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Feb 24<sup>th</sup> BASH meeting

March ??? SnoBASH

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We have signed up with Amazon Smiles. 1.5 % of sales on Amazon through Smiles comes back to BASH. Use the following link and earn money for BASH.

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## **BASH General Meeting**

Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup>

Randee McQueen

906 Sweetbriar Dr., Campbell

6:00 pm Meeting

6:30 Dinner

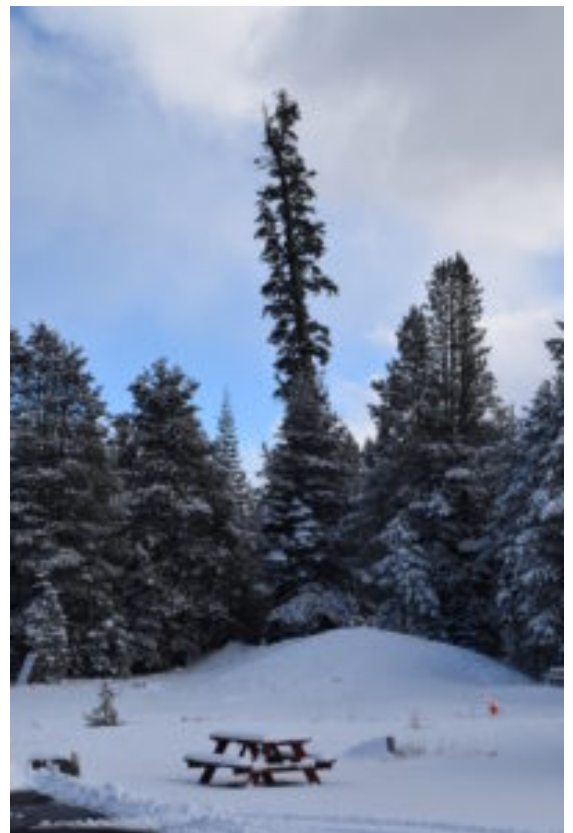
Come and join us...short meeting and a nice time after dinner to talk about our dogs, what things we want to do with them in the coming year (SnoBASH, hikes, carting, etc)

RSVP to bring an appetizer or dessert  
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# SnoBASH 2018.....

We can hope and plan for one in March or April. Last weekend the trails opened for the first time at Bear Valley Cross Country on whose trails we get to run. They are only opening on Friday, Saturday and Sunday so what little snow they got last week they can spread out until the next storm. We are watching the weather and the depth of the snow. We need at least 2 feet of packed snow to SAFELY hold a sledding event.

Here are some pictures of the area behind the lodge where we usually run our dogs.



**Paul Says:** (owner of Bear Valley Cross Country)

**Monday, 1/29 7:30pm:** It was a great weekend of XC skiing! The warm weather was both super fun to ski in and detrimental to our minimal snowpack. The plan now is to close the groomed trail system through Thursday and re-open a number of trails Friday through the weekend.

**\*\*THE GROOMED CROSS COUNTRY TRAIL SYSTEM IS CLOSED THIS WEEK FROM MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY.\***

**Only the Tubing Area will be open midweek** from 9am to 4pm for 2 hour sessions (last session goes out at 2pm).

Please continue to check back for the most current updates!

# Canine Influenza- has hit our area...

Dog Flu is a relatively new disease which can be caused by two different canine influenza viruses. Just like human flu is among humans, Dog Flu is highly contagious among dogs. In fact, unless a dog has already had the illness and recovered, almost every dog exposed to the virus will become infected. Two different strains of canine influenza virus have been isolated in the US. Canine influenza virus H3N8 was first reported in 2003, and canine influenza virus H3N2 emerged in March 2015. These strains are not related. Therefore, dogs at risk should be vaccinated against both strains.<sup>2</sup> This is because the viruses are relatively new, and dogs have no natural immunity to it. Nobivac<sup>®</sup> Canine Flu H3N8 was the first vaccine for Dog Flu and still is highly effective against this strain. It has been clinically proven to significantly reduce the severity of influenza and the length of time that a dog is sick.<sup>33</sup> The bivalent flu vaccine was licensed in October 2016 and is the first bivalent Dog Flu vaccine. This vaccine aids in the control of disease associated with Canine Influenza Virus H3N8 and H3N2 infection.

Canine influenza virus (CIV H3N8) has been confirmed in dogs across 43 states and the District of Columbia. In March 2015, a different canine influenza virus, CIV H3N2, caused an outbreak of canine influenza in Chicago. Within 5 months this virus spread to 23 states.<sup>1</sup> And because most dogs are naive to the virus, virtually every naive dog exposed will become infected.<sup>2</sup> Clinical signs associated with CIV can be confused with canine cough making accurate diagnosis difficult. Nobivac<sup>®</sup> Canine Flu H3N8 — a killed virus vaccine from Merck Animal Health — was the first vaccine fully licensed by the USDA for canine influenza. It significantly decreases clinical signs of disease and reduces viral shedding.

## TRANSMISSION AND SYMPTOMS

CIV is transmitted by close contact with an infected dog, often in a restricted space such as an animal shelter, day care center, or boarding kennel. Casual contact is less likely to be a factor mainly due to the relatively low amount of virus shed by an infected dog. Virtually all dogs are susceptible regardless of age or breed.

Influenza virus infection in dogs follows a similar pattern to infections in other species. The onset of clinical signs will be 2-3 days post infection. Peak of virus shed is 3-4 days post infection. Longer shedding times of up to 24 days have been identified in dogs infected with H3N2. Because of the differences in the time dogs may shed virus, the quarantine of 7 days is recommended for dogs with H3N8 influenza, while a 21 day quarantine is recommended for dogs with H3N2 influenza. Dogs may continue to cough for several weeks following recovery from acute infection. While in the past CIV infections in and of themselves have not shown a significant mortality rate, CIV infections as well as other respiratory viruses compromise the normal defenses of the lung permitting secondary bacterial pneumonias.

BASH is being proactive with our vaccinations. A few shelters are vaccinating for both FLU's prior to us getting a dog. Most are not, so when we pull a dog we are vaccinating. The shot has to be boosted in 2-4 weeks to get the optimum resistance to both flu's. We also are offering to all foster homes to receive the shots for their personal dogs (recommended by our vet) at the same cost as BASH pays for the fosters. The PAWS clinic offers the shot for \$35 to the public (first and third Saturday of the month. Check website for locations PAWS4SJACS.org)

Talk to your vet on their recommendations if your dog(s) need the vaccine or not.

# Valentine Dog Treats Recipes

## HEART Treat

### Ingredients:

- 4 strips crispy bacon, crumbled
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 1/2 cups oatmeal
- 2 large eggs

### Directions:

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees.

Mix the bacon, cheese and oatmeal. You can use a mixer with a paddle or a chopper to make the pieces small.

Add eggs and blend until sticky.

Lay out on a layer of oats on a cutting board to prevent sticking and top with treat mixture. Use a heart-shaped cookie cutter to form as desired.

Bake approximately 20 minutes or until slightly golden. Let cool.



## Iced Bone Treats

### Treat Ingredients:

- 1 C whole wheat flour
- 1 C oats
- 1/2 to 1 C beef broth
- 1/4 C creamy peanut butter
- [Dog bone cookie cutter](#)

### Frosting Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 packs (12 oz) nonfat cream cheese, room temp
- Two tsp honey \*see note about honey below
- One tsp [vanilla](#)

### Treat Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a [cookie sheet](#) with parchment paper.
- Blend flour and oats. Add 1/2 cup beef broth and peanut butter to the flour & oat combination. Mix well.
- Add more beef broth if needed to make a thick dough.
- Using your hands form the dough into a ball.
- Cover a cutting board and rolling pin with flour.
- Roll out to 1/4 inch, using the bone cookie cutter, cut out the treats.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes on each side or until golden brown.
- Cool completely on a wire rack.



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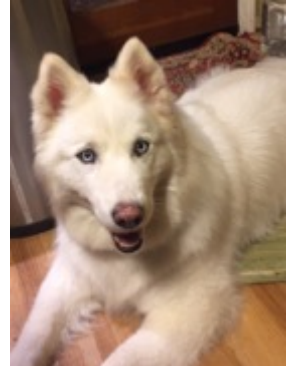
### Frosting Directions:

- Add the ingredients together.
- With a hand mixer beat until fluffy.
- Scoop the frosting into a piping bag with a #2 tip to outline the treats or make designs on them.
- Set them aside until the frosting has dried.

# Rescue February 2018

## Beth Chamberlain- Nala

Nala is a gorgeous 5 year old White Swiss Shepherd with blue eyes, with a thick coat. We had her as a samoyed mix but have talked to many and think she is a white swiss shepherd given things in her personality. I have noticed that she actually walks fairly well on leash She will need some work on this behavior. She seems to do much better with dog to dog introductions off leash (in a secured area). She seems to enjoy the company of small dogs also She doesn't like the other dog coming on too strong but if the other dog is respectful of her space she warms up. She can also be cautious of new people, but again if they go slow she is soon very accepting and seeks attention. She needs time to warm up to someone new. She likes being pet and cuddling. She has been having a great time going through the toy basket and especially likes playing ball. She rides well in the car and is crate trained. Positive reinforcement and gentle training should go a long way in making Nala feel more secure in her surroundings.



## Karen Fenton [fendragt1970@yahoo.com](mailto:fendragt1970@yahoo.com)

Winter is a one year old, bi-eyed beauty. He is quite the charmer who loves everyone. He is super friendly to other dogs and lived with a chihuahua. Winter would love to live with another dog that wants to play as much as he does. Winter also lived with a six year old child and is happy to hang out with children. We are not sure if Winter feels the same about cats. He also likes to ride in a car and he does ok on leash. A little more leash and obedience training will turn Winter into a perfect travel buddy.



## 3 Valentine's Day Safety Tips for dogs

### #1 A Rose is Just a Rose

But then again, it can also be a something that hurts your pets. The aroma from your Valentine's Day floral arrangement may be too enticing for your dog or cat, and it only takes a nibble to cause a severe reaction. Even small amounts may lead to cases of upset stomachs or vomiting, particularly if the plant or flower is toxic.

### #2 Skip the Candygram

Sugar-free candies and gums often contain large amounts of [xylitol](#), a sweetener that is toxic to pets, especially dogs. If ingested, it may cause vomiting, loss of coordination, seizures, and in severe cases, liver failure.

### #3 Melts in Your Mouth, Not in Theirs

Everyone knows that chocolate causes abnormally high heart rhythms in dogs, [among other problems](#). But not everyone is aware that baking chocolate is especially toxic. While an M&M or two on Valentine's Day may not do any harm, a dog or cat that snatches a large chunk of baking chocolate from the counter may end up in the ER.

# Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

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

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### Upcoming Adoption Fairs

First Saturday  
Petsmart, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
850 W. Hamilton, Campbell  
408-371-1841

Second Saturday  
Pet Food Express 11 am – 1pm  
1902 S Bascom Ave, Campbell,  
(408) 371-5555

Check with foster homes if they will  
be at a specific adoption fairs.