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Dog Spotlight

Hi, my name is Gidget, and I'm a 13-year young Lhasa Apso/Shi Tzu mix. I may have a white face, but the rest of my fur is a beautiful golden blonde. When I was found on the streets of Baltimore, I was in pretty bad shape, but with the help of the Senior Dog Sanctuary of MD, I'm now doing great! I may be blind, but my foster family thinks I can see some light, because I like to look out the window when the sun is shining. They tell me I'm smart, too, because I know how many steps it takes to get into my foster family's house, and I've mapped out the rooms and can find my food and water on my own.

I am living with my foster family, which includes a foster brother who is a small, 6 lb. Chihuahua. We pretty much leave each other alone, but sometimes we cuddle up in the same bed. I've lived with other dogs at the Sanctuary, too, and got along with them all.

I love attention, and would like nothing more than to have a family who can give me lots of petting, brushing, and belly rubs. I like to go for walks, too, and enjoy sniffing the smells on the ground, but I can also walk pretty briskly when I feel like it. I am looking for someone who can give me the time and attention I need, but I'm also okay on my own for a while, because it gives me time to nap in the sun.



Upcoming Events

April 2

Adoption Event at Petsmart - Annapolis
2601 Housley Rd, Annapolis
12:00pm - 2:00pm

April 4

Old Mill High School Spring Carnival
600 Patriot Lane, Millersville
5:00pm - 7:30pm Adoption/Fundraiser

April 22

SRHS Spring Craft Show
South River High School
201 Central Ave East, Edgewater
9:00am - 2:00pm Adoption/Fundraiser

April 22

Adoption Event at Pet Valu - Pasadena
4115 Mountain Rd, Pasadena
12:00pm - 3:00pm

April 23

Hoffman Animal Hospital 25th Anniversary
15 Old Mill Bottom Rd, Annapolis
11:00am - 3:00pm Adoption/Community Event

April 28

Paws Canines & Cocktails for a Cause
Homestead Gardens, 743 Central Ave, Davidsonville
5:30pm - 7:30pm Adoption/Fundraiser
Sponsored by Paws Pet Boutique and Homestead Gardens
Co-sponsored by Dogwood Acres. Lagunitas Brewing Company will be donating beer for the event.

April 29

Crusin' 4 Critters
Anne Arundel County Animal Control
411 Maxwell Frye Rd, Millersville
10:00am - 2:00pm Adoption/Community Event

April 30

AACSPCA Walk for the Animals
Quiet Waters Park
600 Quiet Waters Park Rd, Annapolis
7:30am - 1:00pm Adoption/Community Event



Hosted by



Join Us 5:30 to 7:30 PM on the
4th FRIDAY of the Month to benefit...

February 24 SPCA of Anne Arundel County
March 24 Greyhound Pets of America/MD
April 28 Senior Dog Sanctuary

MINGLE with animal-lovers

FETCH raffle tickets for a chance to win great prizes

SIP refreshments

All proceeds from Raffle & Refreshments donated to the featured charity.

Come to Homestead Gardens
Inside Showroom

743 West Central Avenue, Davidsonville
www.homesteadgardens.com

Well-behaved
people & dogs
invited!

Free admission | Rain or Shine
Questions?

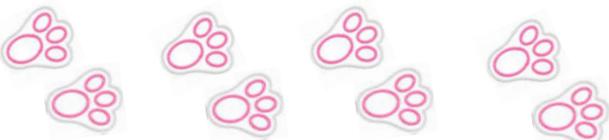
Call Paws 410-263-8683
www.pawspetboutique.com



MONTHLY OPEN HOUSE

Every 1st & 3rd Saturday
12:00 p.m.

April 1 & April 15



Staff Spotlight

Minnie joined the Senior Dog Sanctuary of MD team about a year ago. She had been intrigued by a Facebook post and decided to see what SDS was all about.

During this past year, Minnie has become an integral part of the SDS team. There is no job at SDS that she will not tackle head on. In addition to kennel care, dog socialization, feeding, and healthcare, Minnie loves grooming and bathing the dogs. She trims the fur around their eyes so the pups can see better, trims their nails, cleans their ears, gives them a warm bath, and then blows them dry to help them feel their best.

Outside of SDS, Minnie is a mom to two-year-old son Benjamin and a rescued cat named Mittens. When Benjamin comes to SDS he looks forward to visiting with his favorite pup, Daisy. Minnie's hobbies include hiking and bird watching. It's not only dogs that get Minnie's love, she also volunteers at Cats R Us, a cat rescue. She helps them with fundraising, as well as their spay/neuter clinics and cat rescuing.

Seeing dogs flourish at SDS is a favorite part of Minnie's job. She feels the atmosphere at SDS is more of a "house feel," and kennels are like "homes" for the dogs. This is achieved by all of the volunteers that filter in and out each day. Minnie sees the volunteers as the backbone of SDS and admires their dedication to the organization. The support that the volunteers give through time and donated goods adds to the home like atmosphere at SDS.

Spring is coming!! Minnie is getting ready for baby pools filled with water and toys for the pups. They love to be outside this time of year. Even the oldest of the pups can just lie in the sun to get warm out in the yard.

Thanks for all of your hard work and dedication, Minnie!



SDS of MD Dogs Came From Where???

The dogs at Senior Dog Sanctuary of MD have come from many places throughout the US. There are as many stories about how they got here as there are dogs. Many come from county shelters in Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia, which are generally strays. Others are owner surrendered due to the owner's inability to continue to provide care. This could mean an owner passed away, had to move to a nursing facility, or could no longer afford the dog's care.



SDS is regularly contacted by shelters and other rescue groups that don't specialize in seniors, when one comes into their care. Additionally, SDS is part of a group called Coalition of Rescues – East (C.O.R.E.). This group shares information about animals in need of rescuing. Social media also plays a big role. Many rescues and shelters post dogs that are available to rescues only. These are usually special case dogs, such as seniors. Through these channels, SDS was alerted of two pups that were left in a boarding kennel for 2 years in Ocean City. SDS rescued them and unfortunately, one passed away quickly. The other (George) now lives with Val Lynch (SDS Executive Director), or "a little piece of heaven" as George likes to say.

Bambi, Trixie, and Maggie Moo came to SDS from Louisiana. They ended up in a shelter like many animals, who lost their homes due to the massive flooding. Zoey was a Buckeye from Ohio and was brought to Maryland when her owner passed away. We also had a furry Texan grace our space.



Tawny, a 5-year-old female Neapolitan Mastiff, spent her first five years at a puppy mill in Missouri. The Sanctuary, in collaboration with other rescues, bought Tawny and some other dogs at a legal, (yes, legal but in our eyes abusive and unethical) dog auction to save them from additional years in the breeding cycle. She is the poster dog for "Don't shop, adopt!"



The overpopulation of dogs is a nationwide issue. Our pups come from far and wide and are sometimes adopted far and wide (Gertie and Cub are living happily in upstate New York). Wherever they come from, they are in the best of hands when they reach the Sanctuary. For most, the next part of their journey is to find their forever home.



Separation Anxiety



We have probably all heard the term "separation anxiety" when dealing with rescue dogs in our homes. Separation anxiety is when a dog exhibits stress or behavior problems when they are separated from their owner. Separation anxiety may not be the real problem with your pup. It could be lack of exercise, little or no training, or maybe your friend needs time to adjust to the new home and environment.

There are signs of Separation Anxiety to help you decide whether or not a course of action is needed. If your dog has an unhealthy attachment to you or a member of your household, nervousness at the signs of you getting ready to leave the house (picking up keys, putting on your coat), and of course, destructive behavior while you are gone, it may be time to take action.

What should you do?

Help prevent the anxiety in your pup. THATMUTT.COM has a of couple great articles on separation anxiety and suggests the following tips:

- do not carry your dog with you everywhere
- teach the command "stay"
- do not pick up your dog if it is jumping up on you or whining
- reward when dog is quietly sitting in place
- purposely practice separation

If your dog already has anxiety, you can help by doing the following:

- do not reward excited behavior
- stick to a routine when leaving the house
- commit to using a kennel
- place a radio in the room (or leave the television on for background noise)
- increase the dog's exercise

Did you know?????

Did you know that glucosamine can help your senior dog's mobility? Let's face it, when dogs (and humans) age there may be some arthritis, joint pain, and difficulty climbing stairs. Glucosamine is used as an over-the-counter supplement to help alleviate pain from hip dysplasia, arthritis, joint surgery, and spinal disc injuries. The supplement increases the body's ability to repair damaged cartilage and ultimately helps to cushion the bones at the joints. Check out the article from the American Kennel Club for more information. As with any supplement, please consult with your vet before administering to your dog.

<http://www.akc.org/content/dog-care/articles/glucosamine-for-dogs/>

\$ Donations \$

are always welcome!

The average veterinary care for our rescued pups is **\$3,200**. *This does NOT include housing, feeding, bedding, etc.*

If you'd like to donate, please visit <http://www.seniordogsanctuary.com/donate.html> to donate through **PayPal**, or to view our wish list for items needed for our seniors.

Thank you for your generosity!

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