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There is a great book that is called "Dogged...and Determined: The Taz Adventures" It is the adventures of a rescued sib named Colonel Taz. The author, Scott Ski, came and spoke about the book and Taz to the club a couple of years ago. The stories all started from his writings on a list called Sibernet. It turned into one book and now there will be a second book. Check them both out and sign up for Sibernet to read the great tales of Taz.

COLONEL TAZ RETURNS

Greetings All!

Even though it has been several years since I last penned and posted a TAZ Adventure, I still get emails from people who fondly recall them. Some people write that they have read 'Dogged and Determined' over and over until their copy fell apart.

It is all very humbling. Believe or not, 2007 marks ten years since I began the series, which I wrote and posted on Sibernet for the following six years. I think it is time to celebrate.

Well, tell all your friends, enemies, pets, former relatives and former sibernetters that TAZ Adventures (like 'I Love Lucy' reruns) will be returning to Sibernet and all who wish to privately email me to be put on a list for them. As before, they will be posted every Friday. As before, just like a TV series, I will run about 25 adventures and then re-run them so you can catch missing episodes.

For those old, grisly veterans, that means I am looking to eventually post all 257 episodes...yes it may take another ten years.

And I will be coming out with a revised version of Dogged in a few months. When the website is ready, I will notify everyone.

So, until next week...

Scott Ski

PS -- Yes, Colonel TAZ is still with us, a retired Major Domo at 13 years. He is the only remaining member of the stories. However, down the road you will meet some of our newer players...most specifically Tres, our three legged husky (yes, it is uno, dos, tres...)

Any questions or inquiries about the Colonel, the book or anything else, please fell free to email me privately.

Here it is, the first TAZ story from March, 1997. The other posting will be "NEW" TAZ stories...which are stories not found in the book. They are newer, but still some years old.

Taz Adventure 1

Feline Maniacism or the Cat Crazy Canine Mar 20.

Gentle Readers,

We all know that Siberians get along with cats about as well as ...well, cats and dogs. Many of you Siberian scribes out there manage a truce between pets. As such, we would like your input regarding the following case of Feline Maniacism or cat crazed canine.

Last week we adopted a handsome 2 year old Siberian from an area shelter. Having been associated with huskies for two decades, this one was impressive. It exhibited positive traits: name recognition, sit, heel, calm in the car, quiet and peaceful, gets along well with other dogs, attentive...OK, in as much as one can expect any trace of these qualities in a husky, this guy was exceptional. He exceeded the minimum standards.

Upon arrival home, this lovely tranquillity was shattered at the first sight of one of our four cats. Absolute wild eyed frenzy ensued as the dog ignored the choke chain and the owner attached to it, in his quest to devour the cat and dragged me through three rooms and halfway under a couch. After pulling myself and the dog from under the furniture, the husky spied a second feline form on the couch; a cat that would not give ground. In a flash he pounced on it, his jaws and teeth tearing away, his head violently shaking the poor little figure to and fro. Despite his efforts, he became only more enraged when the cat not only refused to die, but kept calmly purring and gently meowing. I rescued the little thing before the batteries wore out.

Later, in the TV room, a room filled top to bottom with Husky memorabilia including a three foot tall metal Husky gas station sign, the dog ignored all to intensely focus on the only cat themed item in the area. It was one of those wonderfully tacky Kit Kat clocks from the 1950's. You know the ones --- with the shifting eyes, wagging tail and loads of cheap rhinestones. The Siberian actually attempted to get up on the wall to reach it.

When not around cats, the dog is wonderful, but, Dr. Jekyll transforms instantly into Mr. Hyde at anything even resembling a cat shape. At the vet the next day, the waiting room wall had an electronic message board, advising on worming, spaying and other important topics. Suddenly, the near comatose Siberian leaped to his feet...an image of a cat had appeared on the board for a moment and he did not miss it. We have never seen a Siberian so intensely focused on cats and their destruction. We were unable to find any information on the dog's past other than his owner had turned him in two days prior to our adopting him. No info on the owner. Perhaps murdering other cats led to the animal's surrender to the shelter. However, there might have been one clue to the Siberian's behavior that I overlooked at the beginning. The dog did have a name...TAZ...after the whirling dervish Tasmanian Devil of Looney Tunes fame. Appropriate moniker.

Unless we can figure out ways of becalming Taz, we will be very limited and have to adopt the dog into a less "feline challenged" environment. The next few days or weeks should be quite interesting.

Scott and Robbi, Megan (blue merle Aussie) Ninja (black husky-chow), Hook, Chessie, B/W, Grey (cats) all shelter rescue animals or saved ferals and maybe, just maybe.....TAZ.

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EVENTS

August 11th - General Meeting
August 25th Umunhum Camping
Sept 22nd – Umunhum Camping
Sept 30th - Ice Cream Social
October 21st Fall Furry Flurry
Oct. 27th Umunhum Run
Oct 30 Nov 4 – National Specialty –
Rohnert Park CA
Nov. ? Vaccination Clinic
November 10th or 11th?? Last
Umunhum Run
Dec 1,2 Santa Paws
Dec 8th Holiday Party – NEW
DATE!!!!!! Mark your calendars
now....
Jan. 25, 26 & 27 – SnoBASH 2008

E-Mail LISTS– BASH has two “lists” that we maintain for the club. The first is a general club information list and the second is on issues involving rescue. If you are a member and interested in being on either list, please send a request to Randee at BASHRR@aol.com.

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your own. BASHRR@aol.com

SB 1634

We posted articles about the bill last month. In case you had not see the results it was taken out of the committee and will not be brought back up this year. Beginning in January it can be reintroduced.

We will give updates in January if it is reintroduced.

National Siberian Specialty

October 30– Nov 3rd

The National Siberian Specialty is a dog show with just SIBERIANS. On the west coast there will be around 600 Siberians brought to show them and hope for the top title of Best in Show. This show was last in California in 1974. It moves all around the US. Last year it was outside of Chicago. Check the website for the full brochure http://www.shca.org/2007_specialty.htm

Tentative Schedule of Events

Tuesday:	All Obedience, Rally, and Agility Class Judging Breeder/Exhibitor/Fancier Continuing Education Seminar Educational Symposium and Supper; Hospitality
Wednesday:	Puppy Sweepstakes Judging Veteran Sweepstakes Judging Evening: Parade of Previous Winners Evening: Generations Sweepstakes Gala, Wine Tasting, & SH-CA Event
Thursday:	Beginning of Dog Judging (Puppies through ???) Beginning of Bitch Judging (Puppies through ???) Parade of Rescue Siberians Evening: SHCA Annual Meeting; Hospitality
Friday:	Conclusion of Dog Judging Conclusion of Bitch Judging Junior Showmanship Judging Judges' Education Seminar and Study Group Parade of Titleholders Brace and Team Judging Evening: SHCA Auction
Saturday:	Best of Breed Judging Judges' Education Ringside Mentoring Evening: Banquet; Hospitality

Thursday– The 6th Annual SHCA Rescue Parade will be held during the 2007 National Specialty. All Siberian Huskies adopted through rescue or shelters are eligible to participate. Each entrant will receive a rosette and small gift for participation

It is exciting and fun to go and see this many Siberians. You don't need to go each day but at least one is worth the trip. The Auction on Friday night is great fun and you can believe all of the items that are Siberian that people donate.

If you want more info, feel free to contact Randee at randee1@aol.com

Umunhum Run

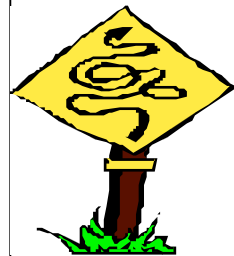
When: August 25th and 26th

Time: meet at 5 pm

What to bring: dogs, jackets, sleeping bag, tent.....

Please note that we must pass through 3 locked gates. You can not be late.

Groups must stay together on the way out until reaching Camden or the Expressway



We meet at the gate at 5pm (or call Randee and you can meet at her office at 4pm). Get up to the top and set up for dinner by 7 pm. If it is cool enough we might run before dinner, but not likely. We set up tents and other areas for those staying over night. We set up lines and are ready to go when and if it is cool enough.

In the morning we rise with the sun, harness them up again and run them about 4 miles. After running we have a GREAT breakfast. We will do a little clean up prior to coming down the hill. We should be off between 12 and 2. We have a great time and we don't lose our whole weekend to camping.



Not everyone stays all night. The requirement is for those not staying that there must be at least two vehicles going down together, and they must stay together to Hwy 85.

CALL to find out what you are to bring.

One member usually takes on the main meal and we share the rest.

Call for directions and where to meet.

It takes approximately 30 minutes to get to the first gate from Highway 85 and Almaden Expressway.

RSVP by Wed. August 22nd
Randee McQueen at 408-371-1841
or e-mail her at bashrr@aol.com

WE NEED AN RSVP in case of fire, extreme heat or other emergency we can contact you about changes in times or in case of cancellation. We also need to know how much food each is to bring.



BASH General Meeting



August 11
6 p.m.

Randee McQueen
906 Sweetbriar Dr.
Campbell CA 95008
(408)371-1841



Call to see what to bring. BASH will supply the main entrée

This is an important meeting where we will be planning and working on the upcoming events and discussing some great ideas for new events.

We will be talking about the Ice Cream Social, the Fall Furry Flurry and Christmas Party and more.

Please try to attend.



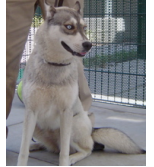
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Descriptions of the dogs, including evaluation of their temperament, listed in this newsletter are furnished by the people placing them. We are providing an exchange of information only and we do not attempt to verify the information given.

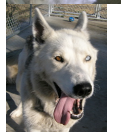
Bill Otto 408-258-9806 billotto1412@aol.com

Natasha She was a stray that was never reclaimed. She did not go to adoptions because she was considered "to busy"???? Our impression of her is that she is young and needs training, but has great potential. She does know sit and is learning down. She loves to play with toys. She appears to be good with other big dogs and those dogs that are smaller, but we aren't sure how small yet. She really wants to play and would probably do well with a dog that is not extremely dominant. She needs someone who will have take them time to give her the training she deserves to be a great girl. She is learning fairly quickly the rules of the foster homes house.



Macio Simpson 831-663-4323 mrgizmoz@sbcglobal.net

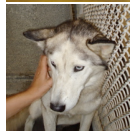
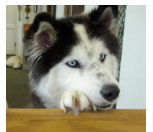
Glacier is good indoors but likes to hangout outside. She needs leash training, she is not cat friendly. Glacier is shy and lovable. She know sit,shake and give kisses. She is crate trained. We think she might be better as a companion dog than being by herself. She would probably be ok also with someone home all day. She needs a companion (human or dog she doesn't care) She rides great in the car. She does great with other dogs but is not overly playful.



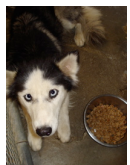
Sasha is a very active dog that LOVES to play fetch! She need a lot of leash training. She was injured on her neck from a rotten rope (tied and probably wet for a while) .It is healing. She is a wonderful and playful dog. She is a SWEET SWEET dog.... Because of the sensitivity of her neck, a family with young kids would probably not be good.

Randee McQueen (408)371-1841 BASHRR@aol.com

Bella was from Pennisula HS She play fantastic with toys. She will throw a rope around the back yard or play with a tennis ball for a long time. She loves to play tugtoy with anyone. She is absolutely wonderful. she has basic obedience training. She is great in the house and has been fine with the other 7 dogs at my house. Her previous owner had shaved her which you should never never do..... it will grow out but right now it is short. She will make a great companion for another siberian. So far the only restriction i would give a person is that she should never have a bone or rawhide chew.



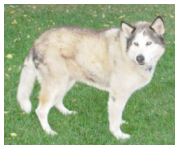
Blue is a sweet dog that was surrendered with another sibe because they didn't have time to spend with them. They were mostly outdoor dogs. She is very sweet and tries very had to please. She was shy at first at the shelter, but now she is use to it she has blossomed. She walks ok on a leash. She is ok with kids (have had her with them down to 8?) but appears that she would be ok younger. She wants her tummy rubbed and sh e wants to please those that show they care about her.



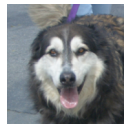
Delilia is very very sweet and just wants to climb in your lap and be patted. She is very gentle. She wants her tummy rubbed forever. She walks on a leash as long as things don't scare her. When they scare her she turns upside down, totally submitting to what scared her. she is great with kids, takes treats very gentle.

Maureen Marcus 510-895-9104, spiritofashadow@aol.com Malamute Rescue

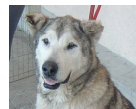
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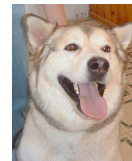
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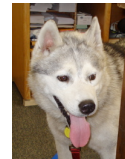
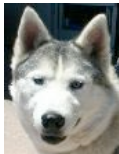
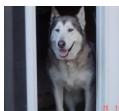


Carmella



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Blade, Candy, Taz, Tucker, Goss, Bunny, , Playboy



Bay Area Siberian Husky Club
Membership Renewal and Associate Application 2007-2008

Membership enclosed for: \$30 Single

\$35 Family

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Make checks payable to BASH. All memberships and subscriptions are valid through March 31, 2008. Send membership renewal form and check, or inquiries about becoming a voting member, to:

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Upcoming Adoption Fairs

First Saturday
PetsMart, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
850 W. Hamilton, Campbell
Coordinator: Randee 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
(408) 356-7600