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many of us long time SHRFers look forward to without SHRF's help that lifts your spirits. the event with great anticipation.

Of course, SHRF adoptees are always there; hearing in the media, more and more people are and, although it's disappointing to me that I suffering from an economy that some are precan't meet them all, the fact that the numbers of dicting may turn into a recession; and pets are former SHRF dogs in attendance keeps increas- already being affected as shelters fill up with ing makes me so happy. We also get to meet or animals whose owners can no longer care for reacquaint ourselves with many friends of the them. So, please say a prayer for SHRF and any rescue who bring their Sibes along for a day of and all animal organizations that will most fun.

As is always the case, this year's Olympics was outstanding, and I hope you enjoy seeing some Ginger K, Treasurer of the pictures in this edition of the newsletter. Our thanks go out to our hard working Olympics organizers, President, Peggy Wright and Events Coordinator, Celeste Moore, not to mention the dozens of volunteers who participated to make the Olympics a great day!

Yes folks, it's hard to believe; but SHRF has entered into yet one more year of service to Siberian Huskies. We've been around 8 1/2 yrs now; and certainly hope we can continue to be here for the furballs for a while longer. We take it one day at a time and always will; since we continue to face a shortage of fosters and volunteers to take leadership roles.

No rescue 'job' can be guaranteed a picnic, but in the long run, there are rewards. Somedays, For several years now SHRF has been involved for instance, it's just that 'one more' success in an annual Olympics in Pinellas County and story about a dog that would not have made it

> Also, before I close, as you all are probably likely be asked to help if tough times do materialize.



NOTICE

SHRF's new dog recipe book is available on our web site along with some t-shirts and sweatshirts bearing our 2008 Siberian Husky Olympics logo. Just go to www.siberrescue.com and click on the picture of the Olympics logo.

"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

her 17th birthday. The Apollo Pack human drama added. (and I'm including Lorraine and my-

Sasha (the next oldest), indicated mal Cops or Animal Precinct shows their awareness of the pack's loss on the Animal Planet TV channel. with a few quiet days, a lack of inter- After seeing what some of those peoest in their food and a general mal- ple do to their animals, especially aise. But, after a few days they were dogs, I keep wishing they suffer horup and about with their old apprecia- ribly for it. I know that I'm lucky I tion of all that surrounds them. They never became an Animal Control Ofwere no longer mournful but matter- ficer because I'd now be serving a life of-factly understanding of the ways of sentence somewhere. nature. Their strength of character in accepting life's changes is really as- This acceptance problem of mine tounding to observe.

world would just shrug off as non- mesticated animal, I am able to accept sense that a dog can feel a sense of their demise with dry eyes. I feel loss or indicate acceptance. That is sorry when I see nature run its course supposedly reserved for the higher when the lion takes down the water species, us. I think those of us who buffalo, it's brutal but it's nature's actually live under pack circum- way. Not so with dogs. stances, part of a group that interacts day and night, with all of the interde- There's something about dogs in genpendencies that derive therefrom, eral and my Huskies in particular that know better.

kind of heartless nut but I have a to run, play, eat and sleep, never to good bit more trouble accepting the grow old, or hungry, or infirm. I death of any of my dogs than family know many people will think I'm members and friends that I have lost nuts but that doesn't make me wrong. over the years. It seems that under those circumstances I am more able to accept the inevitability of death as a part of life. Somehow, though, I can't find that acceptance when it comes to my dogs. Actually, not just my dogs, any dog.

I can't watch a dog get hurt in a movie. I was apoplectic in the movie audience during "8 Below" when the idiot dog trainer left the dogs behind while the humans evacuated Antarctica. I got teary eyed when old Jack ceased trying to get loose from his chains and just gave up and laid down

to die. I was furious when the trainer took so long to return to get them. Need I say that I did not enjoy the On February 2, 2008, our old girl, movie? I would rather sit and watch Nikita, passed over the Rainbow ninety minutes of Huskies rollicking Bridge. She was twelve days shy of and playing in the snow without any

self) misses her. The dogs, especially I also can no longer watch those Ani-

does not apply to other animals either. While I would never intentionally I'm sure the intelligentsia of this hurt a cat, or a bird or any other do-

makes me think they should live forever. Nothing bad should ever happen I may be labeling myself as some to them. They should always be free

Bob

If you are a dog and your owner suggests that you wear a sweater, suggest that he wear a tail.

Fran Lebowitz (1950 -)

When your animal dies

The bond that we form with animals is unique. The loss of an animal can have an impact on you that is as great or even greater than the loss of a family member or friend. This bond is what makes our interactions with animals rich and rewarding, but also what makes the grief process so complicated.

After your animal has died or been lost, it is natural and normal to feel grief and sorrow. Although grief is an internal and private response, there are certain stages of grief that most people experience. By understanding the process, you will be better prepared to manage your grief and to help other family members and friends who share your sense of loss.

The stages of grief

There are many stages of grief, but not everyone experiences them all or in the same order. You may experiacceptance, and resolution.

Your first reaction may be denial denial that the animal has died or that death is imminent. Denial may begin when you first learn the seriousness of your animal's illness or injuries. Often, the more sudden the death, the more difficult the loss is to accept.

Anger and guilt often follow denial. Your anger may be directed toward people you normally love and respect, including your family and your veterinarian. People coping with death will often say things that they do not really mean, perhaps hurting those whom they do not mean to hurt. You may feel guilty or blame others for not recognizing the illness earlier, for not doing something sooner, for not being able to afford other types of or further treatment, or for being careless and allowing the animal to be injured.

Depression is also part of the range The hurt is so deep of emotions experienced after the death of a special animal. The tears If you or a family member have great flow, there are knots in your stomach, difficulty in accepting your animal's and you feel drained of all your en- death and cannot resolve feelings of ergy. Day-to-day tasks can seem im- grief and sorrow, you may want to possible to perform. Sometimes you discuss these feelings with a person may even ask yourself if you can go who is trained to understand the on without the animal. The answer is grieving process. Your veterinarian yes, but there are times when special certainly understands the relationship assistance may be helpful in dealing you have lost and may be able to sugwith your loss.

with your feelings. You can begin to who can help. resolve and accept your animal's death. Even when you have reached **Should I get another animal**? resolution and acceptance, feelings of anger, denial, guilt, and depression The death of an animal can upset you may reappear. If this does happen, these feelings will usually be less intense, and with time will be replaced they would never want another aniwith fond memories.

Although the stages of grief apply more quickly. Just as grief is a perfairly universally, grieving is always a sonal experience, the decision of personal process. Some people take when, if ever, to bring a new animal longer than others to come to terms into your life is a personal one. If a ence denial, anger, guilt, depression, with denial, anger, guilt, and depres- family member is having difficulty sion, and each loss is different. If you accepting the animal's death, getting a understand that these are normal reac- new animal before that person has tions, you will be better prepared to resolved his or her grief may imply cope with your feelings and to help that the life of the deceased animal others face theirs. Family and friends was unworthy of the grief that is still should be reassured that sorrow and being felt. Family members should grief are normal and natural responses agree on the appropriate time to acto death.

They may not understand

Sometimes well-meaning family and Remembering your animal friends may not realize how important ries that are meaningful.

gest support groups and hot lines, grief counselors, clergymen, social Eventually, you will come to terms workers, physicians, or psychologists

emotionally, especially when euthanasia is involved. Some people may feel mal. For others, a new animal may help them recover from their loss quire a new animal. Although you can never replace the animal you lost, you can obtain another to share your life.

your animal was to you or the inten- The period from birth to old age is sity of your grief. Comments they much shorter for most domestic animake may seem cruel and uncaring. mals than for people. Death is part of Be honest with vourself and others the lifecycle. It cannot be avoided, but about how you feel. If despair understanding and compassion can mounts, talk to someone who will help you, your family, and your listen to your feelings about the loss friends manage the grief associated of your animal. Talk about your sor- with it. Try to recall and treasure the row, but also about the fun times you good times you spent with your aniand the animal spent together, the ac- mal. You may also wish to establish a tivities you enjoyed, and the memo- memorial of some type or contribute to a charity in honor of your animal.

Come Join Us!! DOG DAYS WITH THE RAYS



Rays vs Boston Red Sox Saturday, April 26th Game starts at 7:00PM Help Us Save a Siberian Husky

and

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

SHRF is proud to announce our Volunteer of The 1st Quarter, 2008 asset she is to this team.

Sally W

Sally came on board as a Volunteer a little over a year ago after adopting from us. Since then she has become insure that our rescued furballs are very involved and helpful. She actually created and now maintains our SHRF Transport Team. Without her guidance in the transport area we'd never be able to accomplish all of the across the state road trips that are required.

Sally is also one of our top Swashbucklers, calling back and giving guidance and advice to our many answering machine callers. More than

knows all the right questions to ask to some wonderful adopters. going to their right, forever home.

doing a fantastic job interviewing checks and Vet checks to other volun- team! teers. Just when we needed her, Sally has come through and saved the day! Thank you Sally and CONGRATS! Words can't thank her enough.

one caller has let SHRF know what an Sally is now the proud Mom to two SHRF rescued dogs, Maya and Halo, so she knows exactly what it takes to Also an excellent Home Inspector for be a qualified adopter. This experithe Rescue, Sally really has that good ence has helped her quickly learn the intuition about potential adopters and SHRF procedures and help us find

Sally stays very active, helping out at as many SHRF events and fundraisers Just recently, Sally has jumped right as she can and doing transports and in to fill a void in our adoption and still being able to balance it all with a foster application department and is full time job! "Wonder Woman" aptly describes our Sally and everyone at applicants and delegating reference SHRF is proud to have her on our

SHRF Board

 MIAMI 10 12:00 1 M CONLASTIN MIAMI (AP) - A Miami police officer surrendered Monday to face animal cruelty and other charges in the death of his K-9 partner, a female bloodhound named Dynasty. Officer Rondal Laroy Brown, 48, will be released on bail, his attorney said. An investigation showed that Dynasty, who was donated to the Miami Police Department in 2004 and spelateria. Weighed only 33 pounds, had sunken eyes and missing hair, and had a wound on one paw. Brown reported the dog had died on Nov. 30 and told a supervisor she had gotten loose and may have eaten some rat poison at a nearby construction site. But a necropsy revealed Dynasty suffered from severe malnutrition and dehydration. Brown has worked at the Miami Police Department in 2004 and spelateria. 	A Miami-Dade County police ser- geant, Allen Cockfield, is awaiting
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An Aesop Fable: The Dog and the Shadow

It happened that a Dog had got a piece of meat and was carrying it home in his mouth to eat it in peace. Now on his way home he had to cross a plank lying across a running brook. As he crossed, he looked down and saw his own shadow reflected in the water beneath. Thinking it was another dog with another piece of meat, he made up his mind to have that also. So he made a snap at the shadow in the water, but as he opened his mouth the piece of meat fell out, dropped into the water and was never seen more.

Beware lest you lose the substance by grasping at the shadow

"If you are a host to your guest, be a host to his dog also." - Russian Proverb

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Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

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2008 Husky Olympics



2008 Husky Olympics Award Winners









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> Owned by Damon

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Owned by Bob O & Lorraine M **CRISS CROSS**

Youngest

Owned by Emily Barris

KASHA Best Howler

Owned by Megan Godbout

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Owned by Cheryl Figueroa

NIKITA Best Kisser

Owned by Steve & Bev Passe

LADY Best Jumper

Owned by Wendy Rhoads











SHRF, INC. EVENTS AND FUND RAISERS

Dog Days With the Rays, Saturday, April 26, go to <u>www.siberrescue.com</u> and click on the Rays logo.

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!

It's a dog's life: Mar 8, 2008	filled bedroom adjacent to where the fire started, Odom located the two	CPR, I noticed the dog trying to breathe on its own."
Firefighter's CPR Saves Pup By Stacy Temple stemple@thenewsstar.com	small terrier dogs in carriers under- neath some blankets and got them out of the burning trailer.	Five minutes later the dog, whose name is unknown, began looking around.
A Ouachita Parish firefighter went above and beyond the call of duty on Friday, performing CPR on a dog and ultimately saving its life.	When Odom removed one of the small dogs from the carrier, he no- ticed the dog was not breathing and his tongue was hanging out.	The dog was given to the owner of the house, Linda Lewis, and Odom returned to the fire station. An oxygen tank was left with the pup
Ouachita Parish firefighters re- sponded to a mobile home fire at 12:16 p.m. at 523 Bawcom St. in West Monroe.	The firefighter then removed his face mask and placed the dog's head in- side so the oxygen could blow in its face.	just in case. Fire Prevention Officer Curt Meachum said he is glad the dog's life was spared.
When firefighters arrived at the mo- bile home, they saw smoke coming from the house. A resident of the house then approached firefighter	When this didn't work, Odom began doing CPR on the dog. "I began doing CPR on the dog by cupping my hands around the dog's	"We do not know the dog's name, but we could just call it 'Lucky,'" Meachum said.
Stephen "Odie" Odom and told him two dogs were trapped inside the burning house.	snout and blowing until I could feel his chest expand," Odom said.	The cause of the fire was determined to be en electrical short in a back porch lighting fixture.
Odom put on his air pack, and the family pointed to the room where the two small dogs were kept.	"I then did chest compressions simi- lar to that of infant CPR. After ap- proximately one minute of doggie	Damages were estimated at about \$3,000.

THE BEST PLACE TO BURY A DOG

"There is one best place to bury a dog.

"If you bury him in this spot, he will come to you when you call - come to you over the grim, dim frontier of death, and down the well-remembered path, and to your side again.

"And though you call a dozen living dogs to heel, they shall not growl at him, nor resent his coming, for he belongs there. "People may scoff at you, who see no lightest blade of grass bent by his footfall, who hear no whimper, people who may never really have had a dog. Smile at them, for you shall know something that is hidden from them, and which is well worth the knowing.

"The one best place to bury a good dog is in the heart of his master."

--- Ben Hur Lampman --from the Portland Oregonian Sept. 11, 1925

LUCKY ADOPTERS

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



Meka (formerly Koya). I love it here, especially when it gets cold and it snows. My best friend is Emma, a German Shepard Bill and Paula adopted from the Toronto humane society a couple of years ago. Bill and Paula don't know what I had to go through with my previous owners so they kindly give me a lot of slack. I am continuing to come out of my shell but I know I am in my forever home, and thankful to be here. Well, I have to go now, daddy's going to take me and Emma for a walk.



It's now over a year since we adopted **Kenai**. He has settled in well to the family, is very comfortable and no longer has to be crated when we leave. He's a happy boy and always greets us at the door with a smile. He adored his Christmas where Santa brought him toys and a huge bone. He also took care of the Christmas ham bone and made sure he took care of his Christmas doggie cookies. This is his first Christmas picture with Santa where he showed off his adorable baby blues. When we took him to the mall everyone stopped to pet him and were so interested in the breed. We always get the "look a sled dog" or "look there is a wolf". He gets so much attention wherever he goes, and he does not mind it at all.



Juneau (formerly Milan) is a gem. We took her on a sponsored walk and then breakfast. She was so well behaved. She has settled in well and is displaying her own personality. She's growing so fast I can't give her enough food. She is a dog vacuum cleaner - I have to watch her like a hawk as she loves all sorts of stuff from the garden. She gets on well with her new pack members, Sascha and Kodiak. Of course we are spoiling her, can't help it.



What a joy it's been getting to know Miss **Pandora**! We've never had such a warm and friendly rescue pet right out of the gate. She constantly amazes us with her inquisitive spirit and sense of adventure. We took her on a recent camping trip and what a success. Now she can't wait for our summer adventure into New England and Canada. There isn't a person we meet who isn't awed by her beauty – but as Husky owners – we are used to that! We can't thank the rescue enough for the care they provided and the match they made for us!

P.S. She sleeps in the strangest position we've ever seen...



Much ado about doo. Snohomish County spends \$475k to educate the public So far, officials spent some of the on pooch poop

Everett Herald story about 126,000 dogs in Snohomish County that create the sewage equivalent of 32,000 humans, and what government is doing about it.

"This is essentially the equivalent of the human waste of the city of Lynnwood or Bothell dumped in back yards every day," said Kathy Thornburgh, a county water and habitat sciences supervisor.

It's a big problem that county officials have spent four years studying. Clean water experts say streams are suffering whenever a dog's business isn't cleaned up, and the county is

wrapping up a \$475,000 campaign It's an important topic. It's also one in on how to solve the problem.

money trying to block animal waste help choose the best euphemisms for from running into county streams.

Other money is being spent on education and on study and experimentation to find the right way to persuade homeowners with pets to "scoop the poop, bag it and put it in the trash."

Last week, the county approved a final \$15,000 contract for a phone survey to find out if dog owners are remembering the county's message.

If people are changing their ways, "we'll start to see declines in bacteria "We ended up with 'poop,'" Ward contamination in streams. That's the point of all this," said Dave Ward, a county watershed expert.

which county government must tread carefully, Ward said. So clean water specialists asked a group of people to droppings, to plop their message on official posters and mailings.

Out of a hundred possibilities, they laughed too much at "land mines," "poodle patties" and "jobbers," which didn't seem appropriate for serious government communications.

"Manure" was too agricultural, "Tootsie Rolls" would rile copyright lawyers, and "stool" and "fecal" matter were too medical, too technical.

said. "It was a funny exercise. We're just trying to use language that people are comfortable with so the message doesn't get tuned out."

FOUR FEET

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

Day after day, the whole day through--Wherever my road inclined--

Four-Feet said, 'I am coming with you!' And trotted along behind.

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

--- Rudyard Kipling ---

Dog Myths

Forget what you think you know about canine health & behavior. by Marry Sorensen

Dogs see only in black and white

Seeing the world through your dog's eyes is not as simple as renting an old black-and-white movie. The canine eye contains a variety of photoreceptors, or light detectors, that allow the animal to see. Some are shaped like rods, some like cones. Cone-shaped photoreceptors are the basis for color vision. Because dogs' eyes have significantly more rods than cones, researchers once believed dogs saw only in black and white. Research conducted in the 1980s at the University of California at Santa Barbara indicated otherwise: The studies revealed dogs could distinguish between a red ball and a blue ball, white light and colored lights, and closely related hues of violet and blue. They cannot make a distinction between colors from greenish yellow through orange and red. As more research is done, our limited understanding of canine vision is sure to shift again.

SPECIAL HUSKY EVENTS

Get Rescued in Gulfport 2008 Festival Saturday, March 1, 2008

Here are some pictures of the "Get Rescued in Gulfport" event. Thank you to everyone that attended; George, Charlene and Mark, Carolyn D., Ginger, Amy F., Lou and Dawn, Chris R., and Sheva's (now Sara) new Mom, Cathy. We couldn't have done it without all of you, and it wouldn't have been as much fun!

It was a great event with a lot of other rescues, the day was beautiful, there was music playing and a lot of great dogs. We made money selling things and we had a couple of people that sounded like they were serious about fostering or adopting. All in all it was a very good time. I hope we can do it again next year.

Enjoy the pictures, Thanks again,

Celeste



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.



A bone to the dog is not charity. Charity is the bone shared with the dog, when you are just as hungry as the dog. Jack London (1876 - 1916)