



# Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida, Inc.

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### FROM THE SHRF BOARD

Hello Husky Lovers! Summer is in full swing and we hope that you are all staying cool in this Florida heat. That just means spending more time in the air conditioning, the pool, or the beach. Believe it or not some Huskies actually enjoy the water. So if you haven't tried it, visit your nearest dog beach or dog water park.

April and May had several events where our rescue was represented to let the public know who we are and what we do. You can see the pictures and a summary of our events in that section of the newsletter. June starts our slow period when it comes to events, as not many community events are scheduled. Still, continue to check out our events page on the website as you never know what might pop up. This does not mean our volunteers stop working during the summer months. We work just as hard during the summer since there are still Huskies in need. It does mean that our donations decrease during this time, so if you are able to support us or have some leftover summer vacation money please consider donating to our rescue.

Our biggest struggle right now is still the

limited number of available foster homes. This is due to people taking summer vacations or a well deserved break from previously fostering. If you haven't fostered with us before or have taken a break from fostering, please consider helping save a Husky by sharing your home with them until they are adopted. If you are unable to at this time please help us by spreading the word to others.

If you haven't looked at our available Huskies recently, you will notice that we have a few older and special needs dogs that need homes, one of which will be added to the website very soon – Calvin, Nala II, and Blitzen (formerly Nala I). We would like you all to look into your hearts to see if you think you might be the forever home for one of them or if you know of someone that would open their home up to them. These Huskies are still full of life and should spend the rest of their lives in loving permanent homes.

We need your help and appreciate your involvement!

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**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."**

**"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**

For those of you that may have been to the site in the last few days you may have noticed that there is a new poll question: **Should SHRF continue the publication of our Quarterly Newsletter?**

To set the background, the newsletter has been around since the beginning of SHRF. I personally have been doing it since the fourth quarter of 2006. A few quarters ago, I added a counter to the newsletter page to see how many times the page is read. As of this writing, the First Quarter 2011 Newsletter has been read 201 times. It has ranged in the 225-250 (per quarter) range most of the time. For the amount of work that goes into the newsletter, that count is pretty disconcerting.

I could infer that the count is low because the letter is boring, the news articles are outdated and redundant, the format is bad – there could be lots of reasons but what do I do about it?

On more than one occasion, I have solicited (in the newsletter) the submission of letters to the editor, arguments in dissent of (or agreement with) my opinions, guest articles, suggestions for improvement and anything else that could attract reader interest. Guess how many I received over the course of 19 newsletters? – **one** guest article back in 2007.

While I put in a good number of hours researching dog-related news, formatting and publishing the newsletter, there are other SHRF volunteers that contribute to each issue. The Event Coordinator has to put together pictures and narrative of the “SHRF Events” we attend during the quarter; the Adoption Director has to solicit input from previous adopters to supply pictures and narrative for the Lucky Adopter Page and someone on the Board of Directors has to put together the “From the Board” motivational article.

So, in conjunction with the results of the poll on the web site, I would like to invite anyone who has an opinion as to whether we should continue the newsletter or not, to do so in an email to [webmaster@siberrescue.com](mailto:webmaster@siberrescue.com). If your opinion leans toward continuing the newsletter then suggestions for improvement are always welcome, if your opinion is to discontinue the newsletter then your suggestions as to what to do with it may remain unsaid – I’ll know where you want me to put it.

### **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.*

**If my dog is barred by the  
heavenly guard  
We'll both of us brave the  
heat!**

*-W. Dayton Wedgefarth*

**“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"**

## Meet Buster, the lost dog that made an incredible 1,200 mile journey from Colorado to California

By Daily Mail Reporter 4th June 2011

When Buster the dog disappeared from his home in Colorado, his owner spent hours agonizing over his fate.

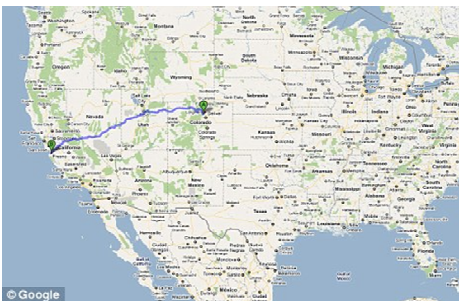
But despite thinking about all different possibilities, including that the beloved Labrador had been stolen or eaten by a lion, Samantha Squires could never have imagined what really happened to him.

Six months after Buster Brown vanished from his home in Boulder he was found – an astonishing 1,200 miles away in Salinas, California.



**Astonishing: Buster Brown made it all the way to California**

‘I have no idea how he would have made it to Salinas,’ said Mrs. Squires. ‘I’ve never even heard of it before.’



**Incredible journey: Buster Brown travelled across the country from Colorado to California**

Mrs. Squires had given up hope of ever seeing her doggy best friend, when she received a letter in the post from an animal shelter.

A member of the public had found the intrepid pooch wondering the streets and taken him to the shelter where staff scanned for a microchip.

The animal lovers had called all the phone numbers listed for the dog, but they were all disconnected.

In a final bid to find his owner, they had written the letter to his last known address to say that they had until May 31 to contact the shelter or the dog would be placed up for adoption.



**Reunited: Buster Brown is back with his owner in Colorado**

Late in the afternoon on May 31, a tearful Samantha Squires rang the centre to say that she was his owner.

Buster and Mrs. Squires were reunited after he was flown back from San Francisco to Denver.

No one knows how the adventurous dog made his way 1,200 across the country.

Cindy Burnham at the animal shelter said they had, ‘no idea how he got here’.

Back for good: Mrs. Squires said she and Buster did everything together.

‘He’s the only one who knows. We’re asking him but he’s not telling us.’

A delighted Mrs. Squires said that Buster ‘looks quite a lot older and quite a lot fatter’.

She said she is overjoyed to be reunited with her canine companion.

‘He was with me 24/7,’ she told local station KION 46. ‘He slept with me, ate with me, we ran together, everything.’

Sleep a little, play a little, eat a lot, scratch where it itches - Dogs have the right idea about life

Hallmark greeting card

## Safe and hound: Tsunami dog found alive and well in Japan after THREE WEEKS adrift at sea on a floating house

By [Daily Mail Reporter](#)

It appears almost too good to be true, but this little dog has been found alive and well adrift at sea, an astonishing three weeks after the tsunami that devastated Japan.

Members of the Japan Coast Guard came across the dog on Friday as they were conducting an aerial search of the area.

Against all the odds, the dog appears to have survived by living in a partially submerged house that had been swept out to sea.



**A fishy tale: It seems almost too good to be true, but this little dog seems to have survived and was discovered by coastguards floating on a raft at sea**



**The dog appears to have survived by clinging to a house that had been swept away by the massive earthquake and tsunami that struck on March 11**

Local television showed pictures of the dog scampering around the roof of the house before it disappeared inside through a hole in the roof.

Rescuers had hoped to find more tsunami survivors living inside the house but after tearing the roof open, it was found to be empty apart from the dog.

Despite its three weeks at sea, the medium-sized brown dog seemed to be in reasonably good condition considering its ordeal.



### FOUR FEET

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

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

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

--- Rudyard Kipling ---

## People-watching dogs know whom to ask for treats

Next time you bicker with your buddies over who gets the last biscuit, look out for eavesdropping dogs: they may be keeping tabs on your generosity towards others.

That's the conclusion of Sarah Marshall-Pescini, who has just put canine cleverness through the latest round of tests at the University of Milan's *Canis sapiens* lab in Italy. Her results suggest that dogs are remarkably good at interpreting social interactions in a different species - ours.

Of course, we already know about the impressive skills of canines. Man's best friend sulks when treated unfairly. Dogs know when they are being watched - and some can even learn the meaning of more than 1000 human words.

But it is quite another thing to draw conclusions about people's characters by merely observing how they treat each other. Other than in humans, this kind of talent has been observed rarely in the animal kingdom: chimps have the skill and so, apparently, do some large fish that recruit the help of only the most cooperative cleaner fish.

To show how good dogs are at studying humans, Marshall-Pescini and her colleagues had them observe how readily two actors shared small cereal and sausage bits with an-

other person who came to beg them for some morsels. After the beggar had either been shooed away with a harsh gesture and a firm "No!" or received a tasty tidbit along with some words of kindness, the dogs were given the choice of approaching one or the other actor.

In two-thirds of all trials, the dogs went straight for the generous person. This wasn't merely a preference for a friendlier voice: if the "beggar" wasn't present and the dogs couldn't work out who was most generous, they were no more likely to approach a kind-voiced actor than a harsh-voiced one.

Nevertheless, it seemed to be the tone of voice that the dogs used to make their judgment, because when the actors used only gestures, the dogs had much more trouble picking out the generous guy. "We were surprised that the voice had more impact than the gestures," says Marshall-Pescini, arguing that much work so far has pointed to dogs being more talented observers than listeners.

The researchers reckon that dogs' social psychology skills have developed as a special asset during the domestication process rather than being merely a carry-over of similar eavesdropping tendencies within a pack. "We haven't yet noticed a similar preference for generous individuals in interactions between free-ranging dogs in Rome," says Marshall-Pescini.

## Dolphins save Doberman Pinscher stranded on sandbar

Wednesday, 02 Mar 2011

MARCO ISLAND, Fla. (Newscore) - A Pennsylvania woman on vacation in Florida took a tip from two dolphins to save a lost Doberman Pinscher that got stranded on a sandbar.

When Audrey D'Alessandro and her husband, Sam, walked out of their home on Marco Island, near Naples, Fla., to go fishing, "we saw these two dolphins, and they were splashing and making this big commotion" in a canal behind their vacation home, she said.

Although it is not uncommon to see dolphins swimming through the canal on their way to the Gulf of Mexico, Audrey D'Alessandro said that this time, "they were just there, in one place, splashing water against the canal wall."

When the D'Alessandros went to investigate, they saw that

an 80-pound Doberman Pinscher was standing on a sandbar, half-submerged even at low tide. The dog, which disappeared from a nearby home some 12 hours before, was too weak to bark, she added, and could not get back onto land because of a several-foot-high canal wall.

By the time the nurse lowered herself into the canal to get onto the sandbar, the dutiful dolphins were gone, but her husband called firefighters, who helped Audrey D'Alessandro hoist the dog out of the water. Turbo, who was shaking and unable to stand after being rescued, was quickly reunited with his owner -- who got the happy news while putting up lost-dog posters.

A few days later, a thankful Turbo and his owner made the eight-block trip to visit the D'Alessandros, who have a yellow Labrador of their own.

But Audrey D'Alessandro brushed off the island-wide praise the couple received afterward, saying that while "people pulled up to us when we were driving and said, 'You're the couple that saved that dog,' I said, 'Yeah, sure.' But I think it was really those dolphins.

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

## SHRF Events 2nd Quarter 2011

### First annual Family Fun Fest and Doggie Daze



Organized by the Island Estates Civic Assoc., Sat. April 16, 2011. The Fun Fest was well attended by numerous Rescues and vendors galore .... including Arts/Health/Doggie/Green and Kids stuff. Easter Bonnet Parade. Doggie demonstrations on agility and Police canines were impressive. There was a jump house and a face painting stand for the kids. Also a DJ and Raffle Extravaganza, with the proceeds being split between the Rescues. The weather was perfect, with an off shore breeze that helped to keep everyone comfortable.



### Pet Food Warehouse 1st Annual Pet Rescue Event

This is our handsome boy, Calvin, who is available for adoption, showing off at the Pet Food Warehouse 1st Annual Pet Rescue Event - which was a blast.



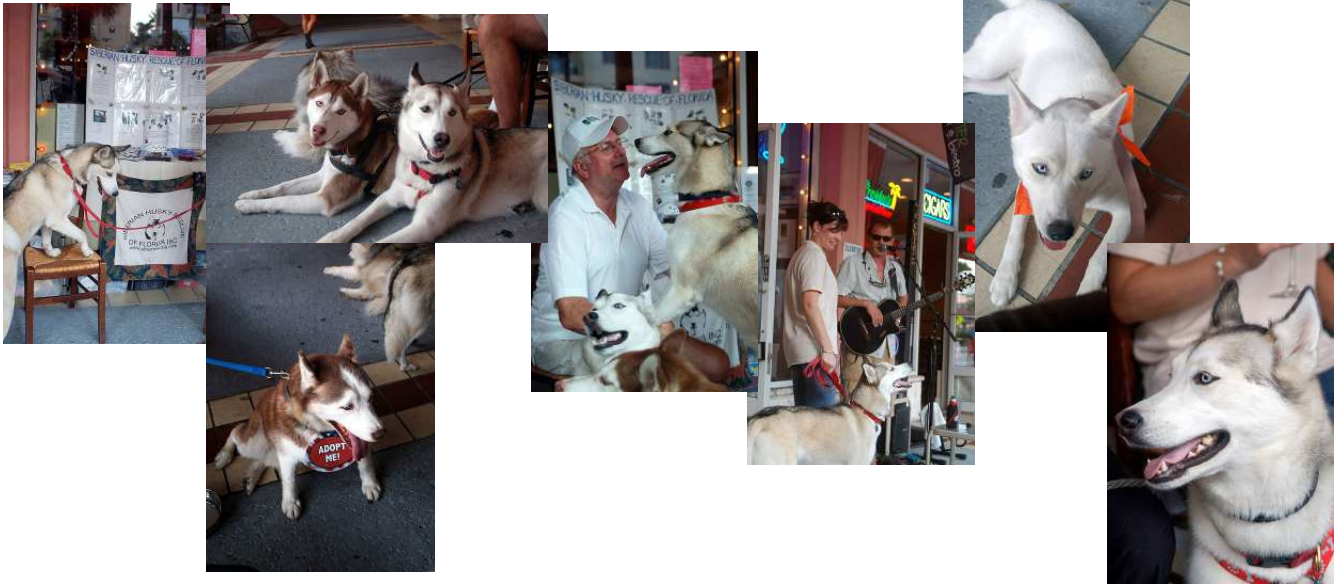
### "Good Dog Day" in Ybor City



## SHRF Events 2nd Quarter 2011

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#### Yappy Hour at Clearwater Wine Company



#### Diabetes rising among pets

Diabetes is on the rise -- but humans aren't the only ones suffering. Diabetes diagnoses are rising at an even faster rate among dogs and cats than for their human companions, according to a national analysis of pet health released last week.

The 2011 "State of Pet Health" report is based on data from more than 2.5 million dogs and cats that visited Banfield Pet Hospital facilities in 43 states.

"This kind of data has never been available before," said Dr. Jeffrey Klausner, a veterinarian and chief medical officer for the Banfield Pet Hospital chain, based in Portland, Ore. "We want to share it with professionals and pet owners."

Nationally, diabetes rates increased by nearly a third among dogs in the past four years and by 16 percent among cats. It is much more common among cats. By

comparison, human diagnoses of diabetes rose 10 percent over the same period.

The surprisingly high incidence of diabetes, he said, stems in part from rising rates of obesity.

"We have increasing obesity in dogs and cats, just like in humans," he said. "It's no mystery how that occurs: overfeeding and lack of exercise."

How can you tell if your pet has diabetes?

The most common signs are excessive urination, excessive thirst and weight loss, despite a good appetite, according to veterinarians. Once diagnosed, the chronic disease can be time-consuming to manage, usually involving twice-daily insulin injections, a change in diet and regular monitoring by a vet.

"Millions of pets are getting insulin twice a day," he said. "Dogs can be diabetic for years and do just fine." Cats can be somewhat harder to treat because they are smaller and harder to find for the daily injections.

*Continued page 17, Diabetes*

**God Made the earth, the sky and the water, the moon and the sun. He made man and bird and beast. But He didn't make the dog. He already had one.**

*Native American saying*

## Family dog kept watch over missing two-year-old overnight

By Logan Smith  
April 1, 2011 11:30 PM



**Tyler Jacobson**

ELGIN, SC (WIS) - A missing 2-year-old boy in Elgin was found Saturday morning after Kershaw County deputies say the family dog kept him warm and safe all night.

Sheriff Jim Matthews said 22-month-old Tyler Jacobson was reunited with his family after he was found across the street behind a neighbor's home when someone reported hearing crying in the area. Tyler was reported missing around 8:00pm Friday from a residence on Ashley Creek Drive. Matthews said the boy's mother, 25-year-old Jacklyn Marie Jacobson, and her boyfriend Jose Gloria told investigators Tyler went to get some juice and didn't come back.

Kershaw County deputies used a bloodhound tracking team and a SLED helicopter with infrared capa-

bilities, but called the search off around 12:30am Saturday. The search resumed around 7:45am, and the boy was found shortly thereafter. "Just thinking that a dog would watch a baby over the night, it's kind of like a movie instead of real life," said Emily DuBose, who lives in the house outside which the baby was found.

DuBose had no idea a story of devotion and survival was playing out right outside her door. "When we saw the choppers last night, we just assumed a criminal was loose, so I locked the door," said Linda Harr, who also lives at the house. "The last thing I was gonna do is go outside."

"I heard some barking early in the morning, but I didn't really think about it, I just heard dogs barking," said DuBose.

But during the night, Jacobson's dog was keeping watch over his 22-month-old master in temperatures that got down to the 40s. "I just wish I'd have known, I could have warmed him up, called the cops," said Harr.

Now, words of praise for the dog who likely helped save little Tyler's life. "Since he belonged to them, he must have followed them the whole way, so that's very special," said Harr.

And so this story has a happy ending, thanks to the special bond of a child's best friend.

## Puppy with broken legs crawls home after surviving tornado



A puppy crawled home with two broken legs after being thrown high into the air by a tornado that ripped through Alabama.

Mason, a terrier mix, was feared dead after the storm but was found two weeks later by his owners in the wreckage of their

home.

"This is probably the most dramatic we've seen as far as an injury in an animal that's survived this long," said Phil Doster at Birmingham Jefferson County Animal Control shelter, who is caring for Mason following surgery. The shelter has dealt with hundreds of pets hurt by the storms.

"For an animal just to show up on someone's porch after this time was pretty remarkable, especially with the condition he's in."

Mason has become a minor celebrity, and has a [Facebook](#) page with more than 1,200 friends.

**One reason a dog can be such a comfort when you're feeling blue is that he doesn't try to find out why.**

*~ Author Unknown*

## A Living Love

If you ever love an animal, there are three days in your life you will always remember . . .

The first is a day, blessed with happiness, when you bring home your young new friend. You may have spent weeks deciding on a breed. You may have asked numerous opinions of many vets, or done long research in finding a breeder. Or, perhaps in a fleeting moment, you may have just chosen that silly looking mutt in a shelter -- simply because something in its eyes reached your heart. But when you bring that chosen pet home, and watch it explore, and claim its special place in your hall or front room -- and when you feel it brush against you for the first time -- it instills a feeling of pure love you will carry with you through the many years to come.

The second day will occur eight or nine or ten years later. It will be a day like any other. Routine and unexceptional. But, for a surprising instant, you will look at your longtime friend and see age where you once saw youth. You will see slow deliberate steps where you once saw energy. And you will see sleep when you once saw activity. So you will begin to adjust your friend's diet -- and you may add a pill or two to her food. You may feel a growing fear deep within yourself, which bodes of a coming emptiness. You will feel this uneasy feeling, on and off, until the third day finally arrives.

And on this day -- if your friend and whatever higher being you believe in have not decided for you, then you will be faced with making a decision of your own -- on behalf of your lifelong friend, and with the guidance of your own deepest Spirit. But whichever way your friend eventually leaves you -- you will feel as lone as a single star in the dark night.

If you are wise, you will let the tears flow as freely and as often as they must. And if you are typical, you will find that not many in your circle of family or friends will be able to understand your grief, or comfort you.

If you are true to the love of the pet you cherished through the many joy-filled years, you may find that a soul -- a bit smaller in size than your own -- seems to walk with you, at times, during the lonely days to come.

And at moments when you least expect anything out of the ordinary to happen, you may feel something brush against your leg -- very, very lightly.

And looking down at the place where your dear, perhaps dearest, friend used to lie -- you will remember those three significant days. The memory will most likely be painful, and leave an ache in your heart.

As time passes the ache will come and go as if it has a life of its own. You will both reject it, and it may confuse you. If you reject it, it will depress you. If you embrace it, it will deepen you. Either way, it will still be an ache.

But there will be, I assure you, a fourth day when -- along with the memory of your pet -- and piercing through the heaviness in your heart -- there will come a realization that belongs only to you. It will be as unique and strong as our relationship with each animal we have loved, and lost. This realization takes the form of a Living Love -- like the heavenly scent of a rose that remains after the petals have wilted, this Love will remain and grow -- and be there for us to remember. It is a love we have earned. It is the legacy our pets leave us when they go. And it is a gift we may keep with us as long as we live. It is a Love which is ours alone. And until we ourselves leave, perhaps to join our Beloved Pets -- it is a Love we will always possess.

~~ by Martin Scot Kosins

## Japanese risk radiation to rescue stranded dogs

By RYAN NAKASHIMA, Associated Press  
Associated Press  
Thu Apr 14, 2011



TOKYO – When Etsumi Ogino saw a news photo of a pack of shelties wandering through an abandoned town near Japan's tsunami-damaged nuclear plant, she thought of her own 13-year-old canine Kein and jumped into action.

"My heart trembled," said Ogino, a 56-year-old volunteer at an animal shelter in Chiba prefecture. "They looked just like my dog. I started searching for them right away."

She and others around Japan called Asahi.com, the website of the Asahi Shimbun newspaper, which had run the photo. An Associated Press photographer had snapped that photo and others of the dogs on an empty street in Minami Soma city, an area evacuated because of radiation fears.

On Saturday, the AP gave her details of where the dogs were spotted.

Ogino relayed the information to a team of animal rescuers called Sheltie Rescue. By then, the group had been getting emails from dog lovers around the country about the abandoned pack.

Through emails and Internet research it was established that the owner of the dogs was a breeder in Minami Soma. The group contacted the Fukushima city branch of the Japan Collie Club, tracked the owner down by phone at a shelter and got her go-ahead to rescue the dogs.

In the wee hours of Sunday morning, seven volunteers left Tokyo and drove over broken roads and past demolished houses to meet three other volunteers in the ghost town that Minami Soma has become. Some had prepared radiation suits and others wore simple vinyl raincoats.

The first two to arrive found the pack around the Odaka train station, near the owner's home, where the AP team had last seen them.

"They were waiting for their owner," said Tamiko Nakamura, a volunteer who went with the group from Tokyo.

The dogs had been left some dry food, and weren't starving.

It took a while to entice them with snacks, and six or seven were bundled into each car. The group saved 20 dogs in all.

Most were taken to a veterinary clinic in Kanagawa prefecture just west of Tokyo. Others are being cared for by individuals in other areas.

The owner, worn down by the disaster and worrying about her dogs, was "extremely happy," Nakamura said. She said the owner did not want her identity revealed.

Nakamura only regrets that some of the dogs in the pack ran away and countless others are still stranded in the evacuation zone.

"There are still some left behind," she said. "I'm concerned about them and want to pull them out."

### DOGS LIVE HERE

If you don't want to be greeted with paws and swinging tails don't come inside because dogs live here.  
If you don't like the feel of a cold nose or a wet tongue, don't come inside because dogs live here.  
If you don't want to step over many scattered toys, don't come inside because dogs live here.  
If you think that a home ought to smell of perfume, don't come inside because dogs live here.  
If you don't mind all of this, you will be instantly loved when you come inside, because dogs live here.

- Author Unknown

## SHRF UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUND RAISERS

### 3rd Quarter 2011 Upcoming Events

Sep 3<sup>rd</sup> — AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day 9AM - 5PM  
Florida State Fairgrounds Special Event Building

Sep 17<sup>th</sup> — Boy Scout Adoption Event 12PM - 4PM  
Club Tampa Palms, 16402 Tampa Palms Blvd

*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.

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

**“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***

### **Hero dog helped snare Osama**



File photo of Navy Seal Dog with Protective Armor and infrared camera on back.

A FEARLESS four-legged recruit joined US Special Forces as they stormed Osama Bin Laden's secret lair.

The explosive-sniffing dog was strapped to an assault team member as they took on one of their greatest challenges to date.

He was part of the operation in which the elite US Navy Seals lowered themselves down ropes from three Black Hawk helicopters into the terrorist supremo's hideout in the town of Abbottabad, Pakistan, on Sunday, May 1, 2011.

The world's most wanted man, 54, was shot dead by a Special Forces marksman during the raid.

Heavily armoured hounds equipped with infrared night-sight cameras have been used in the past by the top-secret unit.

The war dogs wear ballistic body armour that is said to withstand damage from single and double-edged knives, as well as protective gear which shields them from shrapnel and gunfire.

German Shepherds have been leading the way in SAS raids in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Wearing oxygen masks, the pooches have been trained to jump from aircraft at 25,000ft, before seeking out insurgents in hostile environments.

The animals will attack anyone carrying a weapon and have become a pivotal part of special operations as they crawl unnoticed into tunnels or rooms to hunt for enemy combatants.

The cameras on their heads beam live TV pictures back to the troops, providing them with critical information and warning of ambushes.

## K-9 Officer starved dog to death

Published : Tuesday, 24 May 2011

WAREHAM (FOX 25 / MyFoxBoston.com) - A former MBTA K-9 police officer was sentenced to serve 18 months in jail for felony animal cruelty.

43-year-old Antonio Carneiro of Rochester was also given 20 years of probation during a hearing Tuesday at Wareham District Court.

In February, 2009 Carneiro was accused of starving his dog, Nitro, a six-year-old Belgian Malinois to death in an outdoor cage at his County Rd. home. The dog weighed only 25 pounds and a necropsy indicated that it may have suffered for months.

Rochester Police chief Paul Magee helped to investigate the case.

Magee told FOX 25, "How could a K-9 officer allow this to happen to his animal?"

Carniero was fired by the MBTA in 2009.

He will serve his sentence at the Plymouth House of Corrections.

***SHRF Editors note: This punishment is not nearly as much as this guy deserved.***

## Drunk man tried to operate on his dog

A man who told police he was a cardiologist was charged with felony cruelty to an animal after he tried to operate on his dog while "highly intoxicated," police say.

Stewart Gibbs, 44, of the 200 block of North Clinton Street, was arrested late Sunday after he told police he tried to remove a cyst from under his Doberman's right ear, according to Chicago Police News Affairs Officer John Mirabelli. Gibbs, whose attorney said is a health care administrator, was given a bond of \$75,000 by Cook County Criminal Court Judge Israel Desierto today in Cook County Central Bond Court.

Assistant State's Attorney Lorraine Scaduto said in bond court today that the building's landlord was called by tenants who said their ceiling was leaking. The water was damaging two apartments below Gibbs', according to a police report. The landlord knocked on Gibbs' door, got no response, and let himself into the unit, where Gibbs ran toward him naked, covered in blood, Scaduto said. The landlord also saw a blood-soaked towel in the apartment before he leaving to call police.

Police said they were called to Gibbs' condo about 10 p.m. and, after the landlord again received no answer when he knocked, Gibbs came to the door for police. Gibbs' hands were covered in blood and he "appeared highly intoxicated," according to a police report.

Gibbs let the officers into the apartment, and they found blood on the floor and walls of the hall, kitchen, bathroom and bedroom and his Doberman with a wound under its right ear, police said. Gibbs told police he had been trying

to remove a cyst from under the dog's ear using a butcher knife, according to police and prosecutors, and had turned on the water in the bathtub to clean up the dog.

Gibbs told officers he was "a cardiologist and was capable of performing surgery on his dog," according to the police report.

After they arrested him just before midnight, Gibbs told officers he had been drinking at Trump Tower earlier in the evening, returned to his apartment, had another half-bottle of wine, and "proceeded to perform surgery" on his dog, according to a police report. Scaduto said in court today that Gibbs showed "signs of intoxication."

Gibbs did not claim to be a veterinarian, but told officers he was a cardiologist, Mirabelli said. There is no state license information on Gibbs being a physician.

After Gibbs was arrested, the dog was taken to an emergency veterinary center for treatment, police said. Gibbs gave up custody of the dog, and it is now in the care of Chicago Animal Care and Control, police said.

In court today, Gibbs was attentive and wore dark blue jeans and a black T-shirt with a yellow or gold design on it. Public defender Anand Sundaram said Gibbs has been in Chicago five years, is a health care administrator, and has a degree from the University of California, Irvine.

Gibbs was scheduled to appear in Cook County Court Brach 44, 3150 W. Flournoy St., on June 27. He had not posted bail by about 2 p.m., according to the Cook County Clerk's office.

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

## Man Drugged Competition at Dog Shows

Friday, Apr 29, 2011  
by Britni Day

A Pennsylvania man is accused of drugging a Siberian Husky after police found pills in the dogs stomach.



Ralph Ullum is accused of cruelty to animals charges and attempted criminal damage to property after police say he drugged Pixie, a competing Siberian Husky at a Wheaton dog show.

Ralph Ullum, 68 of Claysville, PA., is accused of feeding Protonix and possibly Benadryl to Pixie, a Siberian Husky, at a Dec. 17 kennel club show at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, according to Wheaton police.

Ullum's girlfriend was competing with her Siberian Husky, named Diana, and Ullum had been assisting

her at the show.

Pixie's handler, Jessica Plourde of Newark Valley, N.Y., noticed a crushed pink pill near Pixie's cage on the second day of competition, according to reports.

Witnesses came forward saying they had seen Ullum feeding and petting Pixie while Plourde was away from the cage.

A veterinarian induced vomiting in Pixie and found a rubber band, dog food, chicken pieces and an undigested Protonix pill. Protonix is used to treat acid reflux and heartburn.

Authorities say they believe the pink crushed pill found near Pixie's cage was Benadryl, an over the counter allergy medicine that can cause drowsiness.

Police searched the area and also found a crumpled paper towel containing a white substance and pieces of pills in the men's bathroom.

Ullum told police he did pet Pixie and used the men's bathroom, but said he didn't feed the Husky or put things in the trash.

Ullum is scheduled to appear in DuPage County court on June 2 on misdemeanor cruelty to animals charges and attempted criminal damage to property.

## Yoda Paws Way To World's Ugliest Dog

Sunday June 26, 2011

**A 14-year-old canine named after the Star Wars hero Yoda has a face that only a mother could love.**



But her short tufts of hair, protruding tongue, and long, seemingly hairless legs were enough to earn her the World's Ugliest Dog title in northern California.

The Chinese crested and Chihuahua mix put her best paw forward and beat off stiff competition from another 30 dogs to take the honor at the 23rd annual contest at the

Sonoma Marin Fair.

Yoda's unfortunate looks have landed her the world's ugliest dog title.

Owner Terry Schumacher of Hanford, California, was gleaming with joy and held her pooch in the air when she was called as the winner, before giving her a kiss.

And for the dubious honour, Yoda was awarded a trophy 15 times her size and a \$1,000 prize.

Ms Schumacher said Yoda, who tips the scales at a tiny 2 lbs (900g), had come a long way since her daughter found her abandoned behind an apartment building.

She said when she first got a glimpse of the pooch she thought she was a rodent.

"I told her to put it down because I thought it was a rat," she said.

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**WEB SITES THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST**

**Ultimate Dog Tease** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGeKSiCQkPw>

**Properly trained, a man can be dog's best friend. ~ Corey Ford**

## LUCKY ADOPTERS

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



### Gus

Gus has been a great additional to our (already large) family.

As you can see by the photos, Gus is really good with the kids. They really love him, and he loves them -- showering them with kisses whenever he gets the chance (almost literally!)



He is full of energy, incredibly lovable and very, very smart. We all love him very much.



### Rajah

Thank you for our adoption kit from Rajah's adoption. We got it last night. She was wearing her SHRF bandana around all night and I especially love the key chain with her picture!

Raj has gained 6 lbs, so she's now up to 46!! She seems to be adjusting just fine.

She still sleeps in her chair every night, and sneaks up to the leather sofa when no one's looking. She is very funny and talks and woos non-stop. When we come home from a quick trip out, she gets so excited to see us that she will run full speed in big laps around the house until we make her stop for a water break. Thanks again for saving her!



### Balto II



Balto is doing very well. He is doing so well that some of my neighbors don't believe he's blind. He loves popsicles and playing with his rope, as well as going to the beach. Here's a couple photos of his favorite things.



Dogs' lives are too short. Their only fault, really. ~ Agnes Sligh Turnbull

## **LUCKY ADOPTERS Page 2**

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



### **Arthur (formerly Wilco)**

These are pictures of the wonderful dog you guys found for me, who is now known as Arthur. At first he was a little shy, but boy has he now come out of his shell. He has discovered squirrels and birds in the backyard, now prefers my bed next to me instead of his crate and he is my mom's favorite grandson now. We go for walks downtown at night and Arthur is a real ladies man, often getting free snacks from people having dinner outside the restaurants. He came into my life when I was really down about losing my last dog and he is absolutely wonderful. Thanks for everything, you guys are the best .



### **Sitka II**



My husband and I had a wonderful experience adopting from SHRF about six years ago, so when we were ready for a new furball we started watching the website. The descriptions of each Husky really helped us to choose the right fit and I knew as soon as I saw Sitka (Sitka II) that she was meant to be with us. She had tested heartworm positive so we had to wait more than month to get her, but she was worth it. Sitka is a very cuddly, sweet, and loving girl and fit right in with our family, including her new sibling, a Golden Retriever. They're the best of buddies and only "fight" for who gets the most attention and belly rubs! Thank you SHRF for bringing the joy of another Husky into our lives!



### **Sabrina (formerly Saber)**



Saber is now Sabrina (and still may be renamed Munchkin) and doing great. She gets along with her "little" brother Max great - they bonded almost immediately and are virtually inseparable. While small she has the heart and spirit of warrior and can not only stand her ground from brother Max, but also



keep him in his place. She has a forever home and we are glad she came to us. She seems happy and gives us great comfort and joy. Thanks to Husky rescue for taking the time and effort to bring her to us.

**My sunshine doesn't come from the skies, It comes from the love in my dog's eyes.**  
*Unknown Poet*

## A Tribute to Our Military “War Dogs”



*Diabetes—continued from page 7*

The best bet: Make sure Buster and Tiger get enough exercise and don't become overweight.

Overall, the most common problem among the animals was dental disease, the report said.

Problems with the teeth and gums affected more than three-quarters of dogs and two-thirds of cats, with symptoms ranging from gum inflammation and tartar buildup to tooth loss. When severe, oral problems can lead to bacterial infections that spread through the blood to other organs and might cause chronic disease or organ failure.

Other common health problems among companion animals, according to the report:

**Fleas and ticks.** Tick infestation carries the risk of Lyme disease. The rate of flea infestation also has climbed steadily.

**Internal parasites.** Most pets show no signs of infection, although puppies and kittens can become noticeably ill. Some of these parasites can be transmitted from animals to humans.

**Otitis externa,** or an inflammation of the outer ear

canal. This was the most common diagnosis among dogs and cats after dental disease. Prevention includes regular ear cleaning.

Another surprise in the data, Klausner said, was the rising popularity of Chihuahuas and other small dogs, such as Shih Tzus and Yorkshire terriers, as larger breeds such as Labrador retrievers and German shepherds decline in popularity.

That might be due to changing lifestyles, as an older generation of pet owners with suburban homes and large yards downsize and focus on travel, and younger, apartment-dwelling pet owners buy breeds that take up less space, the report suggested. Overall, the top five breeds seen at the 770 Banfield facilities were Labrador retrievers, Chihuahuas, Shih Tzus, Yorkshire terriers and pit bulls.

Smaller breeds are more prone to diabetes and dental disease, the report said.

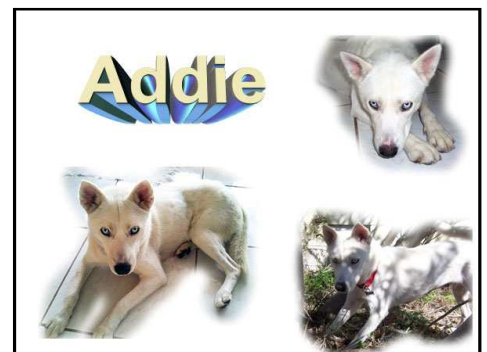
"What we need to do in veterinary medicine is what they haven't done very well in human medicine," Klausner said. "Focus on prevention."

Pets should be examined by a vet twice a year, he said.

# HAPPY ENDINGS 2nd Quarter 2011



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



**"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'**

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

- Alphonse de Lamartine

## Pet Friendly Recipes - Oliver's Summertime Straw-bana Treat

From Every Day with Rachael Ray

Makes 10 servings

### Ingredients:

- One 8-ounce container plain yogurt
- 1 cup strawberries, hulled
- 1 banana, peeled and chopped
- 1 tablespoon honey

### Directions:

Using a blender, puree all the ingredients; add enough water to make the mixture pourable. Pour into an ice cube tray and freeze until solid, 4 to 5 hours.

