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Calendar with
your dogs. It is
that time of
year
to
ask



those that are interested in an old fashioned wall calendar. Send your photos to BASH@com-ctl.com. Cost is \$25 to mail to you. If you want a picture on

your dog's birthday, just let us know and as long as it is available we will accomadate you.

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BASH General Meeting



Saturday October 26, 2024

Bob Ruess
1533 Los Rios Drive
San Jose, CA



RSVP BobReuss@Comcast.net (so we know how many are coming for dinner)

5:00 pm meet and talk
5:30 meeting
6:00 dinner



Sierra Nevada Dog Drivers

WELCOME MUSHING CLINIC

Oct. 26 & 27, 2024

- Chester Race Site -

Just minutes outside Chester, CA

Meet up at the site at 8 AM!

Come early and watch/help....

We will hook up dogs and run out a few miles....

Then start the clinic afterwards!



Directions to Chester Race Site –

North end of Lake Almanor on State Highway 36 near junction of Hwy 89
Go south on County Rd 324 just past Cedar Lodge

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Talked with Guglielmo Winery. Sunday October 27 is free for a Wine and Woo 11:30-1. Maybe you can put in September newsletter and have people contact me if interested.

A good story about rescue and the times. 9/12/24

[Tim McVicker](#) is with [Elizabeth McVicker](#) and

29 others

Master Wolf with [Shadow Husky Rescue, Inc.](#) is aware that many of you already know that our personal home in Murrieta, CA, has been a private sanctuary for the unwanted and unadoptable huskies and northern breed dogs for many years. We co-exist with them while we cook, clean and care for all their needs as our own children. What comes with the territory is the fierce love and protection we give them. (Note you will not see all of them in this post.) We are in the process of designing a new sanctuary in Warner Springs, N. San Diego County, with the hopes of one day being able to introduce them ALL to you so you can get a better glimpse into our lifestyle and what we call LOVE.

At 4:30 pm Tuesday our home in Murrieta, CA, was ordered evacuated due to the Airport Fire that began Monday in the OC and rapidly spread south to Riverside County where we live (which has now burned 23,394 acres). Our home had already been experiencing ash, haze and smoke, being north of the Roblar fire started on Saturday about 2 miles from our home near Camp Pendleton,

Our Murrieta home is in a very remote primarily horse populated community adjacent to the Cleveland National Forrest in the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness. The roads have no outlets (one way in one way out) due to the forest and our home is 12 miles from the freeway.

Despite our neighborhood having a “Firesafe Community,” designed to help homeowners with wildfire preparedness, including communal efforts to assist neighbors in need and transport large animals, the plan EXCLUDES DOGS...NO ONE from our immediate neighborhood stepped up to help us. Without a plan, we rapidly began texting friends and asked for help on Facebook, worrying when the electricity and our ability to connect with the outside world was going to shut off and the possibility of road closure too.

The response was rapid and overwhelming. We told as many as we could to please come now. The police sounded the sirens outside of our house and gave us oral orders to evacuate and we assured them help was on the way.

Elizabeth's BFF Sister 4 Life [Joanna Gleisten Herncane](#) arrived first to our home. She remained seated for hours on the steps of our front door patio kissing all the huskies and writing down their names and where they were being placed in foster and/or transport. One by one people started showing up as time was no longer measurable. Next to arrive was our former postal worker/friend [Maribel Garibaldo](#)'s daughter and son in law Ana and Maurice who helped put SHR tags on collars and fit them to our animals, as we were pulling down boxes searching for leashes.

[Shanne Roberts](#) from [Luna Siberian Rescue](#) (Yucca Valley), [Joyce Cheng](#) from [Alljoy 4 Paws, a Husky Rescue in Southern California](#) (Rancho Cucamonga), [Adrianna Serrano-Galanos](#) from [Furever Loved](#) Pet Cremation (Lake Elsinore), [Cyndy Weitzel](#) from [Cyndy's Pampered Chef Cyndy's Pampered Chef VIPs!](#) friend and fundraising expert extraordinaire (Jurupa Valley), [Margaret Rivas Hinojosa](#) from Just4Paws Rehab & Rescue (Covina), showed up at our front gate ready to help shelter and transport. Joyce and her now grown up handsome and responsible son Joshua (birthday cheesecake on its way tonight!) brought the indispensable crates which we needed to get certain dogs loaded. They all provided invaluable assistance and coordination either through their sheer strength, expertise and coordination. The AMAZING [Darcie Copeland Artist](#) from [Spooferdawn To The Rescue, Inc.](#) sent over AC from @animaladvocacynet and Joe with Dart @dartcalifornia with trailers but by then all the animals had been already placed in vehicles and they soon left to serve other communities in need. [Dee Beeler](#) also sent a trailer. Others such as [Sarah Elizabeth](#), Steve from [Apex Protection Project](#), [Hal Negin](#) from [Malamute Planet](#), and [2nd chances rescue](#), [Jennifer Golden](#) (while her husband was fighting fires) tried to contact us to help but we were too busy by that time getting dogs ready to evacuate. In all we received over 200 text messages from people willing to help.

Friends and adopters [Jason Johnson](#) came with 3 trucks and brought [Irene C Plejdrup](#), Doogie's owner [Dougjie Mike Delacey](#) and Zach Jankay (Cedarpines). Jason was very instrumental in helping with the evacuation effort. His presence was a blessing. [Natalya Gambino](#) (Beaumont) put 6 huskies in her car. Warren and [Alison Cann](#)

came in 2 vehicles (Sylmar), Stewart and [Lois J Halbert](#) (Mission Viejo), [Jackie Quillen](#) (Lancaster), [Josh Kreske](#) and [Erica Lynn Bakker Kreske](#) (Temecula), [Yvonne Sharp](#) (Menifee) helped too! [Carolyn Wright](#) (Desert Hot Springs) showed up in Warner Springs to make sure we all got settled in. People who we did not know previously, Noelle and Larissa (Hemet), and Dustin (Escondido) were also there and ready to help. Dustin fell in love with my Nellie who he transported to Warner Springs. I do not remember the names of the others and ask that they please reach out so Liz and I can properly say thanks a bunch!

Through the haze daze and utter confusion with making split decisions on loading huskies, a loud and strong voice rose from the ashes and made it clear that she was in charge. Her name is [Ramona Lopez Pereyra](#). She happens to work 2 doors down from the Shadow Husky Rescue administrative offices in Menifee where Liz also runs [McVicker's Family Law Mediation Center](#). Ramona took charge of the entire evacuation effort, oversaw when the gate opened when it closed, when cars could come in, who was present, which dogs needed to be escorted out first second third and to the very last ones, made sure leashes were secure, helped when a couple got out of their leashes, took tours of the property to make sure it was clear, spoke with everyone and directed traffic in the most meaningful way until we got to Warner Springs and were safe. Ramona literally shined and stepped up to provide help and coordination. She did a stellar job!!!

I called my brother [Lauren McVicker](#) (Anza) who had just left my niece's engagement party in San Diego and asked him to go to our other property in Warner Springs (N. San Diego) and bring two 5 gallon bottles of water. That property is fenced in but is still a construction zone with an outhouse on site and without electricity. We arrived at 11pm in caravan, got my generator and the well started so we could have running water and lights in my travel trailer and made it home to the pups with pillows and items I brought and additional items Shanne collected from our home, and pop ups and turf brought over by Lauren. We arrived on the property in caravan of about 9 vehicles while our fencer Albert (Anza), who had been there for 3 hours, was waiting to open and closed the gate when we arrived at 11pm and got settled in for the night.

Liz slept the first night in the van with HERman a special husky who doesn't get along with some of the rest. The next day I drove home to the ghost town of our neighborhood to go check in on Baloo who could not be crated in our time of emergency, but he was alright. Jason and I will be developing a plan in case we need to evacuate again to include Baloo. I cooked 2 steaks for him and put out a variety of treats for him to savor then went back to Warner Springs.

48 hours after the evacuation orders, they were lifted yesterday afternoon. Liz made two round trips with huskies in her van then stayed at home in Murrieta holding the fort while my brother and I made multiple trips to bring home the rest.

We appreciate the generous \$500 donation from [Jane Eagle](#) which will help us with the cost of displacement, including emergency supplies that I purchased at Lowes.

While we were very fortunate, we were panicked because back in August 2021, we had another evacuation order due to a mountain fire that was right behind our next door neighbor's home and we know the danger of how fast a fire can spread just with the change of the winds.

Many of our adopters have been less fortunate and are now displaced. [Nikki Hoey Black](#)'s home was destroyed by fire and many others have been evacuated indefinitely. I want to take this opportunity to let others know that we are here to help. Please ask. We can also put you in touch with others who reached out to help us.

The takeaway from our ordeal is that Liz and I feel more confident than ever in our decision to be husky rescuers. Our local rescue community is full of people who care about animals and their wellbeing. Knowing we are IN THIS TOGETHER is what matters most. Shanne said it most eloquently, "We have no desire to make this a business of making money on animals". We care ONLY about the animals and making sure their needs are met, period! We have a full house of personalities from varying backgrounds and experiences, young and old and special needs huskies too and they are all loving life at our Hotel California where they will NEVER leave until we move to Warner Springs in 2025 God willing.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE. THANKS FOR HAVING OUR BACK! WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL. 🙌😎❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️



Beth and Kim are looking into cool places to hike and then go with the dogs somewhere for a snack or lunch..... watch for more information

Nanette is looking for a Wine and Wag date for November

BASH Christmas Party- December 14 or 15--- do people have a preference? We have done it on a Sunday for years as it was less expensive for the venue but it will be at Randee's house so there isn't a difference in cost.

Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

Membership Renewal and Associate Application 2024-25

Membership \$35.00

To be a voting member you need to attend 2 general meetings and then
ASK to be voted in as a voting member

Date _____
Name(s) _____
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