

A Slipper Fit for a Princess

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GSRNC pulls many types of German Shepherds from local shelters; some ready for adoption quickly while others have special needs. Then we need to be patient for a family to come forward willing to adopt a dog that has imperfections. Princess is one example of how our volunteers go above and beyond to help our dogs and those with special needs.

Princess is a happy, playful young girl who was found as a stray, most likely dumped because she isn't quite perfect. She has a malformed front foot that is 2 inches shorter than the other and looks like she was born with it, although it certainly doesn't slow her down.

To help Princess out with her mobility issues; GSRNC had a custom orthotic made which helps her walk much better. Transport volunteers drove Princess back and forth from the East Bay to Sacramento to be fitted and for subsequent adjustments that needed to be made on the orthotic fit. Princess thanked all the staff involved with kisses and even showed off her new shoe to onlookers. Her new boot makes her a Rock Star; everyone will stop and talk to her (and her people) about it.



We would not be able to help dogs like Princess if volunteers were not willing to donate their own time researching alternatives, making appointments, and coordinating transport for dogs to and from appointments. These extraordinary volunteers are necessary to keep things running smoothly and of which we are always in short supply.

GSRNC needs volunteers for an extensive variety of rewarding positions. If you would like to help out and make a difference in the lives of our dogs, please go to our [website](#) and [complete our online Volunteer Form](#) and indicate what you would like to do in rescue as well as any special skills you could bring! Remember, without volunteers we would never have saved over 4,700 dogs!