

NEWSLETTER

1. COLD HANDS, WARM HEARTS - FEBRUARY'S GOT THAT!

February has been filled with excitement at Sarge's! We have had 18 amount of adoptions; 11 Cats and 7 Dogs! 2025 has had a total of 34 adoptions, 16 dogs and 18 cats!

Our community food pantry has given out 8200 lbs of litter, 340 bags of dog and puppy dry food, 195 cases of wet puppy and dog food, 500 bags of cat and kitten food, and 225 cases of cat and kitten wet food.



2. HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY DONATING

At Sarge's our mission is to help animals find and keep their loving homes, when you donate to Sarge's we are able to not only provide and care for animals in our care, but are able to provide food and supplies through our pet supply pantry located at the shelter. Right now monetary donations as well as food donations are critical to help us keep up with the demand for our community post Hurricane Helene. To make a monetary donation please go on <https://sarges.harnessgiving.org/donate> or donate through our new addition for convenience, Venmo

@SargesAnimal Rescue



venmo

3.VOLUNTEER/ FOSTER OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for volunteers to attend upcoming events, take our dogs on walks, spend time with our cats in the playroom for enrichment, and more!

Fosters are needed to allow us to save more animals by having foster homes lined up by helping us to give our pets in care a break from the shelter and to make space for new pets in to be able to have their second chance at finding a loving home.

If you are interested in becoming a foster or volunteer, please reach out to fosters@sarges.org or volunteers@sarges.org for more information.

4. UPCOMING EVENTS

Slumber Pawty April 5th 12PM - April 6th 1PM

- Tune in virtually by joining our Facebook live to see us spend a full 24 hours in the shelter. This allows us to raise funds for the shelter and show off all of the dogs and cats in our care! Follow along with our social media for more details!



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5. HAPPY TAILS

Gambit

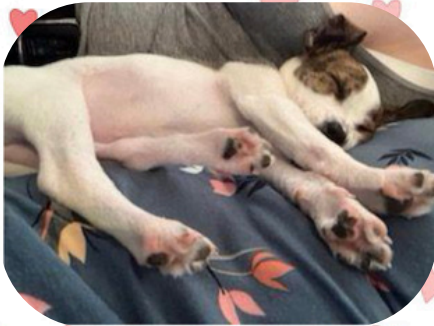
Gambit came into our care in her time of need, found by a Good Samaritan on the roadside in Waynesville with extensive injuries. Gambit was brought to Junaluska Animal Hospital to evaluate her needs and ultimately put into Sarge's care to cover the costs of the medical treatment this puppy needed. Gambit was in pain, fighting an infection, and above all she had a broken tibia. Due to the extent of the break, Gambit needed to undergo surgery, at only 6 weeks old, to set and stabilize her leg as she is still a growing puppy.

Under the care of her foster, Sarge's Medical Coordinator, Gambit not only was able to heal, she was given a new lease on life in a loving home safe from harms way. Her foster was with her 24/7 where Gambit was able to learn how to be a puppy while on exercise restriction. After weeks in a cast, Gambit was able to take steps to her next new normal, physical therapy. Gambit could be found in a wearable harness attached to her foster where they practiced range of motion and movement in her leg that was previously set in place by a cast, as well as in her foster's bath tub where Gambit would do hydrotherapy.

We don't know how Gambit ended up in the circumstances she did, but we are forever grateful for the Good Samaritan who brought her to Junaluska Animal Hospital and brought into our care.



Gambit is completely healed and now in her forever home. She has a fresh start and is her spunky, sassy, full puppy self after weeks of dedicated care, attention, and ultimately love. Gambit now has dog and cat siblings as well as a 4 year old human who absolutely adores her. Through the successful teamwork on Gambit's recovery, she is now taking daily walks and even has begun to go hiking. Although she faced such a traumatic experience at such a young age, Gambit has blossomed into a curious and exuberant pup who brings joy to those around her.



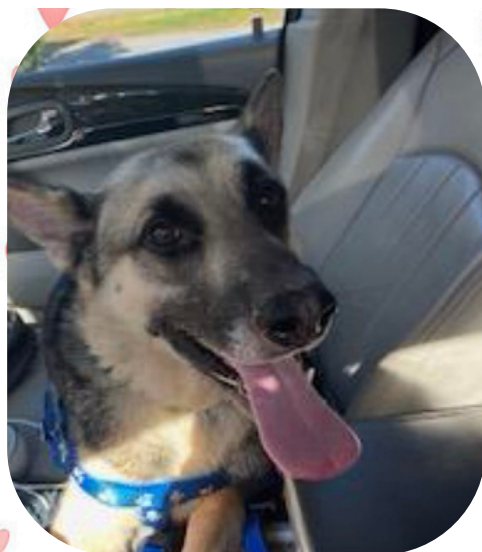
AJ

AJ is a German Shepherd who came to Sarge's after living in a small outdoor run with little to no human interaction. He was infested with fleas, and as a male German Shepherd weighing only 48 lbs, he was extremely emaciated. He came to us desperate for medical attention and human interaction, and our animal care and medical team took action immediately to make him feel safe and take care of his medical needs.

Not only did our team work to bring him up to a healthy weight by feeding him 6 small meals per day, bring his skin and coat back to health, they also worked with him to provide the enrichment and interaction with both humans and other dogs that he needed to thrive. While the rehabilitation process took a long time, the staff fell in love with him and were 100% committed to his recovery, despite his hesitance to trust humans and low confidence. Once he was ready, AJ went to a great foster home where he met new people, including children, cats, and even a horse!

After many weeks of progress, we can happily announce that AJ now weighs a healthy 78 lbs! His coat is shiny and lustrous, and no longer coming out in clumps. His demeanor toward people changed so that he is now comfortable, even with new people! He is now continuing his progress in his forever home and doing fantastic!

His progress is a reminder of the success that can come from caring rescue team, which includes all members of staff, volunteers, and fosters all working together as a team. We are so proud of his journey!



6. VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

The Power of Volunteers: Making a Difference for Dogs Like Gabby

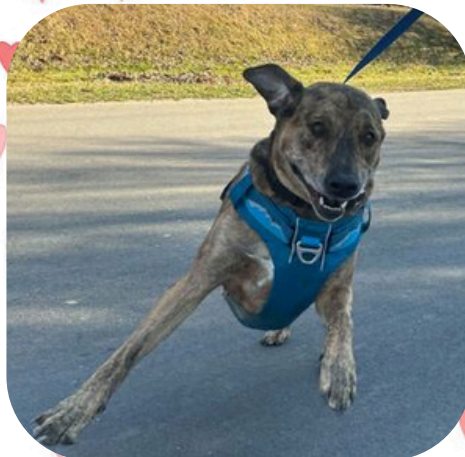
At Sarge's Animal Rescue, volunteers aren't just helping—they're changing lives. Dogs like Gabby, who has been with us for over two years, rely on the dedication and kindness of volunteers to make their time at the rescue as enriching and loving as possible.

Gabby, a Catahoula Leopard Dog, is a perfect example of how patience and compassion can bring out the best in a dog. She can be a bit cautious with new people, but those who take the time to earn her trust get to see her sweet, silly, and loyal personality shine.

Volunteers like Ken, Joe, and Kelly have played a huge role in her journey, taking her on hikes, long walks, and making sure she gets plenty of love and attention.

For long-time residents like Gabby, volunteers are the difference between simply surviving and truly thriving while they wait for their forever homes. Their time, commitment, and love help these animals feel safe, understood, and cared for.

If you've ever thought about volunteering, now is the time. Whether it's walking dogs, socializing with shy animals, or simply spending time with them, your presence makes an impact. And maybe, just maybe, you'll be the one to help a dog like Gabby find her way home.



7. OTHER WAYS TO HELP

Please consider donating to Sarge's if you can! We are entirely donor funded, and rely on the generosity of animal lovers like you to help save more animals from homelessness, and to keep loved animals in the homes they belong in. Not only do donations help us to keep our facility running, and all the animals fed and cared for, they also go toward medical care for dogs like Gambit and AJ, as well as for behavior help for dogs like Gabby and cats like Alfredo who just need some manners to help them land a great home! We also use donations to fund our outreach programs that help get kfood, supplies, and medication to animals that might otherwise go without or be surrendered to the shelter for lack of means. We invest a lot of time and love into everything we do, and it takes a village to help improve the lives of so many!

With love and gratitude.

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