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**Celebrating Our Commitment
to Saving the Lives of
German Shepherd Dogs for
10 YEARS**



Casey Feldman 1988—2009



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Most of you who receive and read this newsletter never had the opportunity to know Casey Feldman, but we want to share a little bit about her and tell you why her death is a loss for all of us and our animal companions. Casey first became a part of the GSR-SP extended family back at the beginning of our organization's existence when the Feldmans adopted their first dog from us – Annie. Joel and Dianne and their kids, Casey and Brett, were one of the very early adopters of an official GSR-SP dog. In their case, it was an abandoned dog named Annie, fostered by GSR-SP volunteers Diana and Bud. The Feldmans provided a loving home for the rest of Annie's life and Casey became a pen pal with Lisa, GSR-SP's president, back when Casey was only about 11 years old, writing frequent updates about how Annie was doing. Even at that young age, it was clear that Casey had a talent for writing and a true love and joy about animals. When Annie passed away, the Feldmans returned to GSR-SP to adopt their second and current shepherd – Nikki. The Feldmans were frequent attendees at the



Brett, Casey and Annie



Casey with Annie

Although the entire Feldman family has a respect for animals and tremendous compassion for anyone or anything in need, Casey was the champion of animals and their welfare. She was very attached to both of her shepherds, but also shared her love with horses, cats, guinea pigs, bunnies and an assortment of four-legged beings. Casey was about to enter her senior year at Fordham University at Lincoln Center in New York City where she was a communications major, as well as a writer and news editor for the college newspaper – *The Observer*. She was an excellent student and involved in many extracurricular activities, but she also found time to volunteer for both an abused women's shelter and for a local animal shelter – Animal Haven. She convinced several of her college friends and roommates to join her in volunteering for the animal shelter. Her friend Brooke describes Casey's passion for animals this way,

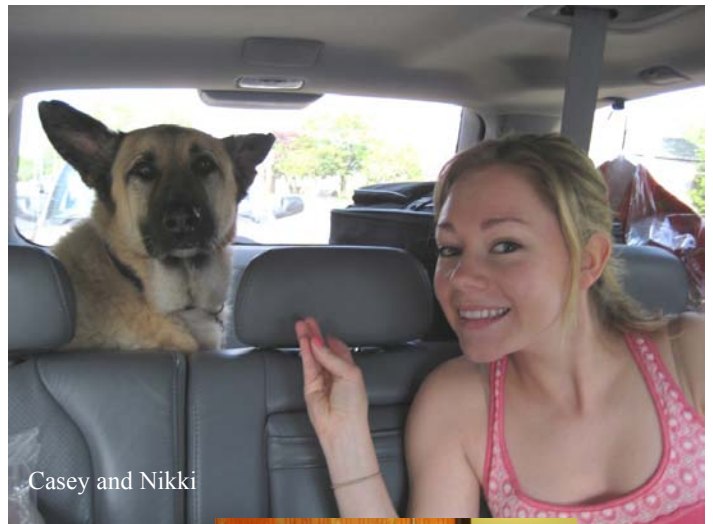
"Casey had the greatest, non-discriminating heart full of complete love toward all life, especially animals. She looked forward to visiting Animal Haven Shelter, and always managed to make time in her schedule for us to visit the shelter together. She looked at every dog and every cat like it was a wonderful gift. Whether it was Checkers the 13-year-old terrier with no remaining teeth, or Snowball, a beautiful white Pomeranian--every animal was beautiful in Casey's eyes and deserving of equal amounts of attention and love. Some people are cat people, some are dog people. Casey was an animal person."

Everyone seems to agree that Casey was a devoted student and loved her college experience, yet her classmates tell tales of how often Casey would say that she needed to go home be-

cause she simply had to see "her Nikki," finding it difficult to stay away from home too long without her faithful GSD. And so we are using this issue to honor Casey Feldman, who was struck and killed by a van when she was crossing the street in Ocean City, New Jersey on July 17th at the very young age of 21 years, on her way to a summer job at a local restaurant. Her death is a tragedy and heartbreaking to her family and all of her friends, neighbors, classmates and co-workers. Yet we know that Casey would want her death to be a rallying cause for things she believed in – one of which was kindness and dignity for animals. We at GSR-SP truly believe that the Rainbow Bridge now has a beautiful, sensitive and kind young woman on the other side, taking care of all of the beloved pets we have all lost over the years. We know Casey is an angel just over the bridge who is sharing her love and her passion with every animal that crosses over. And so we do not say good-bye, but just "until we see you again" to Casey Feldman. We thank the many people who have made donations to GSR-SP in Casey's memory and assure each of them that their contributions will be used to help make a difference for the never ending number of dogs in need of a second chance and a loving new home. In Casey's honor and memory, the work of rescue goes on.



Casey with Nikki



Casey and Nikki



Casey is named in loving memory of AH Volunteer Casey Feldman

Casey Feldman of Springfield, PA, was a senior at Fordham University and an award-winning student journalist, died July 17, 2009 at the Atlantic City Memorial Hospital from injuries sustained when she was struck by a van in Ocean City, N.J.

Casey was the news editor of *The Observer*, the Lincoln Center student newspaper. She was working at a summer job in Ocean City, NJ. at the time of her death.



Brooke, Kelsey and 'Casey'

Casey Feldman and her classmates Brooke and Kelsey volunteered their time to Animal Haven Shelter. During their visit Wednesday August 5th, they met a new puppy, 'Casey', Animal Haven's memorial puppy.

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