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## Happy Valentines Day

- Jan 28,29 Golden Gate Kennel Show at the Cow Palace
- Feb. 11 General Meeting
- March?? SnoBASH 2017?? watch for date- working on two but not confirmed by the printing of newsletter
- Mar. 11,12 Bay Area Petexpo
- Dec 9 BASH Holiday party (tentative)

## 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>

Save- our Siberians- Siberian Rescue Fund is an international internet group that raises funds through various fundraisers to help rescuers of Siberians. They pay for some heartworm treatments, major medical requests etc. They have funded BASH in the past. They are doing a FLOWER POWER fund raiser. Buy plants and seeds to plant. I bought some last year and loved them (especially the sheets of flower seeds you just lay in the planter box and put dirt on it. Check it out [http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?campaign\\_id=24408](http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?campaign_id=24408)

# Hike January 22

Dennis, Kai and I got out to the Visitor Center at Edwards Wildlife Refuge about 8:30 Sunday Morning with hot coffee, hot water for tea, and some pastries and fruit, and in a short time our Husky Hike regulars arrived -- Kim with Kaiya, Gail with her visiting sister and Leila, then Candice and Stella. Newcomer Crick with his big white husky George also came along, and shortly everybody went over the hill and up the Quarry Trail for a trek around the Coyote Hills Regional Park Apay Trail. I hung out at the picnic table, and soon Brian and Karen arrived with their two boys and FOUR huskies .... a bit of a



handful, but they were managing very well. Brian has a really good start in training the new wooly rescue (a BEAUTIFUL dog that those who are interested should really look at). Gabriel was quite delighted with his hot chocolate, Keagan was his usual quiet happy self tucked up in his baby carrier with Karen, and after a bit they were on their way to find the others.

It was pretty cool, initially we had brilliant sunshine, but by 9:00 or so some cloud cover and even a wisp of fog was drifting in the air. I repacked the repast into the back of the truck and since I wasn't

up to a longer trek this morning, I ventured out myself down the steps to wooden deck trails in the dog prohibited bird preserve to see what I've been missing all this time. It was really quiet. I didn't see much bird activity, except a few coots and a hawk, but the colors of the vegetation against dark water were a beautiful and subtle winter blend. The "California Holly", a variety of Toyon, however, had brilliant red berries in heavy drifts around the parking lot -- I wish I'd brought a camera, but that's usually the last thing I ever think to bring ...

A little after 11:00 I started up the hill towards the Quarry trail, and saw the leading edge of our pack returning, so I tracked back and put out the snacks for the end of trail gathering -- seemed like everyone had a good hike, a few were out of breath, and the dogs were enjoying canine comradery around the water bowls.

We were wrapped up and on our way home to watch football a little after noon -- it was a nice morning!



**Next hike, weather permitting and the bridges along 'Dry' Creek get replaced, we may try Dry Creek/Pioneer park off May Road in Union City. Watch the e-mail for info.**

Greta

# SnoBASH

We had a meeting to organize our SnoBASH. In the “old days” we held them often enough that there were enough old timers with the knowledge of what needed to be done with “newbies” that learned. Last year there were not enough old timer and to many newbies to teach. We had a meeting to give the “newbies” and idea of what we needed to do to make it safe for all people and dogs.

First we decided to look at three weekends and see if the Lodge was available for us to rent. Those weekends are March 3,4,5 - 17,18,19 or February 24, 25, 26 ( the last one we are dropping as it is the end of Presidents week (winter break) and the lodge was not available) We have sent out the request but at the time of printing we hadn't hear back to watch the BASH email list for updates. We were told by Paul at Bear Valley Cross Country that with the rain that froze that they got a few weeks ago, we could have snow into June. With that we hope to have a late spring SnoBASH also.

We have decided that we will do rides for people and dogs only on Saturday of the event from noon to 4 pm. We use to break it up morning and afternoon but realized that most that come just for the day come just about at noon...so that would give us a straight time to work with. The Core group of workers will make sure that they have lunch before noon.

We will ask that people RSVP if they are coming and how many dogs, and what equipment you will need to get from BASH. You will RSVP [BASH@com-ctl.com](mailto:BASH@com-ctl.com).

What do you need to bring :

- Each dog should have an alaskan collar (we will have some available to buy for \$5) It is a limited slip collar that each dog MUST have on to sled. No buckle or choke collars.
- A bowl for water and a bottle of water (it is not good to borrow others)
- Poop bags
- A harness- (there are instructions for measuring your dog and purchasing one separate from us) we will have a LIMITED number of harnesses for people to purchase.
- Drop lines- a cable type line that is attached to the trees so that your dog can safely wait for sledding. (we will have limited drops also available)

We will have sleds, lines, hooks and drag lines....

Rules:

- Dogs may only be walked in the parking lots between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm (you are not to walk on the trail during that time)
- No dog may be off leash at our event at any time.
- You can not leave your dog on a drop and leave the area.

How you can help at the event:

While we are sledding, we need people to help hold teams and sleds while getting dogs and people on and off and to help take the dogs off at the end of a run or help to turn them around.

We need people out on the trail to help our dogs go in the correct direction (we only have a few leaders and since we only run 4 dog teams there are not enough to go around) and to hold if we need to adjust a dog or person in the sled.

# SnoBASH

Watch the BASH List page and next months Newsletter. As of now Bear Valley has over 122 inches of snow. The two weekends we are asking to reserve the lodge for are March 3,4,5 or 17,18,19

If you want to attend, please RSVP to [BASH@com-ctl.com](mailto:BASH@com-ctl.com) with number of dogs, what equipment you have or need.

Informational pages on SnoBASH, fitting harnesses, and more can be found at <http://www.bayareasiberian.org/events.html>

## Friday—

2 to 5 pm set up drops

## Saturday

7:30- 9:30 breakfast

10:00 to 11:00 set up

**12:00 to 4:00 pm rides**

6:00 dinner- RSVP if you want to join those staying at the lodge

## Sunday

7:30- 9:30 breakfast

9:30 to noon- do a few runs and pack all the equipment to go home.

We will be renting the Tamarrack Pines as a group again this year. If you want to stay there we will post what is available. At the Pines you can not have dogs in the rooms. Rooms range from \$200 to \$500 for the two nights. There are 5 rooms. Rooms will be available first to "Core Members" that work much of the event. The parking lot is small so you must be able to drop your dogs off your vehicle. There is room for tie-outs where we sled from but not in the parking lot.

Those staying at the lodge will sign up for bringing different food items for the group

Right next door to the pines is -  
Tamarack Lodge at Bear Valley  
18278 Highway 4, Bear Valley  
Tamarack, CA, 95223, United States  
[tamaracklodge@hotmail.com](mailto:tamaracklodge@hotmail.com)

"209-736-9902" messages "209-753-2310" onsite 209-768-5346 cell

BASH has stayed here in the past and recently they again are renting to individuals. NO PETS in rooms. They have single rooms and out buildings for families.

For those that want dogs in their room or can't drop off the car, there are places to stay in Arnold and Angels camp. Which are 30-45 minutes drives from where we are.

# BASH General Meeting

February

Saturday Feb.1, 2017

Randee McQueen's  
906 Sweetbriar Dr., Campbell

Meeting at 5:30 pm

Nominations for Elections  
Talk about SnoBASH  
Holiday dinner location for 2017



Dinner at 6 pm

Entrée will be supplied by the club

Please contact Randee to find out what to bring and  
RSVP for a count for dinner



Appetizer  
Salad  
Dessert

[BASH@com-ctl.com](mailto:BASH@com-ctl.com)

# Yukon Quest February 4, 2017

Will start in Whitehorse this year and go to Fairbanks.

There are 21 mushers signed up for the race this year. The Yukon Quest has been run every February since 1984 across 1,000 miles/1,600 km of wilderness trail between Whitehorse, Yukon and Fairbanks, Alaska. This incredible international winter sports event starts regardless of weather conditions. The race lasts 9 to 14 days depending on weather, trail conditions and team speed.

<http://www.yukonquest.com/race-central/yukon-quest-1000-mile>

# Iditarod March 4 Ceremonial start, March 5

Entries have closed for the 2017 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, and 77 mushers have put down their money to race 1,000 miles to Nome.

Iditarod officials decided Friday to retain a new rule allowing racers on the trail to use cell and satellite phones, rejecting a contingent of mushers who wanted to return to the communication blackouts of the recent past.

The Iditarod Trail Committee Board of Directors met Friday to review its [2017 race rules](#), including the new two-way communication rule, which it ultimately decided to keep.

The Iditarod board [first approved the new rule in May](#), reversing the race's long-standing, outright ban on two-way communication devices, including cellphones, satellite phones and any electronics that can connect to wireless internet.

Board President Andy Baker, from Kotzebue, said safety concerns during the 2016 Iditarod prompted officials to initially create the new rule. He said that allowing the electronics would provide for a safer race next year.

But mushers who attended Friday's meeting told the board that permitting mushers to carry and use two-way communication devices damages the allure of the wild and remote 1,000-mile race to Nome. It also opens up opportunity for mushers to cheat discreetly by receiving coaching over the phone, they said.

<http://iditarod.com/>

# Rescue January 2017

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Charlie is a little shy at first meeting, but he warms up to you with just a little bit of patience and maybe a few treats do the trick.

He is full of energy, playful, fun and ready to go. He likes care rides, walks and play. He starts off on his walk pulling just a little, but then settles down. Charlie really does not want to be alone, he is a people dog, but because of his Sheppard background he wants to protect his owner and their property. So, he would do best in a home with no other dogs as he very much likes to be the alpha.

Charlie is food, love and attention driven. He likes his creature comforts like his bed and loves his toys but is respectful of your belongings. He can get a little excited and start to jump, but he knows better and with a look or light command immediately stays down. He now sits and waits for his food bowl to be placed on the ground before attacking it with gusto. He is still working on his basic commands like DOWN, STAY/WAIT so some basic obedience schooling would be a good and fun thing to do as he wants to please.

Charlie likes to be part of the household and is curious but polite in the house. He enjoys watching me cook, watches patiently and does not counter-surf. He will go into his crate easily, but does not want to be left alone. He thrives on attention, will follow you anywhere. He does much better in a home without other dogs or small children. Children should be older teenagers. No small animals such as chickens, rabbits or cats please though, pretty please.



## Cinnamon Honey Hearts Dog Biscuits

A touch of honey and cinnamon add just the right blend of sweet and spice to this gourmet dog treat.

### **Cinnamon Honey Hearts**

1/4 Cup Water

1/4 Cup pureed Banana

1/2 Cup plain Yogurt

1 Tablespoon Honey

1 Tablespoon Canola Oil

1 Teaspoon Cinnamon

1/2 Cup Oat Flour

1/4 Cup Rice Flour

1 Cup Wheat Flour

### **Instructions:**

In a small bowl combine the cinnamon, oat flour, rice flour, and 1/2 cup wheat flour. Set aside. In a separate bowl mix water, banana, yogurt, honey, and canola oil with an electric mixer. Add the dry ingredients and mix until well blended. Mix in remaining wheat flour 1/4 cup at a time until a stiff dough forms.

Place on floured surface and roll to desired thickness. Cut into desired shapes. Bake at 300 degrees. If rolled to 3/8" baking time is 30 minutes or until golden brown.

**Tip:** After shutting off the oven I leave the dog biscuits in the oven for a couple hours to make sure they are completely dry and crunchy. Then they can be stored for a long time without worrying about spoilage.

# Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

Membership Renewal and Associate Application 2017-2018

Membership \$35.00

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

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Bay Area Siberian Husky Club, 2633 S Bascom Ave, Campbell CA 95008

## Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

[www.bayareasiberian.org](http://www.bayareasiberian.org)

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### Upcoming Adoption Fairs

First Saturday  
PetsMart, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
850 W. Hamilton, Campbell  
408-371-1841

Second Saturday  
Pet Food Express 11 am – 1pm  
1902 S Bascom Ave, Campbell,  
(408) 371-5555

Check with foster homes if they will  
be at a specific adoption fairs.