



3rd Quarter
2009

Springer Tails

Mid-Atlantic English Springer Spaniel Rescue

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Debbie Lipsey
Summer 2009

MAESSR has continued to expand all of our horizons in the past six months. The number of incoming Springers is greater than usual; the number of applicants keeps growing as does the number of volunteers! All of this means that the MAESSR community keeps getting larger.

At our recent July Board meeting, two new members joined our Board. Mary Barnes is a very active MAESSR volunteer and has experience working on the Boards of other organizations. Dr Christine Morlino is a veterinarian at Wellesley Animal Hospital in Richmond, Virginia. Dr. Morlino treats all of the MAESSR foster dogs in the Richmond area and has even adopted a MAESSR dog! I am very excited about the experience and information these two individuals bring to the MAESSR Board of Directors.

Frank Mellon is the web master for MAESSR and is constantly working to upgrade our website to showcase MAESSR and our dogs. One of the new pages he has added is "Where do donations go?" It is an in-depth look at one of our recent foster dogs and the care she received while with MAESSR. A "contact" page has also been added that provides all of the various contact emails within MAESSR. It continues to amaze me that we average about 6000 "unique" visitors to the MAESSR web pages each month!

There has been one surprising trend in the last couple of months, the number of senior springers desperately needing our help. We currently have 11 dogs age 10 and older in our care. In the past, we would get a few older dogs, but this is way beyond anything we have ever experienced. Some of them have come to us due to elderly owners no longer being able to care for them. Some have come to us due to the families having financial difficulties. It really breaks my heart for the senior dogs. I know that I would want someone to care for my Springers in any of these situations. We continue to bring them into our foster homes in hopes that members of our MAESSR family will step up to help these senior dogs find a loving home to live out their days.

If you would consider adopting one of these special older dogs, please email seniors@maessr.org to get the process started.

I would like to thank everyone who is involved with MAESSR in any capacity. Please know that we could not do it without you. If you have suggestions, feedback or questions, please feel free to email me at president@maessr.org.

Calendar of Events

September 12—SpringerFest-Downs Park, Pasadena MD
Contact: Kim Bolster, ess4x18@cs.com

September 20—Furry Friends Fest-Bethlehem, PA
Contact: Candi Lynn frostysd1@yahoo.com

September 20—Suffolk Humane Society Mutt Strut-Suffolk, VA - Contact: Paige Martin buckym@cox.net

September 26-Norfolk SPCA Dog Walk-Norfolk, VA
Contact: Paige Martin buckym@cox.net

October 4-Chesapeake Bark in the Park-Chesapeake, VA
Contact: Paige Martin buckym@cox.net

October 4—Fredericksburg Dog Festival-Fredericksburg, VA
Contact: Kim Bolster ess4x18@cs.com

October 17—Prince William SPCA Pet Expo, Woodbridge, VA – Contact: Donna Conti, dcnet82@hotmail.com

November 7-GoodDogz Home for the Holidays-Reston, VA
Contact: Kim Bolster ess4x18@cs.com



Now available in the Marketplace! This shirt was specially designed for the August 15th event for breast cancer research at L'Oreal. See the article on page 2 for information about MAESSR's participation.

An Unexpected Gift

Amy Elizabeth Rine passed away unexpectedly on December 22, 2008 at her home in Ellicott City, Maryland, leaving many broken hearts. She was just 42 years old. She was very active with her family, her church, and the community. Elizabeth was devoted to her two senior springer spaniels, Nixon and Gipper and the breed.



Unknown to MAESSR personally, she shared our mission to help Springers in need while educating the public about the breed and responsible dog ownership.

Elizabeth's will left one third of her estate and all of her dog related items to MAESSR. Her love of Springers and generosity will ensure MAESSR has the resources to continue helping Springers in need well into the future.

We have many volunteers, adopters, future adopters, and other individuals who support MAESSR's mission. All of these people are part of the fabric that makes MAESSR a strong and vibrant organization. Elizabeth was part of this community. MAESSR would also like to thank Elizabeth's many friends, family and colleagues who thoughtfully donated to MAESSR in memory and honor of Elizabeth.

Ribbons of Hope

Dogs of every breed could be sighted at the L'Oreal "Because your Dog is Worth it too" event on August 15th in Cranbury, New Jersey.

A first time participant, MAESSR joined over 60 rescues and 40 vendors to celebrate dogs while raising money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer Research.

With the help of Carol Mumbauer of Proline Sales, MAESSR designed and sold a shirt which linked the love of dogs and support of cancer research. The shirt is now available for purchase through the website or order form on the back page of the newsletter.



Special thanks to Vicki Philips, Barb Jones, Jackie Hastings, Mike and Louise Perkins, Kathleen O'Neill, Jim Lockwood, Heather Young, and Kim Bolster who endured very high temperatures to promote Springer Spaniel Rescue.

Elizabeth's Story...continued

She was shot and found by the side of the road. Local animal control found her and Elizabeth's story began....



Elizabeth's rescue story is now known nationwide due to her being one of ten national finalists in the Purina "Doing More for Pets" contest. As part of the Purina Rally to Rescue program, MAESSR was eligible to submit a nominee to the "Doing More for Pets" contest. Elizabeth's selection as a finalist, has already earned MAESSR \$1,000 in dog food.

The winner will be decided on a combination of several factors. Public voting, evaluation of the essay telling her story and video will determine which rescue receives \$5,000 from Purina. To vote for Elizabeth and support MAESSR, please go to www.rallytorescue.org

Special thanks to Warren and Marceline Reeves who share their lives with Elizabeth and to Purina for supporting MAESSR and other rescue organizations throughout the United States.



MAESSR and the Combined Federal Campaigns

Thanks to all the hard work by volunteer Carrie Holt, MAESSR has been designated an approved charity in many of the Mid-Atlantic Combined Federal Campaigns. The CFC is the equivalent of the United Way for Federal employees. Applications and materials were submitted for consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie (holtc@sec.gov)
Thanks again to Carrie - this was quite an undertaking!

If MAESSR has been assigned a code, it follows the name of the region. If we are approved but still waiting on a code, the region is listed.

Washington DC Metro Area (Code 86390)

Delaware

CFC of Delaware

Maryland

Chesapeake Bay Area CFC
St Mary's County
United Way of Central Maryland

Pennsylvania

Lancaster – Berks County CFC
Lebanon County
CFC of the Laurel Highlands
Philadelphia Area CFC

Virginia

South Hampton Roads CFC
Virginia Peninsula (86390)
Potomac Peninsula
CFC of Northern Shenandoah Valley (86390)
Central Virginia Area CFC
CFC of Southwestern – Central Virginia

How You Can Help MAESSR

Igive.com – Register MAESSR as your charity and shop through the Igive.com website

Employer Matching Gifts – Will your employer match donations to non-profit organizations? Ask at the Human Resources Department. If so, your donation to MAESSR will be matched by your employer or doubled!

Goodsearch.com - Search the Internet by using www.Goodsearch.com – designate MAESSR (spell out words to find us!) and we will get money every time you use this search engine.

Donate to MAESSR to honor a friend's birthday, wedding anniversary or special occasion. Don't need any more "stuff"? Ask your friends to donate to MAESSR in your name. Their gift will be acknowledged and you will receive notification as well.

Shop at www.Goodshop.com – designate Mid-Atlantic English Springer Spaniel Rescue as your charity. Target, Expedia, Nike are just a few of the stores at this site. Your shopping will help MAESSR.

Buy merchandise from the MAESSR Marketplace – Need a gift for a friend? Lots of wonderful items that help the dogs when you buy!

Shop MAESSR Affiliates found on the MAESSR website – MAESSR will get a percentage of your purchase

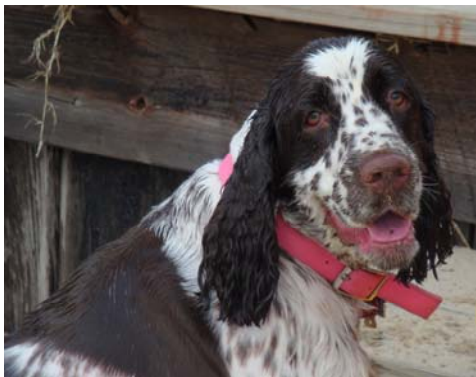
Recycle Your Ink printing Cartridge with MAESSR – Contact Ilonka (raregirl@hotmail.com) or mail your cartridges to the MAESSR PO Box. MAESSR will receive money for every cartridge recycled!

Gift of stock- Similar to a cash donation.....please contact us further if interested in donating stock.

Tell everyone about Rescue....many volunteers and adoptive families find us through word of mouth.

Benevolink – Register MAESSR as your charity and shop Benevolink partners through the Benevolink website.
www.Benevolink.com

**It is here! The 2010 MAESSR calendar!
Join with Smudge and Mocha in
celebrating the coming year with
MAESSR Springers!**





2009 Collectors Series Holiday Ornament

Now Available in the MAESSR Marketplace!

WHO'S THAT VOLUNTEER?

By Linda Johnston

Beth Watson lives in Milford, NJ with her ESS Willie (Class of '08). Her first dog was a beautiful black and white ESS named Lucy. In her trainer's words, Lucy was "off the charts" in terms of energy level. She loved long hikes in the woods and had such excellent eyesight that she never missed a thing. She was also a well-travelled dog and easily adapted to new homes as Beth and Lucy made several moves due to job changes and grad school. In 2002, they moved from upstate NY to Milford, NJ and shortly after Beth discovered MAESSR on the internet.

Beth's first interaction with MAESSR was at a public event/fundraiser in Pennsylvania. Beth was immediately impressed by the group and their friendliness and she became a volunteer in 2003. Beth began by interviewing applicants, doing transports and training new volunteers. In 2006, MAESSR was looking for a new financial coordinator and asked Beth to take on this additional role. The primary role of the financial coordinator is to process payments and maintain the financial records. She works with many other individuals collecting information and tracking revenues (fundraising, merchandise sales, donations, adoption fees, etc) and expenses (foster dog vet bills, shelter fees, merchandise expenses, etc). All of which are critical to the organization and maintaining our non-profit 501(c) 3 status. Her work is one of the behind-the-scene positions that are so important to the functioning of MAESSR. Thank you Beth for a job well done.

In 2008 Beth adopted a MAESSR foster dog named Willie, after losing her beloved Lucy to cancer earlier that year. Willie, who is blind, had been found as a stray in bad condition. Thanks to rescue Willie was pulled from a shelter, brought back to health and ready to be adopted in early 2008. He was being fostered less than an hour away from her, so Beth went to meet him. Beth instantly knew he was the dog for her. He is a happy, affectionate dog – making her laugh everyday. He also reminds her why rescue is so important as without rescue Willie may not have made it out of the shelter. Beth is so proud to be a MAESSR volunteer and adoptive home and we are proud to have Beth as a very important volunteer.

MAESSR WELCOMES...

By Linda Johnston

MAESSR volunteers come from locations that we service all around the Mid-Atlantic region including Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, District of Columbia, Delaware, Virginia and West Virginia. We also have volunteers in South Carolina, North Carolina, Arizona, Minnesota, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia and New York who, despite their remote locations, are able to help the organization accomplish our mission. As of April 2009, we have 350 volunteers.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Linda Johnston at springerlove@comcast.net, or simply complete the online volunteer application on our website.

Please join us in welcoming the following 21 new volunteers who have recently joined the MAESSR family:

- Agata Draper - Atlantic City, NJ
- Ashley Geckle - Orbisonia, PA
- Susan Steenrod - Glen Allen, VA
- Kim Anderson - Fairless Hills, PA
- Margaret Lowery - Williamsport, MD
- Mary Maguire - New Castle, DE
- Loretta Stip - Gaithersburg, MD
- James Lockwood - East Brunswick, NJ
- Ben Johnston - Tyrone, PA
- Jay Friedrich - Haddon Heights, NJ
- Glen Stevens - Shrewsbury, PA
- Terry and Lorraine Welker - Richmond, VA
- Beth Robinson - Leesburg, VA
- Judy Chesser - Washington, DC
- Dolores Piccinini - Lutherville, MD
- Melanie Santanello - Pennsauken, NJ
- Jeanie Kirkhope - Spencer, WV
- Debra Buichanan - Charlotte, NC
- Sarah Moraghan - Richmond, VA
- Paul and Tiffany Slick - Browns Mills, NJ
- Curtis Brooks - Washington, DC



Did you know? One out of four dogs will get some kind of cancer?

By Linda Johnston

Over the next few issues, we're going to address some medical concerns we are seeing in our pets such as thyroid problems, Cushing's, and cancer. From a mom who lost two of her dogs to Lymphoma, I have been asked to write what I've learned about this terrible disease. I am not a veterinarian so the following is just my thoughts and opinions based on my experiences.

I'm always questioning myself as to what I can do to make the dogs' surroundings healthier. I've stopped spraying my lawn with chemicals. This is the number one cause of cancer in dogs. I also watch the cleaning in my home. I buy only Eco friendly products; many are now available in your local grocery store.

Bugs, mice and critters are always lurking, making my life miserable. A natural way to deal with this is to sprinkle Cayenne pepper in mole holes and along the fence line to keep rabbits out. Yes, it really works.

I know everyone wants their lawn to look nice and use chemicals to do so. I hope you will all join me and embrace a lawn full of weeds and brown spots and know that you're doing this for your dogs. Even if you don't spray your own lawn, think about when you're out walking your dogs around your neighborhood and how many times they stop to eat grass. Wonder what your neighbor has put on his lawn? Chemicals are everywhere but we can do our part to keep our dogs healthy.

So think about your dog the next time you reach for that can of bug spray. Read the ingredients and warnings. Try the all natural way. I recommend a book called *1001 All-natural Secrets to a Pest-free Property* by Dr. Myles H. Bader.

Some other things you can do are to feed your dog quality dog food, nothing containing by products. Read the labels closely. I cannot stress how important good nutrition is. Also, watch the treats you give your dogs. Do you know most treats and dog toys are imported? Ever wonder what they are made from? When I wash my dogs' blankets and dog toys, I use some of the new Eco-friendly soaps without perfumes or dye. I have started giving my boys filtered water.

Will all these things help? No one knows for sure, but I sleep better at night knowing I am doing everything I can to make my dogs' environment a healthy one.

The Scoop

Reflections of a MAESSR Foster Home

By Eva Van Stratum

My first foster, Pepper, was a divorce dog. That's how I've started classifying them, reasons for coming to MAESSR - result of divorce, job loss, new spouse, new baby, high energy, allergies, shelter stray, death of elder owner or random excuse to get rid of a dog someone no longer wants. Anyway, we adopted Pepper, a hazard of fostering. But setting, and so far enforcing, a 2 dog limit has seemed to have worked for us. And she's earned her keep, greeting every foster in the door since with her wagging stub of a tail while Scout, my Welsh terrier, is gated in the front room snarling.

Since then, we've had six male and five female fosters, all wonderful and memorable in different ways. One of my more recent girls was Emma. Again, they all have stories, and Emma's was only slightly different than Pepper's. Her male owner remarried and the new wife didn't want the dog in the house, so she got a nice outdoor run and dog house. Nice enough but with the Springer Spaniel love for human company, not so nice for Emma. Six or seven years went by and she developed a habit of barking that the neighbors did not like at all. A fist fight almost ensued and the owner inquired about having Emma put down the following weekend at the vet. At this point, fortune smiled on Em, and the vet contacted someone working with a rescue organization in a town near me. The woman contacted MAESSR, arranged to pick up Emma that Friday even though she had no room to keep her at home, and I went to retrieve her later that evening.

Despite the lack of recent indoor time, Emma proved to be completely housebroken, always a bonus, and slept soundly in the designated foster crate from the first night here. She tolerated my lengthy grooming and bad haircut to remove mats and snarls. She'd put on some weight from her confinement, but was soon shedding it as she was always ready for a walk and, after having her checked for heartworm, was jogging our 2.5 mile loop in tandem with Ms. Pepper. Short in stature, she still had the ability to do a standing high jump to my desk counter, not knowing that it was considered a vice to be up there.

She was also best swimmer we've had in house. She could swim circles around a Lab we met up at a nearby state park. She was just a joy to have here with her shining eager eyes.

When it comes time to turn them over to an adoptive home, it's always a little sad, but knowing she'd get individual attention, and brighten up someone else's life always makes it worth it. She went to a young couple. The husband drove down to get Emma, dropping immediately to the floor to communicate best with her, and calling his wife on the way home to say that Emma was sitting in the passenger seat looking at him with expressive eyes and the expectation that he was taking her away to new and wonderful adventures. The wonderful emails and pictures I've gotten from them since have proven this to be true.

Memories of Emma and of all the other fosters that we've had in my year with MAESSR have added much to my life. I am a link in the fine MAESSR chain of volunteers who help these dogs find happiness. Consider giving what you can of your time to help.

Editors Note: For more information of fostering, please go to the MAESSR website (Volunteer) for more information and application.

TRAINING TRIUMPHS!

Compiled by Barb Bennett

Georgie (Class of '08) and her mom passed their Pet Partners therapy test with Delta Society in May. Her dad, Greg, passed the CGC test with her as well in April. ~ *Deb Radanovic*

Rocky Dune (Class of '06) passed his CGC test. ~ *Mary Beach*



THE TRAINING CORNER

DEFINING THRESHOLD; IMPORTANCE OF TRAINING AT SUB-THRESHOLD

By Nancy L. Lewis - assisted by Nash

Understanding the concept of Threshold versus Sub-Threshold is paramount to developing and implementing positive, effective training and behavior modification techniques. This topic was discussed at the recent MAESSR training seminar, "Language of Dogs," presented by training specialist Sarah Kalnajs. For those not introduced to these terms, this article explores the meaning and the relevance to handling our Springers. This article also introduces the MAESSR Training Team members who share their insight into the importance of avoiding threshold levels.

By general definition, any threshold level is a specific point at which a critical change takes place. In canine behavioral work, the term *threshold* refers to the point at which a dog's response to a given stimulus, commonly referred to as a trigger issue, transitions from any level of stressed behavior to that of being out-of-control. The handler's ability to identify their dog's threshold level to any potential trigger issue is of vital importance. At breach of the threshold level, any dog is at risk to bite or react in ways that have serious consequences. Permitting a threshold response indicates that the handler has made errors in decisions, training and handling techniques.

What constitutes a trigger issue is dog-specific. A dog's span of tolerance to each trigger is also unique to the dog. The degree of tolerance for a particular trigger establishes the threshold level for that trigger. Tolerance can change depending upon what's going on within the dog's environment; threshold levels respectively vary. The range of normal to safe stress response is referred to as the *sub-threshold zone*. Positive, successful training can only be accomplished at sub-threshold levels.

Let's hear from the MAESSR Training Team:

➤ **Diana Chaffe** is a PetSmart accredited Trainer, Animal Behavior College Certified Trainer, and is a member of the International Association of Canine Professionals. Diana states in broad terms that a handler must not only understand the concept of threshold but must learn to identify and avoid triggers that lead to threshold levels. In order to do so, the handler must be able to: 1) Identify the *trigger* that prompted a particular behavior change; 2) Determine the best means to avoid this trigger. Avoid exposure to any potential trigger point until a successful level of training has been achieved. If avoidance of the trigger is not possible, 3) Pre-determine the most effective method to *redirect* the dog's focus while still navigating at sub-threshold. 4) Control their own

emotional state to effectively manage the dog's stress reaction.

- **Debbie Radanovich** has been a familiar face at MAESSR events, offering training tips for those with specific issues. To avoid hitting threshold, Debbie recommends: 1) Anticipate the situation; 2) Use a Click and Treat Reward technique to achieve and sustain the re-direction; 3) *De-sensitize* trigger reactions by training at sub-threshold levels to create 'positive' experiences. Debbie stresses the importance of knowing how to read your dog's body signals. Watch for *indicators* – such as tensing, ear lift, flicking of tongue – and immediately utilize your plan for re-direction. Redirection and reward are examples of *calming techniques*. Avoid hitting threshold, as you do not want to reinforce negative behavior. If your dog manages to hit threshold reaction, do not attempt training techniques. Completely remove your dog from the exposure to stop the negative reaction.
- **Barb Bennett** has coordinated the Training Team for several years. Barb stresses: "Know your dog's signals." As soon as your dog starts to signal a trigger situation, distance the dog from the trigger. Initiate a redirect, or *default behavior*, such as 'Look at me.'" Place yourself in your dog's paws and see what your dog sees. Understand that many trigger reactions are fear-based. Therefore, always enact a *positive correction*. Negative correction only intensifies the fear factor, which in turn increases stress levels, fueling a cycle to push a dog toward threshold. Dogs are visual creatures, continuously reading the handler for cues. You are a compilation of visual cues to signal your dog to action and reaction. i.e. "If you act nervous or worried, so will your dog."
- **Mary Beth Baker** has been with the training team for a number of years, offering tips to both foster and adoption families. Her philosophy supports that understanding threshold and the importance of training at sub-threshold is critical to keeping Good Dogs in their homes. To accomplish more successful redirects, a handler must train their dog to hold long sit and down stays in a variety of sub-threshold distractions with attention focused on the handler. *Solid, basic obedience training* is the toolbox for diffusing most complex issues. Training is an ongoing process for both dog and human. Transition the training from class to everyday events both within and outside of the home. When you have accomplished a solid level of success with this process, then you can begin to resolve trigger issues.

Meet Jeannie - a July calendar girl!

Order your MAESSR 2010 calendar with the form on the back page



"SummerFest" Coordinated by Candi Lynn



Open Your Heart to Rescue!



SPRINGERFEST 2009!

Number Attending	Picnic	Date	\$10.00 a person	Volunteer & family \$8.00 a person	Total
	Downs Park, Pasadena, MD	September 12, 2009			

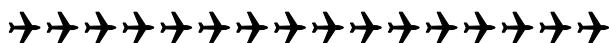
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Name _____
 Email Address: _____
 Phone if no email address: _____

Mail to: MAESSR, PO Box 15354, Richmond, VA 23227

I would love to help at the picnic:

Will bring a raffle _____
 Set up or Clean Up _____
 Registration _____
 However you need me! _____



Report from the Wings...Springer Air!

All of the MAESSR volunteers contribute special skills to help further MAESSR's work. We have a group of individuals who take transporting Springers to their foster home or new adoptive home to the next level – the pilots of Springer Air! Given that MAESSR covers from South Carolina to Western Pennsylvania, the pilots of “Springer Air” are invaluable to our organization. The following is the August 15th -16th weekend report from Col. Dennis Boykin of Springer Air.



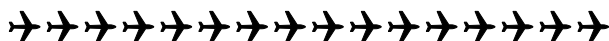
We had a pretty good weekend.

1. Colonel Don Gates picked up a mom and her two pups in SC and brought them to Hanover, VA and Easton, MD respectively. He made that flight in the afternoon, which points out why we prefer to do these in the morning - hot, hot, hot! Mom and pups are doing fine. Kudos to Col. Gates for mission accomplished.
2. Colonel Jim Freal went up to PA and transported two adults to Hanover for Deb. Both are intakes, and both did just fine on the ride. There was some bumpy weather getting back to Leesburg, but it all worked out OK.
3. Colonel Boykin went down to Asheville on Monday and brought home Georgie, who was a real trooper. He got up in the crate just fine, and rode quietly the whole two hours home to Leesburg. Georgie's down in Arlington with Rose and her parents and settling in nicely.

6 dogs, 4 pilots, over 2,000 miles logged - Jolly Good Show, Chaps!

COL Dennis Boykin
COL, SAF, CO

PS: If you haven't figured it out yet, everyone in the SAF gets promoted to Colonel after they do their first flight



THANK YOU

Gifts in Honor

Leslie McDevitt – Aubrey's Harley
Leslie & Art Jacoby – Benny Lipcsey
Charles Grutzius – Cody V
Patrick & Bonnie Stapleton – Sue & James Adamovitz,
foster care of Raggs
Alicia, Mark & Sam Getty & Marilyn Gallagher – Sunny
(2004)
Dena Neff – Lisa Nuzzaci's Birthday
Kenneth Stewart - Penny
Mary Ann McNulty – Dawn Moellers' Birthday, Springers
Max & Oliver Birthdays
MeadWestvaco Corporation Foundation – Kim Bolster's
volunteer service
Robert & Maureen Berry – Zeke
Robert & Bette Bolster – Spud (2001)
Senior Class of 2009 c/o Elizabeth Flynn – William
Holmes
Sharon & William Holmes – Rusty & Louie
Stephen Wegener - Boomer

Gifts in Memory

Barbara Katz – Belle Broderick
Barbara Campbell – Duncan Garrison
John Crawford – June Campbell
Leonard Poveromo – June Campbell
Aimee & Jared Grace – June Campbell
Cindy Grace – June Campbell
Annmarie Salvatore, Bucks County Children and Youth
Social Services Agency – June Campbell
Gene Camponeschi – June Campbell
Mary Madison – June Campbell
Susan Marttila – June Campbell
Linda & Terry Johnston – Max Perkins, Dusty Young,
Penny Watson & Sasha Smith
Donna Conti – Milli
Jane Howett – Sir Kevin & Wolfy
Michael Inguillo – Tobey
Edna & Ralph Rinaldi – Tommygirl
Sherry Rohn Clancy – Tyler
Angie & Larry Epling – Dusty Young
Beverly Young – Dusty Young
Bill & Debbie Lipcsey – Dusty Young
Kim Bolster – Dusty Young
Vicki Phillips – Dusty Young
Carol Hails – Max Hails
Donna & Bernard Thompson - Glory
Mr. & Mrs. R. Hedderick – David J. Broderick
Nancy Lee Sommers – Jody's memory
Renee Ayers – "Little Willie"

General Gifts

Tim Day
Joseph Fortunato
Richard Hoppe
Cindy Grace
Leslie Jacoby
Kyra Macy Foundation, Inc.
Robert Snyder, Jr.
Jennifer Lust
Kathy Puglise
Mary & Fred Barnes
Nicholas & Michelle Peleponuk
Donna Conti – adoption of Sophie
Bonnie & Patrick Stapleton – adoption of Raggs
Debra Brookfield – adoption of Lillie VII
Dam & Helen Lipko – adoption of Blackie
Gerald Dean – adoption of Sloane
Andrew Peterson – adoption of Henry VI
Charles Grutzius – Adoption of Buddie XXV
Lisa Nuzzaci (multiple gifts)
Sherry Rohn Clancy (multiple gifts)
Jane Schimek (multiple gifts)
Debra Johnson (multiple gifts)
Melissa Campbell (multiple gifts)
Candace Clunan (multiple gifts)
Kathleen Kittrick (multiple gifts)

Veterinary Expenses

Charles Grutzius – Cody V, Buddie XXV
Barbara Campbell – Choco & Taffy
Fran Fisher – Rose III
Debra Brookfield – Lillie VII
Mary & Fred Barnes – Hobbes
Sasha Susbury – Choco & Taffy
Susan Phillips – Choco & Taffy
Linda & Terry Johnston – Choco & Taffy
Kimberly Sanchez – Choco & Taffy
Gary Redmore – Choco & Taffy
Elizabeth Hulcher – Choco & Taffy
Stephanie Soltner – Gus
Dan Keppler – Mich
Debra Paikoff – Nellie II
Loretta Stipa - Sugar

Veterinary Office Discounts

Dr. Timothy Ireland: Newtown Veterinary Hospital -
Newtown, PA
Wellesley Animal Hospital - Glen Allen, VA

Non-monetary Gifts

Miriam Cromwell
Judge & Mrs. Chuck Kullber

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Now...Fall, 2009...Baltimore, MD

King II

Then...Winter, 2007...Fayetteville, WV



King II, age 1, is enjoying new hope and comfort in his foster home, but he is fearful of many things. His short life has been spent in a quiet corner of a horse barn. Now King is learning about indoor

comfort and the company of a nice foster mom and a resident Springer. Most things seem strange, and King lacks confidence in many situations. Narrow stairwells, household noises, mirrors, and reflecting window glass are new and frightening to him.

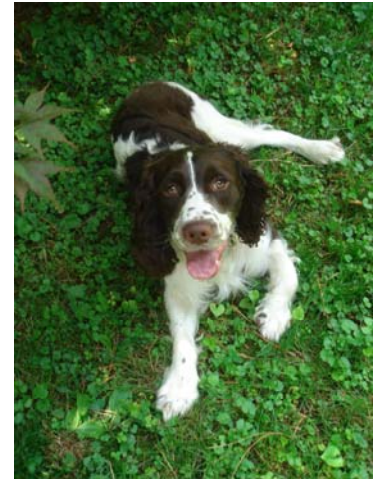
Gradually King adjusts to his new environment and begins to enjoy life. He tentatively meets dogs on outings to the dog park and plays very cautiously with them. Although he likes the company of his foster brother, he declines playful overtures, and he is very shy meeting people.

Houstraining and basic obedience are new to him, but he learns quickly. He's scared of squeaky toys but begins to show interest in soft toys and a tug rope. King is underweight and he's treated for intestinal worms. He has a congenital eye issue in which his lower eye lids turn inward and cause the lashes to rub his eyeballs. This results in pain and reddened, sad-looking eyes. It is corrected surgically when he is neutered.

In time, King's socialization progresses, and he plays and ventures out more confidently. The pained look on his face disappears as his eyes heal from surgery, and he becomes quite a handsome boy.

On March 17, 2008, King and his foster mom take a long ride in a snowstorm. They reach their destination and meet a nice lady who wants to be his "forever mom", and she drives him all the way to Maryland!

King is now called **Rigby**, and he lives with his mom, two college-age friends, and a female cat. Rigby is happy and content in his forever home and sticks with his mom constantly. True to his breed, he's a velcro dog! An abundance of love and understanding are what it took to make Rigby the dog he is now.



Upon his arrival to his new home after a very long drive, Rigby would not come out of his kennel in the car. His mom patiently climbed in with him and gently convinced him to come in the house. Once inside, he crawled under a chair. Always very scared, he barked almost constantly during the first weeks. His mom sought valuable advice from MAESSR trainer, Barb Bennett and then took Rigby to obedience training with an instructor who specializes in behavior problems with rescue dogs. Rigby did great! He's a fast learner....very smart!

At present, Rigby thoroughly enjoys life. Changes are a bit of a challenge, but he happily adjusts when his "sisters" come home from college. He has fun playing with his feline sister. He chases her, and when she dashes out the doggie door, he follows and chases her until she comes back in. Rigby loves W-A-L-K-S and can be trusted off-leash on trails. He obeys commands and adapts to all his home situations. Toys are now great fun for Rigby. His favorite is his Nerf football, and he loves to play fetch with it. He is totally healthy, up to a good weight, and he's quite enthusiastic about belly rubs, chewies, and plush toys!

Once one of MAESSR's "shy ones", Rigby now understands the joys of home and family. He is proof that lots of love, understanding, and good training can help a shy and insecure dog become the love-bug he's meant to be.



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