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## Ways to Get Involved With BASH

- Adopt a Husky
- Join a BASH email list
- Buy a sweatshirt or T
- Give a membership as a gift
- Help with an adoption fair
- Donate to BASH
- Attend a bi-monthly general meeting
- Foster a Husky
- Help transport a Husky

## Upcoming Events



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 13,14	Foresthill Sleddog Race
March 20	General Meeting
April 17,18	SnoBASH 2
May TBD	Vaccine Clinic
June 20	Fun Match with Norsled
Oct 7	Fall Furry Flurry
Oct TBD	12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Mushing Clinic
	SNDD
Dec 11	BASH Christmas Party



# SnoBASH 2010

This was a FANTASTIC weekend. We had about 45 dogs in total, 35+ people and just had a great time. It was nice that it wasn't so crowded that we couldn't get dogs and people out for rides. The experienced mushers were able to ride along with many people while they practiced their sledding skills. There was a great double figure 8 trail put in. This allowed Gee/Haw training and how to do it. We worked on "on bys" and more. We had a great raffle and of course the Sourdough Race.

Marie Stevens came in first, Beth Chamberlan got the Red Lantern, and David Garabay won best costume.

It was great having so many people that helped set up, cook meals and tear down at the end of the day. Thank you to everyone.





# Looking for Knitters...

Do you like knitting? We have a project for knitters. Peggy Rusher spins dog hair into yarn. We make hats, scraves, wristies and more. All of the items are sold, raffled or auctioned off to benefit our rescue or Siberian rescues that help us. We have various patterns for hats, a scarf or other items that people like to purchase. There is one simple pattern that makes a rose (see pictures). Many groups sell these roses to support rescue. They come with a cute little note that explains the makeup of the rose and it's meaning.

We would like to help us make roses or other items for our rescue and other Siberian rescues that have sent Peggy dog hair.

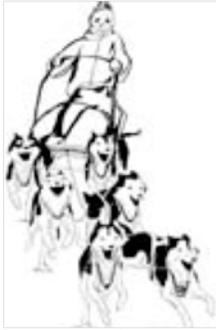
We have the directions and the yarn, you supply the needles and the time.

If you are interested in helping us knit roses or hats or other items contact Randee at [BASH@com-ctl.com](mailto:BASH@com-ctl.com).



# SNOBASH II

April 17, 18



We will again be staying at the Tamarack Pines Inn. The PINES is full . NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED IN THE ROOM AT THE LODGE. . For those that want to join us there are great places in Angels Camp, Arnold, Dorrington and Bear Valley. Some will allow dogs in the room, and some do not. Those of us at the Pines leave our dogs in the car. We had a great time at the Inn last year. Very relaxing. All those that attend will be expected to bring “group” food (breakfast, appetizers and drinks). Anyone is welcome to the group dinner. We just need to know if you are planning on attending Saturday night so we have enough. When all have signed up we will have a list of items to bring. By having everyone bring parts we can spread out what is needed to be brought up. We will have a group dinner on Saturday night. BASH will supply the paper products.

SnoBASH is held no matter the amount of snow.

We do sled rides for people and dogs. The proceeds go to the local elementary school.



Sign up to come. We have a fantastic time.

# SnoBASH Schedule

We are not sure if we will be behind the Pines or at Bear Valley Cross Country Course



## Friday—April 16

2 to 5 pm set up drops  
6 pm Pizza dinner at the Inn

## Saturday April 17

Parking is tight at the Inn. Cars can be 3 or 4 deep.

7:30- 9:30 breakfast

10:00 to 12:00 rides

12:00 to 1:30 lunch

1:30 to 3:30 rides



meeting  
dinner

## Sunday April 18

7:30- 9:30 breakfast

10:00 to 12:00 Rides and having fun

12:00 to 1:30 lunch

1:30 to 3:30 finish fun runs and clean up to go home

Last year the trail and the location were great. We had a one mile trail put in by Bear Valley Cross Country. It was fun and great to run.



We will confirm the first week of April where we will be running the dogs.

# March General Meeting

March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010



6 pm

Randee's home  
906 Sweetbriar Dr  
Campbell CA 95008

Marie Stevens and Randee McQueen just finished their 10<sup>th</sup> BASH Women Sledding Trip. They have gone on sled trips with 4 different groups in 2 areas of the continent. This one was to Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada. They will show a DVD of the trip (and previous ones if people would like to see) and talk about the different trips and how sledding is different but the same and any other information that people would like to hear about the trip.

Presentation after the meeting and dinner.

**Also the equipment on page 8 will be available to purchase**

Call or e-mail to find out what to bring –

Appetizers, Salad, Dessert

Randee at  
[bash@com-ctl.com](mailto:bash@com-ctl.com)  
(408)371-1841

## It is time for Elections

Half the board changes in Odd years (VP, Treasurer and Activities Coordinator)  
The other half changes in Even Years (President and Secretary)

We don't do a really formal committee thing anymore, but if anyone is interested in either role, please contact us and we will be happy to put your name in for a vote. Contact the Prez - Anthony Taskey <ATaskey@wsgr.com>

We are very informal and just do what we have fun doing. We work as a team even though we have different titles.

President- runs the meetings and is a signer on the checkbook.

Secretary- writes the minutes for the meetings and distributes the agenda

## Sledding Equipment for Sale

BASH has acquired equipment from a musher that is dramatically reducing their kennel. We have harnesses of various sizes (35#'s to about 60# dogs) dog blankets (small square blankets used when sleeping in the snow but many of us use them in our cars) snow hooks, sled bags, sled hook holders, reflective vests, headlamps, skijoring sets, mitts, wrieties and a few more things.

If you are interested in any of this equipment, please feel free to contact us.

Most of the items will be \$10 or less... proceeds go for rescue....



# *SiberNyte Designs* by Dona Miller

Dona Miller has been a member of BASH for years and a musher who has many siberians....she now lives in Montana but still supports our club. I have some of her jewelry and many ask me where I have gotten it... and I sometimes forget to give people her website. I decided it was a good idea to post the information in our newsletter. She is a wonderful artist that has created jewelry designs, colors, textures and compositions, all influenced by the beauty of nature. She has beautiful necklaces, bracelets, earrings, rings, bookmarks, zipper pulls and more.

She has a Rainbow Bridge collection that was inspired by the many dogs that have shared her life. All too often those four-legged furry friends are taken from us too soon and cross over the Rainbow Bridge. This collection is in honor of all those who have or have had that special friend they want to remember.



[www.sibernytedesigns.com](http://www.sibernytedesigns.com)

# Low-Fat Dog Biscuit Recipe

## Ingredients:

½ cup margarine  
½ cup low sodium beef, chicken or veggie broth  
½ cup dry (powdered) milk  
½ tsp salt  
2 tsp sugar  
1 large egg  
3 cups whole-wheat flour

## Directions:

- Combine all of the ingredients except the flour in a large bowl and mix well.
- Mix in the flour ½ cup at a time. Mix well until a dough ball forms.
- Take the dough ball and knead a few times.
- Use rolling pin, and roll out dough to about ¼" thickness.
- If you have a cookie cutter in the shape of a dog bone – great! But any shape will do (dogs won't care) and if you don't have a cookie cutter, you can use a knife to cut the dough into any size that you want.
- Spray the cookie sheet with Pam or another type of cooking spray — don't load it on — just a nice light quick spray.
- Bake in preheated oven at 325 degrees for 50 to 55 minutes. Then turn the oven off, but leave the dog biscuits in the oven for another couple of hours. This will help dry the biscuits out and make them crunchy!

## Substitutions:

- I have substituted olive oil for margarine with ok results. Measure out the amount and add it gradually until the dough comes together.
- If you don't have whole wheat flour, you can use white flour. And, if you are cleaning out the cupboards, you could mix any combo of white, wheat, or rye flours. Just leave out the corn meal (allergies and digestion issues).
- Bisquick or prepared packaged biscuits or pancake mixes WILL NOT WORK.
- You can always make these even more healthy by using organic!

## TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

### Memberships are due April 1.

If you have adopted a dog in the past year from BASH and would like to renew for free, just send an e-mail to [bash@com-ctl.com](mailto:bash@com-ctl.com).

Membership enclosed for: \$30 Single

\$35 Family

\$25 Associate

All memberships not renewed will be dropped May 1, 2010

# Chester Winterfest Dog Sled Race Feb 21, 22

It had been a few years since a couple of us had gone to a sled race and the first time for a few others. 9 BASH members attended the race. 6 went to race and 3 were officials.

The weather going into the weekend had been questionable. We kept hearing there was plenty of snow. On the drive in it appeared there was not enough snow. We arrived at the race site and it appeared they were their own microclimate. There was a great trail with 3 feet plus of snow. It was a little mushy on top from the heat but it was fine and safe to sled on.

This is a sprint and mid distance race. The mid-distance has 6 dog teams that run anywhere from 10 miles to 50 miles. The distance depends on how long of a trail they can put in. The sprint races are 8 dog (8 miles) 6 dog (6 miles) 4 dog (4 miles) 3 dog (3 miles). The 3 dog race is not sanctioned by ISDRA (International Sled Dog Racing Association) so they can set their own rules. In this case they have a category called “Independent” Driver. The same 3 dogs are used both days, but you can have two different drivers. This allows so many of us that share dogs for sledding both get a chance to each drive the team.

Race day one starts at 7:30 with a Drivers meeting. You are told how the trail has been put in, what to expect, what corners there are and any other information that is needed for safety. The weather was cool but nice. As the day warmed up, the trail got a little mushy but was nice.

Hugo Antonucci races the 6 dog race. He wasn't feeling great and asked Megan McQueen if she would drive his team. She did and the dogs did great. They ended up in 5<sup>th</sup> place.



The rest of the group that went, entered the 3 dog race. David and Michelle shared 3 of their dogs, Megan and Peggy share three and Marie ran 3 of hers. Everyone had fun and a great experience racing. Dave and Michelle got 2<sup>nd</sup>, Marie 4<sup>th</sup> and Peggy and Megan 6<sup>th</sup>.

Day two started out a little different. Overnight we received about a foot and a half of snow that we need to clear off the cars. The trails had 2+ feet of snow so they were only able to put back in 2 of the 5 trails from the day before. The 6 Mid, 8 and 6 dogs all raced on the 6 dog trail, the 4, 3, junior and skijoring raced on the 3 dog trail.



# Rescue March 2010

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Descriptions of the dogs listed in this newsletter, including evaluations of their temperaments, 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

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**Randy Fishel-** [randyf@sibenet.com](mailto:randyf@sibenet.com)

Sierra is a sweet 18 month old siberian. She is very calm, sweet and walks ok on a leash. We just pulled her from the shelter. We know that she can climb a 4 foot gate but did not try the 8 foot fence. She doesn't appear to how to play with other dogs but is fine with other dogs. Call for more info as we learn more about her.



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We just got Bolo from the San Jose Shelter. He is probably a shepherd/siberian cross. He is between 60 and 65#'s. He rides well in the car. Is very friendly. Plays well with other dogs. He walks ok on a leash but can pull. He knows sit, down and a quick drop (not sure of the command but he slams to a down). Call his foster dad for more information.



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*Maureen Marcus 510-895-9104, [spiritofashadow@aol.com](mailto:spiritofashadow@aol.com) Malamute Rescue*

Adopted - Jordon, Lily



# Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

Membership Renewal and Associate Application 2010-2011

Membership enclosed for: \$30 Single

\$35 Family

\$25 Associate

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 and subscriptions are valid through March 31, 2011. Send membership renewal form and check, or inquiries about becoming a voting member, to:

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

## Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

[www.bayareasiberian.org](http://www.bayareasiberian.org)

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### Upcoming Adoption Fairs

First Saturday  
PetsMart, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
850 W. Hamilton, Campbell  
Coordinator: Rande McQueen  
408-371-1841

Second Saturday  
PetsMart, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
175 Ranch Road, Milpitas  
Coordinator: Bill Otto  
408-258-9806

Not in December  
Third Saturday  
Pet Food Express 11 am to 2 pm  
15466 Los Gatos Blvd., Los Gatos  
Coordinator: Rande McQueen  
408-356-7600