

THE HOWLER



Dear fellow Jack Lovers,

I hope that everyone had a nice Memorial Day weekend honoring all who served this great country and paid the ultimate price for the freedoms that we enjoy today. This is the true reason we celebrate Memorial Day. Working alongside many branches of military are also specially trained canine troops who lost their lives as well. This brings a whole new meaning to the expression “man’s best friend”. To all of you in our MAJR family who serve or have served, thank you!

I’m sure that many of you are wondering if you missed the May newsletter. Well, unfortunately I just couldn’t get things together in time for a May 1st release. As I run around trying to get everything done, trying to balance work and home, I often find myself running in circles and finding myself overwhelmed at times. One day I was doing this, and noticed two of my jacks sitting on the sofa watching me, not barking, not playing with toys, not sleeping, just watching me with their big brown eyes. They drew me in and I realized that I needed a break. I know that many of you are in the same boat I am, so remember to take time for yourself, and the people and animals in your life that make you feel special!

I will try my hardest to continue to get these newsletters out monthly. I feel they are a great way for us to stay connected, but need some help with stories and ideas. If you have any ideas or suggestions please let me know. I also hope to have more events posted soon, but in the meantime, if you hear of an event that you think we should attend, please contact MAJR and let us know. We will work to find other volunteers in your area and try to make the event happen. Please know though, that these events are only possible with the support of our volunteers! We rely on volunteers to bring foster dogs, be available to provide information at our booth, network, and just be great ambassadors for these amazing little dogs!

Yours, covered in white hair,
Jamie Guiberson



Upcoming Events

June 4

Animal Rescue Adopt-A-Thon
Horse Park of New Jersey
Allentown, NJ
9am-5pm rain or shine
Email jrtmom@comcast.net
If able to attend
****Foster dogs needed****

Stay tuned to Facebook for
other upcoming events!

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Patches



Gracie

Volunteer Spotlight

Heather Slaybaugh
Towson, Maryland



My life would not be complete without a JRT in it. For as long as I can remember, I have had a love for all animals with a special connection to our little white dogs. Their high energy, over-the-top personalities, and their ability to make me laugh all day long are just a few reasons I was initially drawn to the breed. People kept saying to me "don't do it" and "are you sure you

want to get a Jack Russell terrier? They can be so difficult". I welcomed the challenge and have never second guessed owning any other breed. I currently have two jacks. They are brother and sister, Baxter and Izzy. My boy was the largest of the litter and my girl was the smallest. There is never a dull moment around my house with these two. My boy is the clown dog and my girl is the little Princess. For the most part, they are pretty chill except when my girl gets mad at her brother and then we just have to get out of the way until they have a conversation about it and work it out - LOL. They are the most thoughtful little dogs too as I can always count on them landscaping my yard, relocating a ton of dirt and rock for me and my favorite, bringing me presents from outside (yikes!). Our JRT's are perpetual 2 year olds. They come with a lifetime of the good and not so good that comes with being 2 forever which is why we as JRT



owners love them. I believe you have be a special kind of person to be happy living in a JRT world and that is why we find so many dogs in need of rescue for one reason or another. I initially got involved with rescue through Pauline at Jacks Galore. We had connected over a dog in New York and since I live in Towson, Maryland she suggested that I get in contact with Pam here with MAJR. That was about the time that Pam and the

Available Dogs



Bingo

Bingo
Pee Wee
Princeton
Chico
Renny
Patches
Riley
Odie
Gracie
Chicko
Spot
Witherspoon
Petey
Bubbles
Spencer
Jackson
Smitty



Smitty

other volunteers got Willow out of jail in VA.

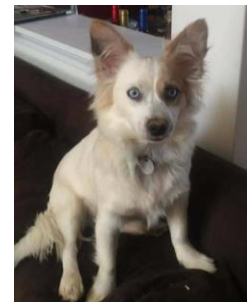
Pam connected me with Juanita here in Maryland and I have been a foster and volunteer ever since. I have only had the opportunity to foster one MAJR dog and that was Chunky. Since my work schedule changed and I cannot responsibly foster at this time, I often do transport runs as often as the need comes up for MAJR and Jacks Galore as my way of giving back to the fur babies in need. Hopefully, I will be able to welcome another foster into my home soon. My passion is the elderly and those with disabilities and those like Chunky who just needed to learn how to dog from my two amazing teachers, Baxter and Izzy! I consider it an honor as a volunteer to serve these fantastic little dogs and help get them to a life so well deserved. Being owned by a JRT is always an adventure with a ton of laughs along the way. I wouldn't want it any other way! As long as I can help other JRT's in need get to a life like my two have I will be there for them. 😊

Willow Update



May 27 marked the one year anniversary of MAJR rescuing an accused chicken-killing pregnant female jack from Wythe County, Virginia. Willow was sentenced to death after a farmer identified her as one of several stray dogs that killed over 30 of his chickens. She was the only dog trapped at the farm. The chickens were a source of income for the man and according to the law, the dog could no longer reside within the county or state of Virginia. Willow was very pregnant and ready to bust with puppies. As MAJR President Pam Heyman explained at the time, jacks already have a high prey drive. As a pregnant stray, her drive would be larger. Pam, along with volunteer Ardis Lukens, made the trip as soon as they could to prevent Willow from being

euthanized. Willow's story made the newspaper and the local news. MAJR got some great publicity. Once Willow arrived she was fostered by Jennie Deephouse in PA and had 6 adorable and healthy pups! This rescue was only possible due to our volunteers on social media, our amazing board members, and someone willing to open their home and foster; and later those who adopted! Pictured are Willow, who was adopted by her foster family (yay!) and her 6 pups who will soon be 1 year old.



Allergy Season

With the beauty of spring also comes the pollen that causes so many people, and pets to cringe due to the upcoming sneezing, coughing, swollen eyes, and sniffing that comes with seasonal allergies. Whereas people are walking around with boxes of tissues and doped up on allergy medication, our pets sometimes suffer in other ways. They still may have the sneezing and coughing, and swollen eyes, but may also develop some skin issues as well.

It is important that before you self-treat your pet that you start by setting up an appointment with your veterinarian. Chances are that they may start by having you give something over-the-counter like an antihistamine, but it's still a good idea to make sure that there isn't something else going on. If your pet has an underlying problem, allergies can be harder to overcome. Sometimes, skin allergies can easily turn into infections from your pet scratching. In some cases, antibiotics are needed or topical creams to provide comfort. If your dog is prone to chronic ear infections during the spring, or is having issues with anal glands, the cause could also be linked to allergies. When your veterinarian looks at your pet they can help you to come up with the best plan of action and better prepare you for what to watch out for in the future.



Rabies Reminder

There have been several cases of rabies diagnosed in both domestic and wild animals lately in the state of PA and surrounding states. Please remember that this vaccine is mandatory for all domestic animals. For those who prefer not to vaccinate, titers are required. Rabies is a fatal disease that can only be diagnosed via dissection of brain tissue. Rabies is also zoonotic, which means that it can be spread to humans. If you think you have been exposed please seek medical attention immediately. Below is an article written by MAJR friend John Seets detailing his encounter with a raccoon.



The day before yesterday, I was on my patio (where I have my table saw) making bee stuff. Here comes the biggest, smelliest raccoon that I have ever seen. My one dog was “herding” it towards me. It was clearly upset, making “vvvvvtttt” sounds. When I first saw it, it took a few seconds for me to realize what it was. It came right at me and 2 things went through my mind – rabies and being bitten. Adrenalized, I post haste, jumped out of the way. It hissed at me when it went by. It left the patio and proceeded to the front yard where it encountered my beagle. They got into it. Fighting and growling and yelling. I grabbed the dog by the leash and had to kick the racoon 3 times to get it to let go of the dog. The raccoon ran off. Called the vet. Told by the vet: 1) State law requires that you report the incident immediately to animal control; 2) You take the dog immediately to the vet for another rabies booster shot even if the dog is covered by a previous booster; 3) The dog should be “under house arrest” for 45 days afterwards to wait to see if rabies was contracted. I asked the vet why the booster if already covered by a previous shot. She said the previous shot covers the dog 99.9%. The timely booster is for the other .1%. Hmmm... 4) You should try to kill the raccoon (!!!!) for the authorities to check for rabies. Somehow, I think if I had pulled out the old shotgun and had plugged the thing in a suburban neighborhood, I would have been the one “under house arrest” – in jail!!! That raccoon really stank.

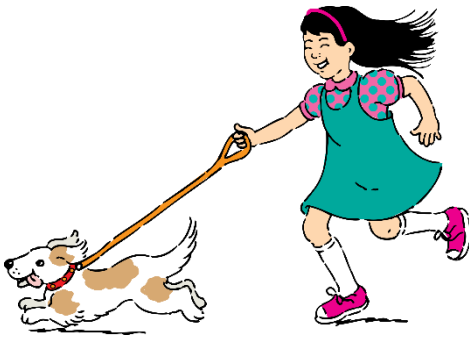
Spring Photo Contest

Since there were no photo submissions of dogs getting down and dirty in the rain or mud, I'm going to launch another contest to drum up some photos. This time, I'm going to award a first, second, and third place. They all come with a prize for you and the star of your photo. The theme is "summer fun", and should show your jacks loving life in the warmer weather – either at the beach, sunbathing, stalking bugs, playing ball, or whatever else shows their summer spirit. Shown here is a great action shot by Whitney Chute submitted by Kate Chupein of her dog, Mike, flying high to catch a tennis ball.



Submissions will be accepted through June 16, and should be emailed to jamiedefaz@aol.com. The jack does not necessarily need to be a MAJR dog, but jacks are preferred.

Kids Edition Coming Soon...



I know it's a bit early, but I am starting my call for submissions for the annual Kid's edition. The kid's edition has turned into a yearly tradition around the end of summer, and I am planning for it to be the highlight of the August edition. The submissions should be genuine and written by the children. For the younger kids, they can have parent assistance, especially if they don't write yet. Typos and grammatical flaws will also be accepted, and I only lightly edit submissions. I find that kids speak from their hearts, and have a very raw and true way of looking at their dogs and rescue, and I want to showcase that. I also find that kids that grow up in a rescue setting tend to understand early on in life what it means to rescue, foster, and adopt. After I read the articles these kids write (and throw away my multiple tissues), I feel a new energy for doing what I do as part of the MAJR family. More people should have their kids experience rescue instead of breeding backyard dogs so their kids can "see the miracle of life".

The submissions can be as long or short as the kid's desire, and can even just be a one line quote. I would like the child's first name, age, and a picture of them with one of their dog(s) to accompany the article please, as long as the parent consents. For this edition, I would prefer to receive articles from those under the age of 18. Submissions can be submitted at any time via email to jamiedefaz@aol.com.