

THE HOWLER



Dear fellow Jack Lovers,

They say that time flies when you're having fun...well, that's certainly true when it comes to MAJR. This month marks the 5th year anniversary, and honestly, these years have flown by. As for the fun part, all of the rescuing and rehoming is a blast, but there are also the not so fun parts that go along with maintaining a rescue too. As we celebrate the fun, please remember that there are also many tough times. As always, please spread the word that foster homes are always desperately needed.

Some thoughts to keep in mind as the rescue launches into its 6th year: As happy as it is to pull a dog from a shelter, there are still several more helpless animals waiting their turn. For every dog who is happy and healthy there are several with severe health and behavioral issues. MAJR strives to achieve as many happy endings as they can, but needs your help and support. As foster homes remain the largest challenge, we also appreciate those who can aid in financial support for some of the medically challenging animals we take in.

I hope that everyone enjoys the warmer weather that Spring brings! Spring showers are very welcome to help bring life back to the landscape, but also brings the ever-present challenge of keeping our little white dogs, well...actually white. I'd love to share some pictures of your jacks in the mud or rain...or just plain getting down and dirty. Even though it makes more work for us, I think it's safe to say that it's still hard to get mad at them when they look at you with their cute little head tilts...they know they've got us trained to accept them, naughtiness and all!

Yours, covered in white hair,
Jamie Guiberson



Upcoming Events

April 16 – Easter

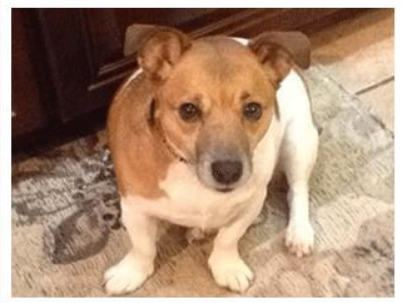
Stay tuned to Facebook for upcoming events!

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Volunteer Spotlight

Sheri Falcone

Perkaise, Pennsylvania



My journey with MAJR started around the time my first jack, Gube, was getting sick. I wanted another dog before he crossed the Rainbow Bridge. My husband Chris went to the SPCA one night and spent two hours with a funny looking jack named Petey, and decided to bring him home. I tell everyone that was the best \$100 he ever spent! After Gube passed away, it still felt like our life was not full. I then found out about MAJR, and was interested in fostering. I completed the paper

work, made it through the home check, and then could hardly wait for a foster dog. Pam called asking me if I could help out with a little guy named Chaplin, but it didn't work out well with our family. I was worried that maybe I couldn't be a foster home, but a couple of months later Pam called again, and I happily got a second chance. Our second foster was a puppy named Molly, and it was like having a two year old! I really felt great, and like I was helping the rescue and Molly, I felt whole again, and helped Molly find her furever home. I was sad when she left, but I still had my Petey. I think every home should have a dog! I got a much needed break after Molly (I need a little vacation), but I wouldn't change any of my time with her. I travel for work sometimes, and while I was away I got a call about a dog named Stone. I couldn't say no, not to helping another dog! When Stone came to us he thought he was the boss, until he met Petey. As he adjusted he fit right in. People inquired about Stone, but they were either not fully ready at the time, or Stone was just too much for them. Every time something fell through I felt so bad for Stone. I told my husband that we needed some crazy in our life and that I thought Stone was it. We finally decided to adopt Stone, and he is my crazy meatball. The best thing about fostering is that you have the entire MAJR family for support, and that your main focus is helping the dogs who can't speak for themselves - we speak for them!

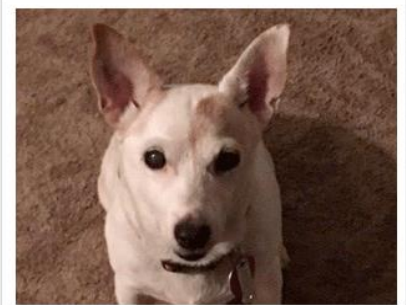


Available Dogs



Riley

- Pee Wee
- Princeton
- Chico
- Renny
- Patches
- Perdita – adopted
- Riley
- JJ - adopted
- Willow - adopted
- Gracie
- Chicko
- Brandy
- Spot
- Lucy Bean
- Witherspoon
- Petey
- Chester – adopted
- Max – adopted
- Ruby – adopted
- Leo – adopted
- Fillmore
- Nina
- Smitty
- Jackson



Lucy Bean

Celebrating 5 Years!!

By: MAJR President, Pam Heyman



In the early part of 2012, a few Jack Russell lovers decided to come together and start a rescue. We were all initially part of a national rescue for the breed but felt we could accomplish more if we started something on our own. As a result, Mid Atlantic Jack Rescue was formed! By April of 2012, we had officially become a 501c3 non-profit organization and we were taking in Jacks and Jack mixes immediately. We have always been a network of foster homes and have attracted fellow Jack lovers as volunteers and fosters. After all, Jack lovers know how complicated and unique a JRT can be! Over the years, we have had dogs of all ages come into our care. In addition, we have taken in deaf, blind, disabled, pregnant, elderly and special needs Jacks! One of our goals from the start was to never turn away a Jack in need as long as we had a home to care for the dog. Given that Jack Russells can be a more challenging breed, we have also made it our mission to educate the public about the breed with the hope that we will ultimately be able to lessen the number of Jacks needing new homes, ending up in shelters and being euthanized.

We are now entering into our 5th year in rescue and what an amazing feeling that is for us! We have grown in size to include volunteers from PA, NJ, DE, MD, VA, WV, and OH. There have also been occasions where a dog has been fostered for us in NY, CT or NC! Our name is out there in the community and dogs have been pulled from as far away as GA, TX and OK. To date, we have rescued in excess of 500 dogs and we are very proud of that accomplishment.

I would like to thank all of our founding board members (Linda, Ardis, Brian, Vikki, Chip, Tracie, Elaine and myself included) for having the desire and wherewithal to do more for our beloved Jack Russells. I would also like to thank our current board members (Elaine, Darlene, Meg, Juanita and Mary) for continuing the mission that we set out to accomplish five years ago! A huge thank you to Dennis Chupein who has managed our website since the beginning and that is no easy task! He and his wife Kate also adopted Eddie from MAJR who was one of the coolest dogs I ever had the chance to meet! Lastly, we cannot thank all of our fosters, volunteers, and adopters enough for believing in us and for wanting to be a part of our family. I do not even want to imagine where some of our dogs would have landed if it were not for all of you. Here's to many more successful years working together to save lives!

Adoption Update

Jagr adopted by Ernie
Fostered by Valerie Buller



I wanted to let you both know that Jagr is doing very well and has settled in very nicely. He knows our routine and seems to be a happy dog and understands his boundaries. He is a very sweet and lovable companion and is very easy to train with the exception of other animals (though he has improved). His house manners are exceptional. He did have a small case of diarrhea (and made a mess) but the vet fixed him up. We are still walking between 7 and 8 miles per day, and these are his priorities: walks (cannot get enough), sleep, food, affection, and love



Thanks to the both of you, he is good dog and is well adjusted (not perfect but close). We are good friends.
Best Regards, Ernie

Exciting New Treatment for Noise/Thunderstorm Phobia in Dogs

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One in four dogs has some fear of noise events, especially thunderstorms. This can be seen in a number of behavior abnormalities in your canine friend. From simply trying to hide in the basement, to blindly running away from home in fear. This noise phobia event can be very frustrating for the owner and potentially life threatening for the dog.

Different dogs have varying thresholds towards a variety of environmental stressors. In many cases it takes years of repetitive exposure to a stimulus accompanied by other contributing factors (human nervousness, other animals reacting) to show a physical manifestation. So your pets' phobia to thunderstorms can take years to reach an active response level.

Thunderstorms themselves are complicated beasts. There are significant pressure changes, frantic winds, massive electrical discharges, concussive sounds (dogs can hear above and below our auditory range) all mixed with heavy rain and hail. All or just one of these factors can play a role in exceeding the abnormal behavior threshold.

Sileo[®], is the first and only FDA-approved medication to treat canine noise aversion. It is formulated as a gel medication that was developed specifically to be given between the cheek and gum by you at home to provide calming relief from noise/thunderstorm fears without sedation.

It has been clinically proven to be very safe and effective without other behavior modification or other treatments.

It is most effective when given 15-30 minutes before a fearful noise event begins (fireworks, thunderstorm, construction, gun fire, etc.) but can be given at the first sign of stress or fear from your canine friend to still relax and relieve their fear. It lasts for up to three hours. It can be given up to 5 additional times, every 2-3 hours, if the fear creating event is of long duration. It calms your canine friend, allowing them to interact normally with your family even during fear creating noise events.

Sileo[®] is a prescription medication and you should speak with your veterinarian before administering it to you canines.

MAJR's 5th Anniversary Party Highlights

As always, MAJR's annual luncheon was a blast! Each year we fill a room at the Iron Hill Brewery in Wilmington, Delaware with lots of laughter and good times. It was so much fun seeing friends made through the rescue, and meeting new people who were usually recognized by the mention of the name of the terrier that rescued them.



The food was amazing as always, and we had a beautiful cake made by Terry Scott

Bubacz that really captured the nature of the Jack Russell. There was a silent auction that featured everything from dog beds, food, board games, jewelry, and also a one-of-a-kind painting by our very own and talented Mark McCoy!



In addition to the food, socializing, and relentless bidding, the board of directors also presented the coveted Volunteer of the Year awards. This year Marie Stonebraker was one of the recipients. Marie was recognized for her dedication of fostering, helping with application reference checks, doing local shelter evaluations, assisting with events, and being an amazing force on Facebook! Marie is a powerhouse, and along with her wonderful family, an amazing part of MAJR! Marie not only amazes us with the amount of fosters she's had, but also in the way she had transformed many of the dogs. Her recent fosters, the CH puppies were also a true testament to her love and dedication!



The other volunteer of the year recipient is actually me, your humble newsletter editor. I was so honored to have been chosen as one of the recipients! I feel so bad that I can't do more in the way of fostering, but try to help whenever else I can. Life is busy, I'm sure everyone can relate, but if I can transport a dog, help get a vet or home check completed, do an evaluation, or just simply help at an event, I will. I was also acknowledged for the newsletter, which I am so appreciative for. I take a lot pride in the newsletter, and feel that it is important for MAJR. I try and make it fun and informational for all of you...please let me know if you want something more or different.

There was one other very special award given, and was awarded to Ardis Lukens in appreciation of her time and expertise serving on the Board of Directors. Ardis contributes so much to MAJR, and helped to build it to where it is now. Ardis has done it all from fostering and transporting to evaluations and events, and so much more. Ardis was also the creator of the original Howler newsletter.

