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July 14      Husky Hike  
Aug???      General Meeting  
                And meeting with foster homes  
Sept 8        Ice Cream Social  
Oct 6         Fall Furry Flurry  
Dec 8 (a Sunday)      Christmas Party @ Three Flames

## 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>

HAVE a SAFE 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Make sure all gates are locked and if your dog is fearful of fireworks, make sure they are left in a safe place if you are not with them.

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## Urban Mushing

Please join the Facebook page Bay Area Urban Mushers for times and locations in June. Runs will be along the coast in the fog belt. I will not be able to schedule runs the first two weekends but other people may. If anyone needs to borrow equipment please ask a week in advance and I will see what arrangements can be made. [pattylacava@yahoo.com](mailto:pattylacava@yahoo.com), 415-722-5727

Looking for an extra scooter for the club to share. Specifically A Diggler Dyrt Dog with high handle bars. Or what ever someone has to share.

We will be posting a date in August for a general BASH meeting (have to have one every few months) and for any that fosters with or for BASH to talk about ideas and changes to make from the current program. We tried to get it set before this newsletter went out, but we couldn't. Everything is changing and we are trying to make changes that will attract more people to foster for BASH and still stick to the standards we originally set.

So watch for the date to put on your calendar.

# July Husky Hike

Sunday July 14th  
7am  
817 Jackson Street  
Mountain View, CA 94043

We will meet at Ann's house. From there we will be walking to Stevens Creek Trail. This trail is beautiful and is a wonderful place to walk or run with your dog. This trail connects with the Bay Shore Trail in Mountain View. Please bring water and snacks for both your dogs and yourself.

Ann will be leading the hike.

Please RSVP at [avfuqua@pacbell.net](mailto:avfuqua@pacbell.net)

Please text her at 1-650-465-4468 if you are running late the morning of the hike.



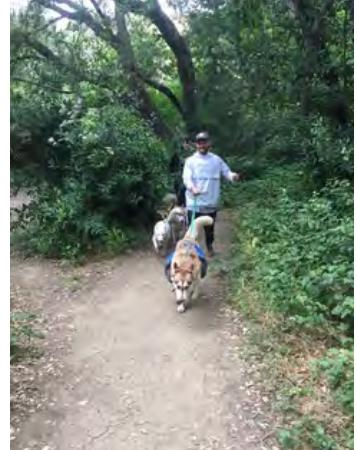
# Golden Gate Park Fun Run and Urban Mushing Clinic

Foggy and cold, lovely weather for a scootering and canicross run! That is what our group had. We had four scooters and two runners do a loop around the Polo Fields across Speadway Meadow, down JFK to the Chain of Lakes and then circling back to our starting point.

BASH member Jeramy Stevens and his dog Wylie came to the class with their new scooter. Wylie caught on immediately and they will be joining us for future runs.

Please join the Bay Area Urban Mushers Facebook Page where meetups will be posted in events. Any member can post a fun run. Perhaps we can start doing night runs to beat the heat.

Our next learn to scooter clinic will be in late September or October as the Dog Days of Summer are almost here!



## June's Husky Hike at Gavin/ Dry Spring Park

The weather was perfectly cool, perfect Husky Hike weather. We left the parking lot about 9 am and headed up the hill overlooking San Francisco Bay. The hillside, a beautiful golden brown, was dotted by the occasional cow. Karen and Brian's puppy Calliope had never seen a cow before and was fascinated. She thought they must be giant dogs! After reaching Jordon Pond we headed back along the stream. A meandering trail shaded by a canopy of trees follows the stream. Bacchus found his forever home on this hike, bonding with Patrick who had come to meet him. We all ended up with happy tired dogs.



# Breath freshening minty freezies

This treat is a great breath freshener for your pooch since it contains parsley and mint. These herb-y-licious ingredients also have many other surprising health benefits, too. Parsley aids digestion, can reduce inflammation and is even thought to have cancer preventing properties. Mint is a powerful antibacterial, antifungal and antiviral herb that will help prevent bacteria developing in your dog's mouth. Whoever said treats had to be naughty?

## Ingredients:

- 1 cup of plain or Greek yogurt
- Small handful of fresh parsley leaves
- Small handful of fresh mint leaves

## Method:

1. Scoop your yogurt into a blender and add your parsley and mint leaves.
2. Blend until the herbs are evenly spread throughout the mixture. At this point you can add a splash of water if you want to thin out your mixture to create a better pouring consistency.
3. Fill your ice cube trays to the brim and pop them in the freezer.
4. Freeze until solid and serve.

## Coconut drops for a shiny coat

Coconut oil is refreshing, delicious and comes with many natural health benefits for our pups. Not only will it improve your dog's skin and coat making it silky smooth, it's also said to protect our dogs from illness and helps speed up the healing process if they're feeling under the weather. A luxurious, healthy boost for your warm pooch on a summer's day.

## Ingredients:

- 1 cup of organic coconut oil
- A handful of blueberries (optional)
- A teaspoon of honey (optional)

## Method:

1. Add your coconut oil to a bowl and place over a pan of boiled water.
2. Wait until the coconut softens and shape into bite-sized balls.
3. Place the balls on a tray and put them in the freezer.
4. Serve when hardened. Because coconut oil stays hard in cool temperatures, you can store your balls in the fridge in an airtight container to save on freezer space.
5. You could also add honey and a few blueberries as you're shaping the coconut balls for a natural sweet kick.



**Maddie's Fund article.** June 13, 2019

## Recruit, Repurpose, Recycle: How to Get More Pets into Foster Care Right Now

“How can we recruit more foster caregivers?” is a common question by organizations that want to save more lives. However, the real question they may be trying to answer is a little broader in scope: “How can we put more pets into foster care?”

When it comes to placing more pets in foster homes, recruitment is only one piece of the puzzle. Through “repurposing,” your organization can turn supporters into foster caregivers. “Recycling” the caregivers you have by getting foster pets adopted quickly can help keep compassion fatigue due to emotional attachment to a minimum while allowing experienced fosters to take on more pets. By doing all three at the same time, you’ll have the best opportunity to grow your foster program.

### Recruit

Recruiting new fosters can be done in a variety of ways. Here are just a few tried-and-true strategies:

**Talk about foster care all the time.** Aim to talk about foster care on social media in some way every day, similar to the way we talk about adoption, in order to familiarize your supporters with the concept and make it the norm in your community. We recommend recruiting all year round, not just as the need arises.

**Target your messaging.** Our [market research](#) on foster care tells us that most potential fosters don’t understand how fostering saves pets’ lives or helps them get adopted. Learning can motivate them to apply.

**Tell stories about individual pets.** Meeting pets in need of a foster provider can be a powerful tool for making an emotional connection between a pet and a potential foster. This connection can motivate them to act. Organizations that do this often find that they recruit more than one foster caregiver for many of the pets they post, enabling even more pets to be placed in foster care.

**Send out a press release.** Media coverage can be particularly effective in recruiting fosters. There are multiple foster-related angles you can highlight, such as the need for caregivers for a [sudden influx of cats](#) or giving viewers an [“inside look” at fostering](#).

“If you’re not reaching out to local media, you’re missing out on potentially your greatest tool for foster recruitment,” says Rachel Jones, adult dog foster coordinator for Pima Animal Care Center, which put a whopping 5,000 pets into foster care in 2018. “We get new kitten fosters almost every day during the summer because of our media partnerships.”

**Utilize word of mouth.** One of the most effective ways to recruit new fosters is by word of mouth. Huddle up with your current foster caregivers and ask them to talk about your program whenever they have a chance. Send them text and photos they can post on social media sites such as NextDoor to help you recruit.

**Make ‘foster fails’ into wins.** Our market research shows that about 40% of foster caregivers adopt their foster pet at some point. Some may be able to continue fostering, but those who can’t may be open to writing a personal testimonial on social media about your organization’s need for new foster caregivers.

There are myriad other ways to recruit fosters. For more ideas, check out [this webinar](#).

## Repurpose

Repurposing those who already support your organization as fosters is a great way to grow your foster program. There are many ways to do this, including:

**Make your volunteers into fosters automatically.** Your volunteers are already trained to handle your pets in a shelter environment, where stress is higher than it is in the average home. Many volunteers already have emotional connections with the pets they've been walking or socializing. Making them into foster caregivers could greatly expand your foster program overnight.

**Create a ‘found foster’ program.** People who find stray pets often form emotional connections with them and care about their welfare. Giving them the tools to foster found pets themselves so they can be cared for in a home environment is a no-brainer.

**Start a short-term foster program.** Programs such as field trips and sleepovers lower the bar for entry to fostering, allowing many more people are able participate. Our research has shown that participating in short-term foster enables some folks to get comfortable with fostering for longer lengths of time as well, similar to the way we tend to dip a toe into the swimming pool before diving in.

## Recycle

Traditionally when a pet has gone into foster care, there's a tendency for the organization to think that they're “safe” and refocus their energy on marketing pets who are still in the shelter for adoption. Fostering one pet for over a year isn't unheard of.

We'd like to propose a different strategy: marketing foster pets heavily for adoption in order to move them through foster homes more quickly. This can allow your organization to put more pets into foster with the caregivers you already have. It allows caregivers to gain experience with a greater number of pets, minimizes attachment and sends them a powerful message about how much you value their time.

To “recycle” your own fosters, set the expectation that assisting you with marketing foster pets is part of their job from the get-go. Ask them to provide marketing material (photos, videos, write-ups on outings the pet has been on, etc.) at least every 7-10 days and use it to market their foster pet on social media. If a caregiver is hesitant to help with marketing, match them up with a volunteer who can take great pictures or help with marketing and point them toward [resources](#) for learning.

Recruit, repurpose, recycle. Using all 3 of these strategies concurrently will allow you to put more pets into foster care and, ultimately, to save more lives.

# Rescue

Randy Fishel [randyf@sibernet.com](mailto:randyf@sibernet.com)

Quinn Mae is a sweet and very active little girl that came to BASH after being hit by a car and having 2 legs broken. Her legs have now healed and she is available for adoption. She is an active almost 8 month old puppy. We think she is siberian with some herding dog (smooth coated collie) in there. She is also crate trained. She does bark when she gets excited, and loves to run as much as possible. She loves to do the zoomies around the back yard. She loves to play with another dog that wants to play. She also can figure out some boundaries. She wanted to play with a 14 year old siberian and barked and ran around with him but was not biting at him or jumping on him. She is a quick learner. She can sit, down, give paw and soon more as we have time. Being food motivated should make that a bit easier.



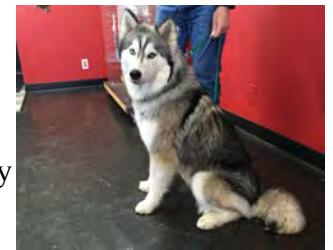
Randee McQueen – 408371-1841 [BASHRR@com-ctl.com](mailto:BASHRR@com-ctl.com)

Glacier was born 10/19/08 and is a stray from Grass Valley Shelter. He was microchipped but owners never responded. Someone did a horrible shave job on him. Unknown why but the coat should come back in for the winter. He is a sweet dog that rides well in the car. He is crate trained, good with other dogs his size (haven't tried smaller dogs yet). We also believe he was debarked by the sound. He can still make noise but not a loud bark. He is very friendly and wants to please. He wants to be a companion to someone in a home.



Larry Rogers 707-498-9402 [larry\\_rogers\\_hp@yahoo.com](mailto:larry_rogers_hp@yahoo.com)

Shasta is a very sweet, playful and energetic young Siberian. We did an emergency adoption to get her out of the local dog pound and brought her home to foster. She gets along well with our 2.5 yr old male, probably best not placed with another female dog. She is house trained, walks well on a leash. We are working with two local trainers to lower her reactivity threshold when other dogs are nearby. We are looking for her forever home with an experienced Siberian owner and fenced yard. She jumps well. Does not seem to want to run, comes back when called but is proud of her ability to jump. We have been working with her for about 3 weeks, prey drive is most likely high, she has not been exposed to cats (we do not own a cat). Most likely ok w/ older children, very friendly with adults. Please contact me for additional information. She has her rabies cert, will get her second round of booster vaccinations today and has an orientation for doggy day care at "It's all about the dogs" in Eureka CA this Sunday. We will also be testing for heartworm and starting Heartgard & NexGard meds. Sequoia Humane Society will be microchipping her next week. She rides well in our truck and car with our Husky Raif.



Karen Fenton 650-714-1922 [fendragn1970@yahoo.comfen](mailto:fendragn1970@yahoo.comfen)

Good evening! I am the Luna. I am new to rescue but I can tell you a little bit about MEâ€” glorious me!

I am a petite young girl of about 42# between 18m-2 years old. Iâ€™ve got flowing red and white locks that I donâ€™t mind at all if you brush! My startling blue eyes are the talk of the husky haven. I would do best as an only dog or with a male dog in a home with older children (no small children). My foster mom also says absolutely no cats, small dogs or pocket pets. Shucks.

I am great on leash and in the outdoor kennel but donâ€™t like being confined in a crate. I think Iâ€™m house trained. So thatâ€™s all for now folks!



# Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

Membership Renewal and Associate Application 2019-20

Membership \$35.00

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Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

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[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.

If it is a holiday or if a foster can not go to  
an adoption fair, we notify the store that we  
will not be there