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Editorial-

I read a great story in another club newsletter that was about people helping with (along with the lack of helping) at events of a club. It ending with burnout of those at the top and the demise of a club. There were similar articles and pleas for help in almost all of the newsletters that our club receives. All of these articles made me think about how to encourage all of you to help, even just a little at any event but especially at the All Breed.

Many members do not volunteer because they do not want to commit to something they don't know, others don't have the time on the day the help is needed. Our club currently has more than 90 members. Some of you came to us as a result of obtaining a Siberian through our rescue and haven't had the chance to experience all of the events we do. Our club has gained and grown as a result of our members. We have gained in numbers and in the number of events that we attempt to do.

Now here is the pitch. The biggest event of the year, that produces the income that helps with the costs of rescue, the newsletter, rental of sites for events, rental for equipment and much more will be held in November. The event is our ALL BREED FUN MATCH. Many do not even know how to show a dog much less what else goes on at one of these events. Many of us were in that position two years ago. We have learned about the match and have a great time putting it on. What we need is for members to volunteer to help with many of the "pre-match" jobs along with helping us on the day of the match. The more people that help, the less time that everyone needs to spend working which leaves time to wander and have fun.

The types of jobs **prior to the match that we need help with is:**

1) Sending letters to a list of companies that may or may not contribute something to our raffle (we help with the letter, someone

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needs to take an hour to put them together and address them.

2) Call local pet stores and other pet related business for donation, make arrangements to get the donation.

3) Send thank yous to those that donated something.

4) help label, fold, staple and stamp the 2000 flyers that go out.

5) Send letters to a list of vendors that might want to sell at our match.

The Night before:

Meet at Hayward State to set up rings, mark vendors locations.

The Day of:

7 am

Meet around 7 to put up tents and awnings to protect judges.

Set up tables and chair

Put out signs for locations of rings

Using a master list, give direction to rings

9 am and later-

ring steward- (we need 20+ of these) no experience required, bring a friend you mark people off as they come in the ring and help the judge with what they ask. Some are needed just as "posts" in obedience.

Runners- people that will go between the rings and the Match Secretary with needs of the judges

Hospitality- take food, drink around to the judges and ring stewards (great job for a 10 or 12 year old)

Help us serve, set up for the raffle, sell raffle tickets and much more.

There will be more information at the next meetings about these jobs and others. Please put Nov 16th on your calendars and plan on helping.

IT IS A FUN DAY!!!

BASH Member Profile:

Most readers now know our family. Gary, Anita, and Tahvi are the regular members, with various rescue huskies coming through as necessary. Readers are already acquainted with Tahvi, and to some extent Anita and myself, through the serialized account of Tahvi's training.

As I related in "The Training of a Guide Dog", I chose a husky for a guide dog after having had experiences with more usual breeds as guide dogs. It always seemed logical to me that a dog that can guide a sled through a blizzard, often with no apparent trail, and actually enjoy the work, was the kind of dog to examine carefully as a candidate for a quality guide dog.

I got my first husky pup in 1980. He was a blue-eyed gray and white male I named Kodiak. When he became a year old, I trained him as a guide dog myself-the first I ever trained that way, having gotten my previous dog from a well established school.

Kodiak gave his absolute best during the years he was my guide dog, and I became thoroughly convinced of the superiority of a husky for guide dog work. Kodiak was one of those rare dignified huskies. He was an incredible asset to my professional career as a research scientist.

While one has a husky, one gets to know other huskies as well, and I got to know many a good husky during that time. I rescued my first husky, a female I named Tanya, and found her a home with my sister. Tanya and Kodiak remained lifetime friends. Continued Page 7

SKYEWITING

A nation going to the dogs

Atlanta, Idaho (*STNS*) - In a stunning development that has changed the face of American politics overnight, Skye, the record-setting hero of the XXV Siberiad, has declared his candidacy for the presidency of the United States.

"For years now, we have been hearing humans whine about how this country is going to the dogs," Skye explained in an exclusive interview with Siberian Tales News Service.

"Not only is this a slander on man's most loyal ally, but considering how humans have governed this country, how could a dog do any worse? Think about it. Look at this year's choices.

"Do we really want to trust our future and our puppies' future to a President Bubba? Or a President Bob? Or a President Ross, not to mention a President Dick? I think not. I believe we can do much better. And we will, with the support and involvement of all Americans. My candidacy may have begun with a canine constituency, but we will reach out to every American. And every American will have a voice in my administration."

The unexpected announcement came during closing ceremonies at which Skye was honored for setting a world record in the Sibe Pentathlon. He scored an unprecedented first-place finish in each of the five events: Coat Blowing, Obnoxious Howling, Gangline Tangling, Cross-Country Careening and Marathon Digging. One judge said Skye's effort in Coat Blowing was "... as close to a perfect performance as I can remember seeing. It was almost impossible to believe, unless you saw him do it, that one dog could deposit so much hair in a house in such a short period of time. I and my fellow judges were particularly impressed that he was able to waft his undercoat into our angel hair pasta - even before it got to the dinner table. That competitiveness and versatility mark the performance of a true champion, one that will live for the ages."

Based on his dominance of the Siberiad, it had been widely believed that Skye had called the press conference to confirm rumors circulating through the Olympic Kennels that he planned to renounce his amateur status and make himself available for the 1996 Iditarod draft. Mushing sources predicted sled-team free agency meant

Skye could easily demand an unprecedented 10-figure salary for a five-year deal, plus controlling interests in companies manufacturing dog biscuits, cheddar cheese and squeaky toys. Endorsements were expected to add another \$10 million to \$15 million a year.

Nike and Reebok and Reebok representatives were seen in the Olympic Kennels talking to Skye's personal representatives. They reportedly were seeking Skye's endorsements for new lines of sled-dog booties and semi-choke collars the competing athletic apparel companies are rushing to market in time for the 1997 racing season.

Moreover, both Michael Jordan and Shaquille O'Neal were spotted talking with Skye just before the Obnoxious Howling championships.

"A career in professional sports was tempting; it might have been the last great challenge," conceded Skye.

"But America does not need another Michael Jordan or 7-foot rap singer. America needs leadership, not entertainment."

"You know, what you humans say is true: The view never changes unless you're the lead dog. And I believe it's time for America to take a new view of all its great residents - two-legged, four-legged, six- and eight-legged, even no-legged.

"After all, snakes and slugs have played prominent roles in business and politics since this country's very beginning. And what respect do they get? Where are their rights? We need a president for all Americans, and I intend to be that president."

"If the other candidates think I'm a single-issue protest candidate, then they're barking up the wrong tree,"

Skye continued. "I am assembling a kennel of eminent authorities in their fields. Together we will draft a platform that will make every citizen proud to be an American again. We will build a team of the finest, most dedicated public servants that will make every American tail-wagging happy again. And the first and only time you'll hear any mush from us is when my team hits the campaign trail."

Skye said he plans to present his platform to America over the Labor Day weekend, launching his campaign from the kennel run at his family residence in Vallejo, Calif., near San Francisco.

Next: Skye speaks out on the issues.

BASH TRAIL TALES

by Nic Matulich

Send your Trail Tale to: BASH'S TRAIL TALES
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 -or-
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 If we use your Trail Tale you will receive a free Tee-Shirt.

In defense of my dogs, home and family! well sort of.

Yesterday evening, well before feeding time, I noticed the dogs seemed to be having a conference by the fence near the kennels. I thought that was unusual because they typically held their discussion groups by the back door at about 1 a.m.

I thought to myself "Hmmm, that must mean something!" and then promptly went back to watching Deep Space Nine. It wasn't as if they were making noise or something. There was also a shadow on the fence that I did not remember being there before, but I attributed that to the new Energy Saver Flood light I put up or maybe solar flares.

I fed the dogs an hour or so later and was doing my usual search for land mines when I noticed a fence board on the ground. Now, I don't know about your yard, but in mine the fence boards are generally kept on the fence. This caused me to think that maybe it came from my neighbors shed roof. You would need to see my neighbors yard to understand why that was my first thought. Then I found a piece of fiberglass roofing panel and I immediately paled, realizing that it came from my neighbors fence. (I told you, you need to see my neighbors yard to understand this part).

A quick check revealed that the "shadow" on the fence by the kennels was, in fact, a gaping hole where there had once been fence boards. On just the other side of the hole was the remnant fiberglass panel that made up the backwall of my neighbors shed. Fortunately an impenetrable amount of Cosmopolitan, Life and National Geographic stopped further efforts of the dogs. It did look as though the dogs were starting to work on the boards to the right immediately behind the kennels. Now they did not start at the bottom of the fence, they started about 4 1/2 feet up. Retrieving a flashlight I stuck my head in the fence hole to see what they were after. Bad move. After quickly pulling my head out I danced around a bit to clear the

spiders and bugs that I just collected. I did observe in the brief insertion that the focus of the dogs efforts actually seemed to be just beyond the corner of the shed. Claw marks showed they were trying to get some, as amazing as it seemed, stove pipes sitting on a box about 4 1/2 feet high. Secure in the knowledge that the dogs would not get through the National Geographics before morning I went to bed.

At 6 a.m. the dogs were up with an unusual amount of fervor. Having forgotten that the dogs had gained entry to a copious amount of casual reading material, I put a couple of the noisier ones in the garage and went up to take a shower. As I was getting ready to step into the stall, I heard an odd, loud chirping sound, followed by the sound of splintering wood. The fence leaped into my mind. I rushed down stair to find the dogs converged on the fence again, appearing very determined to not be stopped by some moldy magazines. The chirping noise continued. Venturing out I grabbed a ladder and climbed to the top of the fence, then crawled onto my neighbors shed. Now you must remember, I was getting ready to take a shower and being clad in only a shirt and underwear I would say I was suitably dressed for the next sequence of events.

I looked over the edge of the shed down to the aforementioned box with stove pipes collected on it. Still hearing the chirps but not seeing the source I began moving the stove pipes. Nothing. The chirps continued. After climbing down then back up again (for practice) I began moving the stove pipes, pushing them off the box to the ground. That is when it attacked. With a rodents roaring chirp, and terrible teeth gnashing it came at my hand, a flurry of furry fury, all gray and terrible.

Fortunately, landing upon saw-horse prevented me from landing on the straw on the ground. I looked up at the hole in the fence into the seething eyes of my opponent, poised for the attack.

Collecting myself, I carefully backed away from the fence and ran for the house. Dashing into the kitchen, Diane asked what I was doing outside in my underwear. After fetching the pellet gun from the top of the refrigerator I replied "We've got a mad squirrel out back". She shot me one of those knowing looks as I went back out to the battle.

Creeping out onto the shed roof, pellet gun pumped as much as I, the search began for my quarry, but it was not to be found. I suddenly became concerned about appearances, underwear clad, pellet gun toting, on my neighbors shed roof and retreated down the ladder. It was at this point I noticed the dogs were having a discussion group over by the hay bales. There was Scout with the object of my pursuit, hanging from his mouth. It seems the squirrel had launched a preemptive strike into our yard through the hole in the fence.

It took some gentle persuasion to convince Scout to give up his first kill but he did. Holding the recently departed rodent above my head, I now began trying to wade through the dogs back to the house. I flashed on similar scene of a possum from a couple of months ago. Triumphant I strode into the garage with our prize and showed Diane, who was doing something useful with her time by taking the clothes out of the dryer. Her face looked exactly appropriate as her mouth formed the words "Oh, YUCK!" After requesting a plastic bag from her I deposited the fallen foe outside. What do my neighbors think? What does my wife think?

I still do not understand what would cause a squirrel to launch an attack on 16 huskies and an underdressed human, and now we will never know.

Upcoming Meetings/ Events:

Aug. 16 & 17 & 18- Campout at Arroyo Seco (south of Salinas)

(map and more info next month
Call Doug to reserve a space though
at 408-266-9718)

Aug 18 ? meeting, Check Minutes for place and time. Notice will be sent if we are having it at the dog show as to time and directions one week prior to the meeting, Harvey West Park

Sept. 22- Ice Cream Social- Murphy Park- meeting to follow

Nov. 16 - All Breed Match- Hayward State

K-9 Cruisers

We thought the market was saturated but due to the overwhelming response to the 4 we had left, I have ordered 6 more. They are ordered in lots of 6. A great way to exercise your dog.

\$35.00 each

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Randee McQueen (408)377-2900

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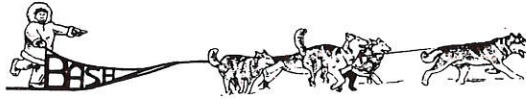
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BASH Logo Items----

Sweatshirt/t-shirt

Bay Area Siberian Husky Club



Pin/ short sleeve t's



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Sweatshirts-Child M M L XL XXL	\$20.00
Cardinal Forrest Green Black Plum Blue	
Long Sleeve T-Shirts- L XL XXL	\$15.00
Cardinal Stoney Blue Black	
Short Sleeve T-Shirt- Child M M L XL	\$12.00
Fusia Green Navy Black	
BASH Baseball hats	\$12.00
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BASH pin (old logo)	\$4.00
BASH pin (new logo)	\$5.00
SnoBASH Coffee cups	\$5.00
Wolf Ornaments	\$8.00
Harnesses (x-Back, S, M, L, XL++)	\$20.00
Alaskan Collars	\$6.00
Leashes with tie-out	\$10.00
K-9 Cruisers	\$35.00

Send \$2.00 per item if you want it mailed

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UPCOMING SHOWS MATCHES AND EVENTS IN NO. CA 1996

August 3rd & 4th- Vallejo- Solano Co Fair Grounds, Oakland Kennel & Richmond Dog Fanciers Club
closes July 17th

August 10th & 11th-Salinas-Salinas Rodeo Driving Range, Salinas Valley Kennel Club, closes July 24th

August 17th & 18th-Santa Cruz-Harvey West Park, Santa Cruz Kennel Club, closes July 31st

August 24th & 25th-Carmel- Carmel Middle School, Del Monte Kennel-Santa Clara Kennel Clubs,
closes Aug 7th

August 31st & Sept 1st-Fresno-Fresno County Fair Grounds, Sun Maid Kennel & Sequoia Kennel Clubs
closes Aug 14th

Sept 7th & 8th-Petaluma-Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds. Redwood Empire Kennel Club, closes Aug 21st

Sept 10th - 14th- Burlington,Vermont-Sheraton Burlington Conference Center- Siberian Husky Club of America
Inc- Nationals- closes Aug. 26th

Sept 14th- SNDD Fun Match- Cal State Hayward.

Nov. 16th- BASH All Breed Match- Show n Go- Cal State Hayward.

Summary of Minutes from the last meeting July 27, 1996

Present: Jacques' Porter, Laura Morales, Dana Anderson, Scott Tilmant, Kathy Miyoshi, Donna Miller(Associate 1st meeting), Angela Kwan, Marilyn & Art Lassagne, Al Ouellette, Nic Matulich, Bryan & Celine Tews, Diane Braga.

Guest: Carla

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 with minimum 25% required of current voting members.

Approval of minutes First by Nic and seconded by Scott.

Officers Reports:

- President No Report (But stated that the Board and Rescue need to meet.)
- Vice President Has set up a micro chip clinic for the all breed.
- Treasurer Absent- no report
- Secretary Absent but left report- A lot has gone on since the last meeting almost 2 months ago. We are sending newsletters out to 153 people in August up from 138 in July. Last month I made 240 newsletters. I sent out 18 to people who called and the rest were given out at the Adoption fairs in San Leandro and San Jose. We have added about 8 paid members and 12 members via adoptions from rescue. I have ordered more paper for brochures.
- Rescue Lot of dogs were placed with small problem with if the Sierians are pure breed or mixes . Has made a suggestion to Melissa to Lay the web page out differtly to seperate the pure breeds from all other dogs in foster care.

Old Business

- A. Fun Day in Santa Cruz-nothing new about topic
- B. All Breed-nothing new about topic
- C. Ice Cream social will be moved to either Sept. 28 or 29 depending on which day park can be reserved.
- D. Nic just talked about what happens at Pine Crest and encouraged everyone to sign up.
- E. Sept. meeting will be held at the Ice cream social the 28th or 29.th
- F. Arroyo Seco Campout-nothing new , but brought to attention that it conflicts with the meeting for August.

New Business

- A. Discussed if meeting should be put on a specific day of the month. No decision made.
- B. Voted in favor to enter Dog Writers Association competition.
- C. Walk-a-thon at Terrel School as fund raiser.
The top three children from each level get metals (like the Olympics) . Suggestions was for BASH to put on Cart rides for any not participateing and donate it to the school. Also to have us possible have an informational table about the breed. The walk-a-thon is set for October 12th not sure of exact time yet.Possible photo taking to rasie money. Mountain bikes are given out to top kid at upper levels, and the bikes are sponsered. Nic motioned to either donate a bike or \$100 to sponser a bike. Scott second and voted unanimously in favor of motion.

Next meetings agenda:

- Meeting will be held at the Santa Cruz Show on August 18th.
- Put in Sept. newsletter a questionnaire to be filled out and returned regarding if and when meeting should be scheduled for a specific day of the month.

Brag:

- Celine- Shamen is a pin up pup in the new Siberian 1997 calendar for the months of April, July, and Sept.
Shamen received one point on May 22nd.
Angel and Shamen both got 2 resevers
- Kathy- Show her new addition Graci who will hopefully be a lead dog when she is older.
- Marilyn- Daisy took 2 point at the end of April.
Daisy also took 1 reserve for 18 months age group.
- Nic - Today is his 10th anniverary with Diane.
Also that he placed Hiedi and Kilo.

Motion to adjourn : 2:30 by Scott seconded by Marilyn.

Respectfully,

Dana Anderson
(Acting Secretary)

Tahvi and Gary Kelly - The Training of a Guide Dog - Part 5

Tahvi was very well behaved at restaurants we went to, and quite the center of much attention anywhere we went. He has learned to ride escalators, but I don't practice as much as I might. When we were in Atlanta, he got more practice. He was unsure, but quickly got back into the routine. The trick is to keep him moving when going onto, or coming off, an escalator.

Twenty years ago guide dog schools did not teach dogs to do escalators. We were told to use elevators or stairs. About fifteen years ago most schools began teaching dogs to do escalators. I taught Tahvi. Tahvi catches on right away. He has a sense that the safest place for his feet is in the middle of a step, and knows when coming off to avoid the vanishing steps.

Tahvi was also very popular with my parents and sister. My parents admire his intelligence, and my sister likes the way he can talk. I have found it easier to teach Tahvi to talk in only some places and not in others. Basically when working he is not to talk. When off duty at home, he can talk politely. That means that he may make unusual - not very loud sounds. It has worked. He is doing very well by this agreement. If he talks in public I generally know that he needs something like water, or to go outside. Like many huskies, he can talk quite well in other circumstances!

On the trip back, we flew to Phoenix first on a 757 (which meant more room for Tahvi), and changed planes. We had to go from one concourse to another, and this required using two People Movers. These slidewalks are similar to escalators, but a little different in use. Tahvi took to them quite well. He made the general association, and surprised me by knowing what to do when you come to the end - you speed up so you don't go over on

your nose! Tahvi handled them as though he had been told that in advance.

Again, there was no opportunity to have Tahvi go outside during transfer. That meant that he traveled some eight hours with no stops. He did it. He was quite thirsty upon reaching San Jose, and when we stopped to get something to eat, I got him a big bowl of water. He emptied it.

Tahvi matured greatly with the experiences. He underwent that permanent change which occurs in guide dogs. This change is the realization within the dog that the master really does not see, and the dog's acceptance of what that means as a personal responsibility.

This doesn't mean that Tahvi will never make a mistake again. It does mean that he will generally think in any new situation. He will make a visible effort to accommodate my inability to see in his guiding behavior. He will also on occasion take advantage of my not seeing for his own purposes! After all, he is a husky which might also be pronounced as "opportunist".

Tahvi is well educated now. He makes good decisions, and takes his work seriously. His behavior when I am depending on him to guide in harness has become radically different from his behavior out of harness.

I should mention the importance of good gait in a guide dog. I have had three guide dogs now. The gait of the dog is enormously important. I happen to like huskies with a gliding gait. When I hold the harness handle the movements of the dog tell me not just the direction in which the dog is travelling, but also the nature of the terrain over which the dog is navigating. A dog with an irregular, clumsy gait would be giving me signals that are similar to those I might expect from a dog who is trying

to tell me that the footing is broken, or uneven. When I had my Shepherd, Nell, this problem occurred.

As Nell got older she developed hip dysplasia. The result is that her gait became uneven when climbing slight inclines, curbs, steps, or sometimes just uneven because it was a cold morning. The result was that it became difficult to tell the nature of the terrain versus her uneven gait.

Ideally, the best guide dog has a gait which makes it seem that the harness is floating in air. That way any change in the orientation or movement of the harness handle is clearly a signal from the dog. These signals can communicate a great deal of information if they are not contaminated by extraneous movements.

I rely on the signals that Tahvi sends to tell me about his judgments concerning the path ahead, his behavior (is he paying attention?), and how he feels. If Tahvi doesn't feel well, or has trouble with a foot (perhaps because he hurt a paw), his gait shows it first.

Guide dogs vary in their typical work habits and behaviors. Tahvi usually has a positive pull on the harness. He likes to "pull" slightly, even when he has settled down after the first mile or so. This is particularly true if we are working new territory or fun places like the beach, as opposed to the "old route".

Tahvi has an even gait. He actually walks so quietly when he chooses that I cannot tell where he has gone to in the house. I put a "harmony ball" around his neck attached to his collar. This makes pleasant chimes in a very quiet manner when he moves. The result was that Tahvi has learned to move so quietly that he doesn't even jingle it. I just have tags now.

Part 6 next month

While I attended graduate school in Hawaii, I had no huskies, and only knew one while I lived in Hawaii. When Anita and I moved to Aptos, we acquired Tahvi eight weeks after our move. Tahvi was young to be trained as a guide dog-by conventional standards-but then, those standards were never developed with a husky in mind.

Anita had never known huskies previous to Tahvi. We met and married while attending graduate school, so she was not around during the Kodiak years. Tahvi quickly won Anita over, and she is now an avid husky fan for life.

Anita works as a medical case manager/rehabilitation counselor in the workers' compensation system. Her work takes her from King City to San

Francisco, and from the coast we love, to Livermore. She enjoys the fact that each time she returns, Tahvi is always glad to greet her, and let her know she was truly missed from our home.

I had bragged about what a great professional asset Kodiak had been, and so Tahvi, true to husky contradictions, has chosen a second career as a clown. No one can accuse him of dignity, and he would be

greatly saddened if he couldn't bring a laugh to someone's day upon meeting them-or at least a smile.

I am fortunate in that my work as a research consultant and writer permit meto work from home via computer. I can make time in my day for those important walks with Tahvi, and recently, with our foster dogs who have learned to love the walks as well. We became involved with BASH when a friend in our community mentioned the existence of BASH to me. I called Randee, and obtained a newsletter, and after reading it, we joined. I read about the Rescue and Referral work, and knew that was what I wanted to do. Anita agreed, so we made our commitment to the principles of BASHR/R, and have been delighted with the resulting experiences we have had in the months since that time.

Our experiences with Carmen, Alpin, Bartok, and now Cayenna, have changed us, our home, and the quality of our lives in a completely positive manner. Tahvi is even calmer and more mellow than he already was, and we have the internal assurance of knowing that this activity is one that is just plain good.

There is too, the additional

benefit of making new friends who share in a love of huskies, and who really want to know their dogs better. BASH and BASHR/R have given us a chance to make those new friends.

I have enjoyed hiking for years, and we often try to take Tahvi for hikes in places like Nicene Marcs. I am fortunate in that I can take Tahvi where other dogs often cannot go. I have had to adjust to becoming conscious of where one can take a dog since we now have a foster dog to consider in our planning. I cannot so casually walk on public beaches as I did with only Tahvi along!

At the end of June, we participated in the Sunset Run on Umunhum. We had the chance to have Tahvi join in a team to pull a cart. Tahvi loved it! It was a wonderful evening, and we had a great time with everyone that showed up for an evening of fun. We are looking forward to many more enjoyable events with BASH, and other wonderful experiences with the foster dogs of BASHR/R.

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Freedom, like sanity, is best questioned to be sure one still has it.

the trials and tribulations of

Zeke



a woolly Sibe puppy that CARE took into fostering. What a CUTE pup he is. Though blue eyed, he had large feet that led some of us to speculate if he might have a bit of Malamute in him. Whatever he might have been he had the most wonderful disposition, walking around with his stuffed rabbit in his mouth, he was to die for.

Zeke came to CARE as a street stray at 13 weeks of age with what appeared to be

a broken or deformed lower jaw. Examinations by an animal dentist and orthoped showed development of the teeth were normal but the jaw was twisted about 20 degrees. This was causing a puppy canine tooth to hit the roof of the mouth, which in turn led to a poor appetite for Zeke. Being a woolly it was not apparent that he was under nourished. The vets decided the best course of action at this time was to remove the puppy canine teeth.

Zeke, is doing well after his surgery on Friday. He is going to his new home with a young man from San Leandro on Monday. This guy sounds like he will provide a good home and care for him.

The specialist said this was an unusual case and sent the X-rays to a radiologist. Neither could find any signs of trauma to the jaw. The rest of the jaw and teeth are normal. The specialist wants to see Zeke about once a month until he is a year old. He also cautioned that Zeke may need his adult incisors and canines removed if the

twist in the jaw does not straighten out. The new owner is not put off by this prospect and is willing to see it through regardless of the cost in the future.

Ellen Prior with CARE is doing a wonderful job with fostering and getting the medical attention he has needed. She was able to keep Zeke's bills down to about 300-350 dollars with the generous donations of time and efforts by the vets. We had expected costs of 500 to 1000 dollars so the reduced costs are a welcomed!

Some of the club members offered to help out with the costs for Zeke and we currently need about 150 dollars still. If you wish to help forward a donation to Dana at BASHRR and mark it for ZEKE. We will forward it to the vets or CARE. I hope to run a special article on in the newsletter that will also acknowledge those that helped. Until then, thanks to those who have and will contribute.

Nic

Address Changes

Fortunately, we are adding from 8-15 members per month. It takes up too much room to print them. Instead I will reprint the address book in October. If you would like to receive an address book and haven't, please drop me a note. I will publish changes and or additions to E-Mail addresses. If you have one, please send it to me at Randee1@aol.com



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Reminder

Included in this newsletter is a flyer on BASH Campout in August. Contact Angela or Doug at (408) 266-9718. Any last minute notes are on the back side of the flyer.

In last month's newsletter was a flyer about the Malamute Campout in Pinecrest.

If you are interested in the Malamute campout you need to contact Bill Griffiths at (408)365-0934 .

Hope to see many of you there!

Bay Area Siberian Husky Rescue/Referral



Presents:

*Adoption Fairs on the first and third
Saturday this month.*

Premium Pet Mart

Please join us on Saturday, August 3
11 am to 3 pm
4698 Meridian Ave
(at Branham Ave.)

Directions to Husky Day in San Jose. Take 85 South Exit Camden Ave. Go Right at light to Branham Ave. Go South on Branham to Meridian. Shopping Center on far right corner. You will find Premium Pet Mart in the middle.

Pet Food Express!

Please join us on Saturday August 17
11 am to 3 pm
Westgate Shopping Center
1933 Davis Blvd.

Directions to Husky Day in San Leandro. Take 880 Exit Davies West take left at the first light into Westgate Shopping Center. Turn right at the first stop sign. You will find Pet Food Express to the left in the row of buildings in front of you.

Book Review:

STUD RITES - by Susan Conant

Finally the 9th book in her "Dog Mystery" series has come out. For those not familiar with her books, the series is about Holly Winter, her 2 malamutes and in some of the later books her niece Leah. The four of them solve various mysteries that have ended up in Holly's lap. Holly is a writer for *Dog's Life Magazine*. Her books always give the reader a greater insight into showing dogs, characteristics of our nordic breeds along with bringing in topics of interest from rescue groups, breeding, puppy farms, and more.....

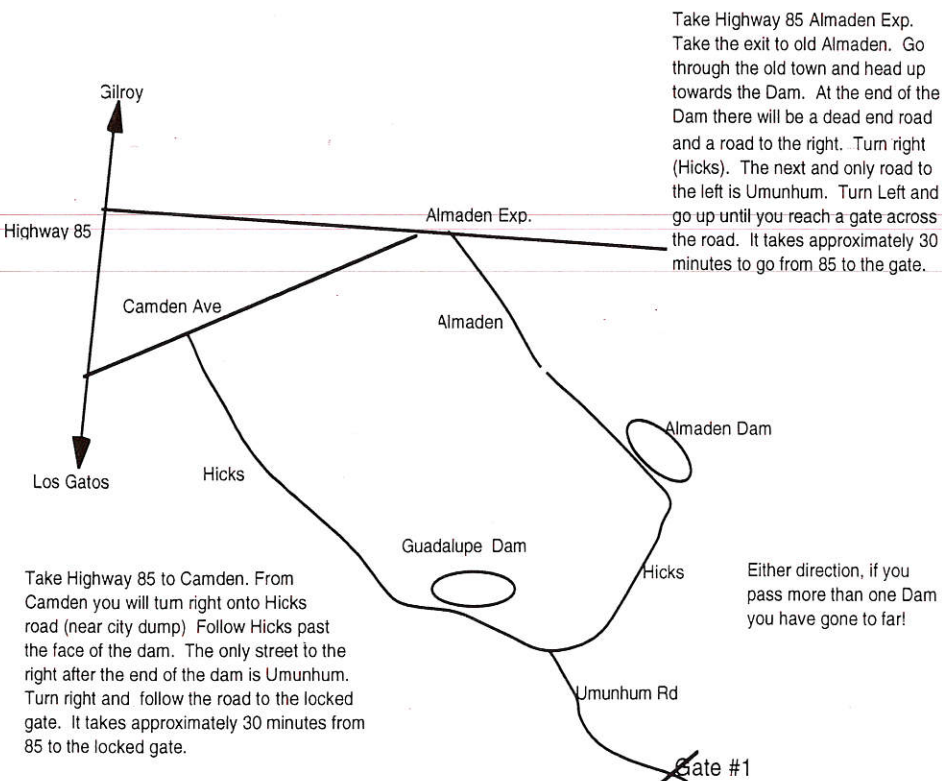
Stud Rites is set at the "National Specialty for Malamutes in Danville Massachusetts. The beginning of the book even has a

show flyer. It begins with a judge being killed by a "tasteless" object that was donated as a trophy. Holly tries to figure out who will benefit from this judge's death. It ends up being many from the person that took his place as judge, the show secretary, the handler who's dog has a better chance of winning under the new judge and others. Within all of this there is a former lover of Holly's that specializes in canine reproductive technology. Through out the story she is able to keep you guessing as to who did it and why. She shows the great parts of a Dog Show along with the bad things that unfortunately happen behind the scenes of a dog show such as bad

breeding practices, dogs being kept in poor conditions, puppies being sold out of trailers..... During all of this she and her niece are still able to show their two dogs and solve the mystery.

I would recommend this book to anyone who likes a good mystery. If you have read other books in this series you might miss the fact that she didn't do as much with her malamutes as in the other books. One malamute or the other usually saves her life which was not necessary in this one.

She has already begun her tenth book, "Animal Appetite". I look forward to reading that one also.



The next "Umunhum run" will be :

Saturday Aug. 10

Meet at the gate at:
6 pm.

We pass through 3 locked gates. You must stay until everyone leaves. It is not possible to go out early. Plan on 3-4 hours. Call Randee to confirm if you are coming and what to bring. (408)371-1841 (last minute changes, page her at (408)377-2900.

The weather as we all know is unpredictable. Be prepared for hot, cold, windy and or foggy weather.

We have alot of fun and will take all of the dogs out on at least one run. We take as many owners out as possible.

To handle or to hire by Lorilee Sweeney

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Do I handle my dogs or do I hire a professional handler? The answer to this is ... yes, no and maybe.

When making the decision about who will handle your dog you must examine your priorities. Is your goal to finish your dogs championship as quickly as possible, or as cost effective as possible? Perhaps your goal is just for you and your dog to have some fun and maybe learn some things along the way.

If finishing your dog is the objective, you will probably get their quicker with a professional handler. A seasoned professional knows all the secrets to grooming and presenting your dog to its best potential. As well they have the advantage of politics - they are well known by other exhibitors and judges. They will probably know the judges that will prefer your "type". They can pick and chose the judges you will have the best chance for success under.

Showing dogs can be a costly venture. There are pro and cons to saving money with or without a handler. I generally count on a two hundred dollar weekend when I send my dog out with a pro. This may seem like a large sum, but consider what you would have spent to do it yourself. There's hotel, gas, food and don't forget dog expenses. You will need lotions and potions, collars and leads, dog food, scissors and gismos - all of which cost money. By giving your dog to the handler you save on all these items. The other factor to consider is that

you may unsuccessfully 20 dollar (the average price of entries for one day) yourself up to point where you could have hired a handler for the weekend. If you are taking your dog to show after show with out coming home with points it may have been cheaper to send your dog out with the professional and finish in just a few shows.

However, if you stay home and collect the ribbons, you may have missed a lot. I am always closer to my show dogs. I think is because I spend more time with them. There's the weeks of handling classes, tub time, table time and spending the weekend together. I find it a real bonding experience for myself and my dog.

I always enjoy going to the shows. It's a social occasion for me. There lots of chances to meet up with old comrades and fellow breeders. There's never been a show yet that I have attended that I didn't learn something.

I have sold puppies to novices that have shown their dogs themselves and done well. There have also been times that they have been disappointed and overwhelmed. In general my advise is if this is your only dog and likely to be so for many years it's up to you. If your in this game for the long run it is to your advantage to learn to handle your own dog. Even if you are not successful in the beginning you will learn

and improve. Over the years, the cost of learning will be well worth it. There is no more meaningful win the the OWNER/ BREEDER /HANDLER win or even a Owner/Handler.

If you are going to handle your own dog you should be well prepared. I strongly recommend taking some classes. It will give you the chance to work with your dog. Each dog had its own little quirks and you need to figure out the best way of presenting it.

Go to as many shows as possible and watch. Observe your breed. Watch how they are stacked and how they are moved. Spend lots of time in the benching area observing how your breed is being groomed.

If you are really uncomfortable in the ring there maybe alternatives to an expensive handler. Perhaps the breeder you bought your dog from would show it for you. It is our policy to help out new owners in any way we can. It is after all to our advantage to have our stock promoted and successful so. Someone else involved in your breed might be willing to help out. I often call on friends with other breeds to assist me. Many of these people have been handling their own dogs for years and love the chance to show another breed.

Congratulations on your decision to show and promote your special dog. I wish you the best of luck no matter who presents it.

To all our friends,

July 5, 1996

My dear friend and companion in life, Motley, has gone to find the answers to the Questions we still ask. I will miss him so.

"Muzzles up you Huskies , sing us that song.
The song of the Mystery, the song of the ages.
The song of the Huskies that worked as you do.
The song of the wolves gone on before you.
One of our breathern has ceased all his toll
and is gone with the SnowWalker to the valley
beyond.

The call of the Mystery, it beckons him on now.
His harness is empty, the line has gone slack.
The sounds of his footfalls grows dim and remote.
Tonight you may mourn and howl at the moon,
but come the next dawn, it is back to the harness
for you.

For another days work keeps the SnowWalker at
bay,

the Mystery unfound, the questions still asked.
So, muzzles up you Huskies, let's hear that
roundabout.

Muzzles up you Huskies, sing us that damned song."



MOTLEY

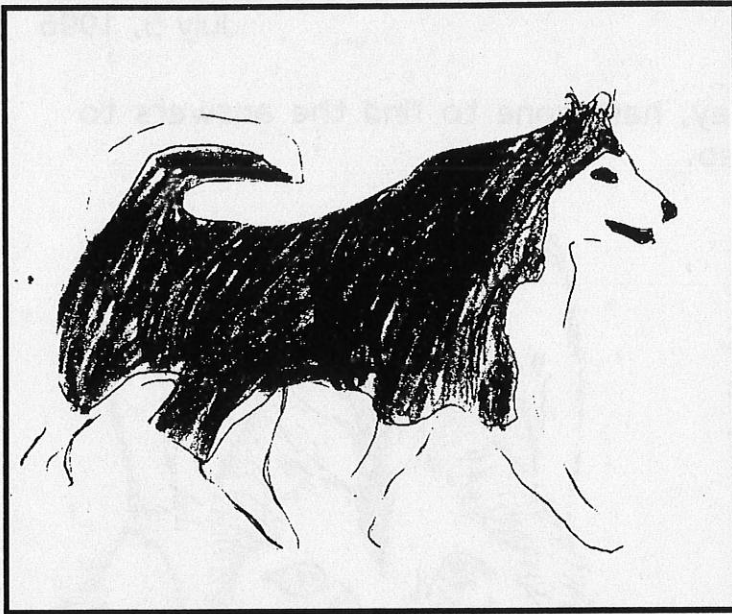
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Motley was my third Malamute. We obtained him through the a Malamute Club breeder named Joyce Keesling in 1984. Motley was 10 months old and the family that had him could not cope with him. We selected him over the 9 week old puppies Dena (age 5) and I (age 29) had viewed due to Dena's dislike of the puppies jumping on her. She could handle an eighty five pound dog but not the thirty pound pups. She was missing our previous Mal, a white, named Budahay NaKeena or Buddy very much and I left the decision to her. Thats how we came to have Ketchems Awesome Motley. As a side note, Shiloh Dena's Awesome Nakeena, aka NaKeena, is Mots niece. Now you know how the names all tie in.

Mot was my constant companion on outdoor trips of all kinds. He attended scores of scout meetings, camping and backpacking trips, having accumulated what I once estimated to be about 1500-2000 miles of trails during the first ten years of his life. We retired him from packing at that time due to a chronic case of pancreatitis.

Nic



Drawing by Charlie Tews

Any child or adult is welcome to send in a drawing, picture, or photograph to be published in the newsletter.

The Beach Hike:

What a great success! We started out with about 30 of us and 14 dogs. All of the dogs had a packs on. The day was slightly overcast, but not too cold. Nic Matulich kindly lent out his extra packs for owners to try out prior to purchasing their own.

We lost a few owners in the first 2-3 miles, but most trekked on. It is a great place as when you want or need to turn back you can and not be left on your own. We ultimately walked between 8-9 miles. About 20 of us broke for lunch around 11:15 at the halfway mark. Most were already tired to talk too much. We then started back.

We are planning hikes at both of the next camp outs and have learned of another beach that we can go to. Hope to see you at the next one.

Hike on

BASH CAMPING TALES

by Doug Aldrich

DA Guys (Doug, Angela, Jazz, Meeko, and Nikita) left for a pre-camping to checkout the BASH campsite. We got up Saturday, July 20th and left for a reconnaissance trip. Before leaving San Jose, we stopped at Krage's Auto because on Saturdays and Sundays they offer free coffee and doughnuts. With a sugar and caffeine fix, we headed down 101. To get to Arroyo Seco, we passed through Soledad. We could have taken off at either Arroyo Seco road or go to Elm Ave. in Greenfield. We chose the latter and traveled out of the town. Reaching Arroyo Seco road (same road just a few miles south), we turned left and found the campground.

With the drop line out and camp set-up, we decided to go for a swim in the creek. DA Guys got cooled off and the water was nice and refreshing. Evening approached, so we BBQ chicken then an after dinner walk was now the call. We headed down the hill and crossed the bridge to the opposite ridge line. The five of us worked our way up and along the ridge. Just as we rounded the corner, there was a flock of wild turkeys. They glided down the hill as the dogs lurked towards them. After seeing the turkeys we turned around and headed down the hill. Making our way back, we walked by the group campsite that BASH will be using on August 16,17, and 18. The site is through the main campground and down the hill right between two small fishing lakes. The group site has two huge BBQ grills and a fire pit in the middle as well as several picnic tables. There will be plenty of room for tents and drop lines. The stars came out to provide us with a wonderful night view as we moved back to our camp.

The next morning, we got up and cooked eggs for breakfast by the fire. We packed up camp, but before leaving we drove up the hill and found a trail that runs up the canyon. This looks like a good hiking trail. Upon leaving, we talked about the place we had just camped at and how nice it was. We headed back to San Jose and took Arroyo Seco road all the way to 101 instead of Elm Avenue. We arrived back in about an hour and forty-five minute.

We hope to see you there in August from DA Guys!

(Note: Bring towels, bathing suit or shorts, and fishing pole or inner tubes.)

See ya,
Doug



PAW POWER

Arroyo Seco Camping Trip

Date: August 16-17, 1996
(Fri-Sat-Sun)

Don't forget! Saturday Dinner Potluck

Where: Arroyo Seco Group Campground

Contacts: Douglas Aldrich
Angela Eddy

Phone: (408) 266-9718 (H)
(408) 721-6994 (W)

Alternate Contact: Rande McQueen
Phone: (408) 377-2900

This camping trip was coordinated by BASHR/R members. BASHR/R's mission is to rescue Siberian Huskies and place them in good homes.
(ake:cakec@nsc.com)



Agenda

August 16, Friday

- some campers arrive PM

August 17, Saturday

- hike on trail 10:00-12:00 PM

- hike on trail 4:00-6:00 PM

- Potluck 7:00-10:00 PM

August 18, Sunday
- hike on trail 8:00-10:00 AM

(* Agenda might change depending on weather and circumstance.)

Campground Facilities

Campsite/Facilities:

- tent campsite (50 persons/1 group)
- pipid water
- picnic tables
- fire grills
- vault toilets
- supplies available at nearby town of Arroyo Seco

"PETS MUST BE ON LEASH"

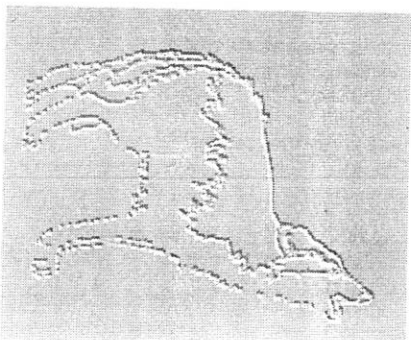
Location: Los Padres National Forests
(805) 683-6711 or (800) 280-CAMP
Source of info: Complete Guide
California Camping



Directions to campground

From US 101 at the town of Greenfield, turn west on Greenfield. Arroyo-Seco Road (County Roads G-16 and 3050) and drive 19 miles to the campground.

Reservations under BASH or Aldrich.



email: cakec@nsc.com

Wednesday, July 17, 1996

Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

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