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BASH General Meeting MARCH 5th (or 6th) If members send me a preference we can adjust to that. (bash@com-ctl.com) It will be just a meeting to talk to each other and hopefully get more ideas for events as we hopefully are opening up to more things. I have been and will continue to put old articles in so that those people that weren't around in the past will see what we did do. It is a new time but maybe it will spark ideas for places to go or things to do with our Siberians. The meeting is also a good place for people to come and ask questions as to what others do with their dogs. The last meeting a couple came that had just adopted a Siberian and wanted to just talk about Siberians .

This meeting will also be on Zoom. All info will be send out on the BASH list an be in the March Newsletter.

I can always use articles on you and your dog, why you got a Siberian, a fun thing that you did with your dogs or an experience you want to share. Do you have good recipes that you have made treats for your dog.... Send them to me. We use to have 100 + members and now we have 50 but don't hear from many of them. It will be nice to get more info on club members.

Betty White Fundraiser

Thank you to all that participated in the last minute fundraiser in honor of Betty White and on what would have been her 100th birthday. She was a great person who did sooooo much for all animals that were in shelters and rescues. People asked that on her birthday they donate \$5 to ANY animal rescue in her honor.



BASH received \$525 in her honor. That money will be used to pay for medical bills of the huskies that we rescue or sponsor (a foster outside of BASH).

Last year BASH rescued and placed 32 dogs. Given all with Covid that was great to us. Some were in our foster homes but many were dogs that needed medical treatment (broken legs, thrown out of a car and needed some time to work through the results of that, born with a defect that the original owner could not pay for) Heron and I found fosters that were willing to take on these dog and take the time for the medical that we and other Siberian groups that fund paid for. 4 of those dogs ended up being foster failures (the person fostering kept them) They still got a great home. It is very rewarding but takes time to coordinate. Along with helping place Siberians we also help people keep them If a person contacts us with issues that is making them think of giving up their dog, we will do our best to help them to keep the dog. We have many ideas and tricks that many of us have used over the years that others don't think about. I know that at least 5 siberians stayed in their homes because we were able to help

Those 'Doggone' Holidays

By Marie Stevens

Reprinted from February 2001

We adopted our first dogs in April of 1996, so we have had several Christmases with dogs. You would think that we would be used to this, and pretty much know what to expect. However, I am continually amazed by how ingenious these dogs are, and how much they keep surprising us. We had some close friends over for Christmas Eve, a tradition for many years. (They have had a malamute in the past, and they love to play with our dogs. Khookhaatuk is a particular favorite.) I planned to make this a special occasion by making rolls for dinner. I bought a 10-lb bag of flour on Saturday when I went shopping, but I failed to immediately put it away. I left it sitting on the kitchen counter. Seemed safe enough—who would eat flour? I forgot about it until later that evening, when we were getting ready to feed the dogs; Greg noticed that it looked like Khookhaa must have gotten into the ashes from our BBQ because his face was all white. He went outside to investigate and found flour all over the patio. Khookhaa was licking it up as fast as his tongue would move, trying to get it all before we could stop him. We cleaned it up as best we could and I sent Greg back to the store the next day to get more flour. Once I had that, I started mixing the rolls. Then I noticed that I was also missing the yeast packets I had bought! Never did find them, nor any sign of them. We watched the dogs pretty carefully to see if any of them seemed to be swelling up, but saw no signs of problems. So back Greg went to the store to get more yeast. Finally all was ready. When Bruce and Laurie arrived at our house, they came in carrying presents, wine and a package of hotdogs for the dogs. They were, of course, immediately mobbed. (Even Chinook, who spent the majority of the night barking at them from just outside the living room door, forgot her shyness in order to get some hotdog!) The dogs stayed out of trouble for a few hours during the evening. Then Bruce got down on the floor to play with Khookhaa. Sheba decided that his bald head looked interesting, so she proceeded to lick his head for a good 10 minutes. She enjoyed that so much that she spent the next 10 minutes rolling on his head. (we would have helped Bruce out but we were laughing too hard.) We put the dogs outside while we ate dinner, thus

forestalling potential problems with food theft. When we let them back in later, Bruce started feeding them bits and pieces of the leftovers from the table, encouraging them to "woo" for food. The gluttons really loved this game. (I guess I really shouldn't blame the dogs too much for misbehaving-they were strongly encouraged to do so.) Christmas morning I got up early as usual, let the dogs in, and then had some leisure time to read while waiting for the lazy males in my family to get up. (This took several hours!) Anyway, I was sitting there enjoying my coffee, when I saw a blur of movement off to my right. I looked over to see Khookhaa standing on top of my dining room table, trying to find those lovely tidbits that were there the night before! I couldn't believe it. Now I wish I had kept quiet until I had a picture of this, but I was so shocked at the moment that I yelled at him and he immediately jumped down. This got Chinook all excited so she started tearing around the house and then rushed over to the Christmas tree and jumped in the middle of all the presents, ripping paper and ruining some bows. This got me all excited, so I rushed over to rescue the presents, which excited Chinook further, so she you can guess the rest. I ended up ringing the tree with chairs so the dogs couldn't get close to it. The chairs really added a lot to the Christmas decor. Christmas sure must have been boring B.D. (before dogs)!!!!

Quick Valentine Dog Treats

These quick Valentine's Day dog treats are cute and healthy. The perfect bite for your canine sweetie. Easy 2 ingredient dog treats!

Prep Time 5 minutes

Total

Time 5 minutes

Servings 12

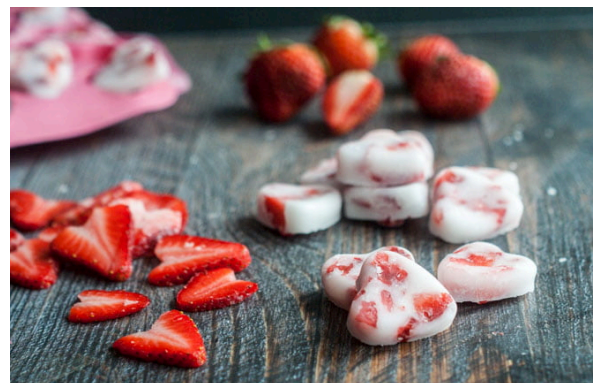
Author Denise Wright (MyLifeCookbook.com)

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup coconut oil
- 3-4 strawberries finely diced

Instructions

1. Add a few pieces of strawberries to each compartment of a silicone mold or ice cube tray.
2. Using a pyrex measuring cup, melt the coconut oil in the microwave. This may take 30 -60 seconds.
3. Pour the melted coconut oil over the strawberries and freeze.
4. When frozen, pop from the mold and store in a baggie or container in the freezer.
5. As with all treats don't over do it.



Hugo Antonucci -Running the 2001 Cascade Quest -- January 12-14 (2001) Reprinted from February 2001

A little background on this article. Hugo and his family have been BASH members since mid1990's. They lived in Los Banos and he has 15-20 dogs there that he ran in sled races. Started with a Sammy and went from there to having I think over 40 now and they live in Aiden. He runs races all over and last week ran the Eagle Cap in Joseph Oregon.

I've always wanted to try racing. Sprint or mid-distance, sprint didn't appeal to me, so mid-distance it would be. Now when and where was the question, the answer was obvious, The Cascade Quest Dog Sled Race held in Washington.

The Cascade Quest is a three-day event with the 6-dog team doing 70 miles and the 12-dog teams doing 140 miles.

This year the Cascade Quest offered a sportsmans class along with the 6-dog teams and 12-dog team classes. I decided to give it a try. I sent in my application to enter the 6- dog team mid-distance sportsmans class, 14 miles the first day and 14 miles the second day.



So, with the support of BASH and its members, We left on Thursday, January 11 for Washington State and the Cascade Mountains. The dogs I would be running are all rescues. Erik came from Nie; Erik would be at the wheel position, with Shelby, our current foster along side of him. Quest and Natasha would be the swing dogs. Quest and one of our leads, Sister, came from Washington last June after the owner was killed in an accident. Natasha was going to be shot for chasing horses, so I took her. The second lead dog, Holly was returned to BASHR/R because the husband didn't like her, I haven't a clue to why, she is a great dog. We arrived in Leavensworth on Friday just before noon. The mushers' meeting was scheduled at the Squirrel Tree Inn at 7pm, about 15 miles west of Lea vensworth.

At 7 pm the organizers of the sportsman class introduced themselves. Gayle Cyra and Sylvia Feder, two of the nicest people you would ever want to meet.

As our names were called, each of us had to stand up and introduce ourselves, give a little bio and answer questions, like how many dogs will you be running, how long have you been mushing.

After everyone had been introduced, 15 of us, Gayle and Sylvia went over the required equipment list and then the two trails we would be running. There would be a different trail each day.

Gayle and Sylvia described Saturdays trail as well-marked and well-groomed, with beautiful scenery and great views, only that it is not 14 miles as advertised but 19 miles and the first 7 miles is uphill, ok, we can do that.

Sundays was to be just as beautiful as Saturdays, except again not 14 miles, but 17 miles and we would have to deal with the "WALL"

Saturday:

We arrived at the race site, Fish Lake SNO-Park. Parked the truck, got the dogs, the sled and equipment ready. There would be an equipment check and vet check each day.

The Sportsmans class would run after the 12 and 6-dog team class, so we now had some time to check out some of the other teams and help the large 12-dog teams. What a thrill to be able to help get a 12-dog team to the starting shoot. I had never seen a team larger than an 8-dog team up close. The 12-dog teams sure looked good. The sportsman class would start 30 minutes after the last 6-dog team left, at 10 am. My start time was 10:08. Show time, started hooking up the dogs. With Terri's help and a few others we headed for the starting shoot. The dogs were ready. I think I was, my stomach was jittery and then the timer yells 30 seconds, 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1 GO! And we were off like a shot. After the first mile or so the dogs settled in, then came the turn off for the long 7 mile climb and an elevation gain of approximately 2000 feet to the top of Pole Ridge, and then we head back down to the finish.

It started snowing after I left the shoot. It snowed for most of the 19 miles. It was great. I passed a couple of teams and was passed by a couple of very fast Siberian teams of Leonard and Diana Minor. I remember during the 7-mile uphill how good the dogs were doing. I didn't have to get off the runners, they just kept going. I thought to myself, it just doesn't get any better than this, a light snow fall, the dogs doing what they love. After the hill the rest of the trail was easy. And before I knew it, we were crossing the finish line with 19 miles behind us, we did it! I should say, the dogs did it. Back to the truck, water and check all the dogs. I noticed Natasha was starting to limp. I decided not to run her on Sunday.

After each team came in, the race Vet would stop by to see if everything was ok with the dogs. Sunday was going to be a little different, the 6-dog and 12-dog teams would be finishing at Eagle Lake and that's where the timer would be. No problem, Terri to the rescue. She helped the head timer, Pat, send off the 6-dog and 12-dog teams and would do all the finish timing for the sportsmans class. The only problem, it left me without a handler.

After the equipment check, I started hooking up the dogs less Natasha. I got some help from one of the other mushers. Only this time at the starting shoot its Terri yelling 30 seconds, 10 seconds, 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1 GO! Just like yesterday, we're off. I can't believe I'm really doing this. The team seemed faster today. I think it's the weather, the air was crisp and cold and the snow was dry and fast. My plan was to take it easy, enjoy the scenery, and take some pictures. Then came the "WALL" it wasn't really a wall, but it was a long steep spiral climb up to the ridge top. I had heard that today's trail was flatter than yesterday's but after the long climb up I had some serious doubts. The views from the top were stunning. You could see the valleys on both sides of the ridge and a long meadow to the south. It was incredible. I did take a few moments to take some photos along the way.

We crested the hill and started down taking it easy. The hard part was now behind us. At the bottom the dogs were still running good. We crossed the finish line and headed for the truck. We did it! Our first mid-distance.

Would I do it again? In a heartbeat! I'm already planning for next year.

My thanks to Erik, Natasha, Shelby, Quest, Sister and Holly for taking me along.

Hugo receiving the "Dream Team Award" for using all "Rescue" dogs in his team



BASHR/R story of the month

PACIFICA AND LUCY- AS SEEN BY: Sherie Rice
(also from February 2001)

I cannot believe that it was only 3 years ago that Pacifica came into our lives. I cannot imagine life without her. It was January 1998, My son Danyil , and I went to Petsmart to see how much he would need to save in order to save to buy a hamster or a lizard. And we came home with a cute little Alaskan Husky puppy instead. We had gone through 2 or 3 mice and 12 fish from the fish of the month club in less than a year. Danyil wanted something he could "handle" or play with and I wanted something that would live through it.

When we arrived at Petsmart on that raining day in January, BASH was there. Of course we had to go over and check thing out. This was an exceptional year for BASH, because they had 2 sets of Husky puppies. When we arrived the youngest set of puppies was inside getting their shots. After looking at the larger dogs for a while Randee showed us the last of the older (8 weeks) puppies . She, the puppy, was in the back of Randee ' s cab. Well to say the rest is history is an understatement, but it was love at first site for us. For me it one of those moments that it was perfectly clear that we. were going to adopt this cute, adorable, little puppy. And we did! 'To say that that decision has changed our lives dramatically is an understatement. Although Randee and Jacques both gave us all the information about how challenging Huskies can and are, we. were in love, and still are, and would have agreed to anything. As we. got into the car, after buying out Petsmart, Danyil was holding our new puppy (blue collar as the forms said) , he said I think I'll name her Pacifica. and so it was.

As it happened, Pacifica loved to jump our fence, so one day I got a call from Jacques. She thought Pacifica might be bored being at home all day alone and Pacifica's sister, Lucy, was available to a good home. Well Jacques was right, Pacifica was bored and stopped. jumping over the fence for about a month. Now the dogs have their own kennel on the side of the house.

Yes, having 2 dogs has again changed by life more than I could have ever imaged. And there were more challenges than I thought, but the rewards have been exponentially than I expected, too. What I love most about my dogs, is they are always happy to see me when I get home and they give me their love unconditionally. Besides the dogs themselves, the greatest tiring about this whole adventure has :teen the support I have received from BASH. I would personally like to thank Randee and Jacques for all the support they have given, and continue to give me and my family.



UPCOMING SNDD EVENTS

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Chester Race

Chester Winterfest Sled Dog Race 2022

Sunday, February 13, 2022

12:30 AM – 1:30 AM

[Click here](#) for the race entry form

A recipe for dog treats from a member

Ron and Heather Sapiro

Dugan's and Nova's Turkey Meatballs

1 lb ground turkey
1 egg
1/2 T turmeric powder
1 t chopped parsley, or rosemary or chervil - or whatever spices you like
1/4 c shredded cheese, optional

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Mix all ingredients in a bowl.

Shape into bite-sized balls. Using a cookie scoop helps keep them uniform.

Bake 10 min., on a parchment lined cookie sheet, in mid oven, till brown.

Be watchful, as they have a tendency to get too dry if cooked overlong.

Cool on rack.

Store in airtight container in fridge or freeze.

Yields 40 -43.

Rescues January 2022

Karen Fenton

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Good MORNING world! Are you looking for a playful, happy, girl to fill your days with fetch, chase the hedgehog, and prance through walks with you? Do you have a very playful dog perhaps that needs to burn energy with a healthy, happy, hopy playmate? I'm your girl!



My name is Violet and I am close to two years old 35# Black and White Siberian Husky girl with dark enchanting eyes. I LOVE to play fetch with just about anything and am loving with young children 2+. I may have a little too much energy for very small humans. I do well with playful, confident, large dogs. No small dogs or cats please. Secure yards with secure fencing preferred.

I am working on my crate training and indoor manners- and making great progress! Do you have that hole in your life that says “take me to play ball?” I’m waiting for you! I’m ready to go home! 🥰

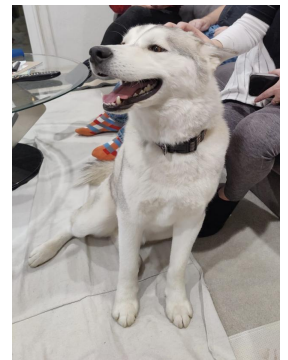
Heron Ho

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Meet Ray! , a petite 45lb male that loves to play with dogs and being with people! He is extremely goofy and exuberant but is able to stay home loose in the house with his husky brother and sister. He takes corrections very well from older dogs and will rough house with any dog that is willing to play with him.

He had a rough start in life and nobody ever taught him manners so he has a lot of learning to do! He is still learning what being a house dog is but is learning fast!

He will not do well in a home with small dogs or children and will need an experienced dog owner that understands he will take a little time and training.



Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

Membership Renewal and Associate Application 2022-23

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 _____
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