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FROM THE SHRF BOARD

As another year comes to an end, we look forward to the beginning of another new year for SHRF. Our SHRF family continues to grow with each passing year.

We are extremely grateful to our dedicated supporters and volunteers. Without the support, dedication, and hard work of everyone we would not be able to accomplish all that we do. It is amazing to see the difference we make in the lives of Siberian Huskies in need, from a network of people working together throughout the state.

Over the past year, we have seen our foster homes fill up, empty out, and fill up yet again. So how many Huskies have we saved this year? Overall, we were able to save 74 Huskies either from death row, surrenders, referrals, or indirectly through communication among volunteers. In 2011, we adopted out 50 Siberian Huskies! This is an increase from the number of Huskies saved and adopted last year. Our volunteers should be very proud of this accomplishment.

Please keep a look out on our events web page, as we will have several upcoming events, particularly our annual Husky Olympics that will take place on February 26, 2012 at Lake Seminole Park. We need volunteers to help out so that everyone has time to enjoy the day; just an hour of your time is all we ask.

Feel free to stop by and say hi to our volunteers working at any of the events that are on the calendar or let us know if you would like to volunteer to help. We always love to see our previous rescue Huskies.

Thank you volunteers for all you have done this past year and we hope that we can continue to count on your support for SHRF.

Our Board hopes that you have all had a wonderful holiday season and wishes you all the best in 2012!

Board members can be reached at any time at 727-391-8934 or by e-mailing: board@siberrescue.com

"If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went."

Will Rogers, 1897-1935

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From the Editors Bob & Lorraine

It's year-end again and after a dozen or so years with SHRF, I still can't believe how well we do adopting out Huskies. The letter from the board on the previous page outlined how many dogs we saved in one form or another and it just constantly astounds me how good we are.

I would speculate that adopting out Huskies is not as easy as many other types of dogs, especially the "lap" dog types which some do not consider a "real" dog (see the quote from Dr. Nicholas Dodman on page seven of this newsletter). I cannot tell you how often, but when I'm talking up adopting a Husky to strangers, people frequently say, "Oh, they're beautiful but they're so big!" I usually retort that they really are only medium sized dogs but that never seems to help.

I have no clue how many volunteers we have around the state, but I do know I have not met most of them, nor have they met most of each other. This does not seem to matter. We all work as a well functioning machine putting the dogs first and foremost – usually. We occasionally have little flare-ups, which sometimes result in someone quitting. Since we are all volunteers there's not much anyone can do about it. I, for one, do not understand quitting just because of a tiff with another volunteer.

I tend to look at my girls; I have six of them now, and see how they resolve issues. They occasionally get into a spat with one of their pack siblings and after a few tussles, with occasional minor bites, they stop and in five minutes are sleeping or playing with the same dog they didn't like five

minutes prior. Humans, to a great extent, seem incapable of doing this.

Another thing I picked up from my girls is how they greet you when you've been gone, even for a short while. I bet if human partners greeted each other like that when they've been separated a while, there would be a lot less divorce. Dogs don't bear grudges either. When you tell them "no!" for something they don't get huffy and sulk, they shake it off and still love you as before. Were your kids like that when they were teenagers?

One of my favorite pastimes is to sit out on my front lawn on a beautiful Florida Spring or Fall day, with all my Huskies and we just lie there. I watch them raise their heads and sniff the air, then try to see if I too can smell what they smell. Most often, no. I watch where their attention goes, a passing car, a bug in the grass, a bird in the Palms, a plane overhead. They notice everything, something we humans should try. I have sometimes fallen asleep when doing this, especially if the girls begin to nap too. I was even awakened by a passing neighbor one time because he thought I might have had a heart attack and was lying there needing help. Most other passersby never stop to check on me but the dogs do. When they awaken, they come over and lick my face. Happy New Year!

Bob

Editorial opinion pieces by Bob and Lorraine reflect the opinion of the writers only and are not necessarily the opinion of Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida, Inc nor its Board of Directors and volunteers.

"In order to really enjoy a dog, one doesn't merely try to train him to be semi-human. The point of it is to open oneself to the possibility of becoming partly a dog."

- - - Edward Hoagland "Dogs and the Tug of Life"

You lucky dog! Puppy plunges four floors from roof garden... and SURVIVES

By [Daily Mail Reporter](#), 11th December 2011

A dog had a miraculous escape after leaping off a roof and falling 50 feet onto a ledge at an apartment block. Kai, a two-year-old Shiba Inu, bounded over the side of the roof garden after his owner Tracy Aron took him up for his morning exercise.

The pup had been jumping over the connected rooftops when he took a wrong turn and fell four floors on to a ledge below at the townhouse on the Upper West Side of New York.



The protective fencing that usually surrounds the edge of the building had been removed due to renovation work.

Ms Aron, a Broadway theatre producer, told the New York Post: 'He just launched himself from the back of the building thinking there was another roof.'

'We watched him fall and then heard a thud and his crying.'



Tracy Aron, a Broadway theatre producer, holds Kai who was injured after a 50ft fall from her Manhattan apartment (right)

Ms Aron ran to her neighbor's apartment for help and called 311, the emergency number for animal-related issues. Police helped move the injured dog to BluePearl Vets on the upper West side where she was kept for three nights in intensive care.

Miraculously, Kai didn't break any bones after his tumble but had been given medication to reduce swelling.

On the mend: Kai, a Shiba Inu pup, is on medication to reduce swelling after his horrific fall but miraculously did not break any bones



**A man may smile and bid you hail
Yet wish you to the devil;
But when a good dog wags his tail,
You know he's on the level.**

~Author Unknown

**The amount of time it takes for a dog to "do
its business" is directly proportional to the
outside temperature and the suitability of the
owner's outer wear.**

~Betsy Cañas Garmon

***** In memory *****



Sky
October 2010 - October 10, 2011
1 year old
Red and White
Blue Eyes
Female
SHRF # 456

As successful as we are at getting Huskies adopted, there is always the thankfully infrequent reminder of how fragile life is for some of these dogs. It is especially painful when this fragility of nature occurs in a dog so young.

On October 6, 2011 Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida picked up this beautiful puppy girl from a county shelter. She was severely underweight, emaciated and in ill health overall.

Upon taking her to a Veterinarian it was determined that there was a large mass in her abdomen. Exploratory surgery revealed a severe invasive disease of her entire large colon and the presence of heartworms. The prognosis was that she would not recover from these and the malnourishment so the Vet recommended she be euthanized while under anesthetic.

It is always painful when one of our beloved Huskies crosses over the Rainbow Bridge but it is especially so when it is one this young who never had a chance at life.

As short a time as you had with us, Sky, you will be missed by all of us at Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida.

FOUR FEET

I have done mostly what men do,
And pushed it out of my mind;
But I can't forget, if I wanted to,
Four-Foot trotting behind.

Day after day, the whole day
through--
Wherever my road inclined--
Four-Foot said, 'I am coming with
you!' And trotted along behind.

Now I must go by some other
round
Which I shall never find--
Somewhere that does not carry the
sound --
Of Four-Foot trotting behind.

--- Rudyard Kipling ---

Family, dogs, cats OK after fire on Wausau's west side

By Chad Dally Wausau Daily Herald

Wausau firefighters on Tuesday relied on rescue efforts typically used for humans to save a dog that had become trapped during a house fire.

The fire was reported at about 4 PM Tuesday on the second floor of a home on the corner of South Sixth Avenue and Callon Street in Wausau.

Dwight Borchardt, 17, said he had taken the family's 1-year-old border collie mix, Cooper, outside, and when he returned inside, Borchardt saw smoke throughout the second story. Borchardt lives in the home with his father, Todd Borchardt, and Kim Carlson, Todd Borchardt's fiancée.

Dwight Borchardt said he opened doors on the second floor in an effort to find the family's 7-year-old yellow Labrador retriever, Coda, and the family's two cats, Lavender and Mocha. Heavy smoke forced him out of the home.

When firefighters arrived, they found Coda in a room where they believe the fire started, firefighter Jamie Giese said. The dog -- likely in shock -- was sitting in a rocking chair.

Coda was carried outside, and firefighters began to perform mouth-to-nose artificial respiration and placed an oxygen mask typically meant for humans over the dog's nose. They also poured water on Coda's fur to wash away soot from the smoke.

Giese and firefighter Jared Thompson both said they have no formal training in animal rescue.

"It was all improvised," Giese said.

Well, not quite: Thompson said he remembered a few tips



from the former reality television show "Rescue 911."

Coda was taken to VCA Companion Care Animal Hospital in Wausau, and later transported to an animal hospital in Mosinee for an overnight stay to recuperate, Todd Borchardt said Tuesday night.

The Borchardts four days earlier had agreed to care for Coda, who had been living with a family friend.

"He's just a sweetheart," Dwight Borchardt said. "He's been following me around for two days straight."

Lavender and Mocha scurried to the basement when the fire started and later were found unharmed.

The Borchardts and Carlson could not stay in the home Tuesday night because of the damage, although Todd Borchardt said he did not know the full extent. The fire appeared to be electrical in origin, Wausau Fire Battalion Chief Mark Krueger said Tuesday night. Krueger said damage from the fire was "pretty significant."

The American Red Cross provided the three with a hotel voucher for the night, and Todd Borchardt said he has family with whom the three can stay if the damage keeps them away for an extended period of time.

For the fifth year in succession I have pored over the catalogue of dogs in the show at Madison Square Garden without finding a dog named Rover, Towser, Sport, Spot or Fido.

Who is the man who can call from the back door at night: "Here, Champion Alexander of Clane o' Wind-Holme! Here, Champion Alexander of Clane o' Wind-Holme"?

Westbrook Pegler

SHRF Events 4th Quarter 2011



Greg & Barbara

Humane Society of Pinellas Cruising for Critters Oct 1, 2011



Kalvin



Enkai



Nala II



Maryjane

SPCA Tampa Bay Pet Walk Oct 15, 2011



Enkai



Kalvin



Barbara & Calvin

**"If you don't own a dog, at least one, there is not necessarily anything wrong with you, but there may be something wrong with your life."
Roger Caras, *A Celebration of Dogs***

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Bella

**Pet Adoption Expo
Florida State Fair Grounds
November 5, 2011**



Timber



Bella & Timber



Timber & Friends

**Holiday in the Park
9th Annual Winter Fest
December 3, 2011**



Debi/Cheryl/Barbara/Janet at SHRF setup
Debbi with foster dog Timber, Cheryl's dog Enkai and Janet's Rudi

**Dr. Nicholas Dodman, Animal Behaviorist
Animal Planet TV, Dogs 101—referring to Siberian Huskies**

“... and they are a real ‘dog of a dog’, not a toy dog, not a pretend dog. This is a real dog.”

Once I Was A Lonely Dog

Once I was a lonely dog,
Just looking for a home.
I had no place to go,
No one to call my own.
I wandered up and down the streets,
in rain, in heat, and snow.
I ate whatever I could find,
I was always on the go.
My skin would itch, my feet were sore,
My body ached with pain,
And no one stopped to give a pat
Or gently say my name.
I never saw a loving glance,
I was always on the run.
For people thought that hurting me
was really lots of fun.
And then one day I heard a voice
So gentle, kind and sweet,
And arms so soft reached down to me
And took me off my feet.
"No one again will hurt you."
Was whispered in my ear.
"You'll have a home to call your own
where you will know no fear."
"You will be dry, you will be warm,
you'll have enough to eat
And rest assured that when you sleep,
your dreams will all be sweet."
I was afraid, I must admit,
I've lived so long in fear.
I can't remember when I let
A human come so near.
And as she tended to my wounds
And bathed and brushed my fur
She told me about the rescue group
And what it meant to her.
She said, "We are a circle,
A line that never ends.
And in the center there is you

protected by new friends."
"And all around you are
the ones who check the pounds,
And those who share their homes
after you've been found."
"And all the other folks
who are searching near and far,
To find the perfect home for you,
where you can be a star."
She said, "There is a family,
that's waiting patiently,
and pretty soon we'll find them,
just you wait and see."
"And then they'll join our circle
they'll help to make it grow,
so there'll be room for more like you,
who have no place to go."
I waited very patiently,
The days they came and went.
Today's the day I thought,
my family will be sent.
Then just when I began to think
it wasn't meant to be,
there were people standing there,
just gazing down at me.
I knew them in a heartbeat,
I could tell they felt it too.
They said, "We have been waiting
for a special dog like you."
Now every night I say a prayer
to all the gods that be.
"Thank you for the life I live
and all you've given me.
But most of all protect the dogs
in the pound and on the street.
And send a Rescue person
to lift them off their feet."

- Arlene Pace

WEB SITES THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

Spaghetti Night <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lAImlgFjmdM>

Soldiers Miracle Dog <http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2011/11/not-photoshopped-beam-of-light-shines-on-fallen-soldiers-miracle-dog/>

How NOT to train a Husky puppy <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TiscDd8bFP4>

SHRF dog Servo on Facebook <http://www.redcanaryphoto.com/blog/2011/12/servo/>

PA man not guilty of drugging Husky at Wheaton dog show

by Dan Rozek Staff Reporter drozek@suntimes.com November 9, 2011

Ralph Ullum said he didn't give drugs to Pixie the show dog when he approached her cage, he only gave the prize-winning Siberian husky a little affection.

"I walked over and put my two fingers in there and scratched her on the nose," the 68-year-old retired U.S. Air Force sergeant said Wednesday.

His denials helped a DuPage County judge acquit him of charges he slipped human drugs to the dog last Dec. 17 to hamper her performance at a kennel club show in Wheaton.

Judge Ronald Sutter said prosecutors had not proved Ullum gave any drugs to Pixie, who competed that day against a husky owned by Ullum's longtime girlfriend.

The dog was not harmed.

Ullum's claims that he simply walked up to Pixie's cage to pet her because he was "a dog lover, an animal lover" also rang true, Sutter said.

"He has raised a reasonable doubt in my mind," said Sutter, who described himself during the trial as a lifelong dog owner.

Nearly a dozen supporters wept and hugged each other as Ullum was acquitted of animal cruelty and other misdemeanor charges that carried a maximum six-month jail sentence. The Pennsylvania man declined to comment after the verdicts, except to call reporters in the courtroom "parasites."

Prosecutors argued Ullum fed a Protonix pill and possibly another human drug, Benadryl, to Pixie so a competing husky trained by girlfriend Cheryl French would have a better chance of winning the American Kennel Club-sanctioned show.

But the acquittals showed prosecutors "didn't have one leg to stand on," defense attorney Edward Maloney said after the verdicts.

Prehistoric Dog Lived, Died Among Humans

Remains of the Husky-like dog, buried 7,000 years ago in Siberia, suggest people saw it as a thinking, social being.

Mon Feb 28, 2011
By Jennifer Viegas



The remains of a Husky-like dog found buried near humans at a 7,000 year-old site in Siberia

A male dog that lived 7,000 years ago in Siberia ate human food and was buried as though he were a human.

The Husky-like dog's remains suggest he worked alongside humans throughout his lifetime.

A wolf was also ritualistically buried nearby, perhaps serving as a protector to humans in the afterlife.

Burial remains of a dog that lived over 7,000 years ago in Siberia suggest the male Husky-like animal probably lived and died similar to how humans did at that time and place, eating the same food, sustaining work injuries, and getting a human-like burial.

"Based on how northern indigenous people understand animals in historic times, I think the people burying this particular dog saw it as a thinking, social being, perhaps on par with humans in many ways," said Robert Losey, lead author of a study about the dog burial, which has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology*.

"I think the act of treating it as a human upon its death indicates that people knew it had a soul, and that the mortuary rites it received were meant to ensure that this soul was properly cared for," added Losey, an associate professor of anthropology at the University of Alberta.

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Training New Tricks To a Husky

Training a Husky new trick isn't as difficult as one might think. Siberian huskies are really intelligent dogs and catch on to things fairly quickly. As long as you follow the tips below, you should have no trouble training your Husky new tricks.

Use Positive Reinforcement



Remember that your Husky has no way of knowing what is exactly you expect of him, so punishing him or scolding him for not understanding you is about as useless as it is cruel.

Instead you should reward correct behavior either through treats or with praise. This is the best way to encourage a Husky pup to learn and give him confidence while you trying to teach him new tricks.

Keep Training Sessions Short

A lot of owners think that more training will only guarantee better results, but that's actually quite the opposite with Huskies.

Siberian Huskies tend to get bored quickly and forcing your dog to do something over and over for a long period of time will just make him hate it until he decides to completely ignore that command.

Instead you should keep each trick training session 10-15 minutes, and no longer. It's alright to have more than one training session per day, as long as you give your dog breaks in between.

Break Up The Trick Into Small Parts

You can't expect your Husky to know that you want him to jump through 5 hoops, fetch your newspaper and bring you the remote control all in one go. Break each trick that you are trying to teach to your Husky into smaller parts that are much easier to show and do.

For example if you are teaching your dog to play dead, don't expect him to stay playing dead from the first try.

Instead introduce to him the position in which he is "playing dead" and then start working on him staying in that position.

Get Rid of Distractions

When training Husky new tricks, you must have his full attention. You want his whole focus on you, or he won't be learning anything.

The best way to do this is by eliminating anything that could present itself as a distraction. Any toys, chew and unnecessary objects that can get in the way of training should be put away.

Pick Your Location

This goes hand in hand with the last point, pick a location with as little distractions as possible.

If you start training new tricks in a public place with a lot of people, your Husky will constantly be distracted and will lose focus of the task that you give him.

Instead pick a quiet and familiar place with as little distractions as you possibly can.

Have Fun

Huskies are very playful dogs and love to spend time with their owners and having fun, so use the training time to do just that!

Try not to get stressed over little things. If your Husky isn't learning the trick then try another approach or try again at a later time.

Keep the training fun and get your Husky excited about completing tasks. You want him to feel rewarded and confident during training, not stressed out and scared.

"Old age means realizing you will never own all the dogs you wanted to." ~ Joe Gores

SHRF 2011 RESCUE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR!!!!...

SHRF 2011 Volunteers of the Year Marty and Deborah Lane

The Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida (SHRF) would like to award "Volunteers of the Year" to **Marty and Deborah Lane**, of St. Petersburg, for their awesome and outstanding work.

This very special couple came to SHRF in 2004 when they adopted their first Husky, Eva.

They weren't looking for any particular breed just a pet in need of a good home.

Eva was six years old, in need of some loving and she was one of those girls who would rather not share that love with another dog. So the Lanes, who would stop by SHRF's booth at Devil Ray games over the years, continued to promise they'd foster or adopt after Eva went on to doggie heaven.. Eva lived happily with the Lane's until her death at 12 yrs old from bone cancer.

With the passing of Eva, and Marty back in school, they decided to wait before adopting again so went ahead and applied to Volunteer as foster parents.

Taking in a foster dog is not for the faint-hearted or for persons that give up easily at the first sign of a problem. It takes a special kind of person who has time, commitment, dedication and a whole lot of

patience.

Marty and Deborah are those warm, wonderful people.

They opened up their home and hearts and welcomed in our orphans. Some of these foster dogs came with all sorts of issues including many that have been abandoned, abused and neglected. They were in desperate need of love, patience and a structured home life to overcome their issues. Problems do not magically disappear overnight and Marty and Deborah realized that and have worked long and hard with our fur kids, never giving up on any of their foster dogs.

They have also endured weeks long stints of exercise restrictions needed for heartworm treated dogs and that is not an easy thing to do, especially where it concerns active, young dogs wanting to run and play.

We cannot THANK them enough for all their HARD work and DEDICATION in helping us find successful loving homes for our waifs and strays.

We salute you and the rest of the foster parents out there helping these dogs heal and learn to trust humans again.

HUSKIES LIVE HERE

If you don't want to be greeted with paws and swinging tails don't come inside because Huskies live here.

If you don't like the feel of a cold nose or a wet tongue, don't come inside because Huskies live here.

If you don't want to step over many scattered toys, don't come inside because Huskies live here.

If you think that a home ought to smell of perfume, don't come inside because Huskies live here.

If you don't mind all of this, you will be instantly loved when you come inside, because Huskies live here.

- Author Unknown

SHRF UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUND RAISERS

1st Quarter 2012 Upcoming Events

- Jan 28th — **Pookie's RescueFest** 10 AM - 4 PM
Lake Lily & Maitland Civic Center, Maitland, Florida
- Feb 18th — **5th Annual "Mutt March"** 11 AM - 4 PM
Highlander Park, Dunedin, 1920 Pinehurst Rd, (corner of Michigan Blvd. & Pinehurst Rd.)
- Feb 25th — **Get Rescued in Gulfport** 10 AM - 6 PM
Beach Blvd Downtown Gulfport, 2808 58th St. S., Gulfport, FL 33707, 727-302-9299
- Celebration of Pets** 9 AM - 6 PM
Sarasota County Fair Grounds, Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL
- Feb 26th — **HUSKY OLYMPICS & PICNIC** 10 AM - 5 PM
Lake Seminole Park, Pavilion #10, Seminole, FL
- Mar 3rd — **Bark in the Park 2012** - 8:30 AM - Noon
Al Lopez Park - Tampa 4810 North Himes Avenue, Tampa
- Mar 3rd - 4th — **Renaissance Festival** 10AM - 6 PM
11316 46th St N, Tampa, FL 33617
- Mar 17th — **19th Annual Mutt Strut** 10AM - 3 PM
Honeymoon Island State Park, Dunedin
- Mar 24th — **6th Annual Clearwater Pet Festival**
Cleveland Street between East & Ft. Harrison Ave, Clearwater, FL

Please check the calendar of events on the website or Facebook for updates to our events.

WE CAN ALWAYS USE MORE VOLUNTEERS!!! So if you can help, please call **727-391-8934** or email events@siberrescue.com . If you can't help... please come out and see us at any of these events or our recurring monthly events at Petco and Petsmart. We would love to have you.

Your Best Friend

"The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is the dog.

A man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he may be near his master's side.

He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer; he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world.

He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces, he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey thru the heavens."

A Dog Poem By: Senator George Vest - 1870

Canine Blood Donors Help Injured, Sick Animals

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FUNKSTOWN, Md. (AP) - There's a golden retriever, an English Springer Spaniel, a Doberman and a handful of mixed breeds.

But, several times a year, they all become blood hounds.

The dogs are part of a program that gives the gift of life to an injured or sick animal.

They are blood donors.

As often as every seven weeks, the area dogs arrive at the Animal Health Clinic of Funkstown, roll up their paws and provide between 8 and 16 ounces of blood. Over a year's time, the dogs will produce enough samples to save the lives of more than 40 dogs.

They are volunteers in the Canine Blood Donor Program, organized by the Blue Ridge Veterinary Blood Bank, based in Purcellville, VA.

The blood bank has been in existence since 1993 and ships to more than 600 animal hospitals in the United States and Canada.

The Animal Health Clinic of Funkstown is the only donation site in Washington County, said Rebecca Chupak, the clinic's senior customer service representative.

The clinic has participated in the program since 2003, she said. "We decided to become a donation site because we have seen firsthand emergencies where blood transfusions are necessary to save a dog's life.

We also support the idea of voluntary blood donations."

In the past, Chupak noted, facilities bred dogs specifically for the purpose of blood donation.

"There are cases of it still happening today," she said. "These are animals that live in cages and are brought out when it is time to collect a sample. After the sample is collected, they are put back in the cage until they are needed again. Sounds barbaric."

The Blue Ridge Veterinary Blood Bank, on the other hand, is a firm believer in only utilizing voluntary donors.

"The dogs they use are people's pets, loved and cared for in a home environment by their families," Chupak said.

According to the blood bank, transfusions are necessary when blood is lost following an accident or during surgery. They also are needed when a dog's body cannot produce enough red blood cells by itself or when diseases cause the body to destroy its own red blood cells.

"The donation of a dog's blood means saving the lives of other animals," Chupak said.

And the demand for blood products continues to increase.

"For instance, in one month, the Blue Ridge Veterinary Blood Bank sent shipments containing four or five samples each to 200 hospitals nationwide," she noted.

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I have sometimes thought of the final cause of dogs having such short lives and I am quite satisfied it is in compassion to the human race; for if we suffer so much in losing a dog after an acquaintance of ten or twelve years, what would it be if they were to live double that time?

Sir Walter Scott

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Chupak said all blood taken from local pets is transported to the blood bank, where it is spun down and separated into plasma and red blood cells. It is stored there until it is needed by a veterinarian and then shipped over night to the facility.

Just as humans have blood types, so do dogs. According to the Blue Ridge Veterinary Blood Bank, there are eight major blood groups in a dog, labeled as DEA - dog erythrocyte antigen - 1 to 8. The major antigens are DEA 1.1 and DEA 1.2. Dogs can be positive for either (not both) or negative for both. Positive dogs can give to other positive dogs, negative dogs can give to either negative or positive.

Locally, Chupak said there are only a handful of dogs currently serving as donors and the Animal Health Clinic's goal is to increase the number of volunteers.

"We strongly believe in this cause," she said. "Rest assured, we receive no kickbacks from the BRVBB, just the satisfaction of knowing we are able to help pets in one more way."

When the program first started in Washington County, Chupak said "we had a wonderful response. But those donors are now too old to participate. We really would love to get more animals and their owners involved."

To become a canine blood donor, Chupak said there

are some qualifications. The dog must weigh at least 35 pounds and be between the ages of 9 months and 7 years. It must be up to date on vaccines and heart worm prevention and cannot be on any long-term medications (pain medication, thyroid or seizure meds, for instance). The owner also has to be willing to make a yearlong commitment to bring their pet for donations every five to seven weeks.

During the first visit, Chupak said the dog will be blood typed and have blood drawn to run the necessary tests to make sure the pet is healthy.

"If all goes well," she said, "at subsequent visits, the pet is laid on its side and is fed treats while the blood is drawn. If for any reason, the pet is not completely at ease with the process, the doctor and technician will stop what they are doing. Afterward, the pet is fed more treats to ensure a positive experience."

The cost to the owner of the pet?

"Zero, nothing, nada," Chupak said. "In fact, if the donor pet would ever be in need of a transfusion, the blood product itself is free or discounted, depending on the length of commitment."

Donors also receive free yearly blood work at no cost to the owner and a free physical exam by the doctor at each donation. Each pet also is blood typed at no charge.



You know you're a dog person when...

You meet other people with dogs, and remember their dog's call name after 30 seconds, but don't get the owner/handler's name until you've met them 2 or 3 times.

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-W. Dayton Wedgefarth

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"The more I see of the representatives of the people, the more
I admire my dogs."

- Alphonse de Lamartine

LUCKY ADOPTERS

Comments from some people lucky enough to have adopted one of our SHRF dogs.



I am so grateful for the opportunity to have fostered **Blitzen** since she is now a permanent member of my family. She was reserved at first, but now she's affectionate and a central part of our family pack! She brings so much joy to me and my mom that words just can't describe. She is always the 'talk of the walk' when going for our daily walks; passersby admire her



beauty and she always greets them with a friendly howl. She is currently enjoying life with her 2 brothers and is happy being the Princess of the pack.



The guys, **Kaiser and Zorro**, have taken over our hearts, home and lives. Thank you so much. Please let us know when we can be of help to SHRF.

Margie T



We admit it, we are foster FAILURES, but that is a good thing! To fail at fostering means that a wonderful dog ends up with a forever home and avoids one last move. We first started fostering **Servo** on a temporary basis, while his initial foster mom had some out of town visitors. It was then that Servo started his plot to work his way into our hearts and lives. Two weeks turned into several months, which turned into a lifetime home for Servo. He was immediately respectful of the house rules, no dogs on the furniture and LOTS of walks. He is going to school now and he is the smartest dog in the class, not to mention the most handsome too, in our humble opinion. Servo has completed our family and was the star of this

year's Christmas card. He has made our lives better in countless ways and we cannot imagine life without him. We occasionally take him to the Husky Rescue adoption events so he can represent other Huskies who need forever homes plus get social time with other Huskies, but he is always going to go home with us. We are so happy to have Servo in our family!

"If your dog doesn't like someone you probably shouldn't either."

~ Unknown

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For the study, Losey collaborated with excavation director Vladimir Bazaliiskii and researchers Sandra Garvie-Lok, Mietje Germonpre, Jennifer Leonard, Andrew Allen, Anne Katzenberg, and Mikhail Sablin. Bazaliiskii found the buried dog at the Shamanka cemetery near Lake Baikal, Siberia.

"Just like the humans in the cemetery, the dog was buried with other items, (such as) a long spoon made of antler," Losey said.

The dog was carefully laid to rest lying on his right side in a grave pit that, at other levels, also contained five partial human skeletons.

DNA and stable isotope analysis determined the animal was indeed a dog and that he ate exactly what humans at the site consumed: fish, freshwater seal meat, deer, small mammals, and some plant foods.

The canine's life, as well as that of the people, wasn't easy, though.

"The dog's skeleton, particularly its vertebrate spines, suggests that it was repeatedly used to transport loads," Losey explained. "This could have included carrying gear on its back that was used in daily activities like hunting, fishing, and gathering plant foods and firewood. The dog also could have been used to transport gear for the purposes of relocating settlements on a seasonal basis."

Additional fractures suggest the dog suffered numerous blows during its lifetime, possibly from the feet of red deer during hunting outings. The researchers cannot rule out that humans hit the dog, but its older age at burial, food provisions, and more suggest otherwise.

From the same general time period, the scientists also found a wolf burial at a site called Lokomotiv near the Irkut and Angara rivers in Siberia.

The wolf, which did not consume human-provided foods, appears to have died of old age. Its remains were found wrapped around a human skull. There is no evidence the wolf interacted with the person when alive.

"Perhaps the burial of the wolf with the human head placed between its feet was done to send the spirit or soul of the wolf with this particular human to the afterlife, perhaps as its protector," Losey said.

Susan Crockford, adjunct professor of anthropology at the University of Victoria and author of the book "A Practical Guide to In Situ Dog Remains for the Field Archaeologist" (2009), told Discovery News that she was "surprised to see the description of the wolf/human internment," she added. "That is definitely unusual."

Crockford isn't supporting any particular interpretation of the burials just yet, however, since she said, "There can be many reasons for the ritual treatment of dogs, including ones we might never imagine."



2012 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Teams

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Forty seven teams from all around Alaska have been announced as the official participants of the 2012 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, marked as "The Last Great Race on Earth." The sign up period on June 25, 2011 at the Iditarod Trail Committee Headquarters has created quite a buzz amongst spectators, fans and volunteers when some of the best racers showed up at the registration site.

Included are some of the greatest Alaskan racers in the history of Iditarod race, such as Four Time Iditarod Champions Lance Mackey and Martin Buser, four time champion Jeff King, 2004 Iditarod Champion Mitch Seavey and 2011 Iditarod Champion John Baker. They were joined by a number of 2011 top ten finishers.

According to the official list of the 2012 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Racers, the 47 teams has already conducted the draw lots and were numbered as follows:

- (1) Kelley Griffin – Wasilla, AK USA;
- (2) Martin Buser – Big Lake, AK USA
- (3) Anjanette Steer – Sheep Mtn, AK USA
- (4) Scott Janssen Anchorage, AK USA
- (5) Aaron Burmeister – Nenana, AK USA
- (6) Nick Petit – Chugiak, AK USA
- (7) Trent Herbst – Anchorage, AK USA
- (8) Travis Cooper – Big Lake, AK USA
- (9) Bruce Linton – Kasilof, AK USA
- (10) Jodi Bailey – Fairbanks, AK USA
- (11) Mike Santos – Cantwell, AK USA
- (12) Brennan Norden – Kasilof, AK USA
- (13) Lance Mackey – Fairbanks, AK USA
- (14) Hugh Neff – Tok, AK USA
- (15) Dallas Seavey Willow, AK USA
- (16) Mitch Seavey – Sterling, AK USA
- (17) Peter Kaiser – Bethel, AK USA
- (18) DeeDee Jonrowe – Willow, AK USA

- (19) Anna Berington – Kasilof, AK USA
- (20) Sigrid Ekran – Sparbu, NORWAY
- (21) Ramey Smyth – Willow, AK USA
- (22) Michael Suprenant – Chugiak , AK USA
- (23) Tom Thurston – Oak Creek, CO USA
- (24) Pat Moon – Park Ridge, IL USA
- (25) Jake Berkowitz – Big Lake, AK USA
- (26) Kristy Berington – Kasilof, AK USA
- (27) Wattie McDonald – Clam Gulch, AK USA
- (28) Karin Hendrickson – Wasilla, AK USA
- (29) Jaimee Kinzer – Wasilla, AK USA
- (30) Paul F Gebhardt – Kasilof, AK USA
- (31) Cim Smyth – Big Lake, AK USA
- (32) Michelle Phillips – Tagish, YT CANADA
- (33) Gerry Willomitzer – Whitehorse, YT CANADA
- (34) Kelly Maixner – Big Lake, AK USA
- (35) Colleen Robertia – Kasilof, AK USA
- (36) Jessie Royer – Fairbanks, AK USA
- (37) Ken Anderson – Fairbanks, AK USA
- (38) William Pinkham – Glenwood Springs, CO USA
- (39) Jan Steves – Edmonds, WA USA
- (40) Jeff King – Denali, AK USA
- (41) Ray Redington, Jr. – Wasilla, AK USA
- (42) Kevin Neher – Wasilla, AK USA
- (43) John Baker – Kotzebue, AK USA
- (44) Aliy Zirkle – Two Rivers, AK USA
- (45) Justin Savidis – Willow, AK USA
- (46) Justin High – Willow, AK USA and
- (47) Jim Lanier – Chugiak, AK USA.

Kelley Griffin (Wasilla Alaska) and Martin Buser (Big Lake Alaska) won their \$3,000 entry fees back in a final drawing that marked the end of the 2011 Volunteer Appreciation Picnic.

Most of the participants come from Alaska but there are also teams coming from Canada, Illinois, Washington, Colorado and even as far as Norway.

Top Ten Signs Your Dog Is More Intelligent Than You

10. Neighbors complain about loud music and howling coming from your apartment in the middle of the day
9. You find mysterious sculpture of a human (who looks strikingly like you) on a leash in your living room
8. Ice floating in toilet water
7. Neighborhood cats bring dog treats to your doorstep
6. Friends swear they've seen your car at the local meat-processing plant
5. You can never find the leftovers
4. The remote is covered with slobber, and the TV was left on The Nature Channel
3. The dog doesn't lick itself anymore... now it's the cat's job.
2. Mensa mailings addressed to "Rover"
1. Your house keys no longer work

~ Author Unknown ~

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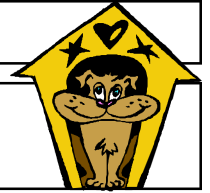


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Pet Friendly Recipes Leftover Thanksgiving Hash

From Every Day with Rachael Ray



Ingredients

- 1 lb. ground turkey
- 1/2 cup grated carrot
- 2 tbsp. whole-berry cranberry sauce
- 1 tbsp. EVOO

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 200°. In a bowl, combine the turkey, carrot, cranberry sauce and EVOO. Spread the mixture evenly on a 9-by-11-inch foil-lined baking sheet; bake for 2 hours.

Carefully turn out the meat onto a large cutting board and cut into 1-by- 4-inch strips. Return the strips to the foil-lined baking sheet and bake until completely dry, about 2 more hours. Transfer to a rack and let cool before storing in the refrigerator. .

* Every pet is different, so please check with your vet to see if this recipe is suitable for your dog.

Heaven goes by favour. If it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in.

- Mark Twain