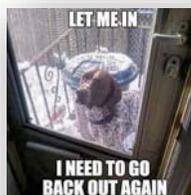


What's Happening

January is National Bath Safety Month. Keep those pups clean but safe!



#truth #nocaptionneeded #gsp #funnybecauseitstrue



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It's all about your perspective! Happy New Year everyone!



On this day of reflection, let's all strive to follow the words of Martin Luther King, Jr.



Check out the newest dogs on our Adoptable Dogs website page: www.segsprescue.org

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Announcements

According to the FDA, certain lots of Sportmix can be fatal to dogs and cats. Please check your food & if you have an infected lot, cease feeding it to your pet immediately.

Here is more information: <https://www.fda.gov/animal-veterinary/outbreaks-and-advisories/fda-alert-certain-lots-sportmix-pet-food-recalled-potentially-fatal-levels-aflatoxin>



Adopting or purchasing a puppy? Those of us who have done it chuckle – it’s never what you think it will be, no matter how experienced you are with dogs. Of course, each puppy is different, but the key to a successful relationship is always training – early training. Here’s a great article about the AKC STAR program that is available to all breeds as well as mixed breeds: <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/training/how-akc-s-t-a-r-puppy-is-part-of-being-a-responsible-puppy-owner/>



January tends to be a time of reflection, so it only seems fitting that we share this video again. We’ve titled it, “**Giving Hope.**”

Thank you to each & every one of you for helping SEGSP Rescue give so many dogs hope.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MuiPgHwvuGk>



For the last two years SEGSP has enjoyed hosting a booth at the Southeast Wildlife Expo (SEWE) that happens every February in Charleston, SC. Sadly, this year’s event has been cancelled. We are obviously disappointed, but look forward to the 2022.

Mark your calendars for the 2022 SEWE Expo, Feb 17-20th.



Anyone else know this scenario?

The training process was tedious, but now he knows it’s not allowed on the couch.



Do squeaky toys ever get to win?



Today is National Change A Pet’s Life Day... thank you to everyone that has adopted, supported & followed SEGSP Rescue. You are changing lives every day.



New Adoptions

Wonderful news... Charli (NC) found her forever home this weekend with the Hadley family! She now has a GSP brother Turley and parents that are dedicated to giving Charli positive reinforcement training to help her learn her new routines. She's also looking forward to an active life with a lot of hiking. A big thank you to her foster mom Maddie for helping Charli find the right forever home. Congratulations Charli we can already see how much you are loved!



Ziva has found her forever home! A big thank you to her foster parents Phil and Amy who went through countless applications to find the perfect home for her. Ziva gave Phil a big thank you kiss.



Ziva not only has forever parents but also a forever brother, Gunner, and a big yard with LOTS of lizards for her to hunt. She's having fun being walked through her new community to meet neighbors and take in all the new smells. Congratulations to Ziva and the Jackson family!

Merlin, now Milo, has found his forever home! Milo is enjoying being super spoiled with his new family. We are so thankful that his foster family, the Hendleys, took such good care of him and found the home that was just right for Milo. Congratulations to Milo, Lindsay and Michael!



Princess Maggie (FL on left) has found her home and is now officially called MJ by her new family. Her foster mom Regan gave her new family a care package filled with her favorite toys, supplies, and several goodies. Her new canine sibling Wrigley gave her a very warm welcome (Regan is still a little shy). MJ had been found as a stray last summer in south FL and we believe had been used for breeding then discarded. She was terrified, skinny, smelled bad, had lots of flaky skin, poor muscle tone and was treated for a UTI. She hit the jackpot first with her temp foster mom Harryette who gave MJ her freedom ride from the shelter and helped evaluate her foster home needs. Then she hit jackpot AGAIN with the Harbour family who fostered her until she was healthy and painstakingly went through applications to find her perfect forever home. Her foster mom Regan said they are all still suffering from leaky eyes, but they know she's in a wonderful home. Thank you Regan and congrats to MJ and her new mom Robin!



<https://youtu.be/q1GkO9Y7jvw>

Odin's foster family have discovered that they are hopelessly smitten with him. In fact, they can't bear to have him leave their home...so...yup, he is HOME! His new name is Gus and his new family is looking forward to many years of long walks, cuddles, wet kisses, and serenades from him. His mom Angela said, "Our sons adore him, and our GSP female, Bunny, enjoys his company.

Even our cat, Sagwa, is learning to live with Gus. My husband and I, who were about to be empty-nesters, love him more than we thought possible! Thanks for providing us with the opportunity to love him."



We are so happy and excited for Odin and the Maki family!

Alumni Updates

Our recent alumnus Blue (formerly Albert) wanted to show you how mistreated he is. Seems Blue has adjusted quite well with his forever family...
#GSPlife



Alumnus Blue (formerly Albert) is going to virtual kindergarten (and thrilled to be doing so) LOL! Any more GSPs in school?



Our 2019 Alumnus Fyvel (formerly Ernest II) tries hard to be a good assistant for his dad!
#getthehammer #Fyvelthehelper



Our 2018 alumnus Strider is helping his sister with her math homework. You know these GSPs are SO smart!



2019 alum George is enjoying the snow and he's made a new friend. Adorable!



#GSPsnowplay #CoolGSP #GSP

The Braman family, who adopted alumnus Bendit, allowed us to share their Thanksgiving dinner memory. From his mom Abby: So thankful for SEGSP and our sweet Bandit!! Here he is in the middle with his brother and cousin at Thanksgiving dinner :) <https://youtu.be/CQB6szht0to>



Our 2019 alumni Stew (formerly Asher) and Tripp (formerly Dexter) were able to see their former foster mom Ali for a short time while she babysat for their parents. Ali said they had a blast and it was so nice to see them again. So sweet!



#GSPetiquette #GSPlife

Our 2019 alum Copper is, well, spoiled and loved so much, but even more so now that his mom is working from home. And he LOVES his sister Gracie! Awwwww



Art work courtesy of Allison Moore, who recently did a fundraiser for SE GSP Rescue.

Alumni Updates

Our recent alumnus, puppy Brewer, experienced his first snow on Christmas Day and loved it! His mom said he wasn't quite sure what to think at first, but since his big sister Hannah loves snow more than anything, he followed her lead and had a blast.



Any other snow-loving GSPs out there?

Our 2019 alum Lucas (formerly Lucious) and his siblings had to find some indoor activities after all the days of rain and mud! Everyone took a turn getting called up one at a time to "teach" the class while everyone else stayed seated! Their mom Michelle said Lucas did an excellent job leading the class! Then they got called one at a time to sit at the table until all 5 of them were around the table. Practicing good control and learning to focus on when their mom calls their name to do a command. Good work babies!!



2020 Alum, Rio, has finally figured out the cozy cave. He looks so cozy that we aren't sure he's ever planning to come out. Do your GSPs love to be under the covers or hanging out in their cozy cave? Drop a pic and let us see.



Cricket, a 2020 alum, loves her sister Gracie so much! She loved the recent snow and they've had the biggest time chasing deer on their property. We think you can see how happy she is with Gracie chasing her in this pic!



Ella, a 2020 alum who now goes by Ella Grace, recently took a trip to the mountains. She and her sister, Dolly, spent a lot of time in the snow looking for bears. They both had a blast.



They say a dog is man's best friend, but we think the feeling may be mutual. **2019 Alum, Hank, and his Dad, Drew,** take a quick nap after a long day at work.



2020 alum Moe, formerly Alamo, is happy in East TN. Currently, he is living with mom & mad (& sis Heidi) at a rental while his new home is under construction, but soon will be on a twenty-five acre farm where we know he will love exploring and meeting all the wildlife there.



Moe said, "My favorite things are eating, snacks, laying on Heidi's bed and listening to her whine, food & oh did I tell you I am verrrrrry food motivated? The rotten vet said I needed to shed a few pounds so I am on diet food. Mom says it doesn't look that appetizing but I wolf it down in forth-five seconds flat. I'm a good boy and well behaved. My folks think I am the bee's knees. I've come a long way since coming into the rescue. This cushy living is for me!!"

Good luck with that diet, Moe, We all found a few extra pounds during the quarantine. We feel your pain! Do you have some healthy treat or other ideas that have helped your pup shed a few pounds?



Alumni Updates

Our recent alumnus Max in NC is recovering from a fantastic holiday season with his new forever home. His family walks him no less than two miles a day and they will be hiring a trainer to help with adjusting. Max loves car rides, the Starbucks drive through, and apparently is a bed hog and a snorer (louder than his dad LOL!).

Max now has more toys than his sibling and even got a new bed for Christmas. His mom Lisa



2020 alumnus Tag (formerly Dirk), from Tennessee just returned home from a four week board and train program. Before training, he was a “wild man” and couldn’t be trusted to roam free in the house.

On his first day home, his family noticed a world of difference in his behavior! He received wonderful updates of his progress while in training and appears to be super proud in his graduation picture. Tag, we are proud of you, too, and hope you get to celebrate your great achievement with a long hike (his first since recovering from heartworms.)



We love getting updates from all alumni, but when we get one from an older alumni it’s even more special. This is 2008 alumnus Asher, formerly Blue, and his brother 2019 alumnus Fletcher, formerly Rex/Breeze. Asher is 12 ½ years young and according to his mom he is as spunky as ever!



Lauren said, “Although he’s slowed down a little (most of which is due to his old man attitude) he can still chase down a tennis ball in seconds! He spends most of his days sunning on the back porch while watching over his backyard domain, napping on the couch, or going to his mom’s office to greet patients. Asher even still runs four miles with his mom, tail wagging the whole time!! He is the patriarch canine to his two younger brothers and loves playing with his two human kids in the backyard!”

#OldGSPsRule



Alumni Updates

Our 2019 alumna Memphis waits for her dad after his long day helping to keep the community safe. Thank you Officer Hardy! Good girl Memphis!



2020 Alumna Maggie (formerly Ingrid in MS) had a surprise visit from her former foster mom Stephanie. She of course recognized her and they had some good hugs. It was a great day for both of them!



#GSP hugs

Alumnus Tucker (formerly Turtle) had an unexpected visit from his foster parents Ellen and Mike over the weekend. He recognized them both immediately and nearly bowled them over with his greeting. They brought him toys for him and his sister Jazzy which they promptly destroyed. They left Tucker knowing they made the absolute right choice for his forever home – a very good feeling. #GSPreunion



We think it's safe to say that 2017 SEGSP Alum, Darla Jo, loves playing in the snow. But her sister, Ellie (who lost both eyes to blastomycosis) certainly wanted to be part of the party and jumped in at the end with her. These two are just the cutest!



<https://youtu.be/VN2xMs6l5UY>

Our recent alumna MJ, formerly Princess Maggie (on left), is getting along great with her sibling Wrigley. Her mom Robin said she's working with a trainer to help her get comfortable with new things, but overall 'she's a gem!'



We love happy updates!

It's sad when we learn that an amazing SEGSP supporter is moving out of our region. But thankfully the Parson Posse promises to continue sending us updates from across the country. From our alumni The General (formerly General Lee) and Lucas (formerly Lucious) and their family:



"The General and Lucas say thank you SEGSP for helping us become part of the Parson Posse! The General says he's in charge of keeping everyone in check as we head to the Pacific Northwest for the next chapter in life's adventure! 🐾 Thank you guys for everything!!"

Safe travels and we look forward to updates about your new adventures!

Our recent alum Maverick was sad when his brother Bo 'accidentally' chewed up his favorite toy. But that quickly changed when he received a new one in the mail this week. Maybe this one will last just a little bit longer



Alumni Updates

Gus, formerly Odin, one of our recent “foster fails,” is doing absolutely great with his family. These photos really show how awesome his new life is – thank you Angela for the wonderful update!



Christmas holidays were super exciting for our 2020 Alum Bo Elvis (formerly Tyler)! Bo said, “I got to spend it with my whole family. Romps in the snow with my brother and sister were the best! Now that we’re back home, my mom is back to work and I’m helping!! I keep all her supplies warm and cozy. 2021 is going to be the best year ever!



We think so too Bo!

2020 alumna Grace and her sister Abby love each other so much! Wouldn't it be awesome to know what they are saying to each other when there's a pause in play?

<https://youtu.be/-4e65AYnYMg>



Sadly, in economic downturns many people are faced with tough decisions about their pets. If you are having trouble paying for food and medicine for your pet, there are many organizations that can help. Before making the decision to give up your animal, please check out these resources to ease the financial strain while keeping your pet healthy and safe at home.

These are a FRACTION of the resources available. If you don't see what you need, try googling "Pet Financial Aid". Additionally, there are many pet food pantries available by city and state location. We encourage you to google "Pet Food Pantry" and your city/state, to find a location.

1. <http://www.browndogfoundation.org> - Prescription medicine aid
2. www.frankiesfriends.org - helping pets in need of emergency and specialty veterinary care
- <http://www.onyxandbreezy.org> - grants and assistance with medical care, food and critical cases.
1. <http://www.petsofthehomeless.org> - Pet food and veterinary care assistance for homeless.
2. <https://redrover.org/2020/03/23/coronavirus-covid19/> - has special resources to help animals during the COVID 19 crisis.
3. <http://www.shakespeareanimalfund.org> - emergency care, especially during COVID 19 crisis.
4. <https://wagglefoundation.org/riedelcody/> - Support for pets suffering with cancer.
5. <https://waggle.org> - A pet-dedicated crowdfunding solution that channels funds directly to verified veterinary providers to ensure the money goes only to the pet's care.

Alumni Updates

The General (aka our 2019 alumnus General Lee)

It's **The General** checking in! I had to take my mom and dad to Lowe's this weekend and to thank me they stopped at McD's and got me an ice cream cone. Unfortunately, mom insisted on sharing it with me but it was still delish! Then I was walking along in Lowe's and saw this handsome guy and after doing a double take realized it was me! Mom is right...I am one handsome dude! That is all! Love to all from The General



We can't argue with The General – he is quite handsome!

Lily (2020 alum) is so awesome. She loves everyone and everyone loves her to bits. **Lefty (formerly Buddy, 2019 alum)** gets the award for most snuggliest since he cuddles at bedtime like a stuffed animal ☐



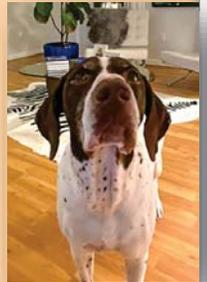
Our recent alumnus Gunner is one happy boy! His family said, "We are so happy to have Gunner. He is such a sweet dog. We have some work to do to help with his shyness but with some patience he will get better. I have attached a video of us playing in the dog park. He is the talk of the park. Everyone loves him. His spinning has people amazed."

You Go Gunner! Any other 'spinners' out there?



Alumnus Cole's mom said 2021 is going to be a good year – because Cole's biopsy returned NEGATIVE! Apparently, it was a hamartoma, which is a benign mass made of connective tissue. And more good news, no further treatment is necessary. His mom Susan said,

"He is feeling very much like himself again and has huge GSP energy. We had another complete blood panel done to see if there was anything indicated in his blood that could be causing his seizures. That all returned negative so we will remain in *wait and see* mode. He hasn't had another seizure since the one he had several weeks ago. So, we are hoping they will be few and far between. Now that he has healed completely from his surgery, we will begin working with a trainer for his indoor manners. But he is awesome and has really become comfortable as part of the family."



Congrats Cole (formerly Colby) on your awesome news!

Our 2010 alum, Kota, is 11 ½ years old and still running daily with his mom. She said,

"His best day is to go for a run, eat whatever breakfast his human brother will give him (eggs, especially) and lounge the rest of the day. He's the perfect blend of active and lazy and the epitome of a Velcro dog."



Don't you just love the seniors?! #SeniorGSPsRule

Special Days

Happy Gotcha Day Anniversary

Our 2020 alumnus Tucker celebrated his one year Gotcha Day anniversary yesterday. His mom Mary said,

“How could we ever have known just how much joy, laughter, and love he would bring to our home when we picked him up in” Knoxville as our first foster dog ... and fail?! He has really blossomed over the year. He’s a successful graduate of a three plus week board-n-train (Nikki at Scenic City K-9) learning all the basics of sit, down, place, heel, come). Since he loves learning new things, he’s also added bringing his empty food bowl to the kitchen, shaking both paws, sitting up and rolling over. He LOVES getting his teeth brushed and ears cleaned. He does well in his crate now, although he doesn’t yet love being left behind.

He really has a very distinctive and plaintive yodel when we do so! But, in this weather, he goes everywhere with me absolutely loving being in the car. He lives to hunt and will stop at nothing (literally!) to get to any critter with the audacity to inhabit his yard, thus numerous repairs to both wooden and plastic lattice fencing and several huge holes in my herb garden!

He flies around our yard at warp speed, sometimes leaping into the air in an effort to catch a bird on the fly! As with most GSPs, he has an advanced degree in giving and getting love, cuddling, following you from room to room, and “talking” quite often to make sure his feelings are known. So, a BIG thank you to this great organization for making this and so many other success stories happen. Tucker is home and we couldn’t be happier!



Wednesday was the two year Gotchaversary for alumnus Griffin. His mom Beth said, “He is a very loved boy whose favorite things are playing fetch, protecting the yard from pesky squirrel invasions, playing more fetch, patrolling the yard with his GSP brother Wagner, playing fetch again, and cuddling under a blanket. We celebrated his special day with doggo cakes and a new Wubba toy.”



Alumnus Turkey, formerly Dierks, loves the beach and according to his mom Paige, is a dream off leash after some e-collar training. He recently celebrated his second “gotcha day” anniversary and is living the good life in Florida.

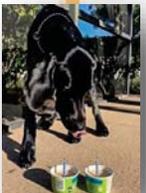


2019 Alum, Maple Ruth, says the weekend is so close that she can taste it! She celebrated her 2nd Gotcha Day this week with her forever family and wants to thank SEGSP and all the volunteers that helped her along the way. If you want to volunteer and become a part of the SEGSP Rescue family, fill out an application at the link below. <https://www.segsprescue.org/volunteer.html>



Happy Birthday

Our 2020 Alumnus Milo Klausner (formerly Shadow in FL) celebrated his second birthday over the weekend. When he came to rescue in early 2020 he was extremely timid, but with the help of his foster family he overcame his shyness and found his awesome forever family! Happy birthday Milo!



Special Days

Happy Gotcha Day Anniversary

Happy 1st Gotcha Day to our Alumnus Scout! Looks like he got his favorite chew for the special day and his mom got flowers. His mom Renee said,



“ I can't thank SEGSP Rescue enough for all your efforts with this special breed! Scout is the youngest (8) I've had in years and I have to say, I was terrified the day I met him. I walked him with two leashes as he was strong as an ox and had no manners. I didn't know if I'd ever be able to tire him out. He may also be the smartest GSP I've ever had (I may say that with every dog, too:!) The first week he learned to roll over, do circles, weave in and out of my legs and the boy will fetch for days! He has always been confident, independent (aka - stubborn/bossy) and a little indifferent.



After about three months, his indifference towards me began to fade and now we are permanently Velcro'd together. He goes to work with me every day and basically joins me everywhere I go. I'm the one with separation anxiety, now. His favorite things are chuck-it balls, chasing seagulls on the beach, and mommy's lap once the sun goes down. I'm so obsessed with this breed and especially this handsome boy. Thank you for helping me find him!

National Law Enforcement Day

Today is National Law Enforcement Day and we are so grateful for the men, women & K-9s that serve. Below is Officer VanWright and his dog Klaus. Do we have any others that are serving, or have served? We'd love to see pictures and/or hear your stories. Thank you to all of you for keeping us safe.



Here is Officer Santos with K-9 Stosh hard at work protecting people. Thank you for your service Santos family. Today, on National Law Enforcement Day, we want to thank all that serve. We are so grateful.



We just can't get over the cuteness of this photo! Happy National Law Enforcement Day. Thank you to all that serve, big & small! Do you have a photo or story to share for Law Enforcement Day? We'd love to have it posted below!



National Cuddle-up Day!

Happy National Cuddle-up Day! Did you know that University of NC researchers discovered that 20 seconds of cuddling can reduce blood pressure and heart rate during stressful situations? GSPs already knew that - they LOVE to cuddle LOL! So cuddle-up with your GSP and stay warm and safe.



#GSPcuddles #GSPlove

National Hugging Day

It's National Hugging Day. Ready, set.... GO!



#GSPhugs



Art work by Allison Moore

If you're interested in fostering a dog for SEGSP, we really need your help!

If you're not already a volunteer please complete an application at <http://www.segsprescue.org/how-to-help/volunteering/volunteer-application/> and we'll coordinate a home-check (the 1st step to fostering). If you've adopted a dog from us and you still live in the same home, you are pre-approved to foster a dog. Thank you!

We often hear: "I couldn't foster because I wouldn't be able to let the dog go." But when a foster volunteer receives a great update with photos of their previous foster dog happy in their new home, it gives you such a great feeling. Our volunteer Darrin, who fostered Fritz from SC sent us this update:

"It's still hard to know that Fritz is no longer around to follow me in my routine. But there's a sense of peace in normal day to day. Updates like this make it better though."

Fritz's new family said, "Things are going so well. He's got routines down, loves to run, run, run and so eager to please. He just got nervous last night in the storm. We coddled him as much as possible and he settled after the storm passed. Our other GSPs were much like that in thunder but not gun shy. They must sense and react to a change in atmospheric pressure. Fritz has an amazing nose; seems more astute than our GSP's. I truly think Fritz may be part coonhound with his baritone howling! Not a sign to go out, he's answering the sirens on the fire trucks going by!! Hilarious! He has a different howl when our neighbors set off fireworks! And then he buries his head under a pillow! Fritz continues to bring us such joy. Have a Happy and blessed New Year! The Fabrey family."

Fostering is a very fulfilling experience. Thank you Darrin for sharing this update.

Tugg, fostered in NC, was our boy found wandering still attached to a 15 pound chain. He is in daycare to learn how to be a better canine citizen because he was trying to bully the resident dogs at his foster home, i.e. he wanted to be king of the castle. We know how GSPs are...they think they should be running the show! Tugg is doing so much better in this group play environment and will be moving to his new foster home this weekend. Our thanks to Susan for putting up with his antics and working with him on some manners and to Kathy for volunteering to foster Tugg the rest of the way!



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Benelli in SC who came to rescue with his right rear leg effectively on backwards and had it amputated, is doing great. His foster mom Paolina said he LOVES to be outside, has fallen into a typical GSP routine and will LET YOU KNOW when it's time to eat – he's relentless LOL! Recently he's taken on a terrible habit of chewing on his GSP sibling's ears. He literally thinks they are bubblegum ears – yikes! Any other GSPs that do that?



Sweet little Bob, our puppy in Georgia who had a tap procedure last month to drain fluid from his brain, says that puppies need vacations, too, and he's enjoying a little "sleepaway camp." Bob is being puppysat this week by Vanessa, who not only was his first foster mom but also was the volunteer who coordinated his intake into rescue. Based on the picture, we'd say they are both happy campers! Vanessa has lots of adventures planned for Bob this week, so he'll have lots of stories for his foster mom, Leanne, and some more cute photos for us. Bob's been showing improvements — along with some typical GSP puppy mayhem — since his procedure. We'll keep you all posted on what's next in his medical journey. Rumor has it that a really cool shunt (a permanent management solution for his neurological condition) may be in his future!



Boone has arrived at his new foster home in NC. He's very young and a young GSP is a LOT to handle, so it takes a lot of patience. Thank you to his transporters: Michael, Leanne, Leslie and Morgan. A huge thank you to the Peterson family and Shirley family for temp fostering Boone and to the Riddle family for agreeing to take on this energetic guy and help him become a good-mannered GSP. Watch for more updates on this handsome boy's progress...



When you want to be outside but you're afraid to go ... Poor **Captain** in TN is still working on his anxiety. He is so handsome and has become very loving with his foster parents Wendy and Steve. When they get a little sign that he feels safe, they take it!



Thought we'd make you smile. This is **Callie**, our hospice senior in NC who was hit by a car in January of 2018 and continues to have many physical challenges. Adorable, right?!



Clark, aka Clank in GA in back, loves his foster brother Patches (2018 SEGSP Alum). Patches helps give Clank some emotional support while he heals from two surgeries (FHO surgery and follow-up surgery). Good job Patches (and Clank)!



Comet, fostered in AL, is gaining weight and the ribs that were quite evident aren't any longer. His neuter incision has healed and he has no health problems (yay). His foster dad Marty says he is a typical, high energy, young GSP, especially when he first wakes up from a nap, or when a new person walks into the room or you let him out in the yard. He loves everyone and every dog he meets and even rubs noses with his foster feline sibling. Good boy Comet! This handsome boy is almost done with his temperament evaluation and will be listed for adoption soon.



Frack, now called Frankie, will more than likely be in his forever home by the time the newsletter is published. We'll post his adoption announcement in next month's edition. Yay Frankie!



Frick (aka Hawk), fostered in FL, is getting very close to being ready to find his forever home. He almost has the house-training down completely (it's now only when his foster parents miss his cue of a nose bump on the door), crate-trained and sleeps quietly through the night. Hawk has quickly grown accustomed to the luxuries of indoor living and loves his cushy comfort and prefers a coy recliner or takes his mats out of his crate to cuddle with (along with at least one stuffed toy). He also loves car/truck rides and is the star of the pick-up line at school. Good boy Hawk! And thank you Kate and Brett!



Gretta, new to rescue in FL, is enjoying her role as new queen of the house LOL! Her foster mom Shirley said, "Gretta is fitting in really well into our family. She loves to walk and so does Art, so that is a pleasure they both enjoy. We are working on some extreme pulling while walking, along with the sport of "counter surfing" but we will get there. She loves to play with toys, wants to be near always, and is very loving ... aren't they all? Gretta is a very good girl.



Gretta in NC is adored by her foster feline sibling Gussy. Her mom Mary says Gussy is usually a little nervous and apprehensive about meeting new dogs but the first time she met Gretta, she was laying on a bench and Gretta casually walked right up to her and gently gave her a sweet little kiss (awwww). Gussy wasn't even phased by it and just looked at her like "oh cool, it's nice to meet you too." Gretta is going through heartworm treatment so has another month left before she's healthy and can search for her forever home.



Moose, fostered in AL, has the funniest quirks... and certainly keeps his foster mom smiling. From Cheyenne: "When I let him out I always keep my blinds open so that I can see him at all times. Without fail he always drags a pillow to the edge of the porch from the outside furniture and stares out into the yard. He literally just sits and looks around...he will do this for hours. There is a perfectly good dog bed in the yard... or he could lay on the pillow on the furniture.... but he prefers to do this." Moose will go in for his first heartworm treatment injection on February 15th, then he has 2 months left of treatment. Almost halfway there Moose!



Nova had a successful spay and loves her foster mom's humor. She's relaxing with her foster family and waiting for their big announcement. See...she is secretly hoping they adopt her now that she is healthy.



An update on our senior gal **Queenie** in NC who spent most of her years breeding and living outside. Her foster dad said she is making tremendous progress over the past month. While her anxiety is still there, she's learning to trust them and feeling more comfortable in their home. Noise still spooks her, but she's recovering from the scare more quickly and confidently. Her daily walks are now the same route at approximately the same time every day and the consistency has helped her a lot. And we can see she's making herself comfy – thank you Jeff and David!



Riley, in FL, is having a tough time deciding which home will be her forever home. We're hoping she'll have her decision made very soon.



River, fostered in TN, continues to improve daily after he had surgery to remove a sock and large hair scrunchie. He is being weaned off his pain medicine and is tolerating it well, his bruising in the incision area is fading and no more potty issues...all the plumbing seems to be working just fine after the surgery! His foster mom bought him some "I'm sorry" toys, but we think maybe he needs to be the one to buy her an "I'm sorry" treat! #socksarenttreats #neitherarehairscurchies



Rochelle (aka Ellie) is searching for her forever home. If you know someone who may be interested in a 2 year old small girl, please send them to our website to see her full story. Good luck Ellie!



Saint Nick is experiencing so many new things while being fostered in Tennessee. When his foster siblings are in virtual school, he's even participated in that...until he saw himself in the mirror for the first time. It seems he had something he wanted to share with the class, too. St. Nick will be posted for adoption in just a couple weeks. Be on the lookout for more info.



Susie, who is going through heartworm treatment, is continuing to do well while in foster care in Tennessee. She is doing great on car rides, no more hesitancy about getting in the car. She still is a little apprehensive with the harness but as soon as she realizes it's a walk, she's fine. She loved playing with her big brother, Chubbs, and she even had a puppy come visit last week and did great with him, too! She wags her tail all the time, letting her foster mom know how grateful she is to be there. Susie has about three more months of left on her heartworm treatment.



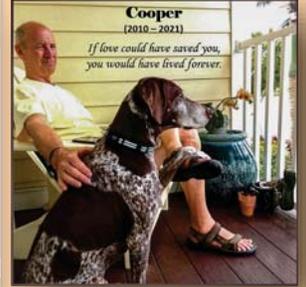
Memorials

Our 2011 alumnus Cooper has passed to the Rainbow Bridge and we're heartbroken for his family. Cooper came to rescue at about a year old and matured into a wonderful buddy for his dad Jim. They went on pre-dawn walks every morning and Cooper learned to fetch (and became ball crazy). We can't forget to mention his obsession with lizards and the inevitable destruction of things in his way to reach them. Cooper was also very smart. If he wanted his parents' attention, he would push his ball into the water so they would come fish it out.

He was a true gentleman when meeting new humans, an expert at leash walking, loved belly rubs and a very loving boy. To say that Cooper was well loved is quite an understatement – he was family, which included unconditional love. When Cooper's spleen cancer became too aggressive and he was clearly suffering, that unconditional love kicked in and despite the heartbreak, his parents gave him sweet peace.

His family said, "You should know he was a very important part of our lives, lived only to please us, and I am thankful that you let us adopt him.

Run pain-free after those lizards at the Rainbow Bridge sweet Cooper. Our hearts go out to the Hayworth family.



With heavy hearts we say goodbye to our alumna Dixie Mae. At nine years old she was surrendered to a TN shelter in 2016 and quickly entered rescue. She was fostered in NC by the Hubble family, who found the perfect forever home for Dixie with her mom Morgan. That sweet face was loved beyond measure for the last years of her life. Dixie had just turned thirteen years old and as quickly as she came into Morgan's life, her illness unexpectedly swept her quickly from this world, but not without leaving many precious memories.

Morgan said, "She was my perfect pup. While she still had all the energy of a typical GSP, she was also my shadow and ready to cuddle wherever I was. She loved (indestructible) toys, ice cubes, all things soft, and verbally ensuring all neighborhood walkers were aware of her yard. I will be forever grateful to SEGSP for adding Dixie to my life and the amazing five years we had together."

We hope and pray that the memory of Dixie's smile will help her mom heal from this tragic loss.



Sadly, we end the day with the news of our SEGSP alumnus Dean that passed away in 2018. Dean was rescued in Alabama in 2012 and was first fostered by our founder Beth Cochran and then by our longtime volunteer Heather Gill. We've lost touch with Dean's family, but we know he was loved and had many adventures with his forever family. Here's to a great GSP life that ended loved and happy – every living being's dream.





Fundraisers

Vote for Maggie! <https://www.carnegiecarnival.org/candidates/maggie-burns/>



Remember alumna Maggie (formerly Ingrid from MS)? She came to rescue last year after her owners were going to euthanize her because of an infection associated with overbreeding and a severely-injured back leg. But after five months of rehab, the Burns family adopted her and Maggie quickly made up for lost time with being loved and pampered—like every GSP deserves.

Now, Maggie is running for Lady Barks-A-Lot, part of the Carnegie Carnival Celebration in North Alabama! ALL of the canine proceeds benefit the Morgan County Animal Shelter, a no-kill shelter, and the Carnegie Visual Arts Center, both located in Decatur, Alabama. Maggie has been such a wonderful addition to the Burns family, they are matching all donations she receives thru the SEGSP family! Just click on the link below, and be sure to type 'SEGSP' in the comments/notes section for SEGSP to receive the matching amount.

If you'd like to participate, please go to <https://www.carnegiecarnival.org/candidates/maggie-burns/> and vote for Maggie. Just \$5 per vote so \$20 gives Maggie 5 votes (and \$20 to SEGSP). The contest ends February 12th at 5pm.

Thank you, and thank you to the Burns family for their generosity (to both organizations).

Shopping Quick Reference Guide

Ready to start shopping (and support SEGSP Rescue at the same time)? Check out some great gift ideas for the GSP fans in your family:

- **SEGSP Car Decal \$10:** <http://www.segsprescue.org/how-to-help/donations/> (note "for decal" in instructions box)
- **SEGSP Merchandise Store:** www.zazzle.com/southeastgsprescue
- Purchases on these websites also help SEGSP Rescue:
- **Amazon Smile:** www.Smile.amazon.com/ch/27-2752304

Thank you for your support!



2021 SEGSP Calendars ON SALE NOW

The big reveal ...

Here is the cover of this year's 2021 SEGSP Calendar! Have you ordered yours yet?

<https://www.segsprescue.org/2021-segsp-calendars.html>





January Guardian Angels (Monthly Recurring Donations)

- ❖ Amanda McMahon
- ❖ DeWana Anderson
- ❖ Melissa Thomas
- ❖ Cathy Rudd
- ❖ Lorrin Brown
- ❖ Ivy Reed
- ❖ Renee Fincher
- ❖ Jill Meadows
- ❖ Geri Albritton: In memory of my Big Ben.
- ❖ Sara Reddington
- ❖ Mandy White
- ❖ Leigh and Hardy Harrell
- ❖ Gail Bartlett
- ❖ Brad Goodson
- ❖ Charlie and Krista Pickett: Thank you all for your tireless efforts
- ❖ Terry Parker: Bless you with your love and service. I so appreciate you.
- ❖ Kristin Duke
- ❖ Laura Campbell
- ❖ Mandy Futch
- ❖ Mary Frances Fulton
- ❖ Alli Malnik
- ❖ Kelly McCraney: Thank you for all you do. You gave us the best dog we have ever had. Parents of Josie 2007 Alumni
- ❖ Susan Head

January Facebook Fundraisers and Donations

If you did a fundraiser for SEGSP in August and you don't see it listed, please let us know.

- ❖ Liz Zuege (December)
- ❖ Jo's Giving Tuesday Fundraiser for Southeast GSP Rescue (December)
- ❖ Missy's fundraiser for Southeast GSP Rescue (December)
- ❖ Meredith's Giving Tuesday Fundraiser for Southeast GSP Rescue (December)
- ❖ Allison Moore's Birthday Fundraiser
- ❖ Kim Wilson's Birthday Fundraiser
- ❖ Jo's Giving Tuesday Fundraiser for Southeast GSP Rescue (December)
- ❖ Page Cox (December)
- ❖ Lisa Shane Bergman Birthday Fundraiser

January 2021 Donations

- ❖ AAA Self Storage
- ❖ Anonymous
- ❖ Dr. [Sheri Fastenrath](#) at Animal Medical Clinic, P.C.
- ❖ Bill Gamble: In honor of Moose; This donation was Mandy helping me find Merritt's (Nashville foster) Moose. He's doing well and we love each other, thank you Mandy.
- ❖ Jenn Black for her kind donation of a snuffle mat for Moose (fostered in TN)
- ❖ Mary Pomerance: In honor of Tucker and in memory of Henry
- ❖ Pfizer – matching gift from Philip Mantel
- ❖ Marci Beason: In honor of Leslie's Rescue Babies

Help Hope

- ❖ Stephanie & James McGarvey
- ❖ Proper Pointers: In honor of Hope the GSP puppy with infection; Proper Pointers is praying for the antibiotics to work and get your legs going strong!!!

Help Bob

- ❖ Stephanie & James McGarvey
- ❖ Proper Pointers: In honor of Hope the GSP puppy with infection; Proper Pointers is praying for the antibiotics to work and get your legs going strong!!!