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## Looking for ideas-

It doesn't look like we will have a holiday party...but we have many items that we would usually raffle or put in a silent auction. We can not do a raffle except in person. (I thought we could do one virtually but that is a no no. We can do a silent auction but need to know if people would like to participate or does someone have another idea? We have a

Christmas Husky Lap Quilt (Jon Van Zyle print fabric), a husky bag, gift cards, dog toys etc...or should we just do the quilt on a drawing where people send in their name for a drawing..no money, do something on Zoom??... send your ideas and thoughts to [bash@com-ctl.com](mailto:bash@com-ctl.com)

Sorry no meetings  
for  
Now...got an idea  
for a Zoom  
meeting???

## 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/c/h/77-0410632>

## Save our Siberians Siberspace Rescue Fund Great shirt/sweatshirts

There are two fundraisers..one is for youth to adult the other is just toddler. The Siberian laying down is a BASH dog "Artee" All money raised by SOS-SRF pays for medical needs of Siberians around the United States. They have helped BASH



The collection link

<https://www.customink.com/fundraising/sos-fall2020>

## Sweet Potato and Leftover Turkey Homemade Dog Treats



*Yield:* 96 treats

*Prep Time:* 7 minutes

*Cook Time:* 30 minutes

*Total Time:* 37 minutes

**These easy, 4-ingredient Homemade Dog Treats perfectly use up leftover Thanksgiving turkey (or chicken). And, they freeze well, too. Great for stocking up, or for make-ahead DIY holiday gifts!**

### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup PLAIN mashed, cooked sweet potatoes (see note)
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 2 cups finely chopped, cooked turkey or chicken (see note)
- 2 cups whole wheat flour or white whole wheat flour

- Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. In a medium bowl, combine sweet potatoes, water, and egg, stirring until thoroughly incorporated. Add chicken and flour and stir again until combined. Batter will be very thick and sticky.

To make rectangular biscuits (see notes below on how to make round "drop" biscuits), use a rubber spreader to spread the dough evenly onto a parchment-lined baking sheet to form a rectangle (approximately 10" x 14") at about 1/2" thickness.

- Use a knife or pizza cutter to score the dough into rectangles of whatever size you'd like. (When I make these as shown in my photos, I score 8 rows x 12 rows to equal 96 treats.)
- Bake for about 30 minutes, until the dog treats are lightly golden brown.
- Cool completely and then break along the score lines or use a knife/pizza cutter to cut along the score lines.
- Store in the refrigerator or (for longer storage) in zippered freezer bags in the freezer (thaw before serving).

### Notes

**Sweet Potatoes:** I usually grab a bag of frozen, cubed sweet potatoes for this recipe. A 10-ounce bag of cubed sweet potatoes (cooked according to the package) should yield about 1 cup of chunks (about 1/2 cup once mashed), which is enough for a double batch of these dog biscuits. Alternately, you can use leftover sweet potatoes, but be sure that they are completely plain (without spices, butter, marshmallows, etc.).

**Turkey / Chicken:** As discussed in the post, this recipe is an opportunity to use up leftover turkey OR chicken, and we often utilize the bits of unused meat that we have left after making other recipes. Any cooked, chopped turkey or chicken will work for this recipe, but be very careful not to include any bones. Also, don't use too much of the fatty skin, particularly if the skin has spicy seasonings or a lot of salt on it. Once you've finely chopped your leftover meat for this recipe, you can pre-measure it and store it in a labeled, zippered freezer bag in your freezer until you have time to finish making your dog treats.

These dog biscuits freeze beautifully. (I actually keep Finn's stash of these in an air-tight zippered bag in the freezer, and they last for weeks and weeks.)

Sooooo ... guess what you've got here? The perfect make-ahead gift idea for all the treasured pooches in your life! Bake up a batch or two after Thanksgiving, and store them in the freezer for a couple of weeks until the holidays. They make for an adorable little DIY gift for family, friends, and neighbors who have dogs!

# How Double-Coated Dog Owners Deal with Coat Blow Posted by [Kat Tretina](#)

*If you have a dog with a single-layer coat, you have never experienced the horror of a coat blow.*

Normal dog owners can never understand what double-coated dog owners go through. All dogs shed a bit year-round, but for double-coated breeds, particularly northern breeds bred to be sled dogs, the coat blow is an entirely different issue.

## What is a Coat Blow?

It is natural for double-coated breeds to "blow their coats," a process where their coats switch from their winter coat to their summer coat. Shedding the old hair is essential for new growth.

Double-coated dog breeds, such as Siberian Huskies, [Samoyeds](#), Akitas, Malamutes, and even German Shepherds have a soft undercoat and a top coat with long, coarse guard hairs. The undercoat is essential for these breeds to stay warm in harsh winter conditions.

When the seasons change, the coats switch so they can adapt to the new conditions. The transition allows them to be comfortable all year long. Instead of shedding, where only a few hairs come out, double-coated breeds blow their coat and the undercoat comes out in large clumps. You may think that enough hair is coming out to leave the dog bald, but there is always more fur loosening up. You can end up with [trash bags](#) full of loose hair during a coat blow.

For dogs who blow their coat, going to the groomer to be professionally clipped is unnecessary. The fur and dead hair falls out naturally and, in fact, double-coated breeds should never be shaved. The hair is necessary protection against the cold, but also against the heat and sun rays.

## What Does a Coat Blow Look Like?

Dogs going through a coat blow can often look very raggedy. The hair can clump up to the point where it looks like sheep wool. The coat can blow very unevenly, with some areas making the new coat transition faster than others, giving the pup a very patchy appearance.

## How Often Do Dogs Blow Their Coats?

Because most dogs are kept inside as pets in climate-controlled homes, the coat blow process can change. The frequency and severity of a coat blow depends on the breed and gender of the animal, the change in the seasons and whether or not the [dog is spayed or neutered](#). Dogs can have thicker and denser coats after being "fixed."

## Managing a Coat Blow

You can help your dog through a coat blow--and keep the hair tumbleweeds to a minimum--by [grooming](#) him every day for at least fifteen minutes. Using grooming tools like an undercoat rake, slicker brush, and a Greyhound comb will help remove the loose undercoat and will speed the process along, helping your dog feel more comfortable.

As frustrating as a coat blow can be for a double-coated dog owner, it doesn't make them any less loved! It just means there's a little *extra* dog hair around the house...

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