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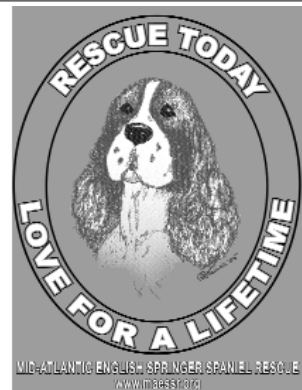
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# Springer Tails

## Mid-Atlantic English Springer Spaniel Rescue

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Monica LaPolt

For year 2005, I have been providing some of the behind the scenes information and outlining who keeps MAESSR functioning so smoothly and effectively. In the Winter 2005 issue, I covered the Board of Directors. Last issue (Spring), I started highlighting just a few of the people who give their time, energy and love to MAESSR and the dogs. Below is Part 2 of the people behind MAESSR:

#### Foster Dog Coordinator - Debbie Lipcsey -

Debbie is responsible for overseeing our dogs from their entry into MAESSR until they depart to their forever homes. Debbie works with the Shelter Liaisons and Owner Relinquishment Coordinator to identify dogs coming into MAESSR. She then identifies foster homes for them. A daunting task - but MAESSR has never turned away a dog for lack of a foster home. Debbie then works with foster homes to ensure that our dogs are well cared for, trained and placeable. She is their first new friend.

Foster Homes are truly the down in the trenches volunteers. It is into their homes that Springers in all conditions come. They treat their health needs, address training issues, and most importantly love them. Then, selflessly, they let their beloved foster dogs go on to their forever homes. Debbie Lipcsey and Jane Davis, our Foster Home Mentor Coordinator, endeavor to ease things for new and veteran foster homes. They both offer advice, insight and support.

#### Owner Relinquishment Coordinator - Angie Epling

- Angie and her team work with families who for any number of reasons want to surrender their dogs to MAESSR. Angie trains her volunteers, tracks incoming dogs, asks the tough questions after she received "OR" dog write-ups and finally, passes the information to Debbie Lipcsey to arrange the dog's entry into the MAESSR Foster program.

Shelter Liaisons work with Debbie Lipcsey and shelters in their areas to pull abandoned and stray Springers. Theirs can be a very difficult task. Not all shelters are rescue friendly. Others can only hold dogs for a short period of time. Often they can spend hours over a period of a few days to pull a dog and get them to safety.

#### Senior Dog Coordinator - Joan Cromwell -

Joan works tirelessly to find homes for the hardest of dogs to place, our seniors. Through her posts to our email lists and his regular column, Joan and her Springer, Norman, sing the praises of our beloved seniors.

#### Transport Coordinators - Joe Harkins and Warren Reeves -

Joe and Warren open and close the deal so to speak. They arrange transports to bring Springers to their foster homes. Then on the other side, they arrange the transports that bring those same dogs to their forever homes. Often they are juggling multiple transports to differing states and differing homes. Time and again, they coordinate smooth transports.

**Website Coordinator - Kelly Gribble** - She started out doing updates and now oversees all aspects of our web presence. Aply assisted by several volunteers, Kelly keeps our website up to date, ensures a presence on Petfinder.com, and thanks to JoAnne Mottola who is developing a new look for the site (previews coming soon!)

**Volunteer Coordinator - Linda Foster** - One of MAESSR's founders, Linda works with several assistants to recruit, screen and train MAESSR volunteers. A low key, behind the scenes job, it is of utmost importance. Every aspect of MAESSR is dependent upon the trustworthiness of our volunteers.

**Communications Volunteers** - These folks are the frontline of MAESSR. They answer our telephone line and emails. Due to the volunteers' thoroughness and politeness, people's first impression of MAESSR is always a good one!

**Adoptions Coordinator** - That's me. I have always said it is the greatest job in MAESSR. I get to match adoptive homes with their new Springers. It's a little bit science, a little bit gut instinct. Nothing is better than an enthusiastic response from a newly matched adoptive home or the email that follows after their new Springer comes to their home. I would not be able to do this job if all of the people listed above were not so ably doing theirs.

To our volunteers: On behalf of all of MAESSR's Springers and adoptive homes, as well as the many, many other people whose lives we have touched, Thank you, Thank you very much.

## SPRINGER ANTICS

Compiled by Teri Wiley

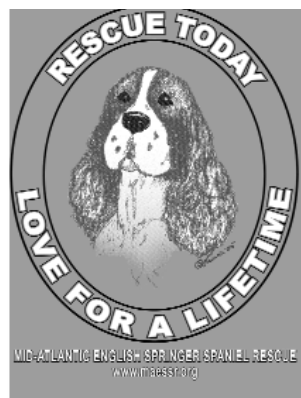
Tre is quite the guy...I think because he was raised with two Pomeranians all the same age as he, it has added a dimension of humor... it certainly is true that some dogs have a heightened sense of humor like the rest of us. Combine that with an obsessive tracking gene...watch out...

We recently installed a home theatre system. The system if you don't have one, sends out different sounds from different speakers. He will find the noise he is attracted to and sit in front of the speaker that emits that sound and watch it ...as though there were a bird, a bell, a dog, etc hiding in the speaker.

He also swims all day long in the pool. He knows his house (cage with a door that never ever closes) is the place for wet dogs. If he is missing (we all know Springers are always at our feet) we know he has gone into his house to dry off. He will wait in there until he is dry. No training on that other than a few times early on when he was dripping and we put him in there!!

He also loves to do tricks... he will down, roll over on his back and then flip around and sit stay. These were all tricks we taught him separately that he has now decided can be done in one fell swoop ...and when he does this, people laugh hysterically so he quickly decided this was a much more effective and faster way to complete the drill and get something he likes...most often Juicy Fruit candies...yes he loves them.

Thanks to Maggie Rotunda for sharing Tre's adventures Springer Tales!



Thanks to Laurin Howard for another great design for the 2005 t-shirt. Order your shirt now either with the form on the back page or via the website.

## CGC CHALLENGE CONTINUED!

As noted in the last newsletter, MAESSR is offering Canine Good Citizen (CGC) tests at all three picnics this summer. The American Kennel Club's CGC Program teaches responsible dog ownership to owners; and certifies dogs that have the training and behaviors needed to be reliable, well-behaved members of their families and communities.

The challenge is definitely on! The Walkersville, Maryland picnic produced seven new Canine Good Citizens, exceeding MAESSR's goal of five new CGCs per picnic. The Marylanders have set the bar very high for the Pennsylvania and Virginia picnics! The CGC tests at the Maryland picnic were conducted by MAESSR volunteers Kim Bolster and Debbie Lipscey, who have been certified by the AKC as testers. Kim and Debbie reported that there was quite a large group of spectators watching the testing, and they hope that some of those spectators and their dogs will take the test at the Pennsylvania or Virginia picnic.

As a reminder, the CGC evaluation is a 10-step test consisting of items designed to demonstrate that the dog is well under control, and that dog and handler have an under-

standing of some basic obedience commands. The test is performed with the dog on leash. Although food and toys are not permitted as rewards during the actual test, handlers can use verbal commands, hand signals, and especially praise to encourage their dogs during each of the 10 exercises. To read more about the 10 test elements, go to the AKC website ([www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)), and search on CGC

If you're planning on attending the Langhorne, Pennsylvania picnic on July 30, or the Goochland, Virginia picnic on September 17, start practicing now so that you'll be ready for the test. The AKC has designated September 17 as Responsible Dog Ownership Day, and what better way to commemorate the day than by training for, and passing the CGC test. Help MAESSR reach its goal of five new CGCs per picnic!

And now, drum roll please! The seven new CGCs from the Maryland picnic are:

Patti Dooley and Skylar

Cindy Reitz and Sage

Jackson Tate and Bailey

Lisa Roth and Que

Renee Weidman and Lucien

Renee Weidman and Asher

Sue Lehman and Sadie



From the left: Jackson Tate and Bailey, Sue Lehman and Sadie, Renee Weidman and Lucien, Todd Weidman and Asher, Cindy Reitz and Sage, and Lisa Roth and Que. Missing from the photo is Patti Dooley and Skylar.

## SPRINGER HEALTH

By Dr. Carol Petty, DVM

Everybody who owns dogs for any length of time knows that eventually a situation will arise where the dog needs veterinary care beyond routine check ups. However, there can also be times where you might need to differentiate between needing immediate care versus being OK to wait a few hours or until the next morning. Being a veterinarian working exclusively in emergency care, I see the full gamut from "should have been here days ago" to the "just happened severe trauma" to the "why are these people worrying about this at 2:00 am??" The following information may help you decide what is best for your dog in the unfortunate event that he or she becomes ill or has an accident.

The first section here will deal with problems that are probably safe to wait until the next day to be seen. The advantage to waiting is that you will be able to see your own veterinarian who is more familiar with you and your pets. The disadvantage is that if the condition is more serious than it initially seemed, your pet may become more seriously ill and have an adverse effect on the outcome of treatment. Always trust your best judgment and if you feel your pet is sick enough to require urgent care, don't hesitate to go, no matter what time it is.

If your pet misses a meal, but does not seem sick in any other way, it's OK to wait and see how the dog is in the morning. Check to be sure the dog hasn't found an alternate food source.

If your pet has vomited or had diarrhea 1-2 times, but the vomitus or stool does not contain blood or foreign material (cloth, chewed up toys, rocks) it is OK to wait. Make sure the dog is not painful, and that any vomiting or diarrhea efforts are not continuous.

If your dog becomes lame, but can still bear weight at least partially on the leg, doesn't show overt signs of pain & can get comfortable when resting or if the lameness is intermittent it can wait until morning. If your dog can't bear weight on the leg or is painful, he or she should be seen the same day.

If your dog starts drinking excessive amounts of water and/or has excessive amounts of urine output or accidents in the house they definitely need to be checked. It can wait until morning unless you notice any blood in the urine, straining to urinate, or pain associated with urination.

If your dog is itching a lot, but not damaging his or her skin (no blood or hair loss) and the itching is not continuous it can wait until morning- unless the sound of the dog itching keeps you awake all night, in which case you might as well go now.

This next section deals with more of a

gray area. These are all serious problems that need to be seen as soon as possible, but can wait a few hours for an appointment or for you to get to the veterinarian of your choice. These all definitely need to be seen on the same day.

Vomiting and/or diarrhea with a few streaks of blood as opposed to pools or clots of blood would indicate need for same day care. Once again make sure the animal is not in pain and check the vomitus and stool for foreign material.

If the dog is itching to the point of self-mutilation, it should be seen quickly to prevent making things worse.

If the dog has some difficulty breathing but is calm it should be seen as soon as possible that day. The dog should be able to breathe well enough to eat and drink and rest. They may or may not be coughing.

If you even think your dog swallowed a foreign object, get it checked out within a few hours. Foreign bodies are much easier to deal with right away than a few days later.

Mild burns- such as from a heat source or chemicals should be seen as soon as possible. More extensive burns should go immediately.

If you live where frostbite is a possibility, or hypothermia- it's best to get the dog examined after an excessive exposure to cold than to "wait and see" if they'll be OK.

Any sort of injury that is not a true emergency, but that will worsen with time should be taken care of the same day. Examples are small wounds, torn nails & welts (hives).

Now this last part will cover the true emergencies. In the event that anything like this happens to your dog, have a plan so you will know what to do. Know your veterinarian's hours and after hours coverage. Know where the local emergency clinic(s) are if your vet is not available. Call ahead to find out if there's any first aid to be done while you are en route. Have a plan in place financially so that the monetary aspect of an emergency doesn't add to your distress level (many people "into dogs" keep a credit card sole for use in dog medical emergencies). Overall, stay calm- you can't help your dog if you aren't in control of yourself.

Any injury that results in continuous pain, eye protruding from socket, bone protruding from leg with or without blood requires urgent care.

Any penetrating wound to the chest or abdomen is a potentially life-threatening situation even if it doesn't look that bad on the outside. Go right away.

Any exposure to poison or ingestion of medication not intended for the pet. Bring the container if possible- if not bring the commercial name or the ingredients. Don't wait for your dog to "act like it's poisoned" - in some cases it

may be too late to save them if symptoms are present.

Any attempt to urinate or defecate unsuccessfully, with the dog continuously trying indicates an immediate trip to the veterinarian is needed.

Pain without obvious cause is another reason to go immediately if the pain is continuous and without relief.

If the dog is bleeding (from anywhere) and doesn't seem able to stop- apply pressure and get to the vet's.

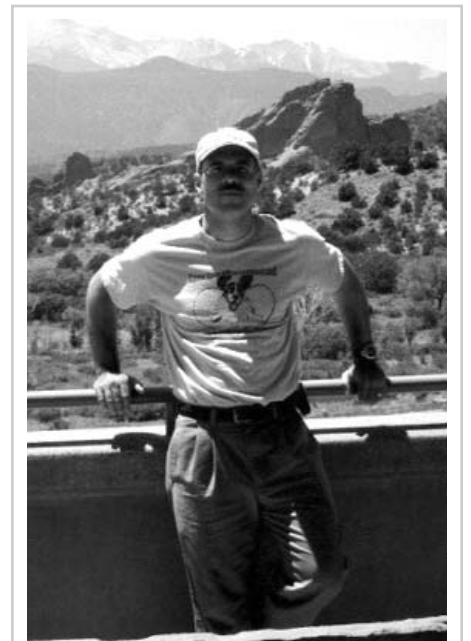
If your dog is delivering puppies and keeps trying without success or stops trying for several hours when you know more are present- go right away.

Inability to breath with raspy respirations, blue color to tongue, gasping- obviously needs immediate help.

Vomiting or diarrhea or urination with a significant amount of blood (not just streaks) warrants immediate attention.

Any loss of mental continuity such as tremors, staggering, convulsions, unconscious, loss of balance, head tilt, and temperament changes all would fall into the immediate help category.

Hopefully, for everyone reading this, your dogs will never need help for anything in the "immediately" category. But in case of emergency, hopefully this will give you some clarity as to how quickly you should act.



WHERE IN THE WORLD IS MAESSR?

AL WALGREEN, AT THE GARDEN OF THE GODS IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO. IN THE FAR BACKGROUND PIKE'S PEAK.

## DO YOU REMEMBER...MOE II?

By Mary Beach

Then....Pittsburgh, PA...  
September 2004

A skinny, bedraggled liver and white Springer is turned in to the shelter by the adult children of his elderly owner. His name is Moe, and he has severe ear, eye, and skin infections. He appears to be six or more years old. He is a love bug, but obviously his former owner was unable to give him any kind of care. He is taken in by MAESSR and transported to his foster parents, the Wrights, in Medford, New Jersey. It is immediately discovered that he has a terrible infection from his neutering surgery at the shelter in addition to eye and ear infections, missing hair, and bacterial and fungal infections all over his body. He is suffering from kennel cough as well. It was a lucky day when he found MAESSR and met the Wrights! Moe patiently endures frequent eye and ear cleanings and medications. He's stoic as his sores are scrubbed with disinfectant three times a day. As his kennel cough responds to medication, he feels better and his sweet personality begins to emerge. He is trusting and loving and becomes a happy and playful guy. He's a celebrity at the vet's office!

After a while it is time for Moe to find a perfect forever home. One day a nice man and lady from Virginia visit with the Wrights and get to know Moe. Then they take him to a relative's house where he meets Maggie, a Springer rescued by the Virginia family about six months earlier. Maggie is prissy and aloof but appears to be a good match for Moe. Soon he is on his way to his wonderful forever home in Virginia!

Now....Leesburg, VA...  
July 2005

At last Moe is enjoying the good life he deserves! His forever parents, Jim and Cathy Stevenson, lavish him with love and attention. They provide him with the special medical care he needs to overcome his health challenges. He is now a robust 69 pounds,

a good weight this tall handsome boy. He is recovering from surgery to remove excess skin from his eyes, which contributes to the chronic infections. In about a year he'll have more surgery to remove fatty pads on his joints caused by a rare condition. He is seeing a dermatologist and enjoying freedom from sores and infections at last!

In addition to his mom and dad and Springer sister, Moe's family consists of four Guinea pigs and five foster Guinea pigs from the rescue organization. Moe is very curious about his Guinea pig siblings and actually sniffs and touches noses with them! He finds that they, like sister Maggie, are not interested in play of any sort! Moe



Moe

loves running and playing in his fenced yard. He is an expert ball retriever and is hardly ever without his beloved green tennis ball in his mouth.

At last Moe is relaxing! Life is good! He is finally overcoming his separation anxiety and is fortunate that he is not left alone for long periods of time. He follows Dad around everywhere and wants to be able to see him. He is indeed a "velcro Springer"!

Moe's story is a fine example of the reason MAESSR volunteers feel their time and efforts are well spent!



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## THANK YOU

In Honor of:

Barbara Campbell - Bitsey and Buffy  
Christine Shearer - Moxy Della's adoption  
Cindy and Tom Miele - Freedom and Marcy  
Dave Sewter - Buster's arrival  
Jaime and Steve Angelini - volunteer  
Vicki Phillips  
Harold and Dolores Ashline - Daughter and Son-in-law's wedding anniversary  
Donald Stumpf - volunteer Barb Bennett  
Sara and Todd Mikilop - Bandit (Class of 2004)  
Ruth Charbonneau - MAESSR Volunteers

In Memory of:

Sam and Paula Knutson - Annie Knutson, CD  
Jennifer Hattersley - Barney Barr  
Marion Fleming - John G Fleming,  
Freckles and Maggie

Gifts:

Liz Watson - Hannah IV expenses  
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Lorolie Prince - Happy Birthday Dan!  
Gina Hardin - Buddy  
Cynthia Mattingly - Buddy

Donations for the Maine Springers

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Barbara Prince	Wendy Melvin
Sean Tracy	Christine DePhillipo
Sherry Rohn Clancy	Beth Watson
Brian Murray	Toby Mattingly
Karen Ellery	

Counter surfing!

Just one of the "misbehaviors" on the MAESSR raffle quilt "Springer Mischief". You can buy tickets with the form on the back page or through the website. Look for the quilt note cards!

## SENIOR MOMENTS

by Norman Cromwell

Summer is here and I am delighted for so many reasons. The days are longer and so are our evening walks. We walk all over the neighborhood to give everyone a chance to see what a handsome guy I am. Lots of people come outside to talk to us and they always give me a little bit of loving. I am really not that choosy about who I let scratch me behind the ears. Why should I be? And sometimes, neighbors will give me treats. Who wouldn't like that?

I also like summer because I find I can usually convince some dinners guests with my sad eyes that I am being starved to death by my mom and if they don't give me a piece of steak, hot-dog, chicken or whatever else comes off the grill that I will surely perish. I hate to make them believe



Norman

bad things about my mom but a guy has to do what he has to do, you know?

Last year my mom bought us a pool. I love to jump and play in the pool and try to drink it dry. But no matter how much I drink, I never can seem to empty the pool. Sometimes the little boy next door will get in the pool with us. I think he has a good time, too.

And my most favorite thing about summer is thunderstorms. Actually, I don't like the storms but I do like how my mom will snuggle up with me and protect me from those big loud noises and all that flashing light.

So, to all you Springer's out there, I hope you enjoy your summer. Stay cool, stay hydrated and stay nearest the guests who don't look like they can finish all the food on their plate!

## ESSentials

By Teri Wiley

I would like to introduce Jim Perry, or more recently known to MAESSR as "REDLEG-64", our Springer Spaniel stained glass expert. Jim now resides in Port Byron, Illinois but has traveled to places as far away as Munich, Germany in 1958 and Viet Nam in the '60's. I met Jim in 1964 in El Paso, Texas. His family lived across the street and we have been friends for over 40 years. I asked Jim to tell us why REDLEG-64?

"People always wonder what the significance is of Redleg-64, well this is a handle that I use. I was a field artillery officer in the army and the infantry guys referred to us as redlegs. The infantry officers were know as "legs" or "sticks" back during the Vietnam War. The "64" stands for a very significant year of my life. The red for Artillery comes from the civil war. Field artillery officers wore a red sash around their mid section.

Reason: If they were hit and bleeding, their soldiers could not tell and hopefully would not break ranks."

When I found out he was doing stained glass, I was very surprised... he wasn't the artsy type in high school. So imagine my surprise when I saw what wonderful pieces he was creating. He told me he first saw stained glass in Germany as a boy, and always thought he might want to try it some day. When he retired from the military, he gave it a shot and aren't we glad he did! He started his first piece about 5 or 6 yrs ago, and the rest, as they say, is history. His first piece was a Christian Cross. It was made from plain window glass and was anything but professional.

He is self taught, never attended any classes, and so through trial and error



## CALENDAR

July 30 -  
Langhorne, PA -  
Picnic at Core Creek Park

Contact: Kim Bolster, ess4x18@cs.com

September 17 -  
Goochland, VA - Picnic

Contact: Kim Bolster, ess4x18@cs.com

September 25 -  
New Jersey Shore - Yard Sale

Contact: Vicki Phillips, MHAAC@aol.com

October 2 -  
Fredericksburg, VA - Dog Festival

Contact: Kim Bolster, ess4x18@cs.com

October 22 -  
Sewell, New Jersey -  
Paws in the Park

Contact: Vicki Phillips, MHAAC@aol.com

November 17 -  
Howlidays Party,  
site to be determined

and a zeal for perfection, he has gotten "pretty good" at his craft, as he puts it.

He sent me his "Patriotic Heart" last year and I thought, "hmmm, a Springer would look really good right in the middle, I wonder if Jim can do it." So, the gauntlet was thrown and Jim responded with the beautiful work you see displayed on our website, www.maessr.org AND on his website, http://www.bookncrafts.com

If you haven't seen the Springer heart yet, you definitely need to. Jim has offered to create one just for YOU! Liver and white, or black and white on any color back ground. Order them at the picnics and watch the website, just tell him what you like. Kim has all the details

on how to order one, so be sure to do it today!

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## PICNICS 2005!!!!

BOTH PICNICS ARE OPEN TO ALL FRIENDS OF MAESSR - ADOPTIVE FAMILIES, VOLUNTEERS, SUPPORTERS

**JULY 30, 2005 – CORE CREEK PARK LANGHORNE, PENNSYLVANIA**

MICROCHIP CLINIC, CANINE GOOD CITIZEN TESTING, GAMES, RAFFLES, BOXED LUNCH, GROOMING CLINIC.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 21, 2005**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2005 - GOOCHLAND, VA**

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### MAESSR PICNIC RSVP

\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING JULY 30, 2005 LANGHORNE, PA PICNIC

\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING SEPTEMBER 17, 2005 GOOCHLAND, VA PICNIC

I WILL BRING MY DOG - NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

I WILL BE GLAD TO HELP AT THE PICNIC (SET-UP, REGISTRATION TABLE, RAFFLE TABLES, FUNDRAISING, CLEAN-UP, DOG GAMES, BRING A RAFFLE ITEM) PLEASE CIRCLE AREAS WHERE YOU COULD HELP.

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MAIL TO: MAESSR, PO Box 15354, RICHMOND, VA 23227

## LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW TO DO?

MAESSR is always looking for new members to join our growing family of volunteers. Now that summer is here, it's a great time to renew your interest in volunteering. In addition to helping us fulfill our mission of helping Springers in need, volunteering is also a great way to meet other Springer lovers, along with many wonderful dogs.

We continue to need volunteers for a variety of functions including fostering, helping with transports, interviewing applicants, conducting home checks, assisting with fundraising and outreach, and supporting other vital roles. If you're interested in learning more, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Linda Foster, at [RescueESS@yahoo.com](mailto:RescueESS@yahoo.com) or simply complete the volunteer application on our website.

Please join us in welcoming the following the following new volunteers:

- ♦ Nancy Baldwin, Pittsburgh, PA
- ♦ Alicia Getty, Perkasie, PA
- ♦ Sam & Paula Knutson, North Potomac, MD
- ♦ Susan Lesko, Catasauqua, PA
- ♦ Patty O'Donnell, Havertown, PA
- ♦ Sarah Palmer, Reston, VA
- ♦ Ann Marie Petrick, McLean, VA
- ♦ Cindy Reitz, Carlisle, PA

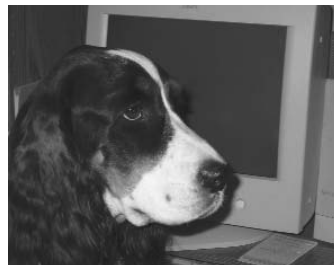
## SEEN ON THE INTERNET

### Reasons Dogs Do Not Use Computers...

- ▶ Fetch command not available on all platforms.
- ▶ Hard to read the monitor with your head cocked to one side.
- ▶ Too difficult to "mark" every website they visit.
- ▶ Can't help attacking the screen when they hear "You've Got Mail."
- ▶ Three words: Carpal Paw Syndrome.
- ▶ Barking in next cube keeps activating voice recognition software.
- ▶ Saliva-coated mouse gets mighty difficult to maneuver.

....and the Number 1 Reason Dogs Do Not Use Computers...

- ▶ TrO{gO DA[M,bN HfAqR4Dc TgrOo TgYPm€ eIjTyH



## THE TRAINING CORNER

### Letter from Camp

By Isabelle Chewning

Shadow and I have just gotten back from a wonderful few days at Camp Jackpot in Leesburg, VA. The camp is run by Donna and Bernie Thompson, good friends of MAESSR. Here's Shadow's letter to his dad, who, unfortunately, was unable to attend.

Dear Dad,

I wish you were here...we are having so much fun. I've been able to go tracking with Bernie every day, and he has put in some very tricky tracks for me, but I am using my good nose and finding all the gloves he lost out in the field. We saw one of Mom's MAESSR friends, Beth Anderson, teaching tracking, and she had her MAESSR boy Sam with her. I wish I could track all day, but Mom wants to do other things. She says I need to broaden my horizons, but I think she just wants to be in the air-conditioned building where she can talk with her friends and eat all the good people food.

Besides tracking, my next favorite activity is flyball. Every time I go to flyball class, my new friend, LuLu Mallonee and her mom Mary Ellen are there. LuLu is so fast! I hope she starts a MAESSR flyball team and lets me be on it. Flyball is a relay race for dogs and you get to carry a tennis ball and run over jumps and it's really fast and fun!

Another of my new friends is named Bailey Tate. He's a cocker spaniel, but he's really nice, and he just got his CGC at the Maryland MAESSR picnic. He's almost a Springer, though, because he's been the foster brother to many, many MAESSR dogs. He brought his whole human family: Murray, Jean-Marie, and Jackson. Jackson isn't very old, and has lost his front teeth, but I think that someday he and Bailey will be winning obedience and agility competitions.

Dasher is here with his mom, Katherine Long. Dasher and Katherine won the raffle for the Camp Jackpot scholarship that Bernie and Donna donated. It's really cool that he got to come because he used to live with the Tates when he was a MAESSR foster, and they all got to see each other again. I think his mom really likes having him; she calls him all sorts of goofy names and gives him lots of treats, and he is having a good time playing on the agility equipment.

Mom made me take a canine acting class, but I don't think I'm going to get any

lead roles in movies. A famous border collie named Gracie helped to teach the class. She showed us many, many tricks, and we got to watch some of her commercials, except that in the commercials, she pretended to be a boy, and her name was Ralph.

Guess who else is here - Debbie Lipscey and Salli!! Bill is off fishing while Debbie and Salli are at camp. Salli brought her crate, but she is so good at her stays that she hardly uses it at all. (I like my crate for naps, because I am pretty tired.) Salli and Debbie are doing a lot of rally obedience. It's like regular obedience, except that it's more fun. You walk from station to station, and do whatever the sign tells you to do, so we dogs need a person who can read to help us.

And my last new MAESSR friends are Ginger and Cricket and their mom, Vicki Phillips. Vicki is very tired because she has two dogs, but Ginger and Cricket are not tired because they get to take more naps than the rest of us. While Cricket does tracking, Ginger naps, and while Ginger does agility, Cricket naps. We took Sub-Novice Obedience together because we thought it would be the easiest Obedience class, but we found out that Beginning Obedience is easier and we liked it better.

I hope we get to come back next year. If we do, please remind Mom to bring some treats besides low-fat pepperoni. I love pepperoni, but I've had so much of it over the past few days that I'm a little tired of the same old thing, and would prefer some variety. I miss you.

Love and wet Springer kisses,  
Shadow

## WE LOVE OUR CALENDAR DOGS!



George, just one of the special dogs featured on the 2006 MAESSR calendar. Look for the calendar in August!

## WALKERSVILLE PICNIC RECAP



Polly Littleton and Sandi Long enjoying a rare break at the registration area at the Walkersville picnic.



Walkersville picnic attendees enjoying the company while waiting for the dog games to begin.