

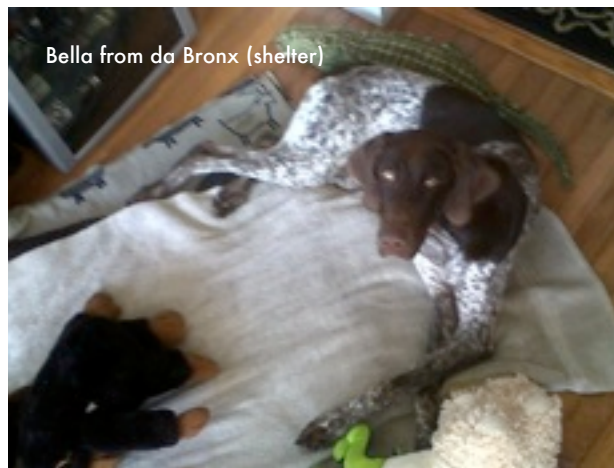
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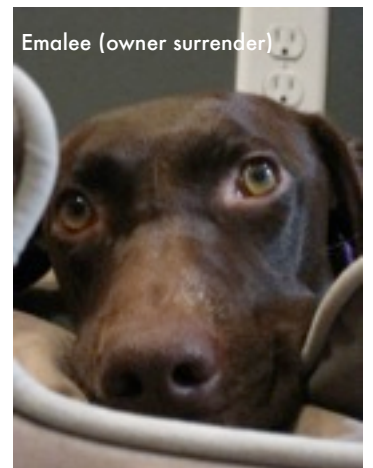
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Maurice (found in shelter)



Bella from da Bronx (shelter)



Emalee (owner surrender)

Home Sweet Home - Just for a While

Please answer the following questions.

1. Do you love GSPs?
2. Are you a good caregiver for your dog?
3. Is your home philosophy “the more the merrier?”
4. Do you want to make sure all GSPs have a home?

If you answered YES to even ONE of these questions – you could be the perfect foster home for a desperate GSP. If you saw a stray GSP—you would save the dog - right?

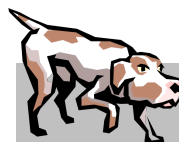
So what do you have to do in order to foster? You have to be an official rescue “volunteer,” and as a rescue volunteer, you must be a member of the Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club of which rescue is a “committee.” (See more about the club on page 4 and visit www.egspc.org to read past newsletters and see all the fun things the club and rescue offers for you and your dog.) You are welcome (and encouraged) to volunteer and

participate at any rescue or club event, but it’s not required to foster. Just open your home to a needy GSP while it awaits a forever home.

“Foster families play a HUGE role in helping rescue match the dog to the RIGHT family. When a dog is in foster care, we can learn all about its quirks, needs, issues, character, energy level etc. Having so much knowledge is important and advantageous in making sure that the dog will fit into the lifestyle of its new home,” said Rayna Regenthal, Chair, EGSPC Rescue.

Rescue has a superior record for placing dogs just once because the group is so careful about matches and because our foster families are so dedicated to the breed.

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Welcome New
Volunteer!

Kyle Kaminski

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OUR VET FRIENDS

- General Health Microchip
- Spay or Neuter Shots

Every dog in the EGSPC Rescue program gets the above before being eligible for adoption. While we work hard to raise money and have so many generous supporters, the more dogs we save, the greater the expenses. Plus, once and a while we have to help a dog with a serious health issue or injury, and this can really add up. We are so very lucky to work with generous vets who offer a special rate for rescue. Here's more about them.

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"We believe that good medicine can be affordable, good advice is free, and being nice doesn't cost a dime. We strive to solve your pets problems and allow your loved ones to live the best lives possible. We are always available to answer any of your questions. We truly love our job and hope to bring a new type of veterinary care to the Jersey Shore." This is the philosophy of the Forked River Animal Hospital.

Just one look at their website and you know your pet is in good hands. The hospital offers emergency care, diagnostic and therapeutic services, surgery, internal medicine consultations, X-ray, ECG, dentistry, an in-house lab, microchipping, pharmacy, diet and behavioral counseling, and bathing.

Dr. Force has extensive experience and has surrounded himself with a dedicated and passionate staff. That passion shows through in their work with animal rescues. He said, "I got involved with a lot of rescues when I first opened including Boxer rescue and ABC. I think these groups bridge the gap of care for financially strapped owners."

Some adopters are first-time dog owners and he offers some important advice to them as well as any pet owner. "Prevention solves a lot of issues, spay, neuter, heartworm test your pets, and a lot of problems can be avoided."

Dr. Force's "heart belongs to his two sons" and currently has a poodle and a Bulldog. He is also very active in the autism community. "I try to help EVERYONE regardless of their financial status— quality care can be affordable, good advice is always free," he concluded.

Dr. Elizabeth Boggier
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Sat.: 7:30 - Noon

"At Mountainview Veterinary Hospital in Rockaway, New Jersey, our passion is to take care of you and most importantly your pet. People say pets can't speak, but our philosophy is if you listen very carefully and perform a thorough physical exam, your pet will tell us exactly what we need to know in order to give them the best veterinary care possible. We provide modern veterinary medicine with old-fashioned compassion." This philosophy is not just talk. For example, from a modern standpoint, Mountainview offers easy online reordering for medication and food. From an old-fashioned standpoint - housecalls can be arranged.

Three doctors are in the practice and cover a variety of special interests such as internal medicine, general and special surgery and cancer diagnosis and treatment. They also offer preventative and wellness care, dental care, microchipping and counseling before for pet selection and afterwards to deal with behavior.

"Mountainview is proud to give back to the community by assisting EGSPC Rescue with their preventative and critical care needs. I first became involved with when the group had a litter of puppies who were affected with parvo virus. One particular puppy captured my heart when he defiantly attempted to chew his IV line out the instant our backs were turned. It was that spunk that lit the flame and Orville's unconditional love that has fueled the fire that created a soft spot in my heart for the breed," said Dr. Boggier. "I had no idea GSP's were so loyal and loving! I am completely hooked now, and can't imagine life without a GSP in it."

Dr. Boggier echoes what Dr. Force said about preventative medicine. "One of the most important things that an adopter should know about the health care of their pet is preventative medicine. Routine health checks are so very important. During a full physical exam and history, we are looking for common health problems that the owner may not be aware of. Early detection is key to a long healthy life. Proper weight management and dental care are two examples which are simple, yet add years to your pet's life."

Along with two daughters, and a husband who runs the office, Dr. Boggier's busy life includes: Orville the "famous" GSP; Elmer "the belligerent bluetick coonhound" (also a rescue); 2 cats (Maggot and Manfred), a Guinea pig, bird and assorted fish.

Next Issue - Read about our generous friends at the Bridgewater and Forked River CAMP BOW WOW locations who help us with our foster dogs if needed by providing a complimentary boarding space.

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FOSTER A GSP

In the rare event, a dog gets returned, rescue will take it back, but you are not obligated to re-foster.

Many dogs come into the program and already have a match, so you may just have a foster for a short time. Some dogs take slightly longer to place and it could be a few weeks to a few months.

On unique occasions we will get a dog, such as a poor old senior, who would be considered a long-term foster because he or she is hard to place.

Rescue can't promise how long a dog will be with you, but we usually have a good estimate of the potential stay for each dog.

We won't lie – fostering can be hard work – it disrupts your everyday routine and can hurt your heart when the dog gets adopted. But in all those moments of hard work there is underlying joy in knowing you are giving this dog hope it would have never had.

It's the most rewarding feeling when you see your foster dog lie down with a full belly, and have a good night's sleep finally. They simply KNOW they are safe. They exude peace. It's inexplicable.

EGSPC Rescue's chief priority is New Jersey, but we have to cover New York as well. There are so many other states that don't have a dedicated GSP rescue and many of them have high-kill shelters. That means if a GSP gets abandoned it may only have a few days to live. If Eastern Rescue has a family waiting and no dogs in rescue, we may help one of those states with no rescue.

But no dog from anywhere can be taken into the program unless there is an available foster family. For the love of a GSP—please consider fostering!!!

Email gsprescuenj@hotmail.com for more information.

A few foster facts:

- Most dogs are fully vetted, spayed or neutered before being fostered.
- Reimbursement for basic expenses can be made, but many who foster consider things like food, treats, toys, and bedding a donation to rescue since they already have most of these things for their own dog(s).
- You don't have to have a dog to foster.
- You are expected to set boundaries and work on manners if needed.
- You will have fun!
- You WILL HELP SAVE THE LIFE OF A GSP.



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*L'Oreal Day,
Cranbury, NJ*

*Volunteers: Amy, Dana,
Gay, Jeremy, Laura,
Michelle B, Sandy & Sid
G, Sue
Dogs: Brodey, Gypsy,
Hunter, Jake, Lacey, Mr.
G., Rudy, Sky, Tucker,
Zane*



**Beefsteak Dinner
Rocakaway, NJ**

Volunteers: Rayna, Marin



*Merchant Mart, Long Beach Island, NJ
Volunteers: Lori, Sandy, Sean Dogs: Walter*



Decoy & Gunning Show, Tuckerton, NJ

*Volunteers: Amy, George, Jeremy, Nicole, Sandy,
Sue, Sean Dogs: Justice, Otis, Thelma, Tucker*



**Other event , no pics
Doggie Derby,
Forked River, NJ**

Volunteers: Nicole, Sue

The Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club (EGSPC) is the second oldest club in history of the German Shorthair. It is the only Sporting Breed Specialty Club to have been granted status as an AKC member club. Located in New Jersey, the club boasts members from CT, NJ, NY, PA and several other states in the U.S. For over 70 years, the EGSPC has been promoting the natural and versatile qualities of the GSP through Specialty Shows, Field Trials, Hunt Tests, and many other Performance Events. The club also holds an annual Education Day to help the newcomers learn and for everyone to enjoy the versatility of this marvelous breed. Please visit www.egspc.org for more information on the breed or the club, or if you would like to become a member

Bow WOW! adopter shares tale of triumph



Maya

Joe and I have had a total of 4 GSPs. We are not hunters, we just love their funny personalities. We have rescued three (two through the EGSPC Rescue), all gun sensitive, all crazy funny.

Maya was adopted in 2006 through Eastern at the age of 2. She was never in a shelter or foster home. A policeman from Paterson owned her and her father. Maya turned out to be gun sensitive and being a hunter, he no longer wanted to keep her, but still wanted to find her a good home. We went to volunteer Laura Alfieri's home to meet Maya, fell in love, and adopted her shortly thereafter. She was a wonderful pet which is all we wanted.

Then came Otter. We got Otter from a breeder as a puppy. Our first GSP puppy. That is when we joined the Club, met some wonderful people, and got involved in taking Otter for hunt training with Mike Blanchard.

When we saw what this breed does naturally, it blew us away. We had such fun getting Otter's Junior Hunter title, as did he, it was sad when it was over. As I said, we don't hunt, so it was the end of the road.

Subsequently, we would take Maya and Otter together to the WMA dog training area at Spruce Run. Maya would dive into briars, thickets, bushes after any leftover birds while Otter stayed on the paths! We had to get Maya a tummy vest because she would tear herself to shreds hunting her little heart out. She was fearless. That's when we decided to see if Mike would be able to work with her to overcome her fear of gun shots.

Watching what came natural to her, just amazed us. This along with Maya getting so much better over the years with loud noises, gun shots in the distance, thunder, etc. —we felt it was her turn to shine.

Mike worked wonders with Maya. She trusted him and he knew how to get her focused on her birds, so when the time was right, she wasn't afraid of the starter pistol. He took his time with her.

We had to get her a PAL/LPI (Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privilege) through the AKC since she didn't come with papers. [Editor's Note: Visit www.egspc.org and read the Summer 2010 issue of "To The Point" to find out more about PAL/ILP or go to the AKC website.] Maya passed her Junior Hunt tests this year, 4 out of 4, which is a huge accomplishment for her. Did she get all 10s? No, but that's OK. A pass is a pass.

It's all in the training. If Maya had been trained properly from a pup, perhaps she wouldn't have been gun sensitive. But then again, we would never have had the good fortune of adopting Maya either. At the age of 8, we are very proud of our little Junior Hunter, aka "Maya, JH".

— Deborah Rein aka Maya's mom.



Quotable Quotes from our adopters

One of the best things about rescue is getting updates from adoptive families.

Hearing their joy, funny stories, and successes makes it all worth it!

The group also helps with any adjustment issues. EGSPC Rescue

volunteers include many breed and behavior experts, as well as trainers.

Below are excerpts from just a few emails.

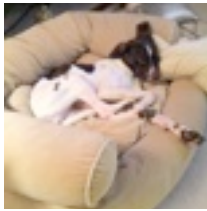
Some of the expressions they come up with are too good to keep to ourselves!

Great news. Sophie is working out very well.

Last week she graduated her 6-week beginner obedience course. **She did so well, in fact, that of the 12 dogs originally in the class, she was the ONLY one promoted to the next level class, pre-novice.** Another achievement was last night when she passed her Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Test. Just wanted to keep you up-to-date!

Just to let you know Olive has adjusted beautifully and we adore her.

She began obedience classes last Wed. Her second class tomorrow and she's doing well. She is getting along well with our cat. It took



just a few days for them to get used to each other. We're so happy we found her. **She's very smart (maybe smarter than me).** We love her. Please pass on to Kyle how well she's adjusted. it was a pleasure meeting her and I so admire the work of the rescue group.

I took Polly for a trial run last night.

She's much better running on the leash than walking. We went about 3 miles and she loved it! It was flat ground, but I varied the speed. **She was a wet, wagging, happy mess!** She slept like a log curled up with Rox and I last night.



She is a bit of a Houdini with her crate! My daughter came home from school yesterday and her and Rox were curled up on the couch. Rest assured she's not lacking any love or affection!

I thought I'd share a few pics of Phoenix.

(From our volunteer Dana.) He was one of the Missouri 75, adopted out in September 2009.



He now lives with his mom, doggy brother Marcos, and 2 human brothers. The boys recently went away to college. You can see how happy Phoenix is to have them home for Thanksgiving! Pretty sweet for a dog who was terrified of people, especially men.

Jeff is now Tucker. He is unbelievable.

He fits right into the family and acts as if he has been here always. He behaved remarkably well at our picnic yesterday. Not sure how he will do with the cats yet; they seem to be keeping their distance. He is sleeping in his crate at night and eating well. We took him for a walk today and were so surprised how well he did on the leash. He also, visited the neighbor's dogs and enjoyed that.

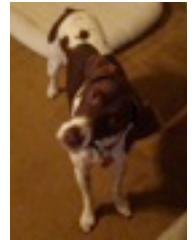
I'll keep you in the loop on Miss Abbey.

She is oh so sweet. She's curled up with Paul on the couch right now - 1/2 on his lap. We SWORE we'd never let a dog on the couch, but-well-you know. **She curls up to about the size of a dinner plate so doesn't take up much room.** Love her.

I am having one issue with Mandi—she is bunny crazy!

Email 1: We have a nest under the shed and she is fixated on the shed. Other than that, she is our sweet baby girl. I just love having her around even if she is bunny crazy.

Email 2: She is doing great! **She sleeps in the sunbeam that hits his bed in the afternoon.** She is still bunny and squirrel crazy. Not as many bunnies out back as we sprayed some all natural oil/herb mix that they are not supposed to like.



Email 3: It appears that my Bunny Rabbit friends got the Mandi message and left town. Thank you for all your advice. My family and Mandi are having so much fun together. Thank goodness, there was not a "bunny incident." **She is a kissing machine lately.**

So far everything is going great, Emalee's a perfect fit!!

She very much wants to be a lap dog. My son Kevin came home from practice last night and he laid on half her bed and she walked right up his chest and laid down on top of him :). This morning she snuck up on John's lap after he got home from work and took full advantage of him because he was sleeping on the couch. The crate is still not her favorite place although she does go in from time to time to take a short nap, but **she prefers to lay on top instead of inside, She's quite a character.**



Happy Tales: This is why we do what we do!

Lily - age 2

Entered rescue 6/2011
Adopted 6/2011

Roxie - age 6

Entered rescue 4/2011
Adopted 6/2011

Cocoa - age 2

Entered rescue 6/2011
Adopted 7/2011

Olive - age 2

Entered rescue 7/2011
Adopted 8/2011

Oliver - age 12

Entered rescue 4/2011
Adopted 8/2011

Archie - age 6

Entered rescue 9/2011
Adopted 9/2011

Mandi - age 2.5

Entered rescue 7/2011
Adopted 9/2011

Cocoa - age 8

Entered rescue 7/2011
Adopted 9/2011

Apple - age 1

Entered rescue 10/2011
Adopted 10/2011

Bella - age 10 mo.

Entered rescue 11/2011
Adopted 11/2011

Buck - age 1

Entered rescue 7/2011
Adopted 11/2011

Harley - age 3

Entered rescue 11/2011
Adopted 11/2011

Polly - age 5

Entered rescue 6/2011
Adopted 11/2011

Taco - age 3

Entered rescue 9/2011
Adopted 12/2011



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Upcoming Events

January	April	May		
<p>12-15 Garden State Outdoor Sportmen's Show NJ Convention/Expo Center Edison, NJ Thurs. & Fri.: 1 - 9:00 pm Sat.: 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Sun.: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm 100s of vendors and exhibits; seminars, demos; experts, contests http://gsoss.com</p> <p>Come out and support rescue! Buy some cool stuff! We especially love to see Club members, past adopters, and their furry friends. Visit our website for more info: gsprescuenj.petfinder.org. Become our friend on Facebook.</p> 	<p>29 (RAIN DATE May 6) JAMM IV (Motorcycle Run) Starting Point: Chatterbox Drive-In State Hwy. 15, Augusta, NJ Cash after "party" site TBA -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration - 8:30 - 10:00 am • Blessing of the Bikes - 10:30 am • Kickstands up - 10:45 am - <p>For more information please visit the website at www.wix.com/jammiv/run</p>	<p>26 (RAIN DATE May 27) Memorial Day Yard Sale 12502 Beach Ave, Beach Haven, NJ This is a huge weekend for sales on LBI and we now have regulars who attend ours. We need donations of your unwanted items.. We will start to collect in April and you'll get an email reminder. GOOD condition and WORKING ORDER only please. Thanks in advance for your participation!</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household items •Toys/games •Outdoor stuff •Hardware/tools •Books •Small furniture •Costume jewelry •Handbags, workbags, luggage •Small electronics/appliances •Linens •Books </td> <td> <p>CANNOT TAKE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Clothing •Large furniture •Cribs •Child seats •TV •Large appliances <p>Email Lori if you have questions. lorcastle@yahoo.com</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household items •Toys/games •Outdoor stuff •Hardware/tools •Books •Small furniture •Costume jewelry •Handbags, workbags, luggage •Small electronics/appliances •Linens •Books 	<p>CANNOT TAKE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Clothing •Large furniture •Cribs •Child seats •TV •Large appliances <p>Email Lori if you have questions. lorcastle@yahoo.com</p>
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From www.akc.org:

Winter Care for Canines

Winter's cold air brings many concerns for responsible dog owners. Keep the following precautions in mind:

Don't leave your dog outside in the cold for long periods of time. Wind chill makes days colder than actual temperature readings. Be attentive to your dog's body temperature, and limit its time outdoors.

Adequate shelter is a necessity. Keep your dog warm, dry and away from drafts. Tiles and uncarpeted areas may become extremely cold, so make sure to place blankets and pads on floors in these areas.

Be extra careful when walking or playing with your dog near frozen lakes, rivers or ponds. Your dog could slip or jump in and get seriously injured.

Groom your dog regularly. Your dog needs a well-groomed coat to keep properly insulated. Short or coarse-haired dogs may get extra cold, so consider a sweater or coat. Long-haired dogs should have excess hair around the toes and foot pads trimmed to ease snow removal and cleaning. If you do the trimming, take care not to cut the pads or other delicate area of the foot.

Feed your dog additional calories if it spends a lot of time outdoors or is a working animal. It takes more energy in the winter to keep body temperature regulated, so additional calories are necessary.

Towel or blow-dry your dog if it gets wet from rain or snow. It is important to dry and clean its paws, too. This helps avoid tiny cuts and cracked pads. A little petroleum jelly may soften the pads and prevent further cracking.

Don't leave your dog alone in a car. If the car engine is left on, the carbon monoxide will endanger your dog's life. If the engine is off, the temperature in the car will get too cold.

Health Tips

Dogs cannot talk to us when they are sick. As a responsible dog owner, it is important to pay special attention to your dog's well-being during the winter season. Remember the following health concerns:

Antifreeze, which often collects on driveways and roadways, is highly poisonous. Although it smells and tastes good to your dog, it can be lethal.

Rock salt, used to melt ice, may irritate footpads. Be sure to rinse and dry your dog's feet after a walk.

Provide plenty of fresh water. Your dog is just as likely to get dehydrated in the winter as in the summer. Snow is not a satisfactory substitute for water.

Fireplaces and portable heaters can severely burn your dog. Make sure all fireplaces have screens, and keep portable heaters out of reach.

Like people, dogs seem to be more susceptible to illness in the winter. Take your dog to a veterinarian if you see any

suspicious symptoms. Don't use over-the-counter medications on your dog without consulting a veterinarian

Holiday Safeguards

The holidays are not ideal for introducing a pet into your family. New puppies and dogs require extra attention and a stable environment, which the holiday season doesn't permit. Also, a puppy is not a toy or gift that can be returned. Instead, the AKC suggests giving a gift representative of the dog to come, such as a toy, a leash, or a bed.

Holly, mistletoe and poinsettia plants are pet poisons! Make sure they are kept in places your dog cannot reach.

Review holiday gifts for dogs to make sure they are safe. Items such as plastic toys and small rawhide sticks may be dangerous.

Remove holiday lights from lower branches of your tree. They may get very hot and burn dogs.

Place electrical cords and wires out of reach. Pets often try to chew them and may get badly shocked or electrocuted.

Avoid using glass ornaments. They break easily and may cut a dog's feet and mouth.

Refrain from using edible ornaments. Your dog may knock the tree over in an attempt to eat them. Also, commercial ornaments may contain paint or toxins in the preservatives.

Whether your tree is live or artificial, both kinds of needles are sharp and indigestible. Don't leave your dog unattended in the room with the tree.

Tinsel is dangerous for dogs. It may obstruct circulation and, if swallowed, block the intestines.

Alcohol and chocolate are toxic for dogs, even in small amounts. Keep unhealthy, sweet treats and seasonal goodies out of reach.

