

To The Point

Eastern German
Shorthaired Pointer Club Rescue
newsletter

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Big year for rescue so far

Nearly six months have passed in 2009, and the EGSPC Rescue has been busier than ever. Key challenges remain the same: raising funds and placing dogs. To that end, the group has five available dogs*, has adopted out six dogs since January, received and processed 66 adoption applications, recruited nine volunteers, and participated in 11 events. The group now has a very active Facebook page and the multi-talented dogs in the program have learned how to blog.

"We are very happy with the way the year is going so far," said Sandy Castle, rescue chair. "Though we wish there was never a dog to rescue, we are lucky to have such a dedicated group. We are especially lucky that so many dogs were able to stay in foster care and, thus, boarding costs have been very minimal. All of the dogs placed have gone to outstanding homes, and this can be credited to our stringent adoption processes and committed evaluations of both dogs and humans by our volunteers."

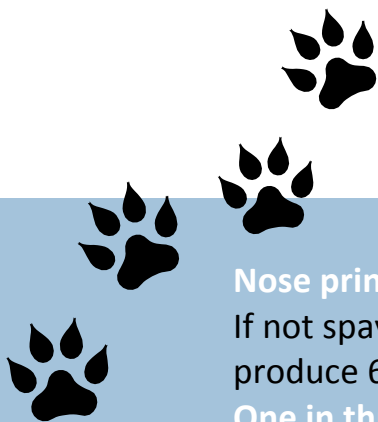
Another successful aspect of the group's effort has been the ability for it to help other rescue groups and shelters across the country. Through cross posting, information out reach, allowing approved N.J. - *Continued on page 5*

Random Dog Facts

Nose prints are used to identify dogs, much like human fingerprints.

If not spayed or neutered, a female dog, her mate, and their puppies could produce 66,000 puppies in 6 years!

One in three homes in the United States have a dog.





JAMM 2009

*58 bikes
101 riders
\$2141 raised*



When thinking of different dog breeds, some complement each other with similarities in look or pedigree – a Lab and a Golden. Some even make you think of the types of humans who own them – pit bulls and bikers. But if you consider GSPs, beagles, and motorcycles they seemingly have nothing in common. That is, unless you took part in the first “JAMM ‘09” ride on April 19.

Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club Rescue, joined forces

rescue a GSP. From this we became friendly and she would occasionally give me a ‘heads up’ on different events for which EGSPC Rescue might be a fit.”

When one of their very dedicated Cascade volunteers, Joanne Miller, passed away in 2007 at age 55 of renal failure, the group wanted to raise money in her honor. Originally, Pattie thought they would donate the proceeds to the liver foundation, however, in discussing the idea with

makings of a big event,” Rayna said. Of course, with a big event comes big planning. From where to start and end, and where to ride, to sponsors, raffle items, and marketing, there was much to accomplish. As this was the first event, a main concern was: Would anyone attend?

Sleeves rolled up, the planning began. When Rayna put out the call for volunteers to help, her sisters Tammy and Marin and their families stepped up, along with Sandy, Sean

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www.doggonegood.com

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with Cascade Beagle East Rescue recently for what proved to be a very successful first event. Event organizer Rayna Regenthal explained, “I met Pattie Scully the chair of Cascade about five years ago when she contacted me to help

Joanne’s husband Lou, he felt she would have wanted money to go to rescue. He told Pattie it was Joanne’s “passion.” Lou and Joanne also had an affinity for motorcycles, as does Rayna, thus JAMM ‘09 was born.

“Pattie and I thought we had the

and Lori Castle, Judy and Gary Anderson, Sue Zymroz, and Henry the dog. Cascade has a permit for “gambling” and is a 501(c)3, so this enabled the groups to hold a raffle and provide tax receipts for donations. *Continued on page 5*

Missouri 75



“Abandoned,” “surrendered,” “stray,” “abused,” “neglected,” – these are some of the worst words an animal rescuer hears, and all too often. What could be worse? Puppy mill. These cold words reached EGSPC Rescue on a cold February Day, and so began the tale of the “Missouri 75.”

In fact, there were 200 dogs involved in the River Valley Kennel Fire in Ozark County, MO. English Springer Spaniels, Boxers, mixed breeds and beloved GSPs were victims of a fire set by the “kennels” owner. According to a report from KMBC-TV news, dated Feb. 27, “I just went a little nuts today,” Michael Vanderwall told the Ozark County sheriff Tuesday evening, according to a probable cause affidavit.”

As the Department of Agriculture and other authorities were closing in on his heinous practices for breeding and keeping animals, Vanderwall decided the best thing to do was to set fire to his entire property. Midwest PAWS, a licensed MO rescue group that focuses on GSPs, Pointers and Weims, took on the care of all of the GSPs from this disaster. An early report from a Web site dedicated to the rescue efforts said: “The first round of GSPs arrived on Friday, Feb. 27, with the second group arriving on Saturday. The dogs were in need of complete veterinary work-ups, treatment for burns, stitches for open wounds, spay/neuter, treatment for tick

infestation, vaccinations, deworming, etc.” As time went on and the dogs were evaluated, it was discovered that the dogs were also severely malnourished and dehydrated. Michelle Salyers of National GSP Rescue was Eastern’s point of contact and continually posted updates on the Missouri 75 Web site she created.

Enter EGSPC Rescue. There was a national outreach and many rescue groups were involved. Some assisted at the scene, others like Eastern offered to foster and adopt out a number of these dogs.

Alpha Dog Transport, a company formed by rescue volunteers, was able to accommodate the Missouri dogs on their route. So as of the wee hours of the morning of March 12, seven GSPs were bound for Mid-Atlantic (4) and Eastern (3) rescue. In the early hours on Saturday, March 12 at a parking lot off of Route 80 in Parsippany, the moment finally came. Volunteers Judy and Gary Anderson, foster mom Eleanor Campbell, step-foster mom, dad and aunt, Sandy, Sean, and Lori Castle, foster aunt and uncle Marin Regenthal and John Garland, foster mom Rayna Regenthal, foster mom Dana Shaute and her father, and volunteer Sue Zymroz were there for the big event. “Seeing these poor creatures at the end of a long journey was an honor,” echoed by all those present.

Skinny, scared, but clearly wanting to trust and receive love, the three dogs were aptly named, “Kelly” – in homage to upcoming St. Patrick’s Day, “Jersey” – after her new home, and “Phoenix” – having risen from the ashes.

They went on to warm, caring foster home where they met lots of other dogs. A lot of time went into

training, further evaluation, and simply acclimating them to a life they had never known. All foster parents and extended families fell in love with their wards.

Jersey, it turned out, was the most timid and remains in foster care, (although Jersey thinks she has found her forever home).

Phoenix was first to be adopted. Unfortunately, Eastern was recently contacted by the adoptive family. He has a slight, but very manageable medical issue. He requires an excessive amount of water and therefore easy access to outdoors. This is remedied by a drug and rescue is currently working with the adoptive family towards the best solution.



Kelly was adopted by a family that the volunteers involved suggested they wanted to be adopted into as well. She was the most headstrong of the bunch and currently lives in both Philadelphia, PA and Rehoboth Beach, DE, where she joined another GSP, a Border Terrier, a Terrier mix and three cats! She has multiple dog walkers to attend to her and they can’t say enough good things about her.

All of these dogs are so smart, they have learned to blog. Check out their journals of their lives plus read about other dogs currently in the program and looking for their forever homes to on the blogger page.



Top Green Pet Tips

(adapted from
www.planetgreen.discovery.com)

Spay or neuter your pet. - We don't need any more we already have. Spaying and neutering also helps dogs live longer, healthier lives by eliminating the possibility of uterine, ovarian, and testicular cancer, and decreasing prostate disease.

Swap out the junk food. - Natural and organic pet foods use meats that are raised in sustainable, humane ways without added drugs or hormones, minimally processed, and preserved with natural substances.

Clean up their poop. - Scoop up doggie doo in bio-degradable poop bags so the No. 2 isn't in a plastic bag in a landfill somewhere forever.

Give them sustainable goods. - Plenty of toys, collars, and leashes are made from recycled materials or sustainable fibers. You can even get pet beds made with organic cotton or even recycled PET bottles.

Tag your pet. - It might be a stretch to call inserting an electronic ID chip into your pet an eco-friendly move, but losing your buddy causes extreme emotional distress that turns you into nobody's friend. Then there's the paper waste from printing out missing posters, the fuel cost of driving around your neighborhood etc. For hanging tags, there are recyclable (and recycled) aluminum ID tags.

For full text and more tips, visit
<http://tiny.cc/AR2Pf>

Summer Pet Care Tips – from the Humane Society of the United States

Never Leave Your Pet in the Car

In nice weather you may be tempted to take your pet with you in the car while you travel or do errands. But during warm weather, the inside of your car can reach 120 degrees in a matter of minutes, even if you're parked in the shade. This can mean real trouble for your companion animals left in the car.

Dogs and cats can't perspire and can only dispel heat by panting and through the pads of their feet. Pets who are left in hot cars even briefly can suffer from heat exhaustion, heat stroke, brain damage, and can even die. Don't think that just because you'll be gone "just a minute" that your pet will be safe while you're gone;

even an air-conditioned car with the motor off isn't healthy for your pet. To avoid any chance that your pet will succumb to the heat of a car this summer, be sure to play it safe by leaving your pet cool and refreshed at home while you're on the road. And if you do happen to see a pet in a car alone during the hot summer months, alert the management of the store where the car is parked. If the owner does not return promptly, call local animal control or the police department immediately.

Watch Out For Fertilizers and Deadly Plants

Summer is often a time when people fertilize their lawns and work in their gardens. But beware: Plant food, fertilizer, and insecticides can be fatal if your pet ingests them. In addition, more than 700 plants can produce physiologically active or toxic substances in sufficient amounts to cause harmful effects in animals.

Water Wisdom

Pets and pools can equal disaster. Prevent free access to pools and always supervise a pet in a pool. Provide plenty of water and shade for your pets while they're enjoying the great outdoors so they can stay cool.

If You Can't Stand the Heat...

Pets need exercise even when it is hot, but extra care needs to be taken with older dogs, short-nosed dogs, and those with thick coats. On very hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours. Keep in mind that asphalt gets very hot and can burn your pet's paws. Pets can get sunburned too, and your pet may require sunscreen on his or her nose and ear tips. Pets with light-colored noses or light-colored fur on their ears are particularly vulnerable to sunburn and skin cancer. Your pet can suffer from heat exhaustion and heat stroke. These conditions are very serious and could cause your pet to die. You should be aware of the signs of heat stress, which could include heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid pulse, unsteadiness, a staggering gait, vomiting, or a deep red or purple tongue. If your pet does become overheated, you need to immediately lower his body temperature. Move your pet into the shade and apply cool (not cold) water over his body to gradually lower his core body temperature. Apply cold towels or ice packs to your pet's head, neck, and chest only. Let your pet drink small amounts of water or lick ice cubes. Most importantly, get him to a veterinarian immediately. Visit www.hsus.org for lots of articles to help keep you pets safe this summer and all the time.



WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS!

Jennifer & Chris Baxter

Cate Sanders-MacPeek & Phil MacPeek

Catharine Troisi

Stacey Ford

Melanie Ford

Rita & Randy Rutherford

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families to adopt out of state, and even assuming possession of dogs, Eastern has had a positive impact in the lives of many animals, in a variety of ways. This help has been beneficial to EGSPC Rescue, as it is often reciprocated.

Most notably, EGSPC Rescue took in three dogs from a puppy mill in Missouri where the “kennel’s” owner set fire to his entire property. (See full story on page 3.) In other cases, assistance was given to New York, Mid-Atlantic, New England, North Carolina and Ohio GSP groups.

General canine and GSP behavioral and health questions also are often emailed to the group. Senior advisor Eleanor Campbell lends her expertise here.

Although, occurring in the latter half of 2008, “rescue” took on a new meaning with the life-saving recovery of Nicole Schenk and Michael Mancusi’s dog Foster. Both

dedicated volunteers, they found themselves in the worst dog situation imaginable. In a sneak escape, so prevalent with the breed, Foster ran off from a dog park into



the woods and swamp of a North Jersey reservation in mid-November. While numerous people searched for days for Foster to no avail, EGSPC Rescue volunteer Sue Zymroz and friend Dee Keelan set out a few days before Thanksgiving for another try.

Through their perseverance and with a little help from a psychic,

Foster was miraculously located and taken out of the area by N.J. State Police helicopter. The ladies were also airlifted as the conditions in the preserve proved dangerous. Many TV stations covered the drama.

What’s in store for the second half of the year? Only time will tell. However, see page six for complete details on upcoming events.

In the meantime, volunteers continue to work on exploring and tracking events, responding to email inquiries, processing applications and performing home visits, executing transports, fostering needy GSPs, updating Web sites, designing signs, business cards, flyers, and slideshows, and so much more!

To track EGSPC Rescue and see what dogs are available, visit our Website or Facebook page. To become a volunteer, email: gsprescuenj@hotmail.com.

*As of this writing

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The first, and only, major roadblock came in the form of Legends Harley Davidson of Ledgewood deciding to close on Sundays due to economic conditions. The groups had secured this location as a central starting point. Luckily, Rayna had a connection at The Chatterbox Drive-In in Augusta. A 50s-style diner, with ample property, The Chatterbox often holds “Bike Nights,” so it was an ideal location. Don Hall, the owner, even agreed to come in early that morning to open before hours, so attendees could use the facilities. “We were able to more than accommodate the number of bikes, had a great exit drive for line up, and even used the picnic area to set up the raffle. We couldn’t have asked for a better start point,” Rayna said.

Pub 199 in Mt. Arlington also is a biker-friendly establishment, with affordable food and drinks, and tons of space for large groups. Pattie worked with owner George Markou and it became the end point.

As the months progressed, JAMM

volunteers worked very hard obtaining donations for raffle baskets, breakfast and coffee sponsors, and getting the word out. The event was posted on a variety of Web site, flyers were hung, and emails were sent. Many businesses were very generous in donating merchandise and there were 20 raffle baskets from which to choose.

Volunteers arrived at 8 am for the 10 am event start. It was a chilly, but thankfully, rain-free Sunday morning. Any doubt about attendance was quickly alleviated as bikers poured in for the event. Henry the GSP, (adopted by volunteers Nicole Schenk and Michael Mancusi) was on hand to serve as raffle dog. Tickets were measured from nose to tail. Sales were going strong prior to the event as everyone gathered for bagels and coffee before kickstands went up.

Pattie gave a touching speech, saying she was “humbled” by the turnout.

Rick Bianculli from American Legion Riders of Post 391, Mine Hill,

acted as escort for the 60-mile countryside ride through Sussex and Morris counties. It was a moving site, as nearly 60 motorcycles and more than 100 riders thundered out of The Chatterbox Drive-In.

Volunteers with four wheels, quickly cleaned and packed up, then went on ahead to Pub 199 to set up the raffle and the room. About an hour later, riders pulled into the parking lot and the fun continued. Raffle sales turned into a frenzy as the time got close for drawing. Even the wait staff got in on it.

As the day drew to a close, most attendees said they would be back next year and not to change a thing. A grand total of \$2141 was raised and was split between the two groups after minor expenses.

“We expect JAMM ’10 to be even bigger and better. We appreciate everyone who made it happen - from volunteers, riders, sponsors, and family members – all who donated time and/or money to support our causes,” Rayna commented.

Upcoming Events

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
<p>Awareness Day At Awareness Days we educate visitors about GSPs, our rescue program, and what dogs are available for adoption. We'll also have some great merchandise for sale. You can always meet a friendly GSP or two at these events.</p>	<p>Saturday, June 13 10 am – 2 pm</p>	<p>Terry's Pet Depot, Route 202 and Route 10, Morris Plains, NJ</p>
<p>L'Oreal "Because Your Dog Is Worth It Day" To benefit the Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. This fun-filled day features more than 25 rescue groups and many vendors; a dog wash, races, contests, a dog park, games for the kids and so much more! For more details visit: www.yourdogisworthittoo.com</p>	<p>Saturday, August 15 9 am – 4 pm</p>	<p>L'Oreal 35 Broadway Rd. Cranbury, NJ</p>
<p>Fido Festival CALLING ALL DOGS FOR SOME FUN IN THE SUN. Take part in a parade, compete in a Frisbee contest, win best in show-off at a beachcomber costume event. Fido's Festival USA® will introduce humans to the latest products and philosophies of dog ownership, and raise awareness of rescue and shelter efforts. Come see the fun for yourself at www.fidosfestivalusa.com</p>	<p>Friday, Saturday, Sunday August 28-30 4 pm – 9 pm (Fri.) 10 am – 5 pm (Sat./Sun.)</p>	<p>Salem County Fairgrounds 735 Route 40 Woodstown, NJ</p>
<p>Somerset Hills Kennel Club All Breed Event – Eastern GSP Club's Specialty Show We will once again be holding a fundraising raffle at the Specialty Show to benefit rescue. This is a full day of fun and exciting events. ITEM DONATIONS NEEDED – Dog related items like beds, leashes, toys, treats, etc. or any GSP related items. Monetary donations also welcome. Contact Laura Alfieri at 908-904-1603 or Laura2gsp@gmail.com</p>	<p>Saturday, September 5 8 am – 1 pm</p>	<p>North Branch Park 355 Milltown Rd. Branchburg, NJ</p>
<p>Fall Garage Sale Clean out your closets and donate your gently used items (no clothing please) to support rescue! Email GSPrescue@hotmail.com for drop off info. Donations accepted beginning Aug. 1.</p>	<p>Saturday, September 5 9-1</p>	<p>Corner of 125th and Beach Ave. Beach Haven, NJ (The Dunes section)</p>
<p>Ocean County Decoy & Gunning Show This nationally-acclaimed event highlights the working decoy and South Jersey waterfowling heritage. 100s of exhibitors display works; friendly competitions and contests take place on Lake Pohatcong and adjoining shoreline at "Tip" Seaman County Park.</p>	<p>Saturday & Sunday September 26-27 7 am – 5 pm</p>	<p><i>Shuttles run to three location in Tuckerton:</i> -Tip Seaman County Park Lakeside Drive and Route 9 (Rescue will be set up at this location) -Pinelands High School, Nugenton Road -Tuckerton Seaport, Route 9</p>
<p>Chowderfest Merchant's Mart Stop by our booth! Admission is free. LBI stores clear out their merchandise. Lots of bargains, live music, food and beer.</p>	<p>Saturday, October 3 10 am – 4 pm</p>	<p>Ninth St. & Taylor Ave. Beach Haven, NJ</p>