

“Treasuring” GSDs

Saving dogs & saving money

By Joan Hoover

After adopting our first GSD, "The Wizard", from St. Louis German Shepherd Rescue, we vowed to become involved in rescue when we returned to California in 1999. We were initially pretty successful fosterers until Mikka was returned for the second time with digestive issues that we finally solved with a special diet. She got to stay. Sebastian was also returned twice, so he got to stay too! We continued to foster over 30 dogs in our home and have found it to be the most rewarding role in rescue.



Cous Cous before lovin’

Who could forget Cous Cous? The most pathetic, skinny, skin-infected dog I ever saw. He was in such bad shape, he didn’t even look like a GSD. He stunk so bad I had to drive him home with the windows down! But what a joy to help this pup heal and blossom into a gorgeous long-coat GSD.

We continued to foster until a former foster dog was returned and we decided to keep him too. So, with three GSDs in the household, we have only taken in “short-term emergency” fosters when Joye H. was out of options.

Today, most of you know me as “the lady who pays the bills”, which is an important part of being the Treasurer of

GSRNC. But you probably don’t know that Lani C. is the one who reliably retrieves all of our mail, donations and adoption fees and gets the checks organized for timely deposits into our checking account. She also issues thank you letters to each donor.

In addition to paying all of our bills, I prepare a monthly financial update to our Board of Directors and quarterly I prepare a management report with Income Statement, Balance Sheet and copies of our bank statements. Quarterly I calculate and pay our sales tax due to California on our merchandise sales. And annually I prepare our federal and state tax returns.

Other administrative duties include anything to do with the Attorney General’s office (raffle registration and raffle report, Statement of Information, Annual Corporate Registration), Car Donation Program, PayPal and Square reconciliations, 1099-MISC forms for our raffle winners, bequests and corporate matching programs.

I’m also a GSRNC Hotline Hottie and an Adoption Counselor, covering Santa Cruz and Monterey counties.



Cous Cous after Joan’s lovin’!

We love GSRNC and are devoted to its mission of helping worthy, wonderful GSDs get a second chance.