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FROM THE SHRF BOARD

As summer starts upon us with its heat, the events have slowed down to only our monthly pet store events. We would love to have new people come out and visit everyone at these pet store stints. These are great events to meet some rescue folks and learn more about the rescue. We meet tons of new people at these events and they are a lot of fun. So next time you are looking for something to do on a Saturday come on out and visit us at one of our many pet store events... you may find you enjoy it.

If you haven't noticed lately, we have done some updating and additions to our websites. Please check out our new FAQ and shop pages. We have also added new information pages that pop up when you access any of our applications. Please check them out and let us know if you see anything that needs to be changed or added.

As you know, we have been saying for quite some time that the rescue is desperate for foster homes. With the state of the economy, this need is **VERY** real and it is **IMPERATIVE** SHRF find some new foster homes soon. **IF YOU CAN POSSIBLY FOSTER OR YOU KNOW SOMEONE THAT COULD... PLEASE LET US KNOW OR FILL OUT A FOSTER APPLICATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

That being said, we are trying to locate a facility to rent to start a thrift store/kennel to house at least a few dogs in the Tampa Bay area. So if you know of a place with reasonable rent, please let us know. Also, if you have any retail store stands or shelving that we could ultimately use ... please hold onto it for us.

Raising the great amount of money needed to obtain and operate a thrift store/kennel is going to be a very big task. One thing we'd like to do to start off this money raising venture requires your help! We would like to ask you, or anyone you know, to donate one (1) quality item we could sell on E-bay. We can sell the item for no fees and be able to keep the entire selling price. Please email us at events@siberrescue.com in order for us to make arrangements to collect the items donated.

Just remember every little thing you do helps us help more dogs.

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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

Since bringing a new dog into my pack recently I have gotten to thinking about "alphaness" amongst Lorraine and I and our pack.

We moved to the Tampa area, from Atlanta, 21 years ago, with a Golden Retriever mix and a half Husky/half Red Wolf girl named Mona Lisa. I thought at the time that being alpha was a personality trait in dogs that made them want to be (even need to be) superior to other dogs – and by extension, to humans too. This was reinforced by Mona Lisa's dominance over the Golden (even though he was male) and also subsequent dogs that I brought into our home, which eventually grew to a pack – the definition of which, to me, means more than two.

Mona Lisa was the most awesome animal I had ever owned and I mourn her passing to this day. I still carry her name tag with me. I attributed her dominance of my other dogs, including the Huskies I rescued, to her first of all being half wolf but also to the notion that she was just an "Alpha" girl. Being extra strong and 70+ pounds didn't hurt either.

I had studied some of the old "wolves in the wild stories; how they live in small packs; there's an alpha male and an alpha female; how the alphas will force their dominance over the betas (and the ultra shy gammas) through intimidation and actual physical violence. We usually interpret the term 'alpha' as meaning that wolves/dogs compete somehow to be the dominant animal in the pack.

I now think Mona Lisa's alphaness

was strictly because of her "seniority" in the pack. She was used to things being a certain way for her and was only slowly accepting of change.

Recent studies of wolves now indicate that they do not live in packs consisting of unrelated wolves but rather in "mating pairs" with their own offspring. It also appears that alpha wolves do not exercise their dominance over the rest of the pack by consistent manifestations of physical dominance, including the famous "alpha roll" where the alpha wolf intimidates a rival by forcing him onto his back and holding him down by the throat. In real packs you can find instances of male, alpha wolves rolling over onto their backs to let their offspring romp and play on top of them. In the wild there are really no indications of an "alpha roll" within the pack. The betas just roll over of their own volition and relinquish power to the alpha by willing submission. You will see a wolf alpha roll another animal when it is going to kill it. So much for the typical training mantra that tells you to alpha roll your dog to teach him you are the boss.

I'm getting into all this because my newest girl seems to be pushy and my other girls are letting her get away with some things – like going in or out the door first. I have noticed that this allowance only goes so far. When she gets too pushy then she get body checked into the gate or even jumped on. If she tries to take another dog's food they will aggressively defend what's theirs, so much so that after a couple of initial occasions of this she no longer tries it. I have concluded that in most cases any desires of dominance seem to be subjective

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"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"

(Editorial continued)

for all the dogs and they can take it or leave it - up to a point. They aren't forced into being submissive; they voluntarily bestow the alpha position on another dog and/or human. Some of this bestowal may be because I have an aging pack and the older dogs just don't care to exert the energy to try to be dominant. They don't have to since all their needs are met. I feel this bestowal of alphaness is actually a sign of trust. They trust they will be well fed, walked, taken to the dog park, have thorns pulled from their paws, have their belly rubbed and all the other things we do for them that they like.

Some trainers teach that dogs are in competition with their owners for dominance but I have long been unable to actually believe that one of my dogs wants to go through the door ahead of me because she is trying to dominate me. If the dog is capable of rational thought like that then why doesn't she somehow try to intimidate me into feeding her, or walking her? I just don't believe that their minds work like Machiavelli's. If they have such a need to be dominant why do they stay with us and remain dependent on us for their needs?

Wolf pups leave the pack to go out on their own at around three years of age, find a mate and start another pack. Dogs, unlike the pups in a wolf pack, stay mentally puppies forever. They never mature to that point and are more than content to stay at home and remain dependent. So where's the alphaness?

Bob

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Accused Wash. Woman Says 'dog Ate My Checks' Wash. Woman Accused Of Identity Theft Says Dog Ate Her Checks

ARLINGTON, Wash., Jun. 30, 2009

A woman accused of dipping into her ex-husband's bank account without permission blames her dog. Arlington, Wash., police spokeswoman Kristin Banfield said detectives filed court orders to follow the money trail. They learned the money disappearing from the 42-year-old Arlington man's account was being used to pay for utility bills and other items at his ex-wife's home.

Banfield told The Herald that the woman's first response was, "Her dog got into her purse and ate all her personal checks." The 50-year-old woman reportedly told police she had no choice but to take money from her former husband's account.

The woman is under investigation for identity theft and forgery.

Information from: The Herald, <http://www.heraldnet.com>



A Dog's Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep,
The king-size bed is soft and deep..
I sleep right in the center groove
My human being can hardly move!
I've trapped her legs, she's tucked in tight
And here is where I pass the night
No one disturbs me or dares intrude
Till morning comes and "I want food!"
I sneak up slowly to begin

my nibbles on my human's chin.
She wakes up quickly,
I have sharp teeth-
I'm a puppy, don't you see?
For the morning's here
and it's time to play
I always seem to get my way.
So thank you Lord for giving me
This human person that I see.
The one who hugs and holds me tight
And shares her bed with me at night!

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

**SHRF is proud to announce our
Volunteer of the 2nd Quarter, 2009**

Frances W.

SHRF would like to recognize Frances W. as Volunteer of the Quarter for her consistent dedication and hard work on behalf of all our furballs.

Frances came on board as a volunteer in September 2008 and since then has shown her diligent commitment to helping all our neglected, abused and abandoned Siberian Huskies.

Despite a demanding full time job as an administrative specialist for a bank, a family and 6 dogs of her own, 4 Huskies, 1 Lab and a Scottie, Frances' motto is "you can depend on me" and we do, almost daily.

She is a member of the Swashbuckler team and answers calls to the public daily. One such call resulted in her adopting her last Husky, Kane, a couple of months ago.

His family didn't want him and we had no open foster homes. Frances could not forget that call and went and rescued him. He was filthy dirty, tied by a chain to a big rope. His neck hair was stained the color of the chain. The owner used a belt for a leash. The pup was only 15 months old and heartworm positive. Frances took the unfortunate pup home, in her words "if you have 5 what's one more" The pup is now healthy and living a wonderful life. Frances has a love of dogs; even rescuing them as a small child. One of her dogs is epileptic and she has adjusted her life around the needs of giving the epileptic medication on time.

Frances also assists with obtaining personal references for the adoption application process, which is very time consuming, and despite having never done a Home Inspection, helped out one weekend and took on the task willingly and did an excellent job. Hats off to Frances, she rightly deserves our Volunteer of the Quarter accolades.

SHRF Board

China's dog training business thriving

BEIJING, June 20 (Xinhua) -- China's dog training business is witnessing booming success as more Chinese can afford to make their pets' life better. But with only about 100 centers nationwide, the business has just started.

Beijing has more than 800,000 registered pet dogs, but only 10 large dog training centers on its outskirts, Saturday's China Daily reported.

At Beijing Jinjiajun Dog Training Center, an hour's drive from the center of the city, all the 10 "VIP" rooms, each of which can accommodate four dogs, have been booked. And the center's 40 dog trainers have their hands full.

That the Jinjiajun center is far from the city is not a problem for the nouveau riche because they have cars. Even its stiff charges, far beyond the reach of the common people, are not a deterrent.

Dog owners can choose to have their dogs trained for shows, basic agility or in anti-terrorism maneuvers. But the most costly is getting German Shepherds trained for competitions: 10,000 yuan (about 1,462 U.S. dollars) a

month for up to six months.

The center has purebred dogs from around the world, too, which can mate with pets for a fee. It also has a school to train dog trainers and a facility that sells training equipment.

Kubi, a Scottish collie, is the center's superstar. His wins in many competitions at home and abroad is something the center proudly boasts about.

Lu Yuanjie, Jinjiajun's manager, says plenty of dog owners need help. "These people are rich and successful in their fields but when it comes to dealing with their dogs, they are at a loss."

Zhang Miao, owner of Aston, a 4-month-old purebred Siberian Husky, is delighted with what Jinjiajun did to change its behavior. Aston used to be "a destroyer" before he was taken to the center.

"It used to bark loudly at night and awaken our neighbors. After more than a month's training, he has become very quiet at home and doesn't bark without a reason."

**Dogs' lives are too short. Their only fault, really.
~ Agnes Sligh Turnbull**

Mr. Snuggles' owner relinquishes custody

By [Kim Wilmath](#), Times Staff Writer
Published Wednesday, June 10, 2009

TAMPA — Mr. Snuggles, the dog found locked inside a hot car at the grand opening of Ikea last month, will soon have a new home.

His former owner, 19-year-old Amy Chantarak, voluntarily gave up custody at a hearing Wednesday afternoon with a quiet "yes, sir," after a withering judicial tongue lashing.



"What's wrong with you?" asked Hillsborough County Judge Nick Nazaretian. "What piece of furniture is worth your dog's life?"

Nazaretian barred Chantarak and her boyfriend, Paul Durance, from owning another animal again in Hillsborough County without the court's permission. And he fined Chantarak \$400 — the cost of keeping Mr. Snuggles in county care for the past month.

While the custody issue is settled, Chantarak still faces a criminal trial for animal cruelty. She declined to comment after Wednesdays' hearing.

Mr. Snuggles, a 3-month-old Lab and collie mix, has

been living at the Animal Services investigative unit since Chantarak was arrested May 6. She was released from Hillsborough County jail after posting a \$1,013 bail.

Investigators estimated Mr. Snuggles had been in Chantarak's black Mazda for about 40 minutes in more than 100-degree heat that day.

At the time of her arrest, Chantarak was wanted in Pinellas County for failing to appear in court on another animal cruelty charge from December 2007. She had been accused of leaving her chihuahua Mumu in the car overnight.

Animal Services spokeswoman Marti Ryan said Chantarak has no other dogs. She told Animal Services that Mumu died after being hit by a car.

Ryan said many people expressed interest in adopting Mr. Snuggles after the May incident made the news, but she had to turn them away while Chantarak had custody. Though the inquiries have died down, Ryan is confident Mr. Snuggles will soon have a loving home.

"It's easier while he's in the spotlight," Ryan said. "But he's so cute. He's so precious."

As for Chantarak, "Take a good look," Nazaretian said. "All that love he could have given you, but you didn't give him love. You gave him heat."

Chantarak looked down. "Yes sir."

Cat People vs. Dog People

October 28, 2008 by [Freelance Writers](#)

Cat people worship felines like Pharaohs; dog people talk to hounds like people. New research shows that cat and dog people really are different — in marital status, economic standing and education among other things.

"Our studies have shown that there are some interesting differences between cat owners and dog owners," says James Flanigan, head of marketing at the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). "Our surveys show that single people are more attracted to cat ownership, while dog owners are married with children. While the demographic information is interesting, some of it is concerning, too."

The AVMA conducts surveys of pet owners every five years, and publishes the results in the U.S. Pet Ownership and Demographic Sourcebook. In the 2007 edition, the

image of a dog as a family pet is shown to be true: 67.0 percent of dog owners are married compared to 61.8 percent of cat owners, and 52.6 percent of dog owners are families of three or more, compared to 47.0 percent of cat owners.

"One of the most concerning differences among cat and dog owners is cat owners are much less likely to seek veterinary care for their animals, they spend less, and this divide seems to be growing," Flanigan explains.

The Sourcebook shows that 82.7 percent of dog owners made at least one annual visit to a veterinarian, compared to 63.7 percent of cat owners.

As for what is America's favorite pet ... it depends on how you read the most recent pet demographic statistics. There are more cats, 81.7 million compared to 72.1 million dogs, but there are more dog owners, 43 million compared to 37.5 million cat owners. This is because cat owners are more likely to have more than one cat.

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Siberian Husky animated cursor <http://www.cursorland.com/cursors/>

Friends shocked by neglect

By NEIL JOHNSON
njohnson@tampatrib.com

Friends of the man who left two dogs locked in his apartment bathroom for two weeks said Wednesday that the owner was still vacationing in Las Vegas.

They also said he only called for someone to check on the pets last week because he wanted to stay longer than expected.

One of the dogs, a female poodle, died. A 5-week-old boxer survived but has a string of physical problems and was malnourished when investigators from Hillsborough County Animal Services and sheriff's deputies entered the Lutz apartment and found the animals Saturday.

The puppy, called Neicy by Animal Services, will be placed in foster care with a licensed staff member with extensive veterinary training. At 5 weeks, she is too young to be put up for adoption.

The two men said they didn't learn of the dogs' fate until contacted by Animal Services investigators Wednesday. Investigators had not been able to reach the owner. He also was not returning calls from his friends, they said.

Mark Garcia said the owner called him Friday to check on the dogs, but he lives more than two hours away.

Garcia said he called a friend, Chris Bond, who lives in Tampa. Bond went to the apartment at the Preserve at

Deer Park, but the complex manager would not let him in.

"I knocked a couple times on the door to see if I could hear them," Bond said. "I couldn't. I'm really upset."

Deputies and Animal Services investigators found the dogs Saturday. They were shut in a bathroom, and investigators found no food or water.

Garcia said he knew the owner was going on vacation and suggested he leave the dogs at a shelter. The owner declined, Garcia said.

"I just didn't think he'd leave them alone," Garcia said.

Bond said the owner seemed to take care of the dogs, bringing them to a groomer.

The poodle named Barbie did not have to die, and the boxer, named Sasha by the owner, did not have to endure two weeks locked in a bathroom, Bond said.

"I would have taken the dogs. No problem. I would have done anything for those dogs," Bond said.

The boxer puppy has an injured leg, an eye condition called "cherry eye" - coccidium, which is a bacterial infection dogs get when they eat food tainted with feces - and is thin but will survive, said Marti Ryan, spokeswoman for Animal Services.

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office is also investigating, and Animal Service investigators expect to file charges, Ryan said.

"Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring -- it was peace."

Milan Kundera

Dog Myths

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

Dogs heal their wounds by licking.

A small amount of licking does help to clean a wound, but excessive licking tends to do more harm than good.

You can help speed healing and prevent further damage by following hospital instructions for protecting a wound or incision from your dog's abrasive tongue. That restrictive collar (the infamous "lampshade") may seem like a drag, but it'll save your dog pain.

SHRF Events 2nd Quarter 2009



Jenille with Juneau and Schmegal at PetsMart



Stephanie (Angel Eyes) and Jenille at PetsMart

April 4th- Largo Pawfest – Largo Central Park

This was the 3rd Annual Largo Pawfest that is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Largo/Mid-Pinellas. There were approximately 2,000 people in attendance and several hundred pets. They had games for kids and contests for the owners and pets. This was a great venue and we met tons of people and their pets. We even got to meet some new local Husky owners. We can't wait to until next year's event.

April 18th – Dog days with the Rays

As in previous years, we sold Rays tickets as a fundraiser. This year's game was Ray vs White Sox. Ginger K, Joann K, Lou B, Dawn B and Hope W were in attendance before the game. We had Rays game veterans Chyenne, Kolchak, Monte, Zack and newbie Teddy to meet all of the Rays fans when they came in. It was super busy and I think everyone's voice was hoarse by the time we got home. But it was a profitable fun event, even though the Rays lost that game. **GO RAYS!!!!**

May 9th- Clearwater Pet Festival

On a warm Saturday... we met in downtown Clearwater for the 4th annual Clearwater Pet Festival. We met some new people and some great contacts... The Gulfcoast Dog Magazine, H.A.L.O (an animal emergency rescue service) and Pinellas county animal services was in attendance with some helpful information. Overall it was a fun day by all.

May 16th- Good Dog Day at Ybor Saturday Market

This was a fun event. If you have never been to the Saturday Ybor Market, I suggest you stop by one weekend. There are tons of artists and vendors set up with their wares. This Saturday, in conjunction with National Bite Awareness week and Hillsborough County Animal Services, was filled with the regular Saturday vendors as well as rescues and dog trainers. We had a fun day and were invited back anytime.... Which we will probably take them up on when the weather cools down some.

Fireman kills pets to save on boarding

Prosecutor says defendant enjoyed 'thrill of the kill'

Thursday, June 25, 2009 3:21 AM
By Bruce Cadwallader

TA Columbus firefighter admits that he took his two dogs to the basement, tied them up and blasted them with a rifle so he and a girlfriend could vacation without paying to board the animals.

"He said chunks of concrete were flying everywhere," Assistant Franklin County Prosecutor Heather Robinson said. "I think it was the thrill of the kill for him. He has shown no remorse for this."

Firefighter David P. Santuomo, 43, pleaded guilty yesterday to two counts of animal cruelty and one count of possession of a criminal tool -- for taping a 2-liter plastic bottle onto the gun as a makeshift silencer.

He was convicted of "needlessly killing ... a companion animal" on Dec. 3, according to the charges filed 10 minutes before the hearing in Municipal Court. One dog was shot six times in the head.

Santuomo, who did not give a statement in court, will spend 90 days in jail, pay \$4,500 to cover the cost of his investigation and serve five years' probation, Judge Harland H. Hale ruled.

"This is a travesty and abhorrent behavior to those in this community who work to save the lives of animals," said Jodi Buckman, executive director of the Capital Area Humane Society.

Santuomo adopted the two mixed-breed dogs from the humane society in January 2007.

Robinson said that Santuomo, of the Northwest Side, bragged to fellow firefighters about killing the dogs after he dumped the animals' carcasses in a trash bin behind his workplace, Fire Station 27, 7560 Smoky Row Rd.

"Fellow firefighters were disgusted by what he did, and the Capital Area Humane Society was called to investigate," Robinson said.

In text messages, he lied to his children and ex-wife about what happened to Sloopy and Skeeter, investigators said.

Santuomo, a firefighter since 1996, remains on active duty while awaiting a disciplinary hearing with Fire Chief Ned Pettus Jr.

According to Robinson, Santuomo laid down a plastic sheet in his basement and tied the dogs to a pipe, partially suspending their bodies. He shot them at least 11 times.

At first, he said the dogs were suffering after drinking anti-freeze, but a necropsy proved that he lied, Robinson said.

The humane society would have taken the animals if Santuomo had asked, and two neighbors had offered to watch the dogs in his absence, Robinson said.

Hale also fined Santuomo \$150 and ordered him to perform 200 hours of community service. He must not have pets or weapons in his house for five years and must undergo random home inspections.

Hale agreed to allow him to serve his jail time in 10-day stints over two years.

Defense attorney Sam Shamansky said Santuomo will obey Hale's order to file a formal apology with a national firefighters magazine and with a letter to readers of The Dispatch.

"This was an isolated event not to be repeated and totally out of character for him," Shamansky said after the hearing. "He is extremely remorseful."

In the courtroom, Santuomo raised a middle finger to the reporters assembled to cover his case.

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

We long for an affection altogether ignorant of our faults. Heaven has accorded this to us in the uncritical canine attachment.

~ George Eliot

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

Alphonse de Lamartine

Hurricane Safety for the Animals

Tips for keeping you and your pet safe during hurricane season

By Patricia Collier
Owner, FloridaPets.net

If you're reading this, hurricane season in Florida is either coming soon or has already arrived. Yes, you read the same stuff every year about how to prepare, but would you really know what to do to keep your animals safe and sound if a monster storm was approaching your town? Here are some tips that simply bear repeating - just cut the center column of this page out and stick it to your refrigerator or bulletin board:

BEFORE THE STORM

Prepare a hurricane kit for your pets to include:

- ___1. Secure pet carriers for cats and small dogs and sturdy leashes/harnesses for larger dogs and appropriate-sized crates or cages for other type pets such as reptiles, birds, etc.
- ___2. Place medications and medical records, including proof of current vaccinations, in a waterproof container.
- ___3. Check and see if your vet provides something like a laminated card with proof of current vaccinations at each annual visit which can be used at motels and hotels in case evacuation is necessary.
- ___4. A two week supply of any medication your pet may be taking on a regular basis and familiar food and water. Also take bowls and a manual can opener.
- ___5. Cat litter/pan, extra litter and a litter scooper.
- ___6. An information sheet including: medical conditions and treatment schedule if needed, feeding instructions, name and phone number of your veterinarian or a kennel outside your area in case you need to board your pets - an arrangement which is, of course, **not** going to be your first choice. Trust us, it's simply safer to keep your pet(s) with you during times of disasters.
- ___7. Current photos of your pet(s) in case they get lost. Also, be sure each of your animals have name tags, rabies tags, etc., securely fastened to their collars. **Important Note:** When planning to evacuate, attach the phone number and address of your temporary shelter or of a friend/relative outside the affected area to the back of your pet's ID tag.
- ___8. Portable pet beds, a familiar blanket, and lots of toys.
- ___9. Plan ahead to have a safe place to take your pets because public shelters, like the ones operated by the Red Cross, do **not** allow family pets. Service dogs are an exception.
- ___10. Don't wait until the last minute to make plans for your pets. **And don't even think about leaving them home!** You would never forgive yourself if something happened to them because you left them behind to fend for themselves. Prepare **now** by doing the following:

___ 11. Ask friends or relatives outside the affected area if they are willing to shelter you and your animals. If not, see item # 2.

___ 12. Check out FloridaPets.net's list of [pet-friendly vacation facilities](#) throughout the state of Florida. If necessary, contact other lodging facilities outside your area to check on policies on accepting pets and any restrictions on number, size and species. "No pet" policies are sometimes waived in an emergency.

___13. Review the [FloridaPets.net yearly Pet Friendly Emergency Shelter Guide](#) which lists pet-friendly shelters in each county as we receive word of them. Bookmark the page and return to it if a storm approaches your area.

___14. Always keep a list of all these "pet friendly" places with your other emergency supplies.

AS THE STORM APPROACHES

- ___1. Know your evacuation zone.
- ___2. Remember, all mobile home residents must evacuate regardless of location.
- ___3. Hurricane guides with evacuation zone maps are available from local media sources, grocery stores and other merchants. Keep one in your home and one in your vehicle.

PREPARING TO EVACUATE

If you feel you might have to leave your property to ensure everyone's safety:

- ___1. Call ahead to confirm emergency shelter arrangements.
- ___2. Bring all pets into the house so you won't have to search for them if you have to leave in a hurry.
- ___3. Be sure all pets are wearing their collars and I.D. tags.
- ___4. Be sure your pet's hurricane kit, discussed above, is ready to travel.
- ___5. Remember: animals - like people - will react differently when under stress. Keep all dogs securely leashed and cats in sturdy carriers. Even a normally calm pet may panic and try to escape or even bite in a stressful situation.

AFTER THE STORM

- ___1. Whether or not you physically left your home, walk your pet(s) outside on a leash until they become re-oriented to their surroundings.
- ___2. Don't allow pets to consume food or water which may have become contaminated.
- ___3. Watch for downed power lines and other debris that can be hazardous to both you and your pet(s).
- ___4. If your electric is out for awhile and you use alternate sources of light, never leave an open flame from candles, oil lamps, etc., unattended around your animals.

LUCKY ADOPTERS

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



Athena is a real 'lovebug' who will gladly accept ongoing hugs and petting, especially when you add in the belly rubs and the scratches behind the ears. She also loves exploring her new neighborhood and meeting people and dogs, alike - she's already played with another Sibe, named Zena! Though she'd love to chase after the Muscovy ducks or those birds that 'dive bomb' her, she's on a short lead and can only dream about those conquests. Her fur is filling in nicely with a softness and a silver sheen. Overall, she has been a true delight - and a perfect match for me!



Brandi loves her new family and her new buddy, Reveille (on the right). Brandi loves to go for long runs and playing chase on the lanai with Reveille. She also really enjoys playing catch with our kids. She is gearing up for her first camping trip later this summer.

Thank you again for all you did to help us find Brandi!!



We could not be more happy with our **Denallia** (formerly Denali III). She is beautiful, loving, sweet, and has all the wonderful characteristics of a Siberian Husky that we know and love. Our favorite time with her is at night after our children are in bed, she gets a hyper-streak and runs crazy all around our bedroom. She can practically jump completely over our king size bed. I think she knows that it is her one on one time with Mommy and Daddy and she LOVES it!!! She is only a year in a half and has so much energy, but at the same time can be so calm and listen so well. Denallia is a perfect match for our family and we are thankful every day that your rescue choose us to adopt her. Adopting a dog in need is

the only option for us. It is fulfilling and it gives you such a wonderful feeling to know that you are helping a dog that is in need of a loving family. Thank you again for choosing us to adopt Denallia!



Daphne Dakota graduated from her beginner obedience class in June. She will start her Intermediate class in mid-July. She is VERY Smart and picks up everything on the first or second attempt. She has learned, sit, down, relax (lying all the way on her side) leave it, (great for avoiding frogs and lizards outside!) shake and stay for about 5 seconds.

LUCKY ADOPTERS (continued)

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



All is great ! **Mischa** (formerly Ilya) has added even more to our lives than we thought possible - and we have always had dogs, mostly Huskies.

He was a little bit of a sad case when we first got him - he was skinny (44 lbs.) and **SMELLY** - of course he had just been incarcerated for about 5 weeks

so these things were not really surprising. His spirit, however, did not suffer. He was extremely friendly, even to strangers, and generally cooperative.



Now you may not remember the circumstances, but we were meeting with Jo Ann K to pick up a rescue who needed a foster home and Pat, my wife, was not at all convinced that she was ready for another dog in her life, so a foster home seemed like a good idea - until she met Mischa! Within 5 minutes of her first contact with him she declared that "... he's not going anywhere! This guy is staying with me!" So it was "love at first sight" and he has quickly become an integral part of our family. He has gotten a little bigger and has put on 15 pounds. As you can see in the photos, he is a beautiful critter who is very happy, with a great personality - which, as you know, is one of the best things about this breed. Mischa has gone on vacation with us (see him in the surf at St. George Island, FL) and goes "camping" with us (it's not really camping, we take a motorhome) where he loves to run next to me when I'm biking (he LOVES doing 20 mph sprints) and also roams the trails with us (on a leash of course- he IS a HUSKY). This is a dog who really has it made (and he acts like he knows it) with a huge fenced yard to run & play in, as well as his own private pond to cool off in. Like I said, things are great!



SHRF UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUND RAISERS

3rd Quarter 2009 Upcoming Events

3rd Saturday every month - Gulfport's Third Saturday Art Walk

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.

Looking forward to seeing you at Clearwater Harborview in September and SPCA Pet Walk in October and many more events as they become available.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR EVENTS UPDATES!

Siberian Husky found after crash, death of owner

SNOWVILLE, Utah —

While a Siberian Husky named Neo was wandering the ranchland of northern Utah after the April 4 car crash that killed his Kelso, Wash., owner, dog lovers across the West were networking by phone and e-mail in hopes of bringing him home.

Lt. Lee Perry of the Utah Highway Patrol suggested volunteers concentrate their efforts where Neo had last been seen, about 10 miles west of this small town near the Idaho border, along State Route 30, which leads west toward Nevada.

On Thursday, they found Neo.

"To make something positive out of a fatal car crash, that's about as good as it gets," Perry said Thursday night in a telephone interview.

The 8-year-old dog was wearing the same harness and name tag shown in photos recovered from the car of Joyce Moore, who was killed when her SUV rolled on Interstate 84 in Box Elder County. Perry said her dog stood nearby as rescue crews attended to Moore, but fled when someone tried to catch him.

On Thursday, Cathy Crowder and her friends Dana and Ellen Love, all of Layton, joined forces with another dog lover, Parry Nielsen of Ogden.

Crowder put the impromptu team together after calling Perry to ask how she could help. She said Thursday night they'd been planning to search on Friday - her father had even volunteered to search by plane - but Niel-

sen called her Thursday morning to say he just couldn't wait.

He arrived first and started going door to door, talking to ranchers and farmworkers, making sure they knew the story of Neo and asking if anyone had seen the dog.

As Perry tells the story, as Nielsen drove nearby roads, a farmworker from a ranch he'd already canvassed waved him down. The worker had gone into a shed to get some wire, found a husky inside who growled at him and backed out quickly, latching the door.

The dog "is in fantastic condition," Crowder reported. "A little bit thin, a little dehydrated. But his pads aren't very worn at all, he really weathered well.

"Very resilient, very sweet-tempered."

The news spread quickly, to Perry of the Highway Patrol, to a dog rescue volunteer named Lynn near Sun Valley, Idaho, who had helped spread the word by e-mail and phone when the dog was missing - and most importantly, to Joyce Moore's sister Deborah Moore, in Kelso, Wash.

Still not done, Crowder gave Neo a lift to the home of Lynn. Deborah Moore jumped in her car and started driving through the night toward Idaho.

Lynn, who declined to give her full name, said in a telephone interview she's spent more than 60 hours over the last week "networking for Neo." She's been in daily contact with Deborah Moore, whom she never knew before the story of the lost dog touched her heart.

"It's my joy and my pleasure to do this," she said. "It's a very happy ending to a very rough couple of weeks for everybody."



**I talk to him when I'm lonesome like;
and I'm sure he understands.
When he looks at me so attentively,
and gently licks my hands;
then he rubs his nose on my tailored clothes,
but I never say naught therereat.
For the good Lord knows I can buy more clothes,
but never a friend like that.**

~ W. Dayton Wedgefarth

HAPPY ENDINGS 2nd Quarter 2009



What Really Prompts The Dog's 'Guilty Look'

ScienceDaily (June 14, 2009)

What dog owner has not come home to a broken vase or other valuable items and a guilty-looking dog slouching around the house? By ingeniously setting up conditions where the owner was misinformed as to whether their dog had really committed an offense, Alexandra Horowitz, Assistant Professor from Barnard College in New York, uncovered the origins of the "guilty look" in dogs in the recently published "Canine Behaviour and Cognition" Special Issue of Elsevier's Behavioural Processes.

Horowitz was able to show that the human tendency to attribute a "guilty look" to a dog was not due to whether the dog was indeed guilty. Instead, people see 'guilt' in a dog's body language when they believe the dog has done something it shouldn't have – even if the dog is in fact completely innocent of any offense.

During the study, owners were asked to leave the room after ordering their dogs not to eat a tasty treat. While the owner was away, Horowitz gave some of the dogs this forbidden treat before asking the owners back into the room. In some trials the owners were told that their dog had eaten the forbidden treat; in others, they were told their dog had behaved properly and left the treat alone. What the owners were told, however, often did not correlate with reality.

Whether the dogs' demeanor included elements of the "guilty

look" had little to do with whether the dogs had actually eaten the forbidden treat or not. Dogs looked most "guilty" if they were admonished by their owners for eating the treat. In fact, dogs that had been obedient and had not eaten the treat, but were scolded by their (misinformed) owners, looked more "guilty" than those that had, in fact, eaten the treat. Thus the dog's guilty look is a response to the owner's behavior, and not necessarily indicative of any appreciation of its own misdeeds.

This study sheds new light on the natural human tendency to interpret animal behavior in human terms. Anthropomorphisms compare animal behavior to human behavior, and if there is some superficial similarity, then the animal behavior will be interpreted in the same terms as superficially similar human actions. This can include the attribution of higher-order emotions such as guilt or remorse to the animal.

The editor of the special issue, Clive D.L. Wynne of the Department of Psychology, University of Florida, explained, "this is a remarkably powerful demonstration of the need for careful experimental designs if we are to understand the human-dog relationship and not just reify our natural prejudices about animal behavior." He pointed out that dogs are the oldest domesticated species and have a uniquely intimate role in the lives of millions of people. Recent research on dogs has indicated more human-like forms of reasoning about what people know than has been demonstrated even in chimpanzees. and have a uniquely intimate role in the lives of millions of people. Recent research on dogs has indicated more human-like forms of reasoning about what people know than has been demonstrated even in chimpanzees.



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!!



If your dog is fat, you're not getting enough exercise.
~ Author Unknown

Pet Friendly - Turkey Pot Hold-the-Pie

From Every Day with Rachael Ray
September 2008

SERVES 4

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 cup frozen peas and carrots, thawed

- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1/4 pound deli-sliced turkey, chopped
- 2 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley

1. In a small skillet, heat the butter over medium heat. Whisk in the flour for 1 minute, then whisk in the chicken broth and bring to a boil over high heat. Lower the heat and simmer until thickened, 2 to 3 minutes.
2. Stir in the turkey, veggies and parsley and cook until heated through, 2 to 3 minutes. Let cool to almost room temperature, then serve. Get ready for some wet kisses!