

AMRONE Tales

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Uniting great dogs with great people

Join us at our 10th Camp N Pack

This edition is going to be a little different. We are going to start with an invitation. We would like to invite you, your family and your dogs to the 10th annual Camp N Pack weekend that will take place on Oct. 5, 6 and 7 at Camp Timber Trails in Tolland, MA. We are very excited that we have been doing Camp N Pack for 10 years now. We never thought that this would happen 10 years ago.



By Joanne Duval, President

Camp N Pack started when a few of us who had been backpacking and camping with our dogs thought that having a relaxing camping weekend would be a fun way to pass the time. We got together the first time at Camp Timber Trails, renting the horse barn and hiring a caterer to do the meals. About 30 people attended and we all had a good time so we decided to do it again.

Skip forward 10 years. We still rent the barn area and we still have a fun and relaxing weekend. Gone is the caterer and some of the tents. Now we rent cabins and the dining hall/kitchen. We have Eric and Arnie, our chefs, providing great meals for us. We have speakers, workshops and hands-on activities for all the camp participants.

Our focus has remained on getting people together and exploring things they can do with their dogs, ways to keep their furry friends happy and healthy and good members of the community. We think it is important for people looking for a dog, someone who has adopted a dog or someone who has owned a dog

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Save the date for a very special Alaskan Malamute Rescue of New England Event

October 5 - 7, 2007
Camp Timber Trails
Tolland, MA

The TENTH Camp N Pack Weekend

It's time for the TENTH Annual Camp N Pack Weekend! The full flyer with registration form will be available in July on our web site, WWW.AMRONE.ORG, under the Events section. Please review the flyers on the site for detailed information about the weekend's schedule, registration form, location, maps and rules. **Newcomers are welcome — including dogs of every breed.** Please feel free to copy this page and give it to friends, or post anywhere accessible to fellow dog lovers.

Camp N Pack may include the following (and more):

- Fun, interesting dogs
- Fun, interesting dog people
- Hot, tasty meals
- Fresh air in a beautiful environment
- Agility equipment
- Weight pulling
- Live auction and silent auction
- 10-mile qualifying hike
- Dog videos
- Campfires
- Fenced doggie exercise areas
- Canine Good Citizen testing
- Short casual hikes
- Workshops on a variety of things that you can do with your dog
- Examples: agility, obedience, sledding, backpacking, and ski/bike-joring
- Group photos
- Doggie games
- AMRONE's store- sweatshirts, tee shirts, and dog goodies available for sale
- Stargazing
- "Gently used" donated dog items available for sale
- Guest speakers. Each year we look for a quality speaker to give a interesting talk/demo.



Meet Our Fosters

The dogs on these pages were in foster care as of the middle of June. To learn more about them, new dogs that AMRONE has taken in, or to fill out an adoption application, please visit our web site at www.amrone.org. [See Page 4 for more dogs.]

BRU



Hi, I'm Bru, and I entered foster care right as the new year started. Up to date on everything and on heartworm preventative, I am due to be neutered presently. I have been a good boy in my foster home and love playing with this crazy Siberian husky. I am housebroken (at least I haven't had any accidents) and I know how to walk on a leash.

I was an indoor house dog, but I like my foster home's outdoor kennel — it's quiet and friendly. I haven't even tried to test their fence.

I'd like to find some calm, experienced owners and maybe a female mal to play with. I hope my owners would help me gain confidence and develop experience. My foster parents say obedience classes would remind me that people are here to help.

KODAH

Hello, my name is Kodah. I am only 20 months old but I stand 30 inches tall and weigh 118 pounds! Yup, you read that right. At my foster family's home they call me "the pony." They don't ride me or anything like that, though; I am just the biggest dog here.

My color? you ask. Another unusual thing — I am being called a "strawberry blond," buff color with red tips. I am neutered and up to date on all vaccinations. I am

learning more about manners, crates, car rides and basic commands. I am going to very well educated. Seeing that I just came into rescue as this newsletter was being edited, please go to www.amrone.org to see if there is more information about me.



KISKA

Hi, my name is Kiska and I'm a very pretty solid white female malamute. I'm 3½ years old, housebroken, crate trained and know my basic commands. I'm a real love bug and my nickname is Kissy, because I love to give lots of kisses.

I lived with other dogs, but didn't always get along with the smaller dogs in my previous home. I'm new to rescue, so my foster family still needs to get to know me and see how I do with the malamute boys here. However, I don't think I'd mind at all being an only dog and getting all your love and attention. I'd certainly give you plenty of affection (and kisses!) in return. Seeing that I just came into rescue as this newsletter was being edited, please go to www.amrone.org to see if there is more information about me.

Volunteers, guests share their knowledge at camp

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for quite awhile to get together and share their experiences. Over the years Camp N Pack attendees have learned about many different activities that they can do with their dogs and have been able to try them all.

As always our weekend relies on volunteers for everything — workshop leaders, set up, clean up, etc. Our volunteers are just great, offering their knowledge and expertise in various areas, always willing to help others.

I invite you to join us. If you have never been to camp this is the year to start. If you are getting this newsletter you have some connection to the malamute community. You are a shelter/rescue, an adopter, a volunteer or a member of Yankee Alaskan Malamute Club or the Alaskan Malamute Club of America and you are invited to join us in sharing your experiences with this breed, all while having a good time.

Let the howling begin!

Meet Our Fosterers

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TEDDY

My name is Teddy. I was found wandering the streets of Midcoast Maine. I like my friends here at my foster home and play well with the girls.

I enjoy playing with my foster parents and talk up a storm. I dance, play-bow and talk all the time. I don't mind if they play with me and take my toys, then we play "get the toy."

I am well groomed and enjoy being brushed and let out in the fenced yard for play time. I sit on command. I promise to be a loyal companion.

Foster parents note: Teddy is eager to please and loves to play. Each morning we play chase and he play-bows and scooters away. I think he would play all day. This is a delightful mal, a neutered male about 4 years old. He was obviously well cared for and had some training. He does not protect his food or toys and is very social and has not shown any aggression toward my dogs.



SEYMOUR

Hi, my name is Seymour and I'm a handsome gray and white male malamute. The town's animal control officer found me wandering the streets of Seymour, CT. They helped me find my way to AMRONE and into foster care. When they picked me up I was "talking" and quite happy to be going for a ride in the car.

I am up to date on my vaccines and had a thorough vet check. I was found to have a borderline hypothyroid and mild hip dysplasia, but that doesn't stop me at all. I enjoy brisk power walks in the park



with my foster mom, and I have a great sense of adventure on trail walks. It does mean that they won't let me get fat so I can't eat all I want — bummer! I'm on a mild dose of thyroid medication to keep my level normal. All of this is not expensive and keeps me happy. Speaking of happy, I enjoy going for rides and love a good belly rub.

My foster care home is really nice, but I'd love to find my own forever home. I'm such a good boy and an easy keeper. I'd make a great companion for someone. Could that someone be you?

Friends old and new gather in the park

By Carl E. Hartdegen

Although the weather was blustery and a little cool, the skies were blue and the sun shone much of the day on Sunday, May 6, as 40 malamutes and other dogs enjoyed the kinship of their own kind and the 80 people they brought with them to the 6th annual Bark in the Park.

The annual event at Berry Pond in Harold Parker State Forest, North Andover, was again organized by the

indefatigable Kathy and Jerry Ferragamo and sponsored by Building Supplies Outlet of Peabody.

The gathering is a fund-raiser for Alaskan Malamute Rescue of New England but is also an opportunity for AMRONE volunteers and friends of the organization to meet each other and socialize. And, of course, it is a chance for their dogs to meet each other and howl.

Not long after the nominal starting time of 10 a.m., the lawn adjacent to the pond was dotted with crates and tie-

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Ken Segars and Ted Stimpson supervise as Aurora and Sadie Lee play at Bark in the Park, above. Jerry and Kathy Ferragamo greet Shiloh, right, as he arrives with Bernie Kravitz. The Ferragamos knew him as Shadow when they fostered him before his adoption.



A full day in the park leaves people wanting more

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outs as participants staked out areas for themselves and their dogs. The bangs and booms from the nearby Andover Sportsmen's Club where shooting was apparently under way could not compete with the sounds of dogs voicing their opinions as their two-legged friends settled in.

During the day, many of the dogs and people met others for a day of fun and fellowship with typical results. Most of the dogs greeted each other with amicable sniffing and friendly encounters while the inevitable squabbles that broke out between a few of the visiting dogs were quickly snuffed out by the supervising humans.

As Kathy and her crew registered late arrivals and organized the items they had brought for a raffle, Roger Davies led a group on a hike along the trails of the state forest as they worked up an appetite for lunch.

At lunch, Jerry Ferragamo presided over the grill with his brother, David, and, with a little help from his friends, cooked hot dogs, hamburgers, sweet Italian sausage and chicken breasts. Lunch also included other typical picnic foods.

Jerry also made desserts —

brownies and chocolate chip cookies. "I don't bake much; I bake once a year," he said but added, "They cleaned house, they were all gone," so apparently he has learned how to do it right.

After lunch were a series of organized presentations starting with the annual parade of rescue dogs. Twelve dogs who now have new homes thanks to the efforts of AMRONE volunteers, and one dog currently in foster care with Ruth Ellis, each had a moment in the spotlight as President Joanne Duval provided a running commentary about them.

The parade was followed by a demonstration of the skills required for the Canine Good Citizen award. Joanne used her rescue Siberian, Fancy, in the demonstration and said she was surprised how well she did as Jane Palinkas put them through the CGC paces.

Next was a demonstration of obedience training with Ruth Ellis showing how well Rocky can perform the requisite exercises when suitably trained and motivated.

The final event was the drawing of the raffle prizes. Contributors had donated 30 prizes for the event organized as a "teacup auction." The

prizes, oddly enough, featured a malamute (or at least dog) motif and included a large indoor/outdoor dog bed, malamute-imprinted mugs, a shirt sporting an embroidered malamute, a wolf-decorated candle and a blanket printed with a wolf design. The raffle garnered \$360 for AMRONE expenses.

During the day, the AMRONE store was open and in the chilly early hours did a brisk business in sweatshirts. New this year were some handsome neckties featuring a pattern of malamute images. Also offered were AMRONE T-shirts, bumper stickers and other sundries. The day's revenues from the store totaled \$352.

Kathy said "of course" she and Jerry will organize a seventh Bark in the Park next year and pointed out that the event is always staged on the first Sunday in May. She said the next edition will be much like the last one. "It's been working for the last six years," she said adding that she does not foresee any major changes.

"It's a lot of work," Jerry said, "but I enjoy it. And my Roxie enjoyed it too," he said, referring to his 12½-year-old malamute. He said he dedicated this year's Bark to Roxie.



On the money trail with AMRONE

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Income

Adopter	\$3250
Camp N Pack	\$13,501
Bark in the Park	\$3404
Donor – General	\$6436
PayPal	\$849
Owner Turn-in	\$700
Interest	\$193
Total Income	\$28,333

Expense

Boarding	\$272
Camp N Pack	\$4894
Bark in the Park	\$457
Insurance	\$1293
Grooming	\$85
Microchips	\$13
Office Supplies	\$33
PayPal Service Charge	\$27
Obedience refund	\$25
Pet Supplies	\$560
Postage	\$108
Printing	\$891
Telephone	\$117
Veterinary Costs	\$6588
Kenneling	\$150
Total Expense	\$15,513
Net Income	\$12,820



Jane Palinkas cuddles her rather large pup Tiffney at May's Bark in the Park. Born last Nov. 17, Tiffney has just completed her UKC CH.

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