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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 bi-monthly general meeting
- Foster a Husky
- Help transport a Husky

## Upcoming Events



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 17,18	SnoBASH 2
May 23	Vaccine Clinic
June 20	Fun Match with Norsled
Sept. 19	Ice Cream Social
Oct 17	Fall Furry Flurry
Oct TBD	12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Mushing Clinic
	SNDD
Dec 11	BASH Christmas Party



Have a HAPPY  
and Safe  
EASTER

# TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

## Memberships are due April 1.

If you have adopted a dog in the past year from BASH and would like to renew for free, just send an e-mail to [bash@com-ctl.com](mailto:bash@com-ctl.com).

Membership enclosed for: \$30 Single

\$35 Family

\$25 Associate

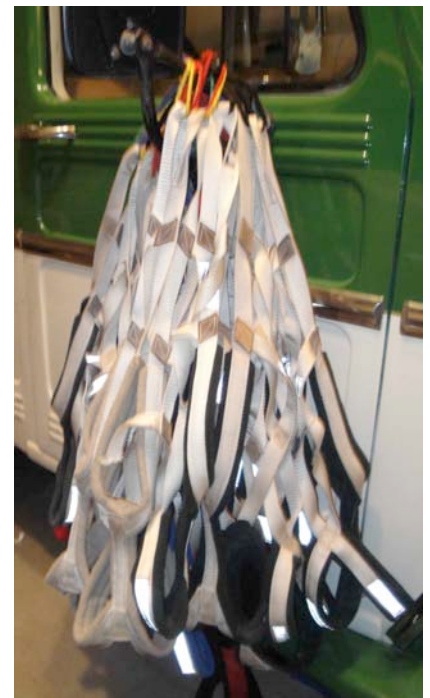
All memberships not renewed will be dropped May 1, 2010  
It is time for Elections

## Sledding Equipment for Sale

BASH has acquired equipment from a musher that is dramatically reducing their kennel. We have harnesses of various sizes (35#'s to about 60# dogs) dog blankets (small square blankets used when sleeping in the snow but many of us use them in our cars) snow hooks, 1 sled bags, sled hook holders, reflective vests, headlamps, skijoring se, wristies and a few more things.

If you are interested in any of this equipment, please feel free to contact us.

Most of the items will be \$10 or less... proceeds go for rescue....



# Semi-Annual Vaccination/Microchip/Prevention Products Clinic

To support

Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

***For Dogs and Cats***



Sunday May 23

10 am to 12:00 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***

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 – 408-371-1841 or e-mail at [BASH@com-ctl.com](mailto:BASH@com-ctl.com).

The next clinic will be in November 2010.



All proceeds benefit BASH

# “Cotton Kills! And Beware of Yellow Snow Angels”

by Michelle Suarez

This March we took a weekend off and four of us took our dogs snow camping in Hope Valley. The culprits included Marie with her dogs (Ralfee, Frankee, Jodee, and Rockett), Randee with two of her dogs (Quinn and Trekk) riding with Marie’s gang, and David and I with our dogs (Chevy, Autumn, Princess, Bunkies and our most recent family addition Rawley). David and I had been camping before, but never snow camping, so we were relying on the experts Marie and Randee to inform us of the “need to knows”. We left Fremont at around 9:15am, and by then Randee and Marie were already a few minutes ahead of us. Since we had radios, we were able to touch bases and eventually were riding right behind each other. Marie led the way in her white suburban. After a certain point I took a nap, and didn’t wake up until we were almost there. We didn’t make any stops along the way so we made it to Hope Valley around 1PM. When we got there Dotti was already there and getting her dogs together to start a trail ride. Dotti’s husband Dave had already groomed a trail about six miles long with plenty of loops to practice gee and haw. Unfortunately since we had not stopped on the way, all of us really had to go. And even more unfortunate for me, I still had not come to a point in my life where I had practiced the art of peeing behind a tree. (Yes, I was able to pee behind a tree without peeing on myself that week, or making a yellow snow angel (although I cannot guarantee the same for all. When I got home from the trip, I highly appreciated my bathroom and don’t plan to complain about porta-potties anytime in the near future.)



After our tree stop, we started off by having lunch and then setting up camp. It was a sight to see four adults trying to figure out how to put the tent together. First we used snow shoes to stomp a flat area; that’s when I put on my first set of snow shoes and realized how much fun they are. I didn’t take the snow shoes off until I absolutely had to. In the process of trying to set-up drops by the tent for the dogs, I also got stuck in a downward dog yoga position with snow shoes on; luckily I was able to use the tree branches to get be back upright before anyone noticed and snapped a picture.

After we finished setting up camp we started getting the dogs ready for a run. We had three sleds going out, one team of four with two people riding and two teams of three with drivers. After David and I were finished getting our dogs on the line I went to go stand on Marie’s brake, so she could finish putting her dogs on. David thought our snow hook was stomped in well enough to hold our dogs in place, and went over to help Marie with her dogs.



Unfortunately for us, the dogs got excited and popped up the snow hook and took off without us for about a mile or so. At one point we thought they were stopping when we were running and yelling after them, but Rawley was just taking a second to sniff out the trail to figure out whether to take the haw trail or the gee trail. Luckily two guys on snow machines from across the street saw what was going on and zoomed right over to help us out. By the time they got to us, the snow hook had already buried in and brought the dogs to a stop. Therefore David and I got a quick ride on a snow machine to our dogs, who were patiently waiting for us. That first day we didn't quite do the loops correctly so we did more like 4 miles. We also realized that Randee didn't have enough power on her team. Marie ended up giving Randee one of her three and by the end we also had decided the we would just run two teams of five with two each. Not to mention we were going to make someone was standing on each sled at all

As the day progressed from day to night to get a bit colder. We had Marie's fabulous nice bonfire, fed/walked our dogs, and then the tent for bed by 9pm. The dogs slept in the was warmer for them then being outside. That



next day riders sure that times!

it started dinner, a were in car, as it night the

temperature dropped below zero. As we were close to the highway, cars would see our tent and honk at us. Also, a little later that night the snow plow spent about a half hour clearing the road, while its machine made a constant beeping of the back-up alarm. We were all able to get some sleep that night, and stayed fairly warm.



By the time I convinced myself to climb out of my sleeping bag in the morning it was still six degrees below zero. That day I waited until at least noon to use the tree, as I was not willing to shed a single layer. Randee and Marie had already gotten up and started boiling drinking water for both us and the dogs, as our water jugs were all frozen solid. Ralfee and Chevy were both shivering when we took them for their potty walks, so we put the dogs back in the car until it warmed-up a bit more. For the first

time in Chevy's furry life, I actually put a jacket on him.

We started out the day with Marie's delicious breakfast. In an attempt to warm-up our feet, as it seemed a few of us were a little less prepared than usual, we sat in our vehicles with the heat blasting. During break down, Randee discovered that David and I had brought some cotton socks. We had been told once before that cotton kills, because it traps in the moisture and allows it to freeze on your body. However, we had never quite been in a situation where

we couldn't quickly run inside, warm-up, and change socks. Well, we finally got to experience the deadliness of wearing cotton to the snow. Luckily on my second day I had a wool pair of socks. David now has wool socks on his shopping wish list.

After packing up a majority of our stuff, we started to get the dogs ready for another run. This time we had two teams of five—well, more like one team of five and one of five and a half. We decided to put our smallest team member, Bunkies, on next to Autumn in wheel. She did very well. We also had Quinn on our team to start out with. Randee and Marie rode on another sled with Trekk and Marie's four. This time around we took advantage and did some of the loops. Since Dottie was on the trail the same time as us, we also had one point where we moved our teams to the side, due to the narrow trail, and allowed them to pass us on a head on-by. By the end of the ride, we had put Quinn on Randee and Marie's team to help give them a bit more speed. Overall it was a very nice trail, we did closer to five miles, and had a nice time practicing the gee and haw commands with our dogs. After we finished our ride with the dogs, we had a quick lunch, and then started to pack up to go. We were on the road around 3PM.



On the way home David took the lead and Marie followed. Also, due to a small guilt trip, I decided to stay awake to keep David company. Unfortunately, both David and I agreed that we are better off if I just nap on the way home. A lady with the license plates "Me Wok" in a silver SUV almost side-swiped us as she was getting on to the highway going through town after exiting a parking lot. We then made a wrong turn and drove into a side street to make a u-turn. "Me Wok" (Marie felt the "W" should be replaced with an "F") also made a wrong turn and almost rear ended us by following us. She ended up going back in the direction she came from, and we were able to not have to see her again. However, we did run across other not so favorable drivers, and were getting cut-off every five minutes. Marie played it safe and decided to keep her distance from us. Luckily we were able to make it to Tracy, maybe a little wind and sunburned, but in one piece. We had some cheese fries and cheeseburger therapy, and then were back on the road. Around 9PM we arrived at home, which ended our fun-filled weekend adventure.



# Looking for Knitters or Crochet...

Do you like knitting? We have a project for knitters. Peggy Rusher spins dog hair into yarn. We make hats, scarves, wrestles and more. All of the items are sold, raffled or auctioned off to benefit our rescue or Siberian rescues that help us. We have various patterns for hats, a scarf or other items that people like to purchase. There is one simple pattern that makes a rose (see pictures). Many groups sell these roses to support rescue. They come with a cute little note that explains the makeup of the rose and it's meaning.

We would like to help us make roses or other items for our rescue and other Siberian rescues that have sent Peggy dog hair.

We have the directions and the yarn; you supply the needles and the time.

If you are interested in helping us knit roses or hats or other items contact Randee at [BASH@com-ctl.com](mailto:BASH@com-ctl.com).

In checking out the internet we found some neat patterns not only for the roses but for QUICK MITTENS (crochet), PET STOCKINGS (small that hang on the tree), HEARTS, JINGLE BELL and a PETABLE PICTURE FRAME.

If people are interested in these patterns let me know. If you want to learn how to do them, we will be happy to teach you.



# SNOBASH II

April 17, 18



We will again be staying at the Tamarack Pines Inn. The PINES is full . NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED IN THE ROOM AT THE LODGE. . For those that want to join us there are great places in Angels Camp, Arnold, Dorrington and Bear Valley. Some will allow dogs in the room, and some do not. Those of us at the Pines leave our dogs in the car. We had a great time at the Inn last year. Very relaxing. All those that attend will be expected to bring “group” food (breakfast, appetizers and drinks). Anyone is welcome to the group dinner. We just need to know if you are planning on attending Saturday night so we have enough. When all have signed up we will have a list of items to bring. By having everyone bring parts we can spread out what is needed to be brought up. We will have a group dinner on Saturday night. BASH will supply the paper products.

SnoBASH is held no matter the amount of snow.

We do sled rides for people and dogs. The proceeds go to the local elementary school.



Sign up to come. We have a fantastic time.



# SnoBASH Schedule

We will be at Bear Valley Cross Country trail head.

Friday—April 16

2 to 5 pm set up drops



Saturday April 17

7:30- 9:30 breakfast

10:00 to 12:00 rides

12:00 to 1:30 lunch

1:30 to 3:30 rides

5:00 meeting

6:00 dinner



Sunday April 18

7:30- 9:30 breakfast

10:00 to 12:00 rides if time allows

12:00 to 1:30 lunch

1:30 finish fun runs and clean up to go home

It will be great fun. Bring plenty of sunscreen. We will do a deli type lunch as of now.

They have snow but the heat is causing the snow bridges to go away. Runs will be early to beat the heat and late in the day. There is a lot of sitting around at this SnoBASH.

## Easter Carrot Cookies

Your dog will howl for these healthy Easter Carrot Cookies! Simply Delicious! [A healthy home-made dog treat!](#)

### Ingredients:

- 2 Cups of grated carrots
- 1/2 Cup of dog kibble
- 2 Jars of beef baby food (small jars)
- 1/2 Cup of plain non-fat yogurt
- 2 Cups of wheat flour
- 1 Teaspoon of baking powder

### Directions:

Put the dog food in a food processor or blender and grind to a fine powder. You can also put the carrots in the food processor if you wish. I did not (you can see chunks of carrots in the cookies I made). In a large bowl, combine the kibble powder, carrots, yogurt and baby food.

Blend well. Next, add the baking powder. Once these ingredients are blended, slowly add the wheat flour. Knead with your hands for at least three to five minutes. The dough will be "chunky" because of the carrots.

On a flat, floured surface roll out dough to desired thickness. Using Easter cookie cutters, cut out shapes and place on a greased cookie sheet. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes or until bottoms are golden brown. Enjoy! Happy Easter



# Rescue March 2010

## 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](mailto:billotto1412@aol.com)*

Dillon was an owner surrender because they had to move two years ago because his family had to move and now he is being returned for the same reason. He was raised with kids). He knows basic commands (Sit, down) and is housetrained. He needs leash training to learn heel. He could make a great companion for another female dog or will be fine on his own. He likes to play. He is not good with small animals. He needs a home that has experience with Siberians. He at times wants all of the attention over other dogs and those smaller than he.

**Randy Fishel-** [randyf@sibenet.com](mailto:randyf@sibenet.com)

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**Beth Chamberlain-** 408-859-3101 [b.d.c@comcast.net](mailto:b.d.c@comcast.net)

She is an extremely nice dog. House trained, sweet...a talker. Good with kids, other dogs (at least medium sized ones)--interested in the cat (she is a husky) but overall pretty mellow. She know sit and does down. She walks ok on the leash and loves to hang around the house. She is good with kids also. She is very gentle..

**Macio Simpson (831) 214-9644 [mrevoli@yahoo.com](mailto:mrevoli@yahoo.com)**

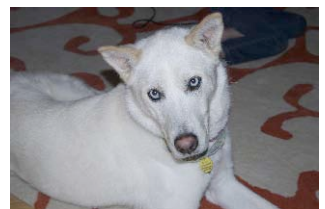
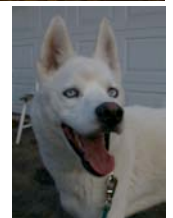
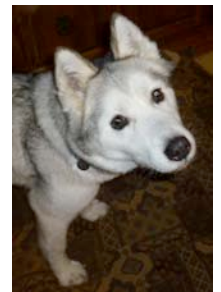
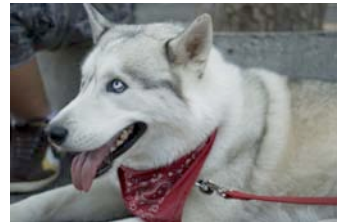
We just got Bolo from the San Jose Shelter. He is probably a shepherd/siberian cross. He is between 60 and 65#'s. He rides well in the car. Is very friendly. Plays well with other dogs. He walks ok on a leash but can pull. He knows sit, down and a quick drop (not sure of the command but he slams to a down). Call his foster dad for more information.

**Randee McQueen (408)371-1841 [BASHRR@aol.com](mailto:BASHRR@aol.com)**

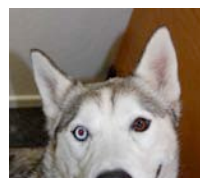
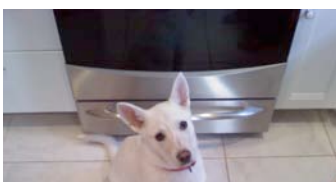
Trixie originally came to BASH as an 8 week old puppy. She is being returned because of health issues in the family. She is a wonderful husky who is crate trained, house trained, has basic obedience skills (sit, down, stay and walks on a leash) She has been raised with two young children and is great with them. She loves to play with toys (tug toys) and play fetch. She has high energy for playin g with another dog. she is a fun dog to have around.

**Shea Rich 831-227-4813 [fabulousmoi@gmail.com](mailto:fabulousmoi@gmail.com)**

*Maureen Marcus 510-895-9104, [spiritofashadow@aol.com](mailto:spiritofashadow@aol.com) Malamute Rescue*



Adopted - Sierra Maya (now Sookie)



# Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

Membership Renewal and Associate Application 2010-2011

Membership enclosed for: \$30 Single

\$35 Family

\$25 Associate

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Area code and phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like the newsletter mailed to me.

Make checks payable to BASH. All memberships and subscriptions are valid through March 31, 2011. Send membership renewal form and check, or inquiries about becoming a voting member, to:

Marie Stevens, Bay Area Siberian Husky Club, 2633 S Bascom Ave, Campbell CA 95008

## Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

[www.bayareasiberian.org](http://www.bayareasiberian.org)

2633 S. Bascom Avenue

Campbell, CA 95008

### 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

Not in December  
Third Saturday  
Pet Food Express 11 am to 2 pm  
15466 Los Gatos Blvd., Los Gatos  
Coordinator: Rande McQueen  
408-356-7600