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From the Board

SHRF has had a busy and productive winter. We hope that the rest of the year continues to be just as positive. We started out the year with a few successful adoptions in January and continued the following few weeks finalizing our preparations for our 18th Annual Husky Olympics. What a success, raising over \$3000. In addition to the Olympics we had the Tails at Twilight Get Rescued in Gulfport event, raising around \$1000. We are thankful to our friends in Gulfport for providing the opportunity for SHRF and other rescues to participate in their event and thankful to our volunteers and supporters who put in the time, donate, and attend to make our events successful.

We hope that everyone enjoyed the Husky Olympics and went home with tired fur-kids. Mother Nature was kind to us, allowing for a beautiful day at the park. Seeing old faces and meeting new faces is the one of the best parts of the event, along with seeing our previous rescues and how happy they and their families are. We had Huskies as young as 3 months and one of SHRF's first rescues, Raj, attended at the age of 16 years.

The funds raised from the events come at an ideal time after having a few expensive vet bills over the past few months from Huskies who required extra medical attention for various issues – Juno's ectopic ureters, Sky's ear infection and ear canal removal, Sasha's hemorrhagic gastroenteritis, and Anna's infection. SHRF considers itself lucky when it

comes to healthy Huskies that just require standard vetting. We just can't predict what medical needs will be necessary once they are in our care. We do what we can for the Huskies in need out there. However, our continuing struggle is with available foster homes. Please consider helping by taking in a Husky guest. Contact us if interested in fostering.

Enjoy the spring and don't forget to check out the event calendar for where we will be.

SHRF Board

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Volunteer Nomination

Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida would like to nominate Margarita and Gill D. as Volunteers of the Quarter

Wow..this DYNAMIC DUO came into our lives in 2012 as Foster Parents originally

That was just the tip of the iceberg as they encompassed our Rescue with open arms

There is nothing this couple won't do or try ... in the name of helping our orphan Furballs

Let me think of an adjective to describe this special couple and there are so many to choose from.

Enthusiastic and very willing to always help.....They are always available to check their local Animal Services to assess a Siberian Husky in need and will pick up the dog and transport to where-ever they need to go

Foster. They are proud Foster Failures of Gus a black/white young male Husky who came into their lives as a return due to unforeseen family changes..not sure Duchess.... their one and only Husky Diva was thrilled with the idea of sharing her space with a Newcomer but they made it work PLUS they will still take in temporary Foster dogs for a day or two as the need arises

Events...Both Margarita and Gil give up a Saturday once a month and take Gus to an Event at their local Petsmart to act as a great Ambassador for our Rescue and spread the word "Don't buy a dog and support puppy mill breeders but check our Rescue and adopt a Rescue Dog"

They are also available for any other Events when needed and helped at the Home Show in March

Foster Co-ordination.....Margarita willingly took over the Foster Co-coordinator's position...a daunting task but taken on enthusiastically and has done an AWESOME job

She keeps tabs on all the Foster dogs in the Rescue....Reaching out regularly to all the Foster families and offering help with any issues and steers every-one in the right direction.

Our Foster report is now up to date /concise.

With Margarita's help we can pride our selves on being on top of problems and proactive when it comes to any issues with the dogs. This has meant a successful outcome for our Rescue dogs and less returns.

Generous.....Let us not forget that Margarita and Gil are generous donators of sums of money to our Rescue on a regular basis

What we love about Margarita is her sense of Humor...Such a gift ...to see humor in situations that could be very stressful

She makes us laugh every day and keeps us grounded

Rescue can be very stressful so...if we can project a little humor into our daily lives then all is well

So bottom line....Willing/Enthusiastic/Dependable/Funny/Generous/Professional/Organized

You can understand WHY we LOVE these Guys

THANKYOU so much for everything you doYOU ROCK





18th Annual Husky Olympics

February 23rd

Lake Seminole Park

And Our Winners are:



Curliest Tail Winner



Prettiest Eyes Winner



Hairiest Husky Winner



Best Kisser Winner



Fastest Hot Dog Bobber Winner



Cleverest Trick Winner



Highest High Jump Winner





A Group Of Notable Attendees

And Our Overall Winner is:



Special Thanks To Our Judges



For a Memorable And Loving Event



One Dedicated Man Hits the Road on a Mission to Save Precious Pups

By [Peter Zheutlin](#)



Mahle with Audi before she was delivered to her new family.

Mahle is used to sleeping in his truck: Twice a month he leaves his wife and home in Zanesville, Ohio, to drive a familiar route through the Deep South, making stops in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama to pick up dogs that have been removed from “death row” at high-kill shelters by local rescue groups. Then Mahle turns north toward New England, where there is higher demand for shelter dogs.

Over the past nine years, Mahle has helped save tens of thousands of dogs. His transport service, Rescue Road Trips, just about breaks even. (A portion of adoption fees covers his costs.) But Mahle, who ran a family restaurant in his prior life, doesn't do it for the money: “I turned 51 last year, and I am happier now than I have been in my whole life.”

At designated spots along Mahle's route, volunteers meet his rig for “walk-potty-snack” breaks. Last night as he pulled into the Comfort Inn parking lot, two dozen “Allentown -Angels” had gathered, as they do every other Friday night around 7 p.m. The volunteers are drawn to Mahle's mission, as well as to the man himself: “His heart is as big as a Volkswagen,” group coordinator Keith Remaly told me.

The puppy snoozing in the kennel near my head is Audi. She's on her way to the Dooley family of Connecticut.

Teenagers Meagan and Lauren fell in love with Audi when they saw her photo on PetFinder.com, a database used by rescue groups such as Labs4Rescue, which arranged Audi's adoption.

Audi's mother was found pregnant, living by a dumpster in the small city of New Iberia, La. When two Labs4Rescue volunteers learned she was to be euthanized at the parish animal control facility, they rushed to get her; she delivered several of her 11 puppies in the backseat of their SUV. [Editor's note: All 12 dogs have since made the trip north with Mahle.]

But for every dog Mahle -delivers, many more are euthanized. Southern shelters are overwhelmed by strays, says Keri Toth, president of the Humane Society of Central Louisiana, because spaying and neutering are not common practice. In rural areas, backyard breeders produce more puppies than they can sell; many dogs are let go to fend for themselves. In Louisiana in 2010 (the most recent year for which statistics are available), 32 shelters reported taking in 69,540 dogs; 43,278 of them were put down, according to Maddie's Fund, a nonprofit that tracks canine euthanasia statistics.

At sunrise, Mahle fires up the truck and we push off for New York and Connecticut, where dozens of families are waiting in parking lots to welcome our passengers. At every stop, Mahle leaps out of the cab and shouts, “Hello! I'm Greg! Is everyone excited?”

When we find the Dooleys, Mahle takes Audi from her crate and hands her to the girls; full of pent-up puppy energy, Audi squirms to lick their faces. For Audi, a long and difficult journey is ending as one filled with love begins.

Mahle has witnessed this scene countless times, but it never gets old. As he rolls up to a fast-food restaurant in Putnam, Conn., the final stop of the day, some 50 people burst into applause. “A few weeks ago these dogs were going to die,” Mahle says. “Now watch. The truck doors open, light pours in, and each one goes into the arms of a loving family. This is heaven.”

To make a donation, visit rescueroadtrips.com

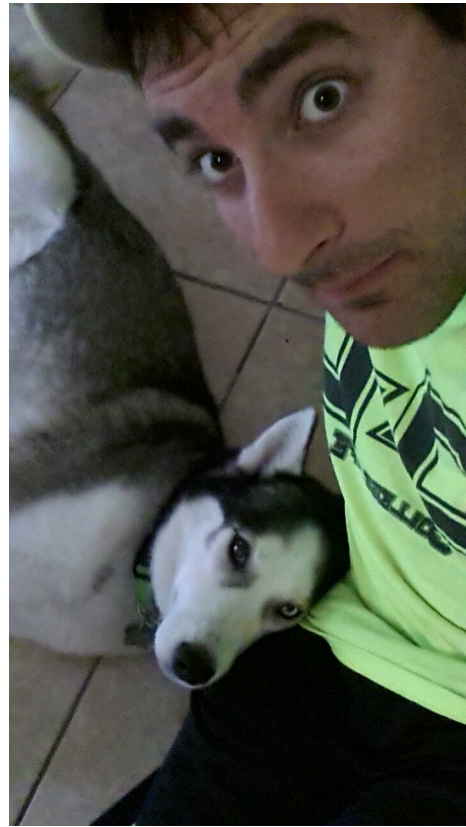
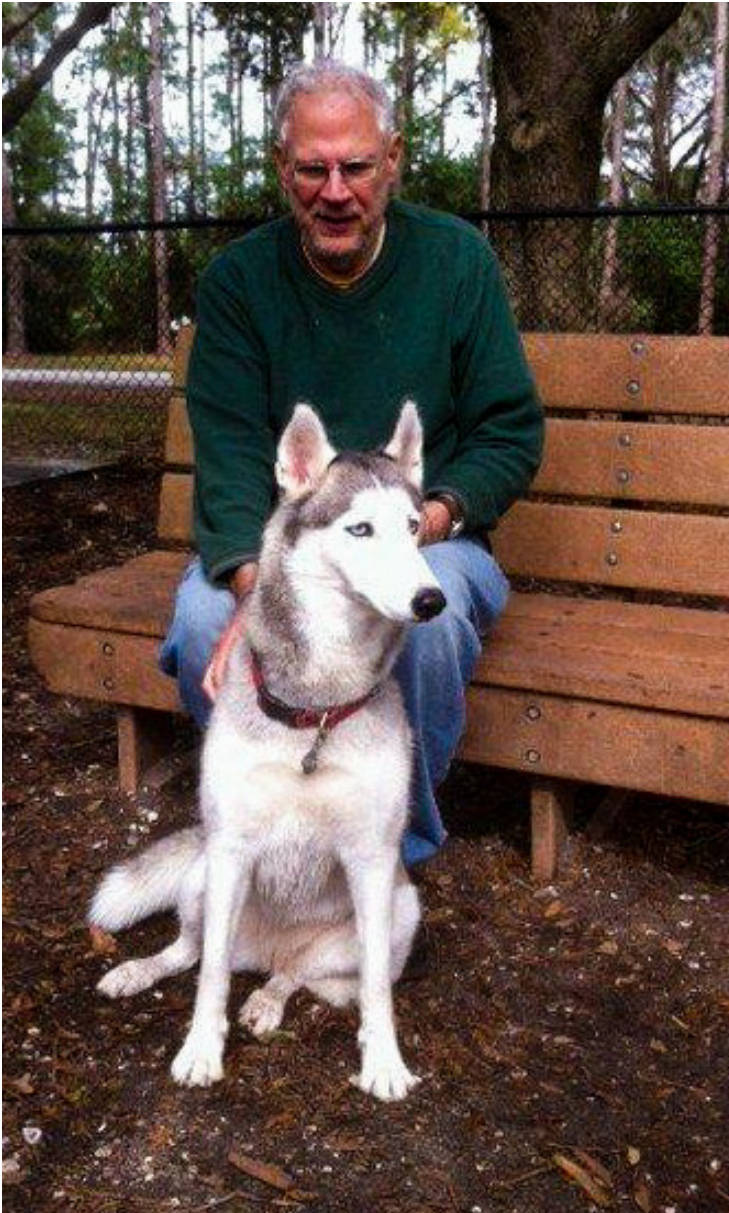
Have you adopted a rescue dog?

Share a pic at facebook.com/parademag.



Ally Update

Hello Jim,
Congratulations on your decision to adopt Ally. And
Thanks for sharing some photos!



Keira (Joy) and her first night in her forever home!
After an exciting ride home, Keira (Joy) had a fun filled evening followed by a short nap in her crate and then more fun and excitement! She settled down in her doggy bed for the night but made sure to let me know "dad enough sleeping... let's go!" With a few pounces on the bed and some cuddles.



Congratulations Peter on your decision to adopt Joy. We know you'll give her the Husky life she deserves.



This is newly adopted Alize relaxing with her new siblings.....Looks like she is very much at home and all within 48 hours



comments from her adoptive parents

I'm sorry if I keep bugging you with updates, but I just wanted to let you know we're making fabulous progress! Alize is doing **WONDERFULLY** well, and everyone is getting along! We're even snuggling together on the bed as you can see by the pictures.

She is in **LOVE** with my husband...does not want to leave his side!! It's so cute! He's been singing "Brown Eyed Girl" to her. :)

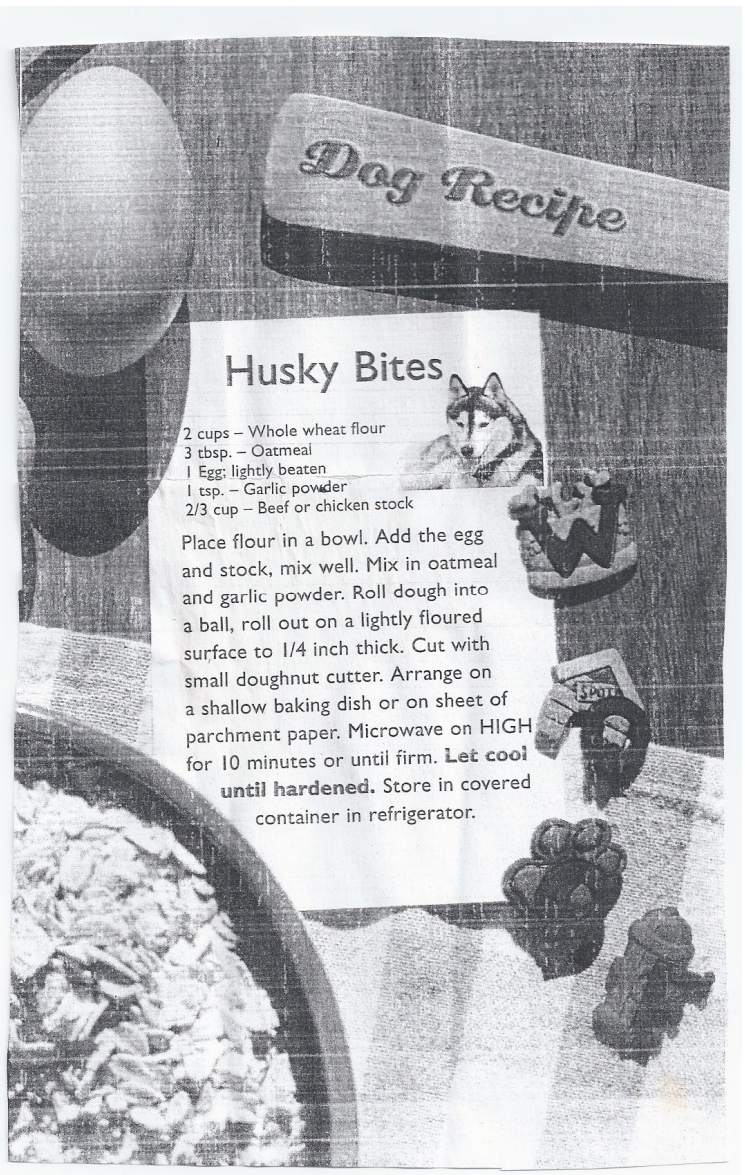
And Now a message from Foster Mom, Lori

😊 I really want to thank everyone for their support and encouragement. I'm really not an angel any more than all of you that sacrifice for the huskies. I'm sure each of you have lost

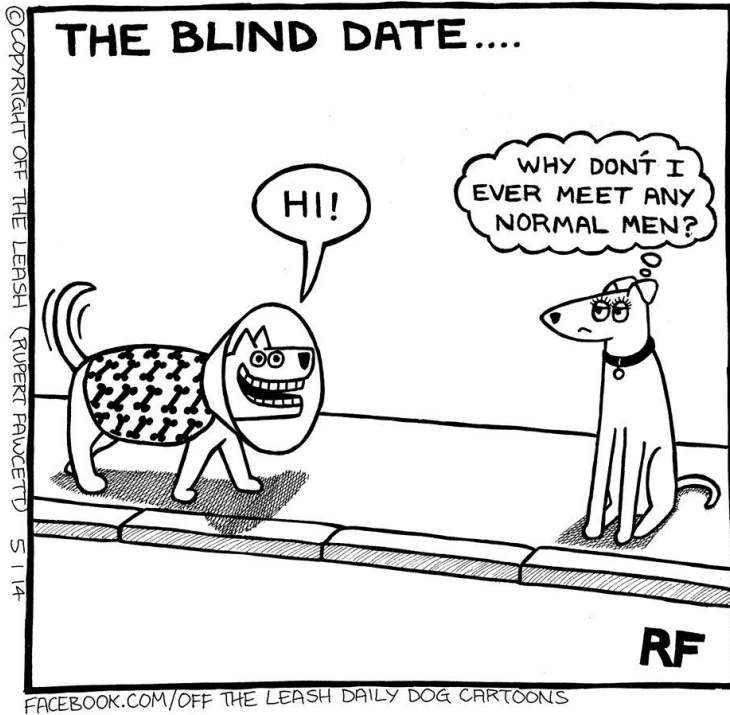
*sleep and tears over the challenges you've faced to help them. I'm glad to be a part of this great effort even though it is quite difficult at times. THANK YOU ALL !! Every one of you has kept me going with the sharing of past experience and bank of knowledge, helpful thoughts, pieces of advice, and words of encouragement just at the right time! YOU... the backbone of SHRF... are the reason these beautiful dogs get a second chance. AND, in the end, have a great new home and family. **KUDO'S to ALL!***

With heartfelt appreciation,

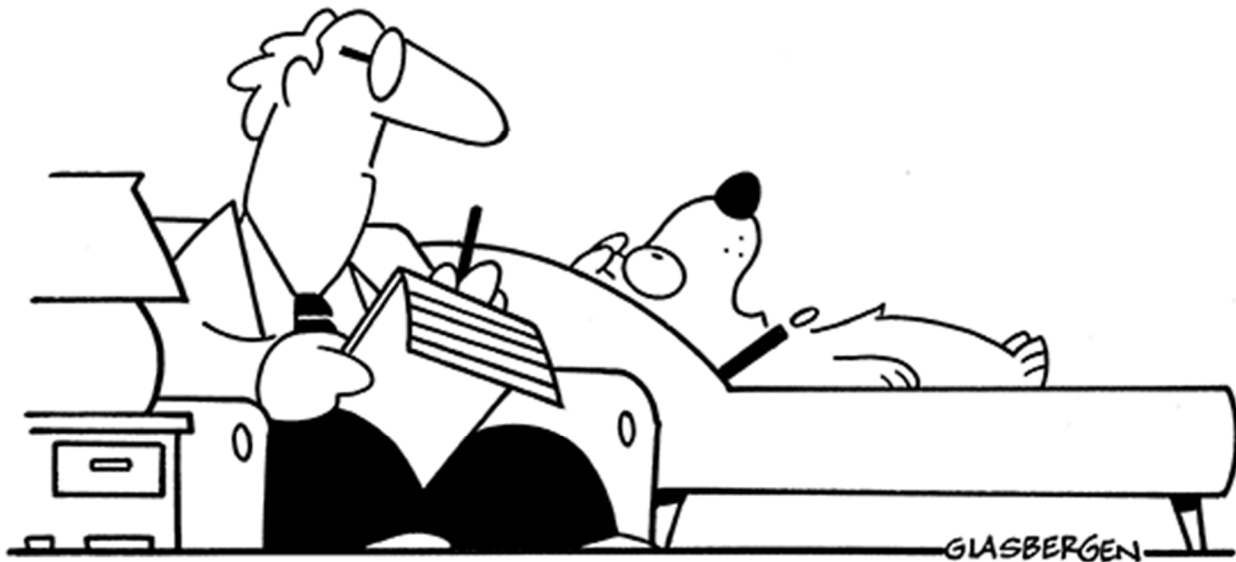
Lori



Fun Page



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"I drink from the toilet because the water is always cold and available. I really don't think it's a low self-esteem issue."

