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NOTICE: For the record, it is hereby noted that the current income tax documents regarding SHRF, Inc have been filed for 2006 and are available for public viewing upon request.

FROM THE SHRF BOARD

It's hard to believe we are about to see the end of another year! SHRF will be celebrating the accomplishment of saving over 660 dogs as we end our 8th complete year. 2007 has been a busy and educational time for us all in Rescue land.

We've had the joyous experience of raising and nurturing young pups and transforming them into beautiful, well behaved, adopt able family members. We've also, sadly, had to say good-bye to several long time pals as they crossed that Rainbow Bridge to Husky Heaven. Those precious furballs will forever remain in our hearts and souls as we all know how deeply they touched us.

2007 also brought SHRF several exceptional, medically-challenged cases that include very high heartworm positive dogs, broken bones from being hit by cars and neglect and abuse issues. This took a toll on how many dogs SHRF could actually take in this year as all of these cases held up our few foster homes for weeks and months at a time. On more than one occasion several foster homes had multiple foster dogs as well as their own. Our hopes of beefing up our foster homes this year never happened as finding dependable, Sibe experienced homes that will take in a dog in need has been quite a challenge! Sticking a dog who needs love, training and healing right into a kennel or boarding situation is no good for their morale either, so we try to avoid that at all costs.

No doubt, our #1 objective will most likely be to continue searching for new foster families so that SHRF can continue to help as many dogs as possible. We would certainly welcome you or anyone you know to please fill out a foster application on our web site and help us out in this very neglected area of Rescue.

Another issue on the agenda for 2008 will be to continue to add to our Volunteer base. We would love it if every one of our adopters were also SHRF Volunteers! Who better to carry out SHRF's goals than a satisfied SHRF adopter! Go ahead and fill out a Vol-

unteer application right on our web site today and get involved. With the Rescue's dog base growing each year, having to deal with dog returns and the never ending paperwork involved, SHRF's hard working Board of Directors is inundated with daily tasks and forms and reports, etc. We need more Volunteers to step up and take leadership roles to help lessen this burden so we can do what we do best.... SAVE DOGS! We need people who can assist with office work, filing, phone calls, transports, running errands, sending emails, doing reference checks, home inspections and more. SHRF also needs to be represented at more community events by signing up at your local adoptathons and expos, setting up an info booth and talking to the public about SHRF and Sibes. We plan to encourage our Volunteers in 2008 to not only attend but to work these events for SHRF. Remember, SHRF covers over 30 Counties in Florida and there are a LOT of people to educate about Rescue!

We certainly want to give KUDOS and thanks to all of the SHRF Volunteers that helped out in 2007 at all of our fund raising events. The biggest money making fundraisers that basically keep SHRF going are:

- Yard Sales at Volunteers homes
- Employee/Employer matching donations
- Candle Sales
- Santa pictures at PetSmart
- Using GoodSearch.com
- Husky Howl and Husky Olympics
- Volunteer initiated special fundraising drives for dogs in need

Please make a point to volunteer some time in 2008. If you don't do it for SHRF, do it for some needy cause. Volunteering makes everyone feel good and doesn't cost anything but your time. Make it a great 2008!

**SHRF Board of Directors, Peggy W,
Ginger K, Carolyn D, Joann K,
Melanie B.**

**"Whoever said you can't buy happiness forgot about puppies."
Gene Hill**

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SUBMISSIONS
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**From the Editors
Bob & Lorraine**

I'm going to close out the year discussing a pet peeve of mine.

Throughout 2007 I noticed a significant number of "policeman shoots dog" news stories in Florida so I decided to research it a little bit more. The internet is loaded with these articles, nationwide, even worldwide, and after reading the stories you cannot help but come away with the interpretation that many of these shootings, if not most, are completely unnecessary.

If you believe the words of the owners and neighbors of these dogs the animal was shot merely for being a happy, friendly, playful dog running (or trotting) up to the police officer to be petted. I interpret it this way because I see it in my own Huskies. They are so socialized that they trot/run up to anyone on the street looking to be petted or maybe have their belly rubbed.

To many police officers the act of a dog merely approaching has become an indicator of aggression. It doesn't matter that the dog has his tongue lolling out of the side of his mouth and his tail wagging furiously in big circles. The order of the day is to shoot first and ask questions later. Note also that in all these cases the opinion of the police officer is to be taken over the word of the owners, friends and neighbors of the dog who know him best.

Before I go further let me acknowledge that I come from what some people call a "Police Family". My father was a New York City Police Officer for 22 years. Two of his four brothers were also members of New York's finest. Although my family owned dogs there was one occasion in my father's career that he felt it necessary to shoot one. The event started as what he called a "domestic" (an argument, sometimes violent, between a husband and wife). It was the call he hated most because he could never trust how it would turn out. Very often the spouse that was being hurt became aggressive toward the police if they tried to arrest the abuser. The case in point happened when the wife turned a large, male German Shepherd on my father. After wrestling with the dog and having his arm chewed up some my father felt there was nothing left to do but shoot the dog. It bothered him for a long time and he

blamed the owners more than the dog.

The point I'm making here is that today the police won't wait to see if a dog is actually going to attack – they just assume it is. Even though they have access to tasers, pepper spray and other non-lethal weapons for use on a human they seem to automatically go for the gun when there's a dog involved. I attribute this to a complete lack of familiarity, training and knowledge of dogs. I would speculate that, unless the policeman is just plain trigger happy (hopefully very few) there's a lot less paperwork in shooting a dog than shooting a human. The lack of repercussions makes it a lot easier to defend.

I doubt if we'll ever see the numbers but I am curious just how many of these policemen who quickly and arbitrarily shoot dogs ever owned one?

There is also the fear factor. We've all seen people that are just fearful of dogs, many completely and probably irrationally so. Are these people good candidates for police work? According to the American Veterinary Medical Association there are "43 million dog owning households" in the United States containing "72 million dogs". (See the article on page 4 of this newsletter). That's somewhere close to 25% of all households in the country have at least one dog. Thus a police officer has a 1 in 4 chance of encountering a dog any time he rings a doorbell.

I know it won't happen but I'd like to see some kind of dog familiarity training in the police academies around the country. If for no other reason than to weed out those who are inclined to shoot first through fear or ignorance. It also wouldn't hurt to have police policy require the use of non-lethal weaponry first. I would almost guarantee that if the paperwork was almost as cumbersome for a dog shooting as for a human shooting there would be a lot fewer dog shootings.

Bob

**"I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult."
Rita Rudner**

12th Annual Husky Olympics!

WHEN: SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2008 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

WHERE: LAKE SEMINOLE PARK (Pinellas County) Pavilion # 10

WHO: ANY AND ALL SIBERIAN HUSKIES (And their humans!)

WHAT: THE GREATEST FUN YOU'LL EVER HAVE WITH YOUR FURBALL, *THE "ONE AND ONLY".....* **'SIBERIAN HUSKY OLYMPICS AND PICNIC'** BRING

THE WHOLE FAMILY! **RAIN OR SHINE!** (Don't miss out on the fun!)

WE HAVE A COVERED AREA!

We will NOT cancel due to weather.

OLYMPIC GAME CATEGORIES

INCLUDE:

BEST HUSKY KISSER (Sibe kissing owner)

MOST HAIRIEST HUSKY (Brush out hair)

****SORRY! NO Furminators allowed in this test!!****

BEST HUSKY TRICK (Any trick or phenom)

CURLIEST HUSKY TAIL (Tightest Curl)

BEST HUSKY JUMPER (High Jump)

BEST HUSKY HOWLER (Woo Woo/Talk/Sing!)

BEST HUSKY COOKIE BOBBER

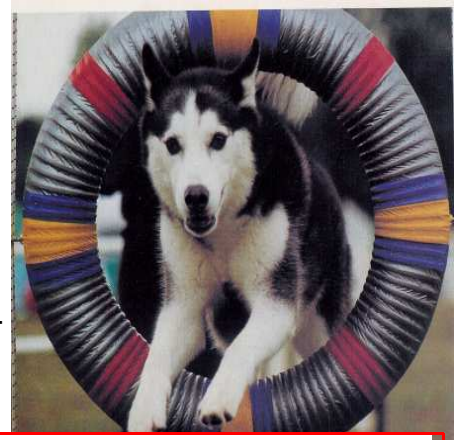
(Bobbing for hotdogs in water bowl)

ENTRY FEE IS
\$1.00 PER EVENT

THE MORE EVENTS
ENTERED, THE BET-
TER CHANCE OF WIN-
NING

"BEST IN SHOW!"

PLEASE BRING
CASH OR CHECK
FOR ENTRY



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**SORRY! Only Siberian Huskies
can participate in the Husky
Olympics!**

***BEST IN SHOW/BEST OVERALL HUSKY OF THE DAY** (Calculated by most points accumulated for the day. The more events entered, the more points earned. One point earned JUST for entering!)

PRIZES AWARDED FOR EACH CATEGORY AND BEST IN SHOW!

***You will need to bring the following things if you attend the Husky Olympics: Lawn chairs, dog treats to bait/reward with, dog water, bowls, poop bags, leashes, crates (if needed, to let your dogs rest), brushes (for hairy contest), harnesses, towels, first aid kit, raffle item donations, \$\$ to enter the events, rain gear (if necessary).

*We will have a **raffle table** with lots of fun prizes that will be awarded at the end of the day. If you have a donation, please contact Celeste at 727-391-9778 or email events@siberrescue.com before February 1, 2008. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for 7.*

PLEASE REMEMBER!!! If you invite a guest, make sure you remind them of the \$1 entry fee!

DIRECTIONS: From the NORTH and SOUTH.... Take I-275 to St Pete. Take Old Exit 15 (Gandy, Pinellas Park, Seminole) Stay on that road exactly 7 miles. The park (Seminole Lake Park) will be on your right. Enter and watch for the signs to the "HUSKY OLYMPICS." We will be at **pavilion # 10.**

To MapQuest...Park Address is 10015 Park Blvd Seminole, FL 33777

For more info or directions please call Celeste at 727-391-9778 or email events@siberrescue.com

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE....REMEMBER.....RAIN OR SHINE!!!!

This event hosted by the Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida, Inc

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THIS NON PROFIT GROUP and will help to save many Siberians in need!

www.siberrescue.com

Testing Canine Cognitive Abilities

November 29, 2007

Like us, our canine friends are able to form abstract concepts. Friederike Range and colleagues from the University of Vienna in Austria have shown for the first time that dogs can classify complex color photographs and place them into categories in the same way that humans do. And the dogs successfully demonstrate their learning through the use of computer automated touch-screens, eliminating potential human influence. The study (1) has just been published online in *Animal Cognition*, a Springer publication. In order to test whether dogs can visually categorize pictures, and transfer their knowledge to new situations, four dogs were shown landscape and dog photographs, and expected to make a selection on a computer touch-screen.

In the training phase, the dogs were shown both the landscape and dog photographs simultaneously and were rewarded with a food pellet if they selected the dog picture (positive stimulus). The dogs then took part in two tests.

In the first test, the dogs were shown completely different dog and landscape pictures. They continued to reliably select the dog photographs, demonstrating that they could transfer their knowledge gained in the training phase

to a new set of visual stimuli, even though they had never before seen those particular pictures.

In the second test, the dogs were shown new dog pictures pasted onto the landscape pictures used in the training phase, facing them with contradictory information: on the one hand, a new positive stimulus as the pictures contained dogs even though they were new dogs; on the other hand, a familiar negative stimulus in the form of the landscape. When the dogs were faced with a choice between the new dog on the familiar landscape and a completely new landscape with no dog, they reliably selected the option with the dog. These results show that the dogs were able to form a concept i.e. 'dog', although the experiment cannot tell us whether they recognized the dog pictures as actual dogs.

The authors also draw some conclusions on the strength of their methodology: "Using touch-screen computers with dogs opens up a whole world of possibilities on how to test the cognitive abilities of dogs by basically completely controlling any influence from the owner or experimenter."

They add that the method can also be used to test a range of learning strategies and has the potential to allow researchers to compare the cognitive abilities of different species using a single method.

AVMA Releases Latest Stats On Pet Ownership And Practices

December 12, 2007

Did you know that there are more dog owners than cat owners in America, but more cats than dogs in those homes?

According to the 2007 "U.S. Pet Ownership and Demographic Sourcebook" (Sourcebook) published by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) there are 43 million dog owning households compared with 37.5 million cat owning households, but 81.7 million cats compared to 72 million dogs. Not surprisingly, women were the primary caregivers to most of them. About 64% of pet-owning households owned more than one pet, and all pet owners spent a total of \$24.5 billion on veterinary care in 2006.

These are just a few of the fascinating facts offered up about owners, pets, and veterinary medicine in the latest edition of the Sourcebook, which is published every five years.

"Veterinarians aren't the

only ones who will find this data interesting. People involved in every aspect of the pet industry, veterinary medicine and the general public will find facts and figures in this study that interest them. In fact, the data is considered so important that even the U.S. Census Bureau cites our statistics," said Dr. Gregory S. Hammer, president of the AVMA.

"The Sourcebook is the most complete source of data and analysis on pet populations, veterinary care and spending on veterinary care, and pet owner demographics. The data used in the development of the book is drawn from responses from nearly 48,000 U.S. households—a much larger sample than that used by other pet studies," explained Allison Shepherd, senior manager of market research with the AVMA.

The "U.S. Pet Ownership and Demographic Sourcebook" is available from the AVMA for \$189 (\$174 in a downloadable PDF) for AVMA members and \$279 (\$264 in downloadable PDF) for the non-members. The study can be ordered call-

"If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons."

James Thurber

SHRF's 2007 Director of the Year

Here's to a big WOO WOO and CONGRATULATIONS to Joann K.! This great honor is the perfect way for all of our Volunteers to be able to recognize and thank the SHRF Board member who went above and beyond in their role for the Rescue. Way to go Joann!!

SHRF is so proud and honored to have Joann as a key member of our furball family. It's actually very hard for the rest of us to keep up with this dynamo. Just new to SHRF this year, Joann stepped right in and took over the Foster Director position, working round the clock to add more foster families, help us take in several hard luck medical cases and improving and educating the Foster Program.

Joann has nonstop energy and never turns down a dog in need, constantly fostering multiple dogs for SHRF. At one point this year, Joann was fostering 9 Rescue dogs along with her own five fantastic furball kids! We've always been able to count on her to take in any dog in need until the right foster or forever home is found.

Joann has also worked very hard strengthening our relationships with Vets and shelters all over the state as well as educating the public and our own volunteers. She was instrumental in getting SHRF some quality behavior services for our foster dogs as well as helping to develop and improve new and existing SHRF programs. There just isn't enough room in this publication to list all that Joann has done this past year for our great Rescue and this award comes with great respect from all! The support from our SHRF Volunteers is very important to us and these following wonderful comments about our Directors are so appreciated.

- I wish all of them could win, since they all work so hard!
- ANYONE who helps to run and maintain SHRF is an angel!
- Absolutely EVERYONE is amazing at SHRF.
- I wish I could vote for everyone.
- ALL of these devoted women deserve thanks and recognition. Our rescue would not exist without their hard work !

Kudos and thanks also have to go to Joann's daughter Jenille and hubby Mike for all of their help in supporting her and her passion to save Sibes and assisting in the fostering, transporting, training and loving of them. You are all heroes in our eyes and thanks just does not seem like enough.

We applaud and honor you, JOANN K, as SHRF's 2007 Director of the Year!!! Thank you so much, we love you dearly.....

Your friends and family at SHRF

When two dogs fight for a bone, and the third runs off with it, there's a lawyer among the dogs.

German proverb

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

SHRF is very proud to announce our Volunteer of The 4th Quarter, our one and only

JANET C.

Janet has been helping SHRF with administrative tasks for almost 2 yrs now, and her talents for organization, efficiency and leadership have proven to be invaluable.

She has headed up e-mail announcement mailings to adopters and volunteers, including Good Search and special event notification; helped the Volunteer Coordinator last year create a Volunteer newsletter format. She is a very active member of the Swashbuckler Answering Machine team, and because she recognizes the team's contribution to the public, she's helped make that team an important communication and educational tool for our rescue. One of her favorite Swashbuckler jobs is helping those occasional Siberian owning callers who ask for advice on Sibe training and behavior. Because this is

such an important issue for a dog owner Janet not only keeps herself 'in training' on such, but also compiles contact data of the professionals out there who may also be able to help.

As we come to the close of 2007, I'd like to especially recognize Janet for a very large task she took on and completed during the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2007 and will do again, on a smaller scale, a couple of times next year. She led SHRF's FurFactor team in an effort to contact a good many of you adopters out there, going back to 2000, in order to check on your SHRF furballs' well being. As former prez of SHRF, and present database guru, I worked along side Janet and the Furfactors, and it was a wonderful experience for me, since a good many of you were eager to share your stories of our former SHRF furballs' lives. Very often I'd go to bed at night saying to myself: 'that former SHRF furballs' story has definitely made my day'. Yes, it was hard not to be impressed with the job that was done over the weeks, and the entire SHRF board is thankful to Janet for her lead-

ership and personal hard work. In closing I have to say something that's very important. Janet will be one of the 1st ones to reply back concerning the plaudits for her FurFactor work, and say that it was the total teams' effort that made it a successful task. She will also say her reward was the fact that so many adopters were truly kind to share their Furballs' experiences. So, that's yet another thing that makes her special. Teamwork is incredibly important to her (which she'd want the Furfactor team to know) and having the chance to talk to all you wonderful adopters out there made her very happy. For your information, like so many of us, she is a former SHRF adopter herself - of beautiful Ranger, and he couldn't be more loved and respected than he is by Janet and family!

Congratulations Janet and keep those constructive ideas and suggestions coming in to the board in order to help SHRF succeed!

Ginger K

From: BBC NEWS:

Published: December 3, 2007

Springer Spaniel Ghillie was just nine months old when his owner's mother, Mary Wilson, collapsed while they were out for a walk near Kirkwall, Orkney.

His barking attracted the attention of nearby workers and an unconscious Mrs Wilson was taken for treatment which saved her life.

Ghillie is to receive the PDSA gold medal for gallantry and life-saving devotion later this month.

The incident happened on 19 December, 2005, when Mrs Wilson, from Fair Isle, was staying with Ghillie's owner - her son Alan Wilson, a Kirkwall Veterinarian.

The barking of Ghillie was heard by a group of Hydro workers who were inspecting poles nearby.

The dog's persistence led them to follow him back along the path to the spot where Mrs Wilson was lying unconscious.

The location was difficult to access, so she was carried in a tractor to an ambulance which took her to Balfour Hospital, where she spent the night.

She made a complete recovery, but it is thought that without Ghillie's determination the outcome could have been very different.

'Extraordinary story'

Marilyn Rydström, director general of PDSA, said: "It is an honour to announce the award of the PDSA gold medal to Ghillie, an exceptional dog, who was only nine months old at the time.

"His devotion and persistence that fateful December day undoubtedly saved Mary's life.

"Outside of a dog, a book is probably man's best friend; inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."

Groucho Marx

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WEB SITES THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

TickAlert.com A new web site that will inform pet owners and veterinarians about the population of ticks in their area.

2007 Husky Howl

Thank you all for your support for the 2007 Husky Howl. We couldn't thank everyone that day as the weather was turning ugly and we had to wrap up quickly.

Special thanks to Donna from www.moondoggieinc.com for the donation of very unique toys for the prize packages and raffle table. And special thanks to our volunteers and adopters, Lisa and Jerry V. (Tayo), Russ and Karen L. (Xena and Timber), Tom and Rhonda H. (Chili, Cracker, Mikki, and Bama), Charlotte and Charlie J., Brian and Shirley D. (Duchess and Beebe), Lynne D. (Jack, Georgia....) and of course Peggy W. for your donations and helping hands. We raised over \$500 to help Siberians in need and had a lot of fun doing it.

The Bob Johnson photography pics of the 07 Husky howl can be found at:
<http://www.partypics.com/ver2/EventImages.aspx?EventID=564341>

Please note that these pictures are available for purchase and the photographer has agreed to donate some portion (unknown at the time of this writing) of the cost of the pictures to Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida

Husky Howl 2007 pictures group link:

http://www1.snapfish.com/thumbnailshare/AlbumID=183831154/a=9848335_9848335/fromupload=true/t_=9848335

Thanks, Tracy and Jon



SHRF, INC. EVENTS AND FUND RAISERS

Don't forget to come out to one of our several PetSmart and PetCo booths set up every month. If you'd like to attend any of these events, just email us at events@siberrescue.com or call 727-391-8934

CHECK OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR EVENTS UPDATES!

SHRF volunteer April M has recently offered her professional services to help raise much needed funds for the Rescue. She is a financial planner for Ameriprise Financial Services and will donate \$25 to SHRF for anyone who holds an initial consultation with her. There is no obligation to sign up with April's services, but if you do, an additional \$75 will be donated to the Rescue in your name.

Please see April's advertisement below and call her today to benefit SHRF's future and yours!



The script behind your financial future.

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LUCKY ADOPTERS

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



Miko actually was supposed to be my first foster dog but I ended up adopting him and he's been a part of my family ever since. His personality and energy level definitely rival that of my children. He is a cat friendly Husky, but unfortunately my cats are not interested in returning the affection that he so vigorously wants to bestow upon them. Since I adopted Miko, I have had several more dogs that were rescue dogs come for a short stay, fostered a few, but none of them were quite like Miko nor have I felt the connection that I have with Miko. It's been two years now and I hope to have many more with him!



Naya (formerly Rhiannon) has been a joy to have in my family, definitely an Alpha female, she gets along great with my 15 year old Husky/Malamute mix "Nanuk" and even my roommate's Jack Russel! Naya is very sweet and loves to play with everybody. When my beloved "Nanuk" goes to doggy heaven I will look up SHRF for another buddy for Naya.



Well, **Spirit** is horribly mistreated. Everybody, including the manager of our apartment complex, is in love with our red furred star! When anyone sees us at the grocery store, most of the time they know the dog. We're never asked "How have you been?" It's always "How's Spirit doing?"

He's been very, very spoiled. Last fall, we took him with us to a conference in Nashville (I drove so he wouldn't be in the hull of a plane alone), and he decided the king bed was his at first. He settled on taking the loveseat and footrest as his bedding. Thank goodness for hotels that accept pups! Spirit spends his time between Alessio's office at USF (he's professor Bowwoof, doggie bone economics are his specialty), home with me, and my mother's house playing with her huskies. When we have to go somewhere without him, my mom's is his "doggy hotel".

Sigh, I could talk about him for days. He's such a sweet baby in every respect. ANWAY, he's doing terrific!



Demon (formerly Giles) and I are now living in Texas. Demon is doing well. He recently had a tumor removed from his ear and is recovering well.

NOTICE

SHRF is in the process of putting together a dog recipe book that will then be available for purchase on our web site.

We need people to e-mail in their recipes (as many as they want) and also as many pictures as they have of their dogs doing anything related to eating.

Recipes and pictures should be e-mailed to:
events@siberrescue.com.

Entries must be submitted by Jan 30, 2008.

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

Dog Trainer Warns Of Holiday Hazards For Our Four-Legged Friends, USA

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Professional trainer, Jaime Van Wye, "Top Dog" of the Zoom Room, has trained dogs in search and rescue, bomb and drug detection, criminal apprehension and tracking, as well as how NOT to bite the mailman. An expert in her field, she cautions families to take extra care to protect their pets during the holidays.

"With winter and the holidays come a myriad of dangers for your dogs including poinsettias, Christmas trees, onions, decorations and toys. Almost everyone knows that dogs shouldn't eat chocolate, but as the Christmas season rolls around, there are other dangers to your pets," warns Van Wye. "For example, if ribbon, tinsel, and gift wrap are eaten, they can cause intestinal blockages. String-like decorations are particularly dangerous, as they can get wrapped around the intestine and have to be surgically removed. Ornaments are lots of fun for dogs to play with and chew, but are NOT designed for dogs." In addition, pet owners should be extra cautious about their pets licking leaking antifreeze (it tastes sweet) and like people, overeating.

"Watch your pets carefully and keep them away from these special holiday items when you can't supervise them. If your dog does ingest something... don't wait! Time is critical for successfully treating accidental poisoning. Immediately call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (1-888-426-4435; a consultation fee may apply). Be prepared to state your pet's breed, age, weight and any symptoms. Keep the product container or plant sample with you to assist in identification so the appropriate treatment recommendations can be made. Also, be familiar with your ER vet and make sure that everyone in your house knows how to get there if your regular vet is closed," Van Wye recommends.

Van Wye's Zoom Room Agility Center, America's first Canine Social Club for urban dogs, is a state-of-the-art, modern play space, fully equipped to provide the ultimate canine training experience in a hip, upscale environment. The Zoom Room opened this October. The Zoom Room is located at 11836 Teale Street in Culver City, California.

<http://www.thezoomroom.biz>

A three-year-old boy went with his dad to see a new litter of Siberian Husky puppies. On returning home, he breathlessly informed his mother, "There were three boy Husky puppies and four girl Husky puppies."

"How did you know that?" his mother asked.

"Daddy picked them up and looked underneath," he replied. "I think it's printed on their bottoms."

Dog Myths

Forget what you *think* you know about canine health & behavior.

by *Marry Sorensen*

A wagging tail means a happy dog.

"There's no sure thing with the wag," said Wayne Hunthausen, DVM, of Animal Behavior Consultations in Westwood, Kansas. "You have to take account of the whole dog. It's how the tail is wagged that's important. A dominant, aggressive dog may wag its tail, but it will be more erect, upward. The friendly wag is horizontal and really rapid -the whole rear end moves."

Before approaching an unfamiliar dog, consider its entire demeanor. Signs of aggression can include any combination of snarling, laid-back ears, raised hackles, an assertive stance and a raised, slightly wagging tail. Because dogs communicate with the tails, taking the time to learn what different uses of this highly mobile appendage means may strengthen the bond with your pet.

SPECIAL HUSKY EVENTS

Holiday Pet Fair and Adoptathon

Pinellas County SHRF volunteers participated in a Holiday Pet Festival and Adoptathon on December 8th at Azalea Rec Center in St. Petersburg. Eighteen local rescues were represented at the event, selling various rescue related items and showing off some of their dogs awaiting adoption. At SHRF's booth we were selling magnets, decals, stuffed animals, t-shirts, doggie bandanas, treat filled doggie Christmas stockings and giving away candy canes and SHRF tattoos to the children who came by. We also had educational materials about Siberian Huskies and information about our rescue organization available at the booth. We talked to a lot of people and answered a lot of questions about our breed, and Chris R's Siberian Husky, Savannah, got lots of attention. We also had an opportunity to meet many volunteers from other rescues and compare notes on rescue related issues.

A number of vendors of pet related merchandise also participated in the event, and free samples of dog food, treats, special doggie shampoos, etc., were plentiful. You could also get your dog's photo taken with Santa, enter her in a Christmas Costume Contest, or get her nails trimmed. There were pet-related arts and crafts, agility demonstrations, and a wonderful raffle.

This is a fun event, is well attended and is a great opportunity for us to raise money and get exposure for our rescue.



Volunteers Carolyn D., Celeste M., Chris R., and Husky Savannah



Adopters John and Jenn C. and their adopted SHRF dog, Sakoya

Aesop's "The Mischievous Dog"

A dog used to run up quietly to the heels of everyone he met, and bite them without notice. His master thus suspended a bell about his neck so that the Dog might give notice of his presence wherever he went.

Thinking it a mark of distinction, the dog grew proud of his bell and went tinkling it all over the marketplace. One day an old hound said to him: Why do you make such an exhibition of yourself? That bell that you carry is not, believe me, any order of merit, but on the contrary a mark of disgrace, a public notice to all men to avoid you as an ill mannered dog."

The moral of the story:

Notoriety is often mistaken for fame.

Bandit's Journey

Just recently, SHRF had the challenging task of getting one of our previously adopted dogs, Bandit II, back to Florida from Seattle, WA! He and his adopter had moved up there 2 years ago and for some undetermined reason, Bandit was surrendered to the local Humane Society just after Thanksgiving. *(JUST AN FYI!!!! Giving up or giving away an adopted SHRF dog is a breach of the contract as signed by every SHRF adopter! The dog MUST be returned to SHRF)*

Bandit was subsequently adopted out but then ran away from the new owner and was found by a Good Samaritan who took him to her Vet and had him scanned for a microchip. That information listed SHRF as the second contact since his adopted owner was not answering the Vet's calls. The Vet then called SHRF and was very instrumental in helping Bandit begin his journey home. He was taken to another Humane Society nearby to stay until arrangements were made.

As luck would have it, a SHRF Board member has family in the Seattle area

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Bandit's journey home began here



Then on to the Vet that scanned him and called SHRF



Then for a little play time with my new buddy Deke before we go to the airport.



You know you're a dog person when...

The only thing your friends, colleagues, and passing acquaintances say to you when they see you is, "How are the dogs?" or "How many dogs do you have now?"

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who was able to go get Bandit, get him vetted and health certified to fly, buy an airline crate and get him on a Delta red eye back to our Rescue.

He did great on the flight, even having to change planes in Atlanta! As you can imagine, everyone involved were nervous wrecks! Not Bandit, though. He was such a good boy and is already in a foster home and hoping to win them over enough to stay forever! If he has it his way, he's already home.

Thanks to everyone who helped make Bandit's journey back home another SHRF success story.

Deke was so much fun, here are more pictures



HOMeward BOUND !



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

Author Unknown

HAPPY ENDINGS.....



BIANCA



MILAN



MEROLLY



MALAKI



TAKALA

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



"He slept. He ate. He barked at stuff. He went for a walk, he pooped...Jeez, it's like he's living my life."

DAVE COVERLY



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!!

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