



# Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida, Inc.

PO Box 8727 Seminole, FL 33775 Phone or Fax (727) 391-8934

An Official 501C Not-For-Profit Organization

Solicitation License # CH10677. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll free 1-800-435-7352 within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval or recommendation by the State.

## In this issue:

[From the SHRF Board of Directors Page 1](#)

[Editorial Page 2](#)

[Dog Heart Surgery Page 3](#)

[Hypoallergenic Dogs Page 4](#)

[SHRF Events Page 5, 6, 7](#)

[SHRF Volunteer of the Year Page 8](#)

[Dog Training - Intruder Alert! Page 9](#)

[Overweight Dogs, Dog Sniffs Out Cancer Page 10](#)

[Upcoming SHRF events Page 11](#)

[Our Rescue Vets Page 12](#)

[Lucky Adopters Page 13, 14](#)

[Dog Stem Cell Treatment Page 15](#)

[Puppy Pilates Page 16](#)

[Pet Recipe Page 17](#)

[Service Dog for Injured Veteran Page 18](#)

[Happy Endings Page 19](#)

[Dog House Page 20](#)

## FOURTH QUARTER NEWSLETTER OCT - DEC 2012

### FROM THE SHRF BOARD

We hope that you and your families have all had a wonderful and safe holiday season. As another year comes to a close, we look back over 2012 at the hard work we have all put in to SHRF.

Our team of volunteers dedicate their time and money into saving Huskies from around the state. With a team that goes above and beyond it is hard to think that we could do any more. For that, we give our thanks and appreciation to our supporters and volunteers. Without all of us working together, we would not be able to accomplish all that we do. The looks on the Huskies' faces that are rescued is enough of a reward. We would like to try to expand our network of volunteers throughout the state, whether it is for doing reference checks, vet checks, transports, or foster homes. Any help others are willing to provide will be appreciated. To accomplish this we are looking to all of you to help spread the word about SHRF.

Over the past year we have seen some of our previous Huskies returned due to various unfortunate circumstances. This is very difficult for us to see since we strive to place each Husky into the right home. However, we cannot predict the future and we know the adopters have the Huskies' best interests at heart. This is another reason we need to ensure we have additional available foster homes.

In 2012 we were able to save 73 Huskies either from death row, surrenders, referrals, or indirectly through communication among volunteers. We also adopted out 50 Siberian Huskies! Our volunteers should be very proud of this accomplishment.

Please keep a look out on our events webpage as we will have several upcoming events, particularly our annual Husky Olympics which will take place on February 24, 2013 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 out. We always love to see our previous rescue Huskies.

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

### **2012 Board Members:**

Debi K, President

Janet E, Vice President of Adoptions

Cheryl F, Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations

Mary Jane B, Secretary

Lisa B, Treasurer

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

## SHRF Contact Information

*President  
Vice President of Adoptions  
Vice President of Marketing  
Secretary  
Treasurer*

All may be reached at:  
[board@siberrescue.com](mailto:board@siberrescue.com)

*Website Coordinator*  
[webmaster@siberrescue.com](mailto:webmaster@siberrescue.com)

*PR/Fund Raising Coordinator*  
[board@siberrescue.com](mailto:board@siberrescue.com)

*Volunteer Coordinator/Adoption  
Contact Coordinator*  
[contactus@siberrescue.com](mailto:contactus@siberrescue.com)

*Swashbuckler Team Coordinator*  
[board@siberrescue.com](mailto:board@siberrescue.com)

**RESCUE WEBSITE**  
[www.siberrescue.com](http://www.siberrescue.com)

**RESCUE CORPORATE E-MAIL  
ADDRESS**  
[siberrescue@yahoo.com](mailto:siberrescue@yahoo.com)

### **RESCUE PARTICIPATION**

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or sponsor of the Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida, Inc., please visit the website and fill out the appropriate application OR call or fax us anytime.

### **NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING**

Business card size \$20 per year  
1/4 page \$5 per issue  
1/2 page \$10 per issue  
Full page \$15 per issue

### **SUBMISSIONS**

All submissions and suggestions to this newsletter are encouraged and welcomed. Please forward to the mailing address at the top of page 1 or: [events@siberrescue.com](mailto:events@siberrescue.com)

### **From the Editors Bob & Lorraine**

This is my 24<sup>th</sup> newsletter and will be my last. The newsletter, for me, has reached a point where I get more complaints than kudos. Some readers have taken constructive criticism as an insult and others have complained about the content being uninteresting, negative and boring. It dawned on me that maybe it was time for new blood, with a different outlook on what should go into a newsletter.

I am not doing this in some kind of huff over hurt feelings but I will become a septuagenarian in a couple of months and I feel I should cut back in the amount of time I spend in my volunteer efforts.

About a year ago I asked the SHRF board to please find someone to share some of the work that goes into the web site and newsletter but so far they have not been able to find anyone. I consider the web site more important than the newsletter which is why I am hoping someone reading this editorial will step up and volunteer to take over as newsletter editor. It is not a continuous effort but is concentrated in the period about a month prior to publication.

Every December, March, June and September the editor has to search the internet for interesting stories or articles related to Huskies, dogs in general, animal rescue, veterinary science - the list goes on but suffice it to say, anything that may be of interest to dog owners, rescue volunteers etc. The publication dates are the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, April, July and October.

Certain members of the board and some volunteers contribute with items such as "From the Board", "Lucky Adopters" and SHRF Events.

Whoever winds up taking over the newsletter, assuming it just doesn't get cancelled, will need certain software programs such as Microsoft Publisher, Mi-

crosoft Word, and Photoshop. I have my personal copies of these which I use in other webmaster endeavors so I cannot pass them on to SHRF. There may be cheaper, equivalent sources for this type of software so I am not saying these particular items are requirements.

I am also open to splitting up certain segments of the web site itself if someone wants to get involved. The Lost and Found, Florida Shelters and Calendar (Events) pages have become popular and require constant maintenance. Besides the software necessary mentioned above one would need an HTML editor (I use Dreamweaver) but there are many good ones on the market. A good working knowledge of HTML and Javascript are pretty much necessary but I am willing to work with someone who is interested. I would estimate just these three pages will require a minimum time investment of 10+ hours a week, which includes weekends.

I make myself available seven days a week for web site maintenance because I feel that timeliness is important and since I, as someone once pointed out, "have the luxury of being retired" I have the ability to do so. Of course, this attitude assumes that I have no life other than the SHRF web site, a situation often echoed by Lorraine. So, even if someone volunteers to help me out, I would still like to keep my hands in the pot and maintain the remainder of the site. To me all this is a labor of love, not just for my six girls but all these magnificent creatures called Siberian Huskies, creatures I consider one of God's greatest works.

Anyone interested please contact me at [webmaster@siberrescue.com](mailto:webmaster@siberrescue.com).

**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"**

## Labrador to undergo human heart surgery

A labrador with a rare heart malformation is to undergo a 3,000-euro (£2,400) human heart surgery in a top Paris hospital, following a Facebook campaign to save his life.



Nine-month-old Lycka

By Henry Samuel, Paris 3:52PM GMT 29 Nov 2012

Veterinary surgeons at Maison-Alfort in Paris said that an operation to repair a ruptured artery in nine-month-old Lycka was technically too difficult to succeed.

But instead of opting to put the dog down, they contact surgeons at the Montsouris hospital – for humans – in Paris's 14th arrondissement.

With the technical expertise acquired for tricky operations on human hearts, the surgeons said they were confident of success with Lycka and agreed to operate for free.

"This operation is not usually done on animals. So surgeons for humans will operate Lycka," said Orianne Vatin, spokesman for the French Society for the Protection of Animals, SPA.

Despite the doctor's offer to waive payment, the operation will still cost 3,000 Euros to conduct as "the only technique that can save him uses cutting-edge technology and so is very costly," said the SPA.

Out of work and unable to afford such a sum, Christian Collin, Lycka's owner, who adopted the dog after he was abandoned at three months, was unable to foot the bill. So the SPA agreed to stump up 70 per cent of the sum and launched a Facebook campaign asking for donations to pay for the remainder.

Yesterday, they were still several hundred euros short but were confident of reaching the target before the operation, due on December 20.

"One man offered us 300 Euros on the spot, it's wonderful," said Miss Vatin.

However, the campaign has come in for some criticism.

Doctor Didier Ménard, who works in Franc-Moisin, a run-down district of the Paris suburb Seine-Saint-Denis, said: "I would like to think that I would have as much success if I needed a prosthesis for one of my patients. Lots of them lead dogs' lives," he told *Le Parisien*.

"On a personal level, I understand this man's attachment to his dog and the fact that he wants to do everything to save it. But if you take a step back, you have to admit we live in a rather strange society."

Visitors to Lycka's Facebook page were appalled at the controversy.

"An animal is often more grateful than a human," wrote Severine Vincent Arnaud. "Do people who don't love animals really love themselves?"

### **WEB SITES THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST**

#### **Useful Dog Tricks 3 performed by Jesse**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PztO-OvzRyg&feature=player\\_embedded#!](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PztO-OvzRyg&feature=player_embedded#!)

#### **Dog Intelligence Test**

<http://pets1st.com/articles/00025adoggieiqtest.asp>

#### **Dog/Cat/Pepsi Commercial**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ez1MgopJD9g&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ez1MgopJD9g&feature=player_embedded)

## **Hypoallergenic Dogs Don't Have Lower Household Allergen Levels Than Other Dogs, Study Finds**

ScienceDaily (July 12, 2011) — Contrary to popular belief, so-called hypoallergenic dogs do not have lower household allergen levels than other dogs.

That's the conclusion of a study by Henry Ford Hospital researchers who sought to evaluate whether hypoallergenic dogs have a lower dog allergen in the home than other dogs. Hypoallergenic dogs are believed to produce less dander and saliva and shed less fur.

The findings are to be published online this month in the American Journal of Rhinology and Allergy.

"We found no scientific basis to the claim hypoallergenic dogs have less allergen," says Christine Cole Johnson, Ph.D., MPH, chair of Henry Ford's Department of Public Health Sciences and senior author of the study.

"Based on previous allergy studies conducted here at Henry Ford, exposure to a dog early in life provides protection against dog allergy development. But the idea that you can buy a certain breed of dog and think it will cause less allergy problems for a person already dog-allergic is not borne out by our study."

This is believed to be the first time researchers measured environmental allergen associated with hypoallergenic dogs. Previous studies analyzed hair samples from only a handful of dogs in a small number of breeds.

Henry Ford researchers analyzed dust samples collected from 173 homes one month after a newborn was brought home. The dust samples were collected from the carpet or floor in the baby's bedroom and

analyzed for the dog allergen Can f 1. Only homes with one dog were involved in the study. Sixty dog breeds were involved in the study, 11 of which are considered hypoallergenic dogs.

Based on public web site claims of hypoallergenic breeds, dogs were classified as hypoallergenic using one of four "schemes" based on their breed for comparing allergen levels.

Scheme A compared purebred hypoallergenic dogs to purebred non-hypoallergenic dogs.

Scheme B compared purebred and mixed breed dogs with at least one hypoallergenic parent to purebred non-hypoallergenic dogs.

Scheme C compared purebred and mixed breed dogs with at least one hypoallergenic parent to purebred and mixed breed dogs with no known hypoallergenic component.

Scheme D compared only purebred dogs identified as hypoallergenic by the American Kennel Club to all other dogs.

Researchers found that the four schemes yielded no significant differences in allergen levels between hypoallergenic dogs and non-hypoallergenic dogs. In homes where the dog was not allowed in the baby's bedroom, the allergen level for hypoallergenic dogs was slightly higher compared to allergen levels of non-hypoallergenic dogs.

While researchers acknowledged limitations in their study -- the amount of time the dog spent in the baby's bedroom was not recorded and the size of its sample did not allow looking at specific breeds -- they say parents should not rely on dog breeds classified as hypoallergenic.

**"... in the world which we know, among the different and primitive geniuses that preside over the evolution of the several species, there exists not one, excepting that of the dog, that ever gave a thought to the presence of man. ."**

**~ Maurice Maeterlinck - 'Our Friend, The Dog'**

# SHRF Events 4th Quarter 2012

Santa's Parade, December 1, 2012, St Petersburg, FL



# SHRF Events 4th Quarter 2012

Page 2



The all-important food trucks

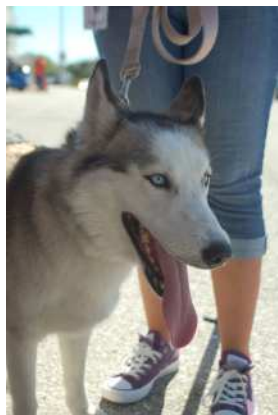
## Barktoberfest September 29, 2012



SHRF setup



Nala III



Misty

## Chili Cook Off October 2012



Shiloh II & Kinou



Kinou

## Racing for Rescues — October 2012



Shiloh II & pal



Shiloh II at SHRF setup



Misty and some admirers



# SHRF Events 4th Quarter 2012

Page 3

## Dogtoberfest Shops at Wiregrass October, 2012



Timber with his  
Lucky Adopter



Joey, Naomi and Malakai



Shiloh II



Malakai



Naomi



SHRF booth

### A Man and His Dog

A man was watering his lawn one day when he looked and coming up the street was two hearses followed by a man, his dog and a single file line of about 200 men. The guy watering his lawn thought this was rather odd and decided to ask the first guy (with the dog) what was going on.

The guy said "That's my wife in the first hearse, my dog bit her and she died".

The guy watering the lawn said, "Oh, I'm terribly sorry to hear that, what about the second hearse?".

The other guy said "Well that's my mother-in-law, my dog also bit her and she died."

The guy with the lawn thinks for a minute and says, "Can I borrow your dog?".

The guy with the dog responds, "Back of the line!".

**SHRF 2012 RESCUE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR!!!!...**

**Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida would like to applaud two very special Volunteer Couples for their Outstanding Dedicated Service in 2012.**

**We were unable to choose one Volunteer this year so have decided to commend two equally deserving Volunteer Couples.**

Landra and Ken B. live in Melbourne Beach and are past approved adopters of a Rescued Siberian Husky named Sitka. At one time they had two Huskies and two Greyhounds but time marches on and now they have one Husky and one elderly Greyhound.

They decided life was too boring so decided to foster and what a wonderful job they do. Usually two dogs at a time. They have had at least two sets of siblings come to stay, both young pups, which are a lot of extra work. Anyone that has had one Siberian Husky puppy will know the work involved.

Landra and Ken just go with the flow, stating "it's nothing, as they are used to two at a time" They are proud parents of grown human twins!

Ken is retired and is the stay at home Fur Dad. We are not sure what the record is for number of dogs fostered and adopted from one family in one year but I am sure Landra and Ken must be the winners, hands down, with never a complaint.

As well as fostering, they will help out with anything else that we ask them to do, transporting dogs across the state, picking up dogs at animal shelters and completing home visits in their area when needed

They are extremely generous and have procured funds from Landra's company which match their donations with equal funding.

If the world had a few more Landra's and Ken's no dog would need to go without.

Landra and Ken... we are so extremely grateful for all your hard work and dedication to our Rescue and our Furballs. Thank you over and over.

**Our second outstanding couple:**

Judy S. and her husband Dave live in Kissimmee with their Brittany Spaniel Piper and newly adopted Rescue Siberian Husky, Nala.

Nala is a very special needs dog that did not have a happy start in life so is shy and withdrawn, nervous and scared of humans. This kind of dog needs special handling and lots of patience and a long term commitment.

Judy and Dave took her under their wing and are working with her to hopefully achieve a balanced happy dog.

That is dedication and most people would have given up a long time ago but not Judy or Dave.

They have continued to foster and currently have another of our orphans.

Judy is very generous and financially helps with the Vet bills too. She is also our Forms Coordinator and will type up and send any Foster and adoption forms as needed.

They are very experienced foster parents and have been helping homeless dogs for many years. First for Brittany Spaniel Rescue and now Siberian Huskies.

Judy and Dave. You Guys Rock. Thank you for all your dedicated unrelenting hard work.

Wish List for Christmas:

Please Santa, send us more wonderful people like Landra and Ken and Judy and Dave for 2013.

**"Saving one dog won't change the world, but it will certainly change the world for that one dog."**

*~ Anonymous*





## INTRUDER ALERT!

By: Jeff Drier - Master Dog Behavioral Therapist

It's not uncommon for people to let their dogs mark everywhere along the walk. It's also not uncommon for these same dogs to bark at every dog they

see. The two behaviors are related as I'll explain.

Dogs, even though they've been domesticated for thousands of years, still retain some of their ancestral patterns of behavior. They believe they are living in a pack, although it's now a mixed pack of dogs and people. In the wild, the prominent members mark their territory as a way to let other packs know that the area is occupied by the pack. In other words marking is a way putting up "No Trespassing, Keep Out!" signs.

Dogs in the wild don't cross into another pack's territory unless their own lacks the resources needed for the pack to thrive. If there are enough resources the packs pretty much stay in their own areas. Marking is way to prevent trouble between the packs by denoting the territory. If a dog does cross the marked boundaries there is likely to be trouble.

Now we have Max, who is stopping to mark all the bushes, mailboxes and trees during his walk. Again he's thinking he lives in a pack. He gets home and takes up position watching out the front window. There's Fluffy going for a walk, but she's in Max's territory so Max sounds the alarm. INTRUDER ALERT!

While it's not uncommon for people to tell me, "he's a good guard dog" or "he's just being a dog", if Max is barking at everything we have a tendency to eventually tune it out. We'll never know if there is something we should pay attention to. Barking at everything is a stress response. Imagine if you thought everyone you saw was an invader coming to do harm. That's closer to what Max is feeling when he's constantly on guard.

Max will also be likely to bark, lunge and make a fuss when he's out for a walk and sees another dog for the same reasons. INTRUDER ALERT!

If you take Max away from "his" neighborhood, two different scenarios might occur. His behavior might be the same but now for a different reason. He's in someone else's territory so he makes a fuss so as not to be attacked by the dog(s) whose territory he has entered, or he might be more respectful and not make a fuss at all.

The question is how do we change this behavior? Remember, it's the prominent members of the pack that have the responsibility to "mark" the territory, not the members who are lower on the totem pole. We might have to look at the pack dynamics. Is Max the decision maker or are the adult people in charge? If Max's in charge we need to work on changing the hierarchy.

Often this is easy; most dogs are born followers not leaders. There are some dogs that are natural leaders and these dogs will be more likely to try to hang onto their position. Thankfully these are few, of the more than 1500 dogs we've worked with, no more than a handful have been born leaders. The rest have all quickly given indications that they didn't want the responsibilities that come with leadership.

This doesn't mean however that just changing Max's job description will end the barking or marking, but it's often the start. Behavioral issues are often related to how Max feels about his life. Understanding why things happen is an important part of dealing with issues. If we don't understand why something is happening, we're not as likely to develop a reliable plan to deal with the situation.

When you understand Rover's world and deal with Max on his level you can clear up the confusion. Max can then relax and enjoy his life instead of stressing about it.

We all know the results. . .

Happy Dogs = Happy Families

You can find Bark Busters at: [www.BarkBusters.com](http://www.BarkBusters.com)

**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.”**

## **For Dogs, Thin is In!**

It is easy for us to put on a couple pounds and not notice it until we try wearing something we haven't worn for a while. It's even harder to notice small weight gains in dogs. So how do you know if your dog is overweight? Here are some ways to tell.

Run your fingers along your pet's rib cage. The ribs should be felt easily and the skin should glide over the ribs smoothly, as opposed to sheets of fat and skin moving along the ribs. Also, the bones of the spine, shoulders and hips should be easily felt or visible.

Stand over your dog looking at his back. Look for a curved indentation in the area of the waist (just behind the rib cage). If you don't see one, instead you see a straight line from head to tail, or even a bowed-out line along the back, your dog is overweight.

Look at your dog from the side. There should be a tucked up area behind the rib cage and before the hind legs. If you see a straight line or a saggy area in the belly area, your dog is overweight.

Check your dog's face. A rounded face or folds of skin around the face and chin may indicate your dog is overweight (depending on the breed).

Look at the base of his tail. If your dog is overweight, you'll see extra padding or folds in this area.

You almost want your dog to look "thin". We've had several people say to us they believe their dogs look too thin, when we believe they are the perfect weight. I think the reason for this is because we've become accustomed to seeing dogs that are overweight. In fact, as we've said before, we've read that fat is the new normal.

Because of the myriad of health problems weight issues can cause, this is a trend we would like to stop. So if your dog doesn't look thin, and he "fails" the tests above, put him on a diet and get him some high quality exercise. Remember, for dogs, Thin is In!

## **Dogs can sniff out lung cancer, pilot study shows**

Dogs are surprisingly adept at sniffing out lung cancer, results from a pilot project in Austria published this year suggested, potentially offering hope for earlier, life-saving diagnosis.

"Dogs have no problem identifying tumour patients," said Peter Errhalt, head of the pulmonology department at Krems hospital in northern Austria, one of the authors of the study.

The test saw dogs achieve a 70-percent success rate identifying cancer from 120 breath samples, a result so "encouraging" that a two-year study 10 times larger will now take place, Errhalt said.

The results echo anecdotal evidence of odd canine behaviour when around cancer sufferers and are backed up by the results of similar small studies, including one by German scientists in 2011.

The ultimate aim is not, however, to have canines stationed in hospitals, but for scientists to identify what scents the dogs are detecting, explained Michael Mueller from the Otto Wagner Hospital in Vienna, who collaborated on the pilot project.

This in turn could help scientists reproduce in the long term a kind of "electronic nose" -- minus the wagging tail -- that could help diagnose lung cancer in the early stages, thereby dramatically improving survival rates, Mueller said.

**"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***

## SHRF UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUND RAISERS

### 1st Quarter 2013 Upcoming Events

- Jan 11<sup>th</sup>     **Doggie Date Night** 6 PM - 8 PM  
Safety Harbor City Park
- Jan 19<sup>th</sup>     **PetSmart on Tyrone Blvd.** 10 AM - 2 PM  
3993 Tyrone Blvd., St Petersburg
- Jan 19<sup>th</sup>     **Pet Supplies Plus** 10 AM - 2 PM  
7331 Park Blvd, Pinellas Park
- Jan 26<sup>th</sup>     **5th Annual Pookie's RescueFest** 10 AM - 4 PM  
Lake Lily Park, Maitland Civic Center, Maitland, Florida
- Jan 26<sup>th</sup>     **PetSmart Countryside** 10 AM - 2 PM  
26277 US Hwy 19 N, Clearwater, FL
- Feb 16<sup>th</sup>     **PetSmart on Tyrone Blvd.** 10 AM - 2 PM  
3993 Tyrone Blvd., St Petersburg
- Feb 16<sup>th</sup>     **7th Annual Mutt March** 11 AM - 5 PM  
Highlander Park, Dunedin, 1920 Pinehurst Rd
- Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>     **PetSmart Countryside** 10 AM - 2 PM  
26277 US Hwy 19 N, Clearwater, FL
- Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>     **Get Rescued in Gulfport** 10 AM - 6 PM  
Beach Blvd, Downtown Gulfport
- Feb 24<sup>th</sup>     **HUSKY OLYMPICS & PICNIC** 11 AM - 4 PM  
Lake Seminole Park, Pavilion #10, Seminole, FL
- Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>        **Bay Area Pet Fest** 10 AM - 5 PM  
Renaissance Festival at MOSI, 11315 N. 46th Street, Tampa FL
- Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>        **Celebration of Pets 3** 10 AM - 5 PM  
Sarasota County Fair Grounds, Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL
- Mar 10<sup>th</sup>     **Pet-a-Palooza** 10 AM - 5 PM  
Coachman Park, Clearwater FL
- Mar 16<sup>th</sup>     **PetSmart on Tyrone Blvd.** 10 AM - 2 PM  
3993 Tyrone Blvd., St Petersburg

*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](mailto: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.

**Please recognize and support these great professionals who help  
Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida, Inc.**

**Animal Hospital of Largo**

13902 Walsingham Road  
Largo, FL 33774  
727-595-2287

**Animal Medical Center**

Michael Eldridge DVM  
2540 30th Ave No  
St. Petersburg, FL 33713  
727-896-7127

**The Day and Evening Pet Clinic**

3206 Alt 19 Hwy  
Palm Harbor, FL 34683  
727-785-7200  
[www.dayandeveningpetclinic.com](http://www.dayandeveningpetclinic.com)

**Florida Veterinary Specialists**

3000 Busch Lake Blvd  
Tampa, FL 33614  
813-933-8944

**Millhopper Veterinary Medical  
Center, Inc.**

4209 Northwest 37th Place  
Gainesville, Florida 32606  
352-373-8055

**North Bay Animal and Bird Hospital**

9801 W Hillsborough Ave  
Tampa, FL 33615  
813-885-4477

**Pet Luv Spay/Neuter Clinic**

7348 Broad Street  
Brooksville, FL 34601  
352-799-9990

**Plantation Animal Hospital**

Dr. Rhonda Johnson  
4585 Gunn Highway  
Tampa, FL 33624  
813-968-3393

**Shelton Veterinary Clinic - Elkton**

4865 SR 207  
Elkton, FL 32033  
Office 904-692-3935  
FAX 904-692-5011  
Emergency Service 904-692-3935

**Shores Animal Hospital**

Dr Shores and Assoc  
3811 N.W. 13th Street  
Gainesville, FL 32609  
352-372-8387

**Southwest Ocala Veterinary Hospital**

Dr. Gerhart  
8814 SW Hwy 200  
Ocala, FL 34481  
352-854-6914

**Steele Animal Hospital**

Rita Manarino, DVM, PA  
5305 Seminole Blvd  
Seminole, FL 33708  
727-398-7601

**Suncoast Veterinary Care Center**

20319 State Rd 54  
Lutz FL 33556  
813 949 8899

**Tampa Bay Veterinary Specialists**

Thomas R. Miller, DVM, MS  
1501-A Belcher Road S  
Largo, FL 33771  
727-535-3500

**Temple Terrace Animal and Bird Hospital**

Link V. Welborn, DVM  
5023 Busch Blvd  
Tampa, FL 33617  
813-988-1189

**Underhill Animal Hospital**

Dr. Kelly Cole  
4900 Lake Underhill Rd  
Orlando, FL 32807



**"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.



Kira

**Kira** is doing excellently!! We think she may be younger than the three years we originally thought, and she just gets happier and sweeter each day. Kira has brought so much joy to our family. Although a little reserved at first, as she got used to her new life she has now opened up and become a really sweet and lovable dog. She loves to play with her new sister, Raven, and follows us around the house waiting for cuddles, of



Raven and Kira

which she gets a lot. Kira is a special girl and we are so happy that after a rough start to her life she now really knows what it is to be loved.



**Lexi** has been an awesome addition to our family. My husband and I love her flamboyant personality and loving attitude. Lexi is very sweet and energetic with all of us. She loves to go to the dog park and the beach. We take her as often as we can and also go for long walks. Lexi is



absolutely an amazing dog and while no dog can replace our Husky, Pandora, we are very pleased to have found Lexi. My husband calls her Lexi Baby and I call her LexMex. She is settling in very well!!



**Scout** (formerly lion). A little over one year ago, on October 7, 2011, we adopted this beautiful Husky boy from Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida. He was ten months old and we named him Scout. We had some rough times in the beginning with him and our pack but now he fits right in.

He has stolen our hearts and we love him very much.. HAPPY GOTCHA DAY SCOUT!



## LUCKY ADOPTERS—page 2

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



**Nikita** (formerly Nicky) has been a great addition to our family. She and our other Husky, Kira, are practically inseparable. Nikita loves to run and has gotten better about not bolting out the front door when it's open. Both she and Kira LOVE going to the dog park every day and when it's time to go back home, almost 3 hours later, Nikita still just wants to play.



Now when we call her she comes running, with a look of pure happiness!



She knows that when we turn the lights off in the living room it means bed time and she gladly jumps on our bed and makes herself comfortable. She is such a lover, anytime anyone wants to hold her, or pet her, she gladly comes to you and starts giving



you kisses, or sometimes will roll over and show her belly - she loves her belly rubs!



Not everything has been roses though. We have had our tough days with her, such as when she and her sister destroyed our sofa and our love-seat cushion, yet when we look at that adorable face, we just can't stay angry!



We are so grateful to have Nikita as part of the family, and cannot thank SHRF and Cheryl F enough for bringing her into our lives!

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

~ Unknown



**Kiana and her Lucky Adopter**



## Ailing rescue dog gets cutting-edge stem cell treatment



(PHOTO/Jason Wheeler, Staff)

Powder, a search and rescue dog that helped save seven people after the 2010 Haiti earthquake, prepares to undergo stem cell therapy in Flagler Beach.

By Jason Wheeler, Flagler County Reporter  
Last Updated: Wednesday, October 24, 2012

### FLAGLER BEACH --

If you're a pet owner, you may be surprised at the cutting-edge medical procedures going on inside a local veterinarian's office in Flagler County.

You might now know it by looking at her, sedated on a doctor's table, but Powder helped save seven people trapped in the rubble following the massive earthquake in Haiti in 2010.

The 7-year-old black lab, along with her handler, Lt. Brian Smithey, works with Tampa Fire Rescue, as well as with FEMA as a search and rescue team.

Now, however, it's Powder who needs rescuing. Health problems have limited her work.

Smithey explained they have tried a number of procedures to help her get around.

"Arthroscopy on both shoulders, both elbows -- we kind of thought we took care of the problem," he said. "But now, we're finding out that she had some tendon issues, and she needed some further treatment."

That treatment is stem cell replacement therapy, which Dr. Terri Rosado is performing in her Flagler Beach office. While she's only had her practice open since Oct. 8, she said performing this procedure is a no-brainer.

"I never accepted that old age is a 'disease,' and I never accepted the thought that there just isn't anything else that we can do," said Dr. Rosado. "This really gives us the opportunity to help more animals."

Lt. Smithey and Powder have gone as far as Maryland for treatment, so a three-hour trip across Florida is no big deal.

And as procedures go, this one is rather simple. Some veterinarians even say it's easier than a spay.

Here's how it works: Fat is taken from Powder and the stem cells separated from it, all in-house. It's a one-day procedure, which is easier for both animal and owner.

Erica Kent, who works with MediVet, the company that provides the machines and training for this type of stem cell replacement therapy, explained what will happen with the separated stem cells:

"Dr. Rosado will inject those joints that are having some problems, and then we'll give some, as well as IV, or systemically to help other areas of the body that might be in need," said Kent.

If all goes well, Powder should respond to this treatment within 30 days.

And while Lt. Smithey says they haven't stopped working because of her condition, they will be able to do much more good if the stem cell replacement therapy works.

The treatment is not cheap. The average cost with the in-house procedure runs about \$1,800, and the animal may need follow-up treatments -- depending on the ailment, every two years.

**During break time at obedience school, two dogs were talking.**

**One said to the other..."The thing I hate about obedience school is you learn ALL this stuff you will never use in the real world."**

## Puppy Pilates and canine cardio: How pudgy pets are slimming down

Reuters , October 15, 2012



As the obesity rate soars among Americans, their dogs are getting potbellied, too, encouraging fitness companies to come up with a range of equipment and classes to get

pampered pets back into shape.

From canine-tailored treadmills, to puppy pedometers and group fitness classes, there's no shortage of tools to trim and tone the sagging paunches of pooches.

"If you can't lay your hands on them and feel the ribs pretty easily, they're obese." - Dr. Dennis Arn, veterinarian at the Desert Inn Animal Hospital in Las Vegas.

As part of his fitness routine, Rocky, a rotund dachshund, traipses a mini-treadmill designed for small dogs. "When Rocky first came to us, he looked like a small marine animal," said Dr. Dennis Arn, veterinarian at the Desert Inn Animal Hospital in Las Vegas, Nev. "He's got a waistline now and his conditioning is significantly better."

Just like their owners, obesity affects pets' longevity and quality of life. About 53 percent of adult dogs are classified by their veterinarians as obese, according to the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention.

To combat the weighty issue, Tufts University's Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine in North Grafton, Mass., announced the creation of the nation's first obesity clinic last month, geared specially towards pets.

"If you can't lay your hands on them and feel the ribs pretty easily, they're obese," said Arn, adding that too many pet owners reward their charges with treats.

"As a blanket statement, a dog needs at least 30 minutes (of exercise) a day," said Geralynn Cada, who has been training dogs for more than 30 years. "A dog who is less active is less happy and has more health problems."

Cada, who is based in Nevada, teaches classes such as dog yoga, puppy Pilates, and a canine interval training course known as Retrieve and Burn.

Physical issues aside, dogs that are denied exercise often develop behavioral problems, she said.

"A tired dog is a happy dog," Cada said. "If your dog gets bored, they'll search for purpose and that purpose will be to chew up your wallet."

### Canine cardio

To burn off her high-strung husky's extra enthusiasm as well as calories, Cada runs him regularly on his dog treadmill, dubbed the DogPACER.

David Ezra, CEO of DogPACER, said he got the idea for the canine cardio machine after observing clients at his fitness centers.

"I thought, 'Why not a treadmill for dogs?'" he said. Hundreds of canine treadmills - which sell for \$500 and come in regular and mini sizes - have been sold since they hit the market seven months ago.

"We've run over 1,000 dogs at this point," said Ezra, adding that 60 to 70 percent of the treadmills go to dog owners, including seniors whose health problems prevent them from exercising their animals.

Others are purchased by grooming salons, veterinarians, police and government agencies, and animal rehabilitation centers.

"Grooming facilities will throw the dog on (a treadmill) to de-stress them before grooming," he said, adding that dogs must be supervised and will initially be taken aback by the equipment.

Studies have shown that people who wear pedometers routinely walk more. Perhaps in that spirit, developers of Tagg, a pet location device, developed an activity monitor that makes it possible for owners to keep tabs on their dog's exercise.

"Tagg's combination of activity monitoring and GPS location tracking puts pet parents in control of their pet's well-being," Dave Vigil, president of Snaptracs Inc. which created Tagg, said in a statement.

Cada is so devoted to keeping animals fit, she has also devised ways to stimulate her dogs mentally.

"I have them doing a mental obstacle course for me," she said. "I'll have them sit down, roll over, jump on and off the bed, and do all the tricks they know in a random order."

The animals will also fetch and engage in a series of rapid-fire hand-to-paw high-fives. "It's like a test," she explained, "for a treat."



## Almost As GoodAs Your Dog



If you can start the day without caffeine,  
If you can get going without pep pills,  
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring  
aches and pains,  
If you can resist complaining and boring  
people with your troubles,  
If you can eat the same food everyday and  
be grateful for it,  
If you can understand when your loved  
ones are too  
busy to give you any time.  
If you can overlook it when those you love  
take it out on you,  
If you can take criticism and blame with-  
out resentment,  
If you can ignore a friend's limited educa-  
tion and never correct him,  
If you can resist treating a rich friend bet-  
ter than a poor friend,  
If you can face the world without lies and  
deceit,  
If you can conquer tension without medi-  
cal help,  
If you can relax without liquor,  
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,  
If you can say honestly that deep in your  
heart you have no  
prejudice against creed, color, religion or  
politics,  
THEN, my friend, you are almost as good  
as your dog.

Author Unknown

From: Every Day with Rachel Ray

## I'm Dreaming of a "Rice" Christmas

*Note: Always check with your vet about which foods are appropriate for you to share with your pet.*

by Andrew Kaplan | on 12/07/09

### Ingredients

- 2 slices bacon
- 1 carrot, shredded
- 1 stalk celery, finely chopped
- 1/4 red bell pepper, chopped
- 1/2 cup cooked broccoli florets
- 1/2 cup cooked brown rice
- 2 teaspoons turmeric
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmigiano Reggiano cheese

Serves 2

### Preparation

In a medium saucepan, cook the bacon over medium heat until crisp, about 5 minutes; transfer to a paper towel-lined plate to drain. Pour off all but 1 tablespoon of the bacon grease from the skillet. Add the carrot, celery and bell pepper and cook until tender, about 5 minutes. Add the broccoli, brown rice and turmeric and cook until heated through, 3-4 minutes. Let cool.

Serve the rice in a dog dish. Crumble the bacon on top and "let it snow" with the Parmigiano Reggiano!

Paul got off the elevator on the 40th floor and nervously knocked on his blind date's door. She opened it and was as beautiful and charming as everyone had said. "I'll be ready in a few minutes," she said. "Why don't you play with Rollo while you're waiting? He does wonderful tricks.



He rolls over, shakes hands, sits up, and if you make a hoop with your arms, he'll jump through." The dog followed Paul onto the balcony and started rolling over. Paul made a hoop with his arms and Rollo jumped through -- and over the balcony railing. Just then Paul's date walked out. "Isn't Rollo the cutest, happiest dog you've ever seen?" "To tell the the truth," he replied, "he seemed a little depressed to me."

You're a special kind of stupid...



## Service dog making life easier for injured veteran



By Josh Gauntt, Reporter  
Last Updated: Monday, December 03, 2012

Largo, Florida

A Bay area vet who has returned home from duty is getting support from a four-legged friend.

William Inman said life's easier with his black greyhound service dog Chester but he needs some help in order to adopt him.

Inman joined the Army in 2005. He served three tours in Afghanistan. Throughout his deployment Inman was exposed to numerous blasts from improvised explosive devices, rockets, and mortars and as a result has a traumatic brain injury, and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

"I also took a pretty nasty spill down a mountain side on my last tour in 2010 which caused several injuries to my back," he said.

Inman's transition back home hasn't been easy but Chester makes life better.

"When I feel like I'm on the verge of a panic attack if he's laying down I can just sit down on the floor next to him, rub his belly. It helps ground me," he said.

Inman's been with Chester for a few weeks now thanks to Hounds 4 Heroes, a local rescue group that trains and gives greyhound service dogs free to veterans.

"We get young dogs, 18 months to two-and-half years of age and we train them for about four to six months before the veteran even meets them," said Margie Mannors, Hounds 4 Heroes.

The love between the two is evident but Inman now needs some help in order to adopt Chester.

It costs about \$125 a week to feed and keep Chester healthy. Inman said money is hard to come by right now, so Hounds 4 Heroes and Inman are asking for donations.

"We could definitely use your help. We will definitely give this dog a loving home and he helps me out as a veteran tremendously," Inman said.

"A lot of people with PTSD commit suicide, there's a really high rate and having a dog like Chester could be that difference," said Mannors.

Inman said every day is a new battle but since he's been working with Chester his PTSD is a little easier to manage.

Inman said once enough money is raised, he plans on rolling over the additional money to help other veterans who receive service dogs.

**It was a slow day in heaven so God phoned Satan to see what was going on down there.**

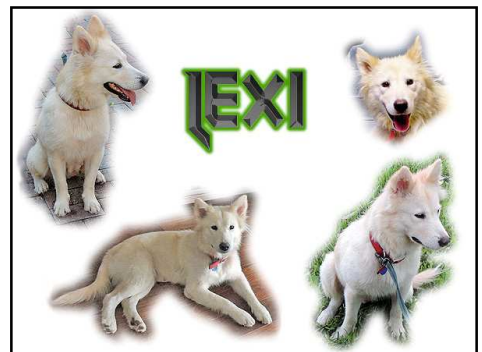
**"It's slow here, too", said Satan**

**"Well," God said, "I think a dog show might be fun."**

**"Sounds good," says Satan, "But why are you calling me? You've got all the dogs up there."**

**"I know," answered God, "But you've got all the judges."**

# HAPPY ENDINGS 4th Quarter 2012



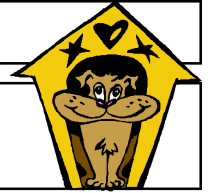
*Congratulations to all of these newly adopted dogs and their families!*

*We truly appreciate your love and devotion to our SHRF Sibes!*

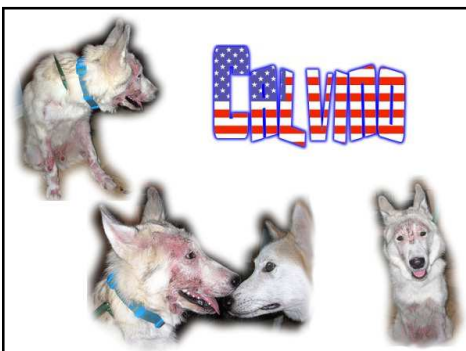
**We are alone, absolutely alone, on this chance planet: and, amid all the forms of life that surround us, not one, excepting the dog, has made an alliance with us.**

**~Maurice Maeterlinck**

# THE DOG HOUSE...we need homes!



*PLEASE! Can you find room in your home for one of us? We promise to be good furballs and to love you forever and ever!!*



Four workers were discussing how smart their dogs were. The first was an engineer who said his dog could draw. His dog's name was "T-Square", and he told him to get some paper and draw a square, a circle and a triangle, which he did with no sweat.

The accountant said he thought his dog, "Balance", could do better. He told him to fetch a dozen cookies and divide them into piles of three, which he did with no problem.

The chemist said that was a very good stunt, but that his dog, "Apothecary", could do better yet. He told his dog to get a quart of milk and pour seven ounces into a ten ounce glass. Apothecary did this without a hitch.

All three men agreed their dogs were equally smart. They turned to the Civil Servant and asked him what his dog could do.

The Civil Servant called his dog, whose name was "Coffee break", and said, "Show the fellows what you can do, old buddy." Coffee Break then strolled over and ate the cookies, drank the milk, pooped on the paper, humped the other three dogs and claimed he injured his back while doing so.

He then filed a grievance for unsafe conditions, applied for Workers' Compensation, and left for home on sick leave.