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Dues are due by 4/1/24. Dues help BASH pay for our insurance for our events. We are trying to do more but will

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continue to ask people to help set up a hike, meet'n'greet at a park-winery-brewery etc.... I am watching for snow to sled in but hasn't found a good place yet. Have friends looking out for us also...

Check this out... Jane Devlin was a BASH member until she moved to Oregon.... Still having a great time with her dogs.....



<https://centraloregondaily.com/sunriver-husky-trainer-idaho-sled-dog-challenge/>



# BASH General Meeting

February 24th

Bob Reuss' home

1533 Los Rios Drive, San Jose

RSVP [BobReuss@comcast.net](mailto:BobReuss@comcast.net)

BASH will supply dinner

5:00 pm get-to-gether

5:30 Meeting

6:00 pm dinner

There will be blanket/quilt that will be given away at the meeting.  
Everyone attending will receive a ticket for attending



# Valentine Safety for dogs

## Keep Chocolate and Chocolate Desserts Out of Reach

You may love chocolate in all its forms and be thrilled to receive a box of chocolates from your sweetheart. You may also plan a celebration dinner for a loved one or for your family that includes a yummy chocolate dessert. However, make sure your dog can't possibly reach any of these sweet delights. Your pet would probably love to eat chocolate and other tasty treats like you, but unfortunately chocolate is toxic for dogs, especially dark chocolate. Here's why:

- Chocolate contains high levels of cocoa, caffeine, and theobromine (a dangerous food item for dogs).
- The smaller the dog and the darker the chocolate, the more dangerous it is. Theobromine will build up in a dog's system because a pooch can't metabolize it, and it can reach a toxic level that affects their nervous system and heart muscles.
- 1/2 ounce or 15 grams of gourmet or baker's chocolate will cause toxic effects in a mid-sized dog. It only takes 2 ounces or 50 grams to be fatal to an average-sized one.

## Sugar-Free Candy & Desserts Are Not Get-Out-of-Trouble-Free Gifts for Pets

The problem with sugar-free candy and dessert is that they aren't free of danger for your dog. Many of the familiar little candy-shaped hearts, gummies, and jellybeans we share on this holiday contain the sugar substitute xylitol, which is a polyalcohol compound that is highly toxic to dogs, as well as to cats and bunnies.

It's best to keep all sweet treats and desserts away from pets. Stay on guard.

## Toxic Plants and Thorny Flowers are a No-No

Any flower with thorns like roses are dangerous to dogs for obvious reasons. The thorns can cause a painful gash in the skin. Don't assume your curious dog will never get close enough to be hurt by thorns or that he or she won't try and eat a thorny flower. Are they beautiful and colourful and have a great odour? Assume your dog will be attracted enough to get nice and close to them.

Ordinary lilies won't cause much more than a tummy upset for a dog but the striped Barbados lily is poisonous, and so are begonias, the California ivy, and aloe, among other plants. The advice to dog owners is, if plants or flowers come your way on Valentine's Day, make sure to put them out of your dog's reach.

## Get Rid of Shiny Packages and Wrappings

You aren't the only one who loves beautifully wrapped gifts with ribbons; your dog appreciates them, too. In fact, it is a good idea to quickly put away any cellophane, shiny wrapping, and ribbons before your dog decides to start chewing on them. Gift wrappings and ribbons that are swallowed can cause intestinal blockages, even if they aren't made out of materials that make them unsafe for your pet to ingest.

Any candy wrap is particularly dangerous because the candy flavour remains on the wrap, and your pet, especially if he or she is still a puppy, may decide the wrapping is the next best thing to wolfing down the candy itself.

## Watch for Signs Your Pooch Has Ingested Something Dangerous

If you suspect your dog has eaten something that isn't intended for dogs, do your best to track down the possible suspects so that you can report what it is to your veterinarian or to an emergency vet. Also, try and figure out how much of it you think he or she has consumed. These are the signs:

- Vomiting and diarrhea
- Excessive panting
- Shakes and chills
- Seizures
- Laboured breathing
- Coma
- Weakness and confusion
- Difficulty standing or lack of coordination

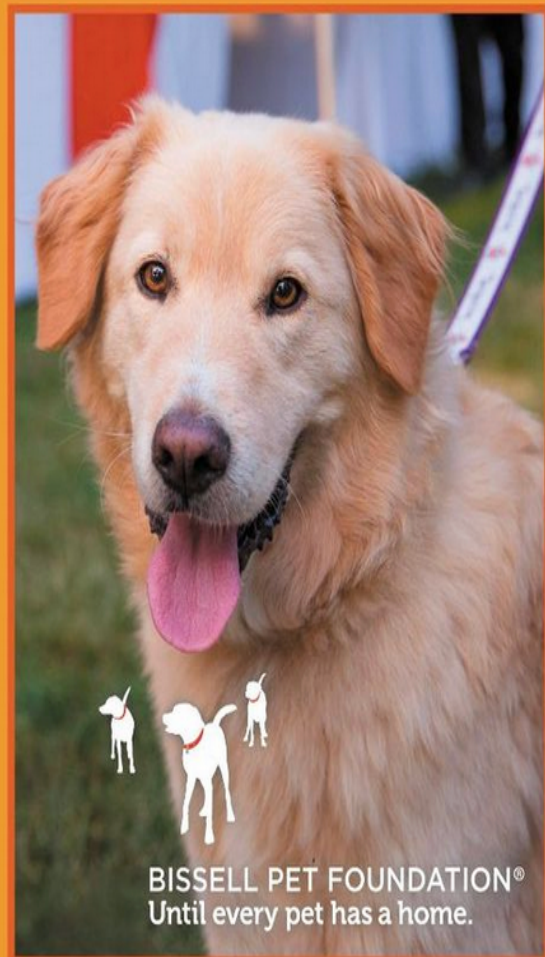
You don't want to spend your Valentine's Day or evening in an animal hospital, or sitting up with an unwell dog. Stay alert to the dangers to which your pet may be exposed and incorporate safety measures into your celebrations. You can show your dog lots of love during this holiday with nothing more than your time and companionship.

# the dangers of retractable leashes



- They can cause serious injuries to you and your dog.
- Retractable leashes don't offer enough control.
- Cords can easily break.
- Retractable leashes can encourage bad walking habits in your dog.
- The handles are bulky and difficult to hold.

**Opt for a classic 6-foot leash  
as the best alternative.**





## Valentine's Day Dog Treat Recipe: Cranberry Hearts

### Ingredients

- 2 free range eggs
- 1 and 1/2 cups almond flour
- 1 tablespoon coconut oil
- 3-4 tablespoons of coconut flour
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat oven to 165°C.
- Beat 2 eggs and set aside.
- Combine your almond flour, coconut oil and dried cranberries together in a bowl.
- Once combined, pour in the eggs and mix together with your hands. The dough will be very wet.
- Begin adding in your coconut flour one TBSP at a time, mixing in each one

after added. You want to achieve a consistency that is easy to roll and not super sticky. This will require between 3-4 TBSP depending on your brand of flour and size of your eggs. The dough should easily form a ball.

- Rollout your dough and cut out the treats using bite-sized cookie cutters, [like these hearts](#) which are perfect for Valentine's Day (*Tip: Sprinkle a little coconut flour on top of your dough to keep it from sticking to the cookie cutters!*)
- Place your treats on a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake in the oven for 15-18 minutes or until crisp.
- Makes approx. 20 treats (dependant on size of cutter).

# Valentines Day Pup Cakes Recipe



## Ingredients

- [Puppy Cake Peanut Butter Cake Mix](#)
- [Dog Friendly Sprinkles](#)
- Peanut Butter (optional)
- [Cesar Cookie Crunchies](#) (I used the heart shapes)

## Directions – How to Make Valentine’s Day Pup Cakes

### Step One

Mix the Puppy Cake mix as stated in the directions on the box. (available through amazon and some pet stores)

### Step Two

Pour mixture into your [heart shaped pan](#).

### Step Three

Bake for 20-25 minutes at 350 degrees.

### Step Four

Allow the pup cakes to cool before applying frosting and decorations.

### Step Five

Frost your pup cakes using the frosting that came with the [Puppy Cake](#) mix or use peanut butter.

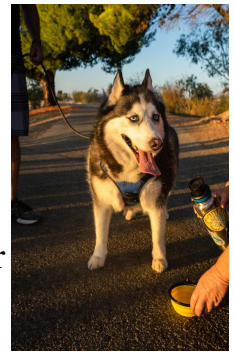
### Step Six

Decorate the pup cakes using [Cookie Crunchie hearts](#) and/or [dog-friendly sprinkles](#).



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Meet Ellie!!! This 5 year old cutie gives the sweetest of kisses and is the sweetest of all fluff. When it's cool outside, she loves walking on cool summer evenings and she loves the wind in her face on car rides. Ellie is lady of few words, but she speaks her mind when something stirs her soul. You'll need to be patient with Shelly until she finally gains your trust, but once she does, she'll be your most devoted companion and will open up to you. She loves to stay by your side no matter where you are and always stays close to watch over you while you sleep. A torn ligament in her right back leg caused her severe anxiety in the Animal shelter, so we decided to pull her and thanks to the staff at MedVet they were able to perform TPLO surgery so quickly. She's made great progress since then and has learned how to walk, love, & trust again since her surgery. A little time is needed for her to warm up and feel comfortable The new sights, sounds, & friends make her feel more confident in new environments, and her new mobility means she can explore a whole new world of fun. If you are looking for a mellow, affectionate and loyal companion. Ellie is your girl!

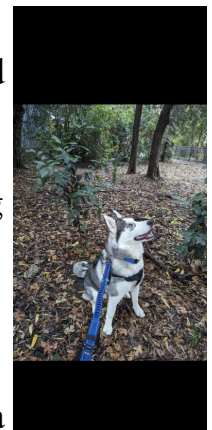


On her paperwork her name is Toasty. While she is elegant looking, she is a cuddly, down to earth pup who enjoys wrestling with her foster brothers, and playing ball. Toasty likes to explore, play and go for walks, but she is also happy spending time relaxing with the family nearby. She is excited to meet new people- especially if they give her pets. Toasty can be shy meeting new dogs but warms up after a while. There are cats at her foster home. She is trying to figure out what they are. A forever home with the right cat might be a possibility with some training. Toasty has some training already. She is crate trained and is house trained at her foster home but in a new environment she will need some work to figure out where to go. She knows sit and is willing to learn. Toasty is ready and waiting for her forever home.



Inna is a very sweet, affectionate well socialized 6 month old pup. She is friendly with other dogs she meets and lives with 2 mellow indoor cats. Inna is a head turner, with a pretty tri- color, light gray wolf color, and snow white underside and those husky blue eyes! She is at the perfect puppy age, cute and playful, eager to learn and already sleeps through the night and past the teething phase! She would love to be matched with an outdoor lover like herself to go on hikes, runs and long walks with.

Inna has been loved and raised by one family since she was 9 weeks old, sharing her time between her dog mom's suburban apartment and her dog grandmother's ranch. She is equally comfortable with puppy pads on the patio and leash walks in city parks and streets and ranch life with a fenced pasture, a rugged digging area, a giant lawn and trail walks. She frequently visits and plays with children, but needs supervision. Inna is spayed and has all her shots. She is leash trained, has attended fundamental puppy training class and knows basic commands but needs more work, is crate trained and “ potty” trained.



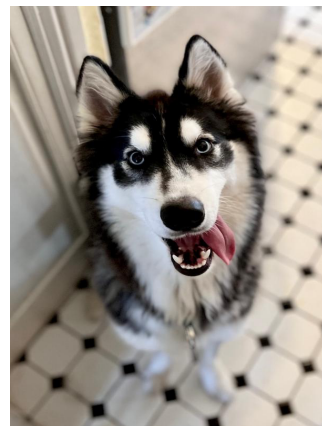
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**Cricket!** Oh you lucky lucky Cricket! She's a tiny little lucky Husky ready to be your goof luck charm.

Cricket is a 35# Husky girl about 9 months old with fluffy ears and a hippity hoppity spring in her step. She could possibly be a Pomsky given her personality and zest for fun. Cricket almost didn't make out of the shelter system but she's here safe in foster now. She adores playing with other dogs but with her rough experiences is cautious with new people. Foster mommy recommends older children with dog savvy as a better fit for play time. It doesn't take her long to warm up though if her doggy buddies tell her you are good people! She just needs calm and patience.

Lucky Cricket's best life would be with another very playful dog in the home and experienced dog owners. She is still a puppy so though she is excellent in crate she is still learning her house manners. She LOVES walks, short or long. She adores playing chase with humans or dog friends and tries her best to be the bestest tug of war rope player ever. She enjoys couch TV surfing and can clear your baby gates in a leap because hanging with the family is the MOST fun.

Do you have time to play with an active bundle of hip-hopping Cricket joy? Is there room for training, consistency and taking those fun outings? Can you commit to crating and a playful fur friend at home who needs a buddy? This is the girl for you! We can't wait to meet you.



Sapphire- We are just getting Sapphire.... she is young and cute. We will update the bio as we learn more about her. She is a spayed Female, 2 months old, good with Large Dogs, microchipped.



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## Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

Membership Renewal and Associate Application 2024-25

Membership \$35.00

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

Date _____
Name(s) _____
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