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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

Happy Thanksgiving

UPCOMING EVENT

Nov. 16	Vaccine Clinic
Nov. 16	General Meeting
Nov. 30	Festival of Lights Parade
Dec 6,7,13,14	Santa Paws Pictures
Dec 13	Christmas Dinner
Jan 31, Feb 1	SnoBASH 1



Los Altos Festival of Lights Parade

This is great fun. We have been doing this parade for the past 10 years. You light up everything.... The dog, the harness, wagons, sleds and you. We usually get together a day or two before to work as a group with the lighting (we also help each other) We have sleds and wagons to share if anyone would like to use them.

We ARE number 26. So we need to be in line on Spot #26 by 6pm. We line up in Los Altos across from the Safeway store on First St., near where it crosses State St., in a parking lot. We usually get off Foothill Expressway at Main, make a right turn onto First, and then park in the parking lots to the left. They run several blocks.

Call for more info if you need help. Or if you want to car pool up. We usually leave around 4, so we can be parked by 5 or so and get our cart out and decorated, and get in line by 6. Hope y'all can come! Marie contact Marie Stevens for info or to sign up sleddingshopper@pacbell.net. Or 408-377-1180

Wow! What a Day!

By Marie Stevens



The 2008 Fall Furry Flurry has come and gone, and what a day it was! Several other groups were involved with putting it on this year, so it was bigger and better than ever. PAWS (Pet Awareness Welfare Society for San Jose ACS) was one of the principal planners, along with BASH. Other groups included 13th St. Cats, Furry Friends, CARE, Town Cats, SF Samoyed Rescue, SaveABunny, Unconditional Love, MUSH, NorSled, and more. Lots and lots of pre-planning took place to make it all work. It was held at Los Gatos Creek Park, at the



gazebo, as it has been in past years. The day started out kind of cold and overcast, but the sun came out before too long and it was the perfect day, sunny and clear but not too hot. One lady (with her dogs in the car) was waiting for the Park Ranger to come open the gate at the same time we were! We had people lining up to register even before we finished setting up. But we also had lots of help from BASH and several other rescue groups (listed above) as well as some volunteers from local high schools, getting community service hours, so we got things set up in pretty good time. We had our usual few crises, trying to remember where we packed certain things, but we found all the really crucial items.



There were dogs of all shapes and sizes there for the walk, from a large off-white dog with feet the size of a polar bear's, to the tiniest little Chihuahuas and other toys. We had huskies, labs, malamutes, goldens, many other dogs with indeterminate parentage, large and small, short haired and long-haired, shy and outgoing, loud and quiet...you name it, we had it. Oh, and we had some cats too, and one bunny (who loves bananas). We played our always popular dog games, Musical Sits and Bobbing for Hot Dogs. Some of the tiniest dogs did some of the best gobbling in the hot dog event. We had to cut the hot dogs into itty bitty pieces for the little guys. We also had a costume contest, with some great outfits on the furballs, both cats and dogs. We didn't have any cat games, though. We'll have to work on that for next year,....chasing string maybe? Pouncing on cloth mice? This could take some thought.



We have probably our biggest raffle ever....75+ items! Eat your hearts out, those of you who missed this event. We had coca cola memorabilia, dog items, cat items, bird items, one hamster package, wine





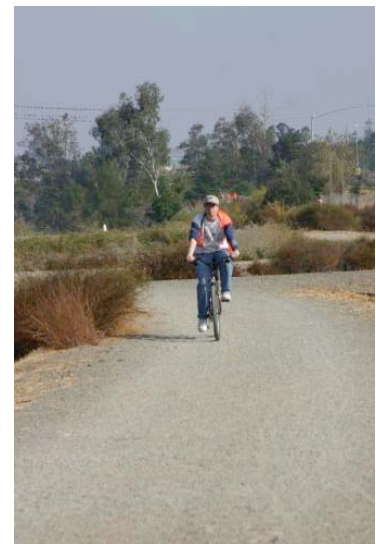
baskets, coffee baskets, and many, many other things. The silent auction had 20+ things....a cat condo, Elvis wines, quilted wall hangings, a glider ride, flight lesson, Sharks tickets, 49er tickets, pet photo packages, golf packages, gift certificates for restaurants.... yada yada yada. I'm sure those of you who missed it are sick and tired by now of hearing all the great stuff you failed to bid on. Next year, guys!



We had coffee, hot chocolate, hot cider, tea, bagels, cookies, and bananas. Not much was left by the end of the day! We also had some vendor stands and booths sponsored by many rescue groups.

We want to thank all of you who came to participate and to help put this event on. There were so many that I can't begin to name individual names, but please know that it was great to have so much help!!!

Check out more pictures at ---
bayareasiberian.org/album.html





DNA testing your dog.

Many of us wonder about our pet's heritage if they are not papered purebreds. We have adopted them from a friend's accidental breeding, a local shelter, a rescue organization or they just found us. We look and guess what they could be. We will never know for sure and it won't change our love for them. We research what they appear to be to have an idea on what their behavior, personality etc may be. Sometimes to understand why they dig, jump in the water or herd other pets. There are now three tests available to get an idea on what your dog may be. Two of the tests require a cheek swab for DNA. The third requires that blood be drawn. The tests are:

BioPet Vet Lab -DNA Dog Breed Testing- Easy to use just swabs your dog's cheek. Results will be received in about 4-6 weeks with characteristics about those breeds. Recognizes 35 breeds. Cost ranges from \$80 to \$100. All prepaid mailers.

Canine Heritage -DNABreedID.com- Easy to use, just swab your dog's cheek. Results will be received in 2-3 weeks via e-mail and a written report in 4 weeks. They list % level of the breed. Level 1 is 50% or greater down to level 5, which is less than 10%. Recognizes 75 breeds. Cost ranges from \$50 to \$75. All prepaid mailers. When you receive the results back you are given an option for \$10 to do a more advanced test that is now available.

Wisdom Panel™ MX Mixed Breed Analysis- Your dog's DNA is extracted from the small blood sample sent to our laboratory. A report is sent that explains how the breeds detected may influence your dog's physical and/or behavioral traits. Cost is about \$130.00 not including the vet fees.

BioPet Vet Lab of the tests with 3 of my dogs. The first round of kits I did was not readable so they sent me a second set with a slightly different design. The results have been interesting.

Quinn - a papered purebred and he came back as having only the one breed in him.

Kilaa - is a female that I believe to be a Siberian and sight hound cross. The test showed her level 1 as a Siberian. Nothing in level 2, level 3 showed Miniature Pincher and Boston terrier and nothing in level 4. She is 75 #s. I don't see the two small breeds but given what they look for it could be from a number of generations ago. Some of the Miniature Pincher attitude may have come through in her.

Kobee - Male Doberman/Siberian mix. The first test shows level 2 – German Shepherd, Great Dane and Collie with level 3 Poodle. They did a second run on the test and now had 5 levels. This time there was nothing noted in Level 1 or 2? Level 3 was German Shepherd, level 4 – Collie, Great Dane, Irish Setter, Siberian Husky and level 5 Norwegian Elkhound

Canine Heritage test was just done on two.

Kilaa- came up with no primary breed; Secondary breeds were German Shepherd Dog and Siberian husky with Chow Chow “in the mix”.

The XL version of the test came up with Secondary – Alaskan Malamute (no Siberian) and “in the mix” was again German Shepherd Dog.

Kobee-came up with no primary breed, secondary breed was German Shepherd Dog only.

The XL version of the test came up with Secondary- German Shepherd Dog and “in the mix” – Mastiff and Bullmastiff

Wisdom Panel-

Kilaa- Significant amount of Alaskan Malamute. In the middle are Siberian Husky and a trace amount of German Shepherd Dog.

Kobee – trace amounts of Siberian Husky and Chinese Shar-Pei. Trace amounts with “low confidence” of German Shepherd Dog and Labrador Retriever.

All three tests send 2-6 pages of disclaimers and thoughts as to how to interpret what is found. The Wisdom Panel has the best write up to understanding how it all works and what you are looking at.

On a side note, two puppies that I had placed and we believed the mother was a pure bred Siberian were also tested. Neither came up with much Siberian and was both dramatically different. We will never know if they both had the same father.

It is fun to see, but in the long run I didn't care what the results were. It was interesting but didn't tell me much. I know by looks they appear to be at least part Siberian. Both are great sled dogs and I love them.

I would be inclined to use the test more on a dog that appears almost purebred to see what might else show up.

Umunhum Carting and Clean up

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. It is not just for those with dogs....we have some people who come up to enjoy our dogs and hanging around the campfire.

We meet around 4 pm (change of time) on Saturday night and if the weather allows, we run the dogs between 6 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.

After dinner and running the dogs we will put all of the “stuff” away for winter. We usually camp but have decided that since the vaccine clinic and meeting are Sunday, we will not camp this time.

We need to put the BBQ away, the hose and other misc stuff that we leave out all summer.

November 15

LAST one of the YEAR

Time to meet- 4 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 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.



Bootie Brigade

During the three sewing sessions we made over 1100 booties. A few members then took on the last 120 to complete the rest. We had a great time and got more done in the same time each party.

Thanks to all that participated– Marie, Randee, Michelle, Robin, Beth C., Beth M., Rachel, Launa, Hailey, Greta, Cheryl, Miranda, Cathy, Karen, along with friends that some brought to the caos... (sorry if I missed anyone's name)



Semi-Annual Vaccination/Microchip/Prevention Products Clinic

To support

Bay Area Siberian Husky Club and PAWS for SJACS

For Dogs and Cats



Sunday November 16, 2008

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

2633 S Bascom Ave
Campbell CA

(intersection of Bascom/Union
Communication and Control)



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.

Bring this page with you to receive this price. Prices for the public are more.....

The next clinic will be in May 2009.



All proceeds benefit BASH and PAWS for SJACS



BASH General Meeting

November 16th ~~~~~ 6 p.m.

Marie and Greg Stevens
1924 Foxworthy Ave
San Jose CA 95124
(408)377-1180



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

We will talk about how great the Fall Furry Flurry and Nationals were along with planning for the Parade of Lights, Santa Paws Pictures and information on SnoBASH 2009.

Please try to attend.

SANTA PAWS pictures

We need people to help as Santas and Elves



Where:

Petsmart Campbell Petsmart December 6,7
Petsmart Milpitas December 13,14

Time:

11 to 4 pm

(we try to do it in 2 shifts 11-1:30- 1:30 to 4)



Call or e-mail Randee with times and days you can help....

Randeel@aol.com

408-371-1841






Annual BASH Holiday Party



Come Join Us:

- ◆ To Eat a delicious catered dinner
- ◆ Participate in the silent auction & raffles (adult and kids)
- ◆ Santa pictures 
- ◆ Be a part of the infamous gift exchange (up to three steals!)



When: Saturday December 13th, 2008



5:00 pm doors open (time to chat and eat appetizers)

5:30 – meeting (be prompt)

6:30-10:00 dinner and FUN



Where: Harry's Hofbrau
390 Saratoga Ave
San Jose 95129

Price: \$10 per adult \$5 for kids 12 and under
Families - \$25



What to bring: (Optional)

One gift per family for “stealing” gift exchange.
Value up to \$20

You are welcome to bring one per family member if you enjoy the “stealing”.



Come and join the fun. BASH is famous for our gift stealing game. Great fun is had by all.

The Silent Auction always has wonderful items for that hard to find gift.

Dinner will include – Oven Roasted Turkey, Roast Beef and Baked Ham, Served Hot and Carved to Order – Lasagne, Steamed Vegetables, 4 salads, potatoes, rolls, coffee and lemonade



BASH Holiday Party ticket reservation form:

Name _____

No. Adults _____ No Children under 14 _____

Total payment \$ _____ (@ \$10 adult, \$5 kids under 12, \$25 family)

MAIL THIS IN TODAY WITH YOUR CHECK (by November 30th)
BASH, 2633 S Bascom Ave, Campbell CA 95008

Carting Schedule with Norsled

Norsled Rescue also does carting events. Their event is at Lagoon Valley Regional Park, Vacaville, CA

For more information contact RESCUE@norsled.org

Sunday January 4, 2009

Sunday February 1, 2009

Sunday March, 1, 2009

Sled Dog Ice Cream

Ingredients:

2 cups Vanilla Yogurt
1 Banana (mashed)
2 tablespoons Honey
2 tablespoons Smooth Peanut Butter

Directions:

Blend all ingredients together and freeze overnight in an ice cube tray. Serve ice cream cubes plain or garnish with a dollop of peanut butter.

Pumpkin Patch Paws

Ingredients:

1 1/2 cups Whole Wheat Flour
4 tablespoons Butter Flavored Shortening
1 Egg
1 tablespoon Brown Sugar
1/2 can Solid Pack Canned Pumpkin
1/2 cup Buttermilk

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Cut the shortening into the flour. In a separate bowl, beat the egg with milk, brown sugar and pumpkin. Combine egg mixture with the flour and shortening, stirring until a soft dough forms. Drop by tablespoons onto an ungreased cookie sheet and bake for 12 to 15 minutes. Let cool and serve.

November 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

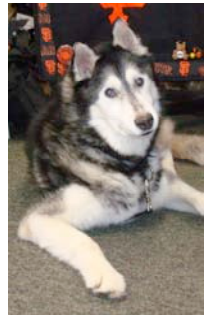
Zion is a husky mix and is very sweet and playful. He is about 18 months and has not been walked much on a leash, however he does not pull too much. Zion will need a young playmate as he has lots of energy and loves to play chase, likes stuffed toys and is very good around other dogs and food. He is an escape artist, however I suspect that was caused by not having a play mate and maybe some boredom. Zion is house trained, has some obedience and likes to chew on bones.



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

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

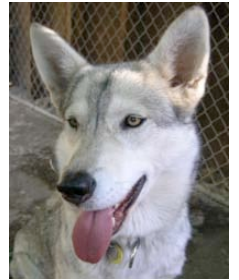
This is one of the sweetest siberians i have every met. He was born with underdeveloped eyes. He has limited vision, but it doesn't deter him once he knows the lay of the land. He loves to lay by your feet in addition to following me where i go in the house and lays at my feet while watching tv. he loves to go for walks, rides in the car and playing with my dogs outside. He just hangs around at my office also. BASH will continue to work with his new adopted family on his eye issues. The specialist that we have seen will talk with anyone interested in adopting him. If you would like a wonderful companion...please come and meet him.



We are also getting 2- 9 week old female sib/shepherds? A lady who adopted a dog from me about 5 years ago met a man selling them. She paid \$75 for them and thought they would find a better home with us. Check the website for pictures.

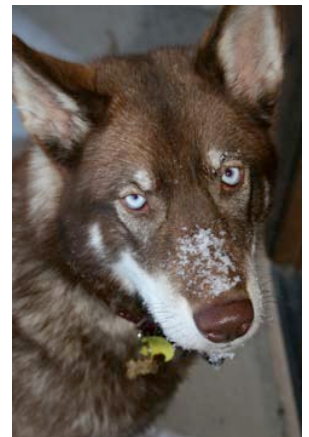
Tricia Ellston 831-595-4119, shotwithlove@hotmail.com

Glacier is very sweet, shy and mellow. She prefers the indoors so that she can be near her family, but also enjoys being outside. She loves walks and is leash trained. She loves other dogs and would do best with a companion dog or someone that can keep her company. She is great with kids. She is NOT cat friendly. She is up to date with routine shots, is microchipped, and altered. She needs a home where people are home most of the day or will take her with them. She gets anxious when left alone for long periods of time.



*Maureen Marcus 510-895-9104, spiritofashadow@aol.com Malamute Rescue **Lola and 2 - 7 month old puppies***

ADOPTED Link, Rhodes, Koda



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 \$

I would like the newsletter mailed to me.

Make checks payable to BASH. All memberships and subscriptions are valid through March 31, 2009. 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

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

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