, when finally EGSPC Rescue was alerted to him. Because he was safely at a reputable facility, Eastern didn't place him in foster care. Nonetheless, several volunteers spent time visiting, walking, and playing with him. He was posted on the group's site and marked as urgent when Nancy Ingram, a volunteer with Eastern and GSP Rescue of PA, took note and fell for him. She and her family adopted him in May 2008 and there have been many goofy adventures with Plato. The following is just one, told in the words of Nancy.

Unfortunately Plato is subject to seizures and this is a "tail" of one of our trips to the vet. I got him there in no time, and that's when it started. While waiting, he was pacing and knocking into things and tried to eat whatever he could get from the tables. He kept knocking over a fan on the floor. Then the howling started! He was "singing" loud and long to let everyone know he demanded attention.

When we were called in, he changed his mind and wanted to hang out in the waiting room to catch anyone that might come by and want to give him a last minute kiss.

Then, when he saw the vet, he was so happy he could hardly get into the room- that's when the passing gas started. Plato has no problem clearing a room when that starts, yet the vet politely acted like he didn't notice.

Plato was still a bit out of it and had some shakes, but no temperature. They took blood and put a rush on it, he had his

nails clipped, and the vet sent us home, saying that if another seizure occurred again soon, to get him back right away.

On the way out, the technician gave him a treat and I forgot to tell her, when he's in that state, he must be told 'take it nice' and the treat needs to be in an open palm. Too late, Plato was so excited he mouthed her a bit - not on purpose and no skin broken, but just one more thing to add to the craziness!

I had to stop quickly for dog food on the way home and locked Plato safe and sound inside the truck with the divider gate in place. He started to bark right away, which he doesn't usually do. I even heard him barking from inside the store.

Got back to the truck, there was Mr. Plato who somehow wedged himself along the side of the gate, had the front part of his body over the back seat and his back end was still in the back part of the truck with the seat belt tight around his waist. He just stood there looking at me. I couldn't budge him! Home in the garage, I tried to help him by pushing his back end forward, front end back, and by folding the seat down. I gave up and called my husband. He told me how to take the gate down.

So a couple hundred dollars later, Plato took a snooze as if nothing happened, while I contemplated a glass of wine. I opted for a shower instead considering my kids were not even home from school yet and there was lots to be done!

This is just a typical day in Plato's world, but I am so happy to be a part of it!!



Happy Tails: *This is why we do what we do!*

Kansas - age 10 weeks

Entered rescue 6/2010
Adopted 6/2010

Rocky - age 5

Entered rescue 6/2010
Adopted 7/2010

Mabel - age 7

Entered rescue 7/2010
Adopted 7/2010

Lola - age 3

Entered rescue 7/2010
Adopted 7/2010

Oscar (was Kaiser) - age 11 mo.

Entered rescue 7/2010
Adopted 7/2009

Darwin - age 11 mo.

Entered rescue 7/2010
Adopted 7/2010

Bono (was Bohdi) - age 11 mo.

Entered rescue 7/2010
Adopted 8/2010

Mocha (was Chocolate) - age 11 mo.

Entered rescue 7/2010
Adopted 8/2010

Buddy - age 5

Entered rescue 7/2010
Adopted 8/2010

Cody (was Jacob) - age 2

Entered rescue 7/2010
Adopted 8/2010

Millie - age 2

Entered rescue 7/2010
Adopted 9/2010

Leyna (was Piper) - age 3

Entered rescue 8/2010
Adopted 8/2010

Cora (was Paige) - age 6 mo.

Entered rescue 8/2010
Adopted 8/2010

Sadie - age 4

Entered rescue 8/2010
Adopted 8/2010

Ned - age 3

Entered rescue 8/2010
Adopted 8/2010

Chloe (was Dakota) - age 2

Entered rescue 8/2010
Adopted 8/2010

Fiona - age 8-10 mo.

Entered rescue 9/2010
Adopted 9/2010

Ace - age 3

Entered rescue 9/2010
Adopted 9/2010

Stella (was Harley) - age 2

Entered rescue 9/2010
Adopted 9/2010

Jillie (was Big Momma) - age 2

Entered rescue 9/2010
Adopted 10/2010

Dakota (was G41) - age 3

Entered rescue 9/2010
Adopted 10/2010

Sasha - age 1

Entered rescue 10/2010
Adopted 10/2010

Lucky (was Hilda) - age 2

Entered rescue 10/2010
Adopted 10/2010

Casey - age 5

Entered rescue 10/2010
Adopted 10/2010

Lola (was Rayna) - age 1

Entered rescue 10/2010
Adopted 10/2010

Moose - age 9 mo.

Entered rescue 10/2010
Adopted 10/2010

Keely - age 4.5

Entered rescue 10/2010
Adopted 10/2010

Domino (was Ford) - age 1.5

Entered rescue 10/2010
Adopted 10/2010

Addy (was Abby) - age 2

Entered rescue 10/2010
Adopted 10/2010

Cocamo (was Molly/Tiney) - age 2

Entered rescue 10/2010
Adopted 10/2010

Taylor - age 18 mo.

Entered rescue 5/2010
Adopted 5/2010



BLOG SPOT

Our dogs blog. Check it out!

<http://tiny.cc/LmZJ3>



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Bow WOW! Past adopter shares a tail of triumph



Murphy, who used to be known as Walter, came to EGSPC Rescue along with his brother through GSP Rescue of OH. He was nine months old at the time (Jan. 2010) and only spent one night in foster care. He was adopted the next day by the Goldberg family. He has two Beagle sisters as well.

Well here's Murphy on his very first day of hunting. In a recent email to the group, proud father Marc provided an update. *"He is doing great. He is like the Tasmanian devil when he starts out in the morning, but after an hour he calms down and really points well. He is still a pup and learning more each time we go in the field. We are still working on a better retrieve. I am very impressed and happy for as far along he has come with not having any early training."*



upcoming events

Come out and support rescue! Buy some cool stuff! We especially love to see Club members, past adopters and their furry friends. *(*Dogs are not allowed at all the events in which we participate.)*

Visit our Website for more info or become our friend on Facebook.



gsprecuenj.petfinder.org

START SAVING UNWANTED ITEMS!* MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND YARD SALE

Saturday, May 28, 2011
Beach Haven, NJ
*We start collecting in April and will remind you with an email. Please only gently used items.
No clothes, appliances, TVs, or computers.

January

13-16 Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen Show

NJ Convention & Exposition Center at Raritan Center
Edison, NJ

Thurs., Fri., 1 - 9 pm
Sat., 9 am - 7 pm
Sun., 9 am - 5 pm

Seminars, special attractions, outdoor experts, All things outdoor and hunting AND conservation related!
www.gsoss.com

30 All-breed Eye & Microchip Clinic

See flyer on page 8.

May

1 3rd Annual JAMM Motorcycle Run Registration:

8:30 - 10:00 am
The Chatterbox Drive-in
Route 15, Augusta, NJ

10:30 - Blessing of bikes
10:45 - Kickstands up

After Party: 1- 4 pm
Pub 517
Route 517, Allamuchy, NJ
(Cash only)

NEW WEBSITE:
www.wix.com/jammiii/run
Registration is already open. Visit the site for full details about riding and/or sponsoring. Even if you don't ride, you can come out for the raffle and the party. It's an awesome event!! Thanks to all of our supporters.

*Rain date May 8

EVERYONE WANTS A RESCUE T-SHIRT...or hoodie, or bag, or....

New Merchandise has arrived!

New "Hoodies" sweatshirts
blaze orange, dark chocolate and dark heather grey - \$30.00 (S-2XL)

Crew-neck adult sweatshirts
sport grey, natural, blaze orange - \$20.00 (S-2XL)

Short-sleeve adult t-shirts
New Colors = black, light blue, maroon, heather forest green;
Other colors = natural, oceana blue, chocolate - \$15 (S-2XL)

Long-sleeve adult t-shirts
New Colors = black, cinnamon heather, military green
Other colors = charcoal grey, natural, blaze orange - \$18 (S-2XL)

Short-sleeve children's t-shirts: Indigo blue or Azalea \$12 (S-XL)

Metal Leash Hook
"Rescued 'n Loved" with a GSP or generic paw prints - \$20.00

NEW Black Messenger Bags
\$20.00

SIGNED BOOK: by author Carlo DeVito.
"10 Secrets My Dog Taught Me: Life Lessons from a Man's Best Friend" \$13.00.
A wonderful tale about a man and his life lessons learned from his best friend...a rescued GSP!

ADULT hats: orange with black logo, black with red logo, pine green with silver logo, pine green with tan logo and khaki with coral logo:
One Size: \$15 each

Assorted plush dog toys: 9" fuzzy sleepy sheep and assorted toys, 12" sport ball toys on ropes and 17" bungee toys in assorted colors/styles:
\$5.00 each or 2 for \$9.00

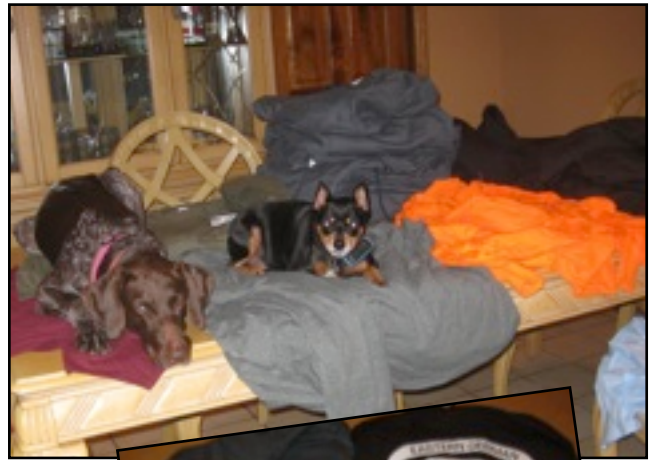
GSP collars, lanyards & key chains: Red or blue; "Rescues Rule" Collars - Collars \$12 each; Lanyards \$10 each; key chains \$8 each

MAGNETS - \$5.00 each. Choose from:
Ribbon: "Rescue" in white/black, red/white/blue
Bone Shaped: "I Love my Rescue" or "I Love my Dogs" or "I Love My Dog"
Oval: Plain or decorative "Woof"; "Dog N' It"; paw print; "Peace, Love, & Rescue"
"Woof" word; GSP face
Pawprint: "My Rescue Rescued Me"; "Save A Life...Adopt A Pet"
Peace sign: Blue or rainbow with Paw Prints

STICKERS. Choose from the following styles - \$4.00 each: Oval: "Dog Lover"; "Woof"; paw print; pack of GSP stickers; white GSP outline; "My GSP is Smarter than Your Honor Student" Bumper Sticker; "Save my Pet in Case of Fire" **DOOR CLING**- \$3.00 each

Adorable GSP stuffed animals in liver/ticked or black/ticked (small only) - small \$15 or large \$20

Please email your order to us at GSPrescueNJ@hotmail.com. **INCLUDE** your phone number and shipping address so we can calculate shipping charges. We'll check if your items are in stock and send you an email confirmation within approximately 48 hours, which will include your total due and the address where the check should be sent to. Make all checks payable to EGSPC Rescue. All items will be mailed US Parcel Post within 1 week.



IS YOUR DOG A GOOD CITIZEN?

The AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Program was started in 1989 as a certification program acknowledging responsible dog ownership for people and polite manners for dogs. It has been a model for other similar programs in numerous countries and helps to ensure that dogs will be welcome members of the community.

In 2004 insurance companies, such as Nationwide, began making homeowners' insurance available to owners of previously blacklisted breeds contingent upon the dog passing the CGC test, and most states have passed CGC resolutions in recognition of the program's advocacy of responsible dog ownership.

All Dogs Eligible

The CGC program is open to ALL dogs of any age (although a similar AKC program, S.T.A.R. has recently been developed just for puppies). Dogs have to be tested in approved equipment. Collars must be flat buckle type, martingale, or slip-collars – no prong or electric collars are permitted – and leashes should be leather, cotton, or nylon. A recent revision to the rules approves the use of certain types of harnesses as well.

What does my dog have to do?

To earn the CGC award, owners must sign a responsible dog ownership pledge and dogs must pass 10 test items designed to show that they are obedient and mannerly around people and other dogs. During the test, a dog must sit quietly at its owner's side while approached and petted by a stranger (the AKC evaluator). It must be able to perform a "sit" and "down" at the owner's command, "stay" while the owner walks away and "come" when called. The dog is also required to walk nicely at its owner's side with a loose leash while making several changes in direction, to walk just as nicely through a small crowd of people, and again when approached by a person with a friendly dog. Additionally, a dog should exhibit only a mild startle when presented with a visual or noise distraction and should be able to remain quiet with a stranger while its owner goes out of sight for three minutes.

Each of the test items simulates situations that could occur in real life, and the focus is on polite behavior, not necessarily perfect behavior. The dogs are evaluated, not judged, and at the end of the test the evaluator lets the owner know if the dog either passed all 10 test items or needs more training. If the dog needs more training, the test can be taken again when the dog is ready, and it can be taken as many times as necessary for the dog to pass.

Many obedience and breed clubs offer CGC testing at their events. At the recent EGSPC Education Day held on August 28, the testing was a huge success. Twelve dogs passed their CGC that day, several of which were rescues.

Why?

Having CGC certification is an accomplishment of which to be proud. Training the behaviors, although not out of reach, can be challenging for new dog owners or owners of dogs with issues such as shyness, fear or aggression. Enrolling in a training program at a local training facility can give owners the guidance, techniques, and support they need to be successful.

For many people, the bond developed with their dog through training is very rewarding and fun. Some CGC dogs even go on to be therapy dogs. Others just rest on their laurels and are better for it!

To find out more about the CGC program, including testing locations and a list of local AKC evaluators, go to the AKC website: www.akc.org/events/cgc/

– Valerie Casperite, CGC Evaluator #10680, club member, and rescue volunteer is Eastern's CGC expert and she wrote this article.



Rescue Yeager passed his CGC test with flying colors at the Club Education Day. He is pictured here with his dad Jeremy and CGC evaluator and volunteer Valerie



Make Your Own Dog Treats - YUM!

PEANUT BUTTER DOG BISCUITS

2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
1/2 cup powered, non-fat milk
1 1/2 teaspoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 whole egg
8 oz peanut butter
1 tablespoon garlic powder
1/2 cup cold water

Mix all ingredients together, **except** water, adding it after other ingredients are mixed. Knead for 3 to 5 minutes. Form dough into a ball. Roll to 1/2 inch thick and cut into doggie bone shapes or any other shape you like. Bake on a lightly greased cookie sheet for 30 minutes at 350 degrees.



ALL BREED EYE AND MICROCHIP CLINIC

Sponsored by the Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club

Proceeds benefit Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Rescue

WHERE: Montclair Feed & Pet Supply, 191 Glenridge Ave, Montclair, NJ

WHEN: Sunday, January 30, 2011

Eye clinic: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm; **Microchip clinic:** 10:00 am to Noon

FEES: Eyes: \$33 per dog; 6 or more dogs \$30 per dog

Microchip: \$35 per dog

All fees must be paid in advance and are nonrefundable.

EYE: Micheal J. Ringle, D.V.M., DIPLOMATE ACVO

MICROCHIP: Arthur Baeder, DVM

APPOINTMENTS: First-come, first-served; Rank your preferred time.

PAYMENT: Check to **EGSPC RESCUE**

Mail *Before* December 20:

Sandy Gonchar, 19 Berglund Ave Staten Island, NY 10314.

Mail *After* December 20:

Sandy Gonchar, 551 East Viaduct Lane, Hernando, FL 34442.

For questions concerning your appointment, contact Sandy Gonchar at sandyg@si.rr.com

OTHER INFO: Eleanor Campbell, escampbell@earthlink.net, (908) 879-2378

REGISTRATION

NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____ STATE _____

ZIP CODE _____ PHONE _____

FAX _____ E-MAIL _____

PREFERRED TIME (RANK FIRST, SECOND, ETC. CROSS OFF TIME YOU ARE UNAVAILABLE)

Please note that microchipping will only be done from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

8-9 _____ 11-2 _____

9-10 _____ 12-1 _____

10-11 _____ 1-2 _____

EYE CLINIC RESERVATION:

CERF Forms will be provided at the clinic. Some errors make CERF Forms unusable. Additional forms are \$3.00 each. There are additional CERF registry fees payable directly to CERF.

NUMBER OF DOGS FOR EYE CLINIC @\$33 _____ @\$30 _____

MICROCHIP CLINIC:

**All dogs microchipped must register with an Animal Recovery Program at an additional fee.

NUMBER OF DOGS @\$35 _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED = _____

YOU MUST include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or your e-mail address to receive confirmation & directions.