



Siberian Sentinel

President's Notes

Sue Millman

Well it is a new year and the Patriot Siberian Husky Rescue Newsletter has a new name. If you recall we ran a little contest in the last two issues. We received lots of good suggestions and the result is: The Siberian Sentinel. Thank you to all who contributed ideas for the name and those who participated in the voting. The name was supplied by Michelle our dedicated editor when the idea was first proposed. She declined the offer of the gift basket saying "we'll use it for another contest." Thanks to everyone who exercised their right to vote!

The past year has seen much need in the rescue community. We were moved by the needs of our furry friends created by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Although we were not able to actually go south to help out, we felt the need to contribute in some way, so a vote was taken by our board and a donation of \$250 was sent to the ASPCA earmarked for the hurricane recovery efforts.

On the local scene, we have been busy as well. Many dogs have gone through our referral program and foster care, with some still awaiting homes. Check out our website to add a new canine member to your family.

We are off to great start in 2006. We have a variety of new ideas in the works, including the formation of a hiking and activities group by volunteer member Judy, which you can read about further in this issue. We hope you can join us in these activities as we would love to meet you all.

Featured Husky--Skye



Skye is a 3 year old spayed female, up to date on shots, heart worm negative and on prevention, and has been wormed with panacur. She's WONDERFUL with people, including children, but doesn't do well with other animals—cats or dogs. She is definitely the Alpha Dog and has no problem showing it to other dogs.

She's very intelligent, and learns fast. She's housebroken and knows "sit". However, she is going to need someone that will invest the time in training her.

She's mostly cream colored with a light gray stripe down her back. And, of course, sky blue eyes.

If you are interested please contact Anne directly @ Ahimsa Haven in the town of Winchedon, Massachusetts (978)-297-3862

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Stoli finds a home

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Happy Tails

Stoli



Fran and Dan Markowitz

Stoli graced our family in October of 2004. She had turned 1 in August and we were her fourth home.

We have had several female huskies before. Azure, a black and white, lived to 17 years of age. Blaze, a gray, white and tan, lived to 13. Nikki, a black and white, died tragically at 3. In August of 2004, after contacting many breeders online we were directed to one in Connecticut who just had puppies. Kadyn was now our new red and white little girl.

We attended Barktoberfest in Westford and met the Patriot Siberian Husky rescue people. They heard we were looking for another black and white husky. They said they were fostering a girl and asked if we would like to see her. YES was our answer.

We were so excited to meet her! As soon as we laid eyes on Stoli, who has the biggest blue eyes ever, we were hooked. Her head looked so big but it was normal size. Her body was extremely thin. She was afraid of men and was shy.

Sue brought Stoli to our

home for her visit. We have about one-half acre of land in the back that is fenced in. We let Kadyn and Stoli out. They ran and ran and ran. Stoli was very fast. little Kadyn tried to keep up with her. Stoli remained with us from that visit on. I told Sue, this dog



will never leave this home.

The first week Stoli taught Kadyn “the ropes” on how to steal bread from the counter and how to try to bury it in the corners of the rug for late snacking. Stoli was very good at the vet. They told her she had found the right home and would be putting on weight soon.

Kadyn, even though she is younger, tries to be “top dog.” They still haven’t settled that issue. They are inseparable. If you have to take one out, the other one howls and howls until her “sister” is back. They

chase and chase each other around the yard and stop and rest near each other, then start all over again. Kadyn turned 1 in May and Stoli turned 2 in August. Of course, each birthday was celebrated with a Frosty Paws treat. They both can sit and give you their paw for a treat.

They have a contest going in the yard - (1) who can dig more holes and deeper than the other, and (2) how many sprinkler heads you can pull off.

Their crate doors have remained open during the day when we’re gone and at night. We’ve gone through a couple of comfy mats in the crates because they suddenly decided it would be fun to tear them apart. No

one steals any food anymore because they know they will always get some. Stoli has become more outgoing, less afraid of men and gives great puppy kisses.

Stoli has been an absolute joy to us and to her “sister,” Kadyn.

Do you have a Happy Tail to share? Send it to patriotrescue@verizon.net with a picture (.jpg). Please keep stories to about 1000 words in a Word, Wordpad or Notepad document.

Patriot Trail Dogs



By Judy Hartman

Attention all Siberian Husky lovers...do you like to:

- * Meet new people who share your love of Siberian Huskies?
- * Allow your Siberian Husky to socialize with new canine friends?
- * Explore the parks and trail systems in New England with your Siberian Husky?
- * Have fun and get some exercise in the great outdoors with your Siberian Husky?
- * Share training tips and other helpful information about Siberian Huskies?
- * Find new outlets for your Siberian Husky's boundless energy?
- * See your Siberian Husky happily tuckered-out after a fun day of outdoor activity?

If you answered yes to any of the questions above, Patriot Siberian Husky Rescue would like to invite you to join the Patriot Trail Dogs! The Patriot Trail Dogs consist of a group of Patriot volunteers, adopters, friends, and Siberian Husky fans who love to spend time outdoors with their dogs and with other Siberian Husky owners. Typically, the Patriot Trail Dogs meet at different parks or trailheads and spend the day hiking and chatting about Siberian Huskies. Most of the past events have been hikes; however, we would love to hear your suggestions for new events and/or locations!

In the past, we have used the newsletter to notify subscribers of upcoming events. Now we have decided to form an e-mail list that we will use to notify members of upcoming events. If you would like to join the Patriot Trail Dogs and receive e-mail message notifications about upcoming hikes and/or events, you must join the e-mail list by sending an e-mail message with the subject line Patriot Trail Dogs to: patriotrescue@verizon.net.



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We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous donation and support. Please consider volunteering.



Please note that we are now capable of online donations at our web page.



Health Corner

ASPCA urges caution with antifreeze and ice melts.

(Urbana, IL) -- As chilly winter temperatures begin to set in, the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center is urging pet owners to use caution and take steps to prevent accidental pet exposures to two potentially dangerous products commonly used during the winter: antifreeze and ice melts.

Antifreeze products containing ethylene glycol are highly toxic and can produce life-threatening kidney damage, even in small amounts. According to a study published by the Center, most cases of antifreeze poisoning occur around the pet's own home and are usually due to improper storage or disposal. The following are some guidelines to help educate vehicle owners on the safe use, storage and disposal of such products to help prevent accidental ingestion:

- Always clean up antifreeze/engine coolant spills immediately.
- Check your car regularly for leaks.
- Always store antifreeze containers in clearly marked sealed containers and in areas that are inaccessible to your pets.
- Never allow your pets to have access to the area when you are draining radi-

ator fluid from your car.

- Propylene glycol containing products are a relatively less toxic form of antifreeze and could be considered instead of conventional ethylene glycol antifreeze/engine coolant.

- If you suspect your pet has ingested antifreeze, contact your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at 1-888-426-4435 immediately.

Ice melts are available in both liquid and solid forms, and are commonly used to melt ice and snow on slippery sidewalks, roadways and driveways during the winter months. The solid forms, which are granules or tiny pellets, are the variety typically available for residential use.

These ice melts may contain ingredients such as calcium chloride and sodium chloride (table salt).

Dermal exposure to paws is very common and can result in irritation of the skin.

Additionally, pets may often ingest ice melt from their paws or directly from the ground. Depending on the amount ingested, ice melts can potentially produce effects such as drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, vocalizing/crying, excessive thirst, depression,

weakness, low blood pressure, disorientation, decreased muscle function and in severe cases, cardiac abnormalities, seizures, coma and even death.

As with antifreeze, if you suspect that your pet may have been exposed to an ice melt product, it is important that you contact your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center right away for assistance. Treatment will depend on the type of ice melt involved, as well as the amount your pet has been exposed to.

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"A dog will quickly turn you into a fool, but who cares? Better your dog than your boss. I'm a fool for my dog and proud of it." - Unknown

"Dogs are better than children. Even my friends with children say that. As a dog friend of mine likes to say, children are for people who can't have dogs." - Unknown

"Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job." - Franklin P Jones

"Life is like a dog sled team. If you ain't the lead dog, the scenery never changes." - Lewis Grizzard



Cold Weather Tips

Rainbow Bridge

Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm-dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure yours always wears ID tags.

1. Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.

2. Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. When you bathe your dog in the colder months, be sure to completely dry him before taking him out for a walk. Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. For many dogs, this is regulation winter wear.

3. Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.

4. Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If your puppy appears to be sensitive to the weather, you may opt to paper-train him inside. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only to relieve himself.

5. Does your dog spend a lot of

time engaged in outdoor activities? Increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him and his fur-in tip-top shape.

6. Like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol. Visit the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center more information.

7. Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.

www.asPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pets_coldweathertips



John Foye

Even though I have had dogs the majority of my life (and now cats, as well) and know numerous people who also have pets, it wasn't until just a couple of years ago that I read about Rainbow Bridge on a friend's website. I thought to myself, "what a fantastic concept." I hope, more than anything, that I see all my furry friends in the hereafter. After some minor online searching, I found this and would like to share it.

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge.

There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together.

There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by.

The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....

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Important Notifications

Attention all Siberian Sentinel subscribers!

Starting with the Spring 2006 edition, Patriot Siberian Husky Rescue will allow subscribers to receive the Siberian Sentinel newsletter in portable document format (PDF) attached to an e-mail message. This alternate distribution method will help the organization to reduce the expenses of producing and mailing paper copies of the Siberian Sentinel to all subscribers. Though not required, Patriot Siberian Husky Rescue would like to encourage all subscribers with e-mail capabilities to sign-up for this service. If you would like to receive the newsletter PDF via e-mail message, you must join the mailing list by sending an e-mail message with the subject line Newsletter Subscription to: newsletter@pshr.org.

If you are unable to receive the Siberian Sentinel via e-mail message or choose not to, Patriot Siberian Husky Rescue will continue to mail you a paper copy. Additionally, you can find the latest edition of the Siberian Sentinel on the Patriot Siberian Husky Rescue website at <http://www.pshr.org/newsletters/index.html>.

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