When writing the Management Corner for this issue of Springer Tails, I had a completely different topic in mind. However, watching the heartbreaking devastation televised from Texas, where residents were being pummeled by Hurricane Harvey, I decided to write about another topic, one that we should all consider. *What would you do in case of a disaster?*

Can you imagine having to suddenly make the decision to leave your home on foot? What would you take? How would you get your family, including your pets, to safety? We all need a plan, because a disaster could strike at any point, be it fire, flood, tornado, earthquake, or manmade. I am including the information found on www.ready.gov to help you and your family start talking about this important issue and begin to plan.

We are fortunate that MAESSR covers a vast geographic area filled with dedicated volunteers willing to help those in need. In past disasters, our volunteers have opened their homes to fellow MAESSR members and their animals. In the event a dog needed to be rehomed, MAESSR was—and is—ready and willing to help. All of us are inclined to think that we would never find ourselves in the predicament family after family in Texas finds itself. Our hearts and prayers are with all of those who are affected by this disaster in Texas. How can we prepare for the unexpected?

**GET INFORMED**
- Know what disasters could affect your area, which could call for an evacuation, and when to shelter in place.
- Keep a NOAA Weather Radio tuned to your local emergency station, monitor TV and radio, and follow mobile alert and mobile warnings about severe weather in your area.
- Download the FEMA app, and receive weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five different locations anywhere in the United States.

**MAKE A PLAN**
- Remember that during a disaster, what’s good for you is good for your pet, so get them ready today and make sure they are microchipped! If you leave your pets behind, they may be lost, injured—or worse. Never, ever, leave a pet chained outdoors.
- Plan options include creating a buddy system in case you’re not home and asking a trusted neighbor to check on your animals.
- Identify shelters that will accept animals. For public health reasons, many emergency shelters cannot accept pets.
- Find pet-friendly hotels along your evacuation route and keep a list in your pet’s emergency kit.
- Locate boarding facilities or animal hospitals near your evacuation shelter.
- Consider an out-of-town friend or relative.

**BUILD A KIT**
Include basic survival items and items to keep your pet happy and comfortable. See the related articles on pages 3 and 5, or download *Preparing Makes Sense for Pet Owners—Emergency Preparedness Pet Kit List* at https://www.ready.gov/animals to find out exactly what items your pet needs to be ready for an unexpected disaster.
Who’re Those Volunteers? Cheryl and Rick Larner!

MARTHA W. McCARTNEY

Cheryl and Rick Larner of Williamsburg, Virginia, became MAESSR volunteers a little over five years ago and bring their numerous talents to MAESSR. Cheryl is Director of Finance or a “bean counter” for Sentara Healthcare in Norfolk. Rick, on the other hand, says that he “counts bricks” as a project manager for General Services Administration in Richmond. Their blended family includes five adult children and one grandchild.

After the Larners lost their beloved dog, Annie, at age 16, Cheryl began searching online for a Springer, discovered MAESSR, and almost instantly became a volunteer. The Larners first assignment as members of the transport team was delivering two dogs to Debbie Lipcsey at the Springer Farm. There, they met beautiful Maggie, who became their first foster dog and also their first foster failure. Since that time, the Larners have fostered five dogs and they continue to be members of MAESSR’s transport team. At present, they share their home with Maggie and Jesse (formerly Jet), another foster failure and bundle of energy.

It was Rick, an avid golfer, who came up with the idea of having a MAESSR golf tournament. He talked to fellow MAESSR volunteer and also avid golfer John Keegan, whom he knew had had experience with charity golf tournaments and the relationships that would make the tournament a success. Thanks to their collaboration, the MAESSR golf tournament, an annual event held at the Kiskiack Golf Course near Williamsburg, has grown into a major fundraiser that has included as many as 22 teams of golfers. Hole sponsorships provide an important source of funding and help to underwrite the tournament’s cost.

Lots of advance planning and behind-the-scenes work goes into each tournament, and according to Cheryl, who tracks the tournament planning committee’s activities before, during, and after the event, it runs like a well-oiled machine. After John Keegan secures a date and price for each year’s tournament and a lunch menu is selected, members of the golf tournament planning committee begin collecting prizes and gift certificates that go into the numerous gift baskets that are raffled off. Prizes also are given to the day’s low scorer. Buddie Packs are available and golfers can purchase up to two Mulligans apiece that can be used to lower their score. They also can participate in the Solo Cup Challenge, which gives them a one-stroke head start. Every golfer receives a goody bag that contains a towel embroidered with the MAESSR golf tournament logo, a package of golf balls, an assortment of inexpensive gifts, and MAESSR literature. Each hole sponsor and donor receives a handwritten thank-you note and is acknowledged in tournament print materials. Hole sponsors are recognized with special signage. Committee members collaborate on designing a poster and a brochure that can be used as promotional materials. Advertisements are placed in local and regional newspapers and online calendars of events and posters and brochures are displayed in local places of business. Much of the tournament’s success is attributable to word-of-mouth invitations that are extended to potential participants. Volunteers are recruited for the day of the tournament and extra help is always needed.

Members of the golf tournament planning committee include Mary and Lee Beach, Beryl and John Keegan, Cheryl and Rick Larner, Martha McCartney, and Geraine and Vern Stocker. Over the years, tournament volunteers have included Mary and Lee Beach, Ilonka Dazevedo, Mike Diaz, Debbie Green, Beryl and John Keegan, Karen Koehler, Cheryl and Rick Larner, Debbie Lipcsey, Paige Martin, Martha McCartney, Patti Naughton, Linda Reisch, Ann Rowe, Geraine and Vern Stocker, Sandie Tombarge, and Liz Watson. Susie Phillips and MAESSR alum Tucker, and Carl Aschman and MAESSR alum Autumn, have made cameo appearances at the tournament.

This year, MAESSR’s Fifth Annual Score Points for Springers Golf Tournament will be held at Kiskiack Golf Course on Saturday, September 30, with a shotgun start at 9:30am. Hole sponsorships are still available and teams and single golfers are welcome! Online registration is available at http://www.maessr.org/specialevents
In case of an emergency, do you know what your state’s plans are for household and companion animals? This is a good time to review your evacuation preparedness for both your family and your pet.

According to Susan Wyatt, who writes for The Pet Dish, you should plan ahead.

**Your pet disaster kit should include:**

- Food and water for at least a week for each pet, bowls, and a manual can opener for wet food.
- Medications and medical records stored in a waterproof container and a first aid kit. A pet first aid book is also good to include.
- Cat litter box, litter, garbage bags to collect all pets’ waste, and litter scoop.
- Sturdy leashes, harnesses, and carriers to transport pets safely and to ensure that your pets can’t escape. Carriers should be large enough for the animal to stand comfortably, turn around, and lie down. Your pet may have to stay in the carrier for hours at a time while you are away from home. These may require blankets or towels for bedding and warmth, and other special items.
- Current photos and descriptions of your pets to help others identify them in case you and your pets become separated and to prove that they are yours.
- Pet beds and toys, if you can easily take them, to reduce stress.
- Short concise information about your pets’ feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems, and the name and number of your veterinarian in case you have to board your pets or place them in foster care.
- Other useful items include newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags, grooming items, and household bleach.

**Find a safe place ahead of time.**

Because many evacuation shelters don’t accept pets (except for service animals), you must plan ahead to make certain your family and pets will have a safe place to stay. Don’t wait until disaster strikes to do your research.

- Contact hotels and motels outside your immediate area to check policies on accepting pets. Ask about any restrictions on number, size, and species. Inquire if the “no pet” policies would be waived in an emergency. Make a list of animal-friendly places and keep it handy. Call ahead for a reservation as soon as you think you might have to leave your home.
- Check with friends, relatives, or others outside your immediate area. Ask if they would be able to shelter you and your animals or just your animals, if necessary. If you have more than one pet, you may need to house them at separate locations.
- Make a list of boarding facilities and veterinary offices that might be able to shelter animals in disaster emergencies; include 24-hour telephone numbers. Ask your local animal shelter if it provides foster care or shelter for pets in an emergency in case you’re not home in the event of a disaster.
- An evacuation order may come, or a disaster may strike, when you’re at work or out of the house.
- Most boarding kennels, veterinarians, and animal shelters will need your pet’s medical records to make sure all vaccinations are current.

Make arrangements well in advance for a trusted neighbor to take your pets and meet you at a specified location. Be sure the person is comfortable with your pets and your pets are familiar with him/her, knows where your animals are likely to be, knows where your disaster supplies are kept, and has a key to your home. If you use a pet-sitting service, it may be able to help, but discuss the possibility well in advance.

**Don’t forget ID.**

Have your pet is microchipped and make sure that you not only keep your address and land line and cell phone numbers up to date, but that you also include contact info for an emergency contact outside of your immediate area.

Your pet should be wearing up-to-date identification at all times.

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Disaster Preparedness and Your Pets

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Tips for Large Animals

If you have large animals such as horses, cattle, sheep, goats, or pigs on your property, be sure to prepare before a disaster.

Ensure all animals have some form of identification.

Evacuate animals whenever possible. Map out primary and secondary routes in advance.

Make available vehicles and trailers needed for transporting and supporting each type of animal. Also make available experienced handlers and drivers.

Ensure destinations have food, water, veterinary care, and handling equipment.

If evacuation is not possible, animal owners must decide whether to move large animals to shelter or turn them outside.

Take extra time to observe livestock, looking for early signs of disease and injury. Severe cold-weather injuries or death primarily occur in the very young or in animals that are already debilitated.

Animals suffering from frostbite don’t exhibit pain. It may be up to two weeks before the injury becomes evident as the damaged tissue starts to slough away. At that point, the injury should be treated as an open wound and a veterinarian should be consulted.

Make sure your livestock has the following to help prevent cold-weather problems:

• Plenty of dry bedding to insulate vulnerable udders, genitals, and legs from the frozen ground and frigid winds.
• Windbreaks to keep animals safe from frigid conditions.
• Plenty of food and water.

After the storm

Planning and preparation will help you survive the disaster, but your home may be a very different place afterward, whether you have taken shelter at home or elsewhere.

Don’t allow your pets to roam loose. Familiar landmarks and smells might be gone, and your pet will probably be disoriented. Pets can easily get lost in such situations.

While you assess the damage, keep dogs on leashes and keep cats in carriers inside the house. If your house is damaged, they could escape and become lost.

Be patient with your pets after a disaster. Try to get them back into their normal routines as soon as possible, and be ready for behavioral problems that may result from the stress of the situation. If behavioral problems persist, or if your pet seems to be having any health problems, talk to your veterinarian.

Times. This includes adding your current cell phone number to your pet’s tag. It may also be a good idea to include the phone number of a friend or relative outside your immediate area. If your pet is lost, you’ll want to provide a number on the tag that will be answered even if you’re out of your home.

When you evacuate in the event of a disaster, take your pets.

The single most important thing you can do to protect your pets is to take them with you when you evacuate. Animals left behind in a disaster can easily be injured, lost, or killed. Animals left inside your home can escape through storm-damaged areas, such as broken windows. Animals turned loose to fend for themselves are likely to become victims of exposure, starvation, predators, contaminated food or water, or accidents. Leaving dogs tied or chained outside in a disaster is a death sentence.

If you leave, even if you think you may only be gone for a few hours, take your animals. When you leave, you have no way of knowing how long you’ll be kept out of the area, and you may not be able to go back for your pets.

Leave early. Don’t wait for a mandatory evacuation order. An unnecessary trip is far better than waiting too long to leave safely with your pets. If you wait to be evacuated by emergency officials, you may be told to leave your pets behind.

If you don’t evacuate in the event of a disaster, shelter in place.

If your family and pets must wait out a storm or other disaster at home, identify a safe area of your home where you can all stay together. Be sure to close your windows and doors, stay inside, and follow the instructions from your local emergency management office.

Bring your pets indoors as soon as local authorities say there is an imminent problem. Keep pets under your direct control; if you have to evacuate, you will not have to spend time trying to find them. Keep dogs on leashes and cats in carriers, and make sure they are wearing identification.

If you have a room you can designate as a “safe room,” put your emergency supplies in that room in advance, including your pet’s crate and supplies. Have any medications and a supply of pet food and water inside watertight containers, along with your other emergency supplies. If there is an open fireplace, vent, pet door, or similar opening in the house, close it off with plastic sheeting and strong tape.

Listen to the radio periodically, and don’t come out until you know it’s safe.
started looking into what I might need in my pet’s emergency kit when I had to help a pooch at a picnic. My kit had a lot of “stuff” in it, but it was woefully insufficient! I had nothing to stop bleeding for a dog bite or any creams or gels to protect against infection or paw injuries. Therefore, here are some suggestions, and I’ve included some of the items I’ve added. I’ve also included a first aid kit for humans, as being prepared for an emergency can make all the difference!

Here are some suggestions published by the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine of Tufts University. The authors note that the purpose of a first aid kit is to mitigate damage in the event of an emergency, which can include poisoning. If you have the proper supplies handy, you may be able to forestall complications in a dog that needs to be rushed to the vet’s office.

Some of the first aid materials a dog owner should have on hand are:

- Sterile gauze pads.
- Eyewash to rinse foreign objects out of your pet’s eyes.
- Hydrogen peroxide (10%) to induce vomiting in case of poisoning. Your vet or poisoning control center can best advise you on the correct dose or what is appropriate. Have both contact numbers in your kit!
- Antiseptic wipes to clean your hands and your pet’s cut.
- Alcohol to clean your scissors and tweezers (not your pet’s wound).
- A muzzle, as a scared dog, even a loved one, may bite when in pain.
- Latex gloves.
- A leash.
- Aspirin. (Chinese herb. Do some research, but if you open one capsule and sprinkle it on a wound, it can be used to stop bleeding. This is unsuitable for dogs with liver problems. As always, seek your vet’s approval.
- Antiseptic to help prevent infection for minor cuts and minor wounds.
- Hydrocortisone cream to reduce itching due to insect bites and allergies.
- Diphenhydramine, an antihistamine for allergic reactions: 25 mg.
- Cold packs to reduce swelling.
- A blanket can be used to keep your pet warm or help in moving him or her to your car. A blanket can be dragged or two
- A list of emergency health care providers’ phone numbers and addresses in your area or the area in which you intend to travel.
- A box or large plastic bag. If you ever have to “grab and go,” it’s not a good idea to have most of these items located in one place.
- Cold tape to make a white cross on the bag. You may have many first aid items somewhere in your home and could start gathering them in a box or large plastic bag. If you ever have to “grab and go,” it’s not a bad idea to have most of these items located in one place.

Since I started this list, I have collected so many items that my backpack got too full. Therefore, I’ve purchased a red duffle bag to which I’ve added an emergency kit for humans. I’ve also used glow-in-the-dark tape to make a white cross on the bag. You may have many first aid items somewhere in your home and could start gathering them in a box or large plastic bag. If you ever have to “grab and go,” it’s not a bad idea to have most of these items located in one place.

Now I think I am officially out of control! All of us have unique experiences. What items would you suggest and where are some of the best secrets find places you have discovered for pet emergency supplies? Please share your suggestions with other MAESSR families. It’s always good to be prepared, whether you and your pet are at a picnic, on vacation, or even at home!

P.S. I think that items for a Pooch’s Medical Bag would make great Silent Auction items! Picnics and birthdays are coming!
The day started out very uneventfully. That morning, I finished with a new client’s dog, Charlie (pictured at right), who had some issues with resource guarding as well as being fearful of strangers. A few hours later, I saw a frantic post in my township’s Facebook group about a lost dog, who, coincidentally, was named Charlie. The dog was lost while walking at a nearby county park. As the picture was posted a few minutes later, I saw that it was my client’s dog! As the hours passed that day, the owners became more and more desperate to find their beloved dog. Many people offered advice and some took to the streets and main roads looking for him. I took to our best resource, the volunteers at MAESSR! In true MAESSR fashion, I received many great responses and did some of my own research as well. Here is a compilation of all that great advice into one place—15 pieces of really helpful advice:

1. Try not to panic (easier said than done, of course!).
2. Use social media to the fullest, as this is the fastest way to get to the most people. Use Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter local sites, yard sale sites, vet sites, shelter and rescue sites, and specific lost dog sites to get the word out, and include important details such as a few good pictures, and if the dog is fearful, a request to not approach just keep in sight, while owners are contacted.
3. Fliers, fliers, fliers—post in the neighborhood or area the dog was lost from and in any areas that sightings occurred. Place fliers on cars and mailboxes in the area and place in post offices.
4. If the dog is dog-friendly, then bringing your dog out (assuming he/she is dog-friendly) can help to lure the dog to you if sighted.
5. Bring high-value, stinky treats with you as well as an extra leash if sighted—then the dog can be lured and leashed.
6. Place the owner’s clothing/blanket and some feeding stations in the vicinity where the dog was lost to attract him to the area and keep him there.
7. Someone needs to stay in that general area to watch this area.
8. On the fliers and social media instruct people to NOT CHASE the dog.
9. Check out https://www.fidofinder.com/
10. Contact the local police departments with the information and pictures—this is plural because the dog may be near the border of several townships, so the more local township police departments are aware of the lost dog, the better.
11. Physically check the shelters—don’t rely on staff over the phone. Ask to see any dogs not for public view, as fearful dogs can end up there.
12. “Find Toto” (http://www.findtoto.com/) is a reverse robocall service that will call all homes in a particular geographic area with an alert about the missing dog.
13. There used to be a group that would just go out and search for people’s dogs when they went missing. This group is disbanded but the website is still up and has lots of good resources on finding lost dogs. http://awoldogs.blogspot.com
15. Contact Ruby the Lost Greyhound. If they are not in your area, they can help you with a plan.

The situation with Charlie had a happy ending, I am pleased to report! My husband and I went out looking as well and were in proximity to the owner when she got a call that the dog was spotted in the park (exactly where they parked at the start of the day, nine hours earlier). It turns out that I knew the lady who spotted him and called the owner. She was savvy enough to keep a distance to the dog. The owner had the same high value treats that we used in the morning (Charlie loved them) and luckily brought a leash. The dog seemed a bit tired from the fiasco, but didn’t appear injured at all.
Hannah, an 8-year-old blind Springer, was surrendered to a rescue in North Carolina after her owner’s death. When that rescue reached out to MAESSR for help, we happily said yes. M.L. Wolff drove three hours to meet Hannah and then foster her. First of all, Hannah, who is a real love bug, is very intelligent and maneuvers well. She needed a bath and grooming and took it all in stride. The result was that she was transformed into the beautiful little girl she is today. Hannah’s foster mom created a special bed for her on her first night in her home and laid on the floor with her until she seemed to be comfy and sleeping. However, as soon as she had retired for the night, there was Hannah, paws on the bed and crying. So, Hannah came aboard where she joined the two adults, two resident Springers, and an assortment of dog toys. Then she settled in for the night. Hannah quickly learned the layout of the house and yard and even was able to find her way around her foster parents’ vacation home. When she hears the word “potty,” she knows that it’s time to go out. She also walks nicely on a leash. Hannah loved her foster mom’s granddaughter and in fact slept with her while on the family’s vacation.

Hannah’s first visit to the vet revealed she urgently needed to be seen by a veterinary ophthalmologist and fortunately, she was able to get an appointment the very same day. She was found to have glaucoma and dry eyes and immediately received drops that made her more comfortable and lowered the pressure in her eyes. The ophthalmologist also discovered that the lens of one of her eyes had detached and fallen backwards. While that sounds awful, had it fallen forward, she would have been in terrible pain. Hannah never complained about any pain and her foster mom and her adoptive mom agree that Hannah’s “just learned to live with it.” Within 24 hours of Hannah’s receiving her first set of eye drops, her foster mom saw a positive change. She noticed that Hannah was more engaged, was pawing at her people when they reached for her, and seemed more relaxed. What’s more, her beautiful personality began to emerge and she simply seemed happier.

Around the time Hannah entered MAESSR’s foster care program, Trisha Whalen decided she really “needed” another dog. She has three-year-old Archie, a Springer-doodle, but missed having a velcro Springer in her life. Trisha already had experience with a blind dog, and after some calls and meeting Hannah, all agreed that it was the perfect home for her.

Hannah enjoys lying on the sofa with her mom and getting some cuddle time. She’ll also occasionally chase Archie for a bone. She isn’t inclined to be playful, but sometimes will humor her doggie brother and have some fun. Archie, on the other hand, has become protective of his new sister and stays near her in the yard. He also has helped her learn to get around. Just recently, Hannah decided that it was okay to follow Archie outdoors and into the backyard without waiting for her mom to go too. In fact, she’s sometimes ventured off to the middle of the yard with Archie leading the way. Trisha couldn’t help but smile.

Hannah sleeps in the bed with her forever family and only needs a little help getting up there. A recent follow-up visit to a veterinary ophthalmologist showed that the condition of Hannah’s eyes has improved. Not only is her pressure down, but the eye drops have been doing their job and Hannah can actually see some shadows. Trisha had sensed that Hannah was watching her and following her across the room, but now there is proof. Trisha feels so excited that Hannah is with her, she actually has to pinch herself to be sure it’s all real. No, she’s not dreaming! Hannah needs her and she needs Hannah. It’s a classic case of who rescued who?
Every one of us who has loved a Springer, or any pet, knows the sorrow of when that furry companion is no longer with us. Our family recently suffered that loss, and though my heart aches, I know that she would not want us to feel this sad.

Let me tell you just a little about our Molly, knowing fully that your dear one is just as precious to you as Molly was to us. As a MAESSR volunteer, one afternoon in the spring of 2008 I got a call asking if I could pick up a 10-month-old puppy at our county’s animal shelter. She had been surrendered because she supposedly loved to chase the family’s chickens and farm animals. When I arrived at the shelter Molly was trembling, so terrified at being in a strange environment that I literally had to carry her to my car. The plan was to pass her on to another volunteer, but when that fell through, Molly became a permanent resident. I could sort of understand why her previous owner gave her up; she was the most energetic and mischievous dog I have ever known. In the middle of the night she would tear up and down the hall, and once outside, would run laps around our house. She never saw a rabbit or squirrel she didn’t want to chase. If she caught the scent of a mouse or mole, she would dig and dig until she was covered in dirt or mud. Luckily for us our neighbors were very forgiving. Before we succumbed to Invisible Fence, Molly would steal our neighbor’s green tomatoes off of their vines, presumably thinking they were tennis balls. Children’s toys and single shoes would mysteriously appear in our yard from another neighbor. Supposedly indestructible chew toys lasted only a couple hours in our house.

Despite the canine mischief, she quickly worked her way deep in our hearts. She did not have an aggressive bone in her body. I never once heard her growl, and she would only bark when deer passed by our deck. She eagerly welcomed other dogs into our home, sleeping curled up with her canine “brother” or “sister.” And while she was relatively indifferent to our many cats, they mostly loved her, whether trotting alongside her on our evening walks or nestled up next to her on her bed or favorite chair. As I struggle to come to terms with Molly’s death, I am comforted to know that her life gives me a glimpse of how we humans should live our lives. She lived life to the fullest and embraced whatever and whoever came her way. As humans, we struggle with the concept of unconditional love. We would all like to believe that we unconditionally love our children, and many would extend that love to our spouses, perhaps our siblings and parents. But how often do we fall short of the mark? With Molly, and I presume with almost all family dogs, they love us despite ourselves. When we have succeeded and when we have failed, they let us know without question that we are loved.

The other profound lesson I have learned these past few months is the rejuvenating power of joy and love. As cancer began to wrack her body, her tail never stopped wagging, her eyes never lost their radiance. She never failed to provide a warm greeting, and in spite of her obvious discomfort, was always ready to partake in any family activity. I think of how quickly we humans become frustrated at the slightest inconvenience, provoked by the most insignificant slight, or angered by the tiniest mishap. And then I think of Molly, barely able to gather the strength to get up. So she lays there, tail thumping the floor, thrilled that one of us has said her name, delighted to have someone gently caress her and speak to her. Wouldn’t our world be a better place if we all could live by that example?

Writing this helps me through my grief, but more importantly, it is my sincere hope that a reader or two feels some measure of comfort. Quality of life decisions are among the hardest we ever have to make. Although intellectually I knew we had made the right decision, I could not escape that gnawing sense of betrayal as we took Molly on her last ride. I cannot say whether or not she will be waiting for me at the Rainbow Bridge, but I do know she is not suffering. For all of us who have loved a four-legged friend, we can say we have been blessed beyond words. That furry companion we miss so much will always be scratching at the door to our heart.
Thank you for donating!

“I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.” — Etienne de Grellet

MAESSR would like to acknowledge the generous support of our donors. We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our MAESSR family. Your donations are essential to ensuring the continuation of our mission to rescue and re-home English Springer Spaniels.

Score Points for Springers

On Saturday, September 30, MAESSR will host its fifth annual Captain’s Choice golf tournament at the Kiskiack Golf Club in Williamsburg, Virginia. Registration will open at 8:30am, with a Shotgun Start at 9:30am. The entry fee, which is $75 per individual and $300 for teams, includes green fees, cart, practice balls, and cookout-style lunch. Hole sponsorship plus team is $420. There will be raffles, free range balls, and other prizes. Single golfers are welcome. For more information please contact John Keegan (757-869-3049), Beryl Keegan (757-869-3219), or Rick Larner (757-645-7369). Online registration is available at www.maessr.org/specialevents.aspx.

New Volunteers

LINDA JOHNSTON

Our MAESSR volunteers come from locations that we service all along the Mid-Atlantic Region, including New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia, Delaware, and West Virginia. We also have volunteers in South Carolina, North Carolina, Arizona, Minnesota, Alabama, Tennessee, and New York, who, despite their remote locations, are able to assist our organization in accomplishing its mission.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Linda Johnston, at springerlove@comcast.net, or simply complete the online volunteer application on our website.

Please join us in welcoming the following new volunteers who recently joined MAESSR.


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Score Points for Springers

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**TOTAL**

All prices include shipping/postage costs. Please enclose this slip with your check made payable to MAESSR.

Mail to: MAESSR, P.O. Box 15354, Richmond, VA 23227