



Springer Tails

Mid-Atlantic English Springer Spaniel Rescue

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Monica LaPolt

It's rare that I sit down to write for the newsletter and find myself at a loss for words. There are those who know and love me that would say that I am never at a loss for words.

However, the last two months have been quite hectic for my family and me. We moved back from California but not to our home. Instead, my son, the dogs and I will be staying with family while my husband does a one-year tour of duty in Afghanistan. Not surprisingly, it's been difficult for me to focus on other things going on around me.

These times happen to us all. We have a major change or many minor changes in our lives. We find ourselves dealing with the stress of those changes while trying to maintain control over the day-to-day details of our lives. Suddenly, we find ourselves sapped of all of our creative energies. Any ability to enjoy our leisure time is gone.

At times like those, my dogs know the cure. It's time for a walk. Not the daily around the block sniff at tree X, bark at the neighbor's dog, mark the telephone walk. No, it's time for a big walk.

For me those walks are always long walks in the woods, where my dogs and I lose track of time. We wander and meander down trails. Well, I wander and meander, they tend to course back and forth covering as much distance in as little time as possible.

The walk could take a half of an hour or half of a day. But when we are done, I feel refreshed and renewed. My head is clearer and my heart calmer. My dogs lie on the floor in a deep self-satisfied slumber.

Then I take another look at the stressors in my life. Some will be resolved immediately as simply too unimportant. About others I will gain perspective and the pain of the worst will be lessened.

So when life gets too much, grab a leash. Take your Springer out for a walk. Maybe it will be around a lake, into a favorite city neighborhood, or at the shore. Just make sure that you break out of your routine, indulge yourselves in the rare treat of a walk without a schedule or a goal. Just enjoy what you see around you and your Springer's happiness at spending some time alone with you for no other reason than just because.

With that said, I am going to go walk my dogs!

Enjoy the rest of the summer, be safe, be happy, and be healthy.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 18 – Richmond, VA – “Strut Your Mutt” – Rescue Fair sponsored by Richmond Animal League – To help or for information, contact Kim Bolster (email: ess4x18@cs.com)

September 25 – Lahaska, PA – Rescue and Education Fair – To help or for information, contact Vicki Phillips (MHAAC@aol.com)

October 3 – Fredericksburg, VA – Dog Festival – To help or for more information, contact Kim Bolster (ess4x18@cs.com)

October 23 – Richmond, VA – Central Virginia Yard Sale – To help or donate items for the sale, contact Kim Bolster (ess4x18@cs.com)

DO YOU TRANSPORT FOR MAESSR?

Consider purchasing the new "transport" shirt. Conceived by volunteer Vicki Phillips and drawn by famed Springer artist Laurin Howard, the shirt will help identify your "connection" in a transport and is a real discussion item. See the back page or website for ordering information.



LANCASTER PICNIC RECAP

Over 100 volunteers and adoptive families converged on Central Park in Lancaster, Pennsylvania for the August MAESSR picnic. A wonderful time was had by all!

Once again, the Rescue Parade was the highlight of the day and really demonstrated why we all are involved in Rescue. Many of the dogs' stories brought tears to the eyes of attendees. Barb Bennett presented an Appreciation gift to Debbie Lipsey for all her efforts on behalf of the dogs. Ice cream treats were provided by Linda Foster as a thank you for all the hard work done every day by the volunteers.

Over 35 donated raffles were fiercely fought over. The raffles alone raised over \$600 for the dogs - so thank you to all those



Barb Bennett presenting the quilted Springer tote bag Appreciation Gift to Debbie Lipsey for all her efforts on behalf of MAESSR and the many Springers in need at the Lancaster picnic.

who brought the raffles to the picnic. The new MAESSR merchandise was on display and sold well. Making its' premiere was the 2005 MAESSR calendar. Janet Wilamowski conducted a grooming clinic that was well attended with individuals staying over an hour after the end of the picnic to gain additional tips and information on grooming. Debbie Lipsey again conducted a Microchip Clinic. Special thanks to all who helped at the picnic - you made the day possible.

The MAESSR picnics provide an opportunity to catch up with old friends, meet many people you know by email, and see so many special dogs and owners. The over 60 dogs in attendance at the picnic reaffirmed MAESSR's mission and ongoing efforts. Watch for the dates of the 2005 picnics - and plan to attend!



Judy Bennett, Betsie Arnold and Barb Bennett at the Lancaster Picnic.



The gathering of dogs and people at the Lancaster Picnic!



Clare Adams talking about Spring and her special life during the Rescue Parade at the Lancaster Picnic.

BARK IN THE PARK 2004 WILLIAMSBURG, VA



Alicia Smith (left) and Mary Beach with Ricky, Tristan and Pepper.



Springers galore!

MAESSR dogs, families and a few Springers who attended the April "Bark In the Park" event.



Decisions, decisions! Making the hard choice of which toy to buy from MAESSR.

SPRINGER GAMES

The Hunting Square

by Donna Laing

Donna Laing has participated in the MAESSR quilt since the first year! Donna was asked to tell us about her quilting, involvement with MAESSR and her MAESSR dog, Molly.

"Well, I've been quilting since 1970 and I just love it. I belong to the Newtown (PA) Quilter's Guild, and I'm a chat host for the AOL quilting community.



Molly-the quilter's model

What does a crazy quilter do for vacation? Quilt! I just returned from Quilt Odyssey in Hershey, where I took 3 full-day workshops with nationally acclaimed quilt instructors, shopped for more fabric, and sewed.

I'm coordinator for the Philadelphia County chapter of

Project Linus, a national organization that makes quilts and blankets for seriously ill and traumatized children. Project Linus has provided a million children with quilts since 1995. We just recently made a delivery to the Variety Club Camp for Developmentally Disabled Children, where we provided quilts to 82 kids and two guide dogs.

I've made over 100 quilts, but every year I am challenged by the springer block for MAESSR! I struggle to capture the image of our sweet Molly in thread and fabric. And I always tell my husband Cliff, "Only God can make a springer."

SPRINGER ESSENTIALS

By Teri Wiley

There are many hazards out in our yards and walking areas we need to be aware of to help protect our beloved pets.

Dogs are trusting by nature. It never crosses their minds that something might be dangerous. It is up to us, as responsible pet owners, to check out his environment and protect him from harm. Here are just a few things we can do to protect our dogs outside the home:

- Eliminate any potential "digging" spots. Use cement or deeper trenches when installing fencing
- Destroy any poisonous plants or shrubs or make sure they are out of reach
- Make sure garbage is secure and inaccessible
- Clean up any gasoline spills and antifreeze leaks
- Keep your pet off newly fertilized lawns. Read the label or ask your lawn service BEFORE dispensed.
- Always provide fresh water so your pet does not seek other unhealthy alternatives
- Survey your yard and walking paths for potential sharp objects.

Finally, always keep your vets phone numbers nearby, as well as emergency contacts for poison, insect bites or injury.

DO YOU REMEMBER.....TRISTAN

By Mary Beach

Then...Havre de Grace, MD...December, 2000

Several days before Christmas, a sweet, frightened Springer, found as a stray, is in a rural animal control shelter. He is hours away from being put to sleep, as the shelter is over-crowded this holiday season.

MAESSR volunteers rush to his rescue on December 20th, a busy time for all, and this young fellow is transported to safety. He is less than a year old – probably 6 to 9 months —

and he starts his new life in a Goochland Virginia foster home. He is called Tristan, and he has the markings of a tri-colored beauty.



Tristan, Summer 2004

A heart-shaped marking on his head is an outward sign of the personality of this gentle boy. He is truly "all-heart"! He needs love, nourishment, and treatment for fleas, worms, and ear infections. He finds a new home with three special senior Springers, and they all seem to have such a happy time together. Would they welcome this young boy into their hearts and home? The answer is yes, and Tristan has found his Forever Home!

Now...Richmond, VA...August, 2004

Tristan continues to be a boy who is "all heart". His senior Springer siblings are now at the Rainbow Bridge, but he enjoys his new young Springer brother, Duncan. Tristan is a caring and patient foster brother to MAESSR dogs who come in and out of his home. He is a devoted companion, and a favorite of all the neighborhood children. Tristan has training (obedience, agility and flyball) but his real niche is therapy work. He has his Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and certification from Therapy Dogs International (TDI). With his gentle spirit and distinctive markings, he brings comfort and joy to those he regularly visits in Richmond area nursing homes and hospitals. Tristan's mom, Kim Bolster, advises that just being with Tristan is an every day incentive to be active in Rescue work – he is a true treasure whose life was saved by MAESSR.



ALUMNI NEWS

Compiled by Mary Beach

Class of 2000...Spencer, adopted on Memorial Day, is a happy fellow whose antics (such as lying on his side and "pretend digging") delight everyone, including his groomer. He and his sister Lilly appear to be "joined at the hip". Many folks who meet them marvel at their mutual love and affection. Spencer's family says this handsome fellow has taught them many special lessons...**Spot (now Duncan)**, adopted July 4th weekend, lives with two cocker spaniels, Bayliss and Fezziwig. They have a great time fetching sticks at playtime! Duncan loves romping around the yard and creek chasing Attilla (resident groundhog) and the many squirrels. Duncan says, "I am so happy you rescued me and found my forever home."...**Cleo (now Molly)** is thriving, and her family says she is truly a joy, smiling all the time, happy and spreading happiness all around her. She brings a squeaky to the door to greet each guest, she points to the treat drawer every night at 7:30 sharp, and she's invented her own version of fetch called "Molly-ball"!

Class of 2001...Shadow goes to work with Mom every day. She enjoys a huge yard with rabbits and squirrels. She's still somewhat of a scaredy-cat, but every day gets better. Shadow hopes all her freckled friends are as lucky as she!...**Shadow (Edelman)** has won over the three teenage boys and two adults in her forever home. With obedience training she has become a sweet girl with good manners. She loves keeping track of all five humans and going on long walks after dinner. Her owners say she is a beacon of love and light for her whole family, and they wonder if there's anything sweeter than the eager innocence of a nice, fluffy Springer...**Unity (now Fala)** has moved to Manhattan with her forever family. She wows her new neighbors by jumping shoulder high and leaping from rock to rock in the dog run nearby! She loves to get other pups to chase her. She enjoys the family's new addition-a baby boy! -- and likes to "rescue" his toys and lick his hands and feet!...**Samantha II** is one of the brightest dogs her dad has ever known, and she is also the sweetest and the biggest baby of the crew of dogs in her home...**Buddy X (now Rudy)** is a joy and delight to have around. He is spoiled rotten, but he also knows his place. He's a true companion especially when he accompanies his owners on their daily runs...**Baxter II** arrived on Thanksgiving Day. He's now 11-years-old, a little deaf (or profoundly stubborn), will "sit" only when there's something in it for him, and is a ball-chasing fool. It feels like he's always been a part of his forever family...**Becky Sue**, once timid and lacking in socialization, attended

obedience school and has greatly improved with regular visitors, greeting them with the wagging Springer tail. She is more reserved with someone new but will warm up on her own. She celebrated her 12th birthday in July, and she's enjoying old age napping in the sunshine, staying close to her folks, and taking walks. **Maggie Mae** is older than originally thought and is a real Velcro dog. She takes pills (for her arthritis and incontinence) like a trooper, and she patiently waits to be "diapered" after each visit outside--little tail going a mile a minute. She is partially deaf as well, but her owner wouldn't trade her for anything. She says senior dogs are the most loving and grateful pets of all!

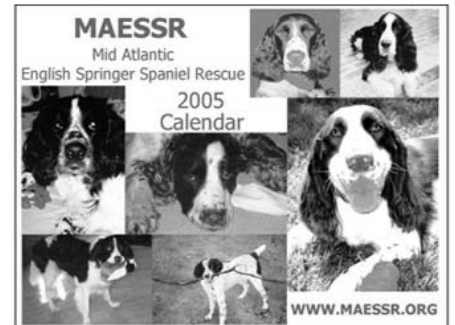
Class of 2003...Junior is small and loud and thinks **Chance ('02)** is his dad. He prefers sleeping as close to his human as possible (sometimes using his head as a pillow)! He has come to understand what toys, treats, and belly rubs are all about. He's braver now and actually barks to protect the home from deer...**Jessie** has responded very well to treatment for kidney disease, and she looks and acts like a two-year-old! She's very enthusiastic about everything, especially w-a-l-k-s and r-i-d-e-s. (These must be spelled or she goes nuts!) She loves her new brother, **Spencer ('03)**, and follows him everywhere.. **Dusty** is 10 years old but acts as if he's 7 or so. He has adjusted to being an indoor dog (had not been inside EVER before MAESSR) and also to being bossed by the resident unisex female Corgi! They recently vacationed at a Bed and Breakfast in NC, and Dusty was gracious with everyone!...**Charles (now Charlie O'Neill)** is having a great life. He now lives on the beautiful campus of Princeton University, enjoys doggie daycare, doggie country club, swimming, parading around town, posing for photos, and chasing the cats! He's very attached to his sister, MAESSR Ambassador, **Sweet Sadie Brown Eyes**.

Class of 2004...Satin & Crystal both live with Savannah ('03) and a B&W Springer, Kerry. Crystal loves to walk around with a soft toy in her mouth. Satin love to squeak soft toys and is able to "kill" a squeaker!...**X-Man (now Gromit)** loves to go for walks, chase squirrels out of the backyard, and play with his stuffed ducks. He also likes to watch TV from the comfort of his mom or dad's lap. He has his very own web page, and last March he graduated from basic obedience!...**Tucker VI** romps, runs, and chases squirrels all around his fenced yard and has a blast! He never tires of playing pull and keep-away with his toys. He displays hunting prowess and his family is working him in the field. He looks and acts like a puppy!

RIGHT OFF THE PRESSES!

The MAESSR 2005 calendar is ready. The Calendar Committee had another tough year of decision-making. The pictures and stories were outstanding!

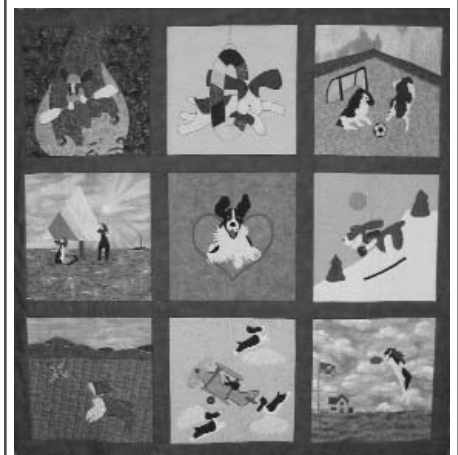
Volunteer Donna Mitchell performed the entire layout of the calendar this year, saving MAESSR significant costs. Information for ordering is on the back page or on the website. Get yours today and read about Snoopy, Rocky, Zeke, Dakota, and Indy to name just a few of the special dogs featured on the calendar!



Have You Missed Out?

Winners Drawing for the MAESSR 2004 Quilt "Springer Games" is October 3rd.

Don't miss out on your chance to own this special quilt! Use the Order Form on the back page or go the MAESSR website to use Paypal. The bonus item is a quilted table runner decorated with Springers!



FRIENDS OF MAESSR

Proline Sales of Perkasie, Pennsylvania

MAESSR owes great thanks to "Paddington" Mumbauer. Adopted in 2002, by Carol and Dave Mumbauer, Paddington has had a significant impact on saving many other Springers!

How? The Mumbauers own Proline Sales in Perkasie and have been a wonderful friend and partner with MAESSR fundraising. Proline donates their services, bulk shipping and expertise to MAESSR. T-shirts, embroidered merchandise, and the new quilt trivet have all been produced by Proline Sales.

A very special thank you is extended to Dave and Carol - their involvement and expertise has greatly benefited MAESSR - helping many Springers in need!

Editors Note: See all the new merchandise on the MAESSR website as well as the order form on the back page of this newsletter.

"WHERE IN THE WORLD IS MAESSR?"

We are starting a new feature! We are following MAESSR merchandise all around the world and on your travels! This issue we have found Applications Coordinator, Kathleen O'Neill in the Colorado Rockies at 12,500 feet! She is showing off the new MAESSR fleece pullover and is enjoying the company of her son's dog, Gita.

Please send your pictures by email to: (ess4x18@cs.com) or by mail to the Richmond Post Office Box. Let us know where the picture was taken.



TRIBUTE TO QUINCY AND RANGER

By Linda Johnston

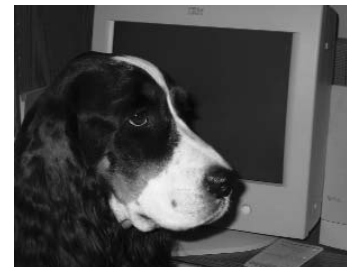
One was abandoned the other in danger
My story starts with Bogart and his journey to the Bridge
After his passing I felt I couldn't live
The house was so lonely as I walked around
So devastated and empty I stared at the ground
With a hole in my heart so wide and so deep
I just couldn't sleep
I needed another who needed me too
I went out searching not knowing what to do
I came across MAESSR not knowing that I'd find
A group of people so loving and kind
I knew what dog I wanted right from the start
One who could heal my empty broken heart
Quincy was the first to come but not what I asked for
But when I read his story he was sweet and so much more
Clare was his foster mom and what a good job she did
I knew he needed a family - a permanent place to live
So off we went to meet him to take a look and see
When I saw those gentle eyes he was coming home with me
After Quincy was home my heart started to heal
So I thought to myself one more dog - no big deal
I kept looking for the right dog for me,
But after reading Rangers story

I knew where he should be
He was so badly treated and treated so unkind
I knew he was coming home with me I had already made up my mind
So off we went on Groundhog Day to pick up Ranger
And with me I knew he was going to stay
I met Heather his foster mom and she cried as he left
She held him in her arms, she told him he had found the life he so badly needs
And that with his new family he'd be happy indeed
When Ranger met his new brother
I knew right then and there, there wasn't another
They run and play and in a king size bed they sleep
And oh did I mention how they like to eat?
With a grandma at home her love runs deep
And boy are they wiggle butts with everyone they meet
Now the sun shines in our lives and we are happy once again
We will shower these boys with love to the end
My story does not end here but it is just a start
Because of the group called MAESSR there is love in my heart
But who knows some day I just might make it three.
Because some lonely soul just might need love from me

AS SEEN ON THE INTERNET

I pulled into a crowded parking lot and rolled down the car windows to make sure my dog had fresh air. She was stretched out on the back seat, and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there. I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically: "Now you stay..... Do you hear me?... Stay!.. Stay!"

The driver of a nearby car, gave me a strange look and said.... "Why don't you just put it in park?"



STAFFORD SPRINGER FEST 2004



Mary McAdam and Sydney



Patti Dooley and Mary McAdam at the fundraising table



Joe and Donna Harkins with Chumley and Bonnie (Nell 2003)



Wendy Hogan and Hattie



Jennifer Bencks and Rita Gatlin helping at the raffles table

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Gifts in Memory of:

Kathy Pugliese – Calli
Debbie and Bill Lipcese – Kathy and Kent Nixon's Higgs and Kim Bolster's Morgan
Karen Hayton and Roger Lant – Harry
Kent and Kathy Nixon – Higgins (Ernie)
Joan Cromwell – Bobbi Lipcese
Robert and Elizabeth Bolster – Kim's Morgan
Lindalee Wald – Barbara Sheroke's Rocky
Vicki Christian – our neighbor's ESS R.I.P. Damy
Evelyn Joray – Vicki Phillips' mother, Iris Hawk Phillips
Lois and Randy Boyer- Pat Tillman, US Army Ranger
Linda Johnston – Harry

Gifts in Honor of:

Kent and Kathy Nixon – Sparky (Frito)
Joan Cromwell – Karen Ellery for the fine work she did as a MAESSR volunteer
Joan Cromwell – Heather Young and all her volunteer work
Lois and Randy Boyer – Lauren Boyer, DVM
Linda Johnston – Randy III
Leigh Breeden – Randy III
Jennifer and Russell Bencks –our Sam
Kathy Pugliese – Randy III
Mary Phillips – Dreamer
Linda Johnston – Quincy and Ranger
Laurie Garrison – Randy III
Joan Reichart – Casey IV
Michael Sulima – Chase
Deborah Lida – Casey finding a new home
Benjamin Kaufman- Sam's new home with us
Tom and Kay Strickler - Walker
Carol Alderman – Bitsy and Buffy (Waywayanda dogs)

Douglass and Julianne Cochran – Taffy II

Lisa Dai Keen – Snuggles II care
Joan Cromwell – in celebration of Ranger finding the perfect forever family

Kathy and Kent Nixon – in appreciation of MAESSR volunteers

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Donna and Bernard Thompson
Linda Johnston –multiple gifts
Joni Jones – matching gift – Fannie Mae Foundation
Wilhelmina Waller
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Rowdy and Bode Phillips (owned by Mary Phillips)
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	"Springer Games"		Quilt Raffle Tickets
1	-\$5.00	4	-\$20.00
12	-\$50.00	25	-\$100.00
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