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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 2007 and are available for public viewing upon request.

FROM THE SHRF BOARD

As we close 2008 and look forward to 2009, it is the time we reflect on the previous year's trials, tribulations, joys and sorrows. SHRF has completed their 9th year of finding homes for these beautiful dogs and looks forward to starting their 10th year. We have helped over 700 dogs find loving homes in the past 9 years.

2008 brought us another litter of puppies, the Macon 7, and many other well deserving fur pups. We have lost a few of our past family members sadly but we know we will all meet again on the other side of the Rainbow Bridge.

None of this year's accomplishments would be obtainable without our VOLUNTEERS. We have the best volunteers around. They do so much for the satisfaction of finding loving homes for all these gorgeous dogs. Our fosters generously open their homes to these dogs and work through all of their issues, medically and socially. Without these volunteers, we would be unable to take any dogs in since we don't have a shelter. We have volunteers that do events and fundraisers. We have volunteers that handle the paperwork, the phone calls, and miscellaneous things that need to be done. We have volunteers that do reference checks and home inspections. Without your help, we wouldn't be able to continue to save dogs. The Board and all of the dogs want to thank you for all your hard work and your selflessness that allows you to take

time from your busy lives to help out.

That being said, we could always use more volunteers in any aspect. So if you know anyone or you find you have some spare time that you would like to help us in 2009, please let any of us know. Even if it is an hour or two a week to 10 to 15 hours a week, we can use your help. The more help we have...the more dogs we can save.

Please look for our 2009 events and come out and visit. We love to see our past adoptees and their new families. We have several great events in the 1st quarter of 2009. We have the "The Ultimate Tailgate Pawty" at Coachman Park on January 31st. This is in conjunction with the Super Bowl and is noted on the Super Bowl's website events page. The Husky Olympics is on February 22nd at Lake Seminole Park as always. You will be able to reserve your Rays tickets at this event as well. Also "Get Rescued in Gulfport" is on February 28th, which is a really fun event where quite a few rescues line up the streets of Gulfport which is a great town. We always have miscellaneous pet store and other events monthly where anyone can come out and support SHRF.

Again, we want to thank all our volunteers and adopters for a great close to 2008 and look forward to an even better 2009.

Board members can be reached at any time at 727-391-8934 or by e-mailing: board@siberrescue.com

"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**

In September the Animal Rescue Site (www.theanimalrescuesite.com), sponsored by Petfinder.com, issued a challenge to see which shelter organizations were the state and national favorites.

The Petfinder 2008 Shelter Challenge voting ended on December 14, 2008 and the results are in. We, SHRF, did not win anything.

I think there were a few glitches in the challenge web site's statistics and record keeping. I caught them once with an anomaly involving us that was statistically impossible. When I notified them they admitted they were having trouble and were fixing it. Then one time we went from 129th nationally to 183rd nationally IN ONE DAY. While statistically possible it is highly improbable and it did not happen to either of the other shelters that were 128th or 130th on the day we were 129.

All in all, I think shelters like ours, that are located in only one state, are at a voting disadvantage to those that are national in scope.

Here are the results: We came in **5th** in the state of Florida and **260th** nationally - which is not bad considering there were somewhere over 8,000+ shelters included in the vote.

FL Rank	Nat'l Rank	Organization
1	15	Greyhound Pets of America Daytona Beach, FL
2	110	Sanctuary Animal Refuge Clewiston, FL
3	198	Ratbone Rescues Southeast Region Jacksonville, FL

FL Rank	Nat'l Rank	Organization
4	199	Wildlife Care Center/ SPCA of Broward County Fort Lauderdale, FL
5	260	Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida Inc. Seminole, FL
6	261	Pet Rescue by Judy Orlando, FL
7	284	Caring About the Strays Miami Springs, FL
8	290	South Florida SPCA Miami Lakes, FL
9	302	SPCA Tampa Bay Largo, FL
10	317	Lost Angels Animal Rescue Tampa, FL

**Highest national ranking Siberian
Husky rescue groups:**

Nat'l Rank	Organization
214	MaPaw Siberian Husky Rescue & Referral Service, Inc. Lansdale, PA
225	Adopt A Husky Inc. Carol Stream, IL
260	Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida, Inc Seminole, FL

Bob

MEMORIES

"Not the least hard thing to bear when they go from us, these quiet friends, is that they carry away with them so many years of our lives. Yet, if they find warmth therein, who would begrudge them those years that they have so guarded? And whatever they take, be sure they have deserved."

--- John Galsworthy ---

"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"

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

SHRF is proud to announce our Volunteer of the 4TH Quarter, 2008 Lou B

SHRF would like to end it's year by recognizing one of our more tireless volunteers, Lou B. Lou became active with the rescue in early 2008; and those who have worked side by side with him know him as quiet and low key, yet effective and dependable. If you say you need him for anything, he is there.

There are various examples, but here are just a few:

He and SHRF Treasurer wife, Dawn, thought nothing of driving all night to Macon in April this year to save 7 dogs in a shelter who had little time left. Lou will go anywhere he's asked to go if it means saving a

shelter dog or picking up kennels, crates or supplies.. Also, Lou has participated in, and sometimes spear-headed, one west central Florida event after another – Gulfport, Petco and PetSmart stints, Garage sales, Doggie wash, SPCA walk, various library educational stints...and he even dressed as Santa on a hot day in early December this year for a FR event at PetsMart.

To top it off, he has helped foster over a half dozen dogs this year for SHRF; some for weeks at a time.

Most important of all, the basis for Lou being such a fine choice for this award is simple. Lou puts in all this time for SHRF for one good reason....the love of the breed we call the Siberian Husky!

Congrats, Lou,
from the SHRF Board

The more I see of men, the more I admire dogs. - - - Jeanne-Marie Roland

Puppies save three-year-old boy lost in freezing Virginia woods

BY JANE H. FURSE
DAILY NEWS WRITER
Monday, December 8th 2008, 9:35 AM



Jaylynn Thorpe, 3,
with his family.

The two hero puppies who saved Jaylynn's
life.

Jaylynn Thorpe, 3, wandered away from his baby-sitter at 4 p.m. Friday and was missing for 21 hours as hundreds of friends, family and law enforcement officials searched for him in the thick woods of Halifax County, fearing the worst.

"The only thing we wanted to do was just keep searching until we found him," Halifax County Sheriff Stanley Noblin told reporters.

Jaylynn's frantic family knew time was not on its side. "We didn't forget the issue that 17 degrees was almost unbearable," said his father, James Thorpe.

"People all over the State of Virginia was down there looking for that child. For a while there, one time, I didn't know whether they would find him or not," said the child's grandmother and guardian, Katherine Elliot.

Officials said the lost little boy and the two family puppies wandered up to a mile in the dark, even across a highway, but it wasn't until Saturday afternoon that members of the search team found him sitting by a tree, the two puppies nestled against him. The little boy didn't say anything, according to rescue team member Jerry Gentry, but instead "just opened his arms up like, 'I'm ready to go.'"

"When I first saw him, he was like, 'Momma, I got cold. I slept in the woods last night. The puppies kept me warm.' He told me that ... the dogs slept up against him. And I'm sure the body heat kept him warm," said his mother, Sarah Ingram.

Billie Jo Roach, another member of the search party that found the boy, said the puppies refused to leave his side.

As the child was placed in an ambulance to be taken to a local hospital for examination, "The puppies were watching where he went.

"Where he went, they went," Roach said.

As word went out that the child was alive and well, family members cheered and cried for joy.

"Praise the Lord! Welcome home, Jaylynn!" yelled his aunt, Amy Zimmerman.

Close to 300 people from North Carolina and Virginia joined in the search to find Jaylynn.

"I love you! God bless you," Ingram told the rescue teams.

"I think I just said, 'Thank you Lord' ... for us to have another chance!" said the child's father.

The boy spent Saturday night under observation at Halifax Regional Hospital and chomped down on a double cheeseburger, a hot dog, strawberry ice cream and French fries.

Meanwhile, the furry heroes, their tails wagging, were rewarded with food.

"I definitely call this a miracle," said Noblin.

Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association
Veterinarian-client-patient relationship



Veterinarians often develop a bond with their patients different from that of human doctors. An animal control officer brought Heather, a Siberian Husky, to Dr. Karen Hill, Huntsville, Ala, to be euthanized. The frightened animal had extensive ulcerated dermal lesions on the head, nose, and feet secondary to *Demodex* infestation, in addition to behavior problems. Dr. Hill took the dog under her care, and, with the help of Dr. Elizabeth Schull at the University of Tennessee's Veterinary Teaching Hospital, restored the dog to good health. Heather now travels daily with Dr. Hill and is reported to have an overtly loving nature. Dr. Hill said her experiences with Heather helped her empathize with her clients.

Dog Myths

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

by Marry Sorensen

Before being spayed, a female dog should go through at least one heat cycle or be allowed to have one litter.

This myth may be responsible for the deaths of millions of dogs each year as unwanted animals are euthanized in overcrowded shelters. Beyond preventing unplanned pregnancies, spaying your female dog before her first heat cycle has been shown to cut down on certain types of cancer that develop later in life, such as mammary gland tumors. And contrary to common belief, having a litter is not necessary for a female dog to feel "fulfilled." Dogs operate on instinct, and if reproduction hormones are eliminated through spaying, the dog feels no urge to reproduce.

Berlin opens soup kitchen just for dogs

'Making sure dogs don't go hungry is just as important,' director says
Reuters, Fri., Oct. 31, 2008

BERLIN - A soup kitchen exclusively for dogs has opened its doors in Berlin providing pets of the homeless and unemployed with a free meal, the director of the establishment said on Friday.

Despite the looming financial crisis, director Claudia Hollm dismissed criticism that it may be more sensible to collect money for humans than for dogs.

"Nowadays people underestimate dogs. They are incredibly important for those who lack social contact with other hu-

mans," Hollm told Reuters.

"Making sure dogs don't go hungry is just as important as making sure that people don't starve," she added.

Hollm, and her company "Animal Board," gets sponsorship from companies, including animal food manufacturers.

One woman who uses the free service said she had two dogs, four cats, a rabbit and some guinea pigs.

"Without this animal bread line, I'd probably starve to death," the 20-year old told German daily Sueddeutsche Zeitung.

The opening of the soup kitchen follows last month's launch of a new bus service in Berlin for dogs, which shuttles their furry friends to a luxury dog day-care center.

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Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida, Inc.**

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Can your Husky do this? <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sfLu5TGPvOc>

A Husky's new friend http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pVik_EsAjTo

"The dog's kennel is not the place to keep a sausage." - Danish Proverb

Miami Herald
Sep. 30, 2008

Owner saves dog from shark's jaws

By CAMMY CLARK

Greg LeNoir watched in horror as the shark's mouth opened wide, chomping a large set of teeth on his beloved 14-pound dog, Jake.

"Noooooo," LeNoir shrieked, fearing the worst. But the case of the rat terrier vs. the shark has a happy ending.

"Jake's doing great," LeNoir's brother, Phillip, said Monday. "And I still can't believe my brother jumped in the water and punched a shark."

The saga began Friday afternoon when Greg LeNoir took Jake to the Worldwide Sportsman's Bayside Marina pier in Islamorada for the dog's daily swim. LeNoir said Jake is a fast and fearless swimmer, often retrieving jellyfish and soaked coconuts.

But this time, Jake, a 28-month-old dog adopted from an animal shelter, unexpectedly encountered the shark, which was about five feet long. As Jake disappeared under the water, LeNoir conquered his own fear and sprang to action.

"I clenched my fists and dove straight in with all my strength, like a battering ram," LeNoir, 53, said Sunday, reliving the frightening ordeal. "I hit the back of the shark's neck. It was like hitting concrete."

Sharks are not uncommon in the marina, which is near the Islamorada Fish Co.'s open saltwater pool that attracts large tarpon.

LeNoir, a finish carpenter who lives in Islamorada, said he concluded the creature was either a bull shark or lemon shark after describing it to local fishermen and another brother, Louie, a shark-tooth collector in Orlando.

LeNoir's wife of 17 years, Tessalee, said she wasn't shocked by her husband's heroics. "People know him as Dr. Doolittle," she said. "He's the one who climbs up a tree to save a possum." LeNoir added: "We have no children. Jake became our child. When I saw the shark engulf him, I thought, 'This can't be the end.'"

The shark let go of Jake, and the dog popped to the surface, frantically swimming the few yards to shore. LeNoir followed, paddling through a red trail of blood from the dog.

At VCA Upper Keys Animal Hospital in Islamorada, veterinarian Suzanne Sigel and emergency on-call assistant Callie Cottrell patched Jake's wounds.

"Amazingly, he wasn't critical," Sigel said. "He's one lucky dog." The shark's teeth punctured Jake's skin and some muscle on the dog's abdomen, chest and back in a pattern that looked like "an upside-down smile," Sigel said.

Jake also suffered lacerations on his right side and front left leg, with skin hanging like ribbons, LeNoir said.

"The shark put almost all of Jake in his mouth, except for his head and three of his legs," LeNoir said.

Sigel reexamined Jake on Monday and said the pooch is expected to recover. "He looks great and is recuperating well," she said. "I was worried he may have inhaled saltwater when he was pulled under, but there's no evidence of infection or pneumonia. He's healing great."

Man sics 8" puppy on police

RENFREWSHIRE (Scotland)

A man appeared in court earlier this month on charges relating to a domestic disturbance in which he allegedly grappled, wrestled and head-butted police while ordering his four-month-old Lhasa Apso puppy to attack.

The dog ignored him.

In court, the Sheriff noted: "The dog shows more sense than its owner." Another court insider described the dog as "a tiny ball of fluff."

The accused man, Tony Williamson, 30, admitted that he was drunk at the time of the incident which occurred last year on Boxing Day. He pleaded guilty to two breaches of the Police (Scotland) Act and was sentenced to 240 hours of community service.

Mr. Williamson's attorney stated that his client "does not try to excuse his behaviour. He knows he was in the wrong."

In other words, he just suffered from a momentary lhasapso reason.

"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion."

-- Unknown

SHRF Events 4th Quarter 2008

Events at Oldsmar, Dunedin, and Largo Library
October 13th, 14th and 25th

We were invited by several libraries in Pinellas to complement their program about Jack London's book "Call of the Wild". We did a presentation about the history of the Siberian Husky, the Iditarod, dog sledding in general and we had several dogs showing off. The presentation was well received and we were able to teach several people about Huskies. Hopefully, we will be asked to be a part of their future presentations. It was a lot of fun for the dogs, volunteers, and attendees.



SPCA Pet Walk October 18th

We participated in the SPCA Pet Walk at North Shore Park. It was a fun event watching the dogs parade by our table. Some were in costume, some not. We sold quite a few items and received some donations. It was a productive day in all. Dawn B., Lou B, and Janet E. with Monte, Zack, Kolchak, Blaze, and Juneau had tons of fun. We can't wait to do it again next year.

Pictures with Santa at the Tyrone PetSmart December 6 and 7

Again we did pictures with Santa at the Tyrone PetSmart. It is estimated that we did about 68 pictures over 2 days. We got to see several rescue dogs again, which is ALWAYS nice. The rescue wants to thank all of the volunteers that helped out- Ginger K, Mary Jane, Cheryl F., Chris R, Tony B, Janet E, Lou B, Joann L, and Dawn B. Without your help, we would have never been able to participate in this event. We had a lot of fun and look forward to doing it again next year.



Rally to Rescue at Pinellas Park Petco December 13th

The managers of the Pinellas Park Petco and the Dalmatian Rescue of Tampa Bay set up a Rally to Rescue event with Purina ProPlan dog food. Purina sent free T-shirts, samples, and free goodies. It was promoted on the Purina website and Petco's. There were about approximately 10 rescues in attendance. We met a lot of people and hopefully found some potential adopters for all of the rescue dogs.



"You think dogs will not be in heaven? I tell you, they will be there long before any of us."

- Robert Louis Stevenson

I Want to Quit (This is What Animal Rescue is Like)

**By Joan C. Fremo of Great Pyrenees Rescue, written in 2001
Joan passed on in January of 2003
after a life of dedication to rescue.**

I want to quit! My health is bad. There are days I feel so terrible that I can barely move. My phone bills are outrageous, and I could have replaced my van with the funds I have spent these last 3 years---on animals that were not my own.

I want to quit! I spend hours and hours emailing about dogs. There may be 500 messages when I start---and at 4 AM, when I finally shut down the computer, there are still 500 emails to be read.

I want to quit! Gosh, I haven't the time left to email my friends. I can't remember the last book I read, and I gave up my subscription to my local newspaper---I used to enjoy reading it, cover to cover, but now it often ends up in the bottom of the squirrel's cage---unread.

I want to quit! I've spent days emailing what seems like everyone---trying to find a foster home, help for a dog languishing in a shelter---but his time has run out, and the shelter has had to euthanize to make room for the next sad soul.

I want to quit! I swear, I walk away from my computer to stretch my legs---let the dogs out---and come back to find another dog in desperate need. There are times I really dread checking my email. How will I find the funds, the help, to save yet another dog?

I want to quit! I save one dog, and two more take its place. Now an owner who doesn't want his dog---it won't stay in his unfenced yard. An intact male wanders... This bitch got pregnant by a stray... This 3-month-old pup killed baby chicks... The dog got too big... This person's moving and needs to give up his pet. I ask you, friends---what town, what city, what state doesn't allow you to own a pet?

I want to quit! I just received another picture, another sad soul with tormented eyes that peer out of a malnourished body. I hear whimpering in my sleep, have nightmares for days...

I want to quit! Many of the "Breed People" don't seem to want to hear about these dogs. Breeders either don't realize, or just don't care, how many dogs of their breed are dying in shelters.

I want to quit! I just got off the phone. "Are you Pyr Rescue? We want to adopt a male to breed to our female." How many times do I have to explain? I have tried to explain about genetics, about health and pedigrees. I explain that rescue NEUTERS! I usually end up sobbing, as I explain about the vast numbers of animals dying in shelters across the country, as I describe the condition many of these animals are found in. I wonder if they really heard me...

I want to quit! It is not like I don't have enough rescues of my own to worry about---but others have placed dogs improperly and aren't there to advise the new owners.

I want to quit! There ARE some unscrupulous rescues out there---hoarders, collectors, and folks who will short change the care of the animals to make a dollar. The save them all, regardless of temperament, putting fellow rescuer's and adopters at risk but not being truthful.

I want to quit! I have trusted the wrong people--- had faith and heart broken...

I want to quit! AND THEN... My dog, Magnus, lays his head in my lap, he comforts me with his gentle presence---and the thought of his cousins suffering stirs my heart.

I want to quit! AND THEN... One of those 500 emails is from an adopter. They are thanking me for the most wonderful dog on earth---they cannot imagine life with out their friend---their life is changed, and they are so grateful.

I want to quit! AND THEN... One of my adopted Rescues has visited a nursing home. A patient that has spent the last few years unable to communicate, not connecting---Lifts his hand to pat the huge head in his lap, softly speaks his first words in ages--- to this gentle fur-child.

I want to quit! AND THEN... A Good Samaritan has found and vetted a lost baby, "I can't keep him, but I'll take care of him until you find his forever home."

I want to quit! AND THEN... "Jamie took his first steps holding on to our Pyr." "Joan, you should see this dog nursing this hurt kitten!" "I was so sick, Joan, and he never left my side..."

I want to quit! AND THEN... I get an email from a fellow rescuer, "Haven't heard from you in a while---you OK? You know I think of you..."

I want to quit! AND THEN... A dozen rescuers step up to help, to transport, to pull, and to offer encouragement. I have friends I have never seen, but we share tears, joys, and everything in between. I am not alone. I am blest with family of the heart, my fellow Rescuers. Just days ago it was a friend who shared her wit and wisdom, whose late night email lifted my heart. Sometimes it is friends who only have time to forward you a smile. Often, it is my friends who forward me the notices of dogs in need. There are Rescuers who see a failing transport and do everything they can do find folks to pull it together for you. Rescuers who'll overnight or foster your Dog while you seek transport. There are Rescuers not used to or comfortable with your breed, but who put aside their discomfort to help. There are Rescuers whose words play the music of our hearts. Foster homes that love your Rescue, and help to make them whole again---body and spirit. Foster homes that fit your baby in, though it may not be their breed. Rescuers whose talents and determination give us tools to help us. Rescuers we call on for help in a thousand ways, who answer us, who hear our pleas. Rescuers who are our family, our strength, our comrades in battle. I know I cannot save every Pyr in need. I know my efforts are a mere drop in a sea. I know that if I take on just one more---those I have will suffer.

I want to quit! But I won't. When I feel overwhelmed, I'll stroke my Magnus's head while reading my fellow Rescuers emails. I'll cry with them, I'll laugh with them---and they will help me find the strength to go on.

I want to quit! But not today. There's another email, another dog needing Rescue.

This piece is dedicated, with love and gratitude, to all my fellow Rescuers.

Joan

Man tells court he bought ecstasy to use as birth control pills for pet dog!

Australian News.Net
Friday 26th December, 2008 (ANI)

Melbourne, Dec 26 : An Australian man, caught with a trafficable amount of ecstasy, told the court that he bought it to use it as birth control pills for his Shar Pei dog.

Steven James Dwyer, 48, was caught with 70 ecstasy pills in his car, but stated that he thought the pills would stop his pet Shar Peis from breeding.

He was, however, found guilty and convicted on both charges.

Magistrate Vince Luppino said that he did not find the excuse for having a trafficable amount of ecstasy "reasonable".

However, Dwyer told the court that he bought ecstasy

tablets after a man he met outside a Katherine Laundromat told him that breeding amongst Shar Peis can be controlled with the help of the tablets in question, and the man used the tablet for the same reason.

"We chatted about them - where he got them ... we kept talking about dogs and how he bred her," the Daily Telegraph quoted Dwyer as saying.

"And then we talked about his female coming on heat. I knew she was due to come on heat, I thought, 'That'll be very handy for her'," claiming no money had changed hands," Dwyer added.

Dwyer, a painter who has just separated from his wife, revealed that he was also using to stay awake, as he had a lot of workload.

Dwyer was caught with 23.5g of ecstasy under the front passenger seat of his car and the 5g of methamphetamine in his trouser pocket, after he was pulled over by police on the Stuart Highway near Adelaide River.

Walkin' in a Doggie Wonderland

Dog tags ring, are you listenin'?
In the lane, snow is glistenin'.
It's yellow, NOT white - I've been there to-night,
Marking up my winter wonderland.

Smell that tree? That's my fragrance.
It's a sign for wandering vagrants;
"Avoid where I pee, it's MY pro-per-ty!
Marked up as my winter wonderland."

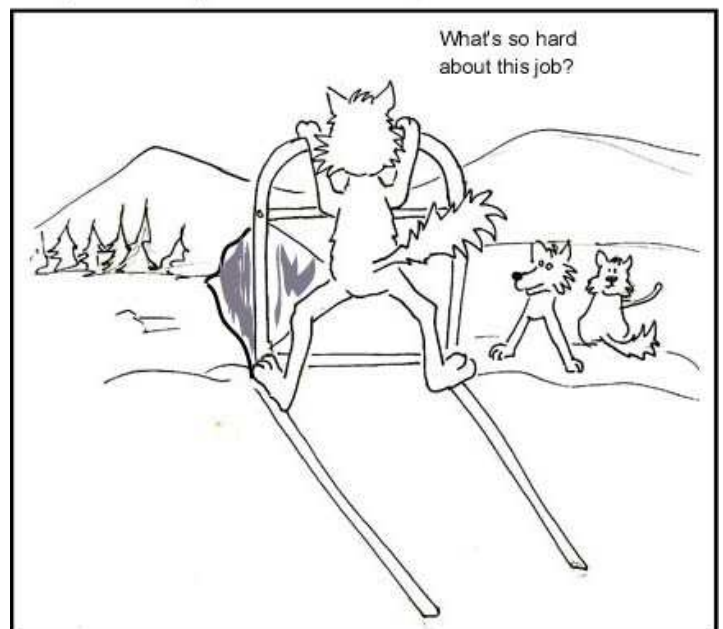
In the meadow dad will build a snowman,
following the classical design.
Then I'll lift my leg and let it go Man,
So all the world will know that it's mine-mine-mine!

Straight from me to the fence post,
flows my natural incense boast;
"Stay off my TURF, this small piece of earth,
I marked it as my winter wonderland."

- Unknown

Dude Dog

by Theresa Daily



LUCKY ADOPTERS

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



Chancey - When I volunteered to help foster this beautiful little girl, I never dreamed she would become such a part of my heart so quickly. She was underweight, heartworm positive, and extremely afraid of people in general - especially men. Now her coat is like rabbit fur, she eats like there is no tomorrow and attends Petsmart/Petco events with no issues. (Especially with her own personal chair in which to sit). To watch her finally play with the rest of the pack and run and enjoy being a dog is one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever known. I suggest if you have never fostered before... you might want to try it because it feels great to nurse back a beautiful dog to health and watch them enjoy a life that might not be if it wasn't for SHRF. Thank you for bringing her into my life.



We adopted our princess, Miss **Daphne Dakota**, in November. She was a bit scrawny but had so much personality. She is all Husky and loves to be a little imp, but always looks back to make sure you are watching her. She insists on being right there to help for vacuuming, cooking, folding laundry and cleaning the pool. She is especially adept at toilet paper unraveling. Chewing is an art and she has it mastered; after a few shredded pillows we found some lovely chew toys that she loves and keep her happy for an hour at a time.

She is a smart, loving beautiful addition to our family. She enjoyed her first Christmas here by actually finding her own Christmas stocking and removing each of her special presents one by one. Her favorite was a mini-Husky squeak toy we call Mini-Daphne. It goes with her everywhere.

Daphne Dakota is our second rescue Husky, the first, Juno, was an absolute delight and we can see that this is definitely a breed specific trait. They will keep you on your toes, but you will be delighted with them and their intelligence and sweetness.



What can't I say about **Neeko** (formerly Blaze). I am really glad that we adopted him. He has brought sooo much happiness back to our household after the passing of our Husky.

There isn't a day that goes by that he doesn't make me laugh. He is such a lover!!! He loves to fall asleep with us in the recliner and when we are not home, he prefers our bed (stinker). I can't see why anyone would want to give him up. He is starting to learn how to sit and to come when called. Its only been a week but he is doing great. He loves getting up at 5:30 AM and going for walks when no one else is up.

Here's Neeko by the Christmas tree with one of his favorite toys.

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

You meet other people with dogs, and remember their dog's call name after 30 seconds, but don't get the owner/handler's name until you've met them 2 or 3 times.

**"To err is human,
to forgive canine"**

Unknown

SHRF, INC. EVENTS AND FUND RAISERS

1st Quarter 2009 Upcoming Events

January 31 - Tailgate Pawty presented by the Humane Society at Coachman Park in Clearwater

February 22 - Husky Olympics at Lake Seminole Park

February 28 - Get Rescued in Gulfport in downtown Gulfport

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 monthly events at Petco and Petsmart. We would love to have you!!!

CHECK OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR EVENTS UPDATES!

A Dog's Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep,
The king-size bed is soft and deep.

I sleep right in the center groove
My human being can hardly move!

I've trapped her legs, she's tucked in
tight
And here is where I pass the night

No one disturbs me or dares intrude
Till morning comes and "I want
food!"

I sneak up slowly to begin
my nibbles on my human's chin.

She wakes up quickly, I have sharp
teeth
I'm a puppy, don't you see?

For the morning's here and it's time to
play
I always seem to get my way.

So thank you Lord for giving me
This human person that I see.

The one who hugs and holds me tight
And shares her bed with me at night!

Friday, January 6, 2006. 10:41pm (AEDT)

Husky saves newborn from drowning

A female husky dog has saved the life of a Taiwanese newborn by snatching him from a toilet after his mother gave birth alone at home and collapsed.

A social worker has told TVBS that the 24-year-old single mother, identified only as Huang, did not feel well on Sunday.

She went to the bathroom, followed by her dog named Baby, without realizing she was in labor as the baby was not due for another five days.

The woman gave birth to a baby boy into the toilet. The social worker says the woman managed to cut the umbilical cord with a small pair of scissors before collapsing on the floor, too weak to call for help from her roommate.

But her faithful dog snatched up the infant's leg with her mouth and rescued him from drowning.

"The dog approached her owner, who was lying on the ground in a pool of blood, and saw the infant ... she snatched up the baby's leg with her mouth and rescued him from drowning," the social worker said.

When the boy finally breathed and cried out after the dog licked him on the face, Huang managed to call for help.

The mother has declined to speak to the press.

Doctors say both the mother and infant are healthy. However, due to financial difficulties, the mother is giving both her baby boy and the life-saving 10-month-old dog away for adoption.

"No man can be condemned for owning a dog. As long as he has a dog, he has a friend; and the poorer he gets, the better friend he has."

- Will Rogers

13th Annual Husky Olympics

WHEN: Sunday February 22, 2009 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

WHERE: Lake Seminole Park (Pinellas County) **Pavillion # 10**

WHO: Any and All Siberian Huskies (and their Humans!)

**Come enjoy our SIBERIAN HUSKY OLYMPICS AND PICNIC
BRING YOUR WHOLE FAMILY! RAIN OR SHINE!
(We will not cancel due to weather)**

There will be several events for our Huskies ...



BEST HUSKY KISSER (Sibe kissing owner)
MOST HAIRIEST HUSKY (Brushing out hair)
NO Furminators allowed in this event!!!
BEST HUSKY TRICK (Any Trick or Specialty)
CURLIEST HUSKY TAIL (Tightest Curl)
PRETTIEST HUSKY EYES
BEST HUSKY HOWLER (Woo Woo/Talk/Sing)
BEST HUSKY BOBBER
(Bobbing for Hot dogs in water bowl)

\$5.00 entry fee covers all events – PLEASE BRING CASH OR CHECK FOR ENTRY!

*****You will need to bring the following things: Lawn chairs, dog treats to bait/reward with, dog water, bowls, poop bags, leashes, crates (if needed), brushes (for hairy contest), towels, raffle item donations, \$\$ to enter 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 call 727-391-8934 or email events@siberrescue.com before February 1, 2009.

**We also are going to have a *50/50 raffle* as well.
Tickets will be \$1 each or 7 tickets for \$5 for both raffles.**

We will be having a silent auction and taking reservations for Rays tickets at this event too.

DIRECTIONS: From the NORTH and SOUTH... Take I-275 to St. Pete. Take exit 28 (Gandy, Pinellas Park, Seminole) Stay on that road exactly 7 miles. The park (Lake Seminole Park) will be on your right. Enter and watch for signs to the "HUSKY OLYMPICS". We will be at Pavillion # 10 (same as last year)

To mapquest... the address is 10015 Park Blvd Seminole, FL 33777

**This event is hosted by the *Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida, Inc.* and it will receive all proceeds from the event.
WWW.SIBERRESCUE.COM**

The Rise Of Beds The Falls Of Dogs

The Wall Street Journal
The Tampa Tribune

Without fanfare or marketing, the bedding industry has been raising the altitude of its products, satisfying customer preferences for ever-thicker mattresses. Yet that preference is creating a hazard for a tall bed's shortest occupant: the dog.

Anecdotally, veterinarians across the country report among house dogs a rise in such disorders as elbow and shoulder arthritis, hip dysplasia and degenerative disk disease. As the lifespan of pets rises thanks to better food and medicine, the old dog that once leapt with abandon now hesitates on the edge of the bed - or jumps and hurts itself.

Little dogs such as the Pekingese are soaring off of high beds without fear. "For a little dog to take a flying leap off a bed that's five to six times higher than he stands is an act of courage, and a recipe for injury," said Stephen Crane, an academic animal doctor and diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons.

The peril is too new to have generated peer-reviewed veterinary research. But the problem is evident in the white-hot popularity of a relatively new product: pet stairs, specifically designed to lead Fido from bed to floor by land rather than air.

Several Options Available

Pet stairs are one of the fastest-growing categories at national pet retailers such as Drs. Foster & Smith Inc., which offers five models ranging from \$40 to \$170. Vermont-based Orvis, the upscale outdoors retailer, launched its first pet staircase four years ago and now carries four, including a \$200 carpet-and-hardwood model. Wal-Mart Stores offers a \$64 variety, while a Web site called Puppy Stairs offers a range of models, from a bare-bones version for \$77 to a designer model swathed in heavy-duty foam and washable upholstered covers in decorator fabrics for \$535.

Even amid the downturn, pet stairs are strong sellers. "From day one through today our pet segment has been steady, growing by 10 percent annually," said Joel Lederhause, owner of Discount Ramps.Com, which about five years ago added pet ramps to a wide range it sells for other purposes.

To be sure, pet retailers have long sold a wide variety of products to keep pets off beds and other furniture. But the animals are winning that war. Dogs reside in about 40 percent of U.S. households, and in rising numbers they are sleeping in human beds. An American Pet Products Association survey found that a record 40

percent of dogs slept in an adult bed in 2006, along with 7 percent that slept in a child's bed.

And beds keep rising. Until the past decade, standard mattress and box springs were each about 8 inches thick, in part to facilitate the regular flipping of mattresses, as recommended for maintenance purposes. But in recent years, the development of the no-flip mattress sparked a thickness race. On the market today are mattresses twenty inches thick.

"It's the 'Princess and the Pea' phenomenon - the high bed being a cue to quality," said Tim Oakhill, executive vice president of marketing at Simmons Co., the Atlanta-based bedding giant. In his own bedroom, said Oakhill, "It's not just a case of slipping into bed. I have to kind of hop up." He adds that the family dog "is having trouble getting up there."

Learning From Experience

Even before the advent of thicker mattresses, Kathleen Zaslaw came to regard her bed as a primary suspect in the arthritis that crippled her now-dead Dalmatian. Upon obtaining two new Dalmatians, she bought a set of wooden stairs from Orvis. "It looks like a fancy piece of furniture," she said, adding that it perfectly complements her oak bedroom furniture. Most importantly, now that she and her husband have a bed that hovers nearly 30 inches off the ground, "the stairs are great for the safety and health of the dogs."

Heather Hyde, a partner at American Rebel PR in Los Angeles, purchased pet stairs on her veterinarian's recommendation after her cocker spaniel underwent leg surgery. In researching the product, she found options ranging from traditional stairs to metal ramps to stepping blocks made of industrial-strength foam. Ultimately, Hyde chose an offering from Puppy Stairs.

Now, all three of her dogs use the stairs to climb into bed - and so does she. Otherwise, climbing into bed is akin to mounting a horse. "This bed is higher than my stomach," Hyde said.

Some customers are buying pet stairs for themselves, said one purveyor, who requested anonymity because her company's stairs are not built for humans.

Whether higher beds are resulting in human injury isn't known. Only this decade has much medical research accumulated on the risk that bunk beds pose to falling children.

Another option for pet owners is to lower the bed, which can be accomplished by purchasing a newfangled product called the "low-profile box spring," whose thinness offsets the thickness of today's cushier mattresses. For dog owners, a simpler and cheaper solution would be to "keep the dog out of bed," Crane said. "But that advice is going to be rejected."

"If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then giving Fido only two of them."

-Phil Pastoret

HAPPY ENDINGS 4th Quarter 2008

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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!!



Pet Friendly - Holiday Brunch Gus-tinis

From Every Day with Rachael Ray
December-January 2009

SERVES 1 DOG OR 2 PEOPLE

INGREDIENTS

- 2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil (EVOO)
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped (for people portions only)
- Half of a 10-ounce box frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 1 large egg
- 1 pinch ground nutmeg
- 1 to 2 slices wheat bread, toasted and cut into triangles
- Salt and pepper (for people portions only)

DIRECTIONS

In a medium nonstick skillet, heat the EVOO over medium heat. For people portions, add the garlic and cook until fragrant, 30 seconds. Add the spinach and cook until heated through. Add the egg and stir to scramble, 1 to 2 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the nutmeg. Top the toast with the spinach-egg mixture. Season people portions with salt and pepper.