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The Vote

Thank you to all of those of you that voted.

It was a unanimous vote for Anthony Taskey for President
Dona Rivas for Secretary....
Congratulations to both of you

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April no due to Shelter in Place
May – Mail in your ballot
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>

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 morning, Thursday afternoon and Saturday morning. 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.

Save our Siberians- Siberspace Rescue Fund

Has two great fundraisers going on in May.

The first is a spring shirt (you can get a unisex t-shirt, a long sleeve t shirt, a hoodie, a lady's V-neck or a lady round neck) SOS-SRF helps fund many Siberians in rescue with major medical needs. They have helped BASH on numerous occasions and BASH has made donations to them when we could.

We have another wonderful drawing that we have put various types and colors of shirts for Spring. A siberian that has helped with gardening by pulling up the tulips..... you pick out the style and size, order it and at the end of fundraiser it will be mailed to you. Spring Fundraiser Link:

<https://www.customink.com/fundraising/sos-fundraiser>



SOS-SRF spring online auction

The second is - SOS-SRF has held twice-yearly Internet auctions of Siberian Husky related items since we were first created in 1998. One of the original ideas for our group was that we would spin the undercoat of our Siberian Huskies into yarn (Siberwool) which would be used to create crafts that would be auctioned to raise funds to help Siberians Huskies in rescue. These crafts include hats, scarves, dreamcatchers and mittens. When we asked our supporters for additional donations for the auction they responded with an eclectic array of stuffed toys, ceramics, pictures, puzzles, jewelry, books and other hand-crafted or purchased items.

Our auctions are held in the spring and fall. The 2020 spring auction will run from **May 4 to on May 10**. If you register as an auction participant, you will receive an email before the auction.

We are using our own home grown application for this auction. If you want to participate you must register. The Auction FAQ link on the left gives information on how the auction works and how to make a donation.

Thanks to everyone who participates in our auction either by making a donation or bidding.

<http://sos-srf.org/auction/Auction.asp>

Challenges of being a dog owner in today's social media age

by Heron Ho

We've been dog owners and a foster home for dog rescue organizations for over a decade and seen many trends in training, nutrition, gear, etc. We are not that plugged into social media and share little if anything personal. However we do take note of other people's experiences and challenges of pet ownership.

Most people post cute pictures of their dogs and of the beautiful places they've been. Many are very skilled with a DSLR camera and photo editing, so they look amazing ... and therein lies the issue. A lot of people do simple things like edit out the leash (we do that sometimes too for aesthetic reasons) and add filters to their pictures. Some of them would take a bunch of pictures when they are at a beautiful or unique location and post it to their various social media accounts spread over several months. Some even alter the image entirely to look like they are amongst the blazing golden fall leaves place or winter wonderland with perfect bright white snow.

People who spend a lot of time on social media know this but otherwise don't give it much thought. It is easy to look at a picture of a dog in a beautiful or visually interesting setting and think that is that dog's everyday life. For somebody getting through a challenging period in their life, maybe dealing with financial or health issues, or having a dog with behavioral issues, seeing pictures like that can make them feel inadequate. A person whose dog has behavioral issues can't take that candid shot of their dog off leash or somebody with a reactive dog can't take that cool urban shot of their dog. They start to think "what is it that I'm doing wrong? Why can't my dog be like them?" But one should remember that social media is a snapshot, it doesn't tell the whole story. For all you know that candid off leash action shot was edited to have the leash removed, that cool dog in the urban setting could've had a meltdown right after the picture was taken. Alternatively, what that picture doesn't convey is that the owner worked extremely hard over possibly many years, missing vacations, getting into arguments with family members, missing work and or sleep just to cope with their dog and modify unwanted behaviors. Some very popular instagram celebrities give their dog a sedative so they can bring their dog to busy public events for the sole purposes of taking pictures and gaining followers. Some people constantly lose their dog because they've not been trained to behave off leash or break park rules for the sake of those pictures. Some unfortunately abuse their dogs away from the camera. The point is that we don't know the reality behind those pictures.

So my advice is stop comparing yourself with others. Be kind to yourself and don't force that amazing shot at some interesting location and just enjoy the moment. Strive to be happy and appreciate the little things. Live in the present and enjoy the time you have with your dog whether it's watching TV in your PJs or out on some road trip adventure. Your dog doesn't care if they don't go anywhere or that they don't have the latest dog toy ... they just want to spend time with you!

What to do with your dog when you are all staying home.....

During shelter in place, dogs are getting walked more, played with etc....but what else can you do with your dog to entertain them and you.

Choosing the Right Puzzle For Your Dog

Not sure where to start? Interactive toys and puzzles come in different levels—easy to hard, explains Dr. Judy Morgan DVM, CVA, CVCP, CVFT, author of *From Needles to Natural: Learning Holistic Pet Healing*. “So for dogs that are just starting out with puzzles, you might start at a lower level,” Morgan says.

Personality and breed also play a big part on what type of toy your dog will enjoy. “Dogs with herding instincts need to think, so toys that require problem-solving are a good start,” says Nierenberg. “Dogs that like chasing need satisfy their prey instinct, so toys that require finding something would generally be good.” The best way to discover what your dog likes is to try a few different options. “Some dogs also really like variety, others will gravitate toward the same toy over and over,” says Nierenberg. “Search games are great for active dogs, while puzzles that don’t require a lot of movement can still provide stimulation for pets with mobility issues.”

One last benefit of interactive toys? They can be great for senior dogs. “Just as solving puzzles like Sudoku and crossword help keep humans functioning at a higher level, the same applies to senior pets,” says Morgan.

“Having to focus and find a solution stimulates brain connections.” If the toy allows you to add [treats](#), Morgan recommends picking treats that are high in omega 3’s, as these nutrients help feed the brain.



Barkaritas

With this frozen dog treat yappy hour will never be the same!

The Canine Chef Cookbook (Kirby the Dorkie)

Yields: 1 Serving

Prep Time: 2 minutes

Cook Time: None

Freeze Time: 2 hours

Nutrition facts: Calories: 1

Calories from fat: 1

Ingredients:

- frozen homemade chicken stock

Instructions:

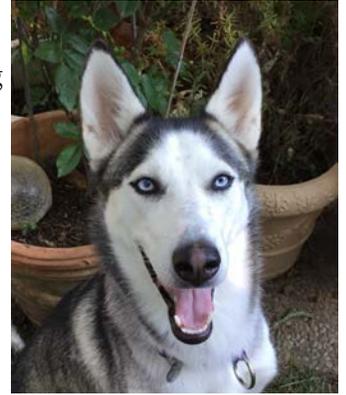
1. Crush two frozen cubes of homemade chicken stock
2. Place in glass, er bowl and serve



Rescue for May

Beth Chamberlain 408-859-3101 b.d.c@comcast.net

Olivia is a petite Siberian with a lot of spunk! She enjoys playing, going for walks and being with people. She needs a person or family that knows siberians as she has a strong personality.... and if she clicks with you it will be great...She would make a nice dog for someone looking for a companion to spend time with, though she may be too active for a family with young children. With her activity level we also think she would do better with another dog to play with when her owners are at work and or when they don't have time to wear her out. She gets along with medium to large dogs that she has meet and feels comfortable with. She can be leash reactive with unknown dogs. She does much better meeting new dogs one on one in a quiet setting. Olivia knows basic obedience. She loves to be pet and spend time with her people.



We only have one dog currently in rescue. The great thing to tell is that we placed or helped rescue and place 8 dogs in the past month. We work with people to place their own dogs in our area and to help shelters place theirs.

Here are the pictures of those that placed in the last month.

Recently placed Huskies...



Hermes
Sex: Male
Age: 18 months old



Kobee
Sex: Male
Age: 2 years 0 months old



Kona
Sex: Male
Age: 2 years 1 months old



Arya
Sex: Female
Age: 4 months old



Elliot
Sex: Male
Age: 18 months old



Quinn Mae
Sex: Female
Age: 1 years 9 months old



Asiago
Sex: Male
Age: 11 months old



Boris
Sex: Male
Age: 3 years old

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 \$ _____

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