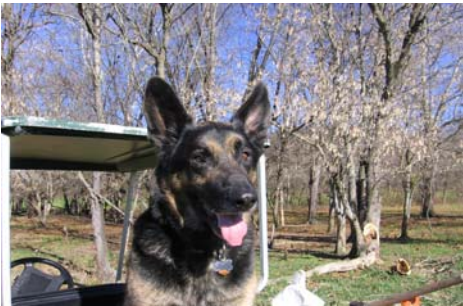




Pawprints

Giles County Animal Rescue, Inc.
Fall 2009



GCAR SUCCESS STORY!

“Landser”, a purebred GSD, was adopted from the Giles County Shelter. Landser was found as a stray, dragging a chain. While at the shelter he laid in the back of his kennel, depressed, dirty and sick. John Jeffries saw him and adopted him “he was just too pitiful to leave there”.

Landser must have been chained all of his life as all of his incisor teeth were wore down from gnawing on a chain. He was so weak that he could not walk more than 50 yards without having to rest. He was 20 lbs underweight.

With proper diet and an exercise program to strengthen his muscles, Landser improved to the point that he could run for several miles. He had to be socialized, both with humans and animals. Now Landser is a house dog, living with 2 other dogs and 5 cats. Mr. Jeffries says “ He is undoubtedly one of the sweetest dogs I have ever known. He really seems to know he was given a second chance. I feel very fortunate to have him come into my life”.

Chew on This

Giles Co. Animal Shelter Annual Open House
Sunday October 11, 2009
12-4 p.m.

Located 4 miles off Rt. 100 Turn (R) Wilburn Valley Rd.
Come out and see your county shelter and some wonderful animals in need of homes.

Contact by Voice Mail

GCAR Voice Mail (540) 922-3958
Spay/neuter assistance for low income Giles Co. animals.

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Giles County Animal Rescue, Inc.
PO Box 354
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Food Lion Donates If You-

Sign up with your regular Food Lion MVP Card! It is free, and Food Lion donates a percentage of your purchase to GCAR. Ask your family and friends to register, too! Register your cards on the Foodlion Share Program web site.

Paws to Read

Does my indoor cat really need a rabies vaccine?

The main reason indoor and outdoor cats are required to get the rabies vaccination is... it is Virginia State Law. Even indoor cats have a risk of getting outside and getting bit by a rabid animal. If your cat bites someone- you and your cat are in compliance with the law.

Think you can not afford to have your pet vaccinated against rabies? Can you afford not to? Rabies is always fatal. To pets and humans. If your pet bites someone you could be facing a law suit especially if your pet is unvaccinated.

The state of Virginia requires all dogs and cats 4 months of age or older to be vaccinated against rabies. Rabies tags are required on dogs in Giles County. Tags are due by January 31st of each year.

Have your pet vaccinated now- for you and your pet.

Another Option for Spay/Neuter

VAPAWS offers low cost spay/neuters for pets in the New River Valley. Prices summary: Cat Spay/Neuter \$40.00, Dog Spay \$50.00, Dog Neuter \$45.00, Vaccines extra.

Call 3VA-PAWS for details.



Meet Brit Ritchey!

Brit joined GCAR in 2005 when a new job made it possible to find time to volunteer. Brit has been on the board of directors for a good portion of that time. Brit lives in Eggleston with her 3 dogs and 5 cats, all rescues of one sort or another. At any time Brit may be fostering cats/kittens/dogs/pups. She enjoys giving the fosters a good start, as most need care to regain their health and socialization with people and other animals. It is very rewarding to help a dirty, sickly, scared kitten from the shelter transform into a beautiful, healthy, playful kitten. It just takes a little time and TLC.

Brit says “Working at the shelter highlights the need in Giles Co. for spay/neuter education. It is disheartening to see the same people bringing in litter after litter of kittens or pups, not seeming to care that they will be euthanized. With spay/neuter assistance available, there is no excuse. Fortunately, there are the occasional adoptions that are wonderful to witness, when an animal and its new owners seem to be completely taken with one another. Those types of adoptions keep us from giving up.”

Thanks Brit!



Opening November 20, 2009

Doe Creek Kennels

Doggy Daycare and Boarding

Located on Doe Creek Farm, a 400 acre apple orchard in Giles Co., Doe Creek Kennels offers hours of scheduled time for your dogs to run, play, swim, or just lounge throughout the day. We also offer private suites for overnight guest.

Try out our daycare (first day is free), and see what a difference a few days a week can make for your dog. Or if leaving town, board your dog here for some active days and quiet nights on the farm.

Contact Allison for more info and fees: (540) 293-4521or

Email:allisonbess@pemt.net

“There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.” ~ Ben Williams

Thanks For Your Support!

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