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Dues are due by 4/1/24. Dues help BASH pay for our insurance for our events. We are trying to do more but will continue to ask people to help set up a hike, meet'n'greet at a park-winery-brewery etc.... I am watching for snow to sled in but hasn't found a good place yet. Have friends looking out for us also...

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Have
a Safe
and fun St. Patrick's
day and



EASTER



BASH General Meeting Minutes Feb. 24, 2024

At Bob Reuss' house

Meeting called to at 5:47pm by President Anthony Taskey

Members present: Bob Reuss , Frank Diego, Kim Flores, Anthony Taskey, Marie Stevens, Nannette Morgan, Beth Chamberlain

Approve minutes from Dec 3, 2023 General meeting- motion made by Kim Flores, seconded by Nannette Morgan. Approved as written.

Officer Reports

President Anthony Taskey Reminder that Club dues are due by April 1st

Dues are \$35 annually

Vice President David Garibay absent

Secretary Beth Chamberlain no report

Treasurer Randee McQueen absent submitted financial statements and the following report(s):

“Treasurer’s Report

We are almost at our end of Fiscal year. We are ending the year with a negative to income of \$1600 or so. That is good given we don’t do fundraiser and are still rescuing dogs. WE hav \$28,000 to work with.

We are in a good financial position currently.

Rescue Report Randee McQueen

Last year we rescued 17 siberians through BASH (we did some others through individuals that were willing to foster when we didn’t have a space.)

This year to date we have already adopted out 10 siberians (all puppies under the age of 4 months) The puppies help our bottom line as we charge more for them unless you are a returning BASH adopter) We can always us more people that want to foster that one dog. Currently there are 4 of us that will foster as we can...which is better than none.

Old Business - None

New Business

Activities We had the get together at the winery in Morgan Hill last fall. Nannette set it up and said the Guglielmo Winery was easy to work with. There was interest in doing it again. Nannette will try to set something up after Easter- get some dates for summer. Would post more to social media and get confirmation of who is coming. Maybe do a potluck style for food. Dogs are welcome. Nannette said she can also look into Kelly’s Brewery in Morgan Hill. There was also the idea of doing a casual picnic meet-up at a park. Have to check if need to have insurance/reservations. Is it based on the number of attendees?

BRAGS- Group Brag Everyone is healthy and happy. All present are alive!

Next meeting specifics to be announced. Will be at Randee McQueens house either April 6th or April 13th.

Adjourn meeting motion by Nannette Morgan, seconded by Marie Stevens. Meeting adjourned at 6pm.

Shamrock Pumpkin Dog Treats



- 1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 2 tablespoons dry milk
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dry baking yeast
- 2 tablespoons [flax seed oil](#) (or vegetable oil)
- 1/3 cup canned pumpkin
- 1/2 cup water, + 1 tablespoons water
- 1 1/3 cup unbleached flour
- 1/4 cup old fashioned rolled oats (uncooked)
- 2 teaspoons green food coloring or 1/4

cup [spinach powder](#)

- 2 tablespoons chopped pumpkin seeds or pepitas
- 1 tablespoon anise seeds

Directions

1. Place everything in your bread machine and set it for the dough cycle. Or, alternatively, use your [heavy duty mixer with a dough hook](#). to get a nice elastic ball of dough.
2. When the dough is ready, roll it into sheets that are 1/4" thick and cut out the pumpkin dog cookies, using a [shamrock cookie cutter](#).
3. Bake at 275 degrees F for about an hour, making sure that the pumpkin dog biscuits don't get too browned.
4. Turn off the oven, and let the dog cookies sit in the oven overnight—so that they will get nice and dry. They will be hard to the touch can crunchy when your dog eats them.

Store these dog treats for several months, in your favorite [Fire Hydrant Ceramic Cookie Jar](#), at room temperature.

Tips for Dog Park Safety

August 9, 2018 *Written by Marissa Ann Portillo, BS, RLATG, CM*

It's all fun and games, until someone gets bitten.

Summer is the perfect time of year to bring your canine furry friend to the local dog park. Dog parks can be a great way for your pooch to spend their extra energy and learn socialization skills; but they can also be a dangerous place if you're not careful. We have some tips to make sure your next trip to the dog park is a safe and enjoyable one.

Know Your Side

Most dog parks have a "small dog area" and a "large dog area". It is very important to respect the signage and bring your pet to the side that fits them best. Some small dogs have big personalities, and some large dogs act like little kittens, so in this case it's good to ask other pet parents if it's ok to bring your pet to the side that is not necessarily reflective of their outer appearance. It's important to communicate with pet parents that are already at the park and ensure all pets feel safe.

Slow and Steady

When introducing your pup to new friends in a new space, it's important to go slow. Allow your dog to go at their own pace, do not rush them to make friends immediately. If your dog isn't comfortable within 5-10 minutes, it's best to try the park again another day. Sometimes desensitizing your pup to the new environment allows them to gain confidence.

Have Your Leash Ready

Once you get comfortable and have checked with the other pet parents, letting your dog off leash is a great feeling. Keeping the leash either across your shoulder or tucked in your pocket or bag allows you quick access should you need to restrain your pet for any reason. This lets other pet parents know that you're ready for action should your pet start behaving rudely or simply become intimidated and need some time to relax.

Watch Body Language

Learning dog body language is so vital to having a good experience at a dog park. Lots of things can happen in this open space, especially when there are new dogs around. Watch carefully for aggressive behavior, cowering, or perimeter walking. These are all signs that something is not going right. Always watch your pet, never take your eyes off of your dog. Your dog is your responsibility, and you owe it to them to make sure they are safe and behaving well in this new environment. If, for any reason, something doesn't look right – act fast, leash your dog, and calmly exit the park. Dog fights can break out in a matter of heartbeats and are often very brutal.

Keep An Open Dialogue

Chatting with other pet parents to better understand their pets is a great way to pass the time and also ensure that you're doing everything you can to keep your dog safe. The dog park is supposed to be a fun, enjoyable space – pet parents want to share their ideas and discuss ways to ensure their pets are safe as well. If someone raises a flag about a particular dog at the park, it's important to take it seriously and assess the situation for yourself. If you are not confident that a dog is safe to have in the park, remove your pet. It's okay to do this and pet parents respect you for doing so. You can even start the conversation with "Fido occasionally has some toy aggression. I need to take him out if the other dogs have that ball". Everyone will understand.

Follow All Posted Rules (last but not least!)

Please read and understand all posted park rules before entering a dog park. If your pet is not vaccinated or is a puppy, you should not enter the park. Some towns have very specific rules regarding weight or breed of dogs allowed in the park and although these restrictions may feel unnecessary, it's important that you follow them to remain in compliance with the town ordinances.

We hope that these tips prove to be helpful for you and your canine companion. Should there ever be an injury sustained at a dog park, please be sure to ask the owner of the other dog involved about the pet's rabies history and get to the nearest emergency hospital for treatment. We see at least one patient each week with wounds sustained at various dog parks, so we know how to navigate these situations. The faster you get to the ER, the more promptly we can provide care.

St. Patrick's Day Pet Safety for Dogs

Shamrocks: Not So Lucky for Pets

The Oxalis species of shamrock plant, sometimes given as gifts on St. Paddy's Day, can be toxic to dogs and cats. Luckily they taste bitter and are seldom the snack of choice, but if eaten in large amounts it can cause low blood calcium and kidney damage. Symptoms of Oxalis poisoning include stomach upset, drooling, head shaking, and decreased appetite.

St. Patrick's Day Foods: Do's & Don'ts for Pets

don't: Salty/fatty foods

Traditional foods like corned beef and mashed potatoes, can be very high in salt and fat. [Salt toxicity](#) in pets is dangerous and giving your pet too much fatty food scraps can cause acute pancreatitis.

Don't: Raisins

Currants & raisins, often found in Irish soda bread, can [can cause severe kidney damage](#) leading to acute kidney failure in dogs.

Don't: Foods containing onion & garlic

Don't feed your pet foods that contain onion & garlic, such as pot roast or shepherd's pie. When onions and garlic are ingested in large amounts, it can cause anemia, with resultant weakness, lethargy and pale mucous membranes. Cats are more sensitive than dogs to Allium (leeks) toxicosis.

Do's:

Here are some snacks you **can** give to your pets on this festive holiday:

- Raw veggies (cabbage, carrots, green beans)
- Cooked plain potato
- [These adorable shamrock cookies for dogs](#)

And always remember to keep trash cans secure; that corned beef fat can smell irresistible to a hungry pup.



Be Safe at EASTER also

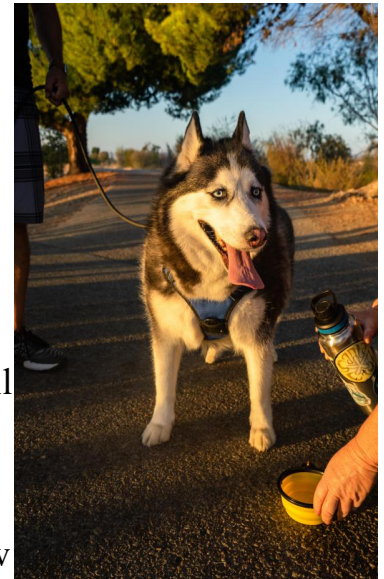
Hidden chocolate and candy in Easter eggs can be especially harmful. Easter eggs also often come with small plastic and rubber toys which, if ingested, could be hazardous to your dog. It is best to keep your dog away from any egg hunts by keeping them on a leash or in another area of your home.



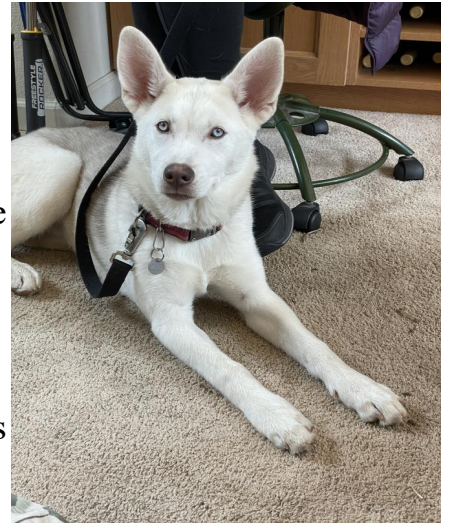
Rescue for March

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Meet Ellie!!! This 5 year old cutie gives the sweetest of kisses and is the sweetest of all fluff. When it's cool outside, she loves walking on cool summer evenings and she loves the wind in her face on car rides. Ellie is lady of few words, but she speaks her mind when something stirs her soul. You'll need to be patient with Shelly until she finally gains your trust, but once she does, she'll be your most devoted companion and will open up to you. She loves to stay by your side no matter where you are and always stays close to watch over you while you sleep. A torn ligament in her right back leg caused her severe anxiety in the Animal shelter, so we decided to pull her and thanks to the staff at MedVet they were able to perform TPLO surgery so quickly. She's made great progress since then and has learned how to walk, love, & trust again since her surgery. A little time is needed for her to warm up and feel comfortable The new sights, sounds, & friends make her feel more confident in new environments, and her new mobility means she can explore a whole new world of fun. If you are looking for a mellow, affectionate and loyal companion. Ellie is your girl!



Toasty. While she is elegant looking, she is a cuddly, down to earth pup who enjoys wrestling with her foster brothers, and playing ball. Toasty likes to explore, play and go for walks, but she is also happy spending time relaxing with the family nearby. She is excited to meet new people-especially if they give her pets. Toasty can be shy meeting new dogs but warm s up after a while. There are cats at her foster home. She is trying to figure out what they are. A forever home with the right cat might be a possibility with some training. Toasty has some training already. She is crate trained and is house trained at her foster home but in a new environment she will need some work to figure out where to go. She knows sit and is willing to learn. Toasty is ready and waiting for her forever home.

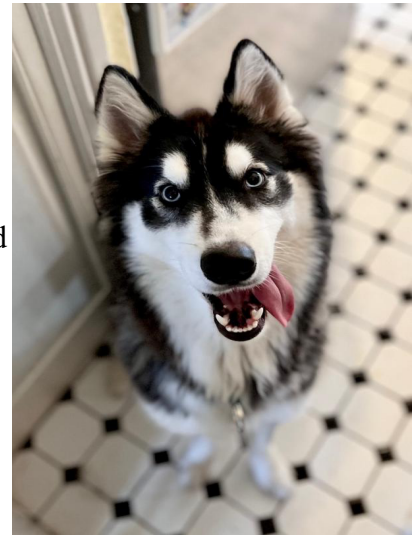


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Cricket! Oh you lucky lucky Cricket! She's a tiny little lucky Husky ready to be your goof luck charm. Cricket is a 35# Husky girl about 9 months old with fluffy ears and a hippity hoppity spring in her step. She could possibly be a Pomsky given her personality and zest for fun.

Cricket almost didn't make out of the shelter system but she's here safe in foster now. She adores playing with other dogs but with her rough experiences is cautious with new people. Foster mommy recommends older children with dog savvy as a better fit for play time. It doesn't take her long to warm up though if her doggy buddies tell her you are good people! She just needs calm and patience.

Lucky Cricket's best life would be with another very playful dog in the home and experienced dog owners. She is still a puppy so though she is excellent in crate she is still learning her house manners. She LOVES walks, short or long. She adores playing chase with humans or dog friends and tries her best to be the bestest tug of war rope player ever. She enjoys couch TV surfing and can clear your baby gates in a leap because hanging with the family is the MOST fun. Do you have time to play with an active bundle of hip-hopping Cricket joy? Is there room for training, consistency and taking those fun outings? Can you commit to crating and a playful fur friend at home who needs a buddy? This is the girl for you! We can't wait to meet you.



Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

Membership Renewal and Associate Application 2024-25

Membership \$35.00

To be a voting member you need to attend 2 general meetings and then
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