

# Siberian Tales

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## Obedience

By Marie Stevens

As many of you know, I work at Valley Medical Center in the Spinal Cord Rehab unit. We are lucky enough to have a service dog working there also; he is a big, beautiful retriever named Tait. His mom is one of the occupational therapists and she brings him to work every day. (He has his own name tag and everything—better than any of the other staff pictures!) Needless to say, he is quite a morale raiser, and he helps a lot in therapy too. Anyway.....he is so well trained that he just amazes me. I sometimes sit and ponder the differences between him and my dogs, as I watch him work. So I decided to put these ponderings on paper and share them with you. I will compare him to one of my well-trained dogs, Chinook. (Quit laughing...so what if she is a Malamute?)

Tait has been trained to carry things for his mom, like a paper bag with her bagel and cream cheese in it. He trots along beside her with this carefully held in his mouth, and surrenders it happily when she wants it back. Chinook would carry the bag also, after she knocked me down and grabbed it, permanently numbing one of my fingers in the process; then she would eat the bagel, bag and all. Tait, 1 – Chinook, 0.

Tait is trained to lay quietly when he isn't working. For example, if his mom is working with a patient who is in isolation, he will lay outside the door and never budge until she calls him. Chinook would sit quietly also (after I wrestled her to the ground), until she got a wiff of food in someone's room, or got bored, whichever came first. Then she would be off, trotting around the unit, happily stealing food and evading all chasers. Tait, 1 – Chinook, 0.

Tait never barks when he is working. I have never heard him make a sound. Chinook woos at anyone she doesn't know. She lets them know they really are not **Cont page 10**

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# Get Ready for Snow and Sledding.....

## BASH's Trail Tales - nic matulich



How much fun can you have with your Siberians away from the snow? Let me tell you! -  
by Jane Devlin

One of the advantages of only having two huskies is that you can take them everywhere - and I do! This summer I realized they are really full time therapy dogs. They touched everyone we met.

I have searched for three years for land for a doggie daycare/training facility in Santa Cruz County to expand my dog-walking business. No luck at all. I decided I needed a summer of sanity, affordability and dog friendliness that I wasn't finding in this exploding anthill town. I referred my clients out to pet-sitters and went to Portland, Oregon to work for a dog daycare center, learn the business and teach obedience classes. Sidney and Riff Raff were the pack leaders and demonstration dogs. Amongst everything from Chihuahuas to Irish Wolfhounds and one other Husky.

I easily got an apartment (1 bedroom) for only \$450 a month and two big dogs were welcome. The Dog Park was a mile away. The dog community is very organized and unified. There are twelve dog day cares in Portland and lots of dog parks, sidewalk cafes you can dine at with your dogs. It's like Europe or Carmel, California. On weekends I searched for land with realtors.

The other nice thing about Portland is that it's 1 hour to the beach and miles of undeveloped shore. Only 1 hour to Mt. Hood which has snow year-round. Happy Huskies! I attended some matches/play dogs with Loner Columbia Siberian Husky club and Cascade Sled dog club. Nice people, but nowhere as cohesive as BASH I must say!

I finished the summer with a two-week road trip of the Northwest. Seattle is very dog friendly. Then up to Vancouver, Canada where

our agility training came in handy as we crossed a suspension footbridge 100-ft in the air. Next we drove down to ?? and took the ferryboat through the San Juan Islands to Victoria BC. The highlight was my dogs at world famous Busch Gardens - we didn't get far with all the foreign tourists photographing us. There are even brass dog bowls there. We camped at the beach and checked out the wonderful cafes. Early one morning I hadn't even woken up, unzipped the tent and was dragged out by my dogs chasing a rabbit. Don't you just love Mother Nature? Then it was another ferryboat to Port Townsend, WA where we hiked at Hurricane Ridge (Heaven on Earth) in the Olympic Mountains. Try controlling prey drive when the deer and chipmunks are people and dog friendly!

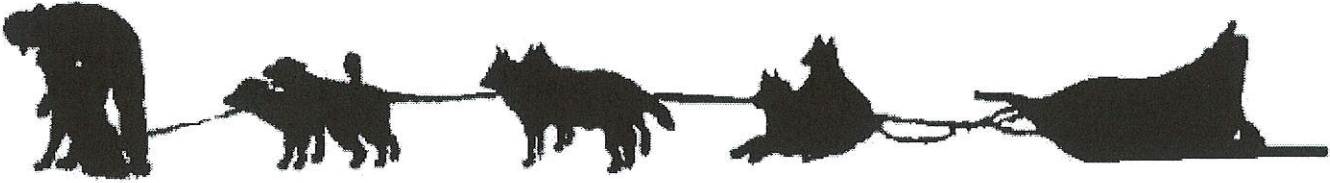
Wolf Haven in Teriro WA was next on the agenda. I plan to volunteer there more when I am settled but for now I share educational materials and am trying to find a mate for "Moose", a 13 year old male who lost his mate last year. Wolf Haven is a sanctuary for wolves born in captivity. Wolves to me have the perfect community structure for people to model themselves after. Go figure why people have to own them or destroy them. On the way down to Ashland, OR, we drove to Mt. St.-Helens. No one can say my dogs don't have adventures.

For the second year in a row we attended a week at dog camp Winnaribbaum, Lake Tahoe. There are 40 acres fenced in down to the lake, and any activity you'd ever want to try is available.

Just the same as last year, Sidney herded sheep beautifully to the shepherd and then backed off. Riff Raff, with his wolf genes, singled out the slow & weak sheep and tried to take it down. He looked at the shepherd like she was interfering with his dinner.

Lure-coursing is a sight-hound activity in which the dogs chase a plastic bag on a track as if it were a rabbit. Yeah, right. Sidney peed on it, and Riff Raff tried **Cont. on page 11**

# SnoBASH 2001



## BAY AREA SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB

The schedule is a guideline for both days. Weather or other factors may affect the schedule or events as could the number of attendees and dogs. Events and activities are provided by volunteers of BASH. No hookups or rides will be done on Friday or before 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Take down on Saturday must remain on schedule to allow club members to attend the dinner meeting. Sunday is devoted to the Junior Races primarily and any hookups or rides will be done at the discretion of each club musher. Proceeds derived from the entry fees, hook-up and rides go to benefit charity.

### Saturday January 27th Schedule

07:00 Breakfast  
 08:00 Setup of awning ,sales & drop signup  
 09:00 Sales  
 09:30 Mushing Basics with Kathy Miyoshi  
**Open signups**  
 10:00 Hookups & rides  
 11:30 Close morning signups  
 11:45 Last morning hookups & rides  
 12:00 Lunch  
 13:00 Resume signups, hookups & rides  
 14:30 Close afternoon signups  
 14:45 Last hookups & rides  
 15:00 End hookups & rides  
 16:00 Take down

### Sunday January 28th Schedule

07:00 Breakfast  
 08:00 Begin setup of sales, awnings & drop signup  
 Setup race gates  
 09:00 Race signups / sales  
 09:30 Sourdough Race  
 10:00 Junior Races  
 11:45 Awards  
 12:00 Lunch  
 13:00 Take down

**SnoBASH - 2001 - Jan. 27th & 28th behind Bear Valley Cross Country Ski Resort. Hwy 4**  
**Dog Drops for SnoBASH \$10.00 each. 50 drops available at event.**  
**Lunch at SnoBASH \$5.00 sold at event.**  
**Hot Dog or Hamburger, Chips, drink and a cookie**

### Dinner Meeting at Tamarack:

Buffet dinner at Tamarack Lodge on Saturday, January 27th. after the meeting. Dinner's must be prepaid. Dinner (including tip and tax) will be \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 12. Some dinners might be available at the door for \$18.00 each but we need to have reservations by January 22nd. **Send your reservation and money to BASH, 2633 S Bascom Ave., Campbell CA 95008**

# Our Holiday Party...a great success...fun was had by all. The stealing of gifts was the best one to date. The kids did some great drawings and more...

Thank you to those that helped make it the success it was from organizing to food to setup and tear down: Mike Langberg, Debbie Gordon, Carla Pitka, Candice Nydam, Matthew Nydam, Camilla Skov, Cheryl Jueal, Randee McQueen, Marie Stevens, Nic Matulich, Jackie Moss, Wayne Jueal, Cheryl Jueal and all those that helped during the party.



## Life of the Omega

By Marie Stevens (the entire story this time...sorry the end got lost last month)

One of my cutest little dogs, and one of the first ones we got when we started into dog ownership is Kiah. She is a feisty, tough little girl, and she tried to dominate Khookhaa when we first got the two of them. (Khookhaa is our macho male malamute, who, incidentally, is afraid of linoleum. But he is sure not afraid of any other dogs). She actually got away with this for a while, because he was in an e-collar for a cut near his eyes. This didn't last long -- once that collar came off he decked her and that was that. She continues to try to be high up in the hierarchy, but she has never gotten very far with this. In fact, she is at the very bottom of the barrel -- she is the omega. Chinook thinks that Kiah is her own personal chew toy, and she drags Kiah around by her scruff or her tail. Luckily, Kiah is heavily furred and this doesn't seem to bother her much. We take care to see that the others don't beat up on her too much. (I know, the dog behaviorists say that we should let her learn her position on her own, but I refuse to allow the whole bunch to gang up on her. I decided that I am alpha prime, and I will not let this happen. (Don't tell Greg though -- he thinks he is alpha prime.) Anyway, sometimes things happen that make me ponder what life at the very bottom must be like. I usually start pondering this during the first heavy rain, because that is when it becomes apparent that being on the bottom means not going into any of the doghouses or under any of the other sheltered areas (in the straw under the roof area in the yard, or under the patio roof near the house), but rather sitting out in the middle of the patio in the pouring rain. She will let out a small woof every so often, I think hoping to wake us up so she can come in the house. I have to admit, this does work, because I can't stand the thought of sitting out there in the rain. We have moved the dog houses around to see if that helped, because Khookhaa likes to get into one of the front ones and then growl at anyone else who tries to get into the others. We moved one to the edge of the patio, away from the others, so that if he was in one of the others this one would not be blocked. That didn't work because sometimes he curls up on a rug next to the house, and then he is facing that dog house. Apparently his presence is enough to keep her from going in. So now we have tried a different location that is out of sight of the area where Khookhaa likes to sleep next to the house, and also away from the other dog houses. Someone is sleeping in that dog house because the straw I put into it is mashed down, but Kiah still comes in in the morning all wet. One morning when Greg put the dogs out before he went to work, he watched where they all went. Khookhaa curled up near the house, on his rug, and 5 of the others went into various dog houses. Kiah curled up next to the fence in the rain. There is straw there, so she's not on bare dirt, but still... I guess there must be some code, invisible to us, that makes her understand that she isn't supposed to be comfortable. I will continue to try to protect her as much as possible, because...well, just because. But I guess that being omega means you just can't come in out of the rain.

## Upcoming Meetings and events:

- Jan 27 & 28th-** SnoBASH 2001 and meeting.
- Feb. 24th** - Meeting - Carol Payne's home
- Mar 4,5** Iditarod
- Mar.??** Meeting at Nannette Morgan's in Morgan Hill
- Apr. ??** meeting
- Apr. SnoBASH II???**
- May 19,20-** BASH Specialty and meeting
- Beach Hikes?? Umunhum Runs? Camping trips? contact Carla if you are interested in coordinating an event.

## Moving SALE

**6 x 14 11 Gauge Wire dog kennel**  
Has a chain link panel for the top.  
**\$400.00**

**(4)rubber Stall mats**  
great to line a kennel  
**\$40 each**

**Snowshoes - Beaver tails - one has a date of 1942 on it. They are wood/rawhide. They are 10 inches by 62 inches.**  
**\$75.00**

**Jack Daniel Sprint Sled with dog bag, snow hook and 10 feet of rope for gang lines. Has QCR but they aren't installed. Newly varnished needs a little work.**  
**\$300.00**

**Susan Bradford- (209)863-0820 or (209)484-7735**

# Sledicide Prevention

by Cris Schadler

*The following article is reprinted from the Tugline, December, 1981*

With hands white in a death grip, legs bent like an arthritic cowboy, I set out on my first-ever snow run. I "took" the initial turn perfectly-taking every flake and branch with me! I didn't know to do such things as leaning or shifting my weight so, of course, I fell over and was dragged through three-foot snow drifts until the dogs could no longer pull me, the sled, and 400 pounds of snow. Things went (literally) downhill from there. I tried to practice braking while going down what surely had to have been the face of Mt. Rushmore. However, my balance, being precarious on dry pavement, was lost, leaving me with only one foot to steady myself. I began stomping the air wildly with my right foot, searching for that elusive brake. I looked like a refugee from a bluegrass convention. I finally located said brake in the middle of the next hill, got so excited that my foot slipped, and I lost my balance and fell. I took that opportunity to meditate a while. "What a great sport!" I consoled myself. "Snow up to my sleeves, snow down my shirt, snow up my legs! Frozen feet! Falling down on every curve, and not being able to stop the team unless climbing a hill! Boy, is this ever fun!" By the time I was making my triumphant return, disguised as a grumbling snow berm, I had resolved to learn how to ride a sled. What follows are pearls of wisdom I have received from some of the "oysters" who have tried to teach me.

**Tip #1: My Sled, Myself.** Step on the runners, feet at near right angles to the runners, heels in and toes up near the stanchions. Bend knees slightly, lean back to put as much weight on the back of the sled as possible. Grasp the driving bow gently, and take a deep breath. RELAX! Your goal is to eventually feel like part of the sled. (With any luck, not part of the P-TEX!) Remember, a death grip on the driving bow only results in finger cramps and doesn't increase your control of the sled. A relaxed grip will help the rest of you to relax, which will also help you to absorb the shocks of moguls, branches, and the odd spectator or two.

**Tip #2: Steering.** Don't try to "steer" the sled. The driving bow is not a steering wheel. The steering mechanism is your team. Shifting your weight from one side to the other (and some fancy toe maneuvers, but that comes later) is your means of getting around corners.

**Tip#3: Cornering.** Lean and bend on the corners. Watch good skiers negotiate a steep course. They squat slightly to lower their center of gravity (especially if they are tall), and they lean into corners. So, going into a right turn, weight is shifted to the right leg, which is also slightly bent. Approaching the corner, lean back to take the weight off the front of the sled, and let your wheel dogs pull you around. It may help to drop the toes on the right foot over the outside of the runner and use them as a pivot around the corner. Some mushers will stand with the left foot on the right runner and place their whole right foot on the outside of the runner to increase the effectiveness of the pivot. You can also try "pedaling" around a corner to push the sled around. The most popular method is to squat, though, and just let your team do the work. For the less experienced, this usually works best.

**Tip#4: Downhills.** Control yourself going downhill. When you and the sled find yourselves ahead of your point dogs on any given hill, you may give in to desperate action. For example, you might try to slow the team by braking, or you may simply throw yourself into the snowbank and agree to meet your team at the bottom of the hill. Neither is appropriate, especially during a race. Don't brake unless absolutely necessary. Braking gouges the trail, can injure dogs and most importantly, can easily throw your balance off. Also, in a race, the idea is to get from chute to finish line as fast as possible, so why brake? Fear and inexperience are generally the reasons (take it from someone who knows!). One typically underutilized resource at your command is your heel. Try dropping your heels to the inside of the runners to put drag and pressure on your gangline. It is most important to keep your gangline tight, so keep a vigilant eye on it. Another option is to drag one foot flat on the ground and underneath or slightly ahead of you. When doing this, lean back on the driving bow as well. Dragging the foot in this manner takes some practice so that you don't throw your balance off. Finally, make sure your sled is straight when going downhill so that you aren't off balance should there be a curve at the bottom.

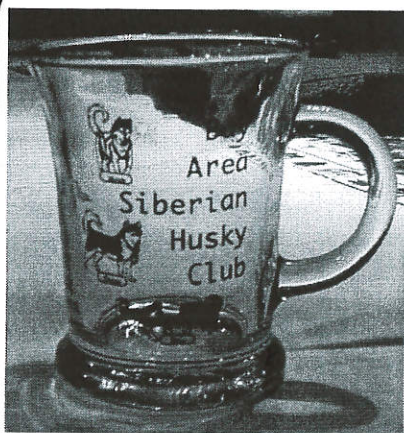
**Tip #5: The Icy Trail.** An icy trail can cause injuries to dogs and can make sleds do strange **Cont. page 7**

## BASH TOWN SHIRT

If interested, send a message to  
BASHclub@aol.com

Long sleeve t-shirts     \$ 20.00  
Med, large, Xlarge and XXL

Sweatshirts                 \$25.00  
Med, Large, and XX large



## Coffee Mugs -

\$12.00 each or  
2 for \$20.00

**Nominations now being taken for members of the Board of Directors.**

**The positions that are up this year are:  
Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Activities Director, Member at Large**

**If you are interested in any of these positions, have questions or other inquiries please contact the Nominating Chairperson- Randee McQueen at BASHclub@aol.com. or at (408)371-1841**

### SNDD California Dog Sled Race Schedule

Feb. 10-11	Markleeville (hwy 88 sorta near where it hits 89)
Feb 17-18	Chester (North of Chico)
Feb. 24-25	Lake Davis (Northeast of Truckee)
Mar. 3-4	Foresthill (17miles east of Auburn)

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**Cont. from page 6**things. If the sled fishtails, you can use your heels to steady it and to help the dogs keep better traction. This is especially useful when coming onto ice from snow. The sled will tend to scoot ahead when it hits the ice, so dragging your heels or a foot will minimize the dog's chances of stumbling and will equalize the pressure on the sled. When cornering to the right, drop both heels to the left sides of each runner and use them as rudders.

**Tip#6:**The Snub Rope. There are many uses for this rope. It can be clenched between your teeth to prevent unfortunate verbal exchanges between yourself and other drivers, or it can be secured around your neck to give you the added incentive to remain on the sled. Typically, however, it is your safety line to remaining in the vicinity of your team when they would wish otherwise. It is best to bring the line up ahead of the basket, behind the brush bow and between the runners and then wrap it around your hand in a way best suited to you so that you won't let go of it should you fall off your sled. When you feel yourself losing balance, simply lean back on the rope, and it will keep you up. You can also use it when running along side of the sled up a hill. When your team crests the hill, you are then snapped back on the runners! Also, remember that when you must stop, throw the rope out to the side. In this way, if your hook doesn't hold the team, you have something to dive for when the end of the runner is passing you by.

The bottom line to becoming a good sled rider is to practice and experiment. During training, don't worry so much about falling. Think about testing our different techniques of going downhill or cornering. It will boost your confidence as well as your ability. **GOOD LUCK!**

## BASHR/R story of the month

Dear Editor,

*I Joe Arkenpaw, SBM5, and 2me Attu, SAF4, officially announced the adoption of Ron & Heather Sapiro into the family of BASHR/R.*

As the positive head of the this new household, I, Joe will give you the short version of things leading up to this event.

In late June of this year, Camilla, the lady I was renting a few rooms from, received an e-mail inquiring regarding my availability, from the Midwest. Obviously my roguish handsomeness, awesome 80 lb physique was attracting visitors to the web site from thousands of miles away. An inquiry also went to Hugo about a lovely young thing named Haley, but she had already been swept off her paws by another eager to be headed by a sibe family. (Keep this inquiry in mind, we'll be coming back to it)

My landlady, dream that she is, baited the inquiries with a lukewarm, playing hard to get response, knowing that only fanatics, desperados or fruitcakes, traipse halfway across the county to pick up the ultimate husky. (But then I am worth it) She conducted several telephone interviews and deemed these people fanatical all right, but suitable nonetheless. The other members of my BASH family adopted a more conservative wait and see attitude. 2 weeks of sweet love letters, to me followed by e-mail (appealing to my vanity because these people were besotted!) Another week they arrived in town so that I could give the once-over. I think my landlady had my room rented out because she wasted no time in giving her approval to the match. First, call me easy, but I spent the night with them in the Best Western.

Next day, I took them to see some more of my BASH family. After carefully screening, they passed muster and at that point the match making began. Remember Haley? Well now girls were paraded before me at a magnificent pace. It was a feast for the eyes. They kept coming back to a little lady named Attu, that was residing at Randee's place. Attu, however had ideas **Cont. to page 11**

# Bay Area Siberian Husky Rescue/Referral



**Petsmart in Santa Maria on January 13th...1-800-882-8880**

### *PetSmart*

**Jan. 6**  
**Campbell**  
**Please join us**  
Jan 6  
11 am to 2 pm  
850 W. Hamilton  
Campbell  
(408)374-9321  
Take 880 to Hamilton Ave.  
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**Livermore**  
**Please join us**  
**Jan. 28th**  
**11 am to 2 pm**  
**on Rail Road Ave.**  
**Livermore**  
925-447-7777  
580 to Portola exit  
right on "P" St,  
right on Rail Road  
Ave

### *Pet Food Express!*

**Jan. 13th**  
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From 580, take Rewood  
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Valley Blvd.

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Howls by Kathy Miyoshi

Puppy Babysitting. Well, I decided of my own free will this past weekend to watch one of Barb's young dogs. She is one that fondly makes me think of Grace (you folks out there who know Grace should be saying Uh-Oh right about now). Bonnie is a pretty six month old grey and white pistol. I volunteered to watch her because I figured I'm getting a puppy soon and I better remind myself what that is like. I'm proud to say that I have given her a few fist experiences. Her first Christmas Tree, her first walk on a leash apparently and probably not the first couch but definitely the first down pillow. For all those folks who THINK they want a puppy, I have one visualization for you before you run out and get that holiday bundle of love: Feathers everywhere. Feathers on the bed, feathers on the floor. Feathers on the t.v., feathers in the bathroom. Feathers even, in the closet. Good thing I have an extra pillow and good thing I'm not allergic to feathers. Also a good thing for her that I have a sense of humor ; a requirement for this breed ; agree? Ahh; Chooooo!

Viva Las Vegas! Well, I just back from a Pharmaceutical convention in Las Vegas. As I kept having to tell all the cabies, I was with the ;drug group'- not the cowboys (the rodeo finals were in town), the fighters (2 big boxing matches happened), the Billboards (yes, those were happening too at the MGM Grand) or the Mrs. Universe's. Did you even know there was a Mrs. Universe contest? I didn't. Anyway, so I had Vince watching most of the dogs for me in Grass Valley and they seem to have all faired well. Except for Dweezle. Those who know my Dweez will agree that she has a few security issues. <smile> She doesn't chew on shoes or jump through windows, but she is a bit of a mental case sometimes and definitely is a creature of routine. When I drove up last night you could hear her howls a mile away. (I DO mean a mile away.) She was just a'screeching and a'hollering. I let her out from her pen and she had to tell me all about her week of woe. I really did miss them though, so much so that I brought them all into my little place. Ningo (who's never been in a house before) understood what a bed was for right away and slept with me the whole night. Vixen and Magic went straight for couch and Dweez, well, she ran into her crate, curled up and went to sleep. She didn't emerge for the next 15 hours!!! Vince says to me, are you sure she is okay? And you know, I have to say that I totally understand Dweez's behavior and know that she will be fine. Having been through some of my own mental challenges recently, I understand what happens when your tiny little brain overloads and the only way to get back to normal is to finally get some sleep. I am sure, that when she awakes from stress-induced snooze, Dweez will return to being her normal, neurotic self again. Of course, she is still sleeping, so we'll just have to wait and see.

Night Run w/Barb. I went for my longest run of the season recently with Barbara and Liz Parrish (SNDD members). We took out two teams and went out highway 20 for a while to a little known spot called Skillman. I couldn't see signs real well, but it looked like a regional park with marked hiking/biking trails and it was closed for the winter. Barb had told me she was in a spot in her training where she wanted to take her dogs on a bit of a shorter run than usual and wanted it to be a speed run where there weren't so many hills so that the dogs could really dig in and go. So she had planned out a 10-mile course. I thought that sounded do-able for my guys knowing that we usually train around 6 or so, and looked forward to going along and to seeing a new trail. She rode with me on my cart and 7 dogs (4 of them hers) and Liz rode the ATV with 9 of Barb's dogs. Barb had clearly told me she remembered the terrain as a rolling hills type of thing. Yeah, uh-huh.

Don't ever listen to her folks. It was pretty much straight down for 5 miles and, guess what, straight up for 5 miles. I don't know what the elevation change was, but I can tell you that it felt like a million feet! <smile> I can also tell you that for the first time yet I tired out Magic. Of course, now it was my time to sleep as I came home and had to sleep an hour for every mile we traversed! It was beautiful scenery however, and as we were breaking no speed records while walking along the team on the steep up hills, we had plenty of time to enjoy the snow on the ground, the fresh smell of crisp Pine trees and to watch a sliver of a moon rise on the horizon. If you have ever driven your dogs at night through the woods, then you will know what I am talking about when I say that I would do it again, and again, and again; only next time, I'd bring more water for the humans. <smile>

Happy Trails,

Kathy.

# Weaver/Spinner

looking for hair to spin. Hair must be at least 1 inch long; brushings preferred. Will spin your dog's hair for you for a fee or trade.

A sibes hair is great for a hat, scarf or mittens.

contact Pat (408)297-7744 or e-mail [phuddles@cuhsd.org](mailto:phuddles@cuhsd.org)

## To BASH,

Terri and I would like to thank the club for their generous donation toward the cost of our upcoming adventure, the Cascade Quest Race. We also want to thank everyone at the BASH Holiday party who went yet another mile and donated to the Santa's Hat that was passed around.

We plan on leaving the morning of January 11th., and returning on January 16th. I'll be racing Sat. and Sun., 14 miles each day. We have all the equipment that is required for the race (Rob, this is why I knew the answers to the trivia questions at the Party).

I'm sure Terri and I will learn a lot at the race and will be most anxious to share with everyone at SnoBASH the end of January.

Thanks again  
Hugo and Terri

*Hugo is running the Quest race with 6 BASHRR dogs in the sportsman's class. If you are also interested in helping you can sent your check directly to the Antonucci's or to BASH and we will forward it to them.*

*Thank you to supporting a team of "rescued dogs"*

Cont from page 1- trustworthy. And if she thinks she is being left behind while her brothers and sisters get to go somewhere, she screams-it sounds like someone is being murdered! (Tait's mom and Tait were next to us in the Los Gatos parade last year. All the service dogs were sitting quietly—my dogs were screaming 'Let's go!' Tait's mom said, "my, they are noisy, aren't they?") Tait, 1 – Chinook, 0.

Tait is very polite when introduced to new people. He sits quietly and lets them pet him. Chinook, on the other hand, in addition to the suspicious wooing, would of course have to smell....well, you know what...which doesn't go over well with everyone. Tait, 1 – Chinook, 0.

Tait is very friendly to other dogs and even shares his toys when other service dogs come into the unit. Chinook.....well, you all know Malamutes. She would try to eat the other dog to show that she is dominant. (And also because she is always hungry.) Tait, 1 – Chinook, 0.

Now, for the final comparison, let's hitch them up to a sled. Chinook would scream with anticipation, anxious to go. And when she takes off, she pulls like a fiend. (Of course, she doesn't always go where I tell her, but boy, she goes fast to wherever she goes!) Tait will do whatever he can to please, but he wouldn't understand that the goal of this activity is to run and pull like crazy. Chinook, 10 – Tait, ????

## For Sale

### 6-Hole Dog Box Used only 2 seasons

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to pull the track apart. I enjoyed the search and rescue-tracking lesson, but not sure my dogs would find me without hotdogs. My dogs were humiliated when I dressed them up in surf shirts and sunglasses as "surf dogs" for the costume contest.

We also practiced an agility and obedience with advanced instructions, which were very helpful. Sidney is going for her CDX title and Riff Raff is going for his CD title soon.

The funniest thing was our cabin howl session at 7 a.m. every morning. I would let Riff Raff out of his crate and he would celebrate with a deep throat howl that set off the other eight dogs in our cabin. Never mind a camp wake-up bell.

My dogs have new names. They are the Stars (a cover girl) of the 2001 calendar, Siberian Huskies Rule by Gridbox Graphix, available in malls in November. Their new names are Sidney "Crawford" and Riff Raff "Redford". Professional photographers were at camp and sold my dogs.

What a summer. Now we are back for a while and still looking for a few acres and a barn where I can live on site, do dog daycare and training and foster and train rescued Siberians. My facility won't be your typical neurotic warehouse daycare. There will be play areas, wading pools, an animal planet rest area, agility and training. I also plan to have a one acre dog park with membership so I know the dogs are vaccinated and are being trained.

Wish me luck and keep an eye out for doggie paradise!

Jane

**Cont. from page 8**

of her own. (which got her into BASH in the first place) and none of them included domination by man or beast. I was still a bachelor when I left San Jose for Arkansas.

Arkansas is to darn HOT! I quickly persuaded them to sell out, pack up and return to California for a holiday. When we arrived in September, it was to find that Attu had employed a pawsonal trainer, Hugo (and his staff Terri & Allyssa) with the idea that their finishing school would make her more interested in a ready made family. With tons of love and devotion from them plus vacations and instruction at the Motel McQueen, Attu decided that we three could now be manipulated into just the situation she could be comfortable with. And so we became a family of four.

Since September, Attu and I have put thousands of miles on our paws, going to Southern OR, Eureka Springs, AK, Toronto Ontario, Port St. Lucie, FL, Bloomington, IL, meeting all their family. For some misguided reason, we are wintering in Springfield, MO, where as I write, we are under 17 "of snow and no sled in sight! I am bringing them home to California in March, convinced that I can keep them on this side of the Sierra's (my e-mail Pawsword isn't California Husky for nothing!).

Camilla & Randee continue to require reports about our satisfaction with this adoption as it did raise a few eyebrows within the family. The distance we were to be from home made a few souls nervous, but we won't mention any names, will we J...(oops!!!!)?

Once, I overheard the heartbreaking tale of how this couple found me. It appears that trying to find solace in their grief over the sudden and unexpected loss of their beloved sibe Yukon Queen, they scoured the internet. Lost and lonely siberians from all across North America were visited. A few were contacted, but they didn't want to deal with people from out of state, even though 2 older sibes were being given a chance at a forever home. One group said yes, but just before the day they were to pick him up he was adopted out. The explanation was that they felt the couple did not know where Cape Cod, MA was.....duh! But once they found me, Joe, my landlady went all out to make sure we got together and pretty soon, several other BASHRR's took up arms in their behalf. BASH was wonderful to them, but then again, it was me, Joe, handsome roguish sibe that was the driving force, so how could they resist? Really.....think about it! Add to the sob story Attu gave them all about her tortuous life so far and well.... everyone wanted to get us all together at last. And we are and will be till our season here has passed and then again after that too, in a far more beautiful place then we can imagine.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Joe Arkenpaw**

PS - It has occurred to me, that in a newsletter about siberians, there is a glaring omission -- there are not columns written by siberians. No recipes from Wolfgang Pup, no training tips from Miss Mind Your Manners, no sled race results in the sports pawges, no Dear Sigh-berian advice for the lovelorn. Come on all you huskies -- get writing and let's take over this Club!!!

## Ann Stead and Jamie Nelson MUSHING BOOT CAMP

Now is your chance to attend the famous Mushing boot Camp Clinic. Boot Camp 1 is for those that are just starting out with a little experience. The Custom camp will be geared for those that have taken previous Camps and are the more serious mushers.

Jamie Nelson is famous for her mid and long distance clinics; she has finished the Iditarod several times. Jamie is a mentor of many successful mid and long-distance mushers. Many BASH members have attended her clinics.

Ann Stead trained the dogs for the movie Iron Will and is a successful mid distance racer. She races purebred Siberian huskies.

The mushing Boot Camp is being held May 3,4&5 in Chester. The clinic cost is \$500 per team. A team is you and your dogs, and a handler/ family member who will be working with you and your dogs. A deposit of \$300 is required to hold a spot. There is a minimum of six teams and a maximum of 8.

This is a very informative clinic that covers training techniques and behavior problems that you may have with dogs. They show you everything that you would need to know to cart, sled and ski-jorn. From teaching your dogs on-byes, gee haw, pull training and lining out. The clinic this year will have BOOT CAMP 1 AND BOOT CAMP CUSTOM.

Call Barbara Shaefer at 503 273-4894 or e-mail her at [barbaras@theunion.com](mailto:barbaras@theunion.com)

### Santa Claws Pictures at Petsmart....

**It was a great success. We did over 60 pictures in two days. For every picture taken BASHR/R receives \$5.00. A great thanks goes to all that helped on the two days. Thanks to Camilla Skov, Jackie Moss, Greg Stevens, Candice Nydam, Megan McQueen, Ross McQueen, Matthew Nydam, Randy Taylor, Angela Kwan, Wayne Jueal and anyone that I missed.**



Santa and  
a few of the  
shots....



# BAY AREA SIBERIAN HUSKY RESCUE REFERRAL

## "UPDATE"

Serving The Bay Area & Northern California

Descriptions of the dogs, including evaluation of their temperament, listed in this newsletter are furnished by the people placing them. We are providing an exchange of information only and we do not attempt to verify the information given.

**Nic Matulich at (408)379-7253 or smellofdog@aol.com**

**KamChaka;** yearling male Siberian-Malamute mix. KamChaka is a leggy active boy who loves to play with the other dogs here. He is a gray sable in colour with brown eyes.

**Tsavo** came to us after he and 8 other Malamutes and a number of other dogs were rescued from horrible conditions at a puppy mill in South Dakota that was busted in September. Tsavo came in to the shelter in South Dakota severely emaciated and suffering from a skin condition. Tsavo is doing very well in his new foster home and is enjoying the company of the other dogs here. His skin condition is improving and once he has put on some weight he will be neutered and placed in a special home.

**Jacques' Porter or ce-mail at shhawke1@aol.com**

**YUKON** the boisterous, is a youngster with lots of energy. He loves people of all ages and gets along well with dogs of his own size (he plays too intensely for those smaller). Yukon is house broken and crate trained, He knows basic obedience and loves playing and working with his family. If you want a dog who will meet you every evening after work, who will make you laugh with his antics and who will never wear out during a game or a run look no farther. This guy is not a barker, does not jump on people and does not seem to be an escapist.

**Camilla Skov- Camillas@aol.com or (408)265-1912**

**Cidney-** an 8-9 month old spayed female. She is traditional in color and size. She is a light tan with a small amount of black markings. She is wonderful with other dogs of all sizes. She was never socialized to people so she is very shy. When you earn her trust she will love you for life. Cidney is in need of someone that has the patients to give her time to love them. She is a wonderful dog.

**Kona** is a 4 year old male, all white with blue eyes and has AKC papers. He is friendly, likes small dogs, cats, and children, has some obedience training and is quiet.

**Bill Otto,(408) 258-9806 or e-mail at billotto1412@aol.com**

**Bianca** is a beautiful all white 2-3 year old female. She is small (30#'s) and is probably crossed with a Samoyed or American Eskimo. She is a good girl. She does jump a 5 foot fence when left alone but comes



back to the house after a short jaunt. She is sweet, playful and very friendly with other dogs. She likes to play with toys also.

**Janet Yeager at 805-461-5203 or beachsibs@thegrid.net**

**Bailey** does need obedience training but behaves well in the house and is an amazingly calm dog for his age. He is housebroken and will follow you from room to room and curl up at your feet. He did fine in the crate the first night he was here. He loves children and gets along well with other dogs. He has a wonderful personality and will be a fantastic family dog

**Hugo Antonucci- (209)827-9764 or topaz@jps.net**

**Shelby-** 1 year old female. Shelby is a little shy but warms to you quickly. She is very affectionate and would be in your lap if you let her. She is good with children and is almost house trained. Shelby gets along well with other dogs and loves to play with doggie toys.

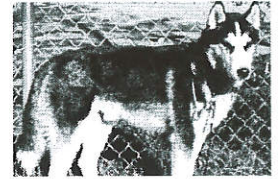
**Misty** loves riding in the car and is well behaved. She is very affectionate and gets along with other dogs and children. She is one of the nicest fosters we have had. She is very playful and has a lot of puppy in her yet!! Misty would benefit greatly in a basic obedience class and would make a great addition to a family with children and another dog to keep her company.

**Rebie Ford - (805)735-1438 or sleepy.siberians@gte.net**

**Timi-** 1-2 year old male siberian. Grey/white. Very timid. Needs someone with patients that will show him that people are there to love him. He is wonderful with kids and other dogs. In the few days he has been in rescue... he has come out of his shell a great deal. He loves to play and will need a companion dog to live with.

**Jenifer Near ucdmusher@aol.com (707)446-3590**

**Jake** is a two-year-old, black/tan/white, Alaskan Husky with brown eyes. Jake originally came from an Iditarod racing kennel in Alaska, but has lived his life as just a pet. He has a very sweet personality and loves getting attention. He gets along well with other dogs. Jake is always eager to please and learns quickly but he will require a little more training.



# Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

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***If you are interested in becoming a voting member contact Janet Yeager at the above address to obtain a membership application.***

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Randee McQueen, Editor

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