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FROM THE SHRF BOARD

Hello SHRF friends! Well, it hasn't been much of a winter this season. We believe our Huskies would have preferred some cooler weather though.

This year has been busy already with several events, being interviewed and photographed in the Tampa Bay Times, and our annual board meeting, as well as a meeting with our various coordinators that took place. We elected in our officers (listed below), discussed items such as the past year and ways we can improve, defining and changing job responsibilities, as well as new ideas for fundraising. We have such a great team and glad to have expanded with some new coordinators as well as continue with our experienced board members and coordinators.

This year's 16th Annual Husky Olympics turned out successful, as always. The weather was questionable, but it ended up holding out for us. We were sorry we missed seeing some of you and your fur-kids but were happy to meet new friends (human and Husky). This year we had Doggie Cakes attend, providing free samples and selling some of their yummy homemade goodies. The

Huskies loved this! We had some great silent auction items and drawing prizes. The cash winner of the 50/50 drawing received \$132! Check out photos of the day in this issue. Thanks to everyone that volunteered or helped out in other ways to make the Olympics a wonderful event!

If you haven't done so already, please don't forget to join us on Facebook, <http://www.facebook.com/SiberianHuskyRescueFlorida>. In addition to our website, this is a great way to keep up with what's going on with SHRF. We continue our plea for foster homes. Without foster homes, we have no place for Huskies in need of rescue at shelters. By sharing our information with others, you are helping to promote our rescue, which can benefit us in many ways.

Hope to see some of you at events!

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"If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went."

Will Rogers, 1897-1935

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From the Editors Bob & Lorraine

There's an article on page 5 of this newsletter about a Texas appeals court that found for dog owner plaintiffs that dogs have a sentimental value. This goes against long held law that dogs (and other *Familiaris* pets, e.g. cats) are merely personal property with no particular value except possibly replacement cost.

A lifelong multiple dog owner such as myself knows that, intrinsically, this is not true. In the vast majority of cases, dogs are an integral part of the family and to lose such a close family member is as heart wrenching as the loss of any family member.

Despite the almost universal knowledge that dogs are family members, the various veterinary medical associations, the AKC and many other pet industry organizations, including pet food manufacturers have all come out against this ruling. Their basic reasoning is that, in my words, it will force veterinarians, animal shelters et al to have malpractice insurance, which will raise the cost of veterinary care and put the costs of pet ownership out of reach of the lower and middle class families. This in turn will lower the demand for pet related items, food, accessories, etc. thus bringing the pet food and pet accessory manufacturers into the argument.

In my opinion, all this is smoke and mirrors so the veterinarians and animal control shelters and others can ply their trade with no worry that any incompetence on their part can "come

back to bite them", so to speak.

I am not particularly faulting their logic, their basic premise can be applied to humans too and we all know how expensive health care has become for us. Wait until you see how costly it will get if the Supreme Court rules for the Administration.

My argument lies somewhere in between. While I don't think the veterinarians and others need to carry expensive malpractice insurance, there ought to be some middle ground that acknowledges some sort of recoverable monetary value to the loss of a beloved animal. We could start out that, if determined to be negligent in an animal's death, the offending organization would pay for the burial or cremation of the pet, maybe a memorial plaque – possibly the cost of a rescue organizations adoption fee for a new pet, you get the idea.

My opinion in this matter has its foundation in my personal loss of two Huskies over the past 25+ years, both as a result of "complications" from "successful" surgeries. In both cases the attitude of the veterinarians was that of "Oh well, these things happen; there's still \$2239 left on your bill, may we have your credit card number please?" I would have been satisfied with a letter of sympathy but I didn't even get that.

Bob

Editorial opinion pieces by Bob and Lorraine reflect the opinion of the writers only and are not necessarily the opinion of Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida, Inc nor its Board of Directors and volunteers.

"In order to really enjoy a dog, one doesn't merely try to train him to be semi-human. The point of it is to open oneself to the possibility of becoming partly a dog."

- - - Edward Hoagland "Dogs and the Tug of Life"



Another reason dogs rule: They know what you're thinking

By Linda Carroll

Crystal Knode says her Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Rachel, shown with her 15-year-old daughter, Alex, pays close attention to the family and

"anticipates what is going to happen."

Scientists have finally proven what every dog owner knows – our canine friends read our facial expressions like dedicated detectives.

Dogs don't just depend on verbal commands to figure out what we want, a new study shows. Instead, they look into our eyes and try to guess what we're up to, according to the study published in *Current Biology*.

Hungarian researchers showed that dogs will even follow our gaze if we make eye contact with them first.

This study "reveals that dogs are receptive to human communication in a manner that was previously only attributed only to 6-month-old human infants," said study co-author Jozsef Topal a researcher at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

Topal and his colleagues studied 29 canines. The dogs were shown a movie of a woman who sometimes would stare straight at the dog and call out to him and then turn her head to stare at an object next to her. The other times the woman would just turn her head and stare at the object.

For the most part, dogs who were addressed both through eye contact and with a verbal greeting tended to follow the gaze of the woman in the movie. When no eye contact was made, the dogs didn't follow the gaze of the woman.

There have been similar experiments in babies, Topal said. And the dogs are behaving just as 6-month-olds do. The new findings come as no surprise to Crystal Knode, a 51-year-old legal secretary from San Jose, Calif. Her 9-year-old Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Rachel, is always observing [family](#) members' body language and facial expressions.

"She anticipates what is going to happen," Knode said. "She watches and takes cues to figure out what I'm going to do and what I'm not going to do. Dogs are very attuned to body language and hand motions."

Topal is convinced that the dogs' behavior is something that has been bred into the species over its long partnership with humanity.

"Dogs have evolved to sharing their lives with humans," Topal said. "And they gained new skills that support their social interaction with humans."

Deleta Jones isn't buying that analysis. She thinks this is just the way dogs interact – whether it's with a human or another dog.

"When they learn verbal commands, they are learning a foreign language," said the 48-year-old dog trainer from Hollister, Calif. "Dogs normally speak through body language and facial expression. It's more natural to them."

"If you've ever watched dogs at a dog park, you've seen it. Within 30 seconds of the time they enter the park a huge amount of information has passed back and forth between the new dog and the ones already in the park. They're exchanging looks, observing eyes and body posture. In seconds they know who is dominant and who is submissive."

That skill just transfers to relationships with their owners, Jones said. "If people are upset and crying the dog sees the upset facial expression and also smells the adrenaline," she added. "Dogs read all of that."

So ultimately, babies, until they develop language, are using a communication system that all social animals do. Later on, they'll lean more heavily on the spoken word, while dogs, cats and horses will continue to rely on body language.

People sometimes forget that body language is the more natural mode of communication for their pets, Knode said. If you really want to have a conversation with your pet, tune in to their language, she says.

"You have to try to communicate on their level, what they understand," Knode said. "They have their own language and you just have to try to communicate and think as they would think."

PETA 'killed more than 95 per cent of adoptable dogs and cats in its care last year' shocking new report says

In 2011, government report obtained by nonprofit organization claims 1,911 animals killed Only 34 adopted in same time span

By [Daily Mail Reporter](#)

Last updated at 6:50 PM on 26th February 2012

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals killed more than 95 per cent of animals in its care last year at a Virginia shelter, a shocking new report states.

The report, released by non-profit consumer group, claims that PETA - which is known for its outspoken stance on animal rights - were responsible for the deaths of nearly 2,000 adoptable animals last year alone.

The records also show that the animal-rights organization has killed more than 27,000 animals at its headquarters in Norfolk, Virginia since 1998.



Slumdogs: More than 1,900 cats, dogs, and other animals were put down at the Norfolk, Virginia PETA shelter last year alone, a report says.

Only 3,159 animals, mostly dogs and cats, were adopted in that time.

Records from the Virginia Department of Agriculture obtained through public records by the Centre for Consumer Freedom show figures that are quite contrary to PETA's mission.

Records from 2011 alone state that of the 1,992 cats and

dogs received, 34 were transferred, and 24 were adopted.

The remaining 1,911 were put down, the report states.

'PETA hasn't slowed down its slaughterhouse operation,' CCF executive director Rick Berman said. 'It appears PETA is more concerned with funding its media and advertising antics than finding suitable homes for these dogs and cats.'

The organization also runs the website [PETAKillsanimals.com](#), which details their claims into the organisation's seemingly shady operations.

More than 4 million animals are killed annually at shelters across the nation, citing unsustainable cost of caring for unwanted creatures and space limitations.

PETA said in an April 2011 interview with Newsweek that the 'no-kill' policy simply wasn't possible. 'We would rather offer these animals a painless death than have them tortured, starved, or sold for research,' Daphna Nachminovitch told the magazine.

'Despite its \$37.4million budget, PETA employees make little effort to find homes for the thousands of animals they kill every year.'

-Centre for Consumer Freedom Report

However, humane societies in Nevada have successfully run 'no-kill' shelters. Bonney Brown, who is executive director of the Nevada Humane Society told Newsweek that with the help of more volunteers, 2007 became their first no-kill year.

PETA media liaison Jane Dollinger told The Daily Caller via email that most animals that fall into the Norfolk centre's care are 'somehow unadoptable.'

While she did not dispute the claims, she qualified that many animals were killed because of 'injury, illness, age, aggression, or because no good homes exist for them.'

The report by CCF implies that laziness, and not a lack of funding or volunteers, is to blame for the death rate.

The report states: 'Despite its \$37.4million budget, PETA employees make little effort to find homes for the thousands of animals they kill every year.'

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.

Texas court says pet dog has sentimental value

By R. Scott Nolen



Reinterprets precedent in light of pets' 'special position' in family

A Texas appellate court recently ruled that state law entitles the owners of a wrongfully euthanized dog to recover "sentimental" or "intrinsic" damages from a defendant for the loss of the pet.

The decision by Fort Worth's 2nd Court of Appeals overturning a lower court's dismissal of the case is a novel interpretation of a 120-year-old precedent from the Texas Supreme Court holding that plaintiffs could recover only an animal's market value.

"Dogs are unconditionally devoted to their owners. Today, we interpret timeworn supreme court law in light of subsequent court law to acknowledge that the special value of 'man's best friend' should be protected," according to the 2nd Court's opinion, issued Nov. 3, 2011.

Proponents of sentimental damages for pet loss consider the Texas court's decision to be a recognition of the importance of animals in modern society. But critics argue that the liability associated with such emotional pain and suffering claims would send the costs of pet services skyrocketing and ultimately harm animals by making veterinary care unaffordable for many pet owners.

The Texas VMA and AVMA, along with several pet-related industry associations, have filed briefs with the

2nd Court requesting the court reconsider its decision. "If this becomes the law of the land, it will lead to higher costs to own a pet, disproportionately hurting middle-class and low-income pet owners. Who will pay for those higher damage awards? The rest of us pet owners, of course," said Adrian Hochstadt, AVMA assistant director of state legislative and regulatory affairs. "The obvious consequences will include fewer people being able to own pets and, unfortunately, more animal abandonment."

The case stems from a lawsuit brought by Kathryn and Jeremy Medlen against Carla Strickland. Around June 2, 2009, the Medlen's dog Avery escaped from their backyard and was picked up by animal control. Jeremy went to the animal shelter to retrieve Avery but didn't have enough money with him to pay the fees. He was told he could return for the dog June 10, and a "hold for owner" tag was placed on Avery's cage.

On June 6, Strickland, a shelter employee, made a list of animals that would be euthanized the following day. She put Avery on the list, despite the "hold for owner" tag, and the dog was euthanized the next day. When the Medlens returned to claim Avery, they learned what had happened.

The Medlens sued Strickland to recover Avery's sentimental or intrinsic value, because the dog had little or no market value. Strickland objected on the grounds that such damages are not recoverable for a dog's death. The trial judge agreed and ordered the Medlens to amend their pleadings for a claim recognized by law. The Medlens did so but reasserted they were seeking damages for Avery's "intrinsic value" only. Strickland objected again, the trial judge dismissed the lawsuit, and the Medlens appealed to the 2nd Court.

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For the fifth year in succession I have pored over the catalogue of dogs in the show at Madison Square Garden without finding a dog named Rover, Towser, Sport, Spot or Fido.

Who is the man who can call from the back door at night: "Here, Champion Alexander of Clane o' Wind-Holme! Here, Champion Alexander of Clane o' Wind-Holme"?

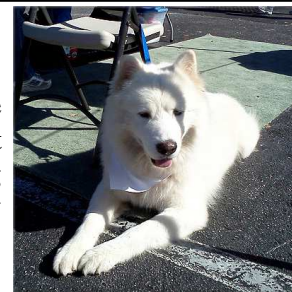
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Rally for Rescue



January 21st at Pet Supplies Plus in Pinellas Park. Several rescues were there and it was a great turn out. We enjoyed some beautiful weather that day. Timber enjoyed all kinds of attention from everyone. Calvin hung around relaxing taking it all in. Former rescue Husky Lilli (previously Bella I) visited with passers by as well.



Oldsmar Flea Market

February 18 - 19

SHRF attended Oldsmar Flea Market utilizing the booth of Sonny Harris, an advocate for saving animals. It was a busy weekend with lots of visitors stopping by to talk to us and to give the huskies attention. On the 18th Calvin, Sage, and Timber had their moment of fame when we had a Tampa Bay Times reporter interview us and took lots of photos of the three adoptable huskies. Online article is below.



<http://www.tampabay.com/news/humaninterest/saving-animals-is-legacy-of-oldsmar-flea-markets-circus-veteran/1216460>

On the 19th, Sage and Timber hung out again after knowing the routine from the previous day.



Get Rescued in Gulfport

February 25

SHRF attended one of the biggest rescue events of the year, Get Rescued in Gulfport. It was the 8th annual event and it was a fun street party with crowds of people walking through the street visiting the various rescues, vendors, and organizations that attended.



Sage and Timber represented SHRF well, bringing in lots of people to say hello. It was a long day for them and the volunteers. Of course they were rewarded throughout the day with yummy treats.

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

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Pookie's Rescue Fest

Jan. 28, 2012

Pookie's hosted its 4th annual fundraiser and adoption day to benefit local non-profit animal rescue groups.



2012 Iditarod Champion Youngest Winner Ever



By KBJR News 1 March 14, 2012

Nome, Alaska (Northland's NewsCenter) --- Crossing the finish line in Nome, Alaska after 9 days, 4 hours, 29 minutes and 26 seconds, Dallas Seavey of Willow, Alaska is the youngest person to win the Iditarod.

Seavey entered into Nome and crossed under the burly arch at 7:29pm Tuesday night with 9 dogs on his team. At 25 years old, Seavey is the youngest person to win the 1,112 mile dog mushing race. Seavey turned 25 while he was on the Iditarod trail.

For the first place win, Seavey will bank \$50,400 and the keys to a new truck from Anchorage Chrysler Dodge.

Seavey comes from a long line of dog mushers with his father and grandfather racing in the Iditarod this year with him. Seavey's father won the Iditarod back in 2004.

So far 11 mushers have crossed the finish line and 43 are still on the trail.

Posted to the web by Krista Burns

Your Best Friend

"The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is the dog.

A man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he may be near his master's side.

He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer; he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world.

He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces, he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey thru the heavens."

A Dog Poem By: Senator George Vest - 1870

Studies delve into origins of domestic dog



New studies have delved into the origins of domestic dogs and of modern European and American breeds.

Chinese researchers led a new study suggesting that domestic dogs originated from wolves in Southeast Asia, not the Middle East or Europe. The study appeared as a Nov. 23, 2011, advance online publication in the journal *Heredity*.

Analysis of mitochondrial DNA has suggested that wolf domestication occurred in Asia south of the Yangtze River. Previous studies involving archaeological records and analysis of single nucleotide polymorphisms in nuclear DNA suggested that wolf domestication occurred in Europe or the Middle East, but the authors of the new study in *Heredity* state that these data sets lack data from Asia south of the Yangtze.

The new study analyzed nearly 15,000 base pairs of Y-chromosome DNA from 151 dogs from around the world. The authors found the highest genetic diversity among dogs from Asia south of the Yangtze, leading them to conclude that the region was the principal and possibly the sole region of wolf domestication.

Researchers from the University of California-Davis led another new study suggesting that dogs from Southeast Asia influenced modern European and American breeds much more than ancient Western or Middle Eastern dogs did. The study appeared Dec. 14, 2011, in the online journal *PLoS One*.

The researchers analyzed Y-chromosome and mitochondrial DNA from nine wild canids, 480 village dogs from the Middle East and Southeast Asia, 15 Australian dingoes, 45 desert-bred Salukis, and 93 dogs from 35 additional breeds or mixtures of breeds. The analysis suggested a surprising, substantial, and recent influence of Southeast Asian dogs in the creation of Western breeds.

Dr. Nicholas Dodman, Animal Behaviorist
Animal Planet TV, Dogs 101—referring to Siberian Huskies

“... and they are a real ‘dog of a dog’, not a toy dog, not a pretend dog. This is a real dog.”

WEB SITES THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

Dog playing piano and singing

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Zz3K7Pt0rE&feature=share>

Husky lost three days reunited with sister

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWmGsjWlcvA>

One happy dog

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YmXdRXqv8>

Dog vs. Leaves

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jos9qwMUdbM&feature=player_embedded

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In responding to the appeal, Strickland referred the 2nd Court to Heiligmann v. Rose, an 1891 case that she contended demonstrates Texas law treats dogs differently than other personal property. In that case, the Texas Supreme Court awarded damages to the owners of three dogs poisoned by Heiligmann. The court ruled a dog's value may be determined by "either a market value, if the dog has any, or some special or pecuniary value to the owner, that may be ascertained by reference to the usefulness and services of the dog." Several courts of appeals have reaffirmed that decision, Strickland added.

The Medlens argued that the Texas Supreme Court has repeatedly held that when personal property has little or no market value, damages can be awarded on the basis of the property's intrinsic or sentimental value. The Medlens asked the court to apply that same standard to Avery, because they valued the dog's companionship, which they contend they have been denied on account of alleged negligence.

The 2nd Court agreed and remanded the case to the trial court. Justice Lee Gabriel, joined by the two other judges on the panel, stated the court is "duty-bound" to interpret Heiligmann in light of subsequent supreme court decisions that have developed the law concerning intrinsic value damages.

Heiligmann, Gabriel wrote, does not say special value is derived solely from a dog's usefulness or services, nor does it state what should be considered when assessing that value. "It certainly did not rule out companionship or sentimental value," the justice wrote,

adding, "We believe that the special value alluded to by the Heiligmann court may be derived from the attachment that an owner feels for his pet."

The 2nd Court held that logically it did not make sense to award sentimental damages for certain types of personal property, such as family letters and photographs, but not for a pet dog. "According to Strickland's position, intrinsic damages could be awarded for a sentimental photograph of a family and its dog, but not the dog itself," Gabriel wrote.

The justice called Heiligmann "ahead of its time" for recognizing that dogs "were of special value to the owner," a value the 2nd Court holds to be greater than market value. "Because of the special position pets hold in the family, we see no reason why existing law should not be interpreted to allow recovery in the loss of a pet at least to the same extent as other personal property," Gabriel wrote.

Strickland is appealing the Texas court's decision. In a brief petitioning the justices to reverse themselves, the American Kennel Club, The Cat Fanciers' Association, Animal Health Institute, American Pet Products Association, and Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council say the verdict "isolates the Second Court of Texas in American jurisprudence and ... violated Texas Supreme Court law."

A consequence of the conflicting Texas court opinions is that the true worth of pets is unclear, according to Hochstadt, and he expects the state supreme court will consider the case to resolve the matter. Otherwise, he predicts the state legislature will want to pass legislation clarifying the issue.

Little Harold was practicing the violin in the living room while his father was trying to read in the den. The family dog was lying in the den, and as the screeching sounds of little Harold's violin reached his ears, he began to howl loudly.

The father listened to the dog and the violin as long as he could. Then he jumped up, slammed his paper to the floor and yelled above the noise, "For Pete's sake, can't you play something the dog doesn't know?!"



Cuddling dying pets gives owners scary infections

By JoNel Aleccia



It's rare, but some pet owners have contracted life-threatening infections from caring closely for their animals at the end of life, a report shows.

Comforting dying pets through their last days turned out to be dangerous for animal owners who wound up with life-threatening infections from the close contact, a new report finds.

A dog owner who licked honey from the dropper she used to feed her pooch, and two cat owners who cuddled and kissed their kitties for days were hospitalized with respiratory illnesses linked to common bacteria the pets harbor in their mouths.

The case studies, reported in the latest issue of the journal *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, highlight the rare hazards of animal intimacy in a country where nine in 10 owners regard pets as members of the family, says the study's lead author.

"I suspect this happens more often than we know," said Dr. Joseph Myers, chairman of the department of medicine at Summa Akron City Hospital in Akron, Ohio. "It'll put it on the radar so that doctors will ask about it."

Myers believes he's the first to report cases of *Pasteurella multocida* infections associated with palliative care by owners of dying pets. It's rare, of course, but it was striking to encounter three such incidents all within a year, he said.

Typically, *P. multocida* bacteria live in the mouths of 80 percent of cats and about 60 percent of dogs, Myers said. The bacteria lurk in the oral cavities of many wild and domesticated animals. They're usually passed along through bites, scratches or other unfriendly behavior, and are the most common cause of skin infections from such animal-related injuries.

It's not clear exactly how many infections occur each year, though health experts at the University of California at Los Angeles note that only about 5 percent of dog bites and 30 percent of cat bites become infected.

The infections can occur through normal affectionate interaction with animals, the routine licking or kissing that some pets and owners can't resist, Myers said. Babies, the elderly and people with compromised immune systems are most at risk because their immune systems can't fight infections as well.

In the cases of the three pet owners in the study, all women in their 50s or 60s, they were previously healthy, but Myers suspects that the sustained close contact simply increased their chances of infection.

The bacteria targeted their respiratory tracts, attacking one woman's epiglottis, another's uvula and the lungs of the third.

They showed up at hospital emergency rooms reporting fever, chills, sore and swollen throats and difficulty swallowing and breathing. Quick administration of antibiotics helped, and all three got better within days.

The tricky part was figuring out what caused the unusual bacterial infections. It took careful questioning on the part of doctors to determine that the transmission had come through such close pet care. The pet owners weren't available for interviews, but Myers' study offered details of how they likely became sick.

In the case of the dog, "the patient had co-consumed honey with the dog by licking the same dropper used to comfort-feed the dog," the report said.

Another patient "continuously held, caressed, hugged and kissed her cat during the last seven days of its life." The third "had provided palliative care to her dying cat by holding, hugging and kissing the head of the cat and allowing the cat to lick her hands and arms."

That doesn't surprise Anthony J. Smith, a veterinarian who runs Rainbow Bridge Vet Services, a pet hospice and palliative services business in Hercules, Calif.

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**"If you don't own a dog, at least one, there is not necessarily anything wrong with you, but there may be something wrong with your life."
Roger Caras, *A Celebration of Dogs***

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In a country where two-thirds of households have pets and nine in 10 owners say they regard them as family members, according to a 2011 Harris poll, it makes sense to care for the animals at the end of life.

More pet owners -- Smith calls them "pet parents" -- are seeking to make their pets' deaths more comfortable and meaningful, even when they can't prevent them.

"There's a general increase in the closeness between people and their pets," said Smith, who treated 1,000 pet clients in the past two years.

"They're wanting the same kind of services that they want for their human family members."

Smith, who helped co-found the International Association of Animal Hospice and Palliative Care, un-

derstands the urge to closely care for pets and he doesn't want people to avoid physical contact with their animals. Still, he advises common sense.

"When you start licking your cat or dog or you start sharing utensils with your dog, you put yourself at risk for those things," he said. "Those probably weren't the best ideas from a human health perspective."

Myers, the doctor who wrote the study, agreed. "I would not recommend that."

But even Myers admitted the cases haven't altered how he cares for his three dogs.

Would it have changed the behavior of the women who got sick?

"I don't think so," Myers said. "These pets are so ingrained into the family."

More dogs sick as FDA steps up scrutiny of chicken jerky pet treats

By JoNel Aleccia

Government health officials have received more than 500 reports since November of illnesses in dogs who ate chicken jerky pet treats.

Amid reports of more than 500 dogs sickened by chicken jerky pet treats imported from China, government health officials are ramping up port inspections for dangerous toxins.

Food and Drug Administration officials have begun collecting and testing chicken jerky treats upon import, analyzing samples for evidence of melamine and melamine analogs and diethylene glycol, chemicals used in plastics and resins, a spokeswoman said.

Melamine-tainted imported pet food sickened and killed thousands of dogs and cats in the U.S. in 2007, leading to massive recalls and criminal indictments of Chinese and American pet food executives.

So far, FDA officials have found no evidence of harmful levels of melamine or other substances in the chicken jerky treats, said spokeswoman Tamara Ward. But the agency has increased its surveillance of the products, even as repeated chemical and microbial tests have failed to reveal a source for illnesses that continue to mount.

FDA now has received 537 reports of illnesses in dogs, including 467 reports since it issued a renewed warning about chicken jerky treats from China in November. That number includes 353 reports logged in 2011 and 184 submitted so far this year, Ward said.

Pet owners and veterinarians are reporting that animals have been stricken with a range of symptoms within hours or days of eating chicken jerky treats, including serious problems such as kidney failure and Fanconi syndrome, a condition marked by low blood sugar.

The illnesses appear tied to imported Chinese chicken jerky products, also sold as chicken tenders, chicken strips or chicken treats.

FDA scientists have worked for months to detect a source of illnesses, Ward said. Samples have been tested for drugs, poisons and mycotoxins, as well as for heavy metals and certain chemicals.

Still, the source of the problem remains a mystery and no specific brands or products have been named or recalled in connection with the illnesses, FDA officials said.

The November warning was the agency's third alert about chicken jerky treats in four years. Previous cautions were issued in 2007 and 2008. In 2007, 156 reports of dog illnesses tied to chicken jerky were logged, but the number fell sharply, to just 41 in 2008, according to FDA reports.

SHRF UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUND RAISERS

2nd Quarter 2012 Upcoming Events

- Apr 14th — **PetSmart Citrus Park** 10 AM - 2 PM
12835 Citrus Plaza Dr, Tampa, FL 33625
- Apr 28th — **PetSmart Countryside** 10 AM - 2 PM
26277 US Hwy 19 N, Clearwater, FL
- May 6th — **Pet Supplies Plus** 11 AM - 2 PM
7331 Park Blvd, Pinellas Park
- May 12th — **PetSmart Citrus Park** 10 AM - 2 PM
12835 Citrus Plaza Dr, Tampa, FL 33625
- May 19th — **PetSmart on Tyrone Blvd** 10 AM - 2 PM
3993 Tyrone Blvd., St Petersburg
- May 26th — **PetSmart Countryside** 10 AM - 2 PM
26277 US Hwy 19 N, Clearwater, FL
- Jun 9th — **PetSmart Citrus Park** 10 AM - 2 PM
12835 Citrus Plaza Dr, Tampa, FL 33625
- Jun 10th — **Pet Supplies Plus** 11 AM - 2 PM
7331 Park Blvd, Pinellas Park
- Jun 19th — **PetSmart on Tyrone Blvd** 10 AM - 2 PM
3993 Tyrone Blvd., St Petersburg
- Jun 23rd — **PetSmart Countryside** 10 AM - 2 PM
26277 US Hwy 19 N, Clearwater, FL

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

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

CHECK OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR EVENTS UPDATES!

"If you pick up a starving Dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you.

This is the principal difference between a dog and a man..."

Mark Twain

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2012 Husky Olympics Award Winners



BANDIT
Best in Show

BANDIT
Best Trick



SKYLAR
Curliest Tail

BANDIT
Fastest Cookie
Bobber



KEISER
Best Howler

THOR
Best Kisser



CUBBY BEAR
Hairiest

YUKON
Prettiest Eyes



SHEEBA
Best High Jump

Inscription on the Monument of a Newfoundland Dog

Near this spot are deposited the remains of one who possessed Beauty without Vanity, Strength without Insolence, Courage without Ferocity, and all the Virtues of Man, without his Vices. This Praise, which would be unmeaning Flattery if inscribed over human ashes, is but a just tribute to the Memory of Boatswain, a Dog.

~George Gordon, Lord Byron

Early signs of anxiety in dogs

McClatchy-Tribune Newspapers
Published Monday, February 27, 2012

Most dog owners can spot the well-known signs of fear in their dogs, such as pacing or tucking the tail between the legs. There are more subtle behaviors, however, that dogs display long before the obvious signs. To help keep your dog happy and comfortable, the American Kennel Club shares the early signs of anxiety. Among them:

Panting: A common misconception is that dogs pant only because they're hot. Actually, many dogs will pant when they're stressed or anxious. This happens because your dog's adrenaline is released in response to a scary situation, and his pulse quickens and his breathing speeds up.

Yawning: Dogs may yawn as a sign that they are conflicted or uncertain about the situation they're in. For example, your dog might want to jump off the groomer's table because he's anxious or afraid, but he's been trained not to do that. Yawning signifies the conflict of continuing in the uncomfortable situation.

Lip tension: Dogs often pull their lips back slightly when they're anxious. It can appear as if he's smiling or just as some creases at the corners of his mouth.

Displacement behaviors: Your dog may display inappropriate behavior because he is anxious or excited about something else. Such behaviors include your dog humping your leg when a visitor comes to the house — he is displacing his feelings about the guest arriving.

The Final Countdown

**My Shelter Days are numbered ten.
Ten more days until my end.**

**My Shelter Days are numbered eight.
Please adopt me. Change my fate.**

**My Shelter Days are numbered six.
Adopt a pet week, still no one's pick.**

**My Shelter Days are numbered four.
Four more days and then no more.**

**My Shelter Days are numbered two.
Someone will take me, I just don't know who.**

**My Shelter Days are numbered none.
I know I'm finished, then you come.**

**My Shelter Days are over, done,
Because you, my master, took me home.**

~ Courtney Bailey



Two women, who are dog owners, are arguing which dog is smarter.

First woman: My dog is so smart, every morning he waits for the paperboy to come around and then he takes a newspaper and brings it to me.

Second woman: I know.

First one: How?

Second one: My dog told me.

I have sometimes thought of the final cause of dogs having such short lives and I am quite satisfied it is in compassion to the human race; for if we suffer so much in losing a dog after an acquaintance of ten or twelve years, what would it be if they were to live double that time?

Sir Walter Scott

**Please recognize and support these great professionals who help
Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida, Inc.**



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**"The more I see of the representatives of the people, the more
I admire my dogs."**

- Alphonse de Lamartine

LUCKY ADOPTERS

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



Maverick's owner, Dave, rhetorically wonders if "Mav" is getting comfortable in his new home.



Update on **Scout** (formerly **Lion**).

It's been over three months and every day he gets better. He is starting to fit right in with the pack. He is a joy to have in our home. At times he is just so funny on the things he does. He knows sit, paw and lay down. He eats well. He is still a little rough



playing with Iciss, but he is getting better. We love him, he is a part of our family. I hope the rescue got the Petsmart gift card I sent at Christmas time.



Stoli (formerly **Damani**) is learning his name and we are working with him on a few simple commands. He is fabulous on a social standpoint, meeting new people and small children he remains calm and very affectionate. I'd say its a match made in heaven... a very happy ending indeed... getting better every day! We are so happy.



Thank you for everything...



Maya is doing well. At her last weigh in at the vet she was around 50 lbs and very healthy. She is at the top of her obedience school class, and loves to be outdoors playing with her sister, or me. She has shown some natural talent for fetching, and mischief. At night she likes to snuggle up close to me on the couch to watch TV with the family. We've only had her a few weeks, but we can't remember when we didn't have her. She was exactly what we all needed, and she makes our family feel whole again. We love our "Maya Moose" ~ Rick



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

~ Unknown

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



Luna (formerly **Malina**), she has become an amazing addition to our family. As much research as we did on Husky temperament, loyalty, and habits, we never could have imagined what an immediate and profound effect she would have on our lives. We often joke that it is like having a new baby around again, especially when we are dealing with wake up and going to bed rituals, feeding times, obedience training, and stubborn "puppy time". We can't believe how we can just sit and stare at her whether she is laying down while we are watching TV, sleeping after a long walk, or just giving us that "wolf like" stare when she lowers her head. All four of the kids and my wife's 84-year-old mother love Luna. She is the most patient and loving dog I have ever known when it comes to meeting new people, new dogs, or dealing with new situations.

She always seems to know how hard to play or act depending on whomever is with her.

Luna and I walk or jog a couple of times a day between three and six miles. It has taken some time to get her to walk loose on her leash and heel, but she gets better every day. She loves her rides in the car and we take her with us everywhere possible. On long rides, she falls asleep very quickly and on short ones, she loves looking out the window. We have found a few restaurants near home that allow a dog if you eat outside, so we find ourselves choosing these places more often than not.

We couldn't be more happy that we were able to adopt Luna from Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida. Everyone we dealt with, specifically Janet and Judy (Malina's foster home), were extremely helpful and accommodating throughout the adoption process. Even though we were all the way in South Florida, Janet helped get us through the adoption application process very quickly. Judy was wonderful from start to finish, making sure that we knew everything there was to know about Malina, even her quirks and puppy behavior. She made it easy to schedule our first visit and pick up time for the following day. She even passed along her harness, her favorite toys, and puppy food.

It is very clear that your organization works very hard to help and place Huskies in the best homes possible. We, of course, are very happy that we made the cut.

Thank you for everything.



"Toby"

is a gorgeous medium-size mixbreed. She has a lush tan, black and red coat and tipped ears. She is a smart, 7-month-old pup who is ready for training. Toby is looking forward to Younker's Charity Night on Nov. 14th.



"Smokey"

is a lovely, long haired kitten. Her soft coat is tan, gray and white. She's a sweet 4-month-old cuddles and purrs. Smokey is looking forward to "Breakfast with Santa" at St. Peter's Hall on Dec. 5th.

"Fauna"

is a gentle, 4-month-old kitten. She has soft, black hair with white markings and amber eyes. Fauna is a calm kitty who likes to curl up in your arms. She invites you to call the shelter for Charity Night ticket information.



"Penelope"

is a bouncy, gray and white Old English Sheepdog. This playful one-year-old is a real people dog. Her exuberance is contagious when she does her "happy dance". She's ready for a bit of training and lots of brushing.



**If my dog is
barred by the
heavenly guard**

**We'll both of us
brave the heat!**

**-W. Dayton
Wedgefarth**

From: Every Day with Rachel Ray

Jessica Gorman's Olive Oil and Bacon Truffles

Spoil your pooch with homemade treats. Always check with your vet about which foods are appropriate for you to share with your pet. Always check with your vet about which foods are appropriate for you to share with your pet.

Prep: 15 mins (plus cooling) Cook: 45 mins

Ingredients

- 1/2 pound bacon
- 3 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 cup cornmeal
- 1/4 cup beef broth
- 3/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil (EVOO)



Directions:

- Preheat the oven to 350° and line a baking sheet with foil.
- In a large skillet, cook the bacon over medium heat until crisp, about 10 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the bacon to paper towels to drain, reserving the grease. Let the bacon cool slightly, then crumble.
- In a large bowl, combine the flour, cornmeal and crumbled bacon. In a large measuring cup, stir together 1 1/3 cups warm water and the broth and pour into the dry ingredients. Add the EVOO and stir together to form a loose dough. Knead on a work surface until smooth.
- Divide the dough into balls of the appropriate size for your dog (about 1 inch for large dogs and 1/2 inch for small dogs) and set on the prepared baking sheet. Drizzle with the reserved bacon grease. Bake until firm to the touch, 35 to 45 minutes. Let cool completely.

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HUSKIES LIVE HERE

If you don't want to be greeted with paws and swinging tails don't come inside because Huskies live here.

If you don't like the feel of a cold nose or a wet tongue, don't come inside because Huskies live here.

If you don't want to step over many scattered toys, don't come inside because Huskies live here.

If you think that a home ought to smell of perfume, don't come inside because Huskies live here.

If you don't mind all of this, you will be instantly loved when you come inside, because Huskies live here.

- David Lester



Top Ten Signs Your Dog Is More Intelligent Than You

10. Neighbors complain about loud music and howling coming from your apartment in the middle of the day
9. You find mysterious sculpture of a human (who looks strikingly like you) on a leash in your living room
8. Ice floating in toilet water
7. Neighborhood cats bring dog treats to your doorstep
6. Friends swear they've seen your car at the local meat-processing plant
5. You can never find the leftovers
4. The remote is covered with slobber, and the TV was left on The Nature Channel
3. The dog doesn't lick itself anymore... now it's the cat's job.
2. Mensa mailings addressed to "Rover"
1. Your house keys no longer work

~ Author Unknown ~

HAPPY ENDINGS 1st Quarter 2012

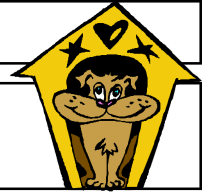


Congratulations to all of these newly adopted dogs and their families!

We truly appreciate your love and devotion to our SHRF Sibes!



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!!



Dog saves owner's life after cat starts fire

GREENVILLE, Maine — Thumper, a black Lab, is getting credit for saving a Greenville man when a fire swept through his home. When a fire started Sun-
gator believes the blaze was started when Princess, the family cat, tipped over a kerosene lantern. Cote says he and his pet

Owner finds dog 7 years after pooch vanished

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROGERS, Ark. — A dog that went missing seven years ago in northwest Arkansas soon will be reunited with her original owner after living under a pseudonym for all that time with another family in the same town.

conditioned or suitable. Sand and dirt also available. Free estimates. Call [redacted] (Feb.7-31)

HORSE, VERY PERSONABLE, half Appaloosa, half Labrador Retriever, with saddle. \$800. [redacted] (Feb.21-41)

KELLUM'S STORE, Weems. Grocery items; flea market items; good used tires, \$10.00 up. [redacted] (Jan.17-131)

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LOST: DOG - Elderly dachshund, looks like Rod Stewart, needs his meds. Lost on 3/11 night, vic. of 26th St. W. Answer to Riley. [redacted] or [redacted]

