



Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida, Inc.

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From the Board

How do your Huskies stay cool and entertained in the summer heat? Indoor game of tug-of-war in the air conditioning, hanging out by the pool, splashing around in a doggie pool, swimming at the beach, evening walks as the sun sets, vacationing in the mountains....whatever it may be we hope that everyone (humans and Huskies) stays safe and hydrated.

We may not be busy with events during the summer but that doesn't mean our volunteers stop working. There are still Huskies in need at shelters which means the need for

transports and foster homes. June has been a busy month for us with new intakes. Currently we are looking for a volunteer who has web design experience and time on their hands to help maintain our website and keep it up-to-date by working with our Webmaster. Please contact us at siberrescue@yahoo.com if interested.

As always we are still limited on the number of available foster homes. If you haven't fostered with us before or have taken a break from fostering, please consider helping save a Husky by sharing your home with them until they are adopted. If you are unable to at this time

please help us by spreading the word to others. As difficult as it is to wish a Husky well in his/her new home, fostering is very rewarding. Experiencing a Husky realize the life they should have and making another family feel complete with a new family member is wonderful to see.

We need your help and appreciate your involvement!

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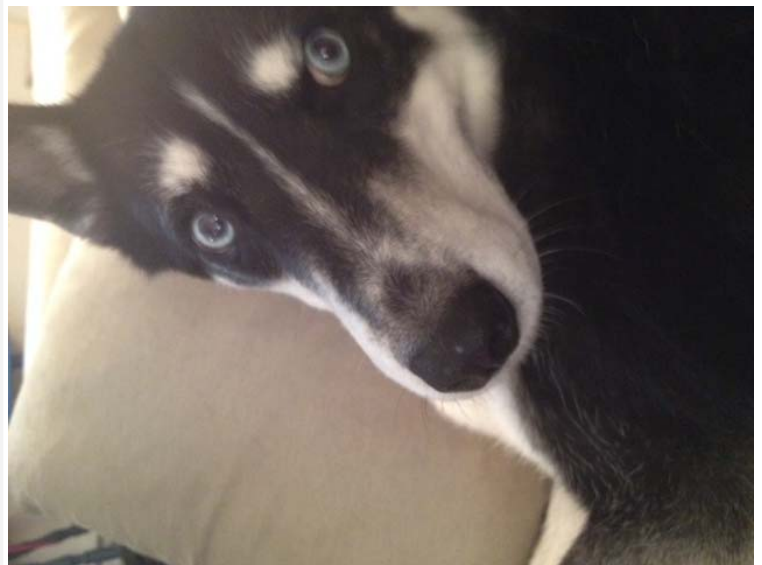
This adoptable boy Kodiak knows how to stay cool laying in the shower

He came into Rescue at 6 months old back in 2008

He had lived under awful conditions with a group of 6 other Huskies in a field and had been abused

His Right front leg had been broken, he was very fearful of everything especially Men

Love Happy endings



This is Xander formerly Bo Jangles



This is a note from his Adoptive Mom Jennifer

He was an emotional basket case; he's still very fearful, especially of children and anything with wheels (he got startled yesterday when a leaf fell near him). He's a great companion for me and my other dog (not a Husky! But a wonderful dog and they get along famously). It's such a delight to know that he's been having -- and continues to have -- a wonderful life, after that horrible first six months. And frankly, he's simply a delight to be with. We're both lucky dogs!



Volunteer of the Quarter

Disney has *The Incredibles*. SHRF has The Sudduths! This family of amazing superheroes joined the Siberian Husky Rescue cause in 2005. Dad (Perry Sudduth), Mom (Lori Sudduth) and three wonderful kids ages 17, 14, and 12 all live an apparent quiet life in Florida. However, together they are part of a super hero league helping Huskies find their forever homes.

They have adopted three SHRF graduates; Icic, Mack, and Mary (who lives under her undercover name of Miah). Through the years, they have also managed to foster FIVE dogs in need! Shadow, Demon, Astrid, Koda, and now Anna enjoy a second chance thanks to this amazing family.

These champions are the real team deal! The kids are also much involved in the fostering effort. They know about keeping doors closed, or else, it may become an impromptu family workout session called "Go find that Husky!" The spirit of volunteerism starts at home and these super parents are doing a great job teaching their kids the important value of serving those in need.... in this case, lucky Siberian Huskies!

Pups find in Lori the most amazing mom. Koda, in particular, was mighty attached to Lori. Koda was in her crate one night and one of the kids was in the same room with her. Koda was whining and trying to get out of her crate. Another kid joined them to see if this would make Koda happy. This didn't seem enough for Koda. Finally, Lori came into the room. They all laid down to rest... including Velcro-Koda!

Something similar happened with Anna who had some health and behavioral issues when she came under the Sudduths care. After being spayed, Anna couldn't go into her crate at night wearing the "cone of shame" and they could not trust her loose in the house. Lori slept on her couch for a few nights holding Anna's leash to make sure she kept her collar on and was safe at the same time. Wow!!!! Have you seen that kind of commitment elsewhere? Not usually, although heroic feats are not uncommon among the famous SHRF Volunteer Squad!

With Lori, we have shared giggles, tears, and "what in the world is this?" moments. She once said her initial concept of "Fostering" was having another Husky join the household's routine. With time, she learned that it may be a lot of work, but it is also a labor of love. When asked if she would continue volunteering, she said she would like to continue saving fur balls, as long as we can handle the emotional high and lows, with the occasional venting. By default, rescue work implies emotional moments, but that doesn't mean it's not worth joining the force of SHRF volunteers working to save Huskies! And this newsletter celebrates The Sudduths, the incredible SHRF volunteers of the quarter!

Received from a recent Foster home: What a huge compliment for our Rescue:

I would like to tell you how impressed I am with SHRF:

Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida is clearly well structured. Each volunteer has his or her own assignments, and you work together to make the whole process run smoothly. Every aspect seems covered, the legal documents, the training of Foster families and Guardian families, the encouragement, the close contact you kept with us to let us know the status almost daily, and the positive attitude you each have as volunteers made us feel very comfortable about working you to place this loving dog. Thank you so much for everything you did.

Bruce M.



**HELLO
SNOSHOO**



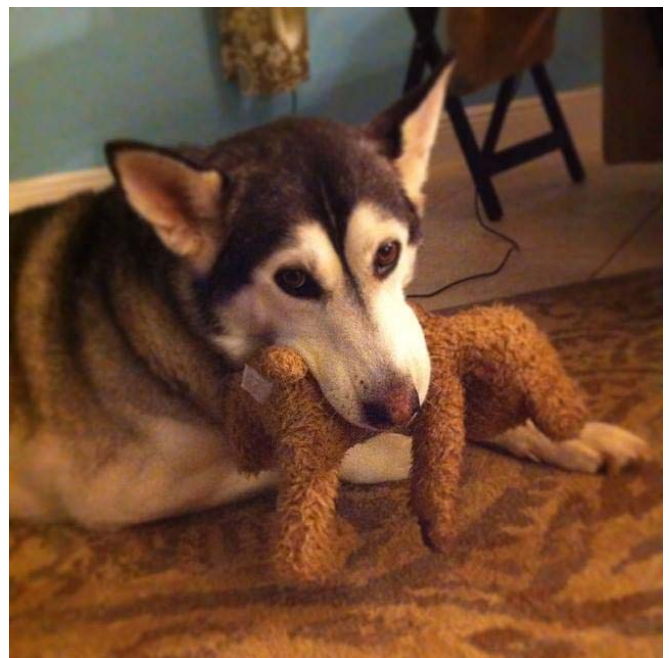
Pet-A-Palooza

**Raymond James Stadium
Tampa—May 10th**

We were at Pet-A-Palooza today at Raymond James Stadium...beautiful day and great turnout at the event. Both Snoshoo and Dakota IV came out and hung out with us for a bit meeting Lilli (one of my girls) and Enkei (one of Cheryl's huskies). We had a lot of people stop by our tent and talk to us, but of course more interested in the dogs. Snoshoo took home 2 new toys. A couple pictures of Snoshoo and Dakota meeting:



This is Alize prior to her adoption with her new family



Bella, recently adopted and a note from her proud new owner:

Wanted to let you know Bella Blue is doing wonderful in her new home.

And she isn't doing any of the bad things that the foster told the adopter Michelle.

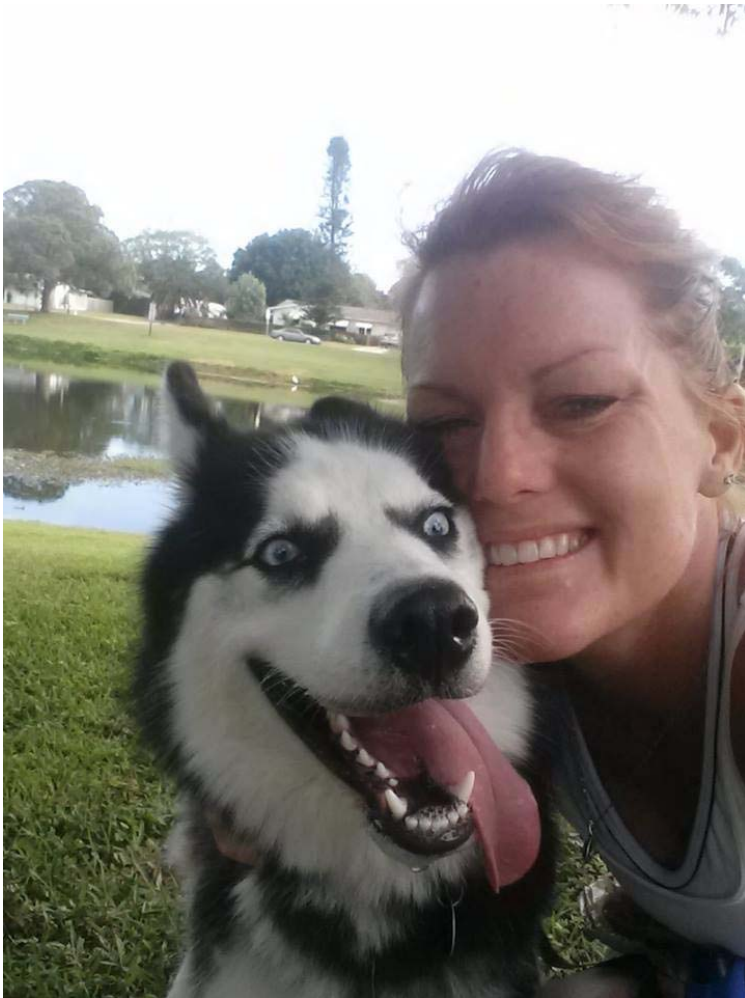
Thanks

Cheryl



Here is Scout (FNA Lion) We adopted him in October 2011 he was 10 months old. Scout is now 3 years old and is doing wonderful. He was a handful when we got him, he started a lot of fights with the pack but after months of training he is the most amazing husky and very smart. As you can see in the picture he hogs the toys. Thank you SHRF for letting my family adopt Scout.

Donna Kilmetis



It is awesome to see how many adopters have responded and are sending in their Husky photos. Here is Scout (AKA Lion) from adopter Donna Kilmetis.

Janet and Ranger.



This is Koda II, who we rescued from SHRF! We rescued her Jan. 13, 2013 at 7 months old. She is now 2 years old and moved to Syracuse, NY with us. She is a very happy husky with nothing but love to share with everyone. She is very special to us and we have shrf to thank everyday!



TAMPA BAY

Monday ~~MARCH~~ 26/12 TBT



Funeral home director Tom Dobies kisses his dog "Lucy" in his backyard. Lucy, until recently, was a grief therapy dog. And when her time comes, Dobies plans to honor her with a proper farewell.

Skip O'Rourke/tbt*

For gentle Lucy, only the best of goodbyes will do

Rain pounded the roof of the carport where the scrawny black dog sought shelter. She looked up, soaked and sad-eyed, toward the employees at Tom Dobies' funeral home in Holiday. "Looks like we got a new mascot," one of them said to Dobies.

"Like hell we do," he snapped.

Dobies had a dog when he was a boy. It got hit by a car and died. Whether it was the pain of that loss or just that he got too busy building a thriving business, he never got another dog. He never wanted one.

And then he met this mutt, a Labrador mix with no tags, but with a gentleness that made her welcome.

She was about 8 years old and in pretty good shape. Somebody had cared for her, crafted a pleasant personality. Dobies took her home. He named her Lucy. Then he changed.

Dobies had grown up in Tarpon Springs, far from the silver spoon. His dad worked as an auto mechanic; mom a housekeeper at Helen Ellis Hospital. Tom went to a mortuary college in Kentucky and in 1978 converted an old Montessori school into his first funeral home. He worked hard — 97 services that first year.

That would be his pattern over the next 30 years as he opened four more funeral homes in Tarpon Springs, New Port Richey and Hudson.

When Lucy showed up, he altered his work style. She joined him on calls to families who had lost a loved one. Lucy's gentle nature seemed to comfort them. Dobies bought a special tag for her collar: Grief Therapy Dog.

Dobies transformed into a self-described "animal nut." He fed strays Wendy's burgers, got them checked by a vet and delivered them to shelters for adoption. He even picked up dead dogs and brought them back to the funeral home. If there was a collar, he notified the owner. He spent \$1,500 to repair a stray cat's bad hip and found homes for several others.

Dobies contributed thousands of dollars to the local SPCA and Hu-



mane Society. He paid for six specially-trained German shepherds for the police in Tarpon Springs, New Port Richey and Port Richey, the latter honoring him by naming a dog "Dobies."

Former Pasco Sheriff Bob White made Tom Dobies a special deputy, and he named a small thoroughfare at the Land O'Lakes jail "Lucy Dobies Court."

But Lucy was growing old. Last April, Dobies and his fiancée Pam Montana heard her thrashing about on the floor where she slept with their other rescue dogs, Rosie and Amber.

She was convulsing.

"I couldn't bear it," Dobies said. "I cried and cried and cried."

Lucy had a tumor on the front of her brain. A noted veterinarian at the University of Georgia removed it in September.

Montana worked with Lucy, walking her in circles, exercising her legs. And soon, though blind in the left eye from the surgery, the dog returned to work.

Then the old dog broke down again. Veterinarians could not determine Lucy's latest problem. She lost the use of her left rear leg.

Last week she was walking fine, improving after twice weekly sessions with a physical therapist in Odessa.

For a man in the death business, Dobies can hardly talk about Lucy passing away.

But when he faces the reality that he witnessed every day since he opened that small funeral home 34 years ago, he describes the plan he has for the dog that made him a better man.

"We'll have a full-fledged funeral," he says, wiping his eyes, "with a private burial. I've picked out a solid bronze casket like Michael Jackson's."

Nothing but the best for the best.

This article in it's Entirety can be viewed at:

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/humaninterest/funeral-home-director-works-to-save-dog-that-changed-his-life/1221697>

-ed.



Good morning, everyone!

Here are two photos of Siberian Husky, Shiloh, who was adopted in 2012. I had originally sent out this email a couple of days ago, but the photos could not be sent at that time.

For those of you who do not know, I have started a Daily Feature on Facebook which serves a two-fold purpose. I am featuring photos + a short bio of Siberian Huskies who were adopted from SHRF. This provides us with the adopter's UTD email address, plus it gives me a rich photographic content for my SHRF Facebook page. This is especially important at a time when Facebook is limiting posts for which we do not pay.

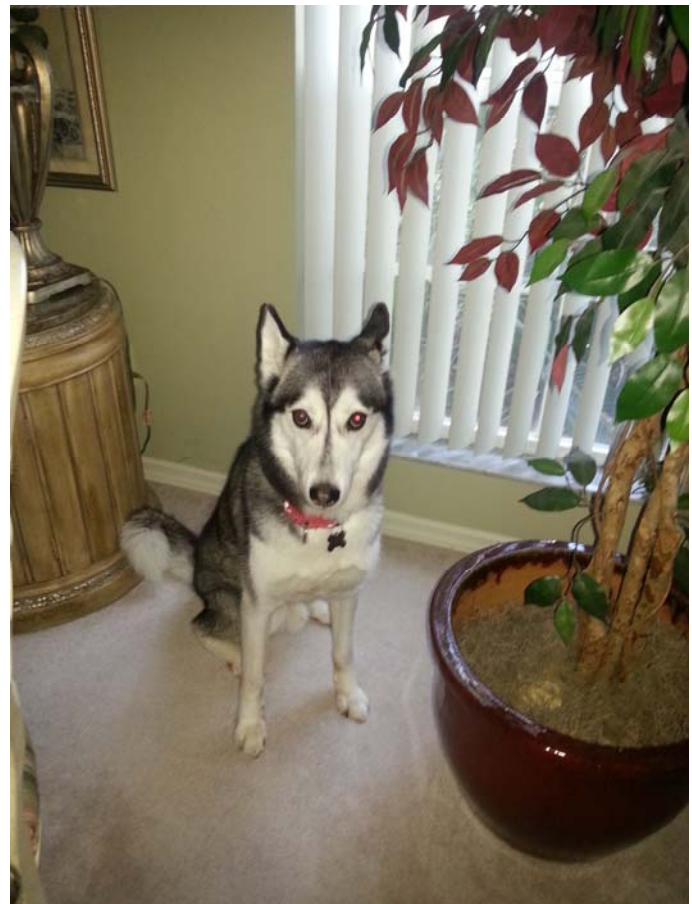
This is my Facebook rescue page:

<https://www.facebook.com/HuskyMomAtSiberianHuskyRescueOfFlorida>

I am constantly looking for new Facebook material, so please keep those photos, videos and articles coming my way.

With thanks:

Janet and Ranger.



HAPPY HUSKY RESCUE PAGE



And now some words from our previous volunteer of the quarter:



GASP!!! Blushing Puerto Rican alert!!! Guys!!! You know how we feel about this cause..... our cause..... we do it with conscience and..... now that we've served..... I can't picture myself not doing this (Gil can some days, LOL). Thank you for the kind words. We hope we continue to be blessed, so we can continue sharing our time, talents, and gifts.

Bless y'all!



Rewards of Fostering for SHRF

May 17, 2014

This date was the end of our journey with our first foster pup, Snoshoo. What a remarkable experience every bit of it was for us and how SHRF helped it to be such a pleasant and rewarding experience that we will consider doing it once again. When we first got the pup, he knew absolutely nothing except not to soil in his crate. He didn't know any commands; he was not housebroken; he did not know how to walk on a leash. And to think how far he has come to be ready for his forever home is so satisfying and rewarding all by itself. Then, to add to it the pure joy in the faces of both the new owner and his new 3 year old sibling was all bonus. We knew without a shadow of a doubt that this was the right & perfect home for him and were so, so happy for this little guy that had such a rough beginning. I'd like to think he will not forget us, but even if he does, we will NEVER forget him! He was such a delight to train and play with and show off a little with his confident strut on our long walks! He has a sweet, sweet soul that just shined through even in his pictures and it was an honor to get him ready for his forever home. Also must mention what a support team the SHRF group has for their foster families. They are eager to help whenever you may need something to raise the pups that are getting ready for adoption and that includes not only the routine meds like heartworm but also surgeries, if necessary. The entire team loves and is dedicated to this delightful breed and has all of them first and foremost on their minds. And you cannot find a more knowledgeable group of people that truly know what is best for this special breed and want the perfect fit for both fostering and adoption. My hat is off to all of them!



From a recent newspaper, this man takes his dogs out for a stroll using a wheelchair. Angel, the larger dog, is 18 yrs. old and has bad hips. This is in Jacksonville. Oh the things we'll do for our pups!

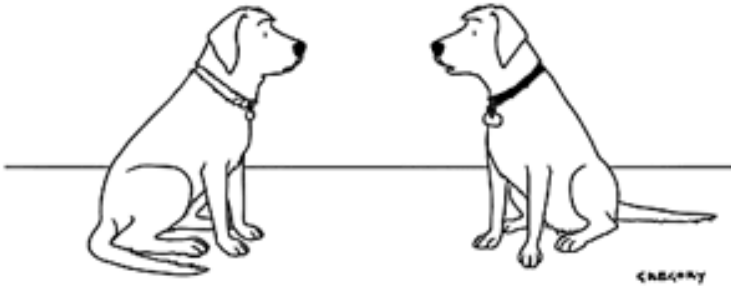


Yes, dogs love trucks, but ours prefer daily boat rides —ed.



Fun Page

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"I had my own blog for a while, but I decided to go back to just pointless, incessant barking."



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"I'm telling you I'm not paranoid! Sometimes he only pretends to throw the ball just to make me look like an idiot!"

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"What makes you think it was my dog?"

