



Springer Tails

Mid-Atlantic English Springer Spaniel Rescue is a volunteer-based 501(c)3 animal welfare organization dedicated to rescuing and re-homing English Springer Spaniels through rescue, rehabilitation, training, humane education, and community outreach.

MAESSR's Top 10 Questions

LINDA JOHNSTON

Dave Letterman has his top 10 list and not to be outdone ... here is MAESSR's top 10 list of questions.

1. Who runs this place?

MAESSR has a board of seven directors who make the overall policies and procedures. The daily "management" of MAESSR is done by our President (Debbie Lipcsey) and our Executive Vice President (Linda Johnston). The real answer, of course, is that we have many volunteers who are the real reason MAESSR runs!

2. Where is MAESSR's shelter and when can we come visit the dogs?

MAESSR does not have a physical building. Our dogs are fostered in our volunteers' homes so that we can observe the dogs' personalities in a "home" setting.

3. How do we stay in touch?

We are "virtual" organization and all correspondence is by e-mail.

4. What if I fall in love with the dog I am fostering and want to adopt them?

All foster homes have first right of adopting their foster dog. The foster home Director will have to approve the adoption, but rarely is a foster home turned down.

5. Geez, MAESSR covers so many states. How do the dogs get moved to their foster homes and then to their adopting family?

We have more than 500 approved transport volunteers who donate their time to move dogs. Transports run like the pony express. A volunteer takes the dog an hour up the road and meets the next volunteer, etc., until the dog is where they need to be. MAESSR does require a signed transport release form from each transporter. Contact volunteers@maessr.org if you need one. This is a great way to meet some of the wonderful MAESSR dogs and volunteers who keep this organization moving.

6. Why am I getting so many duplicate e-mails?

MAESSR has several different e-mail lists. There is one for just the general Springer fans, adopters, etc. There is one for the volunteers of MAESSR. There is one that is a lower volume announcement list. Many of the various departments within MAESSR have their own e-mail lists. When you first sign up with MAESSR, you are asked to join the general MAESSR Yahoo group list. If you want to volunteer, then you are invited to join the Yahoo group list for volunteers. A lot of the e-mail would be the same. You can always ask to be removed from the general list.

7. I want to make changes for my contact info. How do I do this?

Contact Linda Johnston at volunteers@maessr.org

8. How do I become a MAESSR volunteer?

Go to our Web page (www.maessr.org) and fill out an application to volunteer. Very soon after it is submitted, you will hear from a new volunteer trainer. They will explain the many volunteer opportunities available.

9. I am drowning in MAESSR e-mail. Please help!

There is an option of being set up in the "digest" mode. You will receive 25 e-mails combined into one e-mail this way. This is a easier way to scan thru to see if you want to read any of them. If you would like to be set up for the "digest" version, please e-mail volunteers@maessr.org

10. I cannot foster. Is there something else I can do?

There are so many ways to help. We are always looking for folks to help out with many of our teams. We always need people to help on the owner relinquishment team, shelter team, adoption interview team, or events team, or many other jobs within MAESSR. You can give as little or as much time as you can spare. We appreciate whatever you have time to help us do!

We are always here to help. If you have any questions, please e-mail me at volunteers@maessr.org.

Caring for Our Seasoned Senior Friends

DR. CHRISTINE MORLINO

“What is the average lifespan for a dog like mine?” In my practice I am asked this question at least once a week. As our beloved companions age it is natural to start paying closer attention to their health and wellbeing. Our pets are living longer than ever. Average lifespans are increasing due in part to better breeding. Improvements in nutrition and medical care have contributed a great deal to both the quality and length of our pets’ lives. So what can you do to help beat the average? The answer: good preventative care and early detection of diseases.

Prevention is by far our best weapon against the effects of aging. Many of the diseases we see are easily prevented. Vaccinating especially early in life combined with spaying/neutering prevents many of the health issues in young to middle-aged pets. Keeping our pets on regular heartworm and intestinal worm prevention helps even more.

The two most effective weapons in our arsenal are weight control and regular exercise. As animals (and humans) age, it is not uncommon to see weight gain. However, those “couple of extra pounds” that add on year after year take their toll on our pets in many different ways. Obesity causes hormonal imbalances, which can lead to diabetes. It causes joint stress and inflammation, which can lead to osteoarthritis, and it causes metabolic stress, which can pose a risk to the liver, kidneys, pancreas, and heart. In addition, having the wrong balance of ingredients (commonly seen when too many treats or table food are fed) can exacerbate and accelerate different diseases.

Feeding a good diet both in quantity and quality and offering opportunities for regular exercise are the simplest yet most effective ways to ward off many of the problems that plague our pets.

Eventually, though, disease does occur. This may be due to genetics or other factors not in our control. In these situations, early detection is key to helping our pets achieve the best possible outcome.

The best early detection tool is an annual physical exam whether or not vaccinations are due. A good physical exam can tell your veterinarian a lot fairly inexpensively. Getting a good history is vital in this effort. At home, you can help by monitoring for any changes in appetite, water consumption, coughing, sneezing, stools, urine output, and lumps or bumps, and report this to your vet. Since our pets can’t tell us about their aches and pains we have to count on some good detective work, and the earlier changes are noted the better.

Another great tool for early detection of disease is senior wellness labwork. It allows us to assess the status of certain organ systems before any clinical signs appear. If needed, there are many other diagnostic tools available now as well from specialized blood tests to MRIs. The technology keeps progressing such that now veterinarians can do many of the same tests and treatments as in human medicine.

Our pets are our beloved companions and we naturally want to do everything we can to give them long, healthy lives. Focusing on prevention and early detection can help us reach that goal. Here’s to good living!!

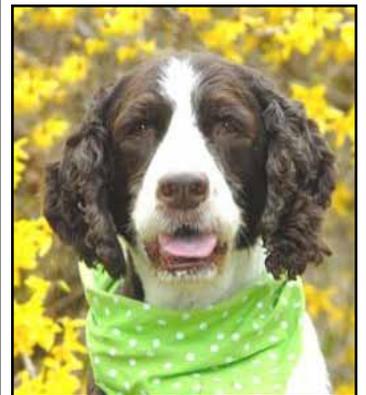
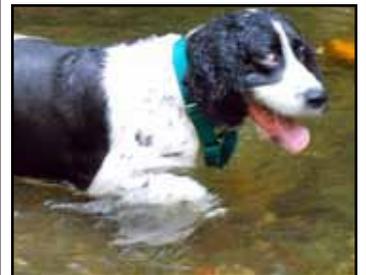
Last week I had a heartbreaking conversation with a co-worker. She needs to find a home for her 12-year-old dog. This was a tearful conversation on both sides, since I have known this dog since it was a puppy. As a person involved in dog rescue, I want to shake her and ask, “How could you do this?”

However, having worked in social work for more than 30 years, I know the realities of her situation and realize her options are few and she has children that must be her prior-

ity. Does it stink for that sweet dog? YES ... and yes is exactly why MAESSR is so committed to helping those wonderful senior dogs. The ones who have been loyal companions for year after year, until one day for so many reasons, they needed an organization like ours.

This issue of *Springer Tails* is dedicated to those special senior dogs that have come into our care.

Vicki Phillips



Who's That Volunteer? Ashwini Pednekar • MARTHA W. McCARTNEY



ASHWINI, AN AMBASSADOR OF GOOD WILL

Ashwini Pednekar, a native of India, is one of MAESSR's most energetic and dedicated volunteers. She assists with fundraising and coordinates the numerous volunteers who provide logistical support for MAESSR picnics and other events. She's recently completed the training that will enable her to conduct pre-adoption interviews. In other words, amiable Ashwini's willing to do whatever's needed to support MAESSR's mission! Before coming to the United States, Ashwini was employed by Google as a recruiter for marketing personnel. She and her husband, who live in the Greater Richmond area, share their home with Star, a cocker spaniel they adopted from BARK. That's how Ashwini met Debbie Lipscey, who quickly realized what a valuable asset she'd be to MAESSR. Ashwini's very generous with her time and also volunteers with the Making of Miracles Rescue, an all-breed rescue organization. Ashwini, we salute you!

It came to me that every time I lose a dog, they take a piece of my heart with them, and, every new dog who comes into my life fits me with a piece of their heart. If I live long enough, all the components of my heart will be dog, and I will become as generous and loving as they are.

Libby's Story • JOAN CROMWELL



By way of introduction, my name is Libby. I will be 12 years old on September 30 (for those of you who would like to send some treats my way) and I live in Washington, DC. I came to MAESSR in 2009 when my family found that caring for me and caring for a very ill child was just too difficult. I know my family did what was best for their child but finding myself homeless at the age of 8 was more than a bit distressing.

My foster mom gave me lots of love and I was adopted by a family in relatively short order. Let's just say that the transition was a bit difficult for me and perhaps I was not always at my best with my new family. In my defense I really just did not know what was happening and needed a bit more attention than my new family had for me. So about six months later I ended up back at my former foster home searching for a new family. Quite honestly, I would have been happy to stay at my foster home forever but this is apparently not how it works.

So in August 2010 I ended up in car headed north to Washington, DC with my new mom. Adjusting to life as a city dog has not been without challenges. For starters I had been taught to do my business on the curb. This is apparently more than my mom's nerves can take and after a few close calls I understand why. I have learned that moving in a few feet is a little safer. One of the advantages of being a city dog is that no matter when we walk there are always people around who want to pet me and tell me how pretty I am. And what girl would not want to hear that several times per day? Also you would not believe how many people throw food out of their car windows. My mom and I are in a constant race to see who can find the tossed away food first. She has begun to realize that if I start pulling on the leash I am leading her to food. Boy, is she quick! And then she just **wastes** the food by throwing it in the garbage! Have you ever heard of such a thing? On occasion I do manage to get a bite or two.

In the coming months I look forward to sharing some of my adventures as MAESSR Seasoned Springer. In the meantime, keep throwing food out your car windows!

A Foster “Failure” • RENEE AYERS

Those of us who have chosen to foster dogs know firsthand all that fostering brings to our lives. The uncertainty, chaos, joy, laughter, tears, and so much more, but rarely do I feel like I have given much more to my fosters other than a warm place to lay their heads and a full belly. Reno has changed that for me and I will forever be grateful to him.

Reno came to me as a nervous senior boy who knew nothing other than a doghouse and outside kennel for much of his life. I was uncertain of how he was going to take to living inside, especially with a senior pack and cats already in place. Well, much to my surprise and delight, Reno fit in with the pack instantly. The living-inside part was a little more difficult for him to adjust to, and with good reason. You see, because Reno was kept as an “outside” dog, his previous family did not know that he had a condition known as Canine Cognitive Dysfunction (CCD), and therefore it went untreated.

Although Reno was getting along wonderfully with the resident canines and felines, he just could not get “settled” due to the CCD. Reno also had many first experiences since coming to his foster home—a bath indoors and a vet visit that he had not had in years. Reno enjoyed his bath tremendously, and although his vet visit showed that he was “physically” in very good health for a 12-year-old, there was something else that just wasn’t “right.” Reno was fighting for it to all “work out,” but something in his head just would not let him settle.

So, after a few days—10 to be exact—of Reno being extremely restless, losing his appetite, crying constantly (and I do mean day and night), I asked the vet to prescribe something to help him. She declined and suggested that I give him time to adjust, that he had been through a lot of changes in a short period of time. With this I turned to the group and asked for prayers for Reno. Thankfully, one of the volunteers had said that this sounded like CCD, and from there I started to research this disorder. After doing my reading of the symptoms (restless-

ness, jumping up from a sound sleep and barking for no reason, wanting to be in confined spaces, and loss of appetite, just to mention a few), I consulted another vet. The second vet “listened” to what I was telling him, and after observing Reno for just one hour he confirmed my thoughts. Reno indeed was suffering from CCD, but we did not know what stage he was in. We started to treat Reno with an anti-anxiety medication. This helped, although it completely knocked him out and he was in a “zombie” state. But this was temporary—the vet was only prescribing this medication until the other one that he thought would be more effective was ordered and delivered.

Now comes the wonderful part! Reno’s new medication came in and he was started on it immediately. It worked but still made him a bit “out of it” when given as prescribed. This meant another phone call to the vet, who told me to try giving him one capsule in the morning and then one capsule 12 hours later. Bingo! Reno is no longer a lethargic, merely existing dog—his true Springer personality “woke up.” He is now a tail-wagging, barking-to-say-hello boy when you walk through the door! Reno is now enjoying his walks and initiating play. He no longer wants to hide in the corner. He wants to be with me and his “siblings.” Reno has even learned how to eat from a spoon and doesn’t even realize that there is medicine on that spoon!

This once sad-eyed boy is now the happy boy that he deserves to be. And since Reno has stolen my heart, I adopted him on October 7, 2011! Reno no longer wants to be a loner or hide in dark, tiny spaces. Reno now wants to be the center of attention and willingly accepts a hug or two every now and again. Although Reno still suffers from CCD, this is very well-managed with medication, but more importantly with love and patience. Reno accepts new dogs into his home with a wagging tail and feels it is his duty to make sure that everyone has a clean face at all times! Without the devotion of MAESSR, who knows what would have happened to this handsome boy, but we do know what happened sure is one happy new beginning!



Senior/Special Needs Springers

CANDI LYNN

Each year hundreds of thousands of seniors and special needs dogs are turned into shelters and rescues across this country. MAESSR sees its fair share of these dogs; however, MAESSR has had great success finding these special Springer homes. Those of us who have opened our homes to a senior/special needs Springer already know the joy of having a senior/special needs dog. These sweet seasoned springers do not understand why their lives have been uprooted, and all they want is a loving, forever family—one who enjoys the simplicity of a slow, leisurely walk, cuddle time while watching a favorite movie or TV show, or the love and companionship of a best friend to spend their final years with.

Our Seasoned Springer campaign was originated to bring attention to MAESSR seniors and special needs dogs. Each year a special poster is designed to feature these dogs. During these campaigns, our adoption fee for a senior or special need Springer is waived. Volunteers spread the word by hanging posters at local vets, shelters, pet stores, and community centers throughout our region. Some local papers have even featured an adoptive family and a senior Springer.

In August 2010, MAESSR launched the “Home Alone” campaign. “Home Alone” was derived from the empty house many families experience with children going back to school and/or college. From August 15 thru December 31, MAESSR adopted out 19 seasoned Springers to approved families! When 2010 came to an end there were no senior/special needs Springers left waiting for a home. What a fabulous way to end out a year!

In October 2011, MAESSR launched the “Home for the Holidays” campaign. From October 1 through December, nine seasoned senior Springers and one special needs Springer were adopted! Again, the adoption fee was waived during this campaign. MAESSR went into the new year of 2012 having adopted all of our Springers over the age of nine! A great way to start out a new year!

Behind the scenes of each of the successful campaigns are many dedicated MAESSR volunteers. Listed alphabetically, the members of the MAESSR Senior Team include: Renee Ayers, Joan Cromwell, Jean Klunk, Linda Lintz, Debbie Lipscey, Candi Lynn, Kathleen O’Neill, Kim Osborne, Vicki Phillips, Pat Race, and Karen Stoffan. Each member of the Senior Team is dedicated to help the seniors and special needs dogs find the homes and families they so desire and deserve.

Besides the campaigns, the Senior Team creates the feature write-up, which highlights a senior dog looking for a home. This special feature tells the individual dog’s story and how adopting them can add a special gift to your family. What our adoptive homes receive in return is devotion, love, and a gratitude for each day left in this special dog’s life.

Children are for people who can’t have dogs.

MEET MONTY ... HE’S JUST ONE OF THE SPECIAL DOGS YOU WILL MEET ON THE 2013 MAESSR CALENDAR. LOOK FOR SALES TO START IN EARLY SEPTEMBER!



MAESSR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 11 • Jean & Chuck’s Family Bar-B-Que, Lake Anna, Va.
- August 18 • Tractor Supply Adoption Day, MAESSR will be at stores throughout our region
- September 8 • Springerfest—MAESSR Picnic, Downs Park, Pasadena, Md.
- September 15 • The Keegan’s Rainbow Bridge Celebration Picnic, York River State Park, Va.
- September 22 • Paws in the Park, Magungie Memorial Park, Macungie, Pa.
- September 22–28 • ESSFTA National Specialty, Purina Farms Event Center, Gray Summit, Mo.
- October 13 • Leigh German Shepherd Dog Club, Alburtis, Pa.
- October 20, 21 • Chatsworth Cranberry Festival, Chatsworth, N.J.

Thank you for donating!

"I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

— Etienne de Grellet

MAESSR would like to acknowledge the generous support of our donors. We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our MAESSR family. Your donations are essential to ensuring the continuation of our mission to rescue and re-home English Springer Spaniels.

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APRIL

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Karen Stoffan—Petey and Jake
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MAY

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Robert and Maureen Berry—Zeke

Kim Winter—Maggie Murphy and Matt Winter Wedding
Francis and Jacqueline Bielski—all of our Springers
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Patty Lopresti—Lil adoption
Ruth Cole—Sharon
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JUNE

Norman A. Brenbridge—Woody's 15th birthday and 11 great years together
Ron Ticho—Mina Fisher on her bat mitzvah
Bob Riley—Brody
Breeders and Breeders—Paddy and Molly

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New Volunteers

LINDA JOHNSTON

Our MAESSR volunteers come from locations that we service all along the Mid-Atlantic Region, including New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia, Delaware, and West Virginia. We also have volunteers in South Carolina, North Carolina, Arizona, Minnesota, Alabama, Tennessee, and New York, who, despite their remote locations, are able to assist our organization to accomplish its mission.

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 Web site.

Please join us in welcoming the following new volunteers who recently joined MAESSR.

Jennifer Lake | Feasterville, Pa.
Tessa Siegel Lamont | Yarmouth, Me.

Irene Metz | Harveys Lake, Pa.
Patricia Naughton | Yorktown, Va.
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Margaret and Barry Richcreek | Harrisburg Pa.

The most affectionate creature in the world is a wet dog.

Ambrose Bierce

Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job.

Franklin P. Jones

Click to help our Springers! • NANCY HALE

Gift Card Raffle

It's back! The MAESSR Grand Gift Card Raffle! One of the largest fundraisers for MAESSR, this year's raffle will draw the winning tickets on October 31—right in time for holiday shopping!

We are asking for donations of gift cards in any amount for any source. They can be for any kind of shopping, gas, restaurants, pet, home improvement, travel—whatever your preference. If you'd like MAESSR to purchase the cards and just donate for the card purchase, you can do that also! Just be sure to indicate on your envelope that the check is for the gift card raffle. Once we get the donated cards, we will then organize them into theme baskets and begin selling tickets. We are targeting the week of August 20 to have all the cards, and sales will start shortly after. Sales will be through the Internet, picnics, and events, and we welcome anyone who would like to sell tickets individually.

Please send your donated gift cards to MAESSR Gift Card Raffle, P.O. Box 15354, Richmond, VA 23227. Please help us make this a spectacular fundraiser so we can help more dogs in need. Any questions, please contact Kim Bolster (e-mail: ess4x18@cs.com). Thanks for your support!

Another Way to Help MAESSR

Are you a federal employee? If so, you can support MAESSR by making donations through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) that supports the charitable organizations you choose, using a pre-tax salary allotment. Thanks to our extremely capable grant writer, Carrie Holt, MAESSR will be included in 15 CFC programs that distribute funds to qualified nonprofits in the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. Open season's coming soon, so when you receive your CFC brochure, be sure to look for the code that will enable you to support MAESSR! Every dollar you contribute will go toward saving Springers' lives.

Sites to Remember

IGive.Com-----GoodSearchp.com-----Adoptashelter.com

We are Mid-Atlantic English Springer Spaniel Rescue in Richmond, Va. These three sites sponsor stores which offer a rebate to MAESSR when you order through their sites and/or are registered with them. Almost every online retailer, including those whose main business is done through a physical location, can be found, and using them is easy as can be.

Start at the goodsearch.com or adoptashelter.com Web sites and follow the directions.

Once you're registered with Igive.com, its logo pops up when you place an order at a participating store and asks you to click if you want a percentage of your purchase to go to MAESSR. Also, [IGive.com](http://Igive.com) donates \$5 for a sign-up and \$5 for a first purchase. Easy money, folks!

Affiliates

NATURAL WONDER PETS (Naturalwonderpets.com)

Given the plethora of fleas and ticks in the Northeast this summer following our abnormally warm winter, these products may help us all!

Natural Wonder Pets markets all-natural, made-in-America, 100-percent-guaranteed products, including natural sprays for flea and tick prevention, dental care, and herbal remedies to ease a wide variety of conditions. They are an herbal pharmacy for dogs and cats. Here's what they say about themselves:

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... we make and sell only our own products so we know exactly what's in them.

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And, not only does 15 percent of your purchase come back to MAESSR, but you also receive 5 percent of your purchase in Reward Points. (Click on My Reward box on the right-hand side of the home page to set up your account.)

To be sure MAESSR receives credit for your order, start your purchase by clicking on the Triple Sure Natural Flea and Tick Spray box at <http://maessr.org/donate/affiliates.php>.

NUVET LABS (Nuvet.com)

Several MAESSR families have started using these products with positive, almost immediate results. The company's product description is listed below, followed by a link to Linda Johnson's (MAESSR VP and Volunteer Coordinator) testimonial. While this company is not on our affiliate page yet, those of us using the vitamins feel it's worth letting you know to take a look at them. If you use 74398 as the code when ordering, MAESSR will receive credit.

NuVet® products are made in a FDA-approved laboratory with all-natural, human-grade ingredients specially compounded to deliver the most effective nutritional health benefits. Utilizing the latest advances in medical and nutritional science, NuVet Labs apply state-of-the-art manufacturing technologies to help maintain a standard of product quality and integrity that is virtually unheard of in the pet industry.

NuVet Labs Mission: *"To make the highest quality nutritional pet supplement on the market today and to ensure that our product will fight diseases at their core while providing the ingredients vital to sustaining health and quality of life for your pets in their years to come."*

<http://www.nuvet.com/testimonials.html?sectionid=13>

Update on Petey • TISH PEROSIO/CANDI LYNN

In our last edition we told you about Petey III. When he arrived in MAESSR he needed two ACL surgeries and a cure for his badly infected skin. Here is an update on our special boy.

Petey returned to his original foster home after traveling some distance for one ACL surgery on his left rear leg. Those five to six weeks of rest and physical therapy have helped Petey regain significant mobility in his leg. Since the first leg had such positive results, MAESSR decided to transport him back to Pittsburgh to have the right ACL repaired and remove a torn medial meniscus.



PETEY'S SKIN PROBLEMS CONTINUED TO IMPROVE EACH MONTH FROM DECEMBER 2011–JUNE 2012.

Twice Petey has turned out to be a marvel on his surgeries! He was able to put his second operated leg down and walk outside to do his duties on the same day as his surgery! Now he was ready to return to his original foster home once more. The same process was followed as with his left rear leg, with plenty of rest, increasing his physical activity, and doing his physical therapy to improve his mobility.

Within his first week Petey was raring to go, but his foster mom knew best that he needed the time to heal. Even though it was frustrating for this spunky boy, it was all done for his own good! Having mobility back, Petey is able to enjoy his long walks!

The skin issues Petey had when he arrived in MAESSR have improved tremendously. His foster mom has been vigilant about his diet, and it has paid off as those raw, itchy patches on his skin are under control. Petey will likely have food allergies for the rest of his life, but with such an assortment of grain-free, low-allergen foods and treats available, it will not be hard to find exactly the kind of food and treats that he will need to keep him looking and feeling great!

Costs for providing the necessary medical care for dogs like Petey can often far surpass the adoption fee collected. However, thanks to the generous donations of MAESSR supporters and numerous fundraising events, Petey's extensive medical care can be covered. He can now look forward to many, many happy years.

Petey's foster mom, Tish, says, "He has been a joy to foster." He has showered her with love and devotion, as if thanking her for all the love and care she gave to get him well again. Now Petey will need someone to give him his medications, watch his diet, and love him for the rest of his life. Petey is a wonderful example of the love and care provided to each MAESSR dog. Good job, Petey! Before you know it, you will have your happily ever after!



GOODBYE, PETEY!

Springerfest 2012

Fun picnics for MAESSR friends, families, and volunteers

**GAMES, treats, FUN, treats, RAFFLES, treats,
SHOPPING, treats, EDUCATION, treats, FRIENDSHIP**

- Picnic admission covers park entrance, pavilion rental, and a boxed lunch.
- Bring non-alcoholic beverages, a chair, and dog supplies (e.g. water, treats, leash, and towels if your dog likes water!) Dogs must be leashed at all times, even when swimming.
- Price per person is \$10 or \$8 for MAESSR volunteers and their families—**registration in advance is required!**
- When registering, please provide your name, names of guests, and names of the dogs you may be bringing; and if adopted from MAESSR, their adoption year.
- A yearly highlight is our Chinese Auction. If you would like to donate an item to add to the auction, just let us know.
- Want to volunteer to help at a picnic? Please let us know; there are plenty of jobs to be done.



- I would love to help at the picnic!
 - I can bring an item for the raffle
 - I can help on site
- Put me down to help with:
- set up
 - clean up
 - registration
 - however you need me

**Downs Park • Pasadena, Md. • Picnic Shelter I
Saturday, September 8 • 10am to 4pm
(Registration opens at 9:30am.)**

Payment can be made via the Marketplace or send a check **no later than September 1** to MAESSR, P.O. Box 15354, Richmond, VA 23227.

Questions? Need directions? Please contact Vicki Phillips at springerlane@gmail.com.

Park website: <http://www.aacounty.org/RecParks/parks/downs/index.cfm>

8311 John Downs Loop, Pasadena, MD 21122

Springerfest Picnic Registration Form

Number Attending	MAESSR Volunteer/Family \$8.00 pp (list names)	Guests \$10.00 (list names)	MAESSR Dogs Attending and Year Adopted

My Old Dog

My old dog is not gone,
I see him still
on warm spring nights
steadfastly sniffing the
breeze,
barking a warning
to prowling night
creatures.

My old dog is not gone,
I see him still
on hot summer days
swimming happily in
the lazy river,
chasing the ducks
at the water's edge.

My old dog is not gone,
I see him still
on crisp autumn days
hiking through golden
woods,
chasing the sticks
we toss for him.

My old dog is not gone,
I see him still
on cold winter nights
curled up beside the
fire,
paws twitching, snoring
loudly,
dreaming dreams only
dogs can understand.

My old dog is not gone,
I see him still
in the seasons of my
mind,
silly, sweet, loving,
I feel him always
in my heart and soul ...
my faithful companion,
my best friend.

— Billie Kerfoot

**Happiness is a
warm puppy.**

Charles M. Schulz

Springerfests Provide Comraderie, Raise Funds for MAESSR's Work

CAROLYN ROURKE

Spring ... Springers ... Festival. Combine these words and what happens? Springerfest! MAESSR's series of gatherings for fundraising, education, and just plain having fun!

MAESSR's Spring 2012 Springerfests were held in April, May, and June at The Dude Ranch in Glen Allen, Virginia; Core Creek Park in Langhorne, Pennsylvania; and Colonel Denning State Park in Newville, Pennsylvania. Each event attracted more than 100 registrants who came together for a day of hobnobbing with fellow Springer fanatics, shopping at the Marketplace to support MAESSR programs and services, participating in the educational sessions conducted throughout the day, and especially giving our beloved Springers a day of frolic and fun.

Many thanks to all the professionals who came out to the three Springerfests to share their expertise with lectures and demos, and sincere gratitude to the legions of volunteers who planned and put on the events.

You have one more chance to enjoy a Springerfest this year—the last Springerfest will be held on September 8 from 10am to 4pm at Downs Park in Pasadena, Maryland. You can register at <http://www.maessr.org/marketplace/ViewItemForSale.php?id=484>.

Until then, enjoy these photos from the three Springerfests.



Man is a dog's idea of what God should be.

Holbrook Jackson

Rainbow Celebration Picnic

The Keegan Family is graciously hosting a picnic for all our MAESSR friends and family. They are providing all the food and in return are requesting all those who wish to attend to donate \$25 per person to MAESSR.

WHAT: Rainbow Celebration Picnic and fun for MAESSR friends, families, and volunteers

WHERE: York River State Park

WHEN: Saturday, September 15

TIME: 10am to 4pm—Registration opens at 9:30am

BRING: Non-alcoholic beverages, chairs, and dog supplies. (e.g., water, treats, leash, and towels if your dog likes water! (Dogs must be leashed at all times, even when swimming.

COST: Donations of \$25/person are requested to support the



work of MAESSR. Cost for guests between the ages of 6 and 11 is \$10, and children age 5 and under are free. Please make checks out to MAESSR or by PayPal. Registration in advance is required!

MENU: Barbeque chicken and pork, potato salad, and baked beans, non-alcoholic beverages.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Once you have registered for this picnic, send an e-mail to bphelpskeegan@cox.net. Please provide your name

and names of all who are coming to the picnic with you, names of the dogs you may be bringing, and if adopted from MAESSR their adoption year. Deadline for registration by PayPal or mail is September 3.

Questions, please contact Beryl Keegan at bphelpskeegan@cox.net.

Rainbow Celebration Registration Form

Number Attending	Names of MAESSR Volunteers/Family Attending		MAESSR Dogs Attending and Year Adopted	Additional Donation	Total Enclosed
	(Adults—\$25)	(Kids ages 6–11—\$10)			

This event is being hosted by the Keegan Family who is donating all the food for this day. In return they have requested that attendees donate \$25 per person to MAESSR.

Enclosed check made payable to MAESSR.

Here is my information:

Name _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone _____

Please mail registration form and donation to:

MAESSR
P.O. Box 15354
Richmond, VA 23227

Please e-mail Beryl Keegan (bphelpskeegan@cox.net) after mailing registration form.

Jean & Chuck's Pig Roast

The Grutzius family is graciously hosting a family pig roast at their home on Lake Anna, Virginia

Saturday, Aug 11, 2012 Time: 1 PM to 5 PM

**Cost: \$50 per adult (17 yrs and older) \$20 per young adult (11 to 16)
Free Children under 10**

1 pm to 3 pm: Arrival and swim time/play time. Light Snacks and beverages

3 pm to 4 pm Fabulous roasted pig dinner with a variety of salads, baked beans & desserts,

4 pm swim time/play time until Springers and their families go home.

**Come bring your Springers and have a great afternoon with friends.
100% of the proceeds benefit MAESSR**



MAESSR Volunteers Spreading the Word!

Heroes Helping Heroes Macungie PA * Un-Run & Furry Fest Fogelsville PA * SPCA Dog Walk Norfolk VA * Vet Clinic Pet Fair Quakertown PA * Meet & Greet Cherry Brook Bedminster NJ * Second Chance Pet Adoption Manahawkin NJ * Eastern Specialty Warwick RI * Bark in the Park Charles Town WV * Lycoming County SPCA Pet Expo Williamsport PA
Bark for Life Cape May NJ * Paw Prints on the Canal Northampton PA

Top 10 Reasons to Adopt an Older Dog

THE SENIOR DOGS PROJECT

- 1** Older dogs are housetrained. You won't have to go through the difficult stage(s) of teaching a puppy house manners and mopping up after accidents.
- 2** Older dogs are not teething puppies, and won't chew your shoes and furniture while growing up.
- 3** Older dogs can focus well because they've mellowed. Therefore, they learn quickly.
- 4** Older dogs have learned what "no" means. If they hadn't learned it, they wouldn't have gotten to be "older" dogs.
- 5** Older dogs settle in easily, because they've learned what it takes to get along with others and become part of a pack.
- 6** Older dogs are good at giving love, once they get into their new, loving home. They are grateful for the second chance they've been given.
- 7** What You See Is What You Get—Unlike puppies, older dogs have grown into their shape and personality. Puppies can grow up to be quite different from what they seemed at first.
- 8** Older dogs are instant companions—ready for hiking, car trips, and other things you like to do.
- 9** Older dogs leave you time for yourself, because they don't make the kinds of demands on your time and attention that puppies and young dogs do.
- 10** Older dogs let you get a good night's sleep because they're accustomed to human schedules and don't generally need nighttime feedings, comforting, or bathroom breaks.

Summertime ... and the Springers Are Happy!

QUANTITY	ITEM	DESCRIPTION/CHOICE	PRICE	TOTAL
	MAESSR License Plate Holder	"MAESSR.org" on top "Springer Spaniel Rescue" on bottom	\$6.00	
	Springer Fest head t-shirt	S M L XL 2X	\$18.00	
	Embroidered MAESSR Oval Baseball Cap	Sand with Black Embroidered Lettering	\$24.00	
	Cooler—Blue with Springer Head	Insulated—holds a 6-pack Great for goodies and doggie treats	\$16.00	
	Garden Flags	Summer Fall	\$17.00	
	House Flags	Summer Fall	\$35.00	
	Football (it's coming) Bandanas	Eagles Jets Giants Redskins Steelers Penn State	\$9.00	
	MAESSR PupMobile Magnet	Featuring 4 MAESSR dogs! Red Car Black Car	\$7.00	
	Nothin' Butt Springers Sweatshirt	S M L XL	\$28.00	
		2XL	\$30.00	
	Nothin' Butt Springers T-Shirt	S M L XL	\$20.00	
		2XL	\$22.00	

TOTAL

Phone # _____ E-mail Address _____

Ship To: _____

Please enclose this slip with your check made payable to MAESSR. (Shipping is included!)

Mail to: MAESSR
P.O. Box 15354
Richmond, VA 23227