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My Dog, the Artist By Marie Stevens

With seven dogs, a lot of my time is spent picking up dog poop. On weekdays, I do this before work, so most of the year it is still dark and I use a headlamp. But in the summer, it is light enough that I can enjoy the early morning freshness without any such encumbrances. My mind kind of goes off on its own as I work, thinking of how nice it would be to be retired and taking the dogs out for a run instead of getting ready for work. Or to be getting ready for a nice hike in the mountains. Those kinds of thoughts. One morning, though, I was jolted out of such wishful thinking when I realized what I was about to scoop up. It was a prime piece of dog sculpture, gently steaming in the early morning sun.....an exact replica, in miniature, of the sculpture of Quetzalcoatl for which the city of San Jose paid thousands. I stood in silence admiring it, and wondering which of my dogs was the inspired artist. **If only**, I thought.....**if only** he (or she) had sculpted this little beauty earlier. I could have sold it to the city, and retired then and there. Instead, someone else came up with the idea (probably from his own dog), and beat me to the punch. I decided on the spot that I would carefully examine each offering before scooping it up in the morning, to make sure that I didn't miss out on this potential stroke of good fortune. After all, it wouldn't take that much longer. If I got to work a little late each morning because of this....well, that's just life. Some people are always late anyway, and nothing much happens to them. So I immediately started studying each potential money maker carefully. Gradually, though, I realized that the big problem that I face is exactly **how** to recognize the next great "find". After a few minutes, all the offerings started to look alike, just piles of....well.....dog poop! How did the San Jose artist recognize which pile was a money maker?? Maybe when I see the right one, it will just hit me in the face (not literally, I hope). Or maybe I should take some art classes, and hope that I can learn what makes any given piece of art "great". But I don't always agree with others' views on that subject, and sometimes I just can't imagine why **Cont. Page 5**

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Husky Crusiers are BACK !!!

Wayne Jueal has graciously restocked our supply of cruisers (with a little help from Randee). Cruisers are used to exercise our sibes on a bike. The cruiser is attached to the rear axle of a bike. It can handle one or two dogs.

Cruiser with 1 leash	\$30.00
Cruiser with 2 leashes	\$35.00
If you want one mailed add	\$5.00

Send an e-mail to BASHclub@aol.com to purchase one or they will also be available at the BASH booth at club events.

Four-time Iditarod Champion Martin Buser Visits Sacramento

Thanks to Sierra Nevada Dog Drivers (aka SNDD) and Eagle Pack sponsorship, four-time Iditarod champion Martin Buser and Iditarod veterinarian Dr. Al Townshend came to California State University, Sacramento, on Sunday, September 22nd, to speak about what goes into running the Iditarod each year, and to share some amazing and often funny stories of life during the race.

Those who attended were treated to a slide show consisting of Dr. Townshend's own private photos taken during the past 12 years as a trail vet. He led the group through the entire race from start to finish, telling personal stories throughout the presentation. Dr. Townshend was able to inspire everyone who hadn't yet been to Alaska to see The Last Great Race to be sure to book a ticket northward!

After Martin Buser attested to the fact that Dr. Townshend had covered the Iditarod race so thoroughly for the rest of us, he decided to share some anecdotal stories of his own that he had accumulated over the years. Not mentioning names, he managed to slip in initials of famous mushers (J.K., D.S., S.B.) along the way as he recounted his tales. It was obvious from the continuous laughter of the audience that Mr. Buser sure can be entertaining and is a real crowd-pleaser.

Throughout the event, there were many photo opportunities. The speakers were all too happy to sign autographs and pose for pictures while visiting with those who were present. All in all, BASH had good representation at this event and it was well worth the drive!



Marie and Greg with Mr. Buser



Dr. Townsend



Hugo and Martin



Signing autographs



Paw Prints

by Nicole Acosta

I would first like to say welcome to a few people that have recently adopted dogs from BASHR/R. I know that some of you are very active members and some of you are very new to the group. I would also like to strongly encourage each and every one of you to come to our meetings and events.

Mary Roberts and Lauren Palumbi
Crystal Beget-Cripe
John and Anne Fuller
Mary Anne Biscan
Rosee and Debbie Yakulis
Debbie and Herb Newsam
Chris Heimen
Vivian Jones
Tad and Becca Leckman

Dasha
Blackie
Nikita
Katrina
Carson
Tsavo
Dakota
Mystery
Asayuk

For those of you that attended the hike up mission Peak in Fremont on the 20th of last month it was great seeing you. We had a great time and if anyone is interested in another hike we will be leading another hike on October 25th. We will meet at the bottom of the mountain at 5:30 to leave by 6pm. If you are interested in working on your working pack title this is great way to get started. Please let me know if you are attending so we do not leave with out you and so I can give you direction if you need them. Bring head lamps if you have them.

I would like to hear from those of you that have someone you would like us to invite to talk to our group or if you have something that you would like to hear about. Please call or email me at 408-934-1236 or nicole@agimaging.com.

I would really like to hear from those of you that are not active members. I would really like to find out what you would like to see the club doing that would make you an active member or even someone we see once in awhile.

Shopping online?

Shop at Greatergood.com to benefit BASH!

For those who don't know what Greatergood.com is, it is an Internet company that builds, co-markets, and manages online shopping villages for not-for-profit partners. BASH is enrolled at Greatergood.com, which means our organization can earn up to 15% of your total purchases in donations when you shop with popular retailers through Greatergood.com. And there is no additional cost to you. Check out the larger variety of popular online retailers to choose from:

So start purchasing online now, by going to www.greatergood.com. Designate Bay Area Siberian Husky Club as your donation recipient and you'll be helping us to "save Siberians" in 3 easy steps:

1. At the Greatergood.com home page, click on FIND A CAUSE on the menu on the left side of the screen.
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3. Click on SEARCH and you should find your match -- BASH Then start shopping!

You must shop from Greatergood.com store links (not directly at merchants main sites) to benefit BASH.

October General Meeting

Carol Payne's home

4:pm

21435 Lee Dr
Los Gatos CA
(408)353-4509



mal_yenta@expeditionoutfittersonline.com



Do you like Candles??? If you answer yes, Party Lite is a way to get some great candles and help out BASH. The candles they offer are well priced and smell great.

How can you get some of these great candles?
1- have a party at your house and invite your friends and co-worker
2- pass around a book for a silent, not hassle "party"
3- just order directly from our "BASH" representative.

How does BASH benefit? 25% of the sales from the party come back to BASH as a donation. It is that simple. Last year we received over \$200.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact Nicole Acosta at (408)934-1236 or e-mail her at nicole@imaging.com

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Cheechacko A Pain in the Neck *by Rob Loveman*

I have a very simple philosophy. The only reason to run a dog is because she enjoys running. If she doesn't enjoy pulling and exploring, then I'm not going to run her.

Dawn has always enjoyed running, from the first "hike" till we get back into the car. Tenaya has been much harder to gage. Often, she doesn't look so pleased at the start of a run. Occasionally during a run, she'll go into full reverse for no apparent reason. Usually, she has no problem, but sometimes she says "no way."

At the most recent Camp Malamute (hey, some of my best friends are malamutes.....), I tried to run the girls three times. The first run went absolutely great. We ran a cart with my two and Guber and Dash from Nic. Everybody pulled. Everybody had a great time. I was a happy camper.

That evening, we tried running again. This time, the girls were part of a ten dog team. I had a bad feeling about this....I suspected that it was likely Tenaya wouldn't want to go again....but I ignored my instincts. My instincts were correct. Almost from the beginning, Tenaya refused to go. We dropped her, and Nicky M. brought her back to camp (thanks Nicky). Dawn ran fine.

Things started out looking good the next morning. Tenaya was crying a bit after I harnessed her, anxious to get going. We pulled out strong from the parking lot. However, as the road turned away from the campsite, the source of all those good food smells, Tenaya went straight toward the camp. I'd try to pull her onto the correct line. She'd try to go back to the camp.....we progressed at a rate of about a couple of yards per go around. Finally, we got past the camp and I figured Tenaya would start pulling out. I was wrong.

Up until this point, I had refused help.....not that I couldn't have used it, but I wanted to see how to work through these issues by myself.....after all, that's probably how I'll do most of my training. This time, however, when Greg Newell offered to help, I agreed. We started with Greg on the cart while I had Tenaya by her neckline, just trying to get her to move. We kept at this for several minutes, but it still didn't work. We were about to give up. I suggested that we just wait a few minutes and let Tenaya clear her mind. Then we could try one last time.

When we started again, I semi-consciously switched one other thing.....I held her by her harness rather than her neckline. Low and behold she ran....and she enjoyed it. The remaining mile out and most of the way back went great. Tenaya even pulled hard on the short uphill on the way back (Dawnie's tugline was slack...). We rounded the curve back to the parking lot where we had started. The grade was downhill, and the speed had started to increase a bit. Tenaya spooked (she has had issues with speed and downhill). Even if I kept the speed down, she was a bit scared. So I suggested that we take the neckline off.....and it worked. It's not like she ran out perfectly, but she seemed much more comfortable.

Now my logs from the 2000-2001 season (the one before last) are full of places where I didn't use a neckline because I believed that Tenaya didn't like it. Necklines are required for skijoring races, so I did get her used to it by the time the races rolled around. For whatever reason, this wasn't much of a problem last year. Still, here it is again this year.....some two hundred runs or so after Tenaya started pulling. In this instance, Tenaya initially just wanted to head off to get some food. But by pulling on the neckline, even though the pulling wasn't particularly hard, I think I exacerbated the situation making it almost unmanageable. I now know not to pull on her neckline at all and hopefully, not only will my little girl pull better, but she'll have a better time doing it.

BASH needs your help. We need lots of volunteers to help with our largest fund raising event of the year. Please contact the Chairperson, Camilla 408-265-1912 if you are interested in helping if you want to volunteer to Chair a committee. The Chairs of each group will meet once a month for a dinner meeting. Most volunteers require your help only at the event.

GROUNDS/RINGS – helps with set up take down of rings, any last minute details, and awards - Need 3-4 people
Chairperson =Marie Stevens 408-377-1180

STEWARDS - recruits stewards for the match; usually need around 20 or so, depending on the number of rings. Usually use some boy or girl scouts, as well as some adults - - Need 1-2 people
Chairperson = Nicole Acosta 408-934-1236

HOSPITALITY – determines lunch menu; purchases food and arranges for it to be transported to show; sets up food area day of show; cooks and serves. - Need 3-4 people
Chairperson = Jackie Moss 408-288-6991

MY DOG THE ARTIST

anyone thinks that a particular piece is even considered art. So, that being the case, even if I could find the next perfect piece of art for San Jose, right in my back yard, I might be the only one to recognize it. I have decided I might be safer if I could find out who recognized the genius of the Quetzalcoatl piece, and somehow contrive to spend some time with that person, to get some ideas of his/her thoughts on art--then I should be able to find just the right piece. I am working on this approach now, and when I get it worked out---retirement, here I come!!!!

Upcoming Meetings & events

- Oct. 19 - Umunhum run #6
- Oct 20 - Umunhum Hike
- Oct 25 - Mission Peak Hike
- Oct 26- General Meeting Carol Payne's
- Nov 3- All Breed
- Nov 24 - Los Altos Parade ?
- Dec 7- Pleasanton Parade?
- Dec 7 & 8 - Santa Paws Pictures at
PetSMART in Campbell
- Dec. 14- Holiday Party
- Jan. 25, 26 SnoBASH 2003

TOK

Adopted February 1998 ... Passed
September 2002

Full of charm, beautiful to look at, with manners that every owner wants in his pets... This was Tok, the most perfect Siberian I have ever had grace my home with his presence. He died at the age of six years in his yard in San Leandro Sept 25th, cause unknown. He had not been ill and showed no signs of distress...

"Kissed by gentleness, quiet dignity , endless loyalty and all encompassing love, That was our TOK, Slumber well in the knowledge that you are not forgotten, come unbidden to our thoughts to bring a smile of memories shared... The wind will carry your name to the farthest reaches and it will echo back to all who made your acquaintance."

Dan & Renee Cheveres

"PRINCE"

9-16-02

Abandoned, rescued, adopted, euthanized not quite one year old, your life was filled with ups and downs, but your last three days were full of love and loaded with fun. You found a pack met your new family but it wasn't meant to be.... The RainBow Bridge needed a new ambassador of good will and you were chosen.

"Blue of the sky reflected in the shadows of the snow, gentleness found in the young of the world, strength passed from your Northern ancestors, all this and more captured in our memories of you....."

Remembered by
Susan, Kevin and Cody
And all who knew you

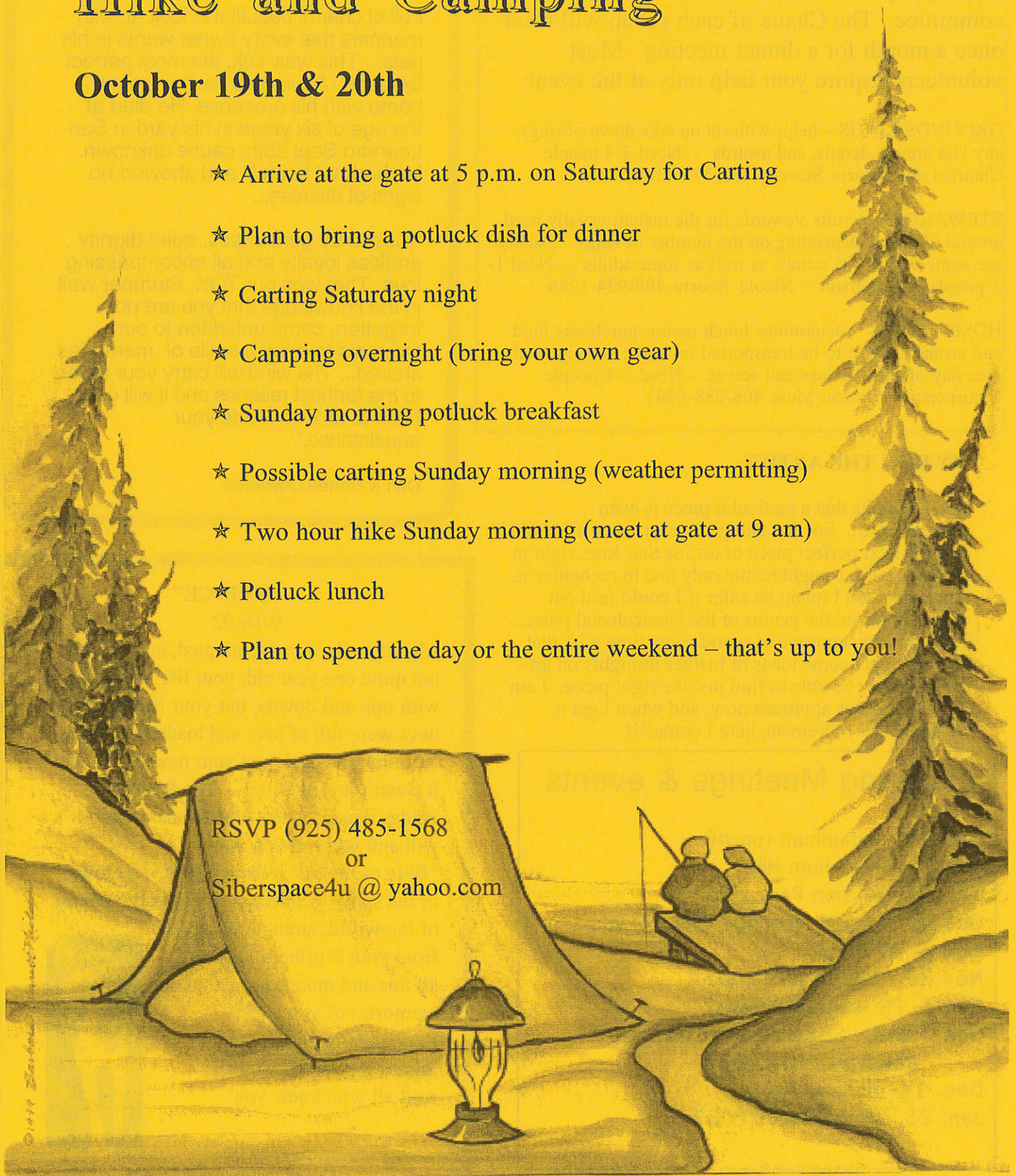


Mt. Umunhum Dog Run, Hike and Camping

October 19th & 20th

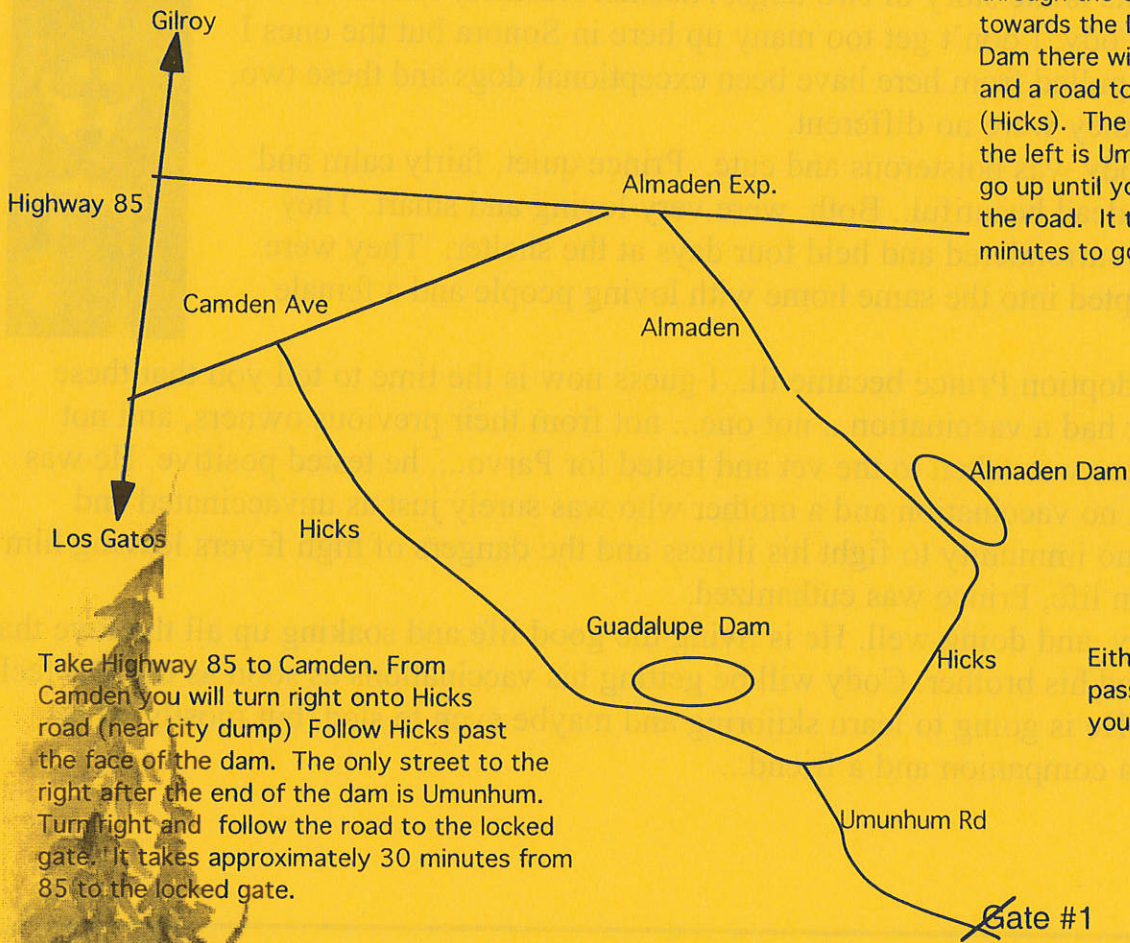
- ★ Arrive at the gate at 5 p.m. on Saturday for Carting
- ★ Plan to bring a potluck dish for dinner
- ★ Carting Saturday night
- ★ Camping overnight (bring your own gear)
- ★ Sunday morning potluck breakfast
- ★ Possible carting Sunday morning (weather permitting)
- ★ Two hour hike Sunday morning (meet at gate at 9 am)
- ★ Potluck lunch
- ★ Plan to spend the day or the entire weekend – that's up to you!

RSVP (925) 485-1568
or
Siberspace4u @ yahoo.com



To attend you **MUST RSVP**- so we know how many will be coming in at the gate.

Take Highway 85 Almaden Exp. Take the exit to old Almaden. Go through the old town and head up towards the Dam. At the end of the Dam there will be a dead end road and a road to the right. Turn right (Hicks). The next and only road to the left is Umunhum. Turn Left and go up until you reach a gate across the road. It takes approximately 30 minutes to go from 85 to the gate.



Take Highway 85 to Camden. From Camden you will turn right onto Hicks road (near city dump) Follow Hicks past the face of the dam. The only street to the right after the end of the dam is Umunhum. Turn right and follow the road to the locked gate. It takes approximately 30 minutes from 85 to the locked gate.

Either direction, if you pass more than one Dam you have gone to far!

Space is limited for camping only...so call early.

You are welcome to come up just for the carting on Saturday night or the hike on Fire Trails on Sunday





Tattle Tails..... by Ms. Suga Porter

This is the story of two dogs, Alaskan Huskies, brothers, Prince and Cody. I don't get too many up here in Sonora but the ones I have pulled from here have been exceptional dogs and these two, well they were no different.

Cody was boisterous and cute. Prince quiet, fairly calm and drop dead beautiful.. Both were very loving and smart. They were surrendered and held four days at the shelter. They were rescued and then adopted into the same home with loving people and a female Siberian...



Shortly after adoption Prince became ill.. I guess now is the time to tell you that these youngsters had never had a vaccination... not one... not from their previous owners, and not from the shelter. Prince was taken to the vet and tested for Parvo.... he tested positive. He was undernourished, with no vaccination and a mother who was surely just as unvaccinated and poorly kept. He had no immunity to fight his illness and the dangers of high fevers leaving him with problems later in life, Prince was euthanized.

Cody is healthy, and doing well. He is living the good life and soaking up all the love that was meant for him and his brother. Cody will be getting his vaccinations as soon as the Vet feels he is strong enough. He is going to learn skjoring and maybe even to sled, but mostly he is going to learn to be a companion and a friend...

Bay Area Siberian Husky Rescue/Referral

Were back in the East BAY!!!

PetSmart

October 13th
Dublin
11 am to 2 pm
6960 Amador Rd
(925)803-8370
Off 680/580



PetSmart

October 20th
Santa Maria
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
2306 S. Bradley, Santa Maria, Ca.
101 to Beteravia East then take first left on
Bradley.

PetSmart

October 5
Campbell
11 am to 2 pm
850 W. Hamilton
Campbell
(408)374-9321
Take 880 to Hamilton Ave. Exit,
go west about 2 miles.
PetSmart will be on your left

Petco

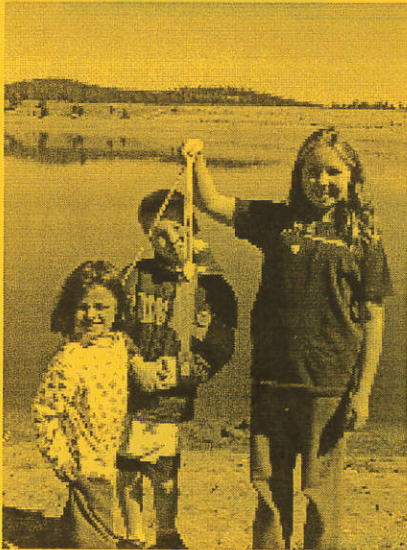
October 12
11 am to 2 pm
1919 W. El Camino
Mt View
(650)966-1233
From Hwy 85 it is North on
El Camino Real

Petco

October 19th
8767 San Ysidro
Avenue- Gilroy, CA
95020- 408-846-2844-
101
south to Leavesnsly go
west

Prosser Lake Camping

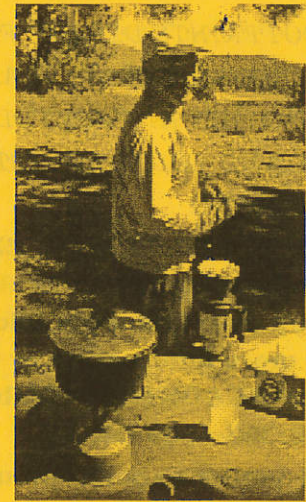
BASH would like to thank Bill Griffiths and the Malamute group for inviting our members along on a recent September camping adventure that took place at Prosser Lake in the Truckee area. Members were not only treated to good food and good company while they were there, but they also got to partake in many activities. Those activities ranged from a 10 mile hike and carting with their dogs, to scootering, bicycling, swimming, fishing, and bird watching. An all-around good time was had by all who attended. Perhaps more members will be able to attend the Prosser camping adventure next year!



What a CATCH



Serving up breakfast



Just hanging out



one of the cooks??



Don't you wonder what they thought was so interesting to look at???



Another cook???

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**Merchandise will be available for sale at all
group events except adoption fairs**

For more information or to make a purchase

**PLEASE CONTACT CAROL PAYNE AT:
(408)353-4509 OR AT**

mal_yenta@expeditionoutfittersonline.com



Another new BASH member

Rebie, Dwayne and Lisa Ford

are proud to announce

Josh

Misty, Spot, Viper, Shadow, Gus & Jewell are happy to tell you that they have a new addition to their pack!! Joshua James was born on 9-26-02 at 12:21am. He is 9 lbs 12 ozs and 22 inches long. Lisa is a very proud bigsister and helped introduce Josh to all the dogs yesterday and things went pretty well. Shadow was very unsure at first and took a couple hours to settle down and get used to the idea but by last night he decided it is his job to grumble at any of the other dogs when they get too close to Josh.

Misty has resumed her role as mother, and whines and worries every time Josh cries while her Boys

(Spot, and Yasha & Bear who are down visiting) take turns as babysitters watching the crib. Viper has been having fun peeking into the crib and grinning at him, Jewell had to smell him all over and Gus thought his duty was to carefully clean his ears. So far, Josh took all the nosing and sniffing pretty well (we let the dogs in one at a time at first to meet him) and didn't even seem to mind that Spot had to inspect him to make sure he was all there....unwrapping him on my lap to count fingers and toes :).



Rebie, Dwayne, Lisa & Josh

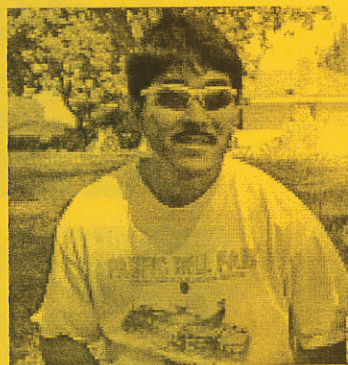
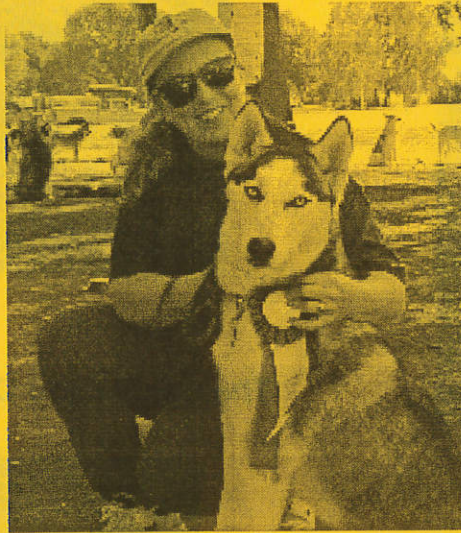
The Ice Cream Social



The Games and Canine Good Citizen titles.



Just some that attended that have adopted thier forever friend from BASH



BAY AREA SIBERIAN HUSKY RESCUE REFERRAL

"UPDATE"

Descriptions of the dogs, including evaluation of their temperament, listed in this newsletter 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.

Janet Elliott (805)461-5203 or beachsibs@thegrid.net

Jake If the eyes are the mirror to the spirit, then Jake has a beautiful and unclouded Spirit. Jake was extremely shy when he came to us but in a very short time he is learning that the world is not as scary as he thought (those things that go bump in the night might just be the fridge opening and closing). He is very affectionate to people he knows and will follow you from room to room. He is still a little uneasy with new situations and strangers but lots of walks in the park are quickly helping him to gain confidence. He walks well on a leash and does fine with other dogs. If you are looking for a devoted companion to lavish love on and have it returned three fold then this is the guy for you....



Kachion was not taught manners before coming to us but is learning very quickly and has a strong desire to please. He does great once he understands what is expected of him. Kachion does fine when alone with other dogs but sometimes does not want to "share" attention from people with other dogs. We are working on this. Kachion has lots of energy and would make a great jogging companion



Patti La Cava (415) 727-5727
bashrr@aol.com

Kala is a 2.5 year old spayed female Alaskan husky. She was surrendered to the shelter by her owner with two other dogs (due to moving where she couldn't have them). She is a sweet dog that is a little shy until she finds she can trust you. Silver was raised with other dogs, a turtle, cat and children ages 4-15 (from the owner's survey). She is very gentle when being fed, is learning basic obedience and learning about going in a crate



Jacques Porter (209)532-1619 or
shhawke1@aol.com

Star is a sweet and gossipy (talk talk talk) old girl with lots of love and many more years to share it. She is looking for a family to adore and children to play with (was surrendered by a family with 4 kids, 3 years - 12 years), maybe another dog to pass the time with and even "A CAT".. Her excellent manners go along with her desire to be a 90% house pet.. She is house trained and has made no attempt to chew anything.



Jennifer Cadwell (530) 472-3340
jen@sleddogsystems.com

Jake is a three year old, black/tan/white, neutered male Alaskan Husky. Jake has enormous amounts of energy and will need to go to an active home. He is very lovable and gets along well with other dogs.



Nic Matulich (408)379-7253 or
sneauxdogs@earthlink.net

Littlefoot- 2.5 year old male alaskan husky (brother of Silver)He is a little shy but warms up quickly. He was raised with other dogs, a turtle, cat and children ages 4-15 (from the owner's survey).



Nicole Acosta (408) 934-1236
nicole@agimaging.com

Kodiak is an AKC registered male. He is great with kids, people, other dogs.



Hugo Antonucci (209) 827-9764
topaza@jps.net

Thor came to us as a stray. He's about 1 1/2 years old, loves people and is a very friendly dog. He is still very much a puppy. He gets along with other dogs and doesn't seem to mind cats.



Check website for who is fosterin this one. (Camilla, Paula or Randee will have him)

Jack- one year old, male, white, blue eyed siberian. He was an owner surrender to the Santa Clara Shelter. From the info sheet from his owners, he is playful, lived with cats, stayed in a yard with a 4 foot fence and didn't jump. They said they didn't have the time or space for him. He needs obedience training.



Dog Kennel for SALE

I have a very large dog run for sale. It is very well constructed and can be moved. It is not the home depot cheaply made 8x10. It is 16 x 16 with two extra panels on top from which a tarp can be draped for shade. I paid \$1200 and I am asking \$900 obo. Pick up in Saratoga a few minutes from the Campbell Pet Smart.

Thanks for any help on this.
Regards,
Karen Murphy
(408) 666-9310
12540 Paseo Cerro
Saratoga, Ca 95070

Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ (____) _____ (____) _____
home work

Kennel Name _____

E-Mail Address _____

Make checks payable to BASH. All memberships and Subscriptions are valid through March 31, 2003. Send Membership Renewal form and check to:

Hugo Antonucci, Bay Area Siberian Husky Club
2633 S. Bascom Ave.
Campbell CA 95008

If you are interested in becoming a voting member contact Hugo Antonucci at the above address to obtain a membership application.

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