



Pat Race

Hello, my name is Pat Race. I live in the South Hills of Pittsburgh, PA with my 3 year old Springer Spaniel named Oliver. Since I was a teen, I have always had a Springer (or two) in my life. The first two Springers in my life were from 'back yard' breeders and both lived long, healthy lives. Life was simpler then.

Fast forward to the next time that I found myself looking for another Springer - I answered an ad in the newspaper and bought a beautiful puppy. Well, the world changed and I found out that life was not as simple as it was. Turns out that the breeder I got her from was less than reputable but fortunately I learned about Springer Rescue in the process of working with vets and behaviorists. Sadly, due to severe health issues, my vet and I helped Abbie cross the rainbow bridge when she was only 18 months young; it broke my heart. I swore that her short life would not be in vain and that I would volunteer for MAESSR and do what I could to help Springers in need. My work with MAESSR is Abbie's legacy.



When I was new to MAESSR, I adopted a wonderful 3 year old Springer, then I started doing transports, adoption interviews, became a foster home (yes, I failed on my first foster), post adoption interviews, was the Post Adoption Coordinator an Adoption Coordinator, and I also did owner relinquishments. In 2011 I was elected to the Board of Directors where I served for six years. From there, I was the VP and now am the Chairman of the Board.

I am proud to be a part of MAESSR. It is a wonderful organization and one of the most respected groups committed to rescuing dogs. I have been fortunate to have met so many dedicated volunteers who give countless hours of time and open their hearts and homes to Springers in need.

