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THIRD QUARTER NEWSLETTER JUL - SEP 2012

FROM THE SHRF BOARD

It is officially the Autumn season, which means our schedule is filling up and busy with various community events from now through Spring. Be sure to check our event calendar to come visit us and enjoy the events. We love to have our foster dogs as well as those that were previously adopted stop by to say hello. If you would like to help out at any of the events please email us and let us know.

What a busy summer, adopting out 11 Huskies during July, August and September. In addition to that we rescued 16 Huskies. If you have been considering adding to your family please be sure to check the "Doghouse" on our website.

We are very pleased to announce that Sage, who was in rescue for nearly a year, finally found her forever home this month. This poor girl, who started out with such a rough life of neglect, being unsocialized with both people and dogs, and having a lack of trust in people, has turned around to become a truly remarkable Husky.

She greets everyone she meets with open paws. Sage still has her quirks, but

who doesn't. Her new mom is so happy to have Sage as her new fur-kid!

We are still limited on the number of available foster homes. 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. As difficult as it is to wish a Husky well in his/her new home, fostering is very rewarding. Experiencing a Husky realize the life they should have and making another family feel complete with a new family member is wonderful to see. The number of available foster homes we have determines how many Huskies we can save.

We need your help and appreciate your support!

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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

This quarter I want to cover a subject that seems to get overlooked in our Herculean efforts to take in dogs, insure their health and safety and get them to a loving foster home. Namely, our mission of getting the dogs adopted out. In the parlance of the business world, marketing the dogs.

The most obvious way to do this is the use of pictures and videos. Far too often our volunteers tend to just "shoot away" with their cameras or smartphones, possibly in the hopes that volume might make up for quality. I see this all the time with photos being submitted for inclusion in the newsletter events, web pages, our Facebook page, etc. We need to refocus (no pun intended) our efforts in this regard because the pictures are the dogs' first impression vehicles in trying to get them adopted.

A good example is the making of the video collage used for the dog's web page. To produce a decent video it is best to have at least a dozen pictures. The video needs to run for over a minute and if there are only four or six pictures of the dog, the same pictures just repeat and repeat and repeat. Good, varied pictures that show off the dog's looks from different angles and perspectives can go a long way in gaining the interest of a prospective adopter.

Good pictures would include head shots, close-ups, full body shots, action shots. All these pictures need to be thoughtfully composed, leaving out extraneous clutter such as people's legs and feet, partial intrusions of another dog's body parts, miscellaneous items lying on the floor, garbage cans, TVs with the football game on, etc. You get the idea.

Other composition problems include the dog facing away from the camera and dark or dull backgrounds. Almost all the pictures submitted that are taken indoors have "red eye" that must be photoshopped out. It's the flash that causes this and some, but not all, redden can be avoided by not facing the flash into the dog's eyes. Since our Huskies are mostly neutral in color, black, grey, hues of red, some color like a toy or a colorful blanket, flowers, etc. all help to enhance the picture.

Pictures out of focus are rarely usable – Photo-shop cannot remove bad focus or motion blur. I know it's a pain and that the dog is always

moving, etc, but submitting those types of pictures for inclusion on the web site, event page or Facebook does not help to show off the dog.

Our Huskies are notorious for being constantly in motion so photo taking causes quite a bit of frustration. Some cameras have settings designed for sports or other instances of motion and can take a good picture by automatically increasing the shutter speed. On the other hand, those instances when the dog is sitting or lying still create a fairly irresistible opportunity to get the camera out and fire away. Doing this can produce a bunch of photos that are well composed and focused but they all look essentially the same. In a nutshell, photo variety is best along with color, focus and composition.

Along with good photos, if the dog is going into the doghouse page he needs a comprehensive biography. The bio needs to cover information that is valuable to a potential adopter. Is the dog housebroken, a counter surfer, aggressive toward small animals, need a crate, destructive, separation anxious, cuddly, affectionate, likes to sleep in the bedroom or bed, escape artist, good with kids, and on and on. Stuff you'd like to know if you were adopting the dog. This type of information is rarely available in the first week or two of the dog being taken in so it's better to put in initial observations. The web site can be updated after the dog has settled into his foster home and begins to show his true self. Many dogs have individual quirks that would endear them to a potential adopter if it was subsequently added to their description. In the absence of bio details the only other option is to create information using behavior that is typical for a Husky. I am never comfortable doing that.

If the dog is being shown at an event, we should describe the event and show the dog interacting with any event attendees. This shows the world that we not only present the dogs on the web site but we go out and about to show them off.

The faster we get the dogs on the site and out to events, the faster we get them adopted.

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"

Dog stands guard over deceased owner's grave for six years

By Eric Pfeiffer, Yahoo! News | The Sideshow – Thu, Sep 13, 2012



Capitan keeps watch over Miguel Guzman's grave (La Voz)

An extremely dedicated dog has continued to show its loyalty, keeping watch on its owner's grave six years after he passed away.

Capitan, a German shepherd, reportedly ran away from home after its owner, Miguel Guzman, died in 2006. A week later, the Guzman family found the dog sitting by his grave in central Argentina.

Miguel Guzman adopted Capitan in 2005 as a gift for his teenage son, Damian. And for the past six years, Capitan has continued to stand guard at Miguel's grave. The family says the dog rarely leaves the site.

"We searched for him, but he had vanished," widow Veronica Guzman told LaVoz.com. "We thought he

must have got run over and died.

"The following Sunday we went to the cemetery, and Damian recognized his pet. Capitan came up to us, barking and wailing as if he were crying."

Adding to the unusual circumstances, Veronica says the family never brought Capitan to the cemetery before he was discovered there.

"It is a mystery how he managed to find the place," she said.

Cemetery director Hector Baccega says he and his staff have begun feeding and taking care of Capitan. "He turned up here one day, all on his own, and started wandering all around the cemetery until he eventually found the tomb of his master," Baccega said.

"During the day he sometimes has a walk around the cemetery, but always rushes back to the grave. And every day, at six o'clock sharp, he lies down on top of the grave, stays there all night."

But the Guzman family hasn't abandoned Capitan. Damian says the family has tried to bring Capitan home several times but that he always returns to the cemetery on his own.

"I think he's going to be there until he dies, too. He's looking after my dad," he said.

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#!

Dog Intelligence Test

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

Dog/Cat/Pepsi Commercial

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ez1MgopJD9g&feature=player_embedded

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

~ Anonymous

Police decision to shoot dog questioned

Monday, May 23, 2011, By Kelli O'Hara

DURHAM (WTVD) -- Did a member of a Durham police SWAT team go too far when he shot and killed a dog during a raid in April? Some say it was unnecessary force.

ABC11 cameras captured the incident at a home on Dunstan Avenue April 12.

Officers were looking for Pete Moses and Vania Sisk. According to search warrants, Moses is a suspect in the disappearance of a woman and a 5-year-old boy. Sisk is the boy's mother.

While they've not been charged in the disappearances, the SWAT team arrested the pair on other charges at the Dunstan Avenue home after surrounding it the evening of April 12.

After the people in the home surrendered, the SWAT team approached to make sure no one else was inside. As ABC11 cameras recorded, the lead officer went up the front steps and then turned and fired at a dog three times - killing it.

The dog doesn't appear to be vicious and doesn't appear to lunge at officers. In the video, you can see a man sitting on the stoop of a home next door and others standing on the next porch as the three high-powered rounds were fired in their direction.

The bystanders were not hurt.

Eighteen-year-old Deshawn Porter told ABC11 the dog - a lab named Sheba - was his best friend.

"I didn't know what to say," he said. "My neighbor says they shot my dog several times."

Porter said he asked police why the dog was killed. "He said the dog was getting vicious and ready to attack," said Porter.

But that's not how others saw it. ABC11 asked the Durham Police Department about the incident. It said the officers were making a high-risk entry and the dog appeared to growl and make aggressive moves.

We showed the video to Kimberly Alboum, state director for the Humane Society.

"That's devastating," she said. "Wow, that's absolutely devastating. That's just shocking."

Alboum said she sees in the video a SWAT team that needs to be trained in dealing with dogs.

"The way it appears on this footage, is that it was just a dog standing up watching them come up on the stairs," she said.

Porter told ABC11 he's sad, angry, and lonely without Sheba around.

Porter said he didn't witness the shooting because he was among those in the house that night who were detained. He is not charged with any crime.

After the standoff, he said police did not apologize and took his dog's body with them when they left the scene. He doesn't know what was done with it.

ABC11 offered to show Durham police officials the video and to also ask if it was appropriate to discharge an automatic weapon so close to innocent civilians. They declined.

The Humane Society told us it plans to reach out to the department to offer free training on how to deal with pets in emergency situations.

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"... 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 3rd Quarter 2012

PetSmart Event

July, 2012

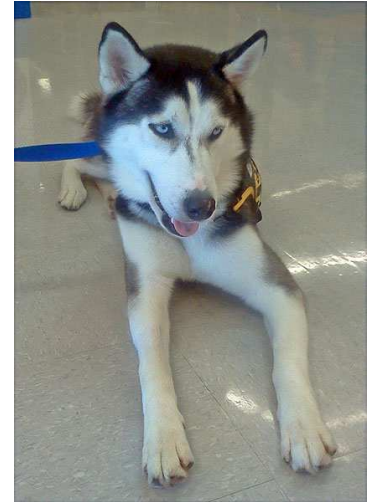
Sage and Sammy cooled off laying on the tile on a hot July day while they waited on attention from passers-by at the Petsmart Tyrone location. They met lots of new friends that day and received some extra yummy treats.



Sage



Samson



Samson



Nala III

AKC Responsible Dog

Ownership Day

September 15, 2012



Naomi



Bahumut

An old dog, even more than an old spouse, always feels like doing what you feel like doing.

~Robert Brault

Family gets \$333,000 for 2009 raid in which cops killed dog

August 19, 2011|By David Heinzmann, Tribune reporter

A federal jury awarded \$333,000 to a Chicago family Thursday after Chicago police officers raided its South Side home with guns drawn and shot its dog in a search that found no criminal activity in the apartment.

Teenage brothers Thomas and Darren Russell were in their second-floor apartment in the 9200 block of South Justine Street in February 2009 when officers announced they had a warrant to search both units of the two-flat. Thomas Russell, then 18, opened the door and found officers with their guns drawn, according to the lawsuit. Russell said that he put his hands in the air and asked permission to lock up his 9-year-old black Labrador, Lady, before they entered.

Police refused the request and came into the house, the lawsuit said. When Lady came loping around the corner with her tail wagging, Officer Richard Antonsen shot the dog, according to the suit, which alleged excessive force, false arrest and illegal seizure for taking the dog's life.

Thomas Russell was arrested and charged with obstructing police but was later found not guilty. No drugs were found in the Russell family's apartment, though police recovered drugs in the building's other unit, the family's lawyers said.

"Darren and Thomas did everything right that night," said Amanda Antholt, one of the family's lawyers. "They were cooperating with the officers and were met with guns to their heads and the shooting death of their family dog."

Jennifer Hoyle, a spokeswoman for the city's Law Department, said: "The officers involved in this case were executing a valid search warrant when this incident occurred and were simply protecting themselves. We are extremely disappointed and reviewing all of our options. In particular, we think the damages awarded to the plaintiffs were excessive."

The jury awarded Thomas Russell \$175,000, Darren Russell \$85,000 and their parents \$35,000 each. The jury also awarded the family \$2,000 in punitive damages, levied against Antonsen for shooting the dog, and \$1,000, against the police supervisor who made the decision to arrest Thomas Russell.

"If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise." ~ Author Unknown

THINGS PET OWNERS DO FOR THEIR PETS
 "How often have you done any of the following?"

Base: Has a pet

	Frequently/ Occasionally (NET)	Frequently	Occasionally	Rarely/ Never (NET)	Rarely	Never	Not sure
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Allowed my pet to sleep in the bed with me	67	51	16	33	11	22	*
Bought my pet a holiday present	61	31	31	38	13	26	*
Bought my pet a birthday present	40	18	22	59	11	48	1
Cooked especially for my pet	24	10	14	75	17	58	1
Dressed my pet in some type of clothing	19	7	12	80	15	65	*
Took my pet to work with me	10	5	5	89	7	82	1

Dogs May Mourn as Deeply as Humans Do

By Maryann Mott

HealthDay Reporter | HealthDay – Fri, Jul 6, 2012

FRIDAY, July 6 (HealthDay News) -- Jon Tumilson's dog, Hawkeye, was an important part of his life. And, as it turns out, Tumilson was an important part of Hawkeye's life.

After the Navy SEAL was killed in Afghanistan last summer, more than a thousand friends and family attended the funeral in Rockford, Iowa, including his "son" Hawkeye, a black Labrador retriever who, with a heavy sigh, lay down in front of Tumilson's flag-draped casket. There, the loyal dog stayed for the entire service.

Hawkeye's reaction to his owner's death generated a lot of buzz online and in the media. But it's not unusual, according to pet experts, for some dogs to mourn the loss of a favorite person or animal housemate.

Grief is one of the basic emotions dogs experience, just like people, said Dr. Sophia Yin, a San Francisco-based veterinarian and applied animal behaviorist. Dogs also feel fear, happiness, sadness, anger, as well as possessiveness.

Dogs who mourn may show similar signs to when they're separated for long periods of time from the individual they're bonded to, she said. Of those signs, depression is the most common, in which dogs usually sleep more than normal, move slower, eat less and don't play as much.

The beginnings of such a strong inter-species bond between humans and dogs dates back some 15,000 years, when early man and the ancestor of today's dog roamed the Earth together.

Today, after thousands of years of friendship, there's a great deal of attunement between humans and dogs, not only in terms of comprehension of each other's gestures and body language but also emotionally, said Barbara King, a professor of anthropology at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

It's not just evolutionary logic, or reading peer-reviewed science literature that's convinced King that dogs (as well as cats) feel deep grief. Interviews with astute pet owners for her upcoming book, *How Animals Grieve*, and the power of observation, has also led her to this conclusion.

Case in point: a grainy video posted on YouTube that captured the image of a scruffy terrier running onto a busy highway in Chile to rescue another dog, hit moments earlier, by a car. As vehicles whiz by the terrier, he instinctively wraps his paws around the injured dog, dragging him off the road to safety.

"When you look at that sort of example, again, you see that these dogs are thinking and feeling creatures, and that sets the stage for grief," she said.

Through her research, King has found that in households with two dogs who've lived together for a number of years, some owners report that when one dog dies, the other gets depressed. Skeptics might point to a change in daily routine as the cause of depression or, perhaps, because the owner is upset and grieving. But King feels differently.

"The surviving dog is searching around the house for a lost companion -- looking in favorite places, going to places that they spent with their friend, very pointed actions that tell you the dog is missing his friend," she said.

In an effort to understand what dogs are thinking, researchers at Emory University in Atlanta are conducting brain scans of dogs using functional MRI (fMRI).

Gregory Berns, director of the Emory Center for Neuropolicy and lead researcher on the project, hopes their work will reveal secrets of the dog-human relationship, from the dog's perspective.

Even with high-tech tools, though, determining whether canines experience grief would be tough, he admitted, because he believes it's unknown how grief looks in the human brain. If it were known,

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

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however, Berns said researchers could then look for this emotion in the dog but it would require showing pictures, perhaps movies, of the deceased human or canine.

"It would be fascinating to figure out," said Berns, who normally uses fMRI technology to study how the human mind works. "If I were to speculate, I would guess that, like people, some dogs mourn and others don't."

King agrees. After all, she said, dogs possess unique personalities and react differently, even in the same situation. Whether a dog grieves hinges on a dy-

namic mix of life experiences, added King, including how they were raised and what their people or animal housemates were like.

If a pet mopes around the house after the death of a canine or human companion, Yin suggests the best thing owners can do is to get their dog's mind off the loss by engaging their pet in fun activities such as a game of fetch, brisk walks and play dates with other pets. "The activity depends on what the dog historically likes," she said.

Don't expect a quick fix. It may take anywhere from a few weeks to a few months, pet experts believe, before a dog's spirits begin to lift.

Cops kill dog, handcuff kids in wrong-house raid

'Brutalized' family files lawsuit over SWAT team nightmare

Published: World Net Daily 08/10/12

A federal court case has been launched after a SWAT team in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area busted into the wrong house, shot the family's dog, handcuffed the children and forced them to "sit next to the carcass of their dead and bloody pet for more than an hour."

The case has been outlined by Courthouse News, and Mike Riggs at a Reason.com blog wrote, "Shawn Scovill of the taskforce may have raided the wrong house, but he didn't want to let the opportunity to rifle through someone's things go to waste. So he and his team ransacked the Franco house for over an hour, and managed to find a .22 caliber pistol in the 'basement bedroom of Gilbert Castillo,' which the suit says they attributed to the head of the Franco household, Robert Franco."

According to CN, a claim over the attack on the family has been filed in federal court by a team of lawyers representing the family. The plaintiffs are the nine people in the Franco home on the evening of July 13, 2010, including three children, and the case seeks \$30 million for the civil rights violations and other damages.

Defendants include the St. Paul police department, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent and members of the Dakota County Drug Task Force.

Robert Franco explains in the claim the attack officers raided the wrong house, and Task Force Officer Scovill, who set up the raid, "provided false information to a Minnesota District Court judge in order to obtain a search warrant."

According to CN, Franco alleges, "Defendant Scovill lied when he informed the district court judge who reviewed Scovill's search warrant application that Scovill had obtained information from the confidential informant that the plaintiff's home was the properly targeted house and that the address and the identity of the individuals who resided therein were the plaintiffs."

The complaint explains what officers should have known: that a neighbor should have been the intended target. CN reported, "Plaintiff Roberto Franco was not named in the search warrant, nor was any person who lived in the raided house named in the search warrant."

Added the complaint, "Plaintiff, Roberto Franco, had never been discussed or considered a suspect by law enforcement, Scovill or any of the defendants directly involved or indirectly involved in the raid, relative to any alleged involvement by Franco in

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any distribution of contraband prior to the wrong house raid.”

Franco pointed out that the neighbor’s name was actually on the warrant.

Instead, the SWAT team “negligently raided the home” and spent the next hour “physically brutalizing all the above-named occupants of said house,” according to the complaint.

Added Riggs, “Since the DEA is named in the suit, the Francos’ legal team will likely find itself going head-to-head with Obama administration lawyers, who argued a similar case earlier this year before the Ninth Circuit. Short recap.... The DOJ sought a summary dismissal of a lawsuit filed against seven DEA agents for their rough treatment of a family of four – mother, father, two very young daughters – during a wrong-door raid conducted during the Bush administration. The Ninth Circuit denied the DOJ’s request for a summary dismissal, and drew a bright line between how adults are treated during raids, and how children are treated during raids.”

The complaint said in the St. Paul attack, officers handcuffed everyone in the home except a woman, who was forced, “virtually naked, from her bed onto the floor at gunpoint.”

“Defendants shot and killed the family dog and forced the handcuffed children to sit next to the carcass of their dead pet and bloody pet for more than an hour while defendants continued to search the plaintiffs’ home,” according to the complaint.

A young girl, who is diabetic, “was handcuffed at gunpoint and prevented by an officer from obtaining and taking her medication, thus induced a diabetic episode as a result of low-blood sugar levels.”

The case accuses officers later of providing perjured testimony in the trial for Roberto Franco, who was convicted regarding the possession of the handgun.

Commented Riggs, “If anyone can weigh in on the legal loophole that might allow evidence seized during a wrong-door raid to be used in court, please fill me in. Also, are Minnesota gun laws that strict?”

Grandad Wrestles Alligator to Save Dog

International Dog News | September 19, 2012

A grandfather dived head first in to a garden pond in Florida to tangle with a seven foot long alligator to save the life of pet dog ‘Bounce’ who had been dragged in to the water by the reptile.

Steve Gustafson was working in his garden when he heard the noise and spotted Bounce being dragged in to the water.

The ex-lawyer didn’t hesitate before diving on top of the ‘gator to save the life of his canine pal.

Amazingly neither Steve nor Bounce was seriously injured.

Speaking about the ordeal, he explained: ‘Without thinking I just said “you’re not going to get her!” and just leaped on the gator.

‘Just like you do some silly belly flop in a pool – the only difference was I landed on top of a gator.’

Since we were only in three feet of water, I made a big push back towards the shore and when I did that the gator let go of Bounce and turned around and bit me.’



Raw honey for dogs

Natural Remedy, July 24, 2012
By: JT Clough

Benefits of Raw Honey for Dogs

Raw honey given to dogs can work wonders for their health. Keep in mind the list also works for people too!

- Calcium is found in two forms in raw honey. Proline, an amino acid in raw honey is the primary component in collagen. Collagen is the main structure in bones.
- Raw honey has been shown to be useful in Rheumatic and Arthritic conditions.
- Raw honey increases Haemoglobin count and can prevent or cure Anaemia. It is rich in iron and copper.
- Raw honey has been used successfully in the treatment of liver and kidney disorders, diseases of the respiratory and digestive tracts, weak heart action, infectious diseases, and colds.
- Bacteria cannot live in the presence of raw honey, for the reason that raw honey is an excellent source of potassium. The potassium draws from the bacteria the moisture which is essential to the very existence.

“Honey is the greatest of the natural energizers,” Levy writes in *The Complete Herbal Book for the Dog & Cat*, “a nerve tonic and a supreme heart tonic. Predigested by its makers, the bees, it is absorbed immediately into the bloodstream of the consumer. A

diet of only milk and honey can sustain life for months in humans and animals. It has been well and longtime proved that honey is also highly medicinal and will inhibit growth of harmful bacteria in the entire digestive tract and destroy those of a toxic nature.”

How Much Honey to Give Dogs

You can give honey, especially to a dog that is ailing or has an infection, daily. One teaspoon to one tablespoon, one to two times a day depending on the size of the dog and if you are using it to heal or maintain health.

Make sure to use raw honey and do not microwave it which will kill the live enzymes that do the healing. Regular and even organic honey that is not raw is heated, killing off and removing all the good enzymes. Make sure to get raw honey usually found in your health food store.

- Put it in the drinking water.
- Add it to the dog food.
- Freeze small balls and feed it as a treat.
- Mix it with yogurt and add it to a regular meal.
- Put it in a celery stick and feed it as a treat.
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Dogs have become dear family members. Their health and longevity is ever important since they have such a short time to share their wonderful wagging lives with us. Start thinking about nourishing your dog rather than feeding your dog processed kibble as their own staple.

Cops: Pair Sold Neighbor's Lost Dog On Craigslist

Busted couple's son, 5, dined them out to police

SEPTEMBER 19 -- A Pennsylvania couple who found a neighbor's lost puppy is facing criminal charges after they allegedly opted to sell the dog for \$50 on Craigslist instead of returning the pooch to its owner, police allege.

The six-month-old Rottweiler puppy (and a second dog) appeared earlier this month at the Leechburg home of Scott and Roxanne Duff, according to a probable cause affidavit. Roxanne Duff, 38, called cops since she “was unsure what she had to do with the dogs,” adding that the puppy “had taken off again and did not return to her residence.”

Later that night, Shawn Lerch, owner of the two dogs, informed cops that Duff returned his golden retriever, but that the puppy, named Bailey, was still missing.

Lerch told cops that he believed the dog (seen above) was still at the Duff residence. In a Facebook post, Lerch wrote that the missing dog “is very important to our family. Mostly our daughter so if u see her please get hold of me. And if u have her and return her today i will not press charges.”

But when cops spoke with Scott Duff, 41, he denied the puppy was there, and asked cops “to have Mr. Lerch stop calling him because they did not have the dog.”

Lerch, however, persisted. He called police the following day to again allege that his puppy was at the Duff home. Leechburg Police Department Chief Michael Diebold responded to the Duff residence, but found only the couple's five-year-old son and a babysitter home.

When he asked if the duo had seen the missing puppy, “The child stated to the Chief that his mommy had given the dog to a woman from the internet.”

When confronted by Diebold, Scott Duff initially stuck to his story about the puppy escaping his residence. “The Chief pointed out that the five year old child has no reason to lie to the police,” according to the affidavit.

Duff and his wife subsequently came clean, with Roxanne admitting to “placing the dog on craigs list.” Both Duffs admitted to lying to cops about the scheme.

The sale of Bailey, however, had a happy ending. “Chief Diebold did recover that dog from Roxanne Duff after she went to Pittsburgh to meet the individual she had sold it to,” cops reported. The Duffs have been charged with theft, conspiracy, and making false reports to law enforcement.

SHRF UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUND RAISERS

4th Quarter 2012 Upcoming Events

- Oct 6th** **Blessing of the Animals and Pet Fair** 10 AM - 2 PM
Lake Seminole Presbyterian Church, 8505 113TH St., Seminole, FL, (corner of 113th St. and 86th Ave.)
- Oct 6th** **Pet Supplies Plus Rally to Rescue** 10 AM - 2 PM
Bayside Bridge Plaza, 1500 North McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater, Florida
- Oct 6th** **4th Annual Doglympics** 9 AM - 6 PM
Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando, FL
- Oct 7th** **Racing 4 Rescues** 11 AM - 5 PM
Showtime Speedway, 4550 Ulmerton Rd, Clearwater, FL
- Oct 13th** **PetSmart on Tyrone Blvd.** 10 AM - 2 PM
3993 Tyrone Blvd., St Petersburg
- Oct 13th** **PetSmart Citrus Park** 10 AM - 2 PM
12835 Citrus Plaza Dr, Tampa, FL 33625
- Oct 20th** **2nd Annual Red Hot Rescue Chili Cookoff** 1 PM - 6 PM
Quaker Steak and Lube, 10400 49th Street N, Clearwater, FL
- Oct 27th** **PetSmart Countryside** 10 AM - 2 PM
26277 US Hwy 19 N, Clearwater, FL
- Oct 28th** **Animal Coalition of Tampa Stride for Strays** 8 AM - 1 PM
Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, 600 N Ashley Dr, Tampa FL 33602 (813) 274-8615
- Nov 10th** **5th Annual Dogtoberfest and Super Pet Adopt-a-thon** 11 AM - 4 PM
Highlander Park, 1920 Pinehurst Rd , Dunedin FL
- Nov 10th** **PetSmart Citrus Park** 10 AM - 2 PM
12835 Citrus Plaza Dr, Tampa, FL 33625
- Nov 24th** **PetSmart Countryside** 10 AM - 2 PM
26277 US Hwy 19 N, Clearwater, FL
- Dec 16th** **ADOPTIONS CLOSED for the HOLIDAYS**

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

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

CHECK OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR EVENTS UPDATES!

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

-W. Dayton Wedgefarth

Earlier this year SHRF volunteers were offered the opportunity to contribute a story of one of their rescued Siberians for publication in the now released book, *Lost Souls: Found! Inspiring Stories About Northern-Breed Dogs*, published by Happy Tails Books. Click on the picture on the right to go to the publisher's web site.



Below is the successful result - eight of our volunteers wrote stories that were accepted for publication.

Northern-Breed Book Author Announcement:

Thank you to everyone who contributed stories for these books!

<u>Dog Name</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Rescue Organization</u>
Aiyana	Brenda Weddle	Husky House Rescue
Apple	Judith Kelly	
Arwen	Tricia Wintch	Norsled
Aurora	Nancy Triggiani	ARWNY
Cherokee (Raki)	Kalikiano Kalei	Norsled
Chillie	Kathleen DeWees	NYC Shelter/ARWNY
Chula, Rico, & Belle	Barry Sheppard	Norsled
Dakota	Charlotte Grider	Snow Paws
Dash & Steel	Shannon Carroll	SHRF
General Robert E. Lee	Charla Collings	MUSH
Hannabee & Kazan	Janine & Troy	ARWNY
Hickory	James Dascoli	Tails of the Tundra
Ivan	Mark Craig	MUSH
Jenny	Nancy Schafhirt	BASH
Kai	Jared Opalewski	SHRF
Nikka	Dr. Nancy Almann	ARWNY
Koji	Chuck Weiss	ARWNY
Lexi & Lilli	Debi Klein	SHRF
Max	Susan Wheeler	Northern IL Samoyed Assistance
Mischa	Simone Kuska	SHRF
Niack	Nichole Shevima	SHRF
Nikita	Robert Omark	SHRF
Oliver & Bert	Florence Leone	ARWNY
Patticake	Jane Eagle	Norsled
Sadie & Rosie	Julie Martinez	Samoyed Rescue of UT
Sammy D	Carolyn Herkstroeter	St. Louis Samoyed Rescue
Servo	Rob Taylor	SHRF
Sheba	Terri Rodawald	SHRF
Skky	Gail de Rita	East Valley Los Angeles Shelter
Spica	Cheryl Dawson	York County SPCA
Taffy	Mary Bowyer	
Tasu	Heather Hauser Steiner	ARWNY
Taysia Blue	Jacqueline Roach	Taysia Blue Rescue

“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*

**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

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

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Ocala, FL 34481
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Seminole, FL 33708
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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.

Luca then



We adopted **Luke** (formerly **Luca**) about two months ago and he has already become an integral part of our family pack. He's so affectionate and people-oriented. He has to be in whatever room his people are in.

One day we came in from an afternoon of shopping and Luke had collected items from around the house – a hair bow, a shoe, a toy, a sock, the toilet bowl brush. Not a tooth mark on anything - he just arranged them artfully in the front hallway. Apparently he missed us.



It hasn't gone perfectly, of course. He playfully bit our elder Lab, Rylie, on the ear, which required \$500 worth of surgery. He opened the pantry, pulled out a box of Milk Bones, and he and Rylie had a treat feast. He dismantled some expensive headphones. All relatively minor stuff though – worth

it in comparison to the joy of having him in the house!

Luke now



Here's our Husky Adoption Top Ten or, "You Know We Have a Husky When:"

- 10. All of our clothes are furry.
- 9. We could make a new dog from the hair. Daily.
- 8. We have a figurehead for the boat - wind in face standing on the bow.
- 7. Our shoes apparently smell and taste delicious.
- 6. No peanut butter sandwich or slice of watermelon is safe.
- 5. "Like your dog, only human" is our new mantra.
- 4. The couch is his throne. The shower is his cave.
- 3. Squeaky toys are awesome... for the one day that they last.
- 2. We could have named him White Shadow – he follows us everywhere.
- 1. Now that he has figured out the door handles, no one ever has a chance to be lonely. Including in the bathroom.



Bloody cat's in my spot !

Melissa, one of the few who puts up with a cat, even when it's in her spot!



Aaah, that's better.

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Tobie and **Tedie** are such playful, energetic boys. They enjoy running at full speed across our 2+ acres, usually with Tedie's tail in Tobie's mouth! They are super smart, and keep us on our toes, as we try to stay one step ahead of them.



Tedie's nickname is "Houdini" since he escaped from his crate three times in the first two weeks, and he continues to test the weaknesses of our fence at every opportunity! Tobie's nickname is "stalker" because he loves to sneak up on Tedie, hiding in the bushes until he can pounce on him.



Both "the boys" are very affectionate, and have filled the void left by Lacie. Tobie is definitely the one in charge, but they are completely inseparable. We're very grateful to have these two in our lives... So much fun!



Max and **Kaiyah** are doing great, they fit in as if they were part of the family in no time. They are energetic and lots of fun. Max loves to come in at night and jump on the bed to say hi, give a kiss and get off again. He is very vocal and a canine garbage can. We try to watch him but he waits until you turn your back and up he jumps



onto the counter to get whatever we didn't give him.

He is fun to walk as long as we don't go too far because he just sits down and stares at us as if to say "really, I'm done".

Kiayah, on the other hand, is like our last Husky and, being so much smaller than Max, she is the energetic one. She is also an instigator, she plays the innocent one but can dig a hole to China and loves to chew up shoes left on HER porch.



They sit at the window watching the world go by. Kiayah loves to sit on the top of the rocker recliner and peek through the blinds. The whole neighborhood talks about it.

My mother-in-law loved having them while we were on vacation. When we came back I kept noticing things missing and she would just laugh and say "oh you didn't need that".

It is obvious they were never walked on a leash or placed in vehicle much but they have improved greatly with that. We love them and are so glad we took them both. Thank you for helping us find the new additions to our family.

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

LUCKY ADOPTERS—page 3

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Trixie (aka The Trickster) is a wonderful addition to our family and delightful entertainment. She loves to play fetch with herself, both tossing and retrieving her own fluffy ball, all around the house. If you stop to play with her she will gladly run after the ball when you throw it but you will have to fetch it yourself.

She has many friends at the doggy park, where she goes every Saturday and Sunday morning. She also lets the black lab next door come over and swim in her pool but would rather run around the pool than swim with him.

She never gets on the furniture when we can see her but evidence suggests that the couch is her favorite place to sleep at night. She must sense when we are in a deep sleep as she will sneak up on the bed. As soon as anyone moves, she jumps down and stands next to the bed looking the picture of innocence.

Thank you for the work that you do so that families like mine can have the joy of sharing their lives with these wonderful dogs!

Debbie, Dave, Romeo and Trixie



The Adventures of **Scout** (formerly Lion)



LUCKY ADOPTERS—page 4

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A note from **Loki**
(formerly Atticus)

Dear SHRF Family,

I have been with my new forever family for two months now. I must say I love it here. They spoil me something fierce.



To be honest though, I have no idea how they ever got along without me. First, I walk Mommy every morning at 6:30 whether she needs it or not. She gets more exercise now that I am here. I also walk her in the evenings after work. On the weekends we go to the local dog park for a few hours. So, because of me she spends more time outside exercising.

I have a human sister too. I play with her and make sure she does her homework. When she doesn't put away her things though, I remind her why she should. I don't know why she gets upset, I just chew on them. Mommy is happy though because Lily now puts her stuff away instead of leaving it out.

At first Lily was a little shy around me and she mentioned her other dog a lot. But I let her know there was plenty of room in her heart for more than one dog and she is at peace with the loss of her first dog.

Now I also have a cat, promise not to tell the other Huskies? I really like having a cat. I've taught her the zoomies! She follows me everywhere and cries when Mommy takes me for my walks. The cat loves to play with my tail too. I chase her around the house and then she chases me.

Mommy and Lily take great care of me, I've been to the vet twice. I like my new vet, he believes in giving cookies to all good Huskies! Bet the cat doesn't get cookies! A Husky's job is never done, and these two ladies keep me busy. I love my forever family and they love me. We have changed each other's lives for the better.

The Power of Pumpkins for dogs

- Pureed or canned pumpkin can help dogs with stomach issues including both constipation and diarrhea. Pumpkin absorbs the excess water present in the stool, yet can also soften hard stools.
- Pumpkin seeds are high in essential fatty acids and antioxidants (good for healthy skin and fur).
- The seeds are also an excellent source of vitamin A, magnesium, vitamin E, beta-carotene, potassium and iron.
- Just add a half to two teaspoons of pumpkin (depending upon the size of your dog) to your dog's food to boost fiber and aid in digestion.
- Is your dog a bit overweight? Cut down on the kibble and augment with some pumpkin.

From: Every Day with Rachel Ray

"Who You Calling Turkey?" Patty

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

Serves 2

Ingredients

- 1 cup shredded roasted turkey meat
- 1/4 cup breadcrumbs
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1/2 sweet potato, baked, skin discarded and potato coarsely chopped
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons cranberry sauce

Directions

In a medium bowl, combine the turkey and breadcrumbs. Mix gently with your hands, then mix in the egg and sweet potato. Shape into two half-inch-thick patties.

In a medium skillet, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the patties and cook, turning once, until golden-brown, about 5 minutes. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate to drain. Top with the cranberry sauce and let your canine enjoy!



Siberian Husky Rules of Ownership

If I like it, it's mine.

If it's in my mouth, it's mine.

If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.

If I can take it from you, it's mine.

If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours, in any way.

If it just looks like mine, it's mine.

If I saw it first, it's mine.

If it's edible, it's mine.

If you have something and put it down, it's mine.

If I chew something up, all the pieces are mine.

If I want it back, it's mine.

If it's broken, it's yours.

If I get tired of it, it's yours.

Loyalty

You can't buy loyalty, they say.
I bought it though, just the other day.

You can't buy friendship, tried and true.
Well just the same, I bought that too.

I made my bid and on the spot,
Bought love and faith and a whole job lot—Of happiness.

So, all in all,
The purchase price was pretty small .

I bought a single trusting heart,
that gave devotion from the start.

If you think these things are
NOT FOR SALE:

Buy a brown-eyed puppy with a wagging tail

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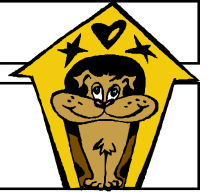
Congratulations to all of these newly adopted dogs and their families!

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!!



*Editor: Let's hope these two
↔
never have children*

Send air-conditioned cooling to help fight global warming
Everyone must admit this is the hottest year on record, and we have global warming to thank for it. Fixing this worldwide problem will require everyone to make sacrifices.
One of the most helpful practices to save our planet is to leave a window or door open part of the day when you have the air conditioning on. This will help spread the cool air in your home to the environment. Everyone must participate in this to save the planet for our children.
- SCOTT KAMP, ST. JOHN

**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.”