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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 EVENT

Aug 17	BASH General Meeting
Sept 12	1 st meeting for Bootie Brigade
Sept 28	Ice Cream Social
Oct. 19	Fall Furry Flurry 5 K dog walk

Mark your Calendars for Upcoming Events

Ice Cream Social- families that have adopted a northern dog from BASH, Norsled, MUSH and local shelter are specially invited to attend a day or fun and games.

6th Annual Fall Furry Flurry- a 5k dog walk to raise funds for BASH and other rescues in the area.

“PRETTY SLED DOGS”

by Marie Stevens

Ever fantasized about running the Iditarod behind your own 16-dog team? Thought about how you would find the trail when you are out there in the wilderness by yourself? Worried about how you would go to the bathroom? Karen Ramstead, the first Canadian woman to complete the Iditarod, talked about her personal experiences in running this race multiple times at a presentation at the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo on July 13th. (This was a fundraiser for Northern Californian Sled Dog Rescue.) She had a fantastic slide show as well.



Karen owns North Wapiti Kennels in Alberta, Canada, where she breeds and trains her dogs. They are beautiful purebred Siberians, hence the name “pretty sled dogs”. We got to stroll through her kennels pictorially, and meet many of her dogs. We heard about the mischief they get into, as well as their love of running. Many of her racing dogs are champion show dogs also.

Many of the pictures we see during and after the running of the race show the teams running along flawlessly while the musher stands on the runners looking at ease. Take it from Karen....it ain't always that way! Ever fantasize about being dragged along behind a sled going over gravel and dirt, with your pants and boots slowly being filled up with debris and being pulled down? Well, Karen hadn't either but she got to experience it during one race! Her fervent prayer at that time was that no photographer would be passing overhead in a plane.



Ever try to park a 16-dog sled team next to multiple other 16-dog sled teams? For those of us who have problems parking the family car, this sounds very daunting! Karen showed us slides of multiple teams all lined up next to each other, parked for the night. Very impressive. (My dogs would be going over to visit and see what the other guys have to eat.)

Ever wonder what you would do if you got hurt during the race? There are vets at every checkpoint, but almost no people doctors. So you go to the vet! Karen found out that they are much better at doing bandages that stay on than people doctors are....they have more practice with squirmy patients. (Plus people doctors have nurses to do that kind of thing for them.)

Karen's adventures while racing, as well as during some of her training runs, were riveting and her slides were wonderful. Some of the photos were so beautiful that you found your eyes getting misty and your heart filled with longing to be out there too. It was a wonderful afternoon that included lunch and a raffle and silent auction as well. For those of you who couldn't make it, you missed a wonderful time. Thank s to NorSled for arranging for this great event!



Umunhum Runs, the Young and the Old

I realized at our Umunhum Run last weekend that I have been carting with my dogs for over 15 years. I have gone through having young dogs, seasoned dogs, old ones and fosters. On Umunhum we have realized that we need to have at least two different teams. Why are thinking about doing this now? In the past we have been running two or three teams and just mix up the dogs that attend. Most have been between 1 and 11 years of age. This summer it has been changing. We had a puppy join our ranks and they can't pull a lot until they are about a year old. At the same time we had been thinking about doing a run without the extra hills for the older dogs (11 to 15 year olds). It is a little harder on them on the asphalt and our goal is mainly to exercise them this time of the year. So now we have created at least two teams. One is for the seasoned, in shape dogs and another team for the puppies and the older dogs.



In June we kinda tried to create two teams but we hadn't thought it out enough and ended up without any leaders on one of the teams. We had a team of 8 that were between 2 and 10 years of age. They took off in their usually caotic state up the hill as fast as they could. The second team had 5 dogs, 1 that is 4 months, one that was 9 (the only power on the team) 2 at 11, 1 at 13 and 1 that is about 15. They took off but without a leader we were a little slow. The young team made it up the and back to McQueen Ridge by the time we made it to the bottom of McQueen Ridge. The "older" team was ready to turn around when they met the "younger" team. When we took off after watering them all we made it back after they had un-hooked the younger team (that was not planned but worked out).



In July we tried again. This time we planned a little more. We had 18 dogs so we made a team of 10 and one of 8. All the young experienced dogs went to one team (10). We again had the puppy (infamous Jodee loved by the Stevens) and mostly the older dogs. This time we had two leaders..... The first team took off like a shot...ours took off but not quickly (except for Jodee who was doing her best to encourage the rest of the team to catch up) They enjoyed this run. We took Teruu off for a while and then after riding in the golf cart a short time he decided he wanted back on. After I put him on I thought Marie was yelling at me that he was caught, but she was yelling that the line was Taunt (Teruu was also enjoying the run). In addition I would also like to report that due to the challenge made by Michelle in a previous newsletter about Marie not learning to drive the ATV's....Marie can now drive both of them.

It is great to be able have your dogs enjoy what they have been doing all their life and to tea ch young ones like Jodee how it can be fun. When you only have one team, it is hard to split them. We have 4 groups of dogs and we were able to split them up so all got to have a fun and safe run. Hopefully our old ones enjoy running the rest of their lives.



BASH General Meeting



August 17, 2008

5 p.m. – Meeting

6 p.m. – Dinner and time to visit

The Chamberlain's
29 Avenida Espana
San Jose CA 95139
408-629-0448



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, Bootie Brigade, the Christmas Party, and more.



Please try to attend.

There will be the usual FANTASTIC raffle after the meeting.



The Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

Presents the 16th Annual

Ice Cream Social



Come join us for a fun day at the park! Bring the dogs and the kids! We have games, a Rescue Parade, a great raffle, merchandise for sale, carting/sledding presentation, and ice cream sundaes for the humans, with Frosty Paws for the dogs! Bring your lunch or order a Togo's Sandwich through us.

When: **Sunday, September 28, 2008, from 10am to 3pm**

Where: **Cardoza Park in Milpitas (Kennedy Drive at No. Park Victoria)
Take Jacklin east off of 680, right on Park Victoria)**

Events: 10am—meet people, sign up for lunch (if not pre-ordered).
Enjoy the opportunity to buy merchandise and raffle tickets.
Visit with old and new friends.

11am—official welcome by the President of BASH, Anthony Taskey.

11:15am—games begin: Diving for Wienies, - Musical Sits and downs

Noon—lunch, sundaes, Frosty Paws

1:15pm—Demos/presentations on carting, sledding

2:00pm—Parade of Rescue Dogs

BASH Meeting following the Parade of Rescue Dogs



Togo's Lunch will include your choice of Turkey or Vegetarian Sandwich, plus chips, a cookie, and a drink, for \$5.00 per person.

Name _____
Turkey Sand _____ (quantity) _____
Vegetarian Sand _____ (quantity) _____
= total \$ _____

Mail order blank and money to: Randee McQueen, 2633 S. Bascom,
Campbell, CA 95008. oe (can be ordered at the Ice Cream Social **before 11 am**.)



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 (one that has the responsibility of a key)

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

August 16,17
September **20. 21
**date change.....
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.

Another Great Doggy Cookie

VEGGIEBITE

(THE HEALTHIEST CHOICE FOR YOUR “FOUR-LEGGED” MATE)

3 ½ cups whole wheat flour
½ cup oatmeal
½ cup diced celery
1/8 cup diced red bell peppers (optional)
½ cup shredded carrots
½ cup unsalted sunflower kernels
1 ¼ cup water
3 tablespoons olive oil

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix water and oil. Add flour, oatmeal, vegetables, and sunflower kernels. Knead dough for 2-3 minutes and roll to ¼” thick. Cut dough into bone shapes and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes. Makes 2 ½ dozen.

BASH Sweatshirts and Short Sleeve Henleys – ON SALE

Sweatshirts
Adult \$10 L, XL, XXL
Kids \$5
Henleys
Adult \$5 s, m, l, xl, xxl



Bootie Brigade Party 1

Friday September 12th

Dates for October and November will be decided at the meeting

6 pm or whenever you can get there

906 Sweetbriar Dr

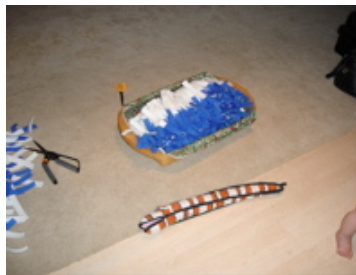
Campbell CA

(408)371-1841

Pizza will be supplied.

BASH has made 1000 + dog booties for use by Iditarod Musher. We have been doing this for the past 6 years. We have a blast with 5-9 sewing machines going at one time. If you don't sew there are still jobs to do- turning and quality checking of our sewing, trimming threads, combining booties in groups of 4 then packages of 25. If you want to learn to use a sewing machine, we will be happy to teach you. This is for women and men and the kids.

what to bring- you and if you own one a sewing machine (surger or regular ones) and time to have fun.



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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

Blue is a sweet dog that was surrendered with another sibe because they didn't have time to spend with them. She is very sweet and tries very hard to please. She walks GREAT on a leash. She is good with kids. She wants her tummy rubbed and she wants to please those that show they care about her. She is NOT ok with CATS. She is housetrained, rides ok in the car. She would do best in a home with a dog that will play with her. She will also be ok with a person that works at home or can take her with them during the day. She responds to women better than men. To see her true personality, you need to come and meet her..

Randy Fishel _randf@sibernet.com

Dexter is a sweet and cute young male husky. He is a goofy, fun dog who wants to be a lap dog. He was found in the mountains of Santa Cruz shortly after the Martin Fire. He loves to play with other dogs. He is not an alpha. When one of my dogs wants the bone he is chewing..he lets them take it. He would make a great companion for another husky that needs a playmate. He could use some lead training, but has evidence of some training. He knows sit and down. He learns quickly with consistency. He rides great in a car, is housetrained. He is good with kids but his size and high energy could cause him to dump little kids while playing. If you come to meet him, you will love him.

Patty LaCava 415-722-5727 pattylacava@yahoo.com

Tacori is a red and white blue-eyed beauty. She is two and one half years old. Tacori walks well on a leash and has some obedience training. She is not crated trained. She was raised in a city and well socialized. She loves to be a running partner for someone that likes to run. She is great with all sizes of dogs and people. She is not small animal friendly and will chase cats. Tacori doesn't like to be left alone and would do best with a doggy companion. Tacori is microchipped, spayed, up to date on all of her shots and ready to go home with you.

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

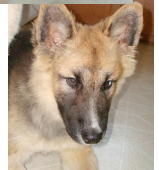
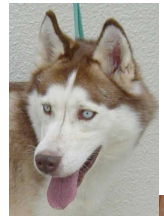
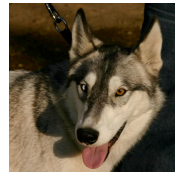
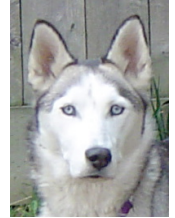
Bubba now known as Fernando- was surrendered to Santa Cruz SPCA because the owner was unable to care for him and his siblings. He is a friendly happy boy. The others in the litter are a little shy and look more sammy. He is 4 months old and is a quick learner. He loves to lay on the floor at my feet and follow me around the house. He loves to play with a ball and other toys. He is great with other dogs but large and small. They follow me everywhere I go.

Beth Chamberlian b.d.c@comcast.net

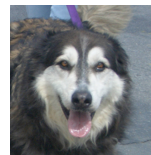
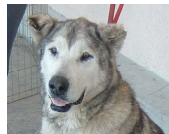
Here is what the shelter has told us about him. He is great with other dogs, very interactive. Play bows with people and with the other dog we had him with. He likes to play chase as well. The other dog we tested him with was a large neutered golden retriever mix. He does well w/ small dogs too. He barked at the cats we presented him with. His eyes are brown.

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

Smokey Lola and 4 – 3 month old puppies



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ADOPTED Honey, Ajax, Sara



Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

Membership Renewal and Associate Application 2008-2009

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 \$

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

Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

www.bayareasiberian.org

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Campbell, CA 95008

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
Coordinator: Randee McQueen
408-356-7600