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## Voting in April

Vote on President and Secretary –Nominations currently are Anthony Taskey for President and Dona Rivas for Secretary....we will still accept nominations from the floor at the April meeting. - It is for a 2 year term. If you are interested in one of the positions or would like nominate someone (ask them first) let Anthony know

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April no due to Shelter in Place  
May – Mail in your ballot  
June- hopefully we can have a General Meeting

*Christmas Party- Sunday  
Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. 3Flames again*

### **AMAZON SMILES**

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.

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/77-0410632>



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# Togo- on Disney +

*After the meeting in February a number of members stayed and watched the movie. It is very good and when you read what Seppala wrote about it, it is fairly close to what happened (except there was no storm at the beginning of it) Many of us in rescue like that the show that Togo was a handful and that people don't want to buy a Siberian like with other movies. Snowy Owl Sled Dog Tours in Alberta provided all of the adult sled dogs used in the movie.*



Step aside, *Balto*, Disney+ is giving us another very good doggo his due in the Dec. 20 premiere of the streaming site's original [movie based on a true story, \*Togo\*](#). Set against the backdrop of 1925's life-saving anti-diphtheria serum run to the town of Nome, Alaska, *Togo* stars Willem Dafoe as [real-life dog sled trainer Leonhard Seppala](#) (as seen in the video below) but the movie's real star is the titular Togo, a 12-year-old Siberian husky who led his team across more than 261 miles to get medicine to the people of Nome. The pup crossed the longest distance in what became known as the "Great Race of Mercy," and he deserves to be remembered as a hero, but since the far more famous *Balto* ran the final 55 miles of the journey, he tends to get all of the credit. Now, the film tells the true story of Togo's bravery, and just how instrumental he was in delivering medicine to a town suffering from a deadly outbreak of diphtheria.

There's no denying that [Balto is still a good boy](#) too, but it's long past time for Togo to get his share of the spotlight. After all, *Balto* was 3 when he ran those final 55 miles to deliver the serum to Nome. Meanwhile, his doggie co-worker was 12, and covered more than twice as many miles under much harsher conditions to pass off the serum to *Balto* and his team. Togo was also a literal underdog right from the start.

As a dog breeder, Seppala was only interested in the best of the best, so when Togo developed a throat condition at a young age, he attempted to give the pup away — a move that would have ended Togo's career as a lead dog before it ever got started. Luckily for the people of Nome, Togo wasn't going to give up his place on Seppala's team without a fight, and [Togo reportedly jumped through a window](#) and made his way back to the breeder's side. Soon he worked his way up the ranks to lead the pack on sledding expeditions, proving himself to be faster than his comrades, as well as an able leader. These qualities led Seppala to put his trust in Togo when news came that the isolated town of Nome was in desperate need of medicine during a treacherous winter.

With no planes or trains able to access the town, dogsled teams were assembled to move the life-saving serum across the frozen land. The expedition is no doubt full of unsung canine heroes, but Togo not only led his team across the most miles, they also traveled the most dangerous leg of the journey. At times, temperatures dipped to 50 degrees below zero and whiteouts from snowstorms obscured the trail. Through it all, Togo faithfully led Seppala and his team during the "Great Race of Mercy."

In a recent interview with *People*, [the movie's star Dafoe](#) shared, "It's a beautiful story of an underdog (no pun intended) and how we can learn from adversity." Disney's official synopsis backs Dafoe up by promising a harrowing tale that will include Togo literally saving Seppala's life — so, yes, you're probably going to sob your way through most of this intense mission.

At its heart, the movie speaks to the unbreakable bond between Togo and Seppala, as they worked together to cross nearly 300 miles of icy terrain to pass the medicine off to *Balto* and his musher. The younger pup ended up with all of the glory, but [Disney+'s new movie](#) is set to remind the world that the people of Nome would have been lost without Togo's unwavering fortitude in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds. In other words, he truly was the very best boy.

# Rescue and Fostering

Over the the last few years, we have had fewer new members which in turn meant fewer people that wanted to foster. I am happy to state that BASH has gained 7 new members since February and 3 of them joined specifically to foster dogs. Two have foster dogs recently. During this same time, a few of us that have fostered for years also started helping people that didn't want to join BASH but wanted to foster Siberians. We now have procedures to follow and mentors to help these people find homes for the Siberians that we can not foster within the club.

*By Heron Ho*

Due to how times have changed BASH has to evolve with the fostering program. With social media and engagement, we are able to involve people that might not have the time to be a foster home but still want to help and if their schedule allows, they can foster occasionally. Some of them cannot foster but can offer other help like transportation and dog sitting.

We've been trying this out and learning a great deal with each foster. This is something new and we really appreciate each new foster being patient and learning with us as we navigate this new direction of fostering. So far this has been working great, just this year BASH was able to get 5 huskies out of local shelters with this new method.

BASH provides support with food, supplies and medical care if needed. I can mentor them by giving training tips, encouragement or just lending an ear to vent if needed. With the new inexperienced fosters, I will screen potential adopters, do phone interviews and send the ones that I think best fit their foster and explain why they might be a good fit so they won't feel overwhelmed. I try to do my best to help make their foster experience as smooth as possible.

Fostering is difficult and can be very stressful to a new foster and mentoring can help put them more at ease. There were some bumps along the way and will be others in the future. Having constant and open communication is very important to resolve issues, learn and grow from each experience. I truly believe with this new way of fostering combined with the traditional foster home, we can reach more people and spread the love of husky!

# Membership dues will be due 4/1/20

To be a member in good standing, unless you adopted your dog this last year, you must pay the annual dues. If you would like to be a voting member, you just need to ask to be voted on at the next general meeting. All voting members must also be current on their dues to vote. All foster homes must be current on their dues to foster/pull dogs for BASH. Dues must be paid by 4/30/20.

Members of BASH brought their concerns to general meetings that we should be following our bylaws more in regards to how many aspects of rescue had been handled. Many of the concerns were procedural and not part of the bylaws. BASH had been lax the last couple of years on making everyone pay their dues to foster now we will enforce this, we will encourage members to become voting members and we as a group created policies for rescue and fostering. We hadn't posted minutes of meetings for a number of years in the newsletter and now we are again.

With all the catastrophic health issues in our area and around the world, we did not believe that we should have a meeting during the month of April and it was just announced that Shelter in Place will continue through April. We don't want to wait until later in the year to vote on the two board members. The Board has decided to do an email or mail vote. The voting will be done anytime in the month of April. Only voting members can vote. Voting members **MUST** have paid their dues for 2020 to vote. We have asked for other nominations for the two positions and none have been received.

## **VOTING for BOARD Positions**

Please email your vote to [BASH@com-ctl.com](mailto:BASH@com-ctl.com) or mail it to  
Send from now until May 1, 2020

BASH

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Vote for

President: Anthony Taskey \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: Dona Rivas \_\_\_\_\_

# Carrot PUPcakes

## PUPCAKES INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup organic buckwheat flour
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 tablespoon Manuka Honey
- 1/4 cup organic coconut oil
- 1/2 cup coconut milk or water
- 1/2 cup grated carrot
- Mini cupcake pan

## ICING INGREDIENTS

- 50g yoghurt drops
- 1 tablespoon coconut oil
- Carob drops (optional)
- Grated carrot (optional)

## PUPCAKES DIRECTIONS

- Preheat oven to 160°C
- In a bowl combine baking powder and honey and mix well
- Add buckwheat flour, coconut oil, coconut milk / water and egg to bowl
- Mix until well combined
- Add grated carrot and mix through
- Divide evenly into cupcake pan
- Bake in oven for 15 – 20 minutes

## ICING DIRECTIONS

- Melt yoghurt drops & coconut oil over a low heat
- Carefully drizzle melted yoghurt drops over pupcakes
- Add your optional decoration to top of pupcake before yoghurt drop sets



# Making Your Dog Friendly Easter Egg

Now you know about the dangers of chocolate for dogs (if you haven't read about it in our blog check it out [here](#)), we're going to show you how you can make your very own dog friendly Easter egg especially for your pampered pooch.

## You Will Need:

- Five – seven packets of dog chocolate drops or carob drops (dependent on the size of egg)
- Light vegetable oil spray



[Easter egg mould](#) or plastic casing from an Easter egg

- Pyrex bowl
- Plastic spatula or Wooden Spoon
- Cup of water
- Saucepan
- Pastry brush (paint brush will do)
- Your dog's favourite meaty treats

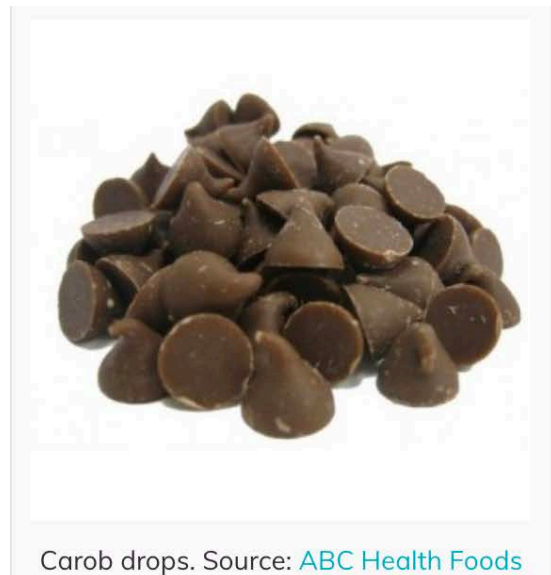
### Step 1: Dog Chocolate vs. Carob

You can use either doggy chocolate treats (available from all good [pet stores](#)) or carob drops.

Carob is used as an [alternative to chocolate](#), is 100% safe for dogs to eat and available from health food shops.



Chocolate drops. Source: [Chemist Direct](#)



Carob drops. Source: [ABC Health Foods](#)

### Step 2: Melt Away!

Pour your cup of water into your saucepan and bring to a boil on a medium heat.

Place your drops of choice in your pyrex bowl and lower this onto your saucepan. Make sure the bottom of the bowl doesn't touch the boiling water. Turn the heat down immediately and slowly stir your melting drops with your spatula or spoon.

### Step 3: Spread the Love!

Once all of your drops are melted, lightly spray a layer of vegetable oil over the insides of your moulds.

Pour half of your mixture into one half of your egg mould and the other half into the remaining half of your egg mould (reserve a teaspoon's worth of the melted goodness in the bowl). Spread the mixture evenly using your spatula or wooden spoon and put aside to set.

If you can't get your paws on an Easter egg mould or are on a budget, you can use the plastic casing of an old chocolate Easter egg (it's a shame you'll have to eat the egg!)

Step 4:

### Fill Her Up!

Once your egg halves have set, pour your doggie's favourite treats into one half of your egg only.

Melt your drops again in your pyrex bowl and gently pop out the empty half of your egg to rest on a worktop.

Using the pastry brush, gently brush the melted drops around the edge. You will need to work fairly quickly so it doesn't set. Place the empty egg half on top of the melted edge to seal in the doggy treats. Hold the egg gently for 30 seconds for the seal to set.

### Step 5: Enjoy!

You can now decorate your creation! get creative and try wrapping in foil or a ribbon!

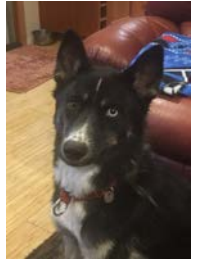
Enjoy watching your four-legged friend enjoy all in the comfort of knowing he'll be free from the dangers of chocolate poisoning.

Of course, even with doggy drops and carob, your [dog friendly Easter](#) egg should be consumed in moderation.

# Rescue for April

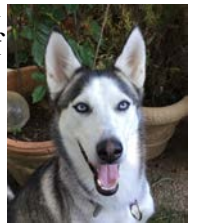
Randy Fishel [randyf@sibernet.com](mailto:randyf@sibernet.com)

Quinn Mae is a sweet and very active little girl . She is an active puppy going into adulthood. . We think she is siberian with some herding dog (smooth coated collie) in there. She is also crate trained She does bark when she gets excited, and loves to run as much as possible. She loves to do the zoomies around the back yard. She loves to play with another dog that wants to play. She also can figure out some boundries. She can sit, down, give paw and soon more as we have time. Being food motivated should make that a bit easier. She play ok with children but we would not recommend her with small children since she is a puppy herself. She would be good in a very active family or a family that needs an active dog to keep another similar sized or larger dog company.



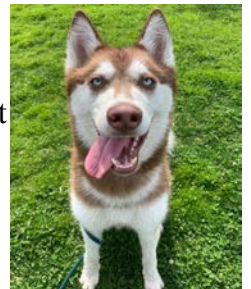
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Olivia is a petite Siberian with a lot of spunk! She enjoys playing, going for walks and being with people. She needs a person or family that knows siberians as she has a strong personality.... and if she clicks with you it will be great...She would make a nice dog for someone looking for a companion to spend time with, though she may be too active for a family with young children. She gets along with medium to large dogs that she has meet and feels comfortable with. She can be leash reactive with unknown dogs. She does much better meeting new dogs one on one in a quiet setting. Olivia knows basic obedience. She loves to be pet and spend time with her people.



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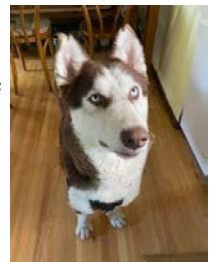
Herro! My name is Blitzen! I walk on a leash and love to play with toys and run around. I would do best with a family that has experience with northern breed dogs. I was just pulled from the shelter and am learning new things with my foster mom. Things that I know right now for sure is sit and down from my foster mom. I am sort of okay with "leave it", but I am just so interested in things- I just can't help but sniff things to get familiar with them. I am also learning commands such as "go inside," and "stay." When I do those tricks, I am a good boy that gets a lot of treats. I am also loving my crate and I can withstand for long periods of time until I need to go to the bathroom (I will call for you when I need it or maybe your loving attentions). Oh! I almost forgot, did you know I walk on leash, but I do not pull as hard anymore? Thanks to my foster mom, I learned to be a bit more aware of how I much I pull. Her roommate even praised me for not pulling as much, and I will be at your side or a bit ahead. So, I hope to meet my future family that can love me and give me a bunch of adventures such as wild walks, hikes and more!!



Kona is a Siberian Husky male, approximately 2 1/2 yrs old - big (60lbs) playful, lovable pup. He's was rescued from San Jose Animal Shelter, where he was brought in as a stray. Kona was neutered while at the shelter & a complete physical exam revealed a heart murmur but otherwise healthy adult male.

A recent check up & evaluation at the vet confirmed that the heart murmur is mild, no meds recommended & no restrictions on activity. Just be aware of any signs of difficulty breathing after strenuous activity & a follow up ekg is recommended to get a baseline of his condition.

Kona is a love, great w/people & dogs & good on leash. He knows sit, shake, stay & responds to no & off. He will continue to need training on what's allowed & what isn't. He will need some further crate training - sometimes fine w/it, other times cries & whines. Potty training is still a work in progress, no problems if he can go outside a lot & just before bed. We will continue working on this behavior. He was clearly loved,



# Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

Membership Renewal and Associate Application 2020-21

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) _____
Mailing address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Area code and phone _____
E-mail Address _____
Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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