



Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida, Inc.

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From the Board

We don't know about everyone else, but we are ready for a break from the summer heat. It is officially autumn, which means SHRF's schedule will be filling up and we will be busy attending 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 who 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 17 Huskies between June and September. In addition to that we rescued 18 Huskies, and the month isn't over yet. We also had emotions run high having to say good-bye to Norville, who we rescued over the summer. Unknown to us, he had health issues which surfaced during his short time with SHRF. After spending time at the

vet office and in emergency care, we found that there was nothing more the specialists could do and his condition was inoperable. Thankfully he was able to have a glimpse of the life he deserved in the loving care of his foster parents. A few weeks later, we took in Charla, who was found extremely ill once she was picked up from the shelter. She spent a few weeks between a vet office and in emergency care. Charla was touch and go at the start but luckily she pulled through and is now healthy and happy. Thank you again to everyone who donated to help cover the high medical bills

We are still looking for a volunteer who has web design experience and time on their hands to help maintain our website and keep it up-to-date by working with our Webmaster. Please contact us at siberrescue@yahoo.com if interested.

We are thankful for a couple new foster parents who have joined

the SHRF family in the past few months; however 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!

Board members can be reached at any time at 727-391-8934 or by e-mailing:
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Our beloved Skye

I cannot describe to you the difference this wonderful girl has made in our life. When we applied for adoption for her, you knew we were looking for a dog that we could train to be a service dog.....but we never thought we could get a dog like Skye, who we quickly found out was already trained.

I don't know it if you knew it or not, but she had been trained fully as a service dog. We gradually learned that she would walk perfectly next to my scooter, then we found she would walk next to me and match my gate, and was able to sense when I was about to trip. She senses which direction I am about to fall, and pulls me in the other direction or stands rigid so that I can use her to grab on to and stabilize my gait.

She gradually showed us that she knows the difference between being out for a walk with John, and just enjoying herself with new sights and sounds, and being "on duty" with me and keeping alert for anything that puts me in danger of falling. She knows everything from how to get me up from a chair to how to help me walk into a crowded Ladies Room.

We have now gotten her service dog tag, and she goes everywhere with us. We take her to restaurants where she lays quietly under the table or next to my chair without making any disturbances or begging for food. Never, ever does she come near our dining room table at home. Wherever we take her she lays down quickly by my side or the side of my scooter. She even goes to Disney with us, and nothing there distracts her from her duty. She walks or lays by my side even through loud concerts and fireworks. She is extremely confident, and nothing scares her. She is my constant companion during the day, and when I have to stay in bed, she is always there laying next to me.

She is a truly amazing animal. She has made a tremendous difference for me. She makes it so easy for me to walk, and takes away much of the fear I have of falling due to the Parkinson's Disease.

I can never thank you enough for this wonderful animal you have entrusted to our care. Without her my life would be much harder. We are going to continue her training, in the hope that she will learn to do things such as wake my husband if I have trouble during the night, go fetch small items for me like my phone or purse. We love her more than you could possibly imagine and look forward to spending a long life together.

One very cute short story.....We were having dinner at Sanaa in the Animal Kingdom Lodge in Disney. We were sitting next to the large windows and Skye was laying quietly under the table. The next thing we knew, there was a large Emu that walked over to the window and started looking for things to eat. Well, Skye saw it, and we thought we would have a problem as they were almost nose to nose through the window. But no problem. Skye just looked at it, looked at me, then put her head back down and ignored the bird. We were so surprised and even the people at the next table and the waiters laughed at her ignoring the bird.

Thank you so much for this wonderful dog. We are truly blessed to have her. I have attached some picture of her on the patio, at Epcot and at Animal Kingdom.

With best regards,

Ginny Rivielle





Volunteer of the Quarter

2014Q3

Kat Avadikian

Ciao readers! Benvenuto! When a contract is needed and this volunteer gets right to it, That's Amore! Our volunteer of the quarter is our bellissima Kat Avadikian. She is our Contracts Coordinator. This document dynamo went from "non capisco" to a contracts expert in no time. Adoptions are very unpredictable and Kat is famous for putting together the much needed contracts in very short notice. She understands the importance of getting it done right and sending the documents ahead, so potential adopters can review ahead and be ready for a Husky's grand day. Her compassion and attention to detail help make adoption days go smooth.

She is a true asset to SHRF and a cheerful Husky advocate. The stories about her beloved Kato, her senior Siberian Husky, are funny and inspiring. Join us as we congratulate this ragazza on a job well done and say to her....bravo Kat, molte grazie!



Up Date—Cashus (formerly Snowhoo) and his Sister Nala



Here is one i took the other day. As you can see these two are never more than 10 feet apart. AND I MEAN NEVER! Even without the leash. They are so in love with each other.



Speaking of Pets

Pet microchips may be useless

By MICHAEL RUMORE

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We live in Florida; it is late summer, so the drumbeat for hurricane preparedness is slowly getting louder and louder. Of course, you have already made preparations for your pet; you have extra food and water, a cage for temporary housing and even an extra supply of their medicines and supplements. Your pet was already microchipped, so you should be set. ... Or are you?

Microchips are the size of a grain of rice and offer permanent identification for your pet. If your pet were to get lost or stolen the microchip can lead your pet back to you, but only if it works properly.

Microchips are hardy little devices. They have no batteries and seldom stop working, but occasionally they do. Either from trauma, or a shock, or just bad luck, they can stop functioning. If your veterinarian doesn't confirm that the microchip is working, ask him or her to check it on your pet's next visit. Unfortunately, many functioning microchips do not provide protection due to other reasons.

The standard place of microchip placement for dogs and cats is under the skin, along the back near the shoulders. Some microchips can slip and migrate to other parts of the body. If the microchip has moved to a completely odd location, near a foot or on the underside of the belly, a scanner could miss it, which makes it useless.

The most common reason for a microchip failure is not due to the device itself, but rather due to the database. The microchip stores no personal information about you or your pet, just a nine- to 15-digit string of numbers and letters. When someone contacts the microchip database with this number, it should be "attached" to the personal information

about the owner and the pet. If that information is wrong, the microchip is useless.

Incorrect microchip database information occurs for many reasons. Sometimes the implanter just fails to inform the database company. Often times, people move or change their phone numbers and don't think to update the microchip information. Due to clerical errors, numbers can be accidentally transposed, which lead to disastrous results. I recommend checking your information yearly, just to be sure your pet's protection is up to date.

Those who are unsure where to call to check this information can enter their pet's microchip number into www.petmicrochiplookup.org, which will direct you to the appropriate database.

Microchips are truly amazing and fantastic tools for our pets. Like many tools, however, they need to be maintained to have them work properly. If your pets are not yet microchipped, I implore you to do so. So many pets have been rescued due to working microchips. If your pets are already microchipped, take a few minutes and confirm that your pets are protected. Those few minutes could make a world of difference.

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kiona's carob crunches



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- 2 Cups Whole Wheat Flour
- 1/4 Cup Carob Powder
- 1 Teaspoon Bone Meal
(can be purchased at the health food store)
- 1 Egg - Beaten
- 2 Tablespoons Vegetable Oil
- 1 Tablespoon Honey
- 1/3 Cup Milk
- Corn Meal



Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large bowl, combine flour, carob powder and bone meal. Add the remaining ingredients (except the cornmeal) and mix well. Sprinkle a board with cornmeal and roll dough out to desired thickness.

Cut into shapes using cookie cutters.



Bake on ungreased cookie sheet for about 20 minutes.

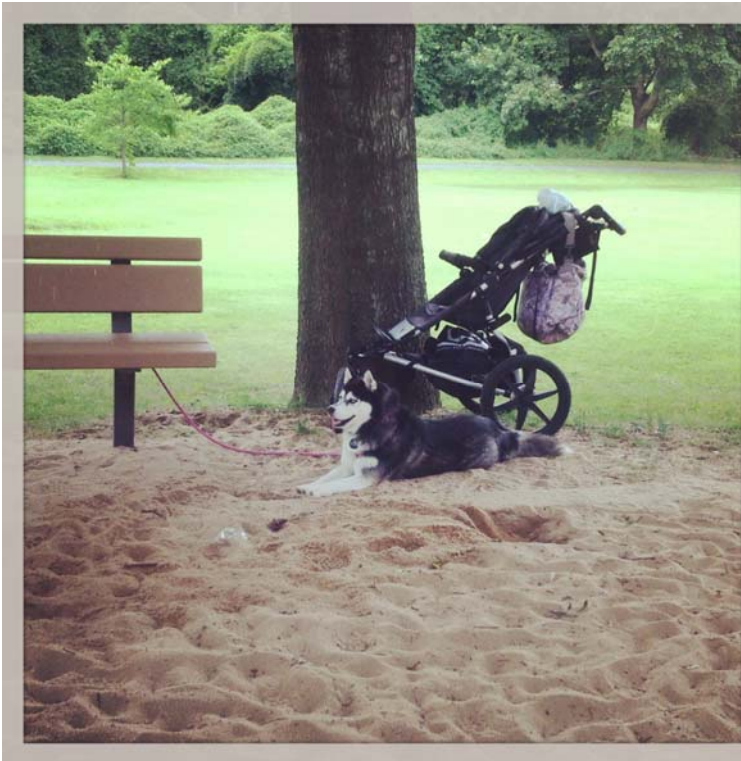
Check while cooking and turn if needed.



Woof!



ZIVA!



2 of our past adoptive dogs

Kodi and Echo..living the life with their adoptive Dad David in Port Charlotte

Such a gorgeous couple of reds



It's a tough life, but somebody's gotta do it.
Love, Xander & Maya



Photo of newly adopted Gaby (now Maya) and her new BFF Xander (formerly Bojangles)

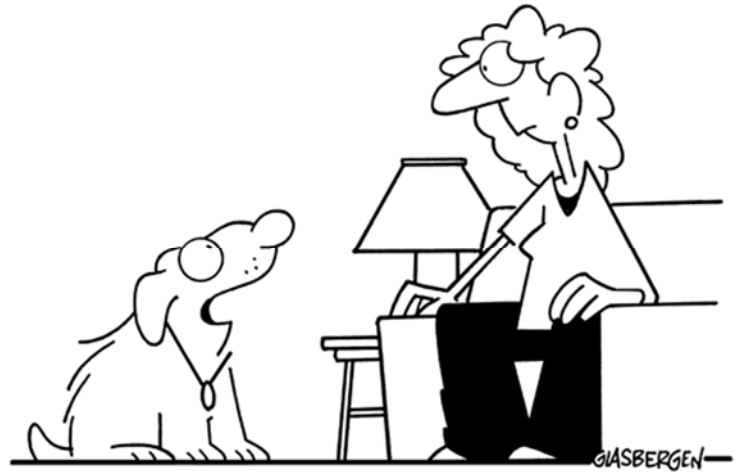


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" I can't believe we do this for a living. "

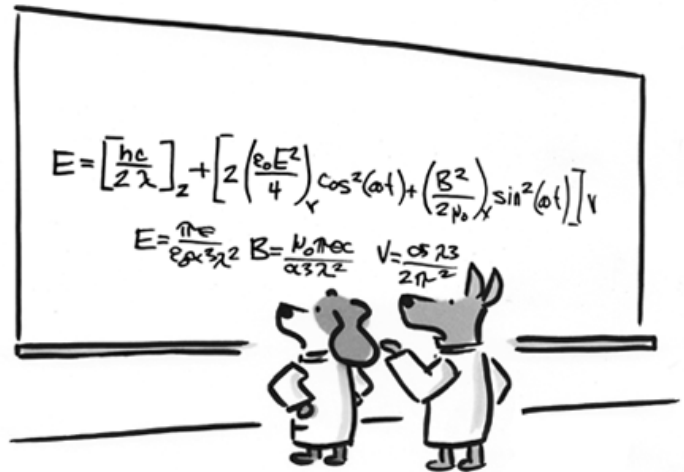
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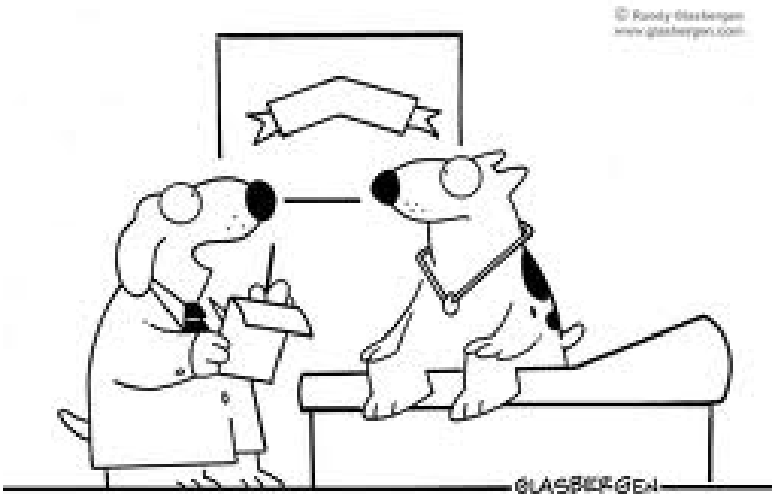
"Instead of getting neutered, can you just give me a lecture on abstinence?"

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"There it is. You forgot to convert to dog years."



"I'm prescribing grass — not for smoking, for chewing!"

