



# Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida, Inc.

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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

Hello, everyone, I'd like to introduce myself as the 2008-2009 SHRF President. My name is Carolyn D., and I have served as the Secretary and a member of the Board of Directors of SHRF since its incorporation in 1999. I am honored to take the reins as president of this organization, although it is a responsibility I face with some trepidation. Filling the shoes of our two fantastic past-presidents, Ginger K and Peggy W is an awesome challenge. I will do my best to keep SHRF moving onward and upward as we continue our mission of saving Huskies in need. Any comments or suggestions you might have are welcomed at any time.

In April, SHRF, with the help of a Georgia rescuer, was able to accomplish a miracle, when we saved 7 very scared puppy mill dogs from euthanasia. These beautiful dogs, 5 males and 2 females, were in horrible condition – filthy and flea-infested, five had heartworms, many had ear infections, and all were completely unsocialized. Less than 15 hours after the decision was made to help these dogs, two of our volunteers were headed to Georgia to pick up these sick, frightened dogs and get them to Tampa for baths, medical care, and boarding.

Our wonderful foster families came forward to meet the challenge of giving these dogs a home and working with them to begin socialization, care for them during their heartworm treatment, and prepare them for their forever homes. The dogs are making amazing progress, and one has already been adopted.

It is this kind of teamwork among our volunteers that makes SHRF proud!

With so many people in financial distress these days due to job loss, foreclosures, and the high Carolyn D., President

cost of gas and food, SHRF receives many calls from people who can no longer care for their dogs and are looking to us for help rather than having to put their dogs in a shelter. These are heartbreaking calls, and we do what we can to help, but with a limited number of foster homes, and a lot of dogs in need, many times we can only refer these people to a no-kill shelter in their area. These are challenging times for all animal rescues and shelters.

And finally, a reminder that it is officially Hurricane Season in Florida! Be sure to make provisions to keep your pets safe in the event of a hurricane. Make sure your pets are micro-chipped and that they have current tags for proper identification. And remember – most shelters do not accept pets, so if you must evacuate, make sure your pet has a safe place to go. NEVER leave your pets behind. If your pets should get lost during a hurricane, there are special emergency hotlines you can call – The National Lost Pet Hotline is 1-900-535-1515, and The National Found Pet Hotline is 1-800-755-8111.

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

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## **From the Editors** **Bob & Lorraine**

Being close to July 4<sup>th</sup> I got thinking about the semi-annual ordeal (I'll mention why I say semi-annual a little later) Lorraine and I have to go through with all the fireworks being set off in my neighborhood. I'm sure most every dog owner goes through some similar tribulations, albeit to a greater or lesser degree, depending on how their dogs react to the noise. These occasions tend to be money makers for Veterinarians what with all the tranquilizer pills they sell.

My five Husky girls run the gamut of reactions. MacKenzie will run for our closet the second she hears even one firecracker. There are times when we are outside with her and she will hear ONE firecracker that's a good mile off and she will pull and scramble on the leash trying to get inside the house and into the closet. We have found that the best way to calm her is to put our little portable TV in the closet with her to try to distract her attention and drown out some of the noise. This seems to work pretty well.

Zoe and Layka will come over to one, or both, of us and just want to be close and petted. As long as they can curl up next to one of us they seem to handle the noise pretty well.

Chloe and Sasha are pretty much unaffected with Sasha on occasion being comfortable sitting out on the front lawn watching some of the fireworks in the sky with some weird kind of doggie interest.

Just to clear up why I said semi-annual previously is that this same scenario also occurs from around the week before Christmas to a few days after New Year's.

Every year after the Fourth of July and the New Year the newspapers are full of letters to the editor from pet owners complaining of their pet's misery and fear. Yet every year the politicians and the police continue to

ignore the fact that much of these fireworks are illegal. The current laws governing the sale and use of fireworks are a complete joke. Fireworks are bought and sold with a wink and the completion of an inane form that makes a mockery of the law. Just fill out a form that says you are going to use the fireworks to chase birds from your crops and the stuff is yours. The fact that you don't have any crops is irrelevant.

There was one year when some moron rebutted a letter to the editor from a complaining pet owner with the allegation that it was good for the strawberry growers because it kept the birds away. The fact that most of these fireworks are set off in deed restricted communities and other residential locales, far from any strawberry fields, obviously went right over this guy's head. I would suggest to him that he should move his strawberry patch to Iraq, with all the noise there think of all the strawberries he could grow.

Not to give anyone ideas but I have also been amazed that there are not more shootings committed on these days of incessant fireworks. Many of the larger explosives set off can not be distinguished from the sound of a gun.

I am prepared for this type of activity on July 4<sup>th</sup> and New Year's Eve but it is happening more and more frequently that the fireworks are being set off for a few days both prior and after the actual holiday, sometimes spanning a week or more.

Other than going to see a professional fireworks display, I am completely mystified as to what exactly making all this noise does for these individuals. Is there some primeval instinct for certain people to set off fireworks while (as I conceptualize it) repeating the phrase "Duh, go bang!!"

**Bob**

# Video played of trooper kicking dog

By Dan Kane, Staff Writer

RALEIGH - A hearing into the firing of a state trooper accused of mistreating his police dog opened today with a video of the officer kicking the dog as it was suspended from the railing of a loading dock.

The 15-second video, taken by another trooper using his cell phone, shows Sgt. Charles L. Jones kicking the dog, Ricoh, five times. The dog was tied to the railing by its leash at the time, with its front paws in the air and its rear paws touching the ground. With each kick, the dog swung about two feet under the dock.

Altogether, Trooper Raymond Herndon testified, Jones kicked the dog up to eight times. The dog, a 7-year-old Belgian Malinois, was not seriously injured.

Herndon said Jones was trying to get Ricoh to release a piece of fire hose that he was using as a toy. First, Jones swung the dog in a circle in a technique known as "helicoptering." The dog was swung in such force that it became airborne.

Herndon testified that he did not object to the helicoptering but did become concerned when Jones took Ricoh by the leash and suspended him from the railing.

"He had his back to me, and he began kicking the dog," Herndon said. He said he did not think Jones was trying intentionally to hurt the dog, and he praised Jones' skills as a dog trainer.

A second video shows the dog, still hanging from the railing, wagging its tail and watching Jones, who picked up the toy.

The dog appeared to remain loyal to Jones, Herndon said. "I think [Ricoh] wanted to go with [Jones]," he said.

Jones claims the episode on Aug. 8 was not mistreatment. He contends that he was fired summarily without due process and has appealed to get his job back. In a deposition earlier this month, a senior officer with the patrol said that Gov. Mike Easley's office pressured the agency to fire Jones.

Jones originally faced a three-day suspension, based on the first video. But patrol Captain Ken Castelloe, who was Internal Affairs director at the time, said he recommended firing Jones after reviewing the second video. He said it showed that Jones' actions were more egregious because he left the dog hanging after it had released the toy.

Castelloe and Crime Control and Public Safety Secretary Bryan Beatty testified that Easley and his staff took an immediate interest in the case. Castelloe was ordered to show the video to several Easley staffers and Beatty testified that at least twice the governor's staff told him that Easley wanted Jones dismissed from the patrol.

The patrol dismissed Jones in September, and Beatty upheld the firing. He and Castelloe said their actions were not influenced by Easley.

Jones also contends that there were no clear training procedures within the patrol for police canines. He also said that Easley, Beatty and patrol officials were over-reacting to other pressures at the time, such as the dog abuse case that sent Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick to prison, and other cases of trooper misconduct within the patrol.

The hearing is being conducted by Administrative Law Judge Fred Morrison. Jones is expected to testify, along with several Easley staff members.

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## Dog Myths

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

by *Marry Sorensen*

### To give your dog a healthy, shiny coat, feed it raw eggs.

Muscle-bound jocks once proudly swallowed raw eggs in their quest for a complete protein source. They were left with egg on their faces when researchers discovered that the protein complex avidin, which is found in egg whites, reacts with and inactivates biotin, a B-complex vitamin. Studies have shown biotin deficiencies in humans and animals that consume large amounts of raw egg whites. So, despite what your neighbor may have told you, feeding your dog a high-quality canine diet is a much more healthful way of ensuring a shiny coat. Cooked eggs pose no such danger and can be offered as an occasional treat for dogs not at risk for obesity.

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

**SHRF is proud to announce our Volunteer of the 2nd Quarter, 2008**

### Janet E

We were first introduced to Janet E when she and her husband Tony applied to adopt a Husky from our rescue. After losing their husky Sweet Mo last year, they wanted to add to their pack. They decided on Milan, now Juneau or The Babe.

Janet and Tony's love of Huskies is apparent. Juneau joined the pack Sascha and Kodiak. The pack lives gloriously in Florida but travels to their

retreat in North Carolina every few months. Both homes cater to the huskies.

After seeing the need for volunteers, Janet and Tony stepped up. Janet helps at the Petco booth in Odessa every month. She is also quite a salesperson. She sold more cookbooks than any other volunteer - over 30 books sold!

Upon learning of our need for funds, Janet coordinated a SHRF Garage sale this June. It was a three day event raising over \$700. Janet and Tony collected, priced and trans-

ported items for the sale as well as selling each day. Not an easy task in Florida in June!

But they did not stop there. Janet and Tony are now foster parents. This is a demanding job for any volunteer and we appreciate it more than words can say.

Because of all that Janet and Tony do for Huskies in need, we are honored to have them on our team.

THANKS to Janet, Tony and family. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

### A Dogs Soul

Every dog must have a soul,  
somewhere deep inside

Where all his hurts and grievances  
are buried with his pride.

Where he decides the good and  
bad, the wrong way from the right,  
And where his judgment carefully  
is hidden from our sight.

A dog must have a secret place,  
where every thought abides,

A sort of close acquaintance that he  
trusts in and confides.

And when accused unjustly for  
himself, He cannot speak,

Rebuked, He finds within his soul,  
the comfort he must seek.

He'll love, tho' he is unloved, and  
he'll serve tho' badly used,

And one kind word will wipe away  
the times when he's abused.

Altho' his heart may break in two,  
his love will still be whole,

Because God gave to every dog an  
understanding Soul!

### Dear Fellow Rescuers and Rescue Groups,

Chris Curtis of Team Stormwatch and I have accepted the honor of handling this year's Parade of Rescue dogs at the Siberian Husky Club of America's National Specialty event to be held in Gettysburg, PA on October 27 thru November 1st. The actual parade will be held on Tuesday, October 28th. This year will be exceptionally special as we fill the shoes left by Lois Leonard - who dedicated her life to saving Siberians.

If you have never attended a Rescue Parade at a National Specialty, it is worth the trip. The dog and handler enter the show ring and walk the full circle, just as a show dog does. Each dog and handler are honored with a beautiful rosette (imprinted with the dogs name) to take in the ring. While parading around, the history of the dog, it's reason for rescue, and the 'happily ever after' story are read for all to hear. I attended my first National parade last year and even after a decade of hard core rescue, I could not quell the tears at knowing what might have happened to these dogs. It was a sight to see such a proud bunch of thankful dogs and caring people strut their stuff. It is truly a magical time for all who have been involved or touched by Siberians in need. Also, all handlers will receive a bag full of dog related items to take home and share with their pet.

Additionally, SOS-SRF (Save Our Siberians - Sibernet Rescue Fund) will be celebrating their tenth anniversary of raising money to help dogs and rescue groups. A special acknowledgement will be given for all dogs helped through this fabulous organization.

Please pass along the information about this parade to your staff, volunteers, adopters, and the like and encourage them to join us all in Gettysburg. Information can be found at [www.2008shcanational.org](http://www.2008shcanational.org). If you know of a dog helped through SOS-SRF, please encourage the owner to attend, if at all possible. It would mean a lot to the folks who have worked so hard to raise money to help them.

The entry for the parade is just \$10 and we are looking for sponsors to help fill the void of expenses (ribbons, bags, catalogs, etc.). The ribbons and goody bags are only as good as the funding we can raise for them. Monetary donations would help immensely, and donations of husky/dog related items for the bags would be welcomed as well (anticipated entry of 50-60 dogs). Donation checks can be made out directly to the Siberian Husky Club of America (SHCA), earmarked RESCUE PARADE, and mailed to me at Tracie Franke, 5195 Elk Meadow Way, Deer Park, WA 99006. Any left over funds will be donated to the SHCA Rescue TRUST fund. Items for the bags can be mailed to the same address or brought to the show site to save postage (please email me ahead of time with your donation info). Please consider sponsoring a dog (or dogs) for the parade, even if you can't attend. And please help pass the word to your adopters who might join us.

Sincerely,  
Tracie Franke and Chris Curtis  
2008 National Rescue Parade Volunteers

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<http://www.thorandloki.com/spin.htm> Rescue in Montana that raises funds for its rescue work by spinning husky fur into yarn and then knitting garments with the yarn and auctioning them off.

<http://www.parade.com/features/pet-quiz/dog-quiz.html> Test your dog's IQ

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

## Investigation Reopened in Brutal Orlando Dog Shooting

**The day that Christopher Comins brutally shot Chris Butler's two huskies was just a normal day to start with. But when Chris Butler was out walking Raley and Hoochie on Monday, May 19, they got away from him and shortly thereafter the nightmare began.**

He searched for Raley and Hoochie on foot then went home and got his car to track them down. When he found them, they were in a neighboring field near some cows. They were being playful and curious as dogs can be, not chasing the cows as some initially reported. This is backed up by the video you can view below. The cows were not intimidated, running away, clustered in a tight group or showing any indications of fear.

Now, I will say that I do agree that people should have a right to protect their animals, whether it be pets or livestock, from attack. And yes, police did report that some of the witnesses did say that they thought the huskies initially were wolves. But the thing here is that the witnesses were quite a distance away, the shooter was within yards of the dogs. It's hard to mistake two playful huskies for wolves and harder to mistake playing dogs for attacking dogs.

From what I saw Christopher Comins cruelly and maliciously gunned the dogs down. One of the dogs was just sitting there, the other was trying to escape, to run toward Butler who was screaming for Comins to stop shooting. Comins looked at Butler and continued

to shoot... again and again, even when the dogs were down.

"I was running toward him and screaming, 'Please stop shooting my dogs,'" Butler said. "He knew they were my dogs. And the last shot you can see is he is walking toward me and I'm speaking to him and saying, 'Please stop shooting them.' And he turned around and shot them again."

Butler said the neighbor shot one of his dogs four times.

"He just wanted to kill them," Butler said. "That is what it boils down to. He just wanted to shoot them."

Butler said the dogs were harmless and would not have hurt anyone.

"The dogs shouldn't have been there, I know," Butler said. "I know they shouldn't have been there. But he didn't have to shoot them. They wouldn't hurt a fly. They wouldn't hurt anybody. They wouldn't hurt the cows. They were just curious and anybody who has huskies will tell you they are the most beautiful, beautiful dogs."

Authorities didn't file charges because property owners have the right to protect their animals and that's what Comins said he was doing on the behest of the property owner. He said "he fired two warning shots at the dogs and claims the dogs tried to attack him."

Comins does not own the land. The cows are owned by one person and the land by yet another. Pretty convoluted situation to start with.

At the time it was basically one person's word against another but now a video has come to light showing exactly what happened. It's been enough to cause authorities to reopen the in-

vestigation and from what I can see, it sure doesn't back up Comins' claims.

It's a fact that the dogs should not have been loose, even Chris Butler agrees but for Comins to shoot and continue to shoot, again and again, even when one dog was down and the other running away, even when Butler was screaming, makes no sense.

Also it seems Comins has a bit of a history when it comes to irresponsible and possibly even illegal gun use. Seems there was a felony arrest in his past regarding gun use.

And the cold callous disregard after the shooting, OMG! Comins just walked away as Butler was frantically trying to help his dogs. He showed no concern or consideration at all!!

You can watch the video for yourself. It's not graphic. It was shot from far enough away that you can tell what's happening, you can hear the shooting and some yelping from the dogs, but you don't see the details. Don't watch if you are sensitive!!

I, like many others, hope that law enforcement will see what we all do. This was an unwarranted and vicious attack by an armed gunman against two innocent pet dogs while many witnesses and their owner watched in horror.

If you agree after you see for yourself, then join with us and sign the petition calling felony charges to be brought against Christopher Comins for his cruel and cowardly act!

Luckily, both dogs did survive the shooting. Of the approximately nine shots fired, Hoochie was hit three times, losing an eye, and Raley was hit four times.

**"Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed a dog."  
Franklin P. Jones**

## Garage sale- Friday June 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup>

Several volunteers organized a garage sale this month to help defray some of the rising costs from the group of dogs that we had taken in. It ended up being a traveling garage sale. It was held in Odessa on Friday and Clearwater on Saturday & Sunday. We ended up making close to \$800 for the weekend.

We want to thank all the people that donated all of the items and the volunteers that gathered items and worked the garage sale. Without everyone's participation, we would have never been able to make so much money.

Also, look for the yearly garage sale in Seminole in the fall. Great place to buy great stuff for a great price and help a great cause.



**"Dogs feel very strongly that they should always go with you in the car, in case the need should arise for them to bark violently at nothing right in your ear."**

**-- Dave Barry**

# PETA and Euthanasia

**Even among animal lovers, killing unwanted pets is a divisive issue.**

Jeneen Interlandi  
NEWSWEEK WEB EXCLUSIVE  
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Nearly a decade later, Daphna Nachminovitch still remembers the rerelease of the Disney classic "101 Dalmatians" and the tragedy that followed. First there was a spike in sales of the famous spotted breed. Then, in the months that followed, shelters took in hundreds of Dalmatians from disillusioned pet owners around the country. "As soon as the puppies outlived their cuteness and the kids didn't want to scoop the poop anymore, the dogs were dumped in shelters," says Nachminovitch, vice president of cruelty investigations for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). "Many of them had to be euthanized, because there was simply no place for them to go."

But what many animal lovers don't realize is that PETA itself may have put down some of those unwanted Dalmatians. The organization has practiced euthanasia for years.

Since 1998 PETA has killed more than 17,000 animals, nearly 85 percent of all those it has rescued. Dalmatians may no longer be the breed of the day, but the problem of unwanted and abandoned pets is as urgent as ever. Shelters around the country kill 4 million animals every year; by some estimates, more than 80 percent of them are healthy.

In recent years those grim statistics have split the animal rights community. Ironically, PETA has emerged as a strong proponent of euthanasia. (The group is better known for its public

condemnations of everyone from fashion designer Donna Karan for her use of fur to the National Cancer Institute for its animal research.)

In defense of its policy PETA has insisted that euthanasia is a necessary evil in a world full of unwanted pets. But while the group has some well-known allies, including the Humane Society of the United States, a growing number of animal rights activists claim to have found a better, more humane way.

"Over-population is a myth," says attorney Nathan Winograd, whose recent book "Redemption: The Myth of Pet Overpopulation and the No Kill Revolution in America" chronicles the rise of the no-kill shelter movement. "With better outreach and public relations, we can find homes for virtually all of the healthy animals we are now killing." As proof he points to a string of communities across the country whose shelters have managed to stop euthanizing all but the sickest animals.

Bonney Brown, executive director of the Nevada Humane Society, says that in 2007, the first year her group went "no-kill," her shelters managed to save 90 percent of the 8,000 animals they took in. Among other strategies, the organization ramped up its volunteer force, from 30 to 1,700, expanded its hours so that people could come in after work and engaged in extensive media outreach.

"On balance, people love animals," says Brown, pointing out that animal causes are one of the fastest-growing segments of American philanthropy. "The biggest challenge has been convincing them to trust their local shelters. And with a little initiative we are finally starting to do that."

Shelters in Virginia, New York and San Francisco report successes similar to Nevada's, and communities in more than a dozen states have announced no

-kill goals and added legislative mandates to their agenda. King County, Wash., passed a law requiring area shelters to achieve an 85 percent save rate by 2009. San Antonio, Texas, is aiming for zero kills by 2012. And Ivan City, Utah, saved 97 percent of its shelter animals beginning in 2006 when the animal control ordinances were rewritten to prohibit the euthanasia of healthy animals.

Those successes have not persuaded PETA or its allies. The group argues that in order to maintain their no-kill status these facilities simply turn away animals that are unlikely to be adopted, often leaving them to fates worse than death. "No one hates it more than we do," says Nachminovitch. "But we would rather offer these animals a painless death than have them tortured, starved or sold for research."

PETA isn't the only group to take that stance. "No-kill is a noble goal," says Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of the Humane Society of the United States. "But the sheer number of animals make it almost unachievable."

Instead of zero kills, PETA claims to be shooting for zero births. "Focusing on the animals that come into shelters is like emptying a river with a teaspoon," says Nachminovitch. "By investing in spay and neuter programs, which are where a lot of our resources go, we can stop unwanted births and prevent four times as much suffering."

But Brown and others insist they have achieved no-kill without turning animals away, and on a fraction of PETA's \$30 million budget. "With the resources at their disposal, PETA and the Humane Society of the U.S. could become no-kill in no time," Winograd says. "Instead they have become leading killers of cats and dogs, and the animal-loving public unwittingly foots the bill through taxes and donations."

## LUCKY ADOPTERS

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



**Alyeska** (nicknamed Ally or Babe or Alba, or any of another 6 callnames that she responds to) came into SHRF in 2002 as a very heavy heartworm positive doggie. She was misid'd as a Malamute at the shelter because of her brown eyes, but Malamute rescue knew immediately that her short little body was that of a Siberian Husky, so they called SHRF to take her into foster instead.

Ally is a beautiful grey and white Siberian for sure, but more importantly she has always been a very gentle, quiet, serene Husky, forever wanting to please her humans. Her expressive eyes show so much love at times it melts your heart!

Ally also has a 'job' commanding a pack of 3 other Siberian Huskies, (two of them are also SHRF rescues) and she keeps them in line by being what we like to call a 'silent' alpha. She has a mighty presence over the pack that is communicated mostly by eye contact; and she only occasionally will have to reprimand one of the furkids with a yip and a left paw tap on the shoulder or head.

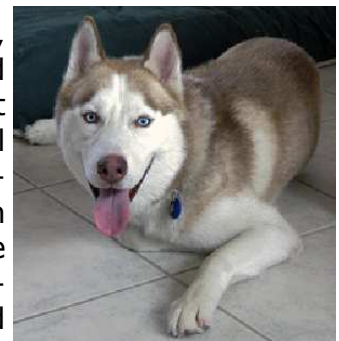
At any rate, Ally is now supposed to be 8 or 9 yrs old, so she's put on a little weight, like her human mom. Of late, she willingly has been taking longer and longer walks with human mom in the futile attempt to lose some the weight. Maybe someday we'll both see positive results from the efforts...maybe?



Our family just adopted **Diesel**. He is doing absolutely wonderfully! He gets along with our kitty as well as our 13 year old girl, Nikita. His favorite spot is right under the babies high chair - for obvious reasons :) He is the best behaved puppy our friends and family has ever met. We're looking forward to taking our little pack on our first camping trip. Can't wait! Our sweet guy is the best gift we could have asked for.



The day after Easter we lost our little husky, Nadia, after 16 years. On April 13 we adopted **Nika** (formerly Anika) on the left. The first night she jumped up on our bed and slept there all night. She is such a loving dog. She enjoys having her tummy rubbed and will nudge you with her nose if you stop. She had 8 pups before we got her and I think she enjoys having all the attention now. She is quite young and playful and it just seemed fitting that she needed a playmate



so on June 11 we adopted **Tazzy** (on the right). Nika plays with him constantly. Tazzy is very outgoing and he and my husband have become great friends. It's pretty obvious that Nika is mama's dog and Tazzy is daddy's dog.

## SHRF, INC. EVENTS AND FUND RAISERS

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

**[CHECK OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR EVENTS UPDATES!](#)**

### Tampa Bay Rays Game April 26<sup>th</sup> Dunedin Blue Jays Game May 31<sup>st</sup>

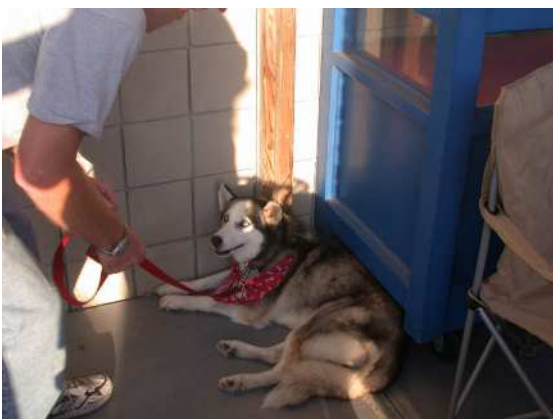
We had our yearly Rays fundraiser which was a great way to raise some money and get our dogs in the public eye.

Furballs Zack, Monte, Kolchak and Zabol were crowd pleasers as always for the sold out Rays vs. Red Sox, which the Rays won. YEAH!!!

We also participated in the Bark in the Park with the Dunedin Blue Jays. Monte, Kolchak, Kanda, Juneau and Kodiak did a wonderful job showing off to the crowds at the game.

Both events were successful. We raised money, sold some items, handed out tons of brochures, and educated the public on our organization and about huskies in general.

Thank you to all that sold tickets to the games, came out to the games, worked the booths at the games, and overall supporting SHRF.



## SPECIAL HUSKY EVENTS

### Yappy Hour at Mojito's Grill Bloomindale, Florida April 30, 2008



This event was attended by Jo Ann K with her five Huskies, Bob O and Lorraine M with their five Huskies, Lisa W with her Husky and Sally W and several friends with dogs. Donation amounted to over \$150.00 for SHRF.



HAPPY ENDINGS 2nd Quarter 2008



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

**"I've seen a look in dogs' eyes, a quickly vanishing look of amazed contempt, and I am convinced that basically dogs think humans are nuts."**

*John Steinbeck*



## 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!!*



**"There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face."  
Ben Williams**