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What an Exciting Time for DSR!

With successful Flatbread and Fashion Show events, a new partnership and a very special adoption, the last few months have been stellar for Dog Star Rescue!

Dog Star Rescue Opens New Headquarters Location

May 5th was a beautiful Saturday afternoon. Dog Star Rescue opened their doors to the public for the first time at their Open House at 12 Tobey Road, Bloomfield.

Guests, family, friends, and “furiends” were treated to tours of the renovated building which features a welcoming lobby area, meeting room, storage areas, vetting room, bathing and grooming room, kennels, and a large open area for meet and greets.

Volunteers were on hand to answer questions about the building, the rescue in general, volunteer opportunities, and the foster program.

Several dogs were still enjoying themselves after the adoption event earlier in the day. Mahogany found herself in the enviable position of catching the eye of one of our sponsors - Turnpike Motors - and was adopted!

In addition to the tours we offered face painting, lawn games, a food truck, cake and refreshments, our roaming Dog Star mascot, and live music. What a wonderful way to celebrate our new location.

Dog Star Rescue Partners with Mutts Mending Military

DSR is delighted to announce a new partner - MMM (Mutts Mending Military), an organization that provides veterans with service dogs. Shelly Coates, a dog foster and trainer with over 20 years’ experience, recognized the healing effect that dogs can have on service personnel with PTSD. Four years ago, she founded Mutts Mending Military which provides service dogs to our nation’s heroes.

Through her experience and training, Shelly is knowledgeable about what specifically to look for in a potential service dog for veterans. She evaluates for temperament and behavior for service dogs only. Shelly especially likes large black dogs and Pit Bulls. She only

chooses rescue dogs as service dog candidates.

Shelly will be setting up a table at some of our upcoming events. Veterans will be encouraged to work with her in order to adopt a dog through Dog Star Rescue. Shelly's goal is to raise awareness and interest. Jill Perreault is Dog Star's point of contact with MMM. Mutts Mending Military is a registered Non-Profit organization (501(c)3).

At Long Last, A Home of Her Own

The highlight of the Headquarters Open House came at the end when DSR President Dan McCabe announced, to great rejoicing, the adoption of our beautiful Cesara.

Cesara was tricky to place because despite her many wonderful qualities, she had some special needs. After a dedicated and tireless campaign of searching, networking, and publicity, the right family finally appeared. Cesara is now enjoying life in Pennsylvania, walking and playing with her new



family, working with a trainer she loves, shredding toys and getting a taste of Redi-whip whenever she can! She gets lots of cuddling, too! Finally, this darling girl has the life she deserves. See Cesara’s note on the next page.

Adoption Events



Dog Star Rescue partners with Petco, PetSmart and other supporting organizations to hold adoption events at least twice a month. To find an event near you, please visit our website and click on the link for Events.

For more information about Dog Star Rescue and the dogs available for adoption, please visit our website: Dogstarrescue.org

Upcoming Fundraisers and Events

Please join Dog Star Rescue at one of our exciting fundraising events. Meet the dogs and volunteers that are DSR. DSR is an entirely volunteer organization so every penny raised is used to receive, foster and place dogs in need of new homes.

Aug 4-5: Motorcycles and Dogs— what a great combination! They'll both be at the Farmington Polo Grounds, Town Farm Road, Farmington, CT for the **2018**



Dream Ride, sponsored by the HomeTown Foundation.

It's a car and motorcycle show, a benefit, an adoption event, and family fun days all rolled into one amazing weekend. Activities start at 8 am and run until 4 pm.

Aug 18: 3rd Annual Clear the Shelters Day! DSR will be at no less than three locations that day:

- Hoffman Auto in Simsbury, CT (9-11:30 am)



- Petsmart in Berlin (12-3 pm)
- Bikers against Animal Cruelty 11th annual rally, North Haven Fair Grounds, North Haven, CT. (am) Enjoy food, beer, raffles, music and more to join the fight against animal cruelty.

Wow!! Let's find all these great pups their forever homes!

Aug 24: From 5-9 pm, join us at **Yappy Hour at the Shoppes at Farmington Valley**, Canton, CT. Tons of fun with food, vendors, dog costume event and more!

August 25: From 12-5 pm, our sister organization, **Dog Gone Recovery**, is holding a fundraiser at DSR Headquarters, 12 Tobey Rd, Bloomfield. With DJ Soul, Glen from R&O Drone, Renee Dinino from iHeart Radio, Food and Beer/Wine Truck from Hooker Brewery, Adoptable Dogs from Dog Star, Amazing Raffles and much more! Tickets \$10 to benefit Dog Gone Recovery, available on Eventbrite.

August 26: Paws and Ponies together! It's four-legged fun at the Farmington Polo grounds. The final day of the George Haas Windswept Trophy Tournament will include not only fabulous polo but also adoptions with DSR. Plus, we are their charity recipient this year. Can't say "neigh" to that! Polo finals start at 3 pm.



Sept 29: It's that time! The **5th Annual Bark and Brew** is on tap at the Thomas Hooker Brewery, 16 Tobey Rd, Bloomfield, CT from 6 -10 pm. Dogs, food, music, fun and, oh yeah, beer! And if you need any more incentives, it's a benefit for DSR! Tickets sold at Eventbrite.



August 3: Stop by and visit with DSR Yard Goats game, Dunkin' Donuts Park, 1214 Main St, Hartford, CT

A Special Note from Cesara:

To all my dear friends at Dogstar,

It was a long time coming, but I am happy now, and it's because of all of you. I'm sure there were times you thought it would never happen, and you didn't know what else to do for me. But you never gave up on me. You never wrote me off as a lost cause. You praised me to people and told all your friends about me. You took me for walks and groomed me and gave me treats. You created a special playtime just for me. Most of all, you never stopped loving me. I'm in a great home now and I have a terrific life with my new family. But I'll never forget all of you who worked so hard to get me here. I will love you all, always.

Cesara



Volunteering with Dog Star Rescue

Would you like to help dogs find their forever homes? Help is always needed fostering, screening, handling dogs at adoption events and coming off transport. There are administrative functions throughout the rescue -- fundraising, advertising, promotion, grant writing, and others.

Right now, we are particularly in need of additional foster families to give our dogs temporary homes until they are adopted.

Please note that DSR volunteers must be 18 years of age or older, attend an orientation session and volunteer a minimum of 3 hours per month

Orientation sessions are held at our Headquarters location in Bloomfield, CT twice a month and run about 90 minutes.

For more about volunteering and to apply, please visit our website at dogstarrescue.org and select the link for Volunteer.