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Time to renew your BASH Membership

Renewals for the 1996-97 year is April 1 1996. Check the date on your address label to see when you are paid through to. This will be the last issue for those dates prior to 4/96.

Club Officers as of April 1, 1996

President: Al Ouellette
Vice President: Laura Morales
Secretary: Randee McQueen
Treasurer: Kris Sihler
Members at Large:
Dana Anderson
Melissa Beers
Angela Kwan

BASH Member Profile: Melissa & Terry Beers

I think I first decided that I wanted a Northern Breed at age 7 when my sister handed down her well-worn Disney record album--"Nikki, Dog of the North." I would listen to that record over and over and dream of one day owning a sled dog of my own.

Well, about 20 years later my dream came true when my husband, Terry, and I got our first Siberian, Juneau. Shortly after we purchased our home, we decided to get a dog. The only decision to make was whether to get a Malamute or Siberian. We did a lot of reading and chose the Siberian--the breed is generally dog and people friendly and its size fit much better with our 1,000 square foot house and postage stamp size yard.

Despite all we read and thought we knew before we got Juneau, living with a Siberian was much more challenging than reading about one. Juneau turned out to be everything we had read about--and then some--with a typical stubborn, willful, vocal Siberian temperament.

We were lucky and happened upon the Richard and Pauline Price when we went puppy shopping and they grilled us on what we knew about the breed and gave us more warnings about what to expect when owned by a Siberian. They were also the first people to tell us about BASH. In the early days after we got Juneau, we attended a few BASH meetings but then I started graduate school, my free time disappeared, and we had to forego club activities.

Niki--Dog of the North Well, not really! We got our second Siberian, Niki, when Juneau was about a year old. Niki came from a woman who didn't know what to expect from the breed, didn't have enough time to give Niki the exercise she needed, and wanted to be rid of her. At four, Niki is still hyper, and a little strange, but she fits well into our family. One of her best friends is our 6 year old cat Sophie, who teases Niki unmercifully and really is the alpha dog at our house.

We're adding a third Siberian to our pack this summer with a puppy from Terry and Cari Hinesly's Kiska M Kennels in Oregon. Terry has raced the Iditarod with all Siberian teams a number of times and the litter due in May comes from his

How to Raise A Siberian Husky

By Jacques' Porter

Plant shallow

Feed and water regularly

Fertilize well with a generous portion of love

Your husky will flower and give you years of pleasure



SKYEWriting

Siberian Tales columnist reported missing in Himalayan mountains

From *Siberian Tales news services*
DARAMSALA, India - Spokesmen for the Tibetan government in exile refused today (April 26) to confirm reports that Alan Doyle and his Siberian Husky, Skye, had crossed into Nepal to participate in the 214th reincarnation of the Dalaiditarod and would be unable to file their May column for Siberian Tales newsletter.

"We do not comment on the comings and goings of visitors to our monastery," said the spokesman, identified as the Abbot Dhaba Dhu.

A U.S. embassy spokesman in Kathmandu also declined comment on reports that Doyle and his dog had challenged the defending champions, a team of 1,145 gerbils specially trained by Hollywood actors, in the annual race from Kathmandu to Lhasa.

The spokesmen downplayed reports of sightings by Nepali peasants of a tall, grey, bearded figure in rainbow-colored tee-shirt stumbling through the Himalayas mumbling something that translated as, "Dammit, Skye, leave those cats alone."

The sightings came from the same areas where Nepalese and Sherpa guides previously have reported spotting the Yeti, or abominable snowman, the embassy spokesman said.

The fourth undersecretary of the fifth directorate of the People's Republic of China's embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan, also declined comment on the report. "I don't know why you idiots in the press are contacting me, said the undersecretary, Hu Nu Him, "since Pakistan is nowhere near Tibet. But since you ask, while the People's Republic now welcomes running-dog capitalists, or at least their money, our policy prohibiting running capitalist dogs remains unchanged."

It was known, however, that Doyle, had taken on more freelance work than he could complete by deadline, and also faced a severe case of writer's block. Friends in his hometown of Vallejo, Calif., said he told them he had no choice but make up a "weird excuse" to explain why he missed his column deadline.

BASH Profile- Continued (Beers)

leader line.

Back To BASH Sometime last summer, I "met" Laura Morales on the Internet through the sleddog e-mail list. I was finishing up my degree and was about to have free time again so when she told me about an upcoming BASH fun match, Terry and I decided to attend. We soon got involved in club activities and became BASH members. I also help out with the BASH rescue effort by maintaining the rescue world wide web page.

Doggy Activities

We like to spend time with our dogs outdoors and do a lot of camping, boating, and hiking. We acquired a Sacco

cart last summer and have been training our dogs to pull. This past winter we spent quite a few weekends in the Sierra mushing and are now thoroughly addicted to the sport.

Both Terry and I work to support our dog activities--I am a marketing communications account supervisor for an agency that promotes semiconductor-related companies and Terry is an English professor at Santa Clara University.

In the end, our Siberians turned out to be nothing like the legendary Nikki--who loyally returned to his owner after years of living the high life in the wild--but we love their independent, outgoing spirit and are destined to share our lives with Siberians for a very long time to come.

Mt. Umunhum - Afternoon Get Together

Time: 2 pm May 11 (Saturday)

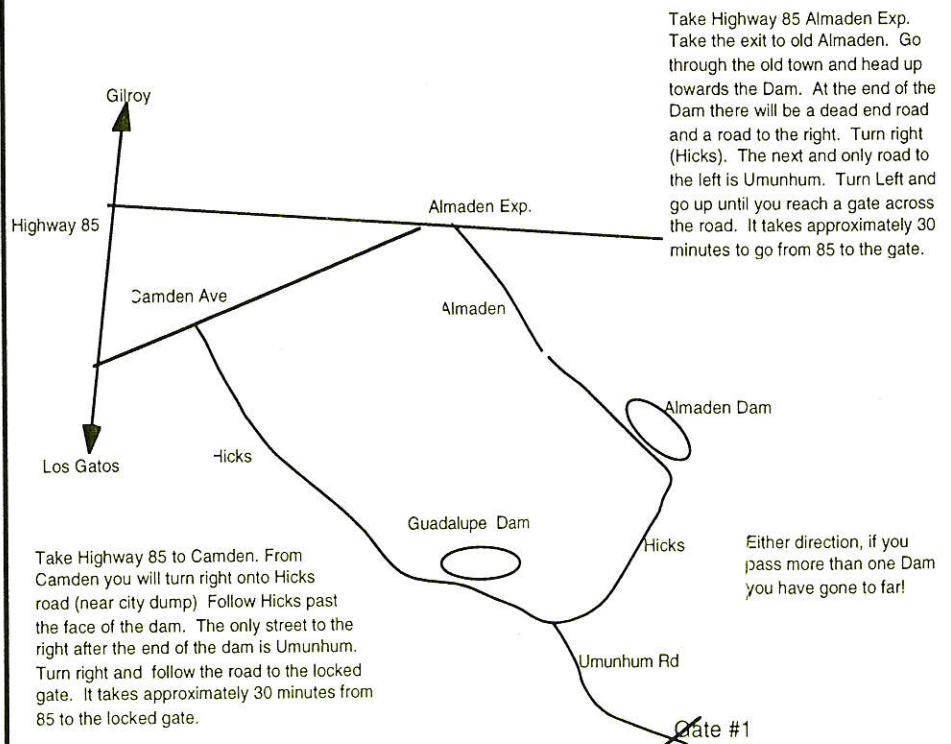
During the past few months many BASH members have been able to cart their dogs on Mt. Umunhum. Others have been unable to attend due to the time or days that have been scheduled. We would like to invite all members up for an afternoon BBQ. If it is cool enough we will also cart the dogs.

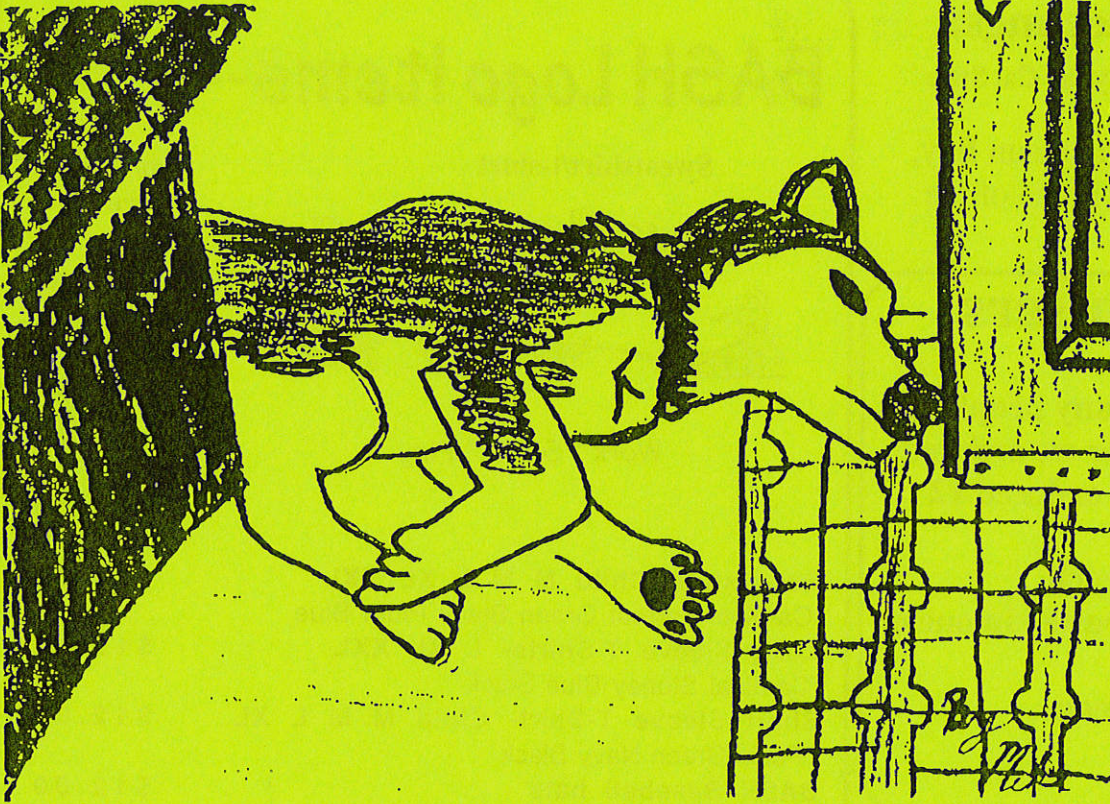
Bring your dogs, sweaters or jackets, wear walking shoes and bring a chair.

We must pass through three locked gates to access the property we cart at. We will meet people at the lower gate at 2 pm. Plan on staying 3 or more hours.

We will BBQ hot dogs, bring a snack to share.

If you plan on attending, please call Randee so we know the number of persons to expect. (408)377-2900





Kid's coloring section

This is a drawing of Bandit my Michael Morales.

If other kids would like pictures produced in the newsletter please send them to us. We prefer black and white since they will print better. If we get enough we will have a contest of all that have been sent in.

Hope to hear from you!

Bay Area Siberian Husky Rescue/Referral



Presents:

Adoption Fairs on the first Saturday and the third Sunday of every month

Premium Pet Mart

Please join us on Saturday May 4, June 1
11 am to 3 pm
4698 Meridian Ave
(at Branham Ave.)

Directions to Husky Day in San Jose. Take 85 South Exit Camden Ave. Go Right at light to Branham Ave. Go South on Branham to Meridian. Shopping Center on far right corner. You will find Premium Pet Mart in the middle.

Pet Food Express!

Please join us on Sunday May 19, June 16
11 am to 3 pm
Westgate Shopping Center
1933 Davis Blvd.

Directions to Husky Day in San Leandro. Take 880 Exit Davies West take left at the first light into Westgate Shopping Center. Turn right at the first stop sign. You will find Pet Food Express to the left in the row of buildings in front of you.

Upcoming Meetings:

May 18- Siberian Specialty at Cal State Hayward

June 1- Bike Rally in Suisun Bay, meeting at 4 pm at the home of the Guido's

K-9 Cruisers

We had sooooo many people call for the cruisers after we ordered them that we have ordered 12 more!

\$35.00 each

If you are still interested in one or two, contact:

Randee McQueen
(408)377-2900

Put Your Ad HERE!

Advertise your kennel goods for sale or anything you may have in our newsletter for just \$10 a month for a business card size ad. Ads must be submitted by the 20th of the month to guarantee placement in the following months newsletter.

Please send camera ready copy to: Randee McQueen c/o BASH 2633 S. Bascom Ave Campbell CA 95008

BASH Logo Items----

Sweatshirt/t-shirt

Pin/ short sleeve t's

Bay Area Siberian Husky Club



Work * Show * Play

Sweatshirts-Child M M L XL XXL	\$ 20.00
Cardinal Forrest Green Black Plum Blue	
Long Sleeve T-Shirts- L XL XXL	\$ 15.00
Cardinal Stoney Blue Black	
Short Sleeve T-Shirt- Child M M L XL	\$ 12.00
Fusia Green Navy Black	
BASH Baseball hats	\$ 12.00
StoneWashed Green Blue Maroon Gray	
BASH pin (old logo)	\$ 4.00
BASH pin (new logo)	\$ 5.00
SnoBASH Coffee cups	\$ 5.00
Alaskan Collars	\$ 6.00
Send \$2.00 per item if you want it mailed	

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UPCOMING SHOWS MATCHES AND EVENTS IN NO. CA 1996

Dog Show Dates

May 4th-5th-Mensona Kennel Club-Sonoma Fairgrounds,Santa Rosa-already closed
 May 18th- BASH SPECIALTY-Cal St. Hayward-close May 8th for Pre-entries
 May 25th-26th-Hangtown Kennel Club-El Dorado Co.Fairgrounds-Placerville
 May 27th-Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club-Mother Lode Fairgrounds-Sonora-close May 8th
 June 8th-9th- Contra Costa Kennel Club-Contra Costa Fairgrounds-Antioch
 June 14th- Shasta Kennel Club-Butte Co. Fairgrounds-Gridley-close May 29
 June 15- Chico Kennel club-same as Shasta
 June 16th- Two Cities Kennel Club-same as Shasta
 (3day show same place)

Minutes from 4/21/96

Present: Terry and Melissa Beers, Dana Anderson, Scott Tilmant, Randee and Megan McQueen, Nic, Diane, Nicky and Chris Matulich, Al and Carol Ouellette, Amy and Tom Born, Kris, Barry, Ashley, Danny & Mitchell.

Guests: Anita and Gary Kelly, Debra Gordon, Mike Longberg, Scott and Lorlinda Lee, Robert Cabanban, Doug Aldrich and Angela Eddy

Officers Reports-

President's: Discussed the success of Fun Day even though we didn't make ganglines but made a number of drop lines. Next time we will ask for people to sign up so we will be more prepared. Would like a few days scheduled during the summer for Mt. Umunhum where we run dogs and have nice Barbecues. Is very impressed by our new proposed member and the fact that he has a Siberian Husky for a guidedog.

Vice-President's Absent

Treasurer: All the paperwork was just handed over to the Treasurer and she will be better able at the next meeting to give information on the status of our account.

Secretary: Had another group of people sign up for the newsletter, we have made more brochures, are running off close to 200 newsletter and putting together things that are needed for the various events that we are doing.

Rescue Report: All foster homes are full. Many of the original issues have been resolved and we are working on additional forms etc... We have taken in 7 dogs from the Santa Clara County Humane Society that have all come from one home. The rescue would like to thank Premium Pet Mart in San Jose for donating over 50 bags of food that had been broken.

Election of New Member-

- A. Anita and Gary Kelly- Voted in unanimously
- B. Robert Cabanban-Voted in unanimously
- C. Doug Aldrich and Angela Eddy - Voted in unani.

Old Business:

A. Specialty Match in May is ready to go. We will need people to help at the match with serving food, setting up rings. We only need two stewards and people have already volunteered for those positions, food will be available at \$5.00 per person. We have a couple of people also lined up to do the cart rides. We will make certificates for kids that ride.

B. Bike Rally- we still don't have a flyer but it should be ready for the newsletter. We will have our June meeting at 4 pm in the same location. As to the rally we will have a BASH booth and will do cart rides for children and adults for \$.50 kids and \$1.00 adults. We will begin the rides around 11:00am. Anything can be changed based on weather. If it is too hot we will not do rides. The press will be informed of what we do as a club, that we have some dogs from the movie Iron Will and other things to promote people coming and learning more about the club.

C. photo contest- voted on four pictures for the contest. Dog with football in the mouth 8, sled dog in training 7, Big foot Itasha 2 and Bath Time 1. Turka MacAlister is the owner of the winning dog picture and will receive a hat as her prize.

New Business

A. Future events- Ekanumba talk on Nutrition (Melissa will contact the local person and Nic will make arrangements to use the Cabana near his house. We would like

a talk on grooming- Nic knows a master groomer and will find out if she will do a talk at Premium Pet Mart or other location, Kathy Miyoshi and Robert will contact their vet to see if he will do one of his talks for our club, other ideas brought up were to have a Fun Day at Harvey West Park in Santa Cruz- maybe in July as the area is an untapped area for Husky owners and possible people to adopt huskies (Kris will look into doing this) She made the comment whenever she goes to the HS to look at a dog, it is already gone as they are very popular here. Another Hike in Boulder Creek in Oct or so????

B. Need a person to take over the hospitality stuff (plates, spoons, forks, cups etc) The Born's have volunteered.

C. ID tags- It was brought up that BASHRR has purchased ID tags with the 800 # on them. Many members had voiced an opinion that they would like the opportunity to buy a tag for their pets as one more way to find them if they were lost. The Board had previously approved the idea to do this and after a short discussion of the merits as why to allow this, it was decided that person can purchase these tags at \$5.00 per tag. The proceeds will go to BASHRR and the original cost of the tags. A notice will be sent out in the newsletter.

D. Randee brought up how successful the purchase and subsequent sale of the Alaskan collars and requested that we purchase another 25 collars for the Specialty along with harnesses. This idea was approved by the membership. Nic said he would order the harnesses.

Next Meeting- May 18th at Hayward State following the Match.

June meeting- June 1- The Guido's
July- ? at Nic's with the Ekanumba talk?

IX. Brags- Kris bragged for Charlene LaBelle that Buddy Finished on Saturday and Corky got her first Major.

PHOTO Contest

We finally completed the first photo contest and Turka MacAlister won a BASH hat with her entry of her dog holding a large plastic football in its mouth.

Runnerup was Randee McQueen's picture of her puppy laying upside down next to a sign that said sled dog in training.

Thank you to all that participated in our first photo contest.

Tahvi and Gary Kelly - The Training of a Guide Dog - Part 2

I began Tahvi's training with very little obedience. Virtually all teaching was with positive reinforcement only. As months have gone by, I demanded a higher standard of excellence reinforced with verbal praise, and verbal discipline for the most part. Occasionally - and rarely for the training of Tahvi - I used a leash correction. I reserved this for severe offenses, since verbal guidance is all that he normally requires. Tahvi is a "soft" dog, and a leash correction is much too harsh for him in most instances. He takes my verbal displeasure seriously, and tries to please.

I was surprised to find that when I began his obedience training that he had no objection. When Tahvi was young, he would get up in the morning, and begin his day like a cannon ball. He was awake, full of energy, and ready for his walk. It was hard to get him to eat breakfast first. As a matter of fact he would get so excited, that I had to slow him down, or the excitement led to further spirals of uncontrolled enthusiasm. So, I began obedience training before taking him on a walk. Much to my surprise, he took to it with typical husky enthusiasm. I had a hard time being serious enough to keep him concentrating on his exercises.

Tahvi learned all the commands, and can perform each perfectly - when he can restrain himself enough to comply. He has learned that when he does complete them successfully, we go for his walk. So at the end of the session I am rewarded with a trumpeting husky's declaration of success.

Initiative is very important in guide dogs, and counter to obedience. Guide dog instructors like to talk about the criteria for guide dogs being initiative, emotional stability,

and intelligent disobedience. Guide dogs are not very well trained for obedience because it is counter to the first and third qualities most sought for in selecting guide dogs.

Initiative is required for the dog to problem solve. Too many situations contain variables and circumstances of which I can know nothing. My dog has to make the decision to do something, or we are stuck. That can be dangerous. The dog has to take the initiative and solve the problem appropriately.

As an example (that is all too typical) I can site the case of crossing a street that has multiple lanes, and having an inconsiderate driver pull into the crosswalk blocking it. If we stand still, the light may change leaving us in the middle of a street with cars going everywhere around us. Playing Russian roulette with automobiles is not my idea of entertainment. I want to have my dog figure a way out - now.

The solution is not one I can dictate. Walking in front of the car may be unsafe if it takes us into the traffic lane, especially with cars coming up from behind us. Walking behind the car may be unsafe as well in that it may put us between two cars, with the possibility that the driver in front may decide to back up for some unknown reason, and not realize we are behind him.

The dog had better think quickly - and well ahead of the problem. The key is to not have the situation develop if it can be helped. That means that Tahvi has to have figured out the problem before leaving the safety of the curb or island from which we start. It is possible, and has happened, that the situation developed after that was no longer a reality. Tahvi solves this by being conservatively assertive. He walks in front of the first car - right up to the offending driver's side and stares the driver down. Several times they have

backed up to let us pass with apologies.

On the occasions when this has not occurred Tahvi is quite sure that the car we are now standing in front of is not going to move. He has placed himself in a position to be visible to the next driver behind the offending motorist, and when the inconsiderate driver has removed himself/herself - the next car usually stops to allow us safe passage to the curb. Tahvi is good - very good, in fact the best at this of any of the guide dogs I have ever had.

Intelligent disobedience is knowing when to tell the master "no". If I order Tahvi forward, and he realizes that some driver is ready to make his right turn on red regardless of us having the right of way, he had better stand still. He does. He has a strong sense of self preservation.

How do you encourage initiative? It can be suppressed, and I find encouraged with appropriate education. I did it through a careful program requiring months of work. When Tahvi guides me we encounter many situations which are trivial as well as those which are major. I began by having him make choices in trivial situations. Which way around an obstacle do we go? Often there are two or three solutions, and I let him choose. In any situation there may be more than one answer, and the important fact is that of Tahvi recognizing alternate possibilities. If he makes a choice differing from my own, I let him make it if it truly makes no difference.

This may extend to which approach we make when we come, which way we walk around the block, or whether we use a short cut or not. I often stop, and say nothing. Tahvi will seem to think about it, and offer a tentative indication of what he expects us to do. I then direct him to continue. After a while he made choices more assertively. Now he

can be quite definite, though he immediately revises his thinking if I direct him to do so.

When we approach low hanging tree branches on a sidewalk, Tahvi has to decide if we should go into the street to go around them, or if I can safely navigate by stooping beneath them. Sometimes I duck beneath them, but complain verbally if I think we could have gone around. He has learned to take me around in the street unless he has decided that he doesn't have the visibility to do so. Then I have to duck beneath branches.

Tahvi can now make confident decisions about going around cars at a construction site, moving into a traffic lane when the sidewalk is blocked, and staying where he is until the situation has changed and produced a better set of circumstances. It is one of the few times Tahvi displays patience.

There have been a couple of situations where Tahvi has given others a look communicating his assessment of their behavior - at least in their perceptions. We came down the sidewalk one day to find that construction was blocking the next twenty feet of sidewalk. Worker's were doing some concrete work, and had hoses, wheel barrows, shovels, frames, and other debris every where. The workers immediately called out for us to stop, and one began directing the others to move various objects out of the way, Tahvi stopped for a moment or two, then proceeded, with some interesting expression on his face for the one giving orders. The man said to me, "I guess I should just let him do his job." I wish I could have seen Tahvi's look. Anita says he can communicate so clearly.

Part 3 next month-

Brag, Brag, Brag, Brag, Brag....

Celine and Bryan Tews brag:

In next years 1997 Pet Print Calendar of the Siberian Husky :

SHAMAN HAS HIS OWN PAGE!!!!!!! He is sitting by a tree. He also is sitting on a bench with the rest of his littermates on another page! There is also another one but I have to find the calendar to see which one it is.

Shaman also took best puppy at the Sunny Valley Dog Clubs fun match on sat April 4-13

Angel took a first against Daisey and Shaman took a second on April 20th.

Charlene LaBelle bragged that
Buddy is a Champion
Corky has her first major.

Wind-Wolves

Do you hear the cry as the pack goes by,
The wind-wolves hunting across the sky ?
Hear them tongue it, keen and clear,
Hot on the flanks of the flying deer!

Across the forest, mere and plain,
Their hunting howl goes up again!
All night they'll follow the ghostly trail,
All night we'll hear their phantom wail,

For tonight the wind-wolf holds sway,
From Pegasus Square to the Milky Way,
And the frightneed bands of cloud-deer flee,
In scattered groups of two and three.

(By William D. Sargent)

Medical Corner

Seizures/Convulsions

A seizure is any sudden and uncontrolled spastic type of movement of the animal's body caused by abnormal brain activity. Seizures may be very severe and affect all of the body, or quite mild affecting only a portion of the pet. The pet may or may not be conscious, and may urinate or have a bowel movement.

What to do:

Protect the pet from injuring itself and away from water

Remove other pets from the area

Record the time the seizure begins and ends

If it lasts longer than 5 minutes, seek emergency help at once

Once it is over call your vet for further advice.

What Not to do:

Do not place your hands near pets mouth

Do not slap, throw water on or otherwise startle your pet. The seizure will end when it ends and you must remain calm

(reprinted from Emergency Care for your Dogs and Cats)

BASHR/R ID Tags

BASHR/R has purchased for rescue dogs numerical ID tags with the 800 number for the dogs that are placed through BASHR/R. At the recent general meeting it was decided that all members should be allowed to purchase ID tags for their dogs. By having one of these tags on your dog you have one more place for a person to call in case your dog gets out of your yard and/or is lost. The cost to members will be \$5.00 per tag.

The 800 number is checked daily for lost and found dogs.

If you are interested in a tag, please contact Dana Anderson via e-mail at SIBESLED1@aol.com or page her at (408)397-1593.

Tags will be available for purchase at the Specialty Match in May.

ADDRESS BOOK

BASH 1996-7 address book will be sent with the June newsletter. If there is an error on your address label please contact the editors with the correction.

If you have an E-mail that we have not listed please send that to us also.

E-mail messages to
Ranee1@aol.com

Thank you

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Packard Bell Computer 486/33
Windows 95 plus lots more software
28.8 external modeum
Epson Dot Matrix Printer
Asking \$900 for more info
contact Laura at (408) 247-8836

Night run of Madness!

So far I have written about some great trails and great runs. This Trail Tale is about one that did not turn out as planned.

Last year, winter 94-95 was the first year I helped put on the annual SnoBash, which we had attended for several seasons. Since this was my first time organizing this I decided I should go up to meet Paul, the owner/operator of the Bear Valley Cross Country Ski Center and School, where SnoBash was typically held. I made arrangements to meet Paul on Tuesday morning and proceeded to load the dogs Monday evening and head up.

My first clue of what was ahead for me came at Soda Springs a few miles from Bear Valley. It was very, very cold but perfectly clear. There had been a series of storms though the area during the previous week with several feet of snow being left behind. The last storm had just ended Monday afternoon. Anyway, as I said, Soda Springs was the first inkling of how the night would go. As cold as it was, there was a pool of water and slush that had accumulated on the road from the springs. It was about a foot deep and appeared at first glance to just be more of the snow covered roadway. My 4wd S10 hit this pool of icewater at about 35mph and was completely drenched. As I said it was a clear night and I did not have my defrosters going because the 2 dogs in the front seat were keeping me plenty warm. The water hit my truck and froze instantly. I suddenly became an blind icecube hurtling along Hiway 4 at night. Talk about startling. The windshield wipers were stuck under several inches of ice. There were no openings through the ice that I could use to see. I slowly braked and waited for the impact. The road was gently curving to the right and I just tried to guess where it was. I could not roll my window down as it was frozen in place, so I gritted my teeth and told Sioux and Kodi to hang on.

After what seemed an eternity we rolled to a stop about 150 feet from the pool. The drivers door would not readily open from the ice but gave finally with the third kick from my boot. I got out and found I was straddling the center of the roadway. Not a bad guess. I inched the truck over to the edge and started the defroster. After laying out a flare before the overflow I got out the ice scraper and started clearing the headlights and windshield.

We arrived at the Snow Park without further incident and set up camp. The snow was about 15 feet high here. It was about 10 pm but there was a beautiful full moon and I had 6 dogs that wanted to do something. "I know, lets go for a night run" up

towards Ebbets Pass. So I got the sled loaded and harnessed the dogs. It was cold enough that the synthetic stock on my shotgun had contracted to the point of flopping loose so I got out the wrench and tightened it. I would later find out that was a mistake when the stock split after warming up back home. Maybe the original wood stock had merit.

As I had mentioned the series of storms had left about 15' at the Snow Park and the access by the gate was buried. To get to the trail I would have to go back to the first access point near the entrance to the Snow Park where I had noticed that someone had put in a cut over the top of the bank.

The dogs were more than eager to go and we lit off down the road like a rocket. By the time I realized where the trail was we were going by it at a dead run. I called a Haw turn which caused them to turn toward the outhouse then they curved back onto the road. Now you have to remember that the snow park is just a gate across hiway 4 with parking along the road. The important concept here is road, meaning pavement. Even though there was 4 inches of ice and snow on the road, the sled brake could not bite into the asphalt. We hurtled on by the trail and on down Hiway 4 toward Bear Valley.

Standing full weight with a shower of sparks we swung by the road to the ski resort. I began yelling for the dogs to whoa, stop and a few other thing better left unsaid. My lead dog Sioux kept trying to slow the team down but the 3 new dogs we had just kept dragging us on. Poor Sioux would just look back at me with the expression of "I am trying". The more I yelled to stop the more Sioux rolled her eyes in frustration. I found I had to keep one foot on the brake just to keep the sled from whipping out of control. Three times I got the sled to halt but there was nothing to sink a snow hook into and the 10 foot walls of snow on either side were to far out of reach. By now Sioux was running just to keep from being trampled.

It wasn't that I really minded a night run out of control down the hiway. I new if I could stay with the sled the new dogs would tire out eventually or we would come to flat spot or better yet, an uphill and I would get them turned around. No, it was the thought of encountering one of the snow plows or worse yet, one of the snow grinders I had passed coming in. At one point that I gotten them to stop for a few moments

a small pickup stopped and the driver asked me if everything was ok. Before I could answer the team lurched away back to their mad run. At this point I was concentrating on staying with the sled rather than trying to stop and turn them. Somewhere after that the flashing red light fell off the sled along with a pair of gloves and other items.

Finally, down by the turn off for Bear Valley Sioux was able to Haw over close enough to a buried road sign to get a hook around it. After I turned the team around the run back up to our camp was slower and I was able to retrieve all the gear I had dropped. We never did encounter one of those dreaded snow plows. I did dream about them that night.

The next thing that went wrong was when I realized in my haste I had left all my food at home. Now when camping in the cold it is the digestion of food that helps to keep you warm when sleeping. I was very hungry and not looking forward to minus 10. So I polished off 2 cups of Nutro's Natural with the dogs and went to bed.

I began dreaming I was being attacked by a snow plow and woke up thinking the dog food had caused it. Suddenly I sat bolt upright in the snowbank I was sleeping in when the world lit up from the lights of a real snow plow. A really big one, a front loader type. The operator pulled up to within 4 feet of my sleeping bag and then got out to tell me I needed to move my dogs and camp. He said the unseeable, buried signs said "No Parking This Side". I told him I was not going to move at 3 in the morning and he told me where I could go to. My retort was what he could do with his signs using the front loader. The dogs were staked out and my camp was made and I could not see why he shouldn't skip my little patch of snow. He proceeded to pile snow around me for the next hour. I thought he was going to kill us. I should have just moved.

The next day I met with Paul and discussed the SnoBash. Afterwards I took the team on a run up the ridge above the town. It was beautiful, about 12 miles and in control.

Send your Trail Tale to:

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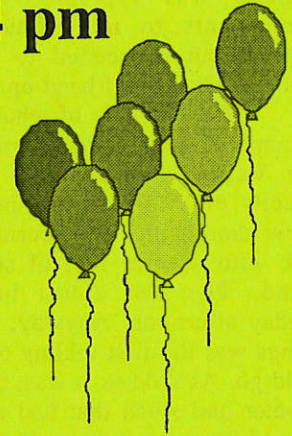
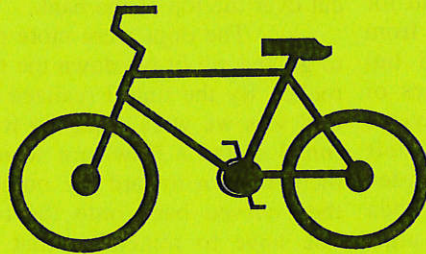
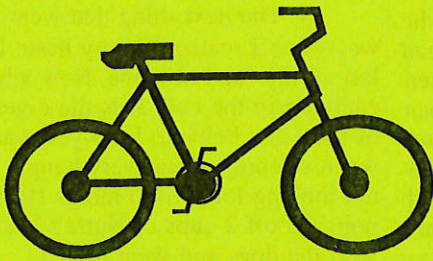
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BIKE RALLY



SATURDAY JUNE 1
Bike Rally 10 to 3 pm
General BASH Meeting/ BBQ 4 pm



Please come and join many of our club members in a bike rally (we can take the dogs many, of us with our K-9 Cruisers). A general meeting and BBQ will be held at the home of Diana and Mike Guido.

Some club members are organizing cart rides to promote our club, our dogs and to allow others to experience what Siberians are all about. We will have a booth at this event to sell our t-shirts, pins, collars, k-9 cruisers, etc..... Please come and help support our club. We rarely have meetings this far north, so those that live in the north we hope will attend along with those that ususally have meetings nearer their homes in the south bay.

Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be supplied, bring a snack or dessert to share. Dogs are welcome at the meeting!!!

Directions

From south of us (there are not any members to the north of us) take 280 north to 680 (toward Sacramento). Go over the Benica Bridge, stay on 680 till you see 80 North to Sacramento. Stay on 80 until you see the Abernthy/ HWY 12. Take Hwy 12 to Sunset, left on Sunset, right on Pintail, Left on Harrier Dr. Our house is 820 Harrier Dr. The Park and Dan-o-Root II School are one block away.

The Guido's (707)427-2921 or e-mail 102116.3442@Compuserve

Last minute correction----The Guido's house is 825 Osprey Way The other address is the school.

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