FIVE THOUSAND AND COUNTING!

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German Shepherd Rescue of Northern California is thrilled to announce two extraordinary milestones: 25 years of rescue work and the adoption of our 5,000th dog. These achievements reflect decades of dedication, compassion, and unwavering commitment to the German Shepherds who depend on us.



Our milestone girl, Roo, embodies everything for which rescue stands. Through the tireless efforts of countless volunteers; from transporters and fosters to adoption counselors and behind the scenes coordinators, Roo found the loving forever home she deserved. Her adoption is more than a number; it's a symbol of hope, teamwork, and the belief that every shepherd deserves a chance.

Rescue work is deeply rewarding, but it also comes with challenges. It requires resilience, patience, and the courage to face situations that don't always go as planned. Overcrowded shelters, unexpected owner surrenders, and dogs left behind due to life changes. These realities are why we exist. This milestone belongs to every volunteer who has given their time, energy, and heart to our mission. You are the reason we can pull dogs from overcrowded shelters. You are the reason Roo, and 4,999 shepherds before her, found safety, healing, and love. There is no rescue without you.



As we celebrate these achievements, we're already looking toward our biggest event of the year, Wags to Riches, hosted aboard the historic USS Hornet in Alameda. This fundraiser fuels our ability to save more German Shepherds across Northern California and supports our spay and neuter clinics, which help reduce shelter overcrowding and ease the burden on rescues. This year, Wags to Riches carries even more meaning. It's not just a celebration. It's a promise that our next 25 years will be just as impactful.