

Springer Rescue News

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ESRA: Washington, Idaho, & Montana

www.springerrescue.org

We are volunteers who help Springer Spaniels in need. We are part of the national organization, English Springer Rescue America, Inc. We are dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and re-homing of Springers.



Featured Volunteer: Kerri Kuykendall

Kerri joined ESRA this June and became a foster mom to Lady. Kerri is also a member of Puget Sound English Springer Spaniel Association and Mount Rainier Sporting Spaniel Association. She competes with her Springer, Wexley, and has experience in the obedience and show worlds. Kerri has a background in showing horses since the age of four. Her love of animals extends to her work. Kerri is the Decentralized Facilities Program Coordinator for the University of Washington's Dept. of Animal Welfare. She inspects research facilities and covers a huge area. We are so glad to have Kerri on our rescue team!

About Our Springers: Statistics based on the first 40 dogs

- *Average age: 4.4 years old
- *58% are male; 42% are female
- *73% are liver; 25% black; 2% tri

- *53% come to us with ear infections, but only 10% are chronic infections. Other common problems are kennel cough (18%) and embedded foxtails (18%).

- *53% come to us from shelters
- *7% are strays found in rural areas and taken in by a Good Samaritan
- *35% are relinquished to us
- *5% are vet referrals.
- *18% find their way to us because of an ailing elderly owner.

- *13% were strays found in horrible condition; 7% were neglected; 7% known abuse.
- *84% are adopted to previous Springer owners.

Our Dogs in Foster Care:

<p>BUDDY, in Bellingham Buddy is 6 years old and bursting with love. He seriously will not stay out of your lap. He would do well with dogs, cats, and kids in the household. He is a character for sure.</p>	<p>JAXON, in Bellingham Jaxon is a loyal and calm 8-year-old, who has had a hard life but loves the attention of his foster mom. Jaxon likes female dogs only and would do best without a cat. He is well-trained and will make a great best friend.</p>
<p>MATTIE aka Princess, in Spokane Mattie is 6 years old but plays like a puppy. She is a huge fan of toys. She enjoys dogs and kids (cats unknown) and is very good other than her counter surfing expertise. Mattie loves to cuddle and get belly rubs.</p>	<p>ADOPTIONS PENDING: Lady, in Seattle Winston, in Boise and Sammy, in Seattle</p>

Please see these dogs at www.springerrescue.org

Our Wonderful Volunteers

- Seattle Area: Lori & Tim Owens, Jeremy Morgan, Terri Kuykendall, Caroline Rourke, Katie Effert, Kim Harris, Joan Shields, Cathy Poetschat
- Tacoma: Tony & Therese Ortega
- Olympia Area: Andrea Martell, James & Debbie Shannon
- Bellingham Area: Michelle O'Donnell, Cindy Smith, Brett and Kris Desper
- Spokane Area: Rhonda Jones, Debbie Carney, Terri & Steve Hansen, Suzanne Leedy, Pam Parrish, Erika Chrisman
- North Idaho: Kathy Armstrong, Russ & Chris Arndt, Kristi Williams
- South Idaho: Phil & Sharleen Smith
- Western Montana: Jo Ann and Bill Dial
- Central Montana: Dave Powers
- Canada (Calgary, Alberta): Ron & Kathleen Vidal

The members who are underlined are ones that joined or renewed in the last six months. We had 10 volunteers in February, and now have 35. That's a good thing because in 2005, we had 11 dogs in foster care. This year, we have had 46 so far. We are able to help so many dogs with such a good team!

Lori Owens set up a special chat group for us at this address:

SpringersToTheRescue@yahoo.com

Rescue Affiliations:

We work with **Oregon Springer Rescue**, through Willamette Valley English Springer Association, **Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue**, and **Puget Sound English Springer Spaniel Association**. We also work very closely with **American Brittany Rescue**, which is how we know the Hansens, the WA Coordinators, and Dave Powers, the MT Coordinator!

“You may not be able to save all the dogs in the world... but with each dog you save, you change that dog's world.”

Recognizing Businesses Who Support Us:

- North Idaho: Kootenai Animal Hospital, K-9 Cottage
- Spokane: Sheer Heaven Grooming, Bemiss Vet Clinic, VCA Animal Hospital, West Wind Kennels, PetSmart, Pooch Parlor
- Boise: Treasure Valley Veterinary Hospital
- Lynnwood: Helping Hands Veterinary Clinic
- Burlington: Skagit Valley Animal Clinic

These are businesses we work with on a consistent basis. There have been so many more generous vets and groomers who have helped this year. Thank you for helping us help them!

Petunia: Before & After!

Most of you know Petunia's story, but I will summarize by saying that she was found as a stray in Kalispell, off Hwy 93. She was tired, matted, full of foxtails, with a BB pellet wound. After a grooming and a good night of sleep she looked like a new dog. At the vet's we discovered she had a heart murmur, due to a weakened valve, and a previous hip injury. She also had cysts that had formed around embedded foxtails, and various wounds. Our area vets took great care of her. She had to be boarded because we didn't have any open foster homes, but she found a wonderful home and is doing great! Special thanks to ESRA for taking care of her medical needs; Kootenai Animal Hospital; West Wind Kennels; VCA North Division; Rhonda Jones; Lori Owens; and her new family.

Petunia is just one of many strays found in horrible condition. You can read about some of our others, now adopted, on the www.petfinder.com site. Go to our page, and then look at Happy Tails. See Penny, Heidi, Jake, and the first Sammy.

PETUNIA BEFORE



AND PETUNIA AFTER



Ways to Help Springer Rescue:

- Talk about rescue to everyone you know. Word of mouth provides great advertising.
- Walk your Springer in high-impact locations like busy parks and pet supply stores, with a colorful bandana or one that says "Springer Rescue."
- Talk to vets and boarding kennels about working with rescue.
- Network with quality breeders.
- Stop by the shelter in your area with goodies and an ESRA flyer or card.
- Order ESRA stuff from the Springer Store on the website and wear it. Be sure to look at the cafepress store option on the website as well.
- Email Debbie Carney if you are interested in making items for sale or if you'd like to get a rescue cape for your dog: Epicurean@omnicast.net.
- Email Cathy Poetschat if you'd like to get involved with outreach opportunities in western Washington: cathypoet@hotmail.com

Why Springer Rescue?

It's easier to focus on one breed. There are so many dogs that need help, that it is overwhelming. Our goal is to leave no Springer behind in our region. We know the breed, and we know what kind of homes will be the best fit.

Springers are special. We love all dogs, but the love of a Springer is something else. It doesn't take much to fall in love with any of our Springers in foster care.

It's the organization. ESRA, Inc. is an incredible organization that works well. We have a great group of people who want to help. It's all about the dogs here.

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