

Berlin

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Gender: Male
Age: 8 Years Old
Color: White
Weight: 71.5 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: No
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: Unknown
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Yes
Good with Kids: Yes
Fostered in: Ashburn, Virginia
VGSR Tag # 3045

Berlin is an 8yo neutered male German Shepherd with a gorgeous white coat dropped off at a shelter by his family that had to move. He had a very difficult time with the confusion/stress at the shelter. He is currently about 70lbs. With less stress, gradually increased exercise & his very good appetite he will easily put on 10lbs to be in a healthy weight. He will eat anything, but has no food aggression. He will ride & jump in the car, but is a bit anxious, mostly because he doesn't know what's next. Same with putting the leash over his head at times, although this is getting much better as he builds trust with his foster family.

Berlin sits, handshakes on command, responds consistently to his name & walks on a leash. He is learning it is okay to bark 2-3 times then he must settle quietly. He LOVES to snuggle & be petted but does not jump on people. He presents physically more like a 5yo & is quite athletic.

Berlin would easily conform to any routine & provide a family or individual with excellent companionship & devotion. He is a joy! CJVA

Bobby

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Gender: Male
Age: 10 Years
Color: Black and Tan
Weight: 75 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs:
Microchipped: Yes
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Unknown
Good with Kids: Unknown
Fostered in: Sterling, Virginia
VGSR Tag # 2467

Bob, even though he has limited vision, is the watch dog extraordinaire. From what we can tell, he can see things directly in front of him, but his peripheral vision is lacking. He is very friendly and affectionate once he knows you, but a stranger should not enter your home without an escort, or Bob will right on the job. He gets along well with female dogs, even playing and flirting with them, and he got along OK with Remo and Maximus - But he can have an attitude with some male dogs. He has made tremendous improvement in his ability to get along with other dogs since he arrived here in December. He loves trips down to the river and stays close by your side. Bob is a good rider in the car and well behaved in the house while we are at work. He loves to play with balls and even throws them for himself

in our backyard. He does not mind going into the crate and even curls up in there to take a nap once in a while. He has KEEN hearing and will bark at any dog hears on TV. Please contact gsdhouse@comcast.net for additional information. SLVA

Buddy

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Gender: Male
Age: 3 Years Old
Color: Bi Color
Weight: 60 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Unknown
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: No
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Yes
Good with Kids: Yes
Fostered in: Charlottesville, Virginia
VGSR Tag # 1330

Buddy is a good looking young male, about 3 years old, on the small side at 60 lbs. He's good with other dogs and reportedly lived with a cat and kids in his last home. The prior owner said that he loved to snuggle with her in bed. He can climb a fence, so a home where he will be leash walked or let out under supervision is needed. Buddy is new to us this week so not much is known about him yet, but he seems to be great dog. He was given up due to personal problems in the home, not because of anything to do with him. You can contact Buddy's foster home at vadogrescue@aol.com if you have any questions. JBVA

Cookie

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Gender: Female
Age: 4 Years Old
Color: Dark Sable
Weight: 73 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs: Yes Knee Surgery
Microchipped: No
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Unknown
Good with Kids: Yes
Fostered in: Newport News VA
VGSR Tag # 3004

Available after her Surgery

Hey there, I'm Cookie. My foster Dad says that I am as sweet as the sweetest cookie on the planet. I have a kiss for everyone that I happen to meet, from a toddler in a stroller to adults along the way. My Mom and Dad had to give me up when they took in a family member that is allergic to dogs, and she went back to school fulltime. I know it was a hard decision for them to come to. I am 4 years young and just about in the prime of my life. I love every dog that I meet and enjoy playing with my foster sister and brothers. I do enjoy the company of other dogs in the house, and if you have cats I can learn to love them as well. When it is time to settle down, I am quiet and content to lie down near where you are at. I enjoy hanging out in the kitchen as well but my foster Dad says I can't eat what he eats so I enjoy grain free kibble and the occasional rawhide bones to chew on. He bought me this weird purple thing called a Jolly

Ball and I must say that thing is a lot of fun! I will actively seek it out anywhere in the yard and am in doggy heaven getting to carry it around. I am good at listening to commands but it is always recommended to at least take me to a basic obedience class to help form my bond with you. I hope to meet you soon!

XOXO Cookie

Now a note from my foster Dad:

Cookie is an absolute joy having around the house. She has perfect house manners and does not get into anything. She is trustworthy being loose in the house and will find a dog bed and lay down if I am not around. She is completely house broken and has had no accidents even after I brought her to a new environment. She has settled in nicely as if she has been here all along and has a wonderful temperament to match with almost anybody in any home setting. She will be having surgery to repair her ligaments on one of her knees and will have a long road to recovery (6-8 weeks). Her CCL (in humans it would be an ACL) is torn and the surgery will allow the knee to bend properly and stunt any arthritis that could develop as a result of the inflammation in her knee. I know it will be hard for her to remain still for the next few weeks but she will feel like a new dog once the recovery is complete. She has a gorgeous dark sable coat and might be partly mixed with a malamute or the like but she has not met anyone who isn't considered her friend. On the first day she came into the rescue, her tail was up and wagging like crazy and she went up to everyone and gave them a kiss including a young child in a stroller. Because of her size, I would exercise caution if you have young children around; she might knock them over but has not shown any aggression at all when she met my 2 year old nephew and newborn niece.

She is being fostered in the Newport News/Tidewater area of VA if you are interested in meeting her.

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Crystal

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Gender: Female
Age: 18 months
Color: Black and Tan
Weight: 50 lbs.
House-trained: No
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: No
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Yes
Good with Kids: Yes
Fostered in: Virginia
VGSR Tag # 3052

Crystal is a young, active female (spayed) German Shepherd. She is playful, friendly and loyal. She loves to play with a ball and to spend time with her humans. If she could smile, she would smile non-stop. Crystal continues to improve in her crate-training and house-training skills, but will need continued work in her new home. She needs some manners training (like jumping) but she gets along well with everyone, including the other dogs. She is OK with cats. She is a small girl, only 50 pounds, but is healthy and active. She deserves a great home! KJVA

Diesal

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Gender: Male



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Age: 2 Years Old
Color: Black and Tan
Weight: 85 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: Unknown
Neutered/Spayed: No
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: No
Good with Kids: Yes
Fostered in: Northern Virginia
VGSR Tag # 2646

{Entitled Accent} Okay, Okay, these pictures don't do me justice. You say I'm handsome, well your right, and I am very modest {wink, wink}. I'm German, I like a good long workout every morning, and a thorough grooming each night. Have to stay in top shape for the ladies. I do enjoy a good strong leader. I don't have the time or patience to make such mundane decisions in my life. Problem solving is not my forte.

In fact, if I have to make a decision it will probably be one you won't like, so lets save us the trouble and give me a bit of boundaries, eh?. Only the finest food and accommodations are acceptable. I have commandeered a warm bed or two, if not provided one of my own. I do make quite a warm blanket or pillow, and don't mind the attention. I'm happy to meet and have a chat with approved adopters only.

Please contact my very capable secretary at gsd4kiba@gmail.com. FDVA

Dino

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Gender: Male
Age: 11 Months Old
Color: Sable
Weight: 85 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: Yes
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: No
Good with Kids: Unknown
Fostered in: Baltimore, Maryland
VGSR Tag # 2772

At the tender age of 11 months, Dino is already 85 lbs, so he is going to be a big boy when he's fully grown! He was turned over to VGSR because his owner developed serious allergies to him and was unable to interact with Dino regularly. While Dino is just a goofy, happy puppy right now, he has an excellent, stable temperament that is befitting of a German shepherd. He is confident and curious, fearless, and not easily startled by loud noises or sudden movements. Dino is appropriately aloof with strangers, though if they pay attention to him his tail will start wagging and try to go visit, an excellent trait in a puppy. I believe once he gets older and matures he will become more aloof with strangers, preferring the attention of his family over all else. Right now we are working hard to socialize him to all sorts of environments, sounds, people, and smells, because as a large, powerful adult, it will be important for him to know what "normal" looks like so he can react appropriately when things are not "normal."

As with many GSDs, Dino is very focused on his people and extremely affectionate with us; he loves to interact with

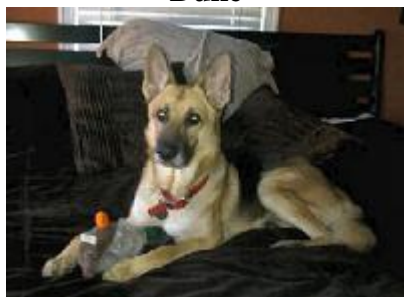
us, whether it's for a long game of fetch, cuddling, or just lying at our feet gnawing on a marrow bone. He must still think he's a little 20 lb puppy, because he loves nothing more than to bring his ball or chew toy over to you and climb into your lap as he chews on it. Dino has been pretty easy to train, as he has a lot of drive, enthusiasm and focus for work. He is moderately food motivated and extremely toy motivated. For this reason, his ideal adoptive family would find some sort of sport or job for him to do - whether this be Schutzhund, agility, herding, rally, or just a set of obedience courses - Dino is a dog that would be happiest if kept active both physically and mentally.

Currently Dino is living with another male dog (and a cat that's in hiding). While they do get along, Dino has a tendency to be dominant and tries to do a lot of dominance posturing. Coupled with his large size, he can come across as very intimidating, however he means no harm and really just wants to play. There is no aggression towards dogs or people. The dominant behavior is one of the issues that we have been working on, and he has been responding well.

Dino would thrive in a home that has a clear set of rules and a firm and fair leader that he can look up to, so he doesn't feel the need to be the top dog all the time. His behavior with cats is unknown, but my guess is that he would probably want to chase. Because of his large size and puppy clumsiness, he would do best in a home with older children. Dino's adoptive family should be prepared to continue his socialization and participate in some kind of obedience training.

Dino has the potential to be an incredible dog, and a stellar ambassador for the GSD breed. He will make a loyal, loving companion for a lucky family. To learn more about Dino please contact his foster at wvshen@gmail.com
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Duke



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Gender: Male
Age: 2 Years Old
Color: Black and Tan
Weight: 60 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Unknown
Special Needs: Training
Microchipped: Unknown
Neutered/Spayed: No
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Unknown
Good with Kids: Unknown
Fostered in:
VGSR Tag # 3285

Duke is new to German Shepherd Rescue and is looking for a new home. He is a 2 year old intact male that tested heartworm positive in the past. All of his shots are up to date. A nice family rescued him from a kill shelter in the Richmond area but was not able to keep him due to an already full house of kids and dogs so he came to be with a foster in Northern Virginia in late November.

Duke needs love and obedience training - no one has taught him the rules. He's a snuggler and loves to wake you up with a cold nose touching the tip of yours. He is definitely 100% German Shepherd and would like nothing better than to be the lead dog. Not much of a barker and he's only 60 lbs - which makes him about 10lbs underweight. The stress of a shelter will do that to you. He's eating and getting exercise now and would be a great fit as a running partner or for someone active. Duke loves walks and will nose his leash to let you know when he'd like to go out.

Not sure how he is with cats but he does well one on one with most dogs. He's working on this as he goes for walks and adoption events. He has not been exposed to crowds much so increasing his exposure will make him increasingly comfortable.

If you are looking for a new family member that could use some TLC and training, check out Duke's positives against your checklist....

Squeaky toy lover !
Rides great in the car !
Gentle with treats !
Free kisses !

Duke



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Gender: Male
Age: 4 Years Old
Color: Black and Tan
Weight: 80 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: No
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: No
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: No
Good with Kids: No
Fostered in: Northern Virginia
VGSR Tag # 2935

Meet Duke, a 4 year old black and tan that came to the rescue as an owner surrender. Duke has some fear aggression towards strangers but is a big love bug to those he gets to know. He likes to cuddle and plays well with the other dogs but will not back down if challenged. Duke loves to play and will require a lot of exercise. We are working with Duke to help him trust people other than his pack and I know he has it in him to be a great example of the German Shepherd breed.

I will update his bio as time goes by and let everyone know how his training is going.

Duke should go to a seasoned GSD owner that can handle a young male so as to not let him take over the pack.

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Dusty



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Gender: Male
Age: 9 Years Old
Color: Black and Cream
Weight: 70 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Unknown
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: Unknown
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: No
Good with Kids: Yes
Fostered in: Northern Virginia
VGSR Tag # BT1418

Dusty is a good, loyal, friendly dog who would make a wonderful addition to someone's family.

He's healthy, neutered, housebroken, 9 years old, and gets along with other dogs.

More information coming soon.

Ears

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Gender: Male
Age: 1 - 2 Years Old
Color: Sable
Weight: 70 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: No
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Unknown
Good with Kids: Unknown
Fostered in: Maryland
VGSR Tag # 3109

My name is Ears. Don't blame my foster, I came with the name. I'm a good boy who is crate/kennel trained and gets along very well (playful) with other dogs. I will likely chase cats. I ride well in the car, and my foster mom is still getting to know me. Updates will be posted, but in the interim IF YOU ARE APPROVED, email my foster mom at IRESQGSDS@aol.com

Ebony

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Gender: Female
Age: 7 Years Old
Color: Black
Weight: 110 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Unknown
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: Yes
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Yes
Good with Kids: Unknown
Fostered in: Maryland
VGSR Tag # 3207

Ebony lost her home through no fault of her own. The management of the rental unit her owner was living at changed hands and decided not to allow any large dogs. Ebony is a sweet middle aged girl who gets along fine with everyone. Ebony and her foster are working on weight loss, but have discovered that she has an underactive thyroid which accounts for some of her excess weight. She will require an inexpensive daily medication for the rest of her life but it is one small pill a day. In the two weeks she has been on the medication we have seen a marked improvement in her energy level. She does not get on the furniture, doesn't chew on anything, can be loose in the house when no one is home, rides great in the car and doesn't pull on the leash. Ebony currently shares a home with three other large GSDs, two cats and a rowdy 4-month old puppy. Moderate, low-impact exercise is best for me, and I enjoy a nice soft bed. Although Ebony may not be a speed demon she has no problem negotiating the stairs in her foster home. Her former owner has stated that she had attained CGC. If you are looking for a devoted well behaved companion Ebony is your girl. Ebony was stressed living in the rental unit and had chewed the hair off her tail but it is probably also related to the undetected thyroid condition. She will be attending adoption events in Gainesville, Front Royal, and Winchester. If you are an approved adopter and would like more information about or want to meet Ebony, please contact his foster

Eva

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Gender: Female
Age: 8 Months Old
Color: Black and Silver
Weight: 31 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs: Megaesophagus
Microchipped: No
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Yes
Good with Kids: Yes
Fostered in: Northern Virginia
VGSR Tag # 3162

Aren't I the cutest thing?? OK they say attitude is everything and boy do I have that! Well I have too... you see I was born with megaesophagus, making me a special needs dog. I have to be fed a few times during the day and I have to eat "standing up." And my food needs to be blended to milkshake consistency. After I eat, my foster mom has this contraption thing called a Baileys Chair that she puts me in to hang out for a bit so my food stays down in my stomach - good luck with that one - hey, I am just a puppy and want to go go go! Megaesophagus has not slowed me down one bit. I still like to do all the things puppies do, like chewing stuff, dragging dirty laundry down the hall, running around all day, tormenting my foster siblings...you know...puppy stuff! Check out my Facebook photo album to see what I've been up to. You don't need to have a Facebook account to look!!

<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150340602369127.372245.628379126&type=1&l=bd7aef4f3c>

(Note from foster moms) Eva is a very special pup, not only because she has a special need - she is just adorable and oh so kissable! She will need a home that understands her needs and the time she requires to make sure she will thrive for years to come. Please do your research before considering her as your new family member. She will be worth it! Megaesophagus does not mean a death sentence. It merely means a lifestyle adjustment for dog and owner.

So you think you can handle me and my "mega issue"? SSuVA

Check out this website for more information on megaesophagus.

http://www.marvistavet.com/html/body_megaesophagus.html

Forrest

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Gender: Male
Age: 3.5 Months Old
Color: Black and Tan
Weight: 24 lbs.
House-trained: No
Crate-trained: No
Special Needs: Deaf
Microchipped: Yes
Neutered/Spayed: No
Good with Dogs: Yes



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Good with Cats: Unknown
Good with Kids: Unknown
Fostered in: Northern Virginia
VGSR Tag # 3170

Hello there! Did you know that I made the news? That's right, I am a famous fuzzy boy! My foster brother Snowy and I were on Fox 5 news Monday the 16th of January. Let me (re)introduce myself - my name is Forrest and my life has been like "a box of chocolates". I was dropped off at the shelter at 8 weeks old by my breeder. Lucky for me, VGSR scooped me right up. You see, I am special needs. Not only because I am a crazy puppy, but I have congenital vestibular syndrome and I am also most likely deaf; so when I am chewing up your favorite shoes and you are yelling at me from across the room, I am not ignoring you, chances are I really can't hear you.

My foster family and everyone else that sees me always says how cute I am and everyone just wants to scoop me up and cuddle with me, but hey, I can only hold still for so long and give you only so many puppy kisses without teeth (yes I am still teething). I just want to go, go, go and play, play, play and of course use my teeth on anything I can get my mouth on.

My perfect home needs to have deaf dog experience (just in case), since you will need to teach me pretty much everything in sign language. And, preferably, another (large) doggie to play with. I will need lots of socialization, and of course I love attention, so please take me lots of fun places - so I can be the best that this breed can be - and more.

(Note from foster home - everyone that meets Forrest is drawn to him, since he is such a stunning and of course "huge personality" puppy, but please take into consideration he is special needs and will need someone that has experience and patience when dealing with a young high energy pup. He will be a big guy and if not trained and socialized properly (as every dog should be) he will not become all that he can be. Training will be a must for him. He will make you a wonderful companion, but not without a lot of hard work. LTVA

Giselle

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Gender: Female
Age: 8 months
Color: Black and Tan
Weight: 40 lbs.
House-trained: Unknown
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: Yes
Neutered/Spayed: Unknown
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Unknown
Good with Kids: Yes
Fostered in: Tidewater, Virginia
VGSR Tag # 3211

Giselle is a smallish 40 pound, 8 month old puppy who needs a loving home. (don't they all?) She was dumped at a shelter with her five brothers and sisters by someone who was "tired of them" She is under socialized, which means she is fearful of new things- and everything is a new thing- but she is loving and smart. She has made great strides in a short time and with time and training should turn out to be a great dog. Giselle is a puppy though, and as such she's not

totally housetrained, and she has no house manners- she loves to “explore” tabletops, counters, stoves... and try to eat anything she can fit in her mouth. She gets along with my dogs and was a polite sniffer in the pet store. She is still learning to walk on lead but she is coming along nicely- not bad for a girl who initially struggled against the lead and had to be carried to the car. She loves to snuggle and will sit with you for hours as long as you are petting her. She sleeps through the night in her crate without a sound. She will be a terrific companion for years to come.

Hans #2

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Gender: Male
Age: 3 Years
Color: Black and tan
Weight: 67 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: No
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Unknown
Good with Kids: No
Fostered in: Northern Virginia
VGSR Tag # 1559

My history has baffled everyone. I was rescued from a shelter when I was 4 months old, scared to death of everything. I've been in rescue for a long time, with a couple of visits to other homes but end up coming back to my foster home. Here is the thing, I'm a very, very nervous boy that does well with women, but no children. Men tend to frighten me, too. I've been looking for that special place to call my own, foster mom says that the right place is out there and will take time. My foster mom requests that anyone that might be interested in meeting me be at an adoption event followed by several other meetings afterwards to gain my trust before she will let me to be placed in another home. TDVA

Hardee - Photos Coming Soon

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Gender: Male
Age: 3 Months Old
Color: Black and Tan
Weight: 20 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs: Yes
Microchipped: No
Neutered/Spayed: No
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Unknown
Good with Kids: Yes
Fostered in: Gainesville, Virginia
VGSR Tag # 3106

Hello all, I'm Hardee, a cute fuzzy German shepherd who will grow up to be one of those bigger German shepherds. From the time that I was weaned I've been trained to eat in an up right position as I have what you call megaesophagus. I've been handling this very well with little to no regurgitation. My foster mom has been hard at work training me. So far I've learned to walk on a leash, house training is going really good, but most of all I've learned to chew only my toys. I love it when the kids in the neighborhood come over to play with me. My foster mom has given me the nickname monster mash as I've had a blast going thru the garden mashing all the hosta. I will be attending the No. Va adoption days soon as I get my last set of vaccinations. As you see Dax and Hardee are cute and cuddly puppies now but they will grow up to be big boys. So commitment to training and socializing is a must. If you are an approved adopter

Hercules

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Gender: Male
Age: 4 Years Old
Color: Black and Tan
Weight: 86 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs: Gluten/wheat allergy
Microchipped: No
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Unknown
Good with Kids: Yes
Fostered in: Northern Virginia
VGSR Tag # 2931

Hercules is a gorgeous black and tan GSD - He is a very big boy and is SO sweet. No one told him that he had to keep his ears pointed up - so he has floppy ears, that make him look even more adorable! He tries very hard to please and listens to every word that you say, with that typical 'GSD head tilt' that looks so cute! He gets along great with my female Golden Retriever. He also gets along wonderfully in a crowd-whether Human or dogs. He loves children and loves to play ball - ALL the time! Hercules has been neutered recently. He was surrendered to a shelter by his owners, who said that they could not 'afford' to keep him.

Hercules is allergic to Gluten/ wheat and should only be fed gluten free dog food -we currently feed him Harmony farms, which is easily available in supermarkets like Giant. Hercules has the sweetest, most lovable disposition - all he wants to do is please! He will stick to his 'pack leader' like glue and curl up near your feet all evening, follow you around and beg to play fetch or tug-o-war. If you are looking for an obedient and faithful friend, look no further - Hercules is the one for you! Once he knows you ,he will sit, lay, come and stay when asked. He is also very smart, laid back and easy to teach. He is an excellent example of the 'perfect GSD'- an absolute delight to be with. Approved adopters - please email anushenoi@gmail.com

Hunta

Hunta



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Gender: Male
Age: 9 1/2 years old
Color: Black and Tan
Weight: 90 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: Yes
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Yes
Good with Kids: Yes
Fostered in: Gaithersburg, MD
VGSR Tag # 3042

Hunta is a super sweet older shepherd. He is a true gentle bear. He has bonded very quickly with his foster family and loves so much to be around people who give him the attention that he deserves. Hunta walks well on a leash, is good

for baths and brushing and is very kind to everyone he meets. Hunta deserves a special loving retirement home in his golden years. LSMD

JJ

JJ



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Gender: Male
Age: 1 Year and 4 Months
Color: Black and Cream
Weight: 73 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs: Grain Free Diet
Microchipped: Yes
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Yes
Good with Kids: Yes
Fostered in: Hampton, Virginia
VGSR Tag # 3022

John J or “JJ” is a young blanket black male that came from a shelter. His previous home was getting divorced and could no longer keep him so they dropped him off at the shelter. JJ is a great high energy dog and would be great for a home with active family members or another dog to play with. He does play a little rough with other dogs, and does fine with cats but can sometimes play a little rough with them too. He doesn’t mean them any harm, he just likes to run. The ideal home for JJ is a one story home with some children or another dog to play with and possibly a pool to swim in which is the best exercise for him due to his hips. JJ does have hip dysplasia and hip arthritis but you would never know it. He has seen a certified Orthopedic Surgeon who believes that surgery currently would do more harm than any good, so JJ may or may not need surgery in the future. He runs and plays just like a normal dog. He’s on a grain free diet for his skin and on Glucosamine for his hips. Please contact me if you are interested in JJ. Cvyoung83@yahoo.com
YCVVA

Kaiser

Kaiser



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Gender: Male
Age: 10 Years Old
Color: Black and Tan
Weight: 113 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Unknown
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: No
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: No
Good with Kids: Yes
Fostered in: Richmond, Virginia
VGSR Tag # BT1413

We got Kaiser when he was about 2 years old in February 2004, so we expect that he is almost 10 years old now. He has been an excellent dog for us, but the birth of 2 children close together has forced us to seek a better home for Kaiser. He has always had a good temperament, but has become more mellow as he's gotten older. He is always guarding the house, either looking out the front door or sleeping in the foyer. He also likes sitting in our back yard and looking out the front gate. He likes being near us, but is no lap dog. He likes short walks up the block and back. Kaiser is in good health and up to date on all of his shots, but he is a bit overweight (113 lbs) and is slow going up stairs. He is

not good with cats. The ideal home for Kaiser would be one in which he could live on the first floor, with no more than a short flight of steps to get outside. Perfect for someone who wants the protection and companionship of a mellow German Shepherd. If you are looking for that special dog to keep you company please feel free to contact foster parent: Bratmarine@comcast.net

Ladie

Ladie



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Gender: Female
Age: 1 Year Old
Color: Black and Tan
Weight: 60 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: Unknown
Neutered/Spayed: Unknown
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Unknown
Good with Kids: Unknown
Fostered in: Northern Virginia
VGSR Tag # 3204

Not much is known about Ladie's background. She was surrendered to the shelter with her sister, where she then came into VGSR. She is only a year old and seems confused and unsure of her surroundings. She's a very sweet girl, but has a dominant side to her with other dogs. She's interacted with my dog fine and loves to play, but wouldn't do well with another dominant dog. She is very loving and will smother you with kisses. She's still a puppy, so she is pretty energetic and needs enough exercise to stimulate her. She is crate trained, but doesn't walk too well on a leash. All in all, she seems like a great dog who I think could easily transition into a new loving home. More to come soon, as I am still getting to know her right now.

If interested, please email smknox@sentara.com

Lady

Lady



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Gender: Female
Age: 17 Months Old
Color: Sable
Weight: 48 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: No
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: No
Good with Kids: Yes
Fostered in: Northern Virginia
VGSR Tag # 2810

Hello, my official name is Lady, but everyone calls me Missy (little lady). I am a petite bundle of energy. When you first meet me, I am timid and shy. My foster Mom says I just need some socialization. However, when I get to know you, I am outgoing and loving. In my previous life I did whatever I wanted. I was kept in a pen during the day, and escaped a lot. It really wasn't a very good pen. So, I don't have many manners. In fact I act like a young puppy. My foster Mom really likes this clicker training and we have been doing some of that. I would like to find a home

where I get a lot of exercise. I am energetic and a bit mouthy therefore I prefer a home without small children. I love other dogs! There are a couple here that I play with. The older dogs just tell me to bug off. As far as cats go, I really want to chase them. I am housetrained and do OK in a crate. I really don't like the crate if there is some action going on. I am very slightly heartworm positive, but I am being treated with monthly heartgard. I think I would like this obedience stuff or even agility. My foster Mom thinks I would be good at this. I have just been spayed, so I am taking a few weeks out to recover. If you are looking for an energetic, loving companion that's me. Did I tell you that I am really really cute? KJVA

Lady

Lady



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Gender: Female
Age: 7 Years Old
Color: Silver and Black
Weight: 93 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: No
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: Yes
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Unknown
Good with Kids: Unknown
Fostered in: Caroline County, Virginia
VGSR Tag # 3293

Lady is a beautiful female GSD with wonderful manners. She enjoys catching/chasing the ball and will drop it at your feet for you to throw it again. Lady just enjoys being with you – inside or outside. She does well with other dogs, but we haven't tested her with kids or cats. Approved adopters can inquire at; htate1060@wildblue.net

Lucy

Lucy



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Gender: Female
Age: 6 Years Old
Color: Sable
Weight: 75 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Unknown
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: Unknown
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Unknown
Good with Kids: Yes
Fostered in: Northern Virginia
VGSR Tag # 2765

Currently Unavailable

Unfortunately, Lucy blew out her ACL's in both knee's and will require a double TPLO (which is where they remove the remaining cartilage, grind away at her bone, reposition and hold together with plates and screws). She is only six years old, and this is an injury that happened many years ago before she came to VGSR. Her knees have gotten so bad that she now has bone on bone. Lucy is in a great deal on pain and has a hard time walking long distances. She needs help getting in and out of cars, or even jumping on the bed. It hasn't gotten her spirit down, but the pain is very evident for her. Due to the extensive wear-and-tear on her knees, she will forever suffer from arthritis and need to be on glucosamine/chondroitin, and perhaps anti-inflammatory for the rest of her life. The surgery will be able to help her run

again without intense pain and consequences though. This is a very expensive procedure, so any donations are welcome and greatly appreciated.

The last picture of Lucy shows how she has to sit due to the fact she cannot bend her knees, as the pain is too great.

My little Lucy Lou, she's just the best!! After hearing she was being surrendered by her owners of six years I felt extreme sadness for Lucy. I thought how much pain she would be in; losing the only family she has ever known. I thought of the pain that would cause my dogs, and just could even imagine how hard the transition would be for her. Well, I was wrong. Lucy acclimated herself within the first hour. At home, she just started picking up toys and dropping them on you, waiting to be thrown so she can chase them. She also enjoys playing tug quite a bit. You'd never know this girl is six years old; she has the energy of a young pup. She's a major cuddle bug, always in your face kissing you. She does this cute little crawl where she'll be laying on the bed and just scoot herself over to you—or scoot and crawl to switch positions. As with any and every sable I've seen—she is QUIRKY!

Lucy has such a personality; she really proves that she's more than “just a dog”. She likes to speak her mind and once she gets started, you can't quiet her up. She's just overly excited and does her happy little bark that goes on and on. To many people it can be annoying, but to me it's cute. She just wants a family to interact with her. This can explain why she was so happy to find a new home with people to love.

Lucy was with her family since puppyhood, but as it sometimes goes... new pets and new additions come along, soon casting you aside. Poor Lucy was mainly kept away from the family (and little did she know they were seeking to give her up) while the other dog was still a part of the family. A long came a new baby, and Lucy wasn't allowed to be in the house because she shed and they didn't want the baby crawling in her hair. Lucy wasn't taken on car rides either, because her hair would get on the car seats. She also didn't have the best diet—she's been eating Old Roy for a long time, so its coat isn't shiny as it could be. Her family wasn't terrible; they just didn't provide Lucy with the love she needed, which is why she is so happy now in my care.

When it comes to a potential home for Lucy, I am looking for someone who wants a Velcro dog and will play a very active role in her life. I'd like for a family that loves to take their dogs on walk, engage in stimulating activities for the dog and just smother them with affection. Lucy is wonderful with kids and people of all ages, and does great will all of my dogs. I haven't seen an ounce of aggression from her anywhere. She is a marvelous, beautiful girl who deserves nothing less than the best. Oh, she's quite a big girl too—so don't be fooled. She's tall, long and lean—and just an absolute beauty. Approved adopters may contact me at jennifer.quesenberry@gmail.com QJVA

Misty

Misty



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Gender: Female
Age: 1-2 Years Old
Color: White
Weight: 54 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs:
Microchipped: Yes
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Unknown
Good with Cats: Unknown
Good with Kids: Unknown
Fostered in: Maryland
VGSR Tag # 3111

Misty is a young adult female who is shy and scared in new situations. She would benefit from a quiet adult home. Once she gets to know you, she is very sweet and loyal and simply a lovely dog to be around.

She's proven herself to be housebroken and rides well in the car. Misty lived with another dog before coming to VGSR and in all likelihood would be just fine with another dog once she got used to the idea, but right now she's very fearful of other dogs, and makes "ugly faces" any time another dog comes near her, but is not outwardly aggressive. I think Misty would be fine with cats too, but have not had the opportunity to test her with cats yet. If you are an approved adopter, please contact her foster at IRESQSDS@AOL.COM DBMD

Natalia



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Gender: Female
Age: 3-4 Years Old
Color: Black and Tan
Weight: 45 lbs.
House-trained: Unknown
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: Yes
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Yes
Good with Kids: No
Fostered in: Maryland
VGSR Tag # 3031

The world is a big, scary place, especially when the family who was supposed to be taking care of you, lets you run loose, only to be hit by a car, and you sit in a shelter for two months without any medical treatment. The injuries to my right front leg were severe enough that amputation was essentially my only option. It's OK though, because I had plenty of practice getting around on only three legs while I was at the shelter. While I'm scared of my foster mom (she's always doing stuff like looking at my incision, putting t-shirts on me, giving me meds, and taking me to the vet), I'm less scared of my grandma (human) who is at home with me all day long and all the other dogs and cats that live here, although I tend to guard my food from the other dogs, so I eat in my crate. I'm good about going potty outside, and typically raise a fuss if I really have to go and nobody's paying attention to me, therefore I'm considered crate-trained. I spend a lot of time in my crate because it's a nice, quiet, safe place where I'm out of harms way and because I'm still recovering from my amputation. I still need some time to heal and a LOT of TLC, but I can do both either here in my foster home or in yours. I'm an easy dog to have around, but I'm shy, scared of a lot of things, and insecure, so I need a tremendous amount of patience. Email her foster mom if you are already approved to adopt at iresqgsds@aol.com. DBMD

Odin



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Gender: Male
Age: 10 Years Old
Color: Black and Tan
Weight: 70 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: Yes
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: No
Good with Kids: Yes
Fostered in: Tidewater, Virginia
VGSR Tag # 2812

Odin is a black and tan, 70 lb, neutered 10 year old gentleman. Let's get the age out of the way first- he has very little

gray around his mouth. It is the ONLY indication of his age. He's strong, focused and has energy to burn. He gets along well with his foster brothers and is very loving to his foster parents. He loves playing ball and will chase after it until you get tired. Then he'll sit next to you until you're ready to go again. He loves car rides. He is house trained, crate trained, knows sit and down. His best doggie friend in his former house was a teacup puffball no more than 3 pounds. He was surprisingly gentle with her. He is a nice guy who has a lot to offer the right person. DDVA

Otto



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Gender: Male
Age: 12 months
Color: White
Weight: 50 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs:
Microchipped: Yes
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Yes
Good with Kids: Yes
Fostered in: Northern Virginia
VGSR Tag # 2966

Otto is a 50 pound, 12 month old, white shepherd husky mix. Otto, originally named Lobo, was relinquished to the Harrisonburg SPCA by an owner who kept him on a chain and apparently did not allow much interaction with anyone in the household. Otto was not house-broken when he came in.

He did not know how to play with a ball. He did not know any commands. In the shelter kennel, Otto began snarling and snapping at anyone who came near, but this appears to have been "cage brave," uncertainty about being held in the small space. The shelter was scheduled to put him down when a VGSR volunteer saw Otto's potential and asked that they hold off for another day or two. The short story is that Otto was given a temperament test after some "coaching" by the shelter's dog manager. The test was given by the VGSR volunteer and the dog manager. He did well enough on that, with no aggression whatsoever, simply showing ignorance, as described above, like peeing on the dog manager's shoe, perhaps a sign that he had already bonded with her! He was then bathed, neutered, given pain medicine and slept most of the way from Harrisonburg to Fredericksburg to an Animal Behaviorist.

Otto was re-evaluated and it was discovered that Otto was hit by his human care givers. Otto has started his rehabilitation, and is turning into a wonderful dog. When he first meets humans, he becomes very mouthy and playful. This is a side affect from being chained and interacting with people from the end of a chain. He is slowly learning that this is inappropriate behavior, but it will take some time. Otto is house broken, crate trained, rides well in the car, is learning basic obedience commands, and adjusting to living in a house very nicely. Otto is slow to warm up to strangers (another side affect from being chained), so needs to go to a home that understands this behavior. This will go away in time, if his new forever home is willing to work with him. All of the information and training will be provided to his new owners.

Otto is the type of dog that will NOT allow a stranger to come into the house if none of his family is home.

Otto needs a strong and patient leader, that knows how to establish boundaries in a fair manner. His new family should have GSD experience.

Otto has a very solid temperament, but is best suited for an all adult household at this point. Otto LOVES other dogs and would make a great second dog. Some of Otto's favorite past times, chasing squirrels, balls, and his tail! he is a funny little guy that likes to have fun! Otto would love a home with a fenced yard, and a buddy to play with.

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Ranger

Ranger



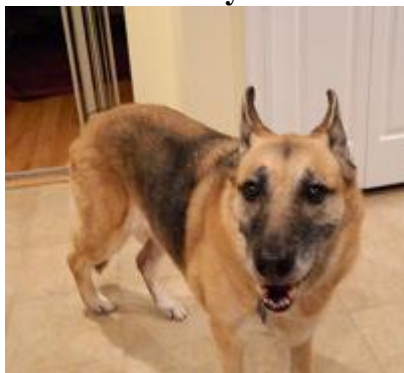
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Gender: Male
Age: 6 Years Old
Color: White
Weight: 100 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: Unknown
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Yes
Good with Kids: Yes
Fostered in: Gaithersburg, MD
VGSR Tag # BT1440

Ranger is super! He is a big loveable polar bear. Doesn't that tipped ear just melt your heart? Ranger came in to the Rescue as a stray but clearly with a love of people. He is extremely friendly and really wants to spend time with you. He is over the moon when you take him for a walk or give him any attention at all. Ranger is good with dogs, cats, and children. Please contact Susan if you are interested in learning more about Ranger at run4stacatto@yahoo.com

Roxy

Roxy



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Gender: Female
Age: 10 Years Old
Color: Black and Tan
Weight: 76 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: Yes
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Unknown
Good with Kids: Unknown
Fostered in: Northern Virginia
VGSR Tag # 3275

Hello, I'm Roxy. I am an owner surrender dropped off at a shelter and no one knows why. I spent a couple weeks in the shelter and was so overwhelmed when I arrived at my foster home that after a couple hours meeting the pack and being fed, I slept for nearly 16 hours. My foster mom thought I was partially deaf as I only reacted to sharp noises. It seems I was just trying to process what was happening to me. After a few days being allowed to go at my own pace and lay in my crate when it was too much, I am beginning to open up. I'm hanging out with 3 boys and 1 girl, all GSDs/mixes. They are close to my age and size, so my foster mom does not know how I feel about younger and smaller dogs. I have not met kids yet, but I am pretty mellow and my foster mom is always pulling my tail and tugging my ears and playing with my feet, so kids can't be much worse. I love riding in cars and enjoy hanging my head out the window. Once I trust you, I will follow you around and lay at your feet, unless you'd like to invite me up on the couch. Then, I curl up with my head in your lap. I have mild arthritis, but still have a good range of motion in my hind legs and enjoy nice walks and moseying through woods. If you're looking for a sweet, confident and mellow girl, come meet me at adoption events in NoVa or contact my foster mom at muttsncats@verizon.net

LDVA

Sable



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Gender: Female
Age: 8-9 years old
Color: Black
Weight: 90 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: Yes
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: No
Good with Cats: Unknown
Good with Kids: Yes
Fostered in: Northern Virginia
VGSR Tag # 3104

NEWSFLASH - IMPORTANT UPDATE! According to my foster mom, I am now actually totally perfect. I will admit, the first couple of weeks around here were ruff (or rough!) - at first these crazy people actually made me wear a muzzle around the other dogs living here. But, guess what - I have realized that these other doggies mean me no harm and I am now happily living right smack dab in the middle of a dog pack. I do still miss my surrogate son, Bear, who is also available for adoption. (check out his bio - he is a hunk!) If anyone out there is looking to adopt a bonded pair of dogs, Bear and I are soul mates. I am happiest curled up by your feet, (or on the sofa!) and I LOVE LOVE LOVE toys. The sound of a squeaky toy just gets my motor runnin'!

I am ALMOST perfect. My only character flaw is that I am not crazy about other dogs being around me. I used to live with another dog, and I dearly loved him, but right now I am not ready for another dog in my inner circle. That is my ONLY failing. You might call me SFD (Single family dog). I am absolutely housebroken, I can catch a ball, I have excellent house manners, I am so quiet and so good in the car you will forget I am riding with you! I like the crate, but don't need to be in one because I have excellent house manners. I do not beg, I do not chew, I do not follow so close that you will trip over me, and did I mention - I have excellent house manners? I sleep all night without bothering you. I give nice kisses, I am an enthusiastic tail-wagger and I like everyone that I meet. When I meet you, I will probably flop over on my back and give you my ample belly to rub. (we are working on the ample thing!) If I got along better with other dogs, I would be the perfect therapy dog. SLVA

Please contact gsdhouse@comcast.net if you are looking for a friendly dog with excellent house manners.

Sabra

Sabra

Gender: Female
Age: 8 Years Old
Color: Black and Tan
Weight: 92 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: No
Special Needs: Yes
Microchipped: Yes



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Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: No
Good with Kids: Unknown
Fostered in: Shenandoah Valley
VGSR Tag # 2621

UPDATE: Due to regular exercise my muscle tone has improved, I have dropped 8 pounds, and no longer need to take anti-inflammatory meds. I still enjoy keeping an eye on my people, but I now have the time to enjoy toys, play chase with my companion GSD, Tyson; keep an eye on the neighboring cows, horses, llamas and goats; and enjoy the great outdoors. Like most females, I feel I should be in charge and need an occasional reminder that I am not really the boss in the house!! I am very protective of my people and my turf and have to be introduced to "outsiders" with initial supervision. Currently, I am under treatment for a nasty antibiotic resistant bladder infection and am on prescription food.

My name is Sabra, AKA Smokey, and I need a new home and a new job!! My beloved Master crossed the Rainbow Bridge and I am now in foster care - homeless and unemployed. For the past year I gave all my time, attention and love as a constant companion to a human in need of a Best Friend. My services gave him much joy and comfort as I was by his side day and night, letting his human care givers know when their help was needed. I now need someone to benefit from my loyalty and my keen sense of responsibility.

Most of my life has been as an inside dog and I have perfect house manners. I do really enjoy the outdoors and enjoy playing fetch, collecting sticks and romping with other dogs. I love to go for rides with my people and am very well behaved in public, greeting everyone with a wag of the tail and a kiss on the cheek (if they like)!! I have a great authoritative bark and will let you know when someone comes to your door. If you let them in, I will give visitors a warm friendly welcome.

I am modest, but everyone says I am a BEAUTIFUL GIRL! I have, at my age, developed a bit of arthritis but I don't let it slow me down. Moderate, low-impact exercise is best for me, and I enjoy a nice soft bed. I take a joint supplement and an anti-inflammatory which helps me maintain my youthful activities. The vet tells me I have a low thyroid count so I take an inexpensive pill twice a day. I do not require any kind of special diet, but low-cal is best for girls like me who have to watch their weight.

Come meet me at an Adoption Day - be prepared to fall in love!! You can also contact my foster for more information by emailing kaysf13@gmail.com FKVA

Sandy

Sandy

Gender: Female
Age: 12 Months Old
Color: Black, Tan and Silver
Weight: 52 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs: Yes



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Microchipped: Unknown
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Unknown
Good with Kids: Yes
Fostered in: Sterling Park, Virginia
VGSR Tag # 2954

Sandy came into VGSR on Saturday, February 19, 2011. She had spay surgery Tuesday, March 1st that went well. However, it has been determined that she has hip dysplasia. Her left side is worse than her right. Her hip dysplasia does not seem to be causing her any pain or discomfort at this point and time. She takes Dasuquin daily.

Sandy is a medium energy dog and loves to run and play and is good with other dogs. She will be twelve months old on March 22nd. She is an owner surrender that they purchased from a back yard breeder. More information on Sandy will be posted as it becomes available. If you would like more information about Sandy, please e-mail her foster mom at PMcGill520@aol.com MPVA

Shadow

Shadow



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Gender: Male
Age: 8 Years Old
Color: Black and Tan
Weight: 90 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Unknown
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: Yes
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Unknown
Good with Kids: Yes
Fostered in: Northern Virginia
VGSR Tag # 3168

This is Shadow, he was with the same family from a puppy but when they were due another child they decided they didn't want him anymore. You would not believe he is 8, he has a bundle of energy and is a very loving gentle boy. He loves his walks and really enjoys going to the dog park and playing fetch with his ball. He is friendly with all other dogs and loves humans if you are looking for a velcro dog he is your guy. Being with a family for so long and an indoor dog he is fully house trained and really good around children. He might let you know if someone walks by but welcomes all guests very enthusiastically. He needs to lose about 15 pounds and we are doing really well on that, he does have some hip issues but please don't stop reading, with some inexpensive monthly medication he is as good as new, though a home where he does not have to use lots of stairs to enter the house would be better for him long term. He is the sweetest boy and easiest dog to have and does not have an aggressive bone in his body. He does not need crating and is happy to be left in the house when he will curl up and sleep the day away. He communicates when he wants to go out and also when he wants cuddles and belly rubs. He will sleep by your bed every night and will not disturb you until you wake up and sometimes likes to lay in himself. He would make a wonderful addition to any family, he is an all round really good dog and an excellent example of the

breed. This boy deserves a loving caring home who will make him part of the family, so if you are an approved adopter and want to know more about Shadow please contact me at jacciandstu@aol.com GJSVA

Snowy



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Gender: Male
Age: 4-5 Months Old
Color: White
Weight: 22 lbs.
House-trained: No
Crate-trained: No
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: No
Neutered/Spayed: No
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Unknown
Good with Kids: Unknown
Fostered in: Northern Virginia
VGSR Tag # 3199

"Hey" did you see me on the Fox Five News (Monday January 16) with my crazy squirmy foster brother Forrest? Yes, I am famous too! Snowy is my name - just in case you missed it. I am between 4 & 5 months old. I am a white shepherd with some tan spots on my ears (that makes me unique). My foster family doesn't think I am going to be a very big guy when I am all grown. I am quite high energy and I love to wrestle and play every opportunity I get.

I was taken to the shelter since my original owner left me with someone and never came back for us.... So I am also one of the lucky ones. VGSR stepped up for me and now I am in a foster home with lots of other playmates (ok, some not so willingly) and YES, I LOVE TO PLAY!

I come across very shy at first, I just need to get use to new situations and people - but after that "its so on"! So how about it? Are you looking for a little guy like me? Will you keep me forever and take care of me (which will include training)? I will reward you in so many ways, and pay you in so many doggie kisses. LTVA

Sophie



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Gender: Female
Age: 7 Years Old
Color: Black - Buff
Weight: 72 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs: Yes
Microchipped: Yes
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Yes
Good with Kids: Yes
Fostered in: Northern Virginia
VGSR Tag # 3324

Sophie came to VGSR from a shelter in Spotsylvania County. She's a gentle, low-energy dog

who is happy just sleeping at her handler's feet. Though she doesn't know many commands, she responds well to gentle correction and coaxing. She's being treated for heartworms, Ehrlichia (a tick-borne illness), and may thereafter have hip surgery to reduce her hip pain. Though she's currently undergoing these veterinary treatments, VGSR would consider adopting her to an approved family who commits to completing these treatments. Sophie would do well in a quiet household, where she could minimize her use of stairs. If you'd like to meet Sophie, please watch the Events page for her Adoption Day appearances. This easy-going girl is guaranteed to reduce your blood pressure. LniVA

Thora

Thora



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Gender: Female
Age: 5 Years Old
Color: Black and Silver
Weight: 60 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: Yes
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Unknown
Good with Kids: Unknown
Fostered in: Charlottesville, Virginia
VGSR Tag # 3049

Thora was happy when her pups went elsewhere so she could recover from the stress of raising puppies under bad conditions with bad nutrition. She bounced back very quickly, however, and is now a good looking black/grey/silver beauty. Thora appears to have had some experience as a housedog; she crates well and took the stairs without difficulty. She can jump a 4' fence but she doesn't do so to get away, just to get to her person; still, she shouldn't be left outside unattended in anything less than a 6' fence. Thora is a sweet girl. She still remembers the volunteer who pulled her and the pups from the shelter and she shows her appreciation every time they meet. She took a couple days to settle in here, but she has been an easy foster and I think will make someone a very wonderful and devoted companion. You can contact Thora's foster home at vadogrescue@gmail.com

Uncle Joe

Uncle Joe



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Gender: Male
Age: 5 - 6 years
Color: Black and Tan
Weight: 64 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: No
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: Yes
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Yes
Good with Kids: Unknown
Fostered in: Maryland
VGSR Tag # 3054

Uncle Joe is a 5-6 year old male, who came to us as an owner surrender from a good

Samaritan who rescued him from his former owner who was going to shoot him. Why someone would want to shoot such a nice boy is incomprehensible. But clearly Uncle Joe's well-being was not at the forefront of his mind. Uncle Joe came to us intact and with a nasty old hip injury which badly needed surgical intervention. Uncle Joe is now on the mend from being neutered and having an FHO.

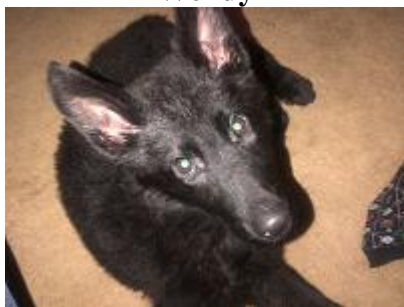
Uncle Joe is getting along quite well in his foster home. He's living with four other dogs, all loose in the house 24/7. He appears to be completely housebroken! There are cats here too, which are mostly just fun to watch, but he likes to keep them on their toes. Uncle Joe has separation anxiety, which means he needs to be crated when no one is home. Idealistically, Uncle Joe's fantasy home would include someone who had the privilege of taking their dog to work daily with them, worked from home, or was retired.

Uncle Joe often growls at other dogs at first meeting, which I believe was a coping mechanism: "don't bother me, my hip hurts", but clearly is not truly dog-aggressive, as he's living peacefully with a bunch of other dogs. To learn more about Uncle Joe fully approved adopters may contact

his foster at IRESQGDS@aol.com DBMD

Wendy

Wendy



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Gender: Female
Age: 3.5 Months Old
Color: Black
Weight: 20 lbs.
House-trained: No
Crate-trained: No
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: No
Neutered/Spayed: No
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Yes
Good with Kids: Yes
Fostered in: Alexandria, Virginia
VGSR Tag # 3277

Angel is a beautiful black puppy. She is currently a bit on the skinny side, but we are working on fixing that. She is very friendly and sweet. She loves new people, dogs, places. She is very curious about everything around her and is does not appear to be afraid of anything. She loves to snuggle and gives great kisses. She plays well with all her full sized brothers and sisters. She is all puppy and loves to chew. We are working on housetraining, but are not there yet. She loves playing with 2-leggers and 4-leggers. Wendy still needs basic obedience and house training... though her foster parents are working with her. She is very smart and already knows sit... especially if a treat is involved (which she takes very gently). Wendy needs someone that will love her forever, help her learn her basics, and keep her exploring all the exciting things in the world!!! DGVA

Winston

Winston

Gender: Male
Age: 8 months
Color: Black



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Weight: 44 lbs.
House-trained: Yes
Crate-trained: Yes
Special Needs: No
Microchipped: Yes
Neutered/Spayed: Yes
Good with Dogs: Yes
Good with Cats: Yes
Good with Kids: Yes
Fostered in: Northern Virginia
VGSR Tag # 3143

What a love! Winston is a sweet, smart, shy, delightful young pup. He was left in the shelter along with his 5 siblings, some of whom are also in VGSR's care. Winston is adjusting to the many changes he has undergone in his short life. He shows typical puppy curiosity until a noise or movement startles him and sends him to the safety of his crate. He comes back quickly, happy for some petting and loving. Winston is enjoying the quiet attention of his foster parents. It is apparent that he was under-socialized and his foster family is working on building his confidence and exposing him to new things. We believe that he will come out of his shell with training and patience as he learns quickly and wants to please. He gets along well with other dogs – especially, if they want to play with him. Winston is enjoying nibbling on antlers and nylabones. His foster parents will update Winston's information as we get to know him better. Winston will be attending adoption events, so check the Current Events Page to learn which events he is attending or if you are an approved adopter, ask your VGSR caseworker about him. Winston will do best in a relatively quiet home, with older children and human parents who have experience with GSDs, who will take him to training classes and spend the time needed to help him realize his potential. KHVA