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Umunhum Run I and II

You know that summer has come when the annual Umunhum Moonlight Runs begin. The first one in May had more than 50 dogs with over 20 cars and about 35+ people. It was great that we had many of the new members attend. We had the greatest group of people that helped without asking. We made a total of 14 runs of up to 4 miles. All dogs were able to run that owners wanted. Many of the owners also ran along, and a few were able to ride on the carts. We had no problems during the run. It was a beautiful day, not hot and we were running by 5 pm. We made 4 runs before dinner. Had a great BBQ of hot dogs and all the great salads and deserts that members brought. Most people were off the hill around 9 pm.

The second run in June was also a great success. It was the day after the full moon, a breeze was starting off the bay and the sky was clear. We started about 5 pm as this was also the longest day of the year and we knew we had plenty of sun to see with. It was a little warm to run so we started with the BBQ, set out the equipment and just had about 1.5 hours to chat with each other. We started some runs after eating which all went really well. We had two sammy's that weren't sure about what we were doing. We took them out for a easy walk with two other dogs, they did great and decided that this was a fun thing to do with mom and dad. After we were through it was so beautiful that we made a small fire and sat looking over Monterey Bay for a couple of hours. We left the hill around 11.

I would like to thank all of the people that participated, especially the new members. At times it is hard to go to a new place, with new ideas and doing something you have never done before. Everyone was great! All did there part to set up drop lines, run the BBQ, clean up etc.... We will try to plan another run for August or September.

Check our merchandise list inside. We have more rescue knives and will have Nanook (gray husky) the BEANIE BABY (part of the price will go to our Husky Rescue!

BASH Member Profile:

Debra Gordon and Mike Langberg

Debra Gordon and Mike Langberg traveled 2,500 miles north to become members of the Bay Area Siberian Husky Club.

In April 1996, we left our home in Cupertino for a week-long visit to see our friends Vera and Russ, elementary school teachers in the village of Kiana, Alaska, 50 miles north of the Arctic Circle and several hundred miles from the nearest road.

Vera and Russ have a next-door neighbor named Chuck, a teacher at the village high school who is also a musher.

We were immediately captivated by the eight howling huskies in Chuck's yard. One of the dogs, Rosie, had given birth to a litter in January, and one last puppy needed a home.

Several days of careful discussion followed as we went back and forth about whether we could fit a dog into our busy lives, each of us taking turns rejecting the idea. Then one morning Mike announced: "I've got a name for the dog. We could call him Kobuk," for the river that flows through Kiana. Then Debbie knew it was over -- we couldn't leave behind a dog that had a name.

It didn't take long for us to realize we'd made a huge miscalculation. All our deliberations had involved what it would take to own a full-grown dog, not a hyperactive 12-week-old husky pup. And so our adventure began.

A squealing puppy, still distraught at the first-ever separation from his mother, had to be packed into a dog crate borrowed from a neighbor and strapped into the seat of a bush plane for the half-hour flight to Kotzebue. Then he had to be loaded into

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SKYEWRITING

'It ain't worth the paper it's written on'

"The team ... also determined the DNA sequences often differed substantially within the same breed of dog and very distinct breeds often carried the same sequences. For example, a poodle had the same sequence as a Rottweiler and an Icelandic sheepdog. But eight German shepherds had five different sequences, one of which was held in common with Afghan hounds, toy poodles and Basset, and another shared by Newfoundlands and Norfolk terriers. Thus 'there is no such thing as a pure breed,' said population geneticist Keith A. Crandall of Brigham Young University, who was on the research team."

- The Washington Post, June 14, 1997

By TOGO SEPPALA

SIBERIAN TALES NEWS SERVICE

VALLEJO, Calif. - In an unprecedented move that seems to point irrevocably to a return to elective politics, Skye, the redoubtable Siberian Husky, and Maggie, his loyal consort, announced yesterday that they are renouncing their pedigrees as "... part of the struggle to end speciesism."

Appearing at a news conference at their Vallejo kennels, the dynamic duo stressed the symbolism of their actions by having their human, Alan Doyle, stamp "void" on the pedigrees, put them in an envelope and drop them in the mailbox - all while the news cameras were rolling.

"We urge all dogs everywhere to follow our lead and send the clear message that we will no longer allow ourselves or this great state and nation to be victimized by the artificial divisions of speciesism," Skye said. "This practice must end. Maggie and I know millions of dogs are ready to join us, and many right-thinking humans also support our cause."

While avoiding all direct questions about his rumored candidacy in 1998 for the U.S. Senate seat held by Barbara Boxer, a human Democrat, Skye did say there were two reasons why he and Maggie decided to take this drastic step:

1. "As you all know, recent scientific advances in genetics leave little doubt that the notion of 'pedigree' is an artificial classification, created by humans, that has little relevance to 100,000 years of canid history.

"The research reported in last month's edition of 'Science,' a highly respected academic journal, leaves no doubt that, genetically at least, all of we dogs around the world are one breed - mongrel. There's no more a genetically pure Siberian in this world than there is a Puli or a Weimaraner. In our chromosomes, we are all brothers and sisters - all mates from the same genetic litter."

2. "What with the recently announced federal

investigations into the American Kennel Club and its pedigree-issuing practices, that piece of paper might not be worth that much, anyway. No one is more concerned than I that any individual or organization not be judged before all the evidence is heard, not be judged on sensational allegations, and certainly not on accounts in the news media. The presumption of innocence is a legal right in criminal cases, and it should be a moral right in everyday life..

"But nonetheless, serious questions have been raised, questions of whether some pedigrees are even worth the paper they're written on. And the answers, combined with this new genetic research, may be very disturbing - especially to those fragile if inexplicable human egos that preach brotherhood among their own kind but insist on a racially pure dog."

"In any case, the genetic research is makes a pedigree truly irrelevant. We dogs need to celebrate each other for our similarities, not be suspicious of our differences. That wouldn't be a bad lesson for humans to learn, either."

Skye appeared to anger, while Maggie raised her hackles and bared her fangs, when a reporter asked if the pedigree renunciation wasn't just a publicity stunt to improve Skye's name recognition in anticipation of a 1998 campaign.

"Nothing could be farther from the truth," Skye responded. "It's true we asked the press to witness this symbolic event - but only to heighten the awareness of the canine and human public to the dangers of speciesism, as well as new scientific evidence that has not been very thoroughly reported in the popular media.

"As for returning to elective politics, I haven't made a decision and won't until the appropriate time. My commitment is to the battle to end speciesism in this country and bring full rights of citizenship to all of our nonhuman citizens, even cats, who have contributed so much to this great country and who have received so little in return. I have no desire to hold public office, but if it will advance the cause, I may offer my candidacy. I am forming an exploratory committee of California's leading citizens, human and canine, to assess all options, including candidacy and of putting a referendum on the ballot to amend the constitution. I expect we will arrive at a decision later this year."

'No' to Alaska: As Ron Ziegler used to mumble from the White House press office podium during those fun-filled Watergate years, my prior statements are inoperative. Any plans to move to Alaska to pursue a relationship in the near future (e.g. this millennium) have melted as the snow disappears in the spring sun. The details are irrelevant, except to note that I seem to fare much better with dogs than relationships (Don't even *think* of going there.). You're stuck with me, unless I go off on another hare-brained tangent.

You can help Skye add some bite to Washington's bark in 1998. For just one box of Milk-Bones, you can become a charter member of the Skye's The Limit In '98 coordinating committee. Send your donation, tax-deductible to the extent allowed by federal and state law, to Skye, c/o Alan Doyle, 1029 Tuolumne St., Vallejo, CA 94590-4630. For more information, you can contact Skye's coordinating staff at (707) 643-7975 or online at alandoyle@aol.com

BASH TRAIL TALES

Send your Trail Tale to: BASH'S TRAIL TALES: Nic Matulich, 1140 Nadine Drive, Campbell, Calif 95008 -or- SMELLOFDOG@AOL.COM
If we use your Trail Tale you will receive a free Tee-Shirt.

This month's Trail Tale comes to us from BASH member Lloyd Oshiro. I have seen Lloyd on several occasions wandering the streets of Santa Clara being towed by his Sibes. He gets his free "I Told My Tale" t-shirt for his contribution.

Cruisin' for a Bruisin'

I really love sledding with our four huskies, Nikita, Cinnamon, Rainy and Alexi. When the weather is good and the trail is clear, there are few places that can beat being on the runners and watching those paws moving at a brisk trot. But if the only time that I could put these working dogs to work was the few times we made it to the snow, they would go crazy and take me with them.

So like an ice hockey player who settles for roller blades and the nearest parking lot, I bike with my dogs. In fact, I bike with my dogs a lot, almost every night. Taking one or two dogs out at a time I run each of my dogs between 2 and 5 miles. I would say that since I started biking in October I have covered more than the Iditarod's 1,100 miles. Buser, King, and Jonrowe may have more experience on the Yukon River than I do, but in case they are considering facing the perils of the streets of Santa Clara, I offer the following guide.

Don't run at night. At least not at first, anyway. I run at night because if I didn't, I wouldn't do it at all. Somehow the hours right after I come home from work are always filled with errands, checking homework, or driving kids to practice sessions. By the time that everyone is fed, things are cleaned up and the kids have bathed and bedded, I'm exhausted from watching my wife Teri work so hard :-). So I've found that the best time for me to hit the road is about 9:00 PM. Actually, this is a pretty good time, since there is a lot less traffic than at 1:00 PM and many of the dog walkers are now safely in their homes.

Make a fashion statement. Dress for visibility, especially if you run at night. I wear a safety vest with reflective tape. The dogs wear a reflective collar consisting of two bicycling leg bands which

have been daisy chained by their velcro. Windproof or rainproof pants and jackets are ideal in all but the warmest of weather. During the winter, I look like I'm part of a hazardous material cleanup crew in my yellow re-incite. One 7-11 clerk thought that I must be on patrol, because as he said "No one would dress like that for fun."

Check your equipment. Check your brakes of course! Make sure you check that everything that connects your dog to your bike is secure and tight. This includes collar and/or harnesses, leads, or necklines, velcro, quick connect links. Closely check mounting hardware for Springers or Canine Cruiser. Learn from my mistakes; double check all these items and you might save yourself from chasing a loose dog down Stevens Creek Boulevard or Kiely Road because the neckline had worn through.

Check yourself. Check your equipment before you bring the dogs for hookup. If they are like our dogs the racket that they make can easily distract you or cause you to rush. I've found that it's easy to miss details when you are in this situation. Now I really force myself to look. Did that snap really shut tight? Is that velcro on right and closed tight?

Bring the kitchen sink. It's a drag when you're 3 miles from home and a sudden lunge by the dogs breaks your rear axle quick-release skewer. It is a bigger drag when it happens and you don't have a spare. Partly through experience and partly through a firm belief in Murphy's Law, I always seem to add to the things I carry with me. The items I carry normally include a flat tire repair kit, a bike pump, a spare quick-release, spare neckline, a regular leash, small vise-grip, small multi-tip screw driver, dog treats, and quarters for phone calls.

Run in the middle of the streets. If there are no cars parked along the curb, I will bike along the curb. If cars are parked at the curb and little

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the belly of an Alaska Airlines 737 for the hour-long trip to Anchorage.

On arriving in Anchorage, we took Kobuk for his first walk in a place not covered by snow. He stopped at a puddle, completely transfixed, and we realized it was the first time he'd ever seen liquid water in its natural state.

We had previously made reservations at a bed-and-breakfast in Anchorage that didn't allow dogs. The owners reluctantly agreed to let Kobuk sleep in the garage, inside his crate, but he kept up such relentless howling that we had to put him in our rental car, drive the car to a remote spot a block away, and leave him for the night. Of course, we felt like horrible dog abusers.

Kobuk had another eight hours of airplane rides, from Anchorage to Seattle to San Jose, before finally reaching our home.

Needless to say, all the travel hadn't settled him down. We decided we didn't want him getting used to sleeping in our bedroom, but we also couldn't get him to stop crying at night. So Mike slept with him on the kitchen floor for three nights in a row.

By this time, we were questioning our wisdom in adopting a husky. Mike began to look for help on the World Wide Web and found the BASH home page. Soon, he was exchanging e-mail and phone calls with Melissa Beers, who provided much needed advice that got us through those first difficult weeks.

Thanks to BASH, our Kobuk has lived up to his Alaskan destiny -- pulling carts on Mt. Umunhum and sleds in Bear Valley.

Kobuk has even become a minor celebrity of sorts.

Mike is a reporter for the San Jose Mercury News and writes a column every Sunday called "Tech Test Drive," reviewing interesting new electronic gadgets. In November, he had to write about an Apple Macintosh computer designed for editing home videotapes. He used the Mac to put together a 13-minute documentary about Kobuk called "My Life as a Sled Dog," and the column was accompanied by a picture of Debbie being pulled by Kobuk at the BASH ice-cream social in a cart borrowed from Melissa and Terry Beers.

The column went out over the news wires and has appeared in several other newspapers, including the Philadelphia Inquirer, which even ran the picture -- so Kobuk has now been seen on both coasts. (The column is available on the World Wide Web, complete with picture, at <http://www.mercurycenter.com/business/techttest/tt111796.htm>)

Mike and Debbie, an associate professor at the California School of Professional Psychology in Alameda



with a private practice in Mountain View specializing in child psychology, are now certified husky fanatics. We've become friends with neighbors down the street, Penny and Chuck, who own a husky mix named Cody. One day, Penny told us how she wanted another dog, so we immediately began telling her about BASH rescue. In March, Penny and Chuck adopted a beautiful 14-month-old female named Sheba, since renamed Amigo.

In late March, we went back to Kiana to visit our friends Russ and Vera. This time, we resisted the urge to adopt a dog, but we did go mushing with a team that included Rosie, Kobuk's mother. We also stopped at the Iditarod gift shop in Anchorage and picked up a few items for the next BASH holiday party gift exchange.

On our first visit to Kiana, we saw the Kobuk 440 sled-dog race come through town. It was an inspiring sight, as we watched teams of dogs performing with far more precision than we've experienced since on Mt. Umunhum. We're hoping to go back to Alaska in 1998 or 1999 to follow the race from beginning to end as it leaves Kotzebue and heads up the Kobuk River.

Swish, THUMP!, AIEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!, Bumpity BUMP!

Scene: Attempting to take Grace and Konan out the front door for an evening stroll.

Translation:

Swish: Gracie flying through door and under my legs.

THUMP!: My tail bone hitting the porch.

AIEEE ...!: Gracie's high pitched scream of excitement

Bumpity BUMP!: Kathy's butt going down two more stairs before Gracie stops.

This was the scene last night and is basically the scene every time I go to take her for a walk. I was tired and not in the mood to take this kind of crap so I dragged Grace back up the stairs and tied her to the porch. I put a confused Konan back in the house and decided that I was going to sit with Gracie until she calmed down or she died of old age, whichever came first.

This is why when Amir came home from running an errand he found me patiently sitting cross-legged on the porch with a panting, clawing, screaming, pacing Grace. (We had already been sitting there 10 minutes.) I told him what I was trying to do and he just shook his head and went in the house.

I was still sitting there 30 minutes later when the upstairs tenant (Elizabeth) came home. At this point Grace was in the sitting position with her head crammed as far forward as she could get watching the street. (Probably trying to figure out which car she wanted to run in front of.) After explaining again what I was trying to accomplish, Elizabeth asked Grace how she was doing, at which point the quiet Gracie started SCREAMING again. Elizabeth, having been around me and the dogs for about a year now, looked at me, patted Grace on the head, wished me luck and calmly went back into the safety of her apartment.

Grace tried to get through the porch railing, over the railing and around the railing. She pulled the leash with all her might to try and free it from the board it was tied too. (Which is why I couldn't leave her alone to her misery, I was worried she would take my porch with her when she finally got free!) She dumped over all the cans from the recycling bin and threw them around. She even picked up the big push broom and tried to do something (I don't know what) with that. All the time panting so hard I was about to call Amir to bring me the thermometer and some ice packs.

I don't know how long we were out there, it was thoroughly dark, when Grace's heartbeat finally slowed, the panting stopped and she resigned herself to the porch (she still had not laid down once, but she was at least sitting, albeit, alertly). I gave her a good petting and scratching, told her how much I loved her and brought her back into the house.

I will do this again tonight, and tomorrow night and for as many nights as I have too until I can walk out that door without her flying for the finish line of the Iditarod.

Until then I will take her out the back gate, load her into the truck and DRIVE her the three blocks to the dog park. Somehow going out the back gate isn't nearly as exciting as the front door. Go Figure. Go Grace.

Kathy, Amir (Good Grief.), Konan (but why didn't I get to go on a walk?) Grace (I want TO GO!!!!!! NOW!!!!!!!), Kami (you see, it's not me ... it's HER!)



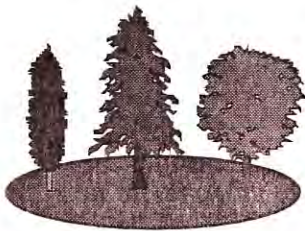
Umunhum run: taking off

Rounding the corner.....



**In Memory of Lupa
much loved friend of Robert
and Chloe Cabanban and
Falc her Siberian Buddy**

Weep not for me though I am gone
Into that gentle night
Grieve if you will, but not for long
Upon my soul's sweet flight.
I am at peace, my soul's at rest
There is no need for tears.
For with your love I was so blessed
For all those many years.
There is no pain, I suffer not,
The fear now all is gone.
Put now these things out of your
thoughts,
In your memory I live on.
Remember not my fight for breath
Remember not the strife
Please do not dwell upon my death,
But celebrate my life.



BASH Specialty Results

Best of Match Adult- Minuet

owned by Sherry Al-Mufti

*Best of Opposite Sex Adult- Galena Creek's
Shadow -*

owned by Greta & Dennis Koehn

Best of Match Puppy - Chief

owned by Debbie Gaylord and
Maureen Gundursh

Best of Opposite Sex Puppy- Kaila's Meika

owned by Tim & Sonja Cross

Best of Spay/Neuter- Rowdy

owned by Kieran "Joe" Kelley

Best of Opposite Sex Spay/Neuter

Best of Sled Dog-Ch. Toneeka's Rebel Yell

owned by Bill & Debbie Griffiths

Best of Opposite Sex Sled Dog-Tatiana

owned by Pat Kanzler

High Scoring Obedience- Cheyenne

Owned by Michele Wilson

High Scoring Sub Novice- Kaila's Maxx of

Umunhum

owned by Randee McQueen

**Congratulations to all that
won and participated!**

Another Sled Raffle (YES)

Nic Matulich has again offered to make a sled to raffle off at the end of next mushing season. The last sled was a Junior Sled that brought \$800+ into the club. This one will be even better. With the success of last years Nic has offered to make a full size adult sled. Tickets will be the same price as last year. (\$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00) We will send out a letter later this year with tickets. If you are interested in tickets now, contact Nic at (408)379-7253 or at Smellofdog@aol.com.

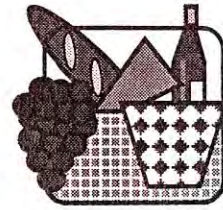
A BIG Thank You

A big thank you to all that made the Specialty the success that it was. Overall we brought in \$900+ between the entries, lunch, the raffle, sale of shirts etc....

Thank you to Nic Stevens and Gretta Huhtala-Koehn for helping with getting stuff to the match, Jacques' Porter and Jan Mardis for making the trophies for all of the winners. There were many there to help at the match and we appreciate that also.

July Meeting/BBQ

The Oshiro's are putting this one on!



Time: 4pm

Where: Homeridge Park

Date: July 20th (a Sunday)

We will BBQ dinner.

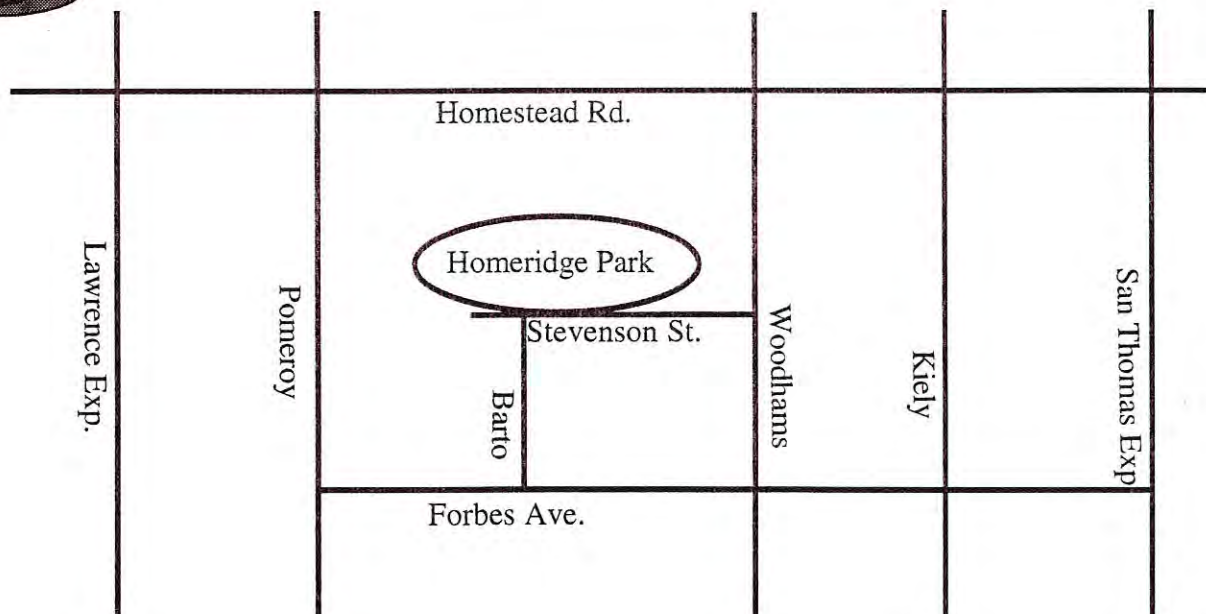
You need to bring food based on the first letter or your last name

If it is not too hot, we can do some carting... so bring your harness!

A - J -- Drinks
K- S -- Dessert
T- Z -- Salad



From North or South, take Hiway 280, take Lawrence Exp exit.



BASHR/R story of the month

A Tale of Frustration

As a Siberian husky person and a foster of many, I have had the extreme pleasure of seeing some really unique behaviors, but.....

On a rainy afternoon, just recently I was witnessed one of the most bizarre things ever. The dogs (I am down to four, my two, one foster and Starbuck my boarder) were all in the house (it was raining) and they were sprawled all over the living room., in different stages of sleep or relaxation. The TV is on for back ground and the Animal Planet is on. They are showing a collage of dogs playing ball and frisbee and the whole piece is set to music. Well, you can imagine my surprise and the resulting fit of laughter at seeing Starbuck sit straight up and start to watch the play as if at a tennis match. His head went first to the right and then the left, back and forth, on an on for what seemed like a very long time. At last he made a decision to join the play. As the next ball was thrown, it was Starbuck rushing to left corner of the screen to retrieve the ball only to come up empty with a puzzled look on his face.

Now Starbuck is never one to give up, he will play with anything at any time so this was just right up his alley. The guy on the TV would throw and the old Coffee dog would try to beat that other dog to the prize but time and time again he was always undone by that super TV dog. Now, you have to know that I am rolling on the floor laughing and Starbuck is looking at me like I'm a fool. Several minuets have passed and the fellow with the ball starts running and Starbuck is really intent on this action, the man is dead center of the screen and he throws that illusive ball straight into the camera and Starbuck, anticipating the throw, is all a quiver. Here comes the pitch and before the other dog as any kind of a chance, Starbuck is on it, nose against the screen, TV moved 2 inches back and still no ball. Still watching as the man and his dog walk off screen and are replaced by a parrot Starbuck slowly turns and looking self satisfied makes three slow turns on the carpet and sinks down for a well deserved rest.

Bay Area Siberian Husky Rescue/Referral



Presents:

call (510)636-1288 for each week's locations

Premium Pet Mart

Sunnyvale
Please join us on August 2
(Oct. 4th)
11 am to 3 pm

160 El Camino Real

(408)774-0171
Call for directions

PetSmart

San Leandro
Please join us on July 19th
(Aug. 16th, Sept. 20th)
11 am to 3 pm

380 Bayfair Dr.

(510)317-1880
Take 880 Exit Hesperian, go East to
the Bayfair Mall.
(on the back side)

PetSmart

Campbell
Please join us July 12
(Aug 9, Sept. 13)
11 am to 3 pm

850 W. Hamilton Ave

(408)374-9321
Take 880 to Hamilton Ave
Exit. Go West about 2 miles.
PetSmart will be on your left.

Upcoming Meetings and BASH events:

- July 20th** Meeting- see map attached to flyer.
- August-** no meeting set yet.....anyone want to organize a beach hike???
- Sept 5-7-** Malamute Club Camping trip to PineCrest.
- Sept?** Umunhum Fun Run???
- Sept. 21 -** Ice Cream Social and meeting
- Oct. -** Halloween fun thing???
- want to have a meeting at your home?

SEND YOUR HUSKY TO BOARDING SCHOOL

The summer months have arrived, and your husky is still not as obedient as you would like?

Send your husky to boarding school while you take your vacation! We have *limited* openings for females, most pups under 10 months, and some males who qualify as non-aggressive for boarding and training. We are located in Salinas, and still have openings at \$10 a day.

Call Gary at 408/424-2211 for more information.

BASH Roster- In my rush to get it in the June Newsletter, inadvertently my printer dropped off the last row of names from all pages. I have made new rosters as of June 28 and will have these at the Specialty Match.

For member that were unable to attend or didn't get the roster, sent me an Self-addressed-stamped-envelope and I will mail you a new roster.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

Bay Area Siberian Husky Club



Work * Show * Play

BASH Logo Items----

*New- SnoBASH Sweatshirts S M L XL XXL Cardinal, Forrest, Black, Navy	\$20.00
Sweatshirts-Child M M L XL XXL Cardinal Forrest Green Black Plum Blue	\$18.00
Long Sleeve T-Shirts- L XL XXL Cardinal Stoney Blue Black	\$15.00
*New- SnoBASH T-shirts M L XL XXL Cardinal Forrest Black Navy	\$15.00
Call for new colors for summer	
New- BASHR/R T-shirt L XL XXL Black	\$15.00
Short Sleeve T-Shirt- Child M M L XL Fusia Green Navy Black	\$10.00
*New BASH Baseball hats VARIETY OF COLORS	\$12.00
*New Sun Visors	\$10.00
BASH pin (old logo)	\$4.00
BASH pin (new logo)	\$5.00
*Reduced price Wolf Ornaments	\$5.00
Harnesses (x-Back, S, M, L, XL++)	\$20.00
Leashes with tie-out	\$10.00
1/2 inch Italian Brass Snaps	\$2.00
2/3 inch Italian Brass Snaps	\$2.50
Alaskan Collars	\$6.00
New--- rescue knives	\$12.00
Nanook the Beanie Baby (\$5.00 goes to Rescue)	\$10.00
Siberian Husky window stickies	\$1.25
Send \$2.00 per item if you want it mailed	

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UPCOMING SHOWS MATCHES AND EVENTS IN NO. CA

- July 12 - Siberian Husky Fun Match- Mt. Hamilton Club-
Richardsson Park, Vallejo CA**
- July 18 - All Breed Dog Show and Ob- Coyote Hills Kennel
Club - Cow Palace**
- July 19 - All Breed Dog Show - Golden Gate Kennel Club
Cow Palace**
- July 20 - All Breed Dog Show - San Mateo Kennel Club, Cow
Palace**
- July 27 - All Breed Fun Match- Town and Country Dog Training
Hayward State**

WHAT TO DO WITH TYLER by Scott & Stacey Morton

Tyler:, what do you do with a dog who is so afraid.? Many of you probably remember Tyler, the female Siberian surrendered to the club with her 8 month pup, and a litter about 10 weeks old. In our search to find ways to help Tyler we have recently visited a holistic vet. The vet confirmed all of our readings, and suggested the first step for Tyler be an improvement in her diet.

Many dog owners, (including us), find that feeding their dogs with a commercial bagged dry food is convenient, and we give little if any thought to the real quality of the food we are giving to our animals. We read the label, and try to make a decision as to what is good for our dogs. In reality, most commercial dog foods are made up of the scraps of meat, either beef, and/or poultry, that is unfit for human consumption, IE: intestines, tongue, chicken heads and feet etc. Whole grains advertised in the food most likely have been deemed unfit for human consumption also, either moldy, or poor quality do to mishandling. What the consumer purchases, and what the manufacturer advertise, is often two entirely different products. We are talking scraps and by-products here, and a lifetime of feeding this is a definite threat to the long term health of our animals.

What many of us fail to realise, is that most health problems are directly linked to a poor diet, as it is with humans. There is a whole lot to be said on this issue, and we would encourage everyone to learn more about what you are really feeding your dog, and how to change to a better, healthier diet, without breaking the bank. Tyler's new doctor also advised us to feed her, and our other two, one fresh raw meatball, twice a day, along with a good multi vitamin, and the purist water we can. (more on water later).

We would also like to take this chance to tell everyone about the magazine titled, "Natural Pet". This publication provides a wealth of information on animal health and nutrition, the natural way, and we recommend this magazine. We are trying a food that we have shipped directly to us in a 40# package, from Flint River Ranch. We have a letter that came to us with our order, written by Tina Perry of the Animal Protective Institute, which we would like to share with anyone who is interested. It goes into much further detail on the reality of commercial pet foods, and is a real eye-opener. In the meantime, if anyone would like a copy of this, just give us a holler via e-mail, SSMORTON@aol.com, or if you are not on-line, call or write us, our address is in the club member package that we all received last month. Our three girls really love this new food, so much that they are picking it out of the old food that we are mixing it into!! We hope to hear from some of you, as this is a subject really worth educating ourselves on. Hope everyone is enjoying the summer, and keeping up with the shedding season we are going through!!

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\$50.00 deposit to order. See Nic Matulich or call (408)379-7253
e-mail- smellofdog@aol.com***

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traffic is present, I prefer not to run next to the parked cars. but near the center of the lane. In this manner I get a better line of sight, watching for hidden hazards (cats, loose dogs, cars backing out of driveways). I nearly ended up under a pick-up truck once when the dog I was running in harness ahead of the hike took off to get at a cat under the truck!

Bring a plastic bag or two. Nothing like a good run to aid digestion. Being a good citizen and cleaning up the mess is a breeze when you're prepared.

Water your dogs and make new friends. I used to water my dogs by bringing along a bowl, but it was a hassle to get off the bike, get the bowl out, chase the bike and dogs and bike down the street, etc.... So now the dogs drink from their own bicycling water bottle. To them it's like a lix-it, It's much quicker and I can do it while still astride the bike. Be prepared for lots of finger-pointing, funny looks and laughter from passerbys who find this hilarious.

Expect the unexpected. Any endeavor involving dogs (at least my dogs) seems to include a certain element of unpredictability. Like sledding, bicycling dogs involves improvising, problem solving and flat out wild guesses when it comes to figuring out which dog should run with who, or on which side, etc. Unlike Sledding the next turn may present you with a cat, possum, loose dog or little kid eating a pastrami sandwich (I've faced all of these). The best preparation comes from scouting your route in advance when possible and simply being mentally ready to deal with the unexpected.

Bicycling with my dogs will never take the place of sledding for me, but it's a great way to give dogs a work out and to reinforce sledding commands. I hope you will try taking your pup out for a spin. Maybe my experiences will help you avoid any bruising while you are cruisin'.

Lloyd Oshiro

BRAGS....

Linda bragged that Harmony has lost 15 pounds since she adopted her, took 3rd place in sub-novice and she took Best of Opposite Sex in Spay and Neuter.

Kathy bragged that Gracie took 1st in Adult Sled Dog Bitch

Randee bragged that Maxx took 1st in Sub Novice and Charlene obtained a Freeway Title for him.

Marilyn bragged that Angel (out of her breeding) received 5 points last weekend (one was a three point major)

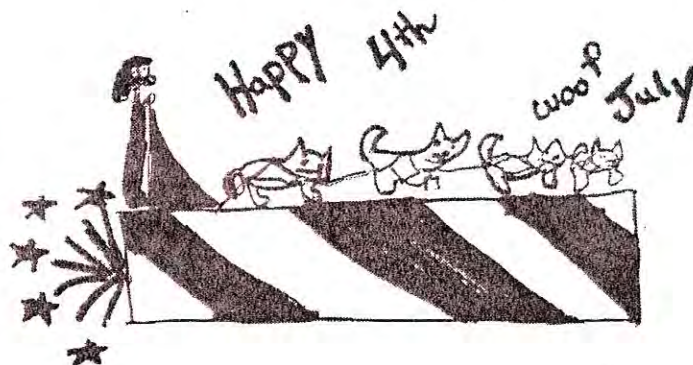
Gretta bragged that Shadow took Best of Opposite Sex Adult.

New prospective members----

Laura Crocker and Jane Smith- they have been associate members for over a year and recently adopted a third dog from our group.

Jeanette Stone and family would also like to become voting members. They have participated in many of the recent events and would like to become a foster home.

TO: B.A.S.H.
From: Megan



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children. Great watch dog. For more information contact Ken Tsuboi at (415) 474-2682.

Keisha, a 5 year old female, black and white with blue eyes. She's spayed and is current with all shots. She needs a home with a family who has time for her. She's a great family dog who loves all people, including children (NOT CATS). She's housebroken but doesn't have to be a house dog. She doesn't bark or bite. To be considered as an adoptive home, call (408) 655-8848.

***Laika**, is a healthy, house-broken, 2 year old spayed pure-bred female of 40 lbs, with a black and white coat and masked, icy-blue eyes. She is well socialized and charmingly mannered, enthusiastic in her greetings yet is patient and tolerant. She knows basic obedience commands, has no bad habits and instinctively knows what is hers to play with or eat and what is not. She is gently playful with children. She loves car travel and long walks, and has gone camping with her owner. She's mostly an indoor dog, but a home with a fenced yard is best. The company of cats or birds is not recommended. For more information write to Stuart at stuartk@sirius.com or call 510-845-9223.

Shanti is an AKC registered, 3 year old female Siberian with brown eyes. She used to race on a 6-dog sprint team and would be wonderful for anyone looking to fill out an existing sprint or recreational dog team or anyone looking for a wonderful pet. She is used to the company of other Siberians and would benefit from going to home with existing northern dogs. Call Terry Lichtenberger at 916/626-9699.

Tasha ,G/W, Mal. (mix ? looks Mal w/floppy ears), 108 lbs. Sits and downs on command and is good on leash with little correction. She is a real lover and plays fetch. For information call Emily Verna.....510-471-252



Napping
after
the
May
Hike

BASH ON THE WEB!

www.BayAreaSiberian.org

BASHR/R list

BASHR/R has a Listserver in the Internet!

Come join in on Siberian Husky Rescue and Club topics on our own list which has been setup by Greg Newell. Contact Nic Matulich at SMELLOFDOG@AOL.COM to get signed up.

Reminder:

We are always looking for great pictures of our huskies doing what they like best. If you have attended a hike, Umunhum run, specialty, etc please send me one or two pictures. Thanks.....

A change.....

As usual no one tells me that they noticed an error in the address book until after the second printing.....

Please correct Jacques' Porter's e-mail address

shhawke1@aol.com

PINECREST 1997

It's that time again. Mark your calendars for **September 5, 6, & 7 1997.**

We have reserved the entire Pioneer Trails Group site which will accommodate approximately 200 people, so bring your friends!

This is a sample of our usual agenda. We can arrive at the campground anytime after 2 o'clock on Friday. After setting up your camp and dogs, it's time to relax. We usually have a community area where we build a campfire and use as a cooking area. Dinner will be up to each individual on Friday night. Any dogs hiking for a title can also be weighed in on Friday. Don't worry if you can't get there until late, some of us don't arrive until after midnight.

On Saturday morning we try to start our hike no later than 7:30 AM, so any dogs that need to be weighed in will have to do so by that time. The hike around Pinecrest Lake is fairly easy and most novice hikers can make it. It is mostly small ups and downs with lots of flat areas. The complete trail is 10 miles. We take a few short rest stops along the way and also take a longer one at the half way point and another one the way back. Most hikers bring a snack to eat at the half way point. We are normally back at our camp by 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The rest of the afternoon is your own time to do what you want.

Saturday night is our Potluck dinner. We ask everyone to bring their favorite dish to share and our club will bring the meat. You will need to bring your own plate, utensils and drinks. After dinner, it's time for another campfire and lots of stories. (I'm sure we all have a few).

Sunday morning we hike the same trail again and then pack up to leave.

We will divide the cost of the campground and the meat by the total number of people attending.

The Pioneer Trails Group site is about 2 miles up the road from the main campground. (See map). We have running COLD water and pit toilets at our campgrounds. Hot showers and a general store are available at the main campground.

For more information, call Bill Griffiths at (408) 365-0934

We hope that you will be able to join us!

R.S.V.P. DEADLINE AUGUST 27...

PINECREST 1997

WHAT TO BRING:

Tent
Sleeping Bag
Flashlight
Lantern
Camp stove (if you don't have one, don't worry there will be some to share)
Pots and pans
Chairs
Utensils
Food (except for Sat. Night)
Potluck Dish (Sat. night)
Hiking boots (optional)
Crate or Tie-out for your dogs
Pooper scooper
Bug spray (usually not a problem)
Ice chest

The weather in the mountains can change very fast. It is a good idea to be prepared for both heat, cold and rain. Mornings and evenings can be very cold and days can be very warm. Layering is the best way to go. During the hike around the lake we usually take a break to go swimming if anybody wants to.

There are many activities at the lake. Boating, fishing and swimming to mention a few. So even if you don't want to hike, come up and enjoy the mountains.

If anyone can bring any extra firewood it would be appreciated as it is expensive to buy up there.

RESERVATION FORM

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ NUMBER OF PEOPLE _____

NUMBER OF DOGS _____ BREED _____

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ APPROXIMATE TIME OF ARRIVAL _____

RETURN FORMS NO LATER THAN AUGUST 27.

TO: BILL GRIFFITHS
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(408) 365-0934

BAY AREA SIBERIAN HUSKY RESCUE REFERRAL

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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.

RESCUERS

Dogs listed with rescuers are up for adoption. All efforts have been made to find the owners, unless they are a surrender. They are altered, and made current on shots, before putting up for adoption. Then have been evaluated. These dogs are NOT free. Rescue charge \$50.00 and up, for adoption. This covers a small portion of the cost of spay/neutering, shots, pound fees, and vet costs. All dogs listed under rescuers are up for adoption. They are currently in BASHR/R or other foster homes. For more information, or to set up an appointment to meet these dogs, call the BASHR/R hotline at (800) 473-BASH (2274) or e-mail bashrr@aol.com.

For more information, contact Gary Kelly at garywynn@bbs.cruzio.com or call 408/464-2211.

***KAMI** Kami is a ~2 year old B/W neutered Siberian with brown eyes. Kami has a smaller, compact body and FULL, thick coat. He is full grown at 45 lbs. Kami is simply the most adorable dog you will ever meet! He gets along great with adults and kids, but needs more socialization with other dogs. Kami is crate almost housetrained.

***ERIK** neutered male, gray and white. Very sweet, good with kids, crate trained.

For more information on these dogs, e-mail Nic Matulich, at Smellofdog@aol.com or call at (408)374-3914.

***DAXX**, neutered male, 3 years old, 57lbs, heavy coated Black and White with Bi-Eyes. He is good with kids and other dogs but can be dominant with some dogs. Good looking dog has the conformation indicating he could be from locally popular show breeders.

For more information contact Randee McQueen at Randee1@aol.com or call (408) 377-2900.

***CHANCE**, unsplayed female 1-2 year old, 55lb, medium coated Red Sable with blue eyes. Good with kids and most other dogs. Sleek racing build with good muscle definition. (will be spayed prior to placement)

For more information contact Kathy Miyoshi at (510) 548-9709 or kathy.miyoshi@mckesson.com.

***BISHOP**: Bishop is a 4 year old B/W neutered male with blue eyes. He is very friendly and good with other dogs. Bishop has been through a lot, however, and needs the company and security of another dog or people that will be home all day.

For more information, contact Jacques Porter at shhawke1@aol.com or call (510) 636-1288.

***TISHAMINGO**: 2-3 year old neutered, bi-eyed, grey & white male. He was picked as a stray from the Woodland SPCA. Gets along well with other dogs and is very sweet and loving. Loves to be petted and is housebroken.

NorCal Siberian Rescue

For more information on dogs available and lost and found outside the greater bay area, please contact Marilyn Lassagne (510) 820-1162 or Lassky1@aol.com.

Ivan Male-15 mos. Neutered. Black/white, brown eyes. Big, beautiful. Out of Kristari kennels. Owner surrender. All shots updated. Needs obedience training, and to learn to socialize with other dogs. Loves bigger dogs than he is, or same size.

Siberian Husky Rescue in the Central Valley

For a list of Siberians and Siberian mixes available for adoption in Modesto and the surrounding areas, please contact Sheila at WodkaSibs@aol.com or call 209-524-7631. You should also visit Sheila's Rescue site at: <http://playground.Sun.COM/pub/rescue/>.

Other Northern Breeds in BASHR/R Foster Homes for Adoption

For more information contact Scott Tilmant or Dana Anderson at the SibeSled1@aol.com or (408)379-1593 or (408)282-5357

DENALI: Spayed female Alaskan Husky (predominantly Sibe.) Denali is Sable, with brown eyes. Denali has recently had a litter and needs to gain weight. She is tall and slender and definitely has a racing dogs physique! She is very pretty and very friendly but she is an alpha dog and would be better placed in a single-dog home or with another submissive dog.

Tricity Shelter 510-792 -0927 or contact Nancy Lyon at NancyLyon@aol.com.

Timber- 4-5 year old spayed female. Housetrained. Owner had to surrender because she was going into the hospital and would be unable to care for dog. (voting members if you are interested in fostering this would be a good one to start with)

People Needing to Place Dogs

Alaska is a spayed 6 yr old B/W Siberian with blue eyes. Alaska is very pretty and has a longer coat. She gets along well with people (loves kids) and other dogs. Alaska is current is all vaccinations. She has basic obedience and can sit, down and stay. Alaska is houstrained. She is being placed because child is allergic to her. Please contact: Bonnie LaCommare in Santa Barbara at (805) 683-3693.

Charlie, mixed Siberian Husky/Australian Shepherd, about 83 pounds. Black and white, brown eyes. 5 yrs old. Complete medical records available, all shots up to date. Long hair with double coat. Housetrained and accustomed to living indoors, but spent time outside in a large yard. Basic Obedience. Friendly with people and especially good with adults and older

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Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

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Randee McQueen, Treasurer, Bay Area Siberian Husky Club
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Campbell CA 95008

If you are interested in becoming a member contact Kathy Miyoshi at the above address to obtain a membership application.

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