

THE GRAY MUZZLE TIMES

Saving One Dog At A Time

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UPCOMING EVENTS

♥♥ Open House at SDS ♥♥

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5 FROM 12:00pm 2:00pm

8336 WB & A Rd, Severn MD

Join us for a brief history about our Sanctuary followed by tours of the facility. See you there!

Book Buddies

JANUARY 6

🐾 Adoption Events 🐾

COME MEET SOME OF OUR WONDERFUL SENIORS!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

Petsmart - Pasadena from 11am-1pm

Southdale Shopping Center

24 Mountain Rd, Glen Burnie, MD

Dog Spotlight-Clover

Clover is a gorgeous 8-year old German Shepherd looking for a new love! She's a very sweet girl and at only 50 pounds she's pretty small for a GSD, but she still has all the loving capabilities of one! Clover loves going for long walks and sniffing the ground favorite person by her side.

She's a very smart girl (typical shepherd) and also knows commands like sit, stay, and paw! Clover would love to spend the rest of her life with someone she can really bond with and give kisses to.

Could that be you? ... Create your own luck and pick Clover 🍀!



Come Visit Us!

We have a monthly open house with a tour the first Saturday of each month from 12 pm to 2 pm. We have visiting hours from 10-3 every day. Call us at 443-742-0270 for more information. See you there!

Another Happy Ending...Ginnie and Jay

Ginnie (14) and Jay (11) arrived by plane in October when their owner went into hospice, the family was ready to have them euthanized, and no local rescue could take them. It was a dire situation that required help from multiple rescues, groomers, a lot of SDS love, and terrific adopters.

Ginnie is heartworm positive and the adopters not only adopted both of them, but also will continue her medical treatment and voluntarily will pay for it as well.

SDS keeps bonded pairs together. We are happy to report that they were adopted together and were able to spend Christmas in their new forever home with their new forever family.



Volunteer Spotlight—Cathie Beamer

If you look at a thesaurus for a word that means smiling, you'll see beaming. That's our Cathie. As Lisa Jarvis said, she's "Always smiling and willing to help with anything that is needed." When she first visited SDS she was "so impressed with the care of the dogs and how kind the staff is." She will celebrate her 2nd anniversary as a volunteer at SDS in February, or should we say, the pups will celebrate! Cathie, AKA "Aunt Cathie, devotes a lot of time to SDS; helps with everything and cares about everyone there and loves the grey-muzzle pups with all her heart? She's amazing," said Tammy Donaldson.

Her 8-year old Jack Russel/Beagle/Dachshund mix "Oscar" is a senior himself. He has had the pleasure of a forever home with Cathie since 2015. He can be a little rough on his toys, but he leaves her collection of hand-crafted bunnies alone!

She is a strong and grateful 20-year cancer survivor. Her life has always included service to others. She was a pediatric nurse and worked at Children's Hospital for 36 years. When she retired, she wanted to do something to stay busy, and that she is. She volunteers in the kennel, does laundry...all the normal stuff. But she also is the SDS greeter twice a week.



Cathie Beamer and 13-year old Jimmy, one of her favorites

She admits to having favorites, but she loves them all. Her New Year's resolution for the Sanctuary is to "find all the dogs' homes with love, and to continue loving on all the dogs."

When asked what people would never guess about her, she said she is "a recluse...a homebody." It's really hard to believe because she is so outgoing and cheerful at the Sanctuary as she greets visitors and gives the staff tremendous support.

Their Stockings Were Hung from Their Kennels with Care...

On Sunday, December 16th and 23rd, we welcomed a number of generous visitors who came bearing gifts of treats to fill up the stockings of each of our seniors. They spent a little time at each kennel as they placed their goodie.

Santa came to SDS in the form of kind dog lovers. The snacks and treats will be enjoyed long into the New Year. Pictured below are Roy and Vicky Cummings who brought a Santa-sized bag of goodies for our pups!

Homemade cookies and hot cocoa were served. Pictured at the bottom, Ellie and Leticia helped the children who came build a dog house, complete with Snoopy on the roof.



Did you know...

The first animal shelter in the United States was in Philadelphia. The Morris Animal Refuge (MAR) was founded in 1874 by Elizabeth Morris, a woman ahead of her time. More importantly, did you know it's still in operation?

MAR is an "open admission" shelter. That means they will accept any animal, regardless of "age, health, behavior, breed, or species." Val visited MAR when he picked up Smokey, a Lhasa Apso, to bring to SDS.

For more information, visit <https://www.morrisanimalrefuge.org/>.

Third Annual Holiday Party

On Sunday, December 16, SDS staff and volunteers gathered at Casa Della Nona's Italian Restaurant in Severn to celebrate the holiday season. Lisa Pearson coordinated the event. There were games including holiday trivia and guessing the number of adoptions from SDS in 2018 to date (120). Rick Baker guessed the closest. He also won the prize for the most festive outfit. Some thought he was a cow, some thought he was a dalmatian. Maybe a cowmatian? No, a dalmatian for sure.

There were games and a white elephant gift exchange. Both Colleen and Cassidy Gill stole gifts to add some excitement, and yours truly lost a pretty adorably dressed bottle of wine (Denise Piston was scoping it out from the minute I opened the bag)! But a Santa-hatted Yellow Lab painted cup and plate were terrific replacements.

Executive Director Val Lynch gave a short, heart-felt speech of thanks while wearing his "Leader of the Pack" T-shirt. He alluded to SDS 2.0 and teased that we'll be hearing more about it in 2019.

SDS 2.0 is
coming.
Stay tuned!



Denise Piston was a winner!



Lisa Pearson (event coordinator) and Rick Baker as he wins the most festive outfit award



Val rallying the troops

Sweet Senior Pups-True Tales of Rescue



When Kama Einhorn called Val Lynch in 2016, she was looking for a rescue to write about. She was doing a series of books on various rescues around the world (including a goat rescue in Aruba). Kama has written more than 40 books. Val graciously welcomed her into his home and she spent a few days immersed in all things SDS.

Those of you who were here early on remember the "senior play group." A group of small seniors, including Mino (a Pomeranian), Jack (a poodle), and Buffy (a miniature pinscher). They all shared a kennel and played outside in the yard together.

All three were totally or partially blind. In the book they call themselves the "three blind mice." This book is a terrific homage to the seniors that have graced our sanctuary and, as the book says, "They prove that the ability to love never grows old."

Virgil Ocampo photographed the pups and the facility for the book. A book signing was held in New York and Val and others from SDS attended.

Another book signing will take place in January at the Barnes and Nobel at the Annapolis Mall. SDS receives 10% of the proceed from the sale of each book. Houghton Mifflin, the publisher, is donating 10,000 copies to schools around the country. It's a great teaching tool about rescues, what they do, and how they do it. It also talks of a young Val and his love of animals. You can purchase a copy through Amazon in print or for your Kindle here [Sweet Senior Pups](#). It makes a great gift, especially for children ages 7-10. But really, to have a copy of a book about SDS...pretty cool whatever your age.

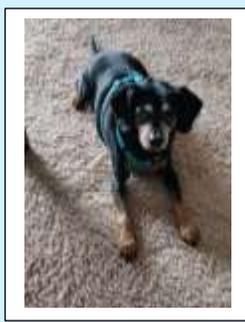
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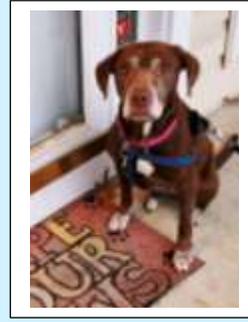
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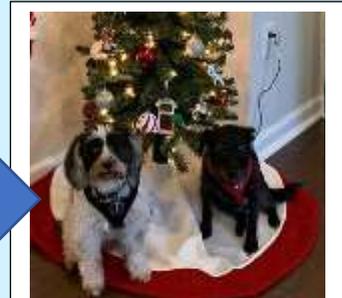
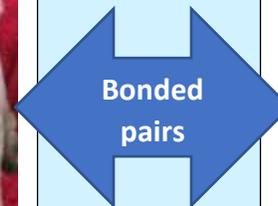
Rex



Jimmy



Maggie and Bandit



Tyson and Schultze

Congratulations to our Staff and Volunteers Celebrating Anniversaries this Month!

Staff:

Three years

Debbie Gill

One year

Kelly McHugh

Volunteers:

Two years

Rick B., Teresa C., Leticia and Ellie D., Vendetta L., Sam S., Noelle S., Susan W.

One year

Heather A., Pat B., Rita B., Erica B., Sereena C., Beckie D., Patsy D., Alisa G., Kim H., Sheri H., Laurelyn I., Patty M., Latoshia R., Danielle R., Chi S.

Our wonderful staff and volunteers make it possible to carry out our mission to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home senior dogs.

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