

# SIBERIAN TALES

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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 a Rescue Information list. If you are a member and would like to be on either list, please send your request to Randee at [bashrr@aol.com](mailto:bashrr@aol.com).

## 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 monthly general meeting
- Contact an officer to help with their area
- Foster a Husky



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 21 Fall Furry Flurry
- Oct 27 & 28 Umunhum Run
- Oct 30 - Nov 3 National (Siberian) Specialty in Rohnert Park
- Parade of Rescue dogs Nov 1<sup>st</sup> .....
- Nov 10 & 11 Last Umunhum Run for the year
- Nov 17 General Meeting
- Nov 18 Vaccination Clinic – working on a date
- Dec 1 & 2 Santa Paws
- Dec 8 Holiday Party 2007
- Jan. 26 & 27 SnoBASH 2008

A cold, cutting wind drove through the shelter that early evening, seeming to press the melancholy image a bit more starkly. The damp and darkness gripped a bit deeper; a touch sharper. A feeling of despair and death drifts silently through the hollow echoes of the building.

Robbi stood with the shelter officer amidst the lengthening shadows, as the official stood in front of dank steel cage. Behind the solid metal bars, a tiny Chihuahua style mutt sits shivering; its little ears vibrating rapidly possibly from the cold, but more likely from intense fear.

"We simply can't extend it for the public. The public often forgets to come back." The shelter worker sighed as looked sympathetically at the terrified little animal.

As Robbi stood with her, the officer began to discuss each of the animals in the three cages before her. She knew each one, as if each were her own pet. She carefully retold the personality quirks of each dog, how they act and react, what they liked and disliked, what each seemed to say to her. She gets to know so many animals over the sad and short stay that most unfortunates have here. As she continues to stare at her charges, her eyes seem to dull, to lose their luster and life. Her voice quiets to a slow monotone...

"On the last day, I look into their eyes and ask, 'Can't we extend him just one more day?' I realize it is not my fault that they are here." Half dejectedly, she zips up her coat a bit more and stuffs her hands into her pockets, motions belying a sense of frustration, more than to ward off the invading cold.

Glazed eyed, still staring at the cages, she continues her soliloquy. "I gave them a blanket to sleep on, some treats and some petting for their last day here. It's little comfort though, for either of us."

Robbi and the officer slowly turn away from the cages and begin the long walk down the rows of cages in the building. It's closing time. The end of the day.

And for many there, it is the end of their days.

Tomorrow, the doors will stand starkly open; the rows of cages will coldly sit empty...but never for long. Sadly, they will soon be filled with another wave of dogs, for another few days, only to vanish and leave yet another vacuum.

That emptiness extends far beyond the vacant cage. It extends to the heart and soul of all who know the enormity of the loss. Often, we somehow view the shelter and the people there as an opponent, an enemy that must be reckoned with. Yet, in reality, they are our allies, the ones who care enough to gather, hold, house, feed and look after the animals. And many times, they take the time to notify us, so we can help, too.

If we seek an enemy, then we must first look among ourselves. The fingers we point quite often should be directed no further than the closest mirror. In truth, we are the ones who frequently fail to educate and help people understand the nature of the beast. We are the ones who often neglect to emphasize that these are companions, not commodities. Our occasional neglect allows others to see animals as merely a thing; an object to be used up and tossed aside when it is inconvenient or no longer pleases us. Heartless people burden us all with their callousness, but did we at least try to effect their outlook?

Sadly, we are often the ones who make promises unkept, who procrastinate and postpone eternal, who overlook, abandon, ignore and neglect. People just like us. Or even worse...just simply us. As well meaning as we try to be, our errors are magnified in those we teach or do not reach.

More than any foreboding shelter, any cold, empty cage, these cold hearted people among us should give us shivers of revulsion...because these people could very well be us. And in some cases, they are us.

So, thank the shelter workers, for they have to deal with such people...and the toll in life that those cold people exact...every single day.

God Bless the shelter workers.

Scott, Robbi, TAZ and the Siberian Cyclone

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For more on the Taz Book - "Dogged and Determined" go to ScottSki.ne

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# National Siberian Specialty

## October 30 - Nov 3

### in Rohnert Park

The National Siberian Specialty is a dog show with just SIBERIANS. There will be around 600 Siberians! This show moves around the US; last year it was outside of Chicago. The last time it was in California was in 1974. Check the website for the full brochure [http://www.shca.org/2007\\_specialty.htm](http://www.shca.org/2007_specialty.htm). Or call Randee to ask question (408)371-1841)

#### **Tentative Schedule of Events**

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

The 6th Annual SHCA Rescue Parade will be held Thursday 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 see this many Siberians. You don't need to go every day, but at least one is worth the trip. The Auction on Friday night is great fun and you won't believe all of the gorgeous Siberian items that people donate.

This is a day to have your 5 minutes of glory with your adopted dog. You will receive a rosette, a gift for you and your dog and time to let all at the event know how important it was to adopt the dog that you did. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year that the National Club has recognized rescue at the National Specialty

**RESCUE PARADE**

The Date is Nov 1, 2007. The time will be early afternoon and will be given a more accurate time once all entries have been counted. All individuals or families who have adopted a Siberian Husky from a rescue group or shelter are eligible to enter. Entries close at the parade secretary's office Wednesday, October 10, 2007. Fax and/or e-mail entries will be permitted; however, entries must be received by closing date—no later entries accepted. One dog per form. For multiple entries, please duplicate form. Entries cannot be accepted without completed form and maximum one minute information sheet printed or typed for legibility.

BREED:	<b>SIBERIAN HUSKY</b>	<b>RESCUE PARADE</b>
NAME OF DOG:		SEX:
APPROXIMATE AGE/DATE OF BIRTH:		DATE OF ADOPTION:
ACTUAL OWNER(S)		
ADDRESS		
CITY, STATE ZIP		

**ABOUT YOUR ADOPTED SIBERIAN** (one minute description to be read during parade)

Signature of Owner:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail:

Mail entries to: Randee McQueen, Rescue Parade Secretary: 2633 S. Bascom Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008, 408/371-1841, [Randee1@aol.com](mailto:Randee1@aol.com) fax 408-559-7684

**BASH Sweatshirts & Short Sleeve Henleys**

**Sweatshirts:**

**Adults \$20 (S, M, L, XL, XXL)**

**Child's large \$15**

**Henleys:**

**Adults \$15 (S, M, L, XL, XXL)**

**Contact Randee to order your very own and support BASH at [bashrr@aol.com](mailto:bashrr@aol.com)**



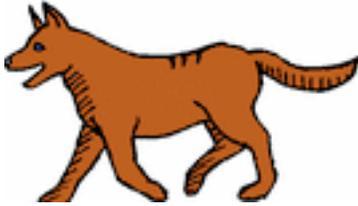
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# Semi-Annual Vaccination/Microchip/Prevention Products Clinic

To support

Bay Area Siberian Husky Club, Boy Scout # 264 and PAWS for SJACS

## *For Dogs and Cats*



Sunday November 18, 2007

10:00 am to 3:00 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.** 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](mailto:BASHclub@aol.com).

The next clinic will be in May 2008.



All proceeds benefit BASH, Boy Scouts # 264 and PAWS for SJACS



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# Bootie Brigade Party 1 & 2

Friday November 9<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday November 17 (after BASH 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 5 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-  
sewing machines (surger or regular ones) and time to have fun.



# Umunhum Run

**When:** October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** meet at 4 pm

**What to bring:** dogs, jacket, sleeping bag, tent, food (see below)

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 4 pm (or call Randee and you can meet her at her office at 3:15 pm in Campbell). When we get to the top of Umunhum, we get tents and cooking area by 7 pm. If it is cool enough, we might run before dinner, but not usually. We set up lines and are ready to go when and if it is cool enough after dinner.

In the morning, we rise with the sun, harness the dogs up and run them about 4 miles. After running we have a GREAT breakfast, do a little clean up, and head down the hill. We're usually down the mountain between 12 and 2 pm. We have a great time and we don't lose our whole weekend to camping.



Not everyone stays all night. For those folks who are not staying over night, for your safety there must be at least two vehicles going down the hill together, and you must stay together all the way to Hwy 85. If you would like to come for the evening, please contact Randee to coordinate your departure Friday evening.

CALL to find out what you should bring. One member usually takes on the main meal and we share the rest. Please make sure we know what food you are bringing so we can plan meals.

CALL for directions on where to meet. It takes at least 30 minutes to get to the first gate from Highway 85 and Almaden Expressway, please plan accordingly

**RSVP by Wed. Oct 22nd**

**To Randee McQueen at  
408-371-1841 or  
bashrr@aol.com**

**We need your contact information in case of cancellation. If there is TOO much going on with Nationals or if it is raining..this run will be cancelled.**



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# BASH General Meeting



November 17th  
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

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 2008.

Please try to attend.



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# The Annual Ice Cream Social

This day was as great as every year it.. The day was just perfect, not to hot and not to cold.

As usual we did the bobbing for wieners which was won by THOR who is 12 and ate the number of wieners in 41 seconds. The young ones couldn't keep up with him.

The Musical sits.....and the musical down were also great.

We had 12 dogs in the Rescue Parade.





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# October 2007

## 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)

Macio Simpson 831-663-4323 [mrgizmoz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrgizmoz@sbcglobal.net)

**Sasha** is a very active dog that LOVES to play fetch! She needs a lot of leash training. She was injured on her neck from a rotten rope (tied and probably wet for a while) and is healing well. She is a wonderful, SWEET and playful 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](mailto:BASHRR@aol.com)

**Andy** is a sweet siberian, that needs someone to love him and give him a couple of weeks to learn about all the parts of a home. He came from a kennel where the owner was to ill to care for her dogs. He has been housed by a wonderful person until we had room to bring him to a foster home. He does fine with all of my dogs, but needs to learn to play. Right now he just sits to the side and watches what is happening. He also does ok with small dogs. He likes to play with a ball. He enjoys going to a dog park. He is leash trained and crate trained but needs more skills walking on a leash.



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

**Nova**



**Smokey**

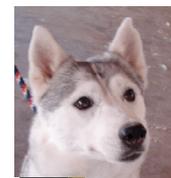
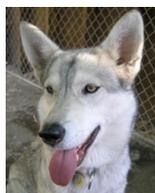


**Lola**



## AD OPTED

Blue Glacier Kaia Guinness, Boy Blue tilley Conan Derby True Lucy and Noble Dalia Mia Carmel Stormy



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# Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

Membership Renewal and Associate Application 2007-2008

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 \$

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:

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

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