

**SHEPHERDS HOPE**  
**GERMAN SHEPHERD**  
**RESCUE**



HOLIDAY ISSUE 2011

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## Happy Holidays from Shepherds Hope Rescue

Dear Friends,

As another year draws to a close, we wanted to update you in "a year in the life of Shepherds Hope Rescue". This has been an extremely difficult year for so many, and especially for the animals. Once again, the economy has taken a serious toll on the rescue community. Loss of jobs, homes, reduced income, divorce and the list goes on are forcing people to give us their pets at record highs. In all our years of doing rescue, we have never seen the situation so dire. Many rescues have been forced to close their doors, and those still in operation are struggling with the relentless influx of dogs. We have been on the brink of closing many times, but then the phone rings and there is another person sobbing on the phone that needs help with their dogs. We just cannot turn them away. Add to this, the shelters we pull from can have from 2 to 5 German Shepherds a week. The pressure has been enormous and our boarding bills are in the thousands every month, which must be paid every month whether or

not we have adoptions or donations.

Our hearts break for these animals that have nowhere to go and we do the very best we can to help them.

Although we feel that we barely make a dent, we just put together our third video for our adopted dogs and we can't believe how many we have saved. Last year alone we saved and helped place about 100 dogs in home, or networked with other rescue groups to save dogs' lives. Being a small group that relies solely on donations, this is something we can be very proud and happy about.

We invite you to read our newsletter and enjoy some of the many stories we have to tell this year. We want to thank the many adopters who have kept in touch with us by sending pictures, e-mails and stories. You help us remember why we work so hard and make us smile and laugh. Thank you to our generous donors who help us keep our doors open. Without you, there would be no Shepherds Hope.

We ask everyone if you can make a donation, no matter how small, you can make the difference for one of our dogs. We are working on a new website that will give people better access to the dogs that we have for adoption. And it is a dream, that some day in the future,

we will have a small facility where we will be able to rescue, train and rehabilitate more dogs. Our boarding costs make up the biggest part of our budget and, if we had a facility, we would be able to help our dogs in a more meaningful way so that they will get adopted quicker and not spend so much of their life in boarding. The love and guidance of a family is all any dog wants and needs and is our main goal. For us, it's all about the dogs.

We want to wish you all a very wonderful, blessed and happy holiday season. May your joys be many, your heartbreaks few, and may all that life has to offer come to you.

God bless you all.

Donna J., Jeannie, Katya and the Shepherds Hope Pack.





## Baron and Reaper

Reaper came from the city shelter. His owners surrendered him saying he was "too hyper". I wonder what they were thinking when they got a Belgian Malinois?!

Heresay has it that he was a puppy kept back from a litter and he basically lived in a yard with no human contact, only food and water. Once we got to know him, we saw he had a tremendous curiosity and toy/play drive. Our wonderful friends at the Philadelphia K-9 unit came to evaluate him and snatched him up immediately for their next class.

Baron came to Shepherds Hope through a wonderful organization in NYC that helps keep pets out of the shelters. His owner was critically ill and his family wanted to make sure Baron went to a safe place. They reached out to us and we took him

into our care. Our K-9 friends saw Baron and really took a liking to him too, and they decided to take him for their program. I know his dad would be very proud.

Baron, Reaper and two other dogs from another fine German Shepherd rescue are lovingly known as the Pound Puppy Posse. They have earned the respect of the entire unit. We are so grateful to the Philadelphia K-9 unit for their faith in these amazing dogs.

This is a great example of all the wonderful dogs who are sitting in shelters, not knowing why there are there and crying for their owners. We are honored and privileged to have found homes for so many and also to have put a few heroes on the streets.



## Juno Bug



This is our favorite time of year because we get updates from many of our adopters and some really wonderful pictures. We've just put the finishing touches on our 2011 videos which will be out on Facebook and You Tube. This e-mail is one we recently received, and it brought us both smiles and tears. We wanted to share it with you:

Dear Jeannie:

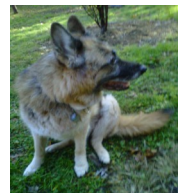
Wanted to give thanks to you for bringing Shelby Bleu and Juno (now lovingly referred to as Juno Bug, had to give her a middle name) into my life.

Looking back, my plan to take a year off of canine responsibility might have been a good plan for some, but not for me. As soon as Shelby came to me I stopped bursting into tears while I walked others' dogs.

And speaking of Shelby, we had our second lesson with Phyllis of Follow My Lead. Shelby bit my butt. She wanted to get my attention and mouthed my hand. I crossed my arms in front of me and turned my back on her. She, who must not be ignored, bit my butt! And apparently a recall is not as important to her as it is to me. I told Phyllis my goal was to eventually get Shelby her CGC. Pray for us.

Thanks again for bringing giggles and laughs back. I'm happily stepping over dogs again. I must say that walking through your apartment unhindered by a dog is highly overrated.

Have a Wonderful Holiday. Nancy, Shelby Bleu and Juno Bug



# Goodbye Sable and Max

It is with deepest sorrow that I share with you the passing of Sable and Max. They were the corner stone of my pack, and for over ten years I had the blessing of their companionship. They helped me foster and train many of the dogs that came through our program.

Sable was the mother to dogs that needed guidance. She taught the upstarts manners, how to be part of a pack, and to learn their place. Max had the most patience of any dog I have ever seen. He taught the foster dogs how to bring their "babies" to visiting guests. If you adopted one of my foster



dogs, you know exactly what I mean. Max taught them how to play good pack ball, fetch, and his patience with the puppies



and their sharp teeth was matched by none. He was a huge dog, 130 lbs. of muscle. He was like a doggie "jungle gym" that they would climb and jump on. But he never lost patience with them.

With their passing, a piece of my heart and soul left with them. A different journey begins with my new pack who are learning to fill the void left by my noble and gentle pack leaders. May you rest in peace my beloved children. Until I meet with you again....

Donna J.

## Did You Know.....

- Our 2011 Shepherds Hope videos are now available on...

**Facebook:** ShepherdsHopeRescue and

**Youtube:** Shepherds Hope German Shepherd Rescue

- We have a partnership with US Bones that have excellent bones/chews for dogs at very good prices. For each purchase you make through them and indicate **Shepherds Hope Rescue**, we would be able to partake in their rewards program.

Here is the link: <http://www.usbones.com>

## Chloe's Incredible Journey

I saw Chloe's picture posted on Facebook on the 'Urgent' page. She looked so terrified and forlorn my heart went in my throat. Although she was not a German Shepherd, something about her really got me. I posted her on my page, hoping someone would see her.....

After midnight, my friend Christine called and woke me up, saying her dear friend in Florida wanted to adopt her. I was shocked!!! This is not our normal mode of operating, but since

Georgi was a long-time friend of a very dear family friend I felt comfortable. After speaking to her on the phone I knew this was going to be a great match. Another friend of Christine's saw the picture and offered to pick up Chloe at the shelter and keep her until we could figure out how to get her to Florida.

It took a few weeks, but a friend who transports rescue dogs from the South gave Chloe a ride to Georgia on her way back home. Chloe's dad Sean drove from southern Florida to Atlanta to pick her up. Chloe is loving life in Florida. There is a dog park right off the beach close to her house and she goes every day. She has a Mommy and Daddy who adore her, and feline siblings who probably don't!

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Chloe was on the euthanasia list. Networking on Facebook saved her life. With special thanks to Christine for sharing that picture, Anthony for springing her from the shelter and keeping her until she could catch a ride, Pepper for letting Chloe ride in the front of the truck all the way home, and especially Georgi and Sean for opening their hearts and home to this wonderful little girl.



Chloe at the Shelter



# Doggy Home-Care Medicine Chest

While your veterinarian diagnoses and prescribes for your dog's health issues, canine first aid, as well as minor problems, may benefit from human medicines. Let's face it, Fido rarely tears a claw or eats something iffy during regular clinic hours, so it's helpful to know how to use your pantry supplies and human medicine chest to help your dog. Some people prescriptions can be dangerous (especially for cats!) so it's a good idea to have a handy list.

First aid and home remedies don't replace proper veterinary care, but they can keep dogs more comfy until medical care is available. And sometimes a home remedy is all that's needed. Even if human meds work on dogs, the doses usually are lower due to the smaller size of the dog. Your vet can tell you the exact dose needed for your specific pet but here are some common human medicines that benefit dogs.

## 30 Common Human Medicines for Dogs

- A & D Ointment: antibacterial for scrapes and wounds.
- Anbesol: topical anesthetic for mouth pain
- Artificial Tears: eye lubricant
- Aveeno Oatmeal Bath: soothing rinse for itchy skin
- Benadryl: antihistamine for bug bites-also makes pets sleepy
- Betadine: antiseptic for cleansing/soaking wounds or injuries
- Bufferin or Baby Aspirin: pain relief
- Burow's solution: topical antiseptic
- Caladryl: soothing topical for pain or itching
- Cortaid: anti-itch cream
- Desitin: for skin inflammation
- Dramamine: helpful for car sickness, nausea
- Dulcolax: for constipation
- Epsom salts: for soothing soak for sore paws
- Ipecac Syrup: to make dog vomit
- Kaopectate: to control diarrhea

- Lanacane: topical anesthetic
- Massengill Disposable Douche: body odor/skunk spray
- Metamucil (unflavored): for constipation
- Mylanta Liquid: for digestive problems and/or gas
- Neosporin: to help prevent wound infection
- Pedialyte: counteracts dehydration
- Pepcid AC: to control vomiting
- Pepto-Bismol: for diarrhea, nausea, vomiting
- Phillips' Milk of Magnesia: for constipation
- Preparation H: soothes sore bottom
- Robitussin Pediatric Cough Formula: cough suppressant
- Solarcaine: topical anesthetic, helpful for sunburn
- Vicks VapoRub: for congestion
- Witch hazel: topical antiseptic

## 23 Helpful Household Items

In the best of all possible worlds, emergencies never happen or if they do, dog owners have a professional medical kit handy. These should be stocked with sterile gauze pads in different sizes, elastic Ace bandages, needle-less syringes and eyedroppers for medication and even stretchers. You can buy commercial kits from pet supply stores and catalogues or put together your own, and it's very helpful to have a handy pet first aid how-to guide handy.

But all too often pet owners don't think about being prepared until after the first emergency. If you find yourself faced with a doggy health crises you may be surprised how many everyday items around the house or in your pantry can be helpful.

- Blanket/cookie sheet/ironing board: stretcher
- Bubble Wrap: stabilize leg fracture/injury
- Canned Pumpkin: for constipation or diarrhea
- Condoms: to cover injured/bleeding paw
- Dawn Dishwashing Soap: decontaminate

- Heat pad: for arthritis/aches
- Hose/sink spray: flushing wounds
- Hydrogen peroxide (3%): given orally to prompt vomiting
- Ice bag/frozen peas: topical pain control
- Karo syrup/honey: for shock
- KY Jelly: lubricant such as for eye out of socket
- Olive oil: to suffocate/kill ear mites
- Pliers: remove porcupine quills/foreign object in mouth
- Pantyhose/necktie: muzzle
- Mustache trimmer: clip fur around wounds
- Needle/Safety pin: acupuncture CPR
- Teabags, soaked and cooled: to treat hot spots
- Turkey baster: flush wounds, give liquid medicine
- Rectal thermometer
- Saran Wrap: seals wounds, holds bandage together without sticking to fur
- Sterile Saline Solution: flush wounds, eye injuries
- Squirt gun, squeeze bottle: give liquid medicine/flush wounds
- Yogurt: settle digestion, control gas

This information is from "The First Aid Companion for Dogs & Cats" by Amy D. Shojai, a certified animal behavior consultant and the award-winning author of 23 pet care books. The Companion Guide is over 400 pages of home first aid and supplies and sells for \$21.95.



A few times a year we have stories to tell that really are about the journey and the love of a family to help save a dog. Danny's story started like so many of the calls we get. It came from Liz, a wonderful shelter employee that couldn't let this dog die. He had come in as a stray and had a horrible wound on his front leg. He was sweet and afraid, could we help. If rescue didn't come, then he would be put down and he was worth saving. So I arrived at the shelter and was walked to the back of the kennels. What I saw was something I was not prepared for. There was a heavy iron door that was so heavy it almost took two people to open. I was immediately hit with the smell of urine and dampness. It was so hot I almost couldn't breathe and it was so dark, I could hardly see. This was the place they kept dogs that were going to die. There were three kennels and the one to the left was where Danny was kept. I approached the kennel and way in the back in a ball, with his body shaking was Danny. It took some time to make my way to the back of the kennel and what I saw was just horrifying. His front leg had a wound that was part blood and part ooze.

Liz tried as best she could to put a bandage on the wound. It was filthy and Danny had tried to take it off. I said his name softly and he looked at me. Even though he was scared he had these most beautiful brown eyes and, at that moment, I knew we had to save him.

This was not going to be easy to find a home or foster home to take Danny. There was a lot of work ahead. It was clear that he had a very bad physical wound on his leg, but you could tell that he had been pretty badly abused and not very trusting. We begged the shelter to get him to the vet for medical treatment and we made a commitment to take him as quickly as we could find space. We searched for weeks and found no one and the shelter was getting pushy for us to take him or they would euthanize him. I do believe at times that God does send angels. We got a call from Melanie and she wanted to adopt a dog that really needed to be rescued and she wanted Danny. We were so happy we were beside ourselves with joy. Melanie and her family came to meet Danny and they fell in love with him. They were not worried that they would not be able to help Danny make a full recovery. To say that it was an unbelievable amount of work to help heal Danny's leg is an understatement. And once the wound would start to get better Danny would lick it and re-open the wound. The bandages had to be kept on 24/7. He needed exercise to help him focus on

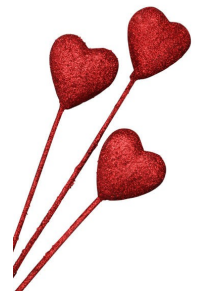
something other than his leg, but his leg was so painful he couldn't walk on it very well. But that was just about Danny's leg, his poor mind had been hurt and needed healing too. It became immediately apparent that he had been severely abused by a man. He was very afraid of any men and would cower and run into his crate when they approached. And even though Danny's new dad and 'brother' would try to be calm and gentle, Danny was still afraid of them. Months passed and little by little Danny would come close enough to sniff and then maybe take a treat. Small steps and lots of patience were the key. Every day dad would make a sandwich for himself and there Danny would be tentatively a few feet away to share the meal.

And then one day, it happened. Dad came to take Danny for a walk and rather than the fearful shake of putting on the leash, Danny allowed Dad to do it without ceremony. The trust and bonding was very gradual but today Danny is very happy to have Dad and his brother pet and hug him. He can be in a room with men and not be fearful. We got some wonderful news a month back that Danny climbed Glen Onoko Falls in the Poconos. This is an incredibly steep and difficult mountainous trail, but Danny persevered and actually helped the family. Danny's mom and dad noticed that as they were coming down the family was scattered about

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## The Power of Love

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taking their time to be safe. Danny sensing the difficulty would go to the Mom and Dad who were at the back of the pack to make sure they were OK and then to the front to make sure the leaders weren't getting them lost. Ray, Danny's dad, commented that Danny's instincts as a German shepherd were coming out and he was watching out for his pack.

Danny is truly coming into his own and has earned his keep. One day while out in the backyard, Danny started to bark constantly and was running back and forth. Danny, not being a dog that barks at nothing, alerted his sister Adrienne to come outside. What she found was that their new puppy had fallen into the pool and was in danger. Luckily, Danny was there to alert the family and the puppy was not harmed due to the fast alert of Danny.

Melanie and Ray have said many times that Danny has been a wonderful experience for them. The transformation of this very sick and scared dog into the amazingly sweet and loving boy he has become has been heart warming. He has regained his love for life and enjoys his pack and each day brings him and his family a stronger love and bond than ever before. We do believe that the animals you work the most with, nurture, and help are the ones that leave the biggest paw print on your heart.

We at Shepherds Hope cannot thank everyone enough who helped Danny. From Liz, his fairy Godmother at the shelter who would not give up on him and let him die. To his loving family for giving the gift of love. Danny represents what the holiday season is about: PEACE, JOY, LOVE and HOPE.



Danny at Glen Onoko Falls in the Poconos

## Carrot Cookies



2 cups pureed carrots  
3 eggs  
3 Tbsp molasses  
3 Tbsp olive oil  
2 cups whole wheat flour  
1/4 cup wheat germ  
1 cup of rolled oats

Combine carrots, eggs and molasses, then add in dry ingredients. On a floured surface roll out dough to about 1/3 inch thick. Cut into shapes or bars with a knife or pizza cutter. Put on a greased cookie sheet and bake in 350 degree oven for 25 minutes. If you desire a soft cookie take out of oven when a tooth pick comes out clean. Cool 5 minutes on a rack and the remove to a cooling rack. If you want a hard cookie, shut off oven and leave the cookies in oven

to harden for a few hours. Take out of oven when slightly warm and remove to a cooling rack. These can be frozen and take out when needed.



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### Variation:

**Sweet potato cookies:** Substitute cooked sweet potato for the carrots.

**Apple cookies:** Substitute apple sauce for the carrots.

This is a very flexible recipe. Just add additional whole wheat flour when rolling out the dough if it is too sticky.

**For the Vegan Dog:** you can leave out the eggs and up the olive oil to 1/4 cup. If the dough is dry add a few TBSPs of water. If the dough is too wet, add a bit more flour. You want a dough that you can roll or pat out.

Enjoy!



# Chelsea and her Puppies



Chelsea before giving birth to her puppies

*“Chelsea was so emaciated....it was a very difficult birth for her.”*

Beautiful two-year-old Chelsea was brought to the shelter along with an 18-month old un-neutered male German Shepherd. She was rejected for spay surgery due to a bad case of kennel cough. Several weeks after we got her she was getting a bit nervous and stressed. We suspected she might be pregnant. A visit to our vet confirmed this. Chelsea gave birth to 6 puppies on October 24th.

Chelsea was so emaciated and frail when she gave birth that it was a very difficult delivery for her. Sadly two puppies didn't make it.

Luckily Val, her wonderful foster mom, was able to help Chelsea and bottle feed the four surviving puppies. They are now almost two months old and doing very well. As you can see, they are getting lots of socialization and love from their foster family. We have three males and one female.

If you would like to make a donation to



help for the care and medical expenses for these pups, we would be very, very grateful for your support. They will be receiving their first round of shots in a week, and then be available for adoption a few weeks after that. Who can resist puppy breath?



# Shepherd Supporters

With our deepest gratitude to our donors for their generosity and ongoing support, without which, we could not continue our work. We are honored to call you part of the Shepherds Hope Family. In our haste to get the newsletter out in time for the holidays, we apologize profusely if we have omitted anyone who has been kind enough to make a donation.


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