
THE HOWLER



Dear fellow Jack Lovers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all well as we move into Labor Day weekend...the last hurrah of summer! We have a large adoption event this weekend at the Ludwig's Corner Horse Show and County Fair (located at 1325 Pottstown Pike, Glenmoore, PA 19343). Please contact Ardis or Darlene if you can volunteer, or simply stop by! This event was hard for me last year, since it was the day I delivered Jessie to her new family...Jessie was the most difficult foster for me to let go of, but she went to an amazing family!

Fostering is not an easy job, but it is a vital part when it comes to rescuing. Fostering not only saves the life of the dog who is pulled, but opens another kennel for a needy dog, and buys another dog "one more day". Fostering will turn your house upside down for a few days...or weeks, but it will open your heart forever! You will cry when your foster dog leaves you...at first sad tears since you became so attached to the special little soul you saved, but then tears of joy when you get your first update and you knew it was meant to be! In this edition we will have out first *volunteer spotlight* on Marie Stonebraker, who is a foster mom with MAJR...please check out her story on page 2!

In closing, please remember that you don't have to be a foster home in order to volunteer. Every bit of effort helps our cause...share a dog in need on Facebook, volunteer at an event, volunteer to transport, evaluate dogs, or simply just share this newsletter. Also, don't forget our fundraisers, found on the website or Facebook!

Yours covered in white hair,

Jamie Guiberson



Upcoming Events

September 3-5

Ludwig's Corner Horse Show and County Fair

Contact Ardis if you can help:
picsurthis@comcast.net

September 17

Puppy Mill Awareness Day

October 1

Darlington Apple Festival 10a-5p

Contact Juanita if you can help:
mdjrtmom69@gmail.com

October 2

Sproutfest 11a-3p

King of Prussia

Contact Elaine if you can help:
jrtmom@comcast.net

October 9

Mutt Madness 10a-4p

Charles County Fairgrounds, MD

Contact Meg if you can help:
hanlonmugs@aol.com

October 22

BARCStoberfest 10a-2p

Baltimore's Patterson Park

Contact Juanita if you can help:
mdjrtmom69@gmail.com

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Volunteer Spotlight

Marie Stonebraker
Newark, Delaware

Marie has a special place in my heart, since I did her home evaluation last fall. I was so

nervous since I had never performed a home visit before, but the second I pulled up to her house and was greeted by her waving at the door I was put at ease. Then upon walking into her house I knew this woman was a keeper...her three Jacks greeted and inspected me in typical Jack fashion, and I knew we would become fast friends in our cause.

Marie is retired, but far from bored in her new role as foster mom. Marie is a fostering machine, and currently is on dog 11 and 12! Marie helps the broken souls she saves to gain their confidence and enjoy being a pet again! Marie's dogs Neo, Q-tip, and Ace (all named by her granddaughter in medicine cabinet theme) are very welcoming to their houseguests, and even thought that it was okay to "foster fail" when it came to a special little girl named Baby (see Alexis Stonebreaker's article in the kids edition). Marie is fortunate to have the help of her granddaughter and husband Robert (a big softie) to help her with her full-house. Marie's love for all animals was passed down to her son as well, who owns and operates Three Palms Zoo and Educational Center in Clayton, DE, where Marie also volunteers (www.3palmszoo.org).

I asked Marie what the most rewarding thing about fostering was and she said "knowing that they will be loved and have a forever home". Marie's shortest foster was with her for three days (before being adopted by her niece), and the longest is Eva, who is still with her now after around 3 months.

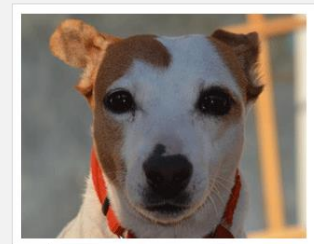
Marie lives by the motto that every dog deserves a home...and of course lots of treats and toys along the way. Marie is also excellent at teaching manners and helping her fosters build confidence. Marie loves being a part of the MAJR family and meeting others with her same passion!

Thank you for all you do Marie!!



Available Dogs

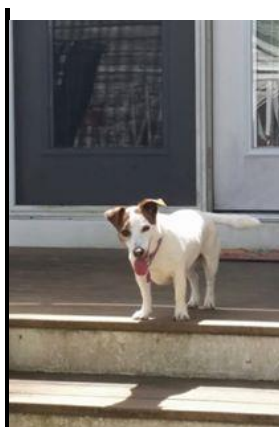
Jagr
Phoenix
Pee Wee
Princeton
Harley
Duke
Chico
Regan
Lucy
Tina
Stone
Perdie
Renny
Ginger
Petey
Ada



Board Member Spotlight

President, Pam Heyman
Blue, Bell, Pennsylvania

Hi, my name is Pam Heyman and I'm the current president of MAJR. I first fell in love with Jacks when a little puppy (who I named Gabby) walked into my life at the Radnor Hunt in the fall of 2003. I knew from that day on that I was a true Jack lover. Due to my love of the breed, I got involved with rescue through the national group RRI and then became one of the founding members of MAJR with some other like-minded individuals in 2012. I've served as president since the spring of 2014. Currently, I have three adorable Jacks named Gunner, Gigi and Jack! I also have two cats named Mr. Marbles and Sonic. My husband and I live in Blue Bell and fully admit to having a home completely laid out to meet the needs of our pets☺. In addition to MAJR, I work fulltime as the Director of Children's Services at a mental health agency in Montgomery County, PA and I actively participate in Spartan races and other obstacle course racing in my spare time. This type of racing is very challenging and exhausting both physically and mentally but it definitely provides me the outlet I need to deal with the stress of running a rescue and having a difficult job. I love being a part of MAJR and I love all of our volunteers, supporters and adopters. I get so excited to see the photos of our dogs in their forever homes and I cry every time I learn that one has passed. There has been nothing as rewarding to me as saving dogs and I hope to continue MAJR's mission for years to come. Thanks to all of you for standing by us. We couldn't do this work without having such amazing people as part of our team!



[Check out this cool article...](#)

She's not a MAJR dog, but here you can read about Tika, a rescued Jack who lost one of her legs as a youngster who is getting a cool prosthesis at the University of Delaware!

<http://www.delawareonline.com/story/life/2015/11/30/ud-students-build-dog-prosthetic/76381092/>

Kid's Edition: Part 2

Trent, Age 9

My name is Trent. My friend Meg has two dogs and one foster dog. The foster dog she has now is named KT. When I first met him, I was careful to let him come to me when he was ready. After about two days KT jumped on the couch with me lay down next to me. He let me pet him. He is a cute and loveable dog. Meg's dogs Robbie and ZuZu don't mind that KT sits with me. The other day, I threw the ball and KT ran to get and he brought it back to me. We played with the ball for a while. It was fun! I also take him for walks with Meg. He loves to go outside and play with the Frisbee. I am glad that I get to play with Robbie and ZuZu and all of Meg's foster dogs that She has taken care of. They are lucky to have her 😊



My Love of Fostering
Alexis Stonebraker, Age 12

My grandmother and I have a huge love of dogs. When my grandmother found out about MAJR she was very excited to be a part of the rescue. She fosters dogs for them. The dogs get to stay at our house until they find a home of their own. I love to help the dogs get used to living in a home with a family. I enjoy teaching them how to walk on a leash, many tricks, and most importantly manners. The best part of fostering is seeing the dogs relax and respond to a normal life. I get sad when the dogs leave for their new home. However, there was one particular dog that we couldn't part with. Her name is Baby. That is what they call, Foster Failure. But in my heart, my grandmother and I knew that this was the job we signed up for in the beginning. It's the best job any teen could ask for!

Compassion Fatigue

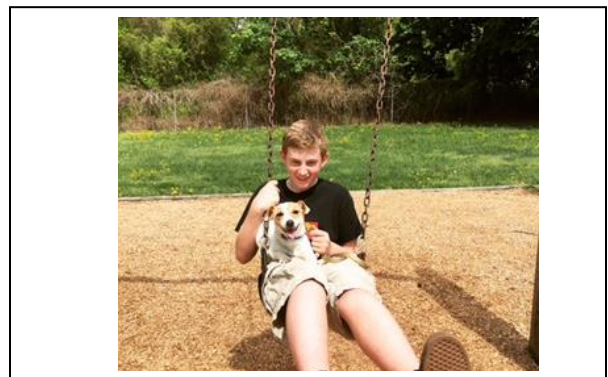
You may or may not have heard this term before, but I guarantee that at some point in your life working within a rescue that you've felt it. I am a veterinary technician, and in my career this is ever present. Rescuers, much like vet techs, have a mission to help animals. We long to help them, whether it's overcoming an illness, finding a home, or even worse...both at the same time. Compassion fatigue isn't something that you may even be aware of, but I'm sure that you are seeing more heartbreaking stories of veterinarian suicide on Facebook...the root of most of these cases is related to compassion fatigue. When you look up compassion fatigue you can see that it affects many occupations and organizations with similar missions.

So, what is compassion fatigue anyway you might be asking? Well, in a nutshell is a physical and emotional fatigue that comes from the constant demands of caring for others. As animal rescuers we are constantly compelled to help since there is such a need. We need to continue to fill that need, but at the same time we need to take care of ourselves. If compassion fatigue gets to the heart of us we are useless in the fight we are so tenaciously battling, so below I have a few stress relieving techniques to help keep everyone at their best!

- Be physical! Exercise is an excellent stress relieving tool and can help you re-connect with yourself. We all have dogs...go enjoy the park.
- Maintain a personal life. Sometimes all your brain is thinking is dogs, dogs, dogs...take dogs to the vet, do an evaluation, feed the dogs, make sure dog 'A' doesn't bother dog 'B' when eating...sometimes it's automatic overdrive for our brains and bodies. Take some time to get out and socialize...grab lunch with a friend, go to happy hour after work...call the dog walker so you don't feel guilty.
- Laugh!! Even though we are extremely stressed by all the time-stamps out there, don't lose sight of the happiness! Watch a funny movie and laugh out loud...your dogs don't even care if you snort!
- Know where to find support! Through Facebook and email there is incredible support within MAJR. If you feel that you are at a breaking point please reach out to someone. We're all in this together.

It's Back-to-School Time!!

I know that this is a rough time for both kids and pets alike...I sure know that my dogs were spoiled this summer with their best friends home all day. In an attempt to lighten the mood of back to school, please share your photos of kids heading back to school with their Jack friend! Send pics to jamiedefaz@aol.com



Looking for something fun to watch...

So, I do work for Penn Vet's New Bolton Center, so this might seem like a bit of a plug, but I honestly think that this series will interest many of you. This series will show you what veterinarians go through before they get into practice. This may change the way you look at vets, and may even shed some light on compassion fatigue. I worked with these students personally and know that the struggles they faced were real. Hopefully my tactics worked and I was able to stay clear of being caught on camera...



Animal Planet's new docu-series about Penn Vet, *Life at Vet U*, premieres **Saturday, October 1 at 10pm ET**. *Life at Vet U* follows a group of fourth-year students as they complete their rigorous training while learning from pioneers of veterinary medicine at both Ryan Hospital and New Bolton Center. Experience the challenges and triumphs of their journey to become veterinarians.

You won't want to miss this behind-the-scenes glimpse into the exciting world of veterinary medicine!

Life at Vet U premieres October 1 and airs Saturdays at 10pm ET on Animal Planet. Visit www.vet.upenn.edu/lifeatvetu for more information.

MAJR is trying to raise funds to cover the costs of Yasmin's surgery!! Yas had surgery last week to fix her luxating patellas. She is in great hands with Nicole and Ethan Kosits, but has a long road ahead, including c-laser therapy treatments. Please share to help us! She is just 1 year old, and such a perfect little patient! Please go to <https://www.gofundme.com/26xnrf8> for more info and to donate! Keep posted for an update on Yas in the October Howler...

