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Dog Star Rescue Reaches Major Milestone: 2,000 Dogs Adopted

In November 2018, Dog Star Rescue logged a thrilling achievement with the adoption of its 2,000th dog!

Although every adoption is a celebration, number 2,000 was extra special. It represents both a vision and the commitment to reach that vision. To get there, DSR has formed relationships with several rescue groups, connected with local kennels and veterinarians, drawn together a growing family of volunteers, found wonderful supporters and sponsors from area businesses, and created a headquarters for the organization.

When DSR was founded in March 2014, its motto was “don’t play small.” The goal was to place 500 dogs a year, and that goal was exceeded in both 2017 and 2018. Pretty amazing in less than 5 years!

The organization, a 501 (c)3, is 100% volunteer-supported in many functions ranging from fostering dogs, through placement in homes, event planning and fund-raising, and more.

No dog should live unwanted. Every dog deserves a loving home. The DSR family is dedicated to making that happen. Onward to 3,000!

Dog Gone Recovery Helps Owners and Dogs Reunite

Dog Gone Recover (DGR) is an all-volunteer organization that helps owners recover lost dogs. DGR uses tried and true practices that are based on research into the temperament and behavior patterns of lost dogs by the founder of Missing Animal Response, Kat Albrecht. A profile is built on the missing dog (is the dog chipped, wearing a collar, tags) and DGR attempts to understand its temperament, the distance he/she may travel and what may be helpful in the search effort.

DGR offers a variety of services to assist the owners, including consultation, education on lost pet behavior, advising and assisting on creation of flyers and effective poster design and placement, creating lost dog videos, networking on social media sites and other websites, and

on YouTube. DGR assists with search set ups and provides resources to aid in capturing loose dogs ranging from traditional posters to high-tech drones and humane traps designed to catch even the most trap-savvy dogs.

They’ll do whatever it takes to help the owner get the dog found, contained, and taken home. It’s tough work, but there’s nothing to compare to the joy of knowing the lost dog is home and safe.

On Sunday, April 28, DSR will host a fascinating fundraiser talk with Carole Ferrucci, a Dog Gone Rescue volunteer, at our headquarters in Bloomfield. Carole will tell more about DGR and share some of her personal stories. Check the DSR website for more details

For more information or for assistance with a lost dog, please visit Dog Gone Recovery’s website, ctdoggonerecoveryvolunteers.org.

One Year Later: HQ Update

Thanks to a group of hard-working volunteers too numerous to name, the DSR headquarters continues to evolve. From a bare warehouse in December 2017, HQ has become a hub for DSR’s many activities. It now includes washing and grooming space, indoor play area with a new agility course, storage for the food and materials needed for foster dogs, and meeting spaces for event planning, learning sessions and the Board of Directors. A student group from University of Hartford recently cleared space behind the building for an outdoor exercise area, with an outdoor run in the planning stages.

The latest addition is veterinary care for our new arrivals, thanks to a hydraulic vetting table donated by Feeding Topsy’s Friends and services from veterinarian Dr. Nichole Sabo. DSR President Dan McCabe and Facility Coordinator Lou Zarchen are always considering how to make the best use of the space. In the works is an air conditioning/climate control system for the kennels, which will allow DSR to board dogs at HQ. What’s item one on the “wish list” right now? A Zamboni floor cleaner—because with all the pups around, “stuff happens.”

For more information about Dog Star Rescue and 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.



Saturday, March 9 Come to **Ethan Allen Furniture**, 135 Albany Turnpike, Canton, CT 06019, USA from 1 pm. to 5 pm., to meet some adoptable friends and enjoy other fun pet related items.

Club, Town Farm Rd, Farmington, from 9:30 am. To 1 pm. Check our website for more details on how to purchase tickets.



Saturday, April 27 **Simsbury Flea Market and Smorgasbord.** Dog Star returns as the only rescue at the Simsbury Flea Market. We usually hate to say “flea” and “dog” in the same sentence, but the Simsbury Flea Market is fun for everyone! Join us to hear about our rescue, buy some merchandise and even pet a few adoptable pups! From 9 am. To 5 pm. Hopmeadow St, Simsbury.

Sunday, April 28 Carole Ferrucci, a volunteer with **Dog Gone Recovery**, will come to DSR Headquarters to talk about their mission and share some of her personal stories. All ticket sale proceeds will benefit Dog Gone Recovery. More details forthcoming on the DSR website.

Saturday, March 23 Spend an evening with **spiritual medium Karen Kilmartin** and witness messages from beyond. Karen is a Connecticut native with over 50 years of clairvoyant experiences. We are pleased to welcome her to our headquarters for a memorable night. Light refreshments will be served. All ticket sales will support our continuing mission to find homes for dogs in need. To purchase tickets, please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-night-with-karen-kilmartin-tickets-54224619296> DSR Headquarters, 12 Tobey Ave, Bloomfield, CT.

Sunday, April 7 It's here! The **2nd Annual Rescues on the Runway** extravaganza will take place at the Farmington



There's always something happening at DSR! Keep watching the DSR website for more great events coming soon.

Meet “Miss 2000”

Beautiful Rhoda doesn't know it but she holds a special honor. She was the 2,000th dog placed into a forever home by Dog Star Rescue.

Rhoda, a speckled hound, was called the “sweetest, most laid back dog in the world” by the Rescue that saved her. She was also a shining example of DSR's mission at work. Her journey took her from rescue dog to DSR foster to loved companion. Now she's living the good life in Rhode Island with a family and fur sister of her very own. Have a wonderful life, Miss 2000!



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.



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 also administrative functions throughout the rescue. 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.

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New at HQ: Vet services for our new pups! Dr. Nicole Sabo and vet tech Audrey Alt examine newcomer Dexter, a 2-year-old terrier mix. It's okay, Dexter, they're here to help you! Dr. Sabo also runs Veterinary Care Everywhere, a 501(c)3 practice that takes vet care into the homes of elderly and disabled clients to help them keep their beloved pets