

Siberian Tales

VOLUME 40.6

BAY AREA SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB

JUNE 2020

BASH Officers 2020-21

President

Anthony Taskey

orcuskey@gmail.com

Vice President

David Garibay

Dsuper29@aol.com

Secretary

Dona Rivas

Donagourley@yahoo.com

Treasurer

Randee McQueen

BASH@com-ctl.com

Activity Coordinator

Marie Steven

sleddingshopper@pacbell.net

We're partnering with @puppiesmakemehappy for all BASH members and followers!

Purchase tees, tanks, outerwear, hats and more for 10% off your total purchase with our special code "BASH10" at checkout!

A portion of the sales using our special code go back to our rescue so we can help save more huskies here in the Bay Area.

Puppies Make Me Happy is an LA based company that creates clothing with "the touch and feel of puppies"! Their custom blend of PuppySoft™ fabric is locally sourced to provide you with the comfiest clothing.

To learn more and/or shop, please visit www.puppiesmakemehappy.com.

In This Issue

Greg Stevens	2
Preparing for your pet when you return to work	4
Vaccine Clinic	5
Pumpkin dog treats	6
Sammy	6
Rescue	7
New Shirt design	7

June- hopefully we can have a General Meeting

Christmas Party- Sunday Dec 6th. 3Flames again

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.

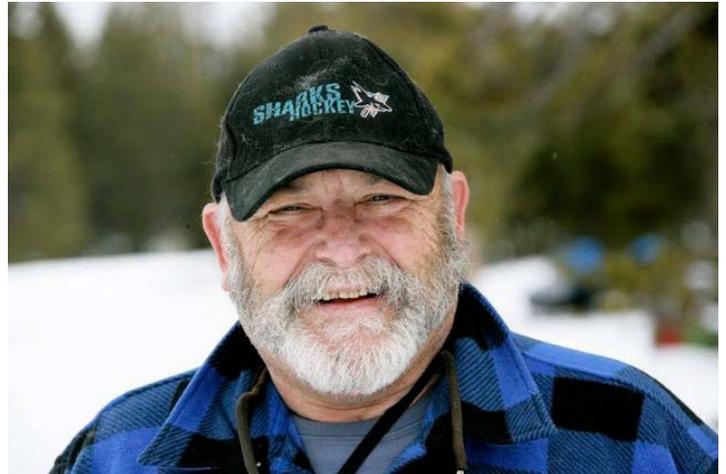
<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/77-0410632>

Send us pictures of your huskies while you are doing something fun with them while many have to stay at home. We will put them in the BASH calendar 2021



~~~~~Greg Stevens ~~~~~

It is with a heavy heart that I have to tell all that we lost a wonderful person and valuable member of BASH for the last 24 years. He had a cancerous growth removed from his foot about 2 years ago and until January of this year it appeared to have not returned. When found that it had now spread, they treated it but unfortunately it did not do what they had hoped. Greg passed with his family with him at home on May 27, 2020.



Greg and his wife Marie adopted Kuookhaa-tuk and Ukiah from BASH in 1996. Greg and his son Nick were ready for dogs in their lives and Greg had always loved



the northern breeds. Their family immediately got totally involved with BASH from helping with every event, to dog sledding and fostering. At one point they owned 7 siberians (the only way a family of three could go sledding was have enough dogs to sled on your own). Greg was instrumental in helping create our organized SnoBASH events. Greg and his family had cross country skied for years before getting northern breed dogs and knew all the people in Bear Valley.

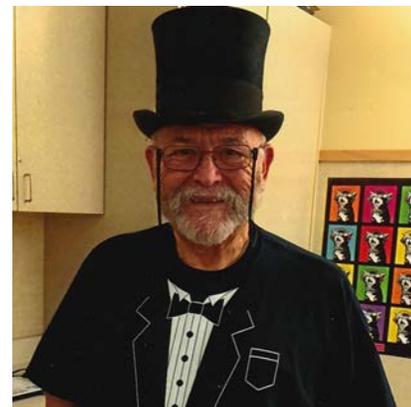
BASH had the connection for the event at the meadow next to the Cross County store but not any for lodging. Greg saw the Tamarack Lodge was going to open after being closed for years and contacted them. They were happy to accommodate us and were also willing to help us set up in their meadow. For about the next 15 years Greg always made the contacts for the Cross Country to plow, to buy Hot Dogs for the BBQ, for the lodge and anything else we needed. One of the first years he helped set up the spring SnoBASH where we use to take disabled adults for rides on the sled.

Greg also was our dog food transporter. He at one time worked next door to Pet Food Express' warehouse when it was in San Leandro. He became good friends with all in the warehouse and helped us receive food on a regular basis. For the last 10 + years he has helped make the runs to get it. The last was in January.



He was one of our Santa's for the holiday pictures we use to take at Petsmart for years....he was always great and jolly with the kids and dogs.

Greg held many officer positions from Vice President to Equipment Coordinator. His very important role was our Announcer. He found some great portable sound equipment that we have used for years. He was our first announcer for the Fall Flurry Furry, Fun Matches and our Christmas Party.



He and his wife Marie fostered many dogs and failed with a few of them. The best was Rocky, Marie fell in love with him. Greg and Nick took him to an adoption fair and told Marie he was adopted They didn't tell her that they adopted him for her and announced it at my house that night when we were having a dinner there. Greg had a wonderful sense of humor that came out all the time.



Many of us dog sledged with Marie and Greg. One trip we went into the back county their sled broke....in many pieces. With Nic Matulich's help they kinda tied it together with holes melted into the plastic and rope etc...we called it the Franken Sled.. Another time Marie and Greg both got sick while we were in the back

country and we ended up re-pairing up people on the sleds and drove them out by sled so they could get home....it was always fun and exciting going on trips with them. So many great memories and great stories.



We will all miss Greg greatly.

Donation can be made to a cancer research or charity of your choice

Preparing Your Pet for Your Return to Work

Nannette Morgan, CPDT-KA

All of our lives have been turned upside down, including those of our pets, since the pandemic started. Some of us have been fortunate enough to be allowed to work from home during the Shelter in Place order which means our routines and those of our pets have done a 360 turn from before this happened.

On the one hand, it's been nice to spend more time with our furry family members and I'm sure they have enjoyed having us around more as well even if it means we are glued to our computer monitors or having virtual meetings. They've loved all the extra attention and treats on a daily basis. We have also benefitted from the emotional comfort and companionship they give us.

Despite the positives for them, this time hasn't been without stress for our four-legged friends. The dogs are wondering why we are home like it's the weekend but we can't pay attention to them perhaps like we do on Saturdays. The cats are probably worried why their "servants" aren't leaving the house everyday to earn money to buy them their next Fancy Feast meal. Then there's all the extra noise of children home from school and noisy kitchens during the daytime.

It's going to be hard on all of us when we return to a normal workday away from the home. Here are some proven strategies to start working on now to get back to some semblance of a routine so that our pets don't become physically and mentally stressed when that day arrives.

Routines: Animals feel more secure when they have a routine to follow. Start using some of your work routines now even if it's just to go to the store, drive around the block etc. I recommend leaving them in the area where you left them before when you went to your physical office.

If you've been taking extra walks with your dog on your lunch break, start shifting the walk towards the end of the day or the time when you would normally arrive home. This will help re-set the pre-work at home routine.

Mental enrichment/food toys: There are a variety of food-dispensing toys on the market. I've been keeping up my practice of filling my dogs' toys with part of their breakfast, which I normally do when I leave the house for work. I do this still halfway through the day after my lunch break or every time I leave the house for groceries. This gives them something to do during the first 10 or so minutes after you've left.

Leaving some calming music (classical, New Age) on while you're working and then when you leave for work helps calm pets.

Calm departures/arrivals: It's very important to have calm arrivals and departures. It's fine to say a calm "see you later" or "hi Fluffy" but we want to avoid the dramatic cues that can lead to separation distress in dogs. Hugging your dog like you've been away from them for over a year sets up anxiety in them and does not make them feel better even though you might feel good about it.

Practice manners: Now's a good time to help get back into routine by having your dog "sit" before you put down their meals, before going on a walk, before going out the door and any other time you would normally request a "sit."

If you have a home office that you are using for your remote work, find a place for your pets to relax while you are at home working. It should be away from where you are working so that they get used to not being right

next to you all day. A comfy pet bed or even a bathmat can be used to teach them to “settle” there. Giving them their food-dispensing toy on that space will help them build a positive association with that place.

This is especially important if you do not have a dedicated home office. If you are using the dining room table for your work area, then the “special pet place” should be in another room or where your pet spends his/her time when you are at work.

I have found that my dogs don’t always hang out with me while I’m working. They usually go to one of the beds in the other rooms. I’ve noticed that they spend a good amount of time sleeping throughout the day, which is normal for the canine species.

If after you return to your work away from home you see signs of stress in your pets, hiring a pet sitter or a neighborhood friend to check in on them mid-day can be a big help until they get re-adjusted to the normal routine.



Vaccines for your dogs (and cats)

Dr. Rusher use to do a special vaccine clinic for BASH members. Many have now gone to the PAWS vaccine clinic that she does for the city of San Jose. With the current Shelter in Place and other restrictions many pet owners and we assume BASH members have been unable to update some of their pets’ vaccines. PAWS has not been able to do the regular vaccine clinic either. Dr. Rusher has started an “by appointment only” drive thru clinic on Tuesday and Saturday mornings. The team only see 10-15 clients in a 2-hour period. She has offered to allow any BASH members to participate in her clinic. If you are interested, please send an email to pawsvaccineclinic@gmail.com with your name, your pets name and what shots you need. State what days you can go to the clinic. You will receive an email back with a date, time and directions.



Pumpkin Peanut Butter Dog Treats- great to make with your kids during these shelter in place times.

(Preheat oven to 350 degrees)

Ingredients:

2/3 cup pumpkin puree

1/4 cup peanut butter

2 eggs

2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour

That's it from here! Stay well.

Directions:

In a large bowl mix pumpkin puree, peanut butter and eggs with an electric mixer.

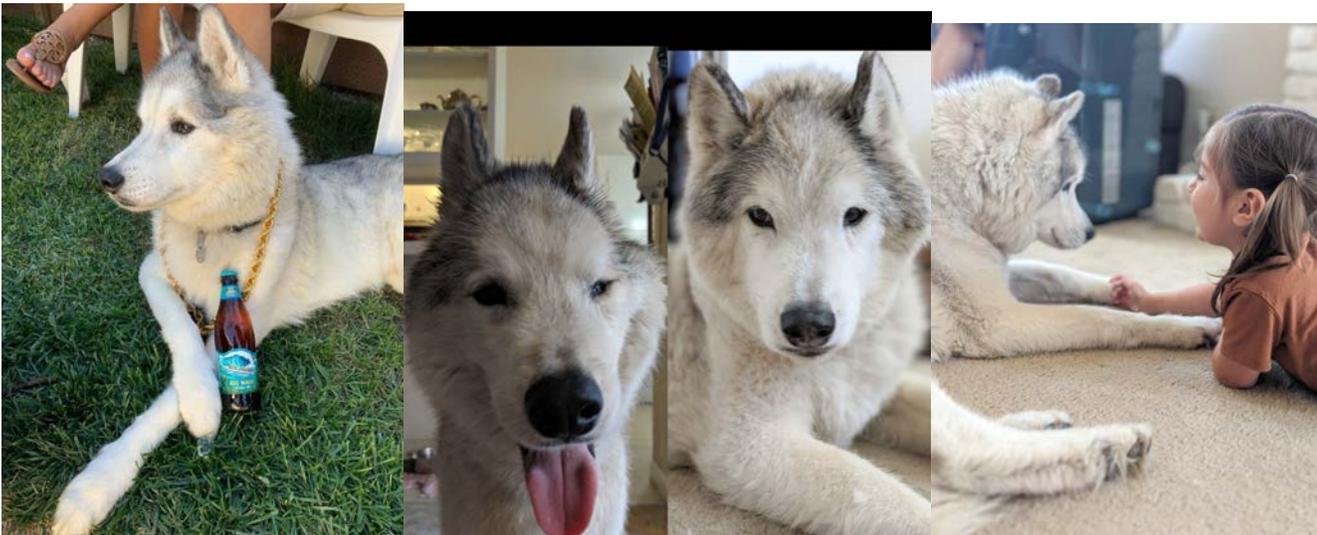
Slowly add in the flour until it has the consistency of cookie dough

Once it's all mixed you can either put it in a pan (like we did and bake) or you can roll it out and use cookie cutters

Place into the oven and bake about 20 minutes

A great rescue story about Sammy.

Sammy was surrendered to San Jose Animal Shelter and was said to be about 13 years of age. BASH didn't want to leave him there to be euthanized so Heron Ho and I worked on finding someone who would be willing to take him with the support of BASH. We found that wonderful person and family. After he was pulled it was realized that he was not quite as old and were going to try to place him. Below the pictures is the wonderful text I received last week



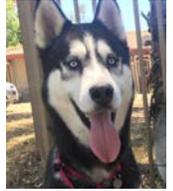
Hi Randee! Long overdue, but I think we all knew Sammy was gonna be ours the minute he greeted me with a soft kiss when we first met him at the shelter 🥰🥰..but wanted to make it official for this sweet sweet boy. Let me know what I need to do...and here's the best transformation pic! This boy, deaf and blinde in one eye and you'd never know it. He is the sweetest, most gentle husky I've ever met...he's a dream ❤️. LOVES his walks, and LOVES parties 🥳🥳🥳..the more ppl the happier he is. It melts my heart to see him around kids.. doesn't just tolerate them...he LOVES being around them. Even my rambunctious 3 yr old that never leaves him alone...he keeps coming back straight to her ❤️. Jordan has also fallen madly in love with him...even has a savings account setup just for him ❤️. Thank you. Thank you for trusting us with him.. "fostering" lol.

Rescue June

Heron Ho, 510-921-6424 snowlets8@yahoo.com

Loki is a big, handsome, and athletic 2 year old boy who had a rough start in life and is learning basic training and how to live inside a home. Despite his past, he is still very affectionate with people just such a sweet love bug, trusting, inquisitive dog with a great mind, a deep spirit, and enthusiasm for training sessions as he is just so eager to learn new things. His is very food motivated which makes it easy to train for the experienced husky/malamute/independent dog breed owner. However he is still a work in progress, a bright diamond in the rough and just need someone that is patient and consistent.

No cats.



BASH Shirt- need a new design

A couple of years ago we had Custom Ink make a design that we had printed on shirts and sweatshirts. We picked out a few styles of shirts/sweatshirts and people can order what they want in the size they want and it is mailed to them directly. It was a great way to have a new shirt for the club and the club didn't have to carry inventory.

What I would love is for someone to come up with a design or drawing that we can use. Our clubs slogan is Bay Area Siberian Husky Club – Work Show and Play

Come up with what you think portrays our club and Siberians The last one had three Siberians (Black, Red and Gray) on a sled in the snow. What about something for summer? Doing what our dogs do? Can be digging, carting etc... Siberian and how we made it through shelter in place 2020???

send your ideas to BASH@com-ctl.com. Free shirt to the person that comes up with design.



Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

Membership Renewal and Associate Application 2020-21

Membership \$35.00

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

Date _____
Name(s) _____
Mailing address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Area code and phone _____
E-mail Address _____
Amount Enclosed \$ _____

I would like the newsletter mailed to me.

Make checks payable to BASH. All memberships are valid through March 31, 2021. Send membership renewal form and check to:

Bay Area Siberian Husky Club, 2633 S Bascom Ave, Campbell CA 95008

Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

www.bayareasiberian.org

2633 S. Bascom Avenue

Campbell, CA 95008