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### FROM THE SHRF BOARD

Hello Husky Lovers! This certainly has been a Husky winter in Florida! The longer stretch of cold weather this year has made the Huskies very happy. I am not sure about the owners, though!

This year has started out fantastically for the rescue. We have elected a new board of directors and expanded it to seven members. This will allow us to focus much more on marketing as well as cross train and support the busier jobs. The new members and their positions are listed below.

If you were unable to attend the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Husky Olympics this year, you really missed a great event. The weather was absolutely perfect for the Huskies and their owners. Without an official count, we had close to 100 Huskies in attendance. Fur was flying everywhere! This year we expanded the event with more silent auction items, greater raffle prizes and vendors offering free stuff to attendees. The cash winner in the 50/50 raffle walked away with \$125! In this issue, you will see what a great day it was from the photos. We certainly hope to see you next year as it will be even bigger and better.

Lastly, we would like to ask that you join us on FaceBook and by subscribing to our monthly newsletter. Both are great re-

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We know this is going to be a great year for the Siberian Huskies and we ask you to be a part of it. Volunteer, attend events and be involved. We need your help and appreciate your involvement!

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**"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**

Wow, this newsletter has been more work than usual.

I'm not complaining mind you but Dawn and Lou B have been extremely busy representing SHRF at a plethora of local events throughout the quarter – and Lou has supplied the pictures to prove it. Our events section in the newsletter usually takes up only one page but this time it extends to three. What a great job Lou has done.

Janet and Tony E have also supplied us with a picture spread of their dog-sledding trip to Jackson Hole, Wyoming. It looks like something Lorraine and I would like to share with our dogs but I'm pretty sure you can't bring your own sled team. Besides, knowing my pack, it would be me doing the pulling while Lorraine and the dogs rode in the sled.

On top of these submissions, we had the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Siberian Husky Olympics with another two pages of pictures and then a third Olympic page with the different contest winners.

All in all I had to go through over 150 pictures, choose those best for publication and then resize them for the newsletter.

As I said, I am not complaining, I am merely making the point that this newsletter is more visual, like a magazine, than normal.

On another note, knowing how breathlessly you all are waiting to hear about the results of the SHRF logo contest – there are no results yet. The judges are working feverishly, day and night, to

reach a decision (I'm kidding about the day and night stuff) but partially due to a deluge of last minute submissions and the diversity of the entries, the judges have learned that the decision making process is not as easy as originally thought. The current plan is to announce the winner(s) in one of our upcoming monthly email newsletters.

In a completely different vein, I want to make note of a New York Times article on page nine. In my ignorance, I was completely unaware of the extent of the practice of “debarking” dogs and was quite astounded when I read this. There are actually people who can rationalize the maiming of their companion animal for the sake of yielding to the complaints of their neighbors or condo board members.

Excessive barking is a habit that is almost always reversible through training, not disabling surgery.

It seems the notoriety is causing a growing public concern about this practice and more and more Vets are refusing to perform the surgery. I have never asked any of my personal Veterinarians whether they perform this type of mutilation (“except for medical or therapeutic reasons”) but in the future, I will definitely do so. Any Vet that does this will never have any of my dogs as patients or me as a client. I would urge our board of directors to make this a policy item for SHRF and prominently display it on our web site.

### **Bob**

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**"Maybe you've been looking for love in all the wrong places. A dog will treat you better than anyone you'll meet at happy hour. Trust me. I've been to happy hour."**

## In the War of Dogs vs. Cats, Clear Winner: Dogs

Thursday, January 07, 2010, Associated Press  
LOS ANGELES —

Cats. Dogs. Those can be fighting words in some circles.

Cats are "nasty, stinking creatures," says Mark David of Warrensburg, Mo. And dogs? They're noisy, disruptive and "lick you and themselves," counters Sanford Reikes of Louisville, Ky.

Clearly, there are dog people and there are cat people. But it's not much of a contest: 74 percent of people like dogs a lot, and only 41 percent like cats a lot.

Cats win the dislike vote handily, according to an Associated Press-Petside.com poll. Fifteen percent of the adults questioned said they disliked cats a lot while the number who said they disliked dogs a lot was just 2 percent.

Joseph Moreus, 61, of Westminster, Calif., understands why dogs come out on top.

"They have more personality. They are loyal," he said. "Cats are all about cats but dogs are interested in pleasing their owners. Cats don't care if they please you or not."

And cats can be destructive, said Joy Rasch, 70, of Kennewick, Wash., who gets mad at the neighborhood cats who kill robins, quail and squirrels in her back yard. Male cats will spray their territory or get in the wood pile at 3 a.m. and "screech like bad brakes on a car," she added.

Of course, cat lovers, if smaller in numbers, are equal in passion.

"Cats are 1,000 times smarter than dogs," said Bonnie Hanson, 77, of Sioux Falls, S.D. She and her late husband had a black Siamese cat, Kitty, that she said "always wanted to comfort people, anybody who was ill or unhappy."

"My husband would have chest pains and wouldn't tell me. But Kitty would come and look at me and I'd know. We called him our psychic Siamese," she said. "Every cat I ever had was a help and a comfort."

More than two-thirds of people in the United States have a pet, said Gail Buchwald, senior vice president of the ASPCA Adoption Center in New York City. About 39 percent of households have dogs and 34 percent have cats, Buchwald said, using numbers supplied by the Association

of Pet Product Manufacturers.

Those most likely to dislike cats were blacks, Hispanics and married men. Men were a bit more likely than women to say they disliked cats.

Dog people are more adamant about their preference than cat people, the poll found. Of those who owned only a dog, 34 percent said they disliked cats; of those who owned only a cat, only 5 percent disliked dogs.

David, 28, who runs a landscaping company in Warrensburg, dislikes cats but he says he owes his life to a dog. Two years ago, his 5-year-old black lab Zena was with him when a tractor rolled onto his leg, leaving him pinned and bleeding. Zena went to get his wife.

"She wasn't a Lassie by any means, but she was smart enough to go for help," David said.

Still, all this sniping doesn't mean there is no harmony in the country. Sixty percent of all adults said they liked both dogs AND cats.

Cats are independent so give you a little more freedom but dogs are better companions, said Janet Hardy, 69, of Abingdon, Md., who grew up with both.

David Kyser, 73, has also had both — and can tick off their relative merits.

"Cats take care of themselves. They are very clean. Dogs are not so clean and they need some activity. They are good if you have a house full of children," said Kyser, of Austin, Texas. "Cats just kind of sit around being cats."

And some, of course, don't want either species for a friend. "I have a fear of dogs and I don't like cats," said Willie Thigpen, 60, of Greenwood, S.C. He and his wife raised three children, but they never had a pet.

"And now I don't want to take care of nothing except me," he said.

The AP-Petside.com poll was conducted Oct. 1-5, 2009, by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Media. It involved telephone interviews on landline and cell phones with 1,967 adults nationwide, including 1,166 pet owners and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 2.2 percent for all adults. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples.

**Dogs' lives are too short. Their only fault, really.**

*~ Agnes Sligh Turnbull*

## **SHRF RESCUE VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER!!!!...**

### **SHRF is proud to announce our Volunteer of the 1st Quarter**

#### **Stephanie Dickinson**

We at SHRF would like to congratulate and thank our Volunteer of the Quarter, Stephanie Dickinson!

Stephanie has jumped in with both feet to support SHRF in many aspects. She has filled a gap in our volunteer base in the Orlando area, helping SHRF process applications by conducting home interviews as well as transporting Huskies in need. Correspondingly, she has been a great resource for recently adopted Huskies and their owners by providing guidance and support with her vast experience.

On a regular basis, Stephanie and her husband, Kelly, coordinate a meet up group for all snow dogs in the Central Florida area. If you are in the Central Florida area, find this group!

One of the most exciting tasks that Stephanie has volunteered to help SHRF with is the design and distribution of

a monthly newsletter for all Husky lovers. She writes the content and consults with us to support the needs of the rescue. You will receive much information on this wonderful breed plus listings of events in which SHRF participates so that you can come out and support us. If you are not subscribed to this monthly newsletter, please visit <http://eepurl.com/dNY8> or send a request to [shrfinfo@yahoo.com](mailto:shrfinfo@yahoo.com). You will not be disappointed.

At the moment Stephanie and Kelly have two furkids in their pack. Loki is a 6-year-old active Siberian Husky boy and Roary is a young two-year-old female Alaskan Malamute. Earlier this year, they lost their rescued senior female Husky, Leah. She lived a very happy and full life in their home and I know they miss her.

We at SHRF would like to thank Stephanie for her calm, positive and always willing to help attitude. She is a great attribute to the rescue and a great advocate for dogs in general.

**SHRF Board**

### **I HOPE THEY INDICT !**

By Greta Van Susteren <http://gretawire.blogs.foxnews.com/i-hope-they-indict/> December 17, 2009

#### **Officials seize 100 starving sled dogs in US** (Copyright 2009 by The Associated Press.)

HARTSEL, Colorado (AP) -- Authorities say about 100 starving sled dogs have been seized from a racing business in the United States.

Colorado's state veterinarian says an anonymous tip led authorities to Pawsatrack Racing Sled Dogs in Colorado. The company's phone number isn't listed.

Authorities say they found six dead husky-type dogs and seized 30 starving dogs immediately. On Thursday, animal protection authorities took the remaining 70 dogs.

Dr. Keith Roehr, the state vet, says the dogs were malnourished and that one dog has since died. He says the dogs were all crossbreeds of Alaskan descent used in sled racing.

Sheriffs were investigating the dogs' owners for possible animal neglect charges, but as of Thursday afternoon no one had been charged.

### **Frequent baths make dogs smell nice. But can they also cause doggy dandruff**

**They sure can. So let's not cause a dry-skin blizzard. Keep the washings to a minimum and make sure you only use soap that's made specifically for canines. Human shampoo can irritate a dog's skin. If you take these steps and still notice flakes when your dog shakes, talk to your veterinarian to make sure you're providing proper nutrition for a healthy coat.**

# SHRF Events 1st Quarter 2010



Roxie (behind Lou) then Monte and Kolchack

**Rally to Rescue**

Dawn B and Lou B attended The Rally to Rescue and had a great time. Lots of people, lots of dogs, which led to a whole lot of fun. Dogs Chancey, Roxie, Kolchack, Monte and Kaos were in attendance. Pat Hose of Dalmation Rescue set this up for the second year in a row and did a great job also. Davis Oser of Pet Supplies Plus was a great host as well as Darren and his staff. We have been invited and agreed to attend again next year.



Roxie (in front), then Monte and Kolchack's butts



Kolchie sharin' a smile



SHRF Tent

**Ultimate Tailgate Pawty**

Ginger, Cheryl, Debi, Dawn, Mary Jane, Jo Ann, Lou and Michael all showed up for early arrival and set up on a cool and blustery day. When all was said and done very little public turn out but a good day for the Huskies, Bobbi, Sasha, Cleo, Kaos, Kolchack, Monte, Zack, Chancey and Roxy. Natalie and her pack also showed up to pick up Sasha as her foster.



Cheryl, Debbie, Dawn and Mary Jane



Kelly and Kolchack

Sasha, Cleo and Roxie



## Woofstock 2010

Another cold and blustery day but this time a pretty good crowd came out. Lots to see and do with a Police K9 unit doing a demonstration. Dawn, Lou, Tony, Cheryl and Debi all had fun. The SHRF dog contingent consisted of Whiskey, Motegi, Kaos, Roxy, Monte and Kolchack.



Lou with Kolchack, Monte, Kaos and Roxy



Tony and Whiskey



Whiskey

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### 4th Annual Mutt March

What a fantastic day. Cool but comfortable. The event was located in Dunedin at Highlander Park. Dawn, Lou, Tony along with SHRF dogs Roxy, Chancey, Kaos, Kolchack, Monte and Zack. Lou with Kolchack and Monte were the first contestants in the first Fido Idol, though they were not their usual Si-berian selves. It was fun and we plan on trying again next year.



SHRF Tent



Chancey and Roxy enjoying the company



Chancey looking her best



Charlie Belcher, Lou with Kolchack and Monte doing Fido Idol

### Get Rescued in Gulfport

What started as a very early (7:30AM set up time) wet and cold day almost ended that way. By 11:30 we were cold, wet and frustrated and actually started packing the truck up. We no sooner finished when a group of people came by who were enthralled with the Huskies and from there the sun came out. We unpacked the table and laid out our SHRF items and it turned into a very great day. Lots and lots and lots of people lovin' on our Huskies. Cheryl and Debi made an appearance. Josh brought Mia out (who is a huge ham) and Dawn and Lou brought out the usual troop of greeters Kaos, Kolchack, Monte, Roxy, Chancey and Zack.

The night time silent auction at the casino was a ton of fun, talking and schmoozing with all the other rescues and coordinators. Debi along with Dawn and Lou enjoyed some food, a drink or two and a lot of conversation. Lou even managed to win a raffle basket with a single ticket purchase.



Chancey, Kolchack, Zack and Roxie



Chancey



Kaos, Monte, Roxy, Zack and an unknown



Zack with a Kolchack pillow



Roxy, Zack, Chancey with Monte and Kolchack in the second row

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### Brooksville Classic Dog Show



Dawn, Lou and all the dogs



Janet, Jenille and Jo Ann with Juneau, Jasmin and Cielo



Jenille with Juneau, Jasmin and Cielo



Jasmin and Cielo showing off to two customers



Lou, Jenille and Janet and all the dogs



Jenille with Juneau and Cielo

### 18th Annual Mutt Strut



Andrea, Romeo, Chancey, Kolchack, Lou, Monte, Roxy, Zack



Chewie



Romeo, Andrea, Chewie, Josh



Sign of the times



Enjoying the shade



Our Huskies and their admirers

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## **NYT: Debarking to quiet noisy dogs losing favor**

Inhumane or protective? Debarking surgery for noisy pups stirs debate

By Sam Dolnick

**The New York Times**

Nestlé barks when Mike Marder and his wife come home, and he barks when they leave. He barks at delivery boys, he barks at the doorbell, and he barks at the Marders' new puppy, Truffle.

But for all that effort, the only sound Nestlé makes is a raspy squeak.

Dr. Marder, a veterinarian, tells those who are curious that Nestlé, a dachshund-terrier mix, is hoarse from too much barking.

But that is not true. The Marders had Nestlé's vocal cords cut by a veterinary surgeon after a neighbor in the family's apartment building on the Upper East Side threatened to complain to the co-op board about the noisy dog.

Although there is no reliable estimate as to how many dogs have had their vocal cords cut, veterinarians and other animal experts say that dogs with no bark can readily be found — but not necessarily heard — in private homes, on the show-dog circuit, and even on the turf of drug dealers, who are said to prefer their attack dogs silent.

The surgery usually leaves the animal with something between a wheeze and a squeak. The procedure, commonly referred to as debarking, has been around for decades, but has fallen out of favor, especially among younger veterinarians and animal-rights advocates.

Keeping pets in New York City, of course, has always required delicate negotiations between neighbors and species. The city's 311 line fielded 6,622 complaints about barking dogs last year, while housing officials banned pit bulls, Rottweilers and other large dogs from public housing projects. Real estate experts say that co-op boards large and small always wrestle with pet policies, many of them tied to barking dogs.

Critics of the debarking procedure say it is outdated and inhumane, one that destroys an animal's central means of communication merely for the owner's convenience. Many veterinarians refuse to do the surgery on ethical grounds. Those who do rarely advertise it.

New Jersey bans devocalization surgery except for medical or therapeutic reasons, as do Britain and other European countries. Similar legislation is pending in Massachusetts, while Ohio restricts the surgery to nonviolent dogs.

But there are still those who perform the operation, and they and other advocates defend the surgery as a useful option for dog owners facing noise complaints and possible eviction.

Dr. Sharon L. Vanderlip has been performing debarking surgeries for more than 30 years as a small part of her veterinary practice in San Diego County. She calls herself a "big, big, big proponent" of the procedure if it is done the right way, for the right reasons.

"They recover immediately and they don't ever seem to notice any difference," she said. "I think that in certain cases it can certainly save a dog from ending up being euthanized. If properly done, they behave totally the same afterwards and don't seem to have any health problems."

### **Rarely practiced**

The surgery can be relatively simple. The doctor anesthetizes the dog before cutting its vocal cords, either through the mouth or through an incision in the larynx. Dogs generally recover quickly, veterinarians say, and while they usually can still make sounds, their barks become muffled and raspy.

Dr. Gary W. Ellison, of the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Florida, cautioned that the procedure can lead to complications. He said he has had to operate on debarked dogs after excess scar tissue built up in the throat, making it difficult for the dog to breathe.

"I think it's probably going to be a procedure that's done by fewer and fewer veterinarians" in the coming years, said Dr. Ellison, the curriculum director at the University

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**"Every boy who has a dog should also have a mother, so the dog can be fed regularly"**

**- Anonymous**

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of Florida's veterinary school. He said professors there do not teach the surgery, and that he has not come across recent veterinary school graduates who have studied the procedure.

Banfield, the Pet Hospital, which has more than 750 veterinary practices across the country, formally banned the surgery last summer, though Jeffrey S. Klausner, the hospital's senior vice president and chief medical officer, said it was rarely, if ever, practiced before that.

"Debarking is not a medically necessary procedure," Dr. Klausner said. "We think it's not humane to the dogs to put them through the surgery and the pain. We just do not think that it should be performed."

The American Veterinary Medical Association recommends that the surgery only be done "after behavioral modification efforts to correct excessive vocalization have failed."

### **Barking out of frustration**

People with debarked dogs said they understood animal rights groups' concerns. But they challenge their critics to spend time with debarked dogs before making a judgment.

"I probably spend more time and money on my dogs in one year than they have in a whole lifetime," said Paul, a breeder and dog handler in Catskill, N.Y., who asked that his last name not be used because he did not want to be singled out by activists. "I just hate being labeled as someone who's cruel because I debark."

Paul usually has more than a dozen dogs at a time, many of them Shetland sheepdogs, a breed known for excessive barking. He said he has had most of them debarked, and

requires his clients to debark theirs before sending them to him for dog shows. He said his dogs have lived long, happy lives, and "none of them are any sadder after being debarked."

David Frei, the longtime co-host of the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, acknowledged that some show dogs have had the operation. "There is no question we have some debarked dogs among our entries," he said.

Experts say there are many nonsurgical methods of keeping a dog from barking, including collars that spray citronella every time the dog barks, or sessions with a trainer or animal behaviorist to better understand the dog's needs.

"Dogs are usually barking because of some frustration," said Dr. Louise Murray, director of medicine at the Aspc's Bergh Memorial Animal Hospital in Manhattan. "It's frustrating to be a sheepdog with no sheep. What I'd be concerned about is if you're debarking a dog and it has an underlying unhappiness."

Dr. Marder said that Nestlé's surgery stopped the neighbor's complaints, and "it really did not change the dog's personality whatsoever," adding, "He's certainly a tail-waggy, happy guy."

Dr. Marder said they will probably debark Truffle unless she quickly learns to play quietly.

Terry Albert, of Poway, Calif., said her life revolved around dogs: she boards them, rescues them, and even paints portraits of them. And she refuses to give them up. She has had two dogs debarked.

"You may think it's horrible," she said. "But if I had to give up my dog or get the surgery, I would choose the surgery."

### **Animal-assisted therapy eases postoperative pain**

Nov 21, 2009  
DVM NEWSMAGAZINE

**Maywood, Ill.** -- People who received pet therapy while recovering from total joint replacement surgery required 50 percent less pain medication than those not receiving pet therapy.

This was the conclusion of a recent study presented at the joint 18th Annual Conference of the International Society of Anthrozoology and the First Human-Animal Interaction Conference that took place in Kansas City, Mo., in late October.

"Evidence suggests that animal-assisted therapy can have a positive effect on a patient's psychosocial, emotional and physical well being," said study presenter Julia Havey, RN, from the Department of Medical Center Information Systems at Loyola University Health System in Maywood, Ill. "These data further support these benefits and build the case for expanding the use of pet therapy in recovery."

The dogs used in the study were part a program called Canine Companions for Independence. This nonprofit organization teaches the dogs 40 commands to help motivate, rehabilitate or soothe people who have physical and developmental disabilities.

# 14th Annual Siberian Husky Olympics

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**"Dogs are better than children. Even my friends with children say that. As a dog friend of mine likes to say, children are for people who can't have dogs."**

## 2010 Husky Olympics Award Winners

**OGEE**  
Curliest Tail



**SHEBA**  
Best in Show &  
Best High Jumper



**CHASE**  
Best Trick



**CODY**  
Huskiest



**ALLEY**  
Fastest Cookie  
Bobber



**STORM**  
Best Howler



**NIKITA**  
Best Kisser  
& Oldest



**DENALI**  
Hairiest



**CHLOE**  
Prettiest Eyes



**ROXY &  
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Youngest



### Inscription on the Monument of a Newfoundland Dog

Near this spot are deposited the remains of one who possessed Beauty without Vanity, Strength without Insolence, Courage without Ferocity, and all the Virtues of Man, without his Vices. This Praise, which would be unmeaning Flattery if inscribed over human ashes, is but a just tribute to the Memory of Boatswain, a Dog.

~George Gordon, Lord Byron

**This is a reprint of a poem written in 2003 by one of our SHRF volunteers**

## **Rescue**

By Sharon Giannone  
2003

When it rains, I think of the dogs that are kept outside with no shelter.  
When it is hot, I think of the dogs without shade and water.  
When it thunders and lightning, I think of the dogs that are scared and alone.  
When it is cold, I think of where they might find warmth.  
When I buy dog food, I think of those who have to scrounge through garbage.  
When I give hugs and belly rubs to my dogs, I think of those whose owners only hit and yell at them.  
When my dogs greet me with tongues and tails wagging, I think of the abused, yet loyal dogs that greet their owners the same.  
When I walk my dogs, I think of those who only know what it means to be chained.  
When I see my dogs waiting for me at the door, I wonder why people want dogs and then make them live outside alone.  
When I take my dogs to the Vet, I think of the ones who have never had medical care.  
When I give them their medication, I think of those who suffer needlessly because of ignorant owners.  
When my dogs curl up beside me on the bed, I think of those who can never escape their homes because they have no choice or voice.  
When I see pet stores, I wonder why people continue to buy animals there and support puppy mills.  
When I see shelters overflowing, I wonder why it is acceptable that animals are still considered disposable.  
When I hear of people breeding their pets, I wonder if they have ever set foot in a shelter.  
When I hear of the awful things that happen to animals every day, I wonder what it will take things to start changing.  
This is the heart of a rescue volunteer.  
Not helping is not an option.  
If not us, who will?

**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.”**

## **SHRF UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUND RAISERS**

### **2nd Quarter 2010 Upcoming Events**

**Gulfport's Third Saturday Art Walk** - 3rd Saturday every month -

**PAWFEST 2010 Largo's Annual Kids and Canine Carnival** - Sat 4/3/2010

**Spring Adoption Expo Special Events Center Florida State Fairgrounds** - Sat 4/24/2010

**Yappy Hour Clearwater Wine Company & Island Dog Outfitters** Clearwater Beach - Sat 5/29/2010

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.

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR EVENTS UPDATES!**

## LUCKY ADOPTERS

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

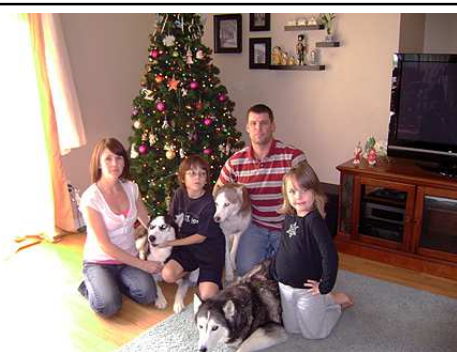


**Kiko** is doing great, he's still too hyper, but hey! he's a Husky, so I'm not expecting any less he he.

He's very loveable, playful and loves to go for walks. Every time I'm in my room, or if I'm taking a shower, he drops everything he's doing and lays outside my door. He actually waits for me; he's my little shadow.

Every time he sees a new dog or a new person he sits down and when I tell him "Kiko say hi" he actually does!! He lifts his little paw and waves ha ha ha. I've never taught him that!

I'm thinking about putting him on a training program that runs for 8 weeks, one day a week, we'll see how it goes



Here is our family with the newest member of our pack **Sammy (formerly Schmegal)**, Diamond ( the red) and Onix (stretched out on the floor). Our first Christmas of many! Thank you so much for helping us help out Sammy. He is a wonderful addition to our pack/family.

We would have taken more pictures but the dogs didn't want to cooperate. :)



### **Lance Mackey Wins 2010 Iditarod**

Becomes First Musher to Win Sled Dog Race Four Times in a Row

Mar 18, 2010 Marcia Claesson



Lance Mackey became the first musher to win four consecutive Iditarod Sled Dog Races when he crossed the finish line in Nome, Alaska, with 11 dogs at 2:59 p.m. on March 16, 2010. His winning time of 8 days, 23 hours, 59 minutes and 9 seconds also makes him only the second musher to finish the race in less than 9 days. Martin Buser holds the time record for his 2002 win of 8 days, 22 hours, 46 minutes and 2 seconds.

Mackey's win also puts him into the elite group of four-time Iditarod winners, together with Iditarod legends, Susan Butcher, Martin Buser, Doug Swingley and Jeff King, and the only five-time winner, Rick Swenson. Though these five have won four races, Lance Mackey has become the only musher to win four in a row, a feat that, according to his father, Dick Mackey, will most likely never be repeated.

"Everybody that I've talked to — knowledgeable mushers — they all agree," Dick Mackey said in a television interview at the finish line. "He's highly competitive and he likes to get the best out of his dogs that anyone possibly could." Dick Mackey won the Iditarod in 1978, and his son Rick Mackey won in 1983, but Dick commented that neither is as tough as Lance. "He's the toughest guy I ever knew," Dick said.

**My dog's not spoiled ...**

**I'm just well trained !**

**If your dog is fat, you're not getting enough exercise.**

**~ Author Unknown**

**Janet E and husband Tony share some terrific pictures from their dogsledding trip.**

Hi everyone, we just want to share the JOY of dog sledding with all you Siberian Husky lovers. We just got back from a 5 day trip (2 days travel) to Jackson Hole, Wyoming. It was three days of pure fun. We're thinking of organizing a group for next February (2011). We know where to stay and what to do. A very unforgettable experience. Let us know at [board@siberrescue.com](mailto:board@siberrescue.com) if you are interested.



# HAPPY ENDINGS 1st Quarter 2010



*Congratulations to all of these newly adopted dogs and their families!  
We truly appreciate your love and devotion to our SHRF Sibes!*



## 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!!*



**"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"**

### Pet Friendly - "Green with Envy" No-Cook Doggie Stew

From Every Day with Rachael Ray - March 2010

**MAKES TWO SERVINGS**

#### **Ingredients:**

- ♥ 1/2 cup frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
- ♥ 1/2 cup cooked broccoli florets, cut into small pieces
- ♥ 1/4 cup cooked rotisserie chicken, skin and bones discarded and meat coarsely chopped
- ♥ 3/4 cup cottage cheese
- ♥ 2 tablespoons grated parmigiano-reggiano cheese

#### **Directions:**

- ♥ 1. Combine all the ingredients and serve.



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

*Alphonse de Lamartine*