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Ways to Get Involved With BASH

- Adopt a Husky
- Join a BASH email list
- Buy a sweatshirt or T
- Give a membership as a gift
- Help with an adoption fair
- Donate to BASH
- Attend a monthly general meeting
- Foster a Husky

UPCOMING EVENT

April 19,20	SnoBASH 2
May 10	Vaccination Clinic
June	Fun Match 22??
May-Nov	Umunhum Camping on the weekends closest to the full moon.
Sept 28	Ice Cream Social

BASH Sweatshirts & Short Sleeve Henleys- on SALE

Sweatshirts:

Adults \$10 (L, XL, XXL)

Child's large \$5

Henleys:

Adults \$5 (S, M, L, XL, XXL)



We are going to attempt to go GREEN with the newsletter. When you renew make sure your e-mail address is on the application. We will put all member's e-mails into our BASH list and post when the newsletter is on the web site. We will also have a place to note if you would still like to be mailed one. Check your mailing label for e-mail list verification.

BASH's 28th Anniversary

I realized the other day that it is our anniversary and there are only a few members left who have been around since the start and that have been around more than 5 or 6 years. I thought it would interest members to hear why and how BASH was created along with how we have evolved over the last 28 years.

BASH was started by a number of members who had young kids and were also members of Northern California Siberian Husky Club in April of 1981 (N0rCal). NorCal does mostly AKC show events. They wanted an organization that was more focused on doing things as a family (Fun Matches, snow events, hikes etc) The only founding member still a member is Sue Adams. Then there is Marilyn and Art Lassagne and Carol and Al Ouelette that started within the first year. All are lifetime members of BASH.

So BASH started having fun events. They had SnoBASH, the Ice Cream Social, Halloween picnics, the infamous All Breed and other fun events. The All Breed was a "fun" dog show. No Points to big prizes but a chance to practice with your dog in a show environment. In its hey day there were 700 dogs in the show part and 300 in obedience. It was a big affair that was topped off with a great raffle. This went on until about 2001 when the location where we had it (Cal State Hayward) decided to build some buildings there. It was a much smaller event by then – 50 entries for the "show" and 400 for obedience. It was a lot of work and BASH looked for other spots to hold the event, couldn't find one and decided we needed to do something else. That is how the Fall Furry Flurry started.

Meetings were originally held at members homes the night before a dog show or at the dog shows. For those of us that didn't show, we had trouble figuring out when the meeting started. Meetings started ½ hour after the best of breed, but it wasn't known until the week before (this was before the internet and e-mail) when best of breed was going to be held; that was when the show published when the Siberians were showing.

The club started to change in the early 90's. The original members' kids had grown and new members were coming in. They were attracting more people that had adopted a Siberian and there were less people that showed Siberians. Meetings were changing to weekends that didn't have a show or were at club events. Many meetings were a great time to sit and talk about Siberians.

In 1995, BASH was asked to help with rescuing Siberians. Almost ½ the membership now came from people who had rescued and there were 3 or 4 people that did foster for other groups. BASH created a charter to organize a rescue and BASH Rescue/Referral was started. Everyone that adopted a dog from us or through a group in our area was given a membership to the club. Our club grew. In 2001 we peaked at almost 200 members.

We continued to do fun stuff with our dogs. We did beach hikes (until dogs were banned from most beaches), camping trips with the Malamute club, hikes at parks, BBQ's at parks, parades, holiday parties, etc..... The membership started to decline when more people came from farther away to adopt their dog. They didn't care as much about the membership as they did the dog, which was great for the dogs...but not so good for BASH.

Two groups were formed out of BASH. One was the Mt. Hamilton Siberian Husky club (closed down last year) and the other was Siberians Needing Owners Rescue. Mt Hamilton members wanted to do more on the AKC side again and BASH wasn't going that way. SNO rescue was of course set up as another rescue that was based farther south and eventually spread to Washington state.

Currently we have a hand full of members that have fun sledding, camping and doing things as a group. As more people want to help find places to hike and camp and run our dogs, we will again grow. We have fun, which is what counts. Come join us at one of the meetings or events. SnoBASH 2, Fun Match, Umunhum running dogs/Camping trips, the Ice Cream Social, Fall Furry Flurry, holiday parades, the holiday party.....

Come and join us for meetings and events. We have a lot of fun with our Siberian Huskies...

Rosemary: Love, Loyalty & Sled Dogs not just a people herb

We have two wonderful dogs that we have gotten from BASH. Sparkey came to us in Aug 2006 and Avery 5 months later. Sparkey is a beautiful, active dog (he loves to run & run & run), but very anxious. We live in the mountains (dog heaven) and they have lots of great places to hang out. Sparkey's past was an unknown. He is a very anxious dog ...was afraid of noises & movement the only person he would let pet and sit with is our sonand finally me a little (if indoors). About a month ago I thought that there must be something I could do about his "jumpiness".

I went online and after awhile I ended up on an aromatherapy site. Hmmmm... if rosemary could help anxiety in people why not dogs? We have lots growing here (the deer don't like it). I started putting a table spoon or so in his food morning and evening. And yes he likes it he likes all the smells in the kitchen and loves to hang out under the table when we eat ... he doesn't beg. Often I add a little olive oil and/or parmesan cheese ... Within a week I could see improvement. He actually rolled over and let me rub his stomach! A good friend works at our vet. She had never heard of trying it, but thought it interesting.

It has been a month and Sparkey is 50-60% improved. Much more calm.... less jumpy gets way closer to people now (some he will go up to). He has always been a very sweet dog so if this helps anyone else it is easy to try and grows easily (draught tolerant).

Nancy Herr, Los Gatos CA

New Board Members

We would like to first thank Greta for doing a great job as Secretary for the past two years. She has let the board know that even though there will be a new Secretary she will be there to help the board where needed.

We would like to welcome Beth Chamberlain as the new Secretary. She and her family have been members for a number of year. They have adopted all three of their huskies .

Anthony Taskey will again serve as our President. He has done a great job for two years and will continue that for the next two years.

Next year the other three positions will be up for re-election - Vice President, Activities and Treasurer.

SNOBASH II

April 19th and 20th



We will again be staying at the Tamarack Pines Inn. If you would like to reserve a room, contact Randee at bashrr@aol.com or 408-377-2900. A \$100 deposit will be required. There are rooms that will hold 2 people and others that will hold a family or group up to 8. All rooms have their own bathroom. At snoBASH one they ranged from \$175 to \$250 for two nights. We assume they will be less for off-season but have not confirmed that yet. BASH picks up the cost of the use of the lower kitchen and great room. We had a great time at SnoBASH one at the Inn. (we have one large room and one small room as of now open)

SnoBASH is held no matter the amount of snow.

We usually hold SnoBASH 2 at Bear Valley Cross Country. It is a low-key event. We do a few rides but not many. Any we do, the proceeds go to the local elementary school. In past years we have also given rides to disabled adults that are brought to Bear Valley to enjoy all the different things you can do (skiing, snowmobiling, snow shoeing, dog sledding). Most of the time we do short runs in the morning and late afternoon and just kick back the rest of the day. 4 out of 5 of the last SnoBASH 2's we have been hit with one day of heavy snow.



Semi-Annual Vaccination/Microchip/Prevention Products Clinic

To support

Bay Area Siberian Husky Club, Boy Scout # 264 and PAWS for SJACS

For Dogs and Cats



Saturday May 10

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

2633 S Bascom Ave
Campbell CA

(intersection of Bascom/Union)



For Dogs- DHLPP, Rabies, Lyme, Bordetella
For Cats- FVRCP, FeLV , Rabies

All \$10.00 each

Heartworm test - \$25.00 (should be done yearly if you don't give prevention and bi-annually if you do)

24 Watch chip- \$25.00 (free registration)

Advantage, Heartguard, Frontline and more available to purchase (call and ask- we will try to get it). **Our prices are comparable to internet prices.** Heartguard for 50-100#'s 6 pack- \$35 and a 12 pack \$ 68.00. 10% off preorders of 4 packages or more.



RSVP - # of dogs, # of cats and what shots and supplies you plan on buying. If there is something you would like and it isn't on the list, please call and we will see if we can get it.

Randee McQueen – 408-377-2900 or e-mail at BASHclub@aol.com.

The next clinic will be in November 2008.



All proceeds benefit BASH, Boy Scouts # 264 and PAWS for SJACS



Shaver Lake Dog Sled Race

By Marie Stevens

The Shaver Lake Dogsled Race went off as scheduled on the weekend of March 1st and 2nd. Hugo Antonucci was the race marshal, and a group of BASH members went up to help. Randee was the timer, and I helped with that on and off. Greg also helped at the starting line. Patty LaCava, Michelle Suarez and Dave Garibay drove up as well. The weather was great.....sunny mostly but cool. The snow was good out on the trail, and the trail itself was beautiful.....gliding off through the trees with lots of corners and hills. It got a little slushy in the afternoon but not bad, and was somewhat crusty and icy in the early morning.



The turnout was pretty good. There weren't too many big teams (6 or 8 dog), but there were lots of 4-dog and 3-dog entries, and a fair number of juniors, plus one lone skier. Greg and I took our tent trailer, so we camped out at the site, along with the rest of the BASH group. We cooked our dinner in the trailer (Randee's mom made a dinner so we just had to heat it up), and had a relaxing evening.



The big teams went out first thing in the morning. As we had quite a while to wait for them to come in, the BASH members gave sled dog rides. We had our own little loop in a

meadow. The first day Patty, Michelle and Dave did all the work, using all of our dogs. (Between us, we had 15 dogs.) The second day Michelle, Dave and I provided the rides. We had quite a workout because at least one of us would run around the circle with the dogs, to help if any problems came up. The local Chamber of Commerce sponsored the race, so riders were asked to donate to the Chamber of Commerce for the rides and we earned a fair amount of money for them.



The Chamber also had other activities going on for attendeessnowshoeing, cross-country skiing, snowman building contests, snowball fights, etc. There was a pretty good turnout from the town and lots of excitement when the teams took off and when they came back in. There were food vendors there too (Thank God!!! I forgot the coffee!!) But the big draw, of course, was the racing. It is so exciting to see teams being run up to the starting gate, and lining up there waiting for their turn to take off. The dogs are so excited and not at all interested in standing there waiting for the countdown. (We had helpers in the starting chute holding on to the dogs for dear life so they wouldn't leave too early.) When the count hits zero, everyone around the chute is screaming and the dogs go silent and take off at a dead run. They went up a small hill and disappeared around a corner. Then the next team would pull up and we would do it all over again. It was also great fun to see the teams come in. Some would still be going all out and would zip on though the chute, while others would kind of amble on in, looking at the screaming people as if to ask, "what's up with these nuts?" We made sure every team got a big round of applause. The junior racers in particular were fun to watch. The oldest was 10, another was 8, and I think the others were younger. They mostly had 2 dogs each, and they took this seriously. They did great....no fear at all.



Alyssa Antonucci, Hugo and Terri's daughter, came in second in the four dog race. She did really well, and almost took first. We were all very proud and excited for her. (She wore my snow hat the first day so I feel like I contributed to this.)



It was really an enjoyable weekend. The camaraderie was great, and people with more experience racing helped those with less. A dog sled race is definitely an event everyone with huskies should attend.



It is time to RENEW your membership

BASH membership goes from April to March of each year.

If you choose not to renew, you will no longer receive a newsletter (or notice of our newsletter) after May.



If you have adopted a dog from or through BASH during the past 6 months and would like to continue receiving the newsletter, you will be given it for free but need to send a renewal form back confirming your address and phone and E-Mail address.

Check your address label for the date your membership expires and if we have the e-mail address correct.

Thank you from Junior Musher,
June Takagi

Dear The Bay Area Siberian Husky Club,

I am the junior musher than received 150 dog booties that you sewed. I successfully completed the 2008 Junior Iditarod and 2008 Junior Yukon Quest, secure in the knowledge that I had plenty of booties to last me through the races. Thank you to you and the Bootie Brigade for your support. I am attaching a picture of me with my lead dog, and one from the Jr. Iditarod start.

from Yuta Takagi and my dogs

Help with events

BASH puts on a number of great events that are fun for all. We need more people to help with these events. We have great fun planning these events. We need some help prior to the event but we usually just need more people that are willing to help on the day of the event.

Please try to attend the MARCH meeting to hear what events you can help with.

Umunhum Carting and Camping

Through out the summer we cart with our dogs by moonlight. It is a fun time with our dogs getting exercise, learning to work with a team and as a team.

We meet around 5 pm on Saturday night and if the weather allows, we run the dogs between 7 and 9 pm. If it is warm we eat dinner first and then run them. They run from 1 mile to 7 miles, again it is based on the weather...the warmer it is the shorter we run. In the past 5 years of doing this event we have been unable to run 3 times. Dinner is a group effort.

Some people then camp in tents but most campout in their cars or beside them.

In the morning we rise with the sun and run the dogs again. We try different dogs in different positions and come back to a GREAT group breakfast and off the hill by 10 or 11 am.... You still have time to do things before the end of the weekend.

Most people go up for the whole event. SOMETIMES (not all the time) we have a couple that only come up for the evening part. This can only happen if we have at least two cars going down at the same time.

Tentative dates – They can always change because of heat, fire, dog shows and other events.

May 25,26
June 21, 22 (could change)
July 19, 20
August 16,17
September 13, 14
October 11, 12
November 15, 16

Time to meet- 5 pm at the lowest gate (there are three locked gates so we have to stay together)

RSVP Randee at (408) 371-1841 or bashrr@aol.com by the WEDNESDAY before the weekend to find out what to bring and for how many.

What you need to bring- your own drinks, sleeping bag, food for your dog and food for the group.

Call for directions. It takes approximately 30 minutes from Highway 85/Almaden Expressway to the first gate. People can also make arrangements to meet at Randee's office and follow her up.

It is great fun and very relaxing. The views of Santa Cruz, Monterey Bay and Santa Clara County are wonderful both as the sun rises and the sun sets. Come and join us.

Team Stormwatch 2008 Iditarod



The 2008 Iditarod is now history. Wayne Curtis finished the race with 13 dogs, the most he has ever finished with. His time was 13 days, 13 hours, 25 minutes and 26 seconds. He came in 71st out of 95 starting teams of which 17 scratched. He said before he started that he was not going to push the dogs as this was mostly a young team. He wanted them to go out and have a good time. Again, the temperatures were in the 40's for a lot of the race, so Wayne opted to run at night and rest during the day. Kotz and Shak pulled muscles along the way, so Wayne stayed longer at checkpoints, trying to heal the injuries slowing him down some more. Unfortunately, this did not work and he was forced to drop both dogs. Kotz and Shak are now doing fine with no permanent injury. I saw Anvik standing on 3 legs at Finger Lake, and by the time she got home, she was running around feeling fine. Those were the 3 dogs that got dropped.

We are all very proud of Wayne and the great race he ran. At the finishing banquet, several of the mushers publicly thanked Wayne for helping them on the trail. In all, he is an exemplary good sport and is out to only do what is best for the dogs and the other mushers on the trail. I found out that during one of the warm up races that Wayne did, he came upon a musher having a seizure. Wayne stopped his race and returned to the beginning with the musher on tow in order to get medical attention for this person. All turned out well, but this is the type of person he is.

Once again, we are thanking all of you sponsors for helping out with this endeavor. Without your support, Team Stormwatch would not have been able to even begin this Iditarod. The increasing cost of the entry fee, food, equipment and shipping of drop bags has made it almost impossible for the working class mushers to race without some sort of outside support and sponsorships. For this we are very grateful for your support and donation.

I am enclosing a piece of trail memorabilia. Once again, the dog sponsors will receive "Mail from the Trail." These were carried along the trail in Wayne's sled. This year, they were stamped at the start with the original Iditarod stamp. They are also stamped with a Nome stamp, on the day that Wayne finished. Only 50 of these cachets were made. We hope you enjoy this token of appreciation. Again, thank you for your support to keep Siberian Huskies on the Iditarod trail.

Carol Preble
19005 Harmony Rd.
Marengo, IL 60152

April 2008

Serving the Bay Area & Northern California

Descriptions of the dogs listed in this newsletter, including evaluations of their temperaments, are furnished by the people placing them. We are providing an exchange of information only and we do not attempt to verify the information given.

Bill Otto 408-258-9806 billotto1412@aol.com

Randee McQueen (408)371-1841 BASHRR@aol.com
Krisee and her eight puppies. She will be available about the first part of April and the pups soon after
Puppies are named with the theme of "Peanuts"- Schroeder is the only one that does not have a home yet

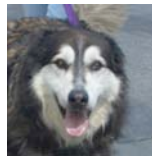


Randy Fishel -randf@sibernet.com

Brady is new to rescue. She was a stray from the San Jose area. She was going to go to adoptions but they decided she was to "jumpy". She is very nice and appears to do well with other large dogs. We will know more about her in a few days.



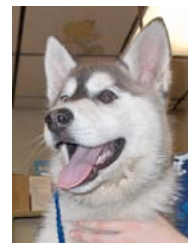
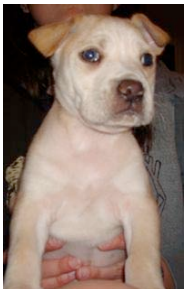
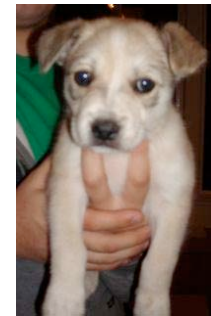
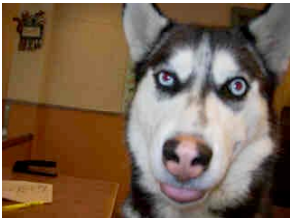
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Smokey Lola



ADOPTED

Poppi, Snow, Izzy, Darby, Linuss, Pattyy, Maree, Sallee, Charliee and

Rerunn Takini



Bay Area Siberian Husky Club
Membership Renewal and Associate Application 2008-2009

Membership enclosed for: \$30 Single \$35 Family \$25 Associate

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Upcoming Adoption Fairs

First Saturday
PetsMart, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
850 W. Hamilton, Campbell
Coordinator: Rande McQueen
408-371-1841

Second Saturday
PetsMart, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
175 Ranch Road, Milpitas
Coordinator: Bill Otto
408-258-9806

Third Saturday
Pet Food Express 11 am to 2 pm
15466 Los Gatos Blvd., Los Gatos
Coordinator: Rande McQueen
408-356-7600