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THE PROMISE OF RESCUE



Crystal was a matted mess (right) when she came into AMRONE, but after intense care she has become a beautiful mal.



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AFTER WEEKS OF AMRONE'S VOLUNTEER WORK, CRYSTAL SPARKLES

By Ruth Ellis

Crystal came into rescue with several problems, the first being a very matted and dirty wooly coat. After several people spent a total of 15 hours over 10 days grooming her she turned into a very nice looking dog.

Shortly thereafter it was deter-

mined that at 4 years old she had advanced osteoarthritis and severe bilateral hip dysplasia. She would scream in pain when running, jumping, climbing stairs, etc., but it didn't slow her down or prevent her from running, jumping and climbing stairs.

After consulting with two vets it

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Drive safely with a dog

By Joanne Duval, President

If you ever have volunteered to transport a dog for rescue, you know it can be a challenge, especially if the dog is not a willing passenger. Here are 10 hints to make the trip easier for both you and the dog.

1. Not all dogs have ridden in a car before, nor do they all like to ride. Treat a dog you don't know with respect and be careful.

2. The most dangerous part of getting a scared dog to its new home is getting him into the car. Do not lift a scared dog into a car by yourself. If the dog turns to bite, your face is right there and your arms are filled with dog.

3. If the dog needs help getting into the car, have someone help. One person can control the head and the other can lift.

4. If possible, use a dog crate. This is the safest way for both you and the dog when transporting a dog that you don't know. If the dog doesn't want to go into the crate on his own, use treats. Throw a few treats into the crate to coax the dog in. If the dog still doesn't want to go into the crate, don't push things with a dog you don't know. You can always use a leash to secure the dog in the back of your vehicle.

5. Take old bath towels, paper towels and a trash bag with you in case a dog gets sick.

6. Before putting the dog in the car make sure his collar is snug. Put the leash on and keep it on for the whole ride. A choke collar also can be a good backup.

7. Take an extra collar and leash along in case the owner does not have one or one breaks.

8. Take air freshener or be prepared to crack your car windows. A dog that has been in a kennel or in a bad situation will not smell like your dog at home.

9. If you're transporting a rescue for a considerable distance, keep a bowl and bottled water in the car for the dog and allow for comfort stops.

10. Make sure you have any paperwork that you need before you set off to pick up a dog. AMRONE must have a release form signed by the owner or shelter whenever we take ownership of a dog.



This how-to illustration actually appeared in a 1936 issue of Popular Mechanics.

If you find yourself doing transports often, you might want to get a box and put extras of all the above items in it. That way you've got everything in one spot, so you'll never forget that one thing when you go to pick up a dog.

If you think you might be able to help with transportation please email AMRONE at info@amrone.org.

Campers, volunteers enjoy 10 delightful years in the woods

We would like to thank all those volunteers and campers that have contributed to making Camp N Pack a success over the last 10 years.

When we started this weekend event we wanted to get adopters together with knowledgeable malamute people to learn more about the breed, try new things and share their experiences. Over the years we have been thrilled to see this happen.

We have loved watching our adopters and their dogs come back year after year. We have watched friendships develop, eaten great food, attended workshops, took quiet walks in the woods and shared campfires with our furry friends. There have been belt buckles, capers, people dressed as malamutes, auctioneers in shorts and leisure suits,

peeling potatoes, agility, weight pulling, Rally O, obedience and dogs wrapped in toilet paper.

If you have camped with us you might remember some of this. If not we hope you can join us at camp this year. For more information or a registration form, please go to www.amrone.org and click on Camp N Pack. Then we'll see you at camp.



Camp N Pack Weekend

An Alaskan Malamute Rescue of New England Event

October 3-5, 2008

Camp Timber Trails

Tolland, MA

It's time for the ELEVENTH Annual Camp N Pack Weekend. To keep our costs low, we will **not** be doing a mailing of the Camp N Pack flyer. The full flyer with registration form is available on our web site, WWW.AMRONE.ORG under Events.

Camp N Pack may include the following and more:

- Fun, interesting dogs
- Fun, interesting dog people
- Hot, tasty meals
- Fresh air
- Agility equipment
- Weight pulls
- Live auction and silent auction
- 10-mile qualifying hike
- Dog videos
- Raffles
- Campfires
- Fenced doggie exercise areas
- Canine Good Citizen testing
- Short casual hikes
- Ice cream buffet
- Rescue parade
- Workshops on agility, obedience, sledding, backpacking and ski/bike-joring
- Group photos
- Dog games
- AMRONE sweatshirts and T-shirts, and dog goodies available for sale
- Stargazing
- "Gently used" donated dog items available for sale



Please review the flyer on our web site, WWW.AMRONE.ORG for detailed information about the weekend's schedule, registration form, location, maps and rules.

Newcomers are welcome - including dogs of every breed. Feel free to copy this page and give it to friends, or post anywhere accessible to fellow dog lovers.

Trust — a deadly disease

By Sharon Mathers

Should you trust your dog off-leash? Read on. There is a deadly disease stalking your dog, a hideous, stealthy thing just waiting its chance to steal your beloved friend. It is not a new disease, or one for which there are inoculations. The disease is called trust.

You knew before you ever took your puppy home that it could not be trusted. The breeder who provided you with this precious animal warned you, drummed it into your head. Puppies steal off counters, destroy anything expensive, chase cats, take forever to house train, and must never be allowed off lead.

When the big day finally arrived, heeding the sage advice of the breeder you escorted your puppy to his new home, properly collared and tagged, the lead held tightly in your hand.

At home the house was "puppy-proofed." Everything of value was stored in the spare bedroom, garbage stowed on top of the refrigerator, cats separated, and a gate placed across the door to the living room to keep at least part of the house puddle free. All windows and doors had been properly secured, and signs placed in all strategic points reminding all to "CLOSE THE DOOR!"

Soon it becomes second nature to make sure the door closes 0.9 of a second after it was opened and that it really latched. "DON'T LET THE DOG OUT" is your second most verbalized expression. (The first is "NO!") You worry and fuss constantly, terrified that your darling will get out and a disaster will surely follow. Your fiends comment about whom you love most, your family or the dog. You know that to relax your vigil for a moment might lose him to you forever.

And so the weeks and months pass, with your puppy becoming more civilized every day, and the seeds of trust are planted. It seems that each new day brings less destruction, less breakage. Almost before you know it your gangly, slurpy puppy has turned into an elegant, dignified friend.

Now that he is a more reliable, sedate companion, you take him more places. No longer does he chew the steering wheel when left in the car. And darned if that cake wasn't still on the counter this morning. And, oh yes, wasn't that the cat he was sleeping with so cozily on your



Bad things can happen if you let your dog run free, out of sight.

pillow last night?

At this point you are beginning to become infected, the disease is spreading its roots deep into your mind.

And then one of your friends suggests obedience. You shake your head and remind her that your dog might run away if allowed off lead, but you are reassured when she promises the events are held in a fenced area. And, wonder of wonders, he did not run away, but come every time you called him.

All winter long you go to weekly obedience classes. And, after a time you even let him run loose from the car to the house when you get home. Why not? He always runs straight to the door, dancing a frenzy of joy and waits to be let in. And remember, he comes every time he is called. You know he is the exception that proves the rule.

And sometimes late at night, you even let him slip out the front door to go potty and then right back in.

At this point the disease has taken hold, waiting only for the right time and place to rear its ugly head.

Years pass; it is hard to remember why you ever worried so much when he was a puppy. He would never think of running out the door left open while you bring in the packages from the car. It would be beneath his dignity to jump out the window of the car while you run into the convenience store.

And when you take him for those wonderful long walks at dawn, it only takes one whistle to send him racing

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Surgery for chronic ear infection is last resort

(Dr. Robert Tremblay, VMD, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1968. He built the Marion Animal Hospital where, he says, he "had a great time for 35 years and tried to be practical with my clients." Here he answers questions asked at Camp N Pack.)

Q *Our 8-year-old male malamute has a chronic ear condition. There are no mites or bacterial infections. What should we do?*

Many ear problems are chronic. With all the detail on each organ of the body down to individual cells it seems like our creator slapped the ears on as the pet was going out the door.

They don't function properly when it comes to infection. Pus in the ear has to drain uphill to get out. As a last resort surgery may be considered. A lateral ear resection takes the vertical cover off the canal so the eardrum drains straight out like a human.

I've always had good luck with this. If the vertical canal is closed and includes the horizontal canal to the



eardrum, then an ablation of the canal may be the solution. This should be done by a surgeon that has done many and had good

results. The entire canal including the middle ear is removed. The dog looks normal, there is no ear canal and he is basically deaf on that side.

This surgery should only be considered only on extreme cases. Many years ago I sent a dog to a dermatologist when I couldn't get the infection under control. He changed the diet to fish and potato, eliminating any other protein, even in snacks etc. The ear cleared quickly and I was astonished. Now it's common knowledge food allergies can cause ear infections. I have no idea why and you have to be really strict eliminating foods as factors. Food allergy treatment is not as easy as it sounds. A board-certified dermatologist might be worthwhile to consult on a chronic condition.

Q *What are the benefits and disadvantages of a raw diet?*

I have never heard of any benefits.

Breeders started this fad a few years ago and say, "We're going back to the beginning of history when dogs ate raw food." Well, that's nice and I'm sure the family does the same with the children. Junior impresses his classmates by killing a chicken in the yard and devouring it raw!

We don't eat raw foods, especially chicken, because of salmonella and campylobacter. Now we see recalls on foods all the time for minute amounts of bacteria. Yes, dogs eat E.Coli in stools all the time and seem to have built immunity to it. A certain percentage (I believe it's 15 to 20%) of dogs that eat raw chicken pass salmonella in their stools. I personally wouldn't like that around my grandchildren.

Dr. Sophia Yin of Tuft's Vet School wrote the last article I saw in the November 2007 Veterinary Forum on this subject. In this she tries to explain why some dog owners swear by it because it cleared some skin condition. Yes, the dog's skin cleared when he was switched from beef dog food to raw chicken. You guessed it — he was allergic to beef. The skin would have cleared just as well on cooked chicken with less risk.



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Rescue mal is an Ace at weight-pulling

By Susan L. Gallagher

Despite the fact that Ace is more than 9 years old, we decided to let him compete in the IWPA (International Weight Pull Association) to get a basic weight pull title. Boy, did he really surprise us as he excelled this past season.

In the IWPA, he finished sixth out of 29 dogs in his weight class, earning his working dog and working dog excellent titles on wheels. On snow in the IWPA, he was the Region 5 bronze medalist. He also earned his WWPDX title for AMCA and just missed taking highest percentage at the Harrisburg, PA, AMCA eastern regional specialty.

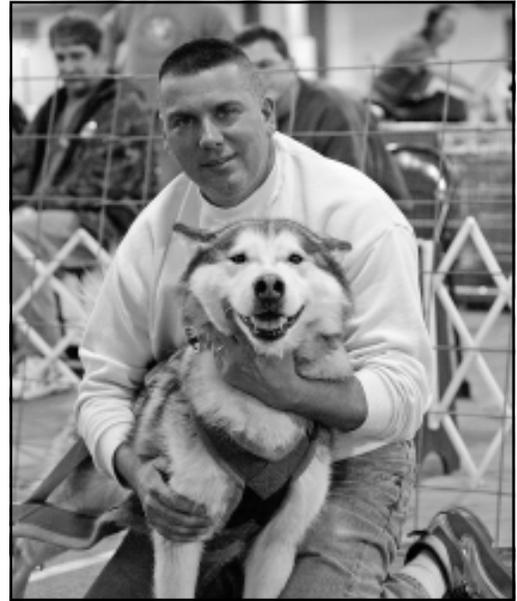
What makes this so gratifying is all this was accomplished with very little training. He pulls because he loves us and we love him. And

although he is retiring from active weight pulling, by no means is he slowing down.

And as long as he is still enjoying it, he will be harnessed next to his girlfriend Kiska on our sled team. It truly is amazing that this dog, at his age, is showing no signs of slowing down. And he has a super personality to boot!

For those who do not know, Ace was one of the dogs rescued from Chinook Kennels in 2005. Without the help of all the AMRONE volunteers, stories like this might not happen. Dogs like Ace easily could be dumped in a shelter and possibly euthanized due to

age. But as an organization, we join together and find forever homes for these great dogs and give them a



David Gallagher has a winner in Ace.

chance to be happy. Ace just happens to love weight pulling and is happy doing it.

Titles earned by several dogs at Camp N Pack 2007

By Jane Palinkas

A few brave soldiers took off at about 10 in the morning last Oct. 5, on what was to be a 10-mile qualifying backpacking hike.

The dogs hiking with full backpacks included: Jeannine Theriaque's Pekaboos B-Wootiful Noise, aka Melody, and Pekaboos Woo Got Tu Me, aka Jordan. Also hiking were Jane Palinkas' Luv Sno Abenaki's Last Chance, aka Willow, and Luv Sno's Dymnd N' the Ruff, aka Ruffy. Not to be forgotten was Donald Borek's Rescue Snowball, aka Snowball.

Laurel Flax and her dog Faith packed, but not up to weight. We also had a couple of Siberian huskies and their people and Jon Glennon and brother with a couple of malamutes.

We hiked the hallowed mountains of People's State Forest in Barkhamsted, CT, for about six long hours. We took a few short water breaks for the dogs and ourselves, and had one longer lunch stop. The hike ended with a

nice downhill walk, and we came out of the woods about 4 p.m.

Those earning legs toward their Working Pack Dog title were Snowball and Melody. Dogs actually finishing their title were Jordan, Willow and Ruffy.

Later I had the privilege of helping to do Canine Good Citizen testing of four dogs that attended camp. All four passed and now have CGC after their name. They were: Deb Sien's Siberian husky; Lisa Walker's Doberman pinscher Eystwick's Fast and Furious; Donald Borek's malamute Snowball, and Jane Palinkas' malamute Maskaraid N LuvSno's Maidn Tiffney.

CGC is not an obedience test; it is a control test. Passage basically says the dog is safe to be out in public, these dogs usually are not the dogs preying on others, or doing harm running loose. In some states now, some insurance companies will not insure people with certain breeds, and malamute is one of them. If you have these kinds of dogs some insurance companies will insure them if they have passed the CGC test.

Adding to the pack: First impressions critical

By Nicole Royer
Jin-Sohl Jindo Dog Rescue

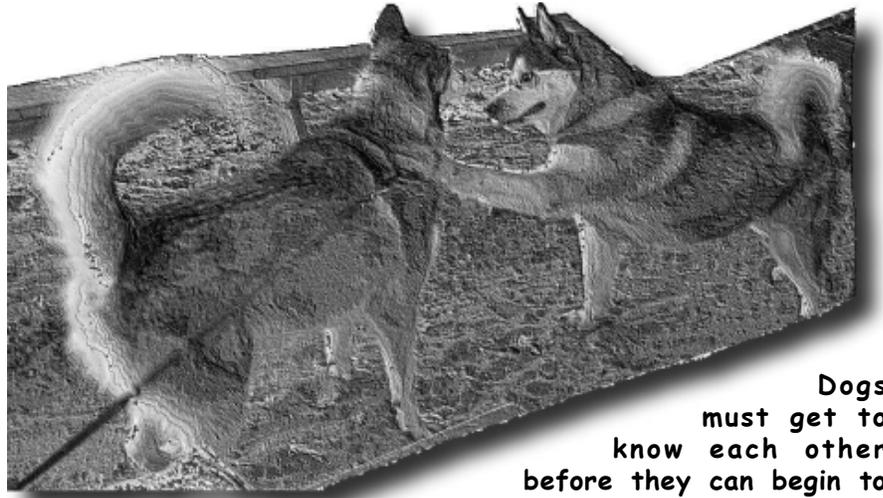
Bringing home a new dog is an exciting time for everyone involved. The anticipation of a new companion and the thrill of the search for “just the right one” all culminate in the preparations for the final homecoming.

In all the excitement it can be easily forgotten that the human family members are not the only ones affected by the addition of a new member to the pack. After all the careful planning and preparations it can be heartbreaking when the first meeting between new dog and old is less than love at first sight.

The first step in deciding to add another dog is to assess the current dog or dogs. Some dogs simply love all other dogs and are happy to get along with anyone. Other dogs are more selective and their preferences should be taken into consideration when adding to the pack. The most difficult dogs act in an aggressive manner toward all other dogs, and in these cases serious thought should be given to the advisability of attempting an addition.

Some general rules apply for many situations. Opposite sex pairs often get along better than same sex pairs. Two dominant dogs may conflict, while a dominant dog and a more submissive dog may get along better. Dogs who have never been socialized towards puppies or who have high prey drive towards small moving animals will do better with an adult companion.

Just like their humans, dogs must get to know each other before they can really begin to decide they like each other. We can do a lot to help make this happen by structuring the



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initial introduction process with an emphasis on it being a positive experience for all involved. This can be accomplished by preventing any aggressive incidents and maintaining total control of the situation until the dogs prove they will get along.

There are any number of ways of introducing dogs. The following system is one recommended by several canine behaviorists and one that has proved successful for many people with a wide range of dogs. It's a longer process than what most people use, but it also has a much higher long-term rate of success even with dogs who initially are not thrilled with their new “friend.” The key to making things work is to keep the introduction slow and positive.

The first thing to remember is not to assume things are going to work out right from the start. Dogs need to get to know each other before they can be expected to live together. The current dog is likely to view the newcomer as a trespasser on their property, so you want to prevent the dogs from developing a dislike of each other by controlling and shaping their introduction.

This means that you set up a

system for the dogs to be separated and SLOWLY introduced. But always remember that dogs are pack animals and in this situation you are the alpha dog. You need to set the rules and let them know it is you who decides what behavior is acceptable. Fighting and displays of aggression are never allowed.

The dogs' first meeting should be on neutral ground. A good way to do this is to enlist the help of a friend and take both dogs for a walk. Don't necessarily let them play and interact, just walk them in the same direction and enjoy a nice long stroll. The idea is to let the dogs see and smell each other during a very positive experience, and to prevent anything negative from happening.

Continue this idea when you get home with the dogs. Unless you obviously have two dogs who just love all other dogs on the planet you will want to come up with a system for temporarily separating the two dogs.

You can use an ex-pen, baby gate inside the house, crates, or a kennel if you have one. Initially you want the dogs to be able to see and smell

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Behind the scenes: adoption screening

By Kathy Ferragamo, Secretary

In a previous issue of Tales we told you about what goes on behind the scenes before a dog comes into rescue. Once they are in one of our foster care homes, next is the adoption screening process to find homes for our dogs. This is one of the most important jobs for rescue. The screening process involves finding these homes and matching the right dog to the right home, so careful screening is essential.

Everyone who wants to adopt a malamute from us needs to fill out an on-line application and read our "Warning Label." Each application is automatically added to our database then claimed by a screener. We try to respond to them in the order we receive them. At times we can respond the next day, but sometimes it may not be for a few weeks, since we're all volunteers doing this in our spare time.

As a screener, you need to get a sense of what someone is like and what their needs might be. To break the ice, it's good to start off by verifying some of the information on an application. No two applications are alike. Each one requires different questions to ask and things to look for. Therefore, an initial conversation with an applicant can vary anywhere from 15 minutes to 1½ hours.

Make sure to take notes during your conversation. We try to learn as much as possible about an individual and help them to understand that we not only have the dogs' best interest at heart but theirs as well. Good prospects should ask a lot of questions to see if a malamute is the right dog for their lifestyle.

A potential adopter should be willing to work with us and be patient in going through our screening process. They should be willing to listen and consider rescues' opinions on topics such as fencing, crate training and obedience training – to name a few. An individual may seem very interested initially about adopting, but can quickly change his or her mind. So, as a screener, it is important to make sure that a decision to adopt isn't an impulse.

One of the first things we ask is why does someone want a malamute. If it's a previous malamute owner – we generally already know the answer. This is an addictive breed and once you've owned a malamute, how could you not want another! If it is someone new to malamutes,

It might seem like adopters must follow a convoluted path to reach their goal, but each step is necessary.



we need to start off by finding out their knowledge of malamutes.

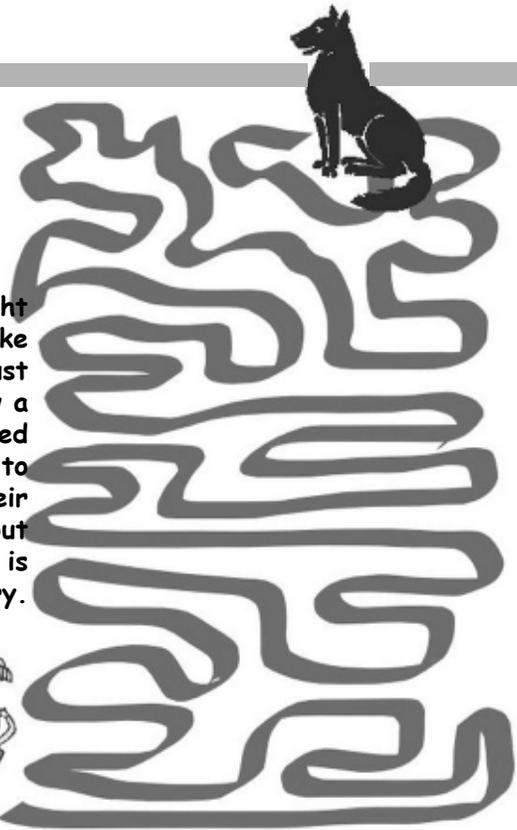
Malamutes are wonderful, but like any breed, they're not right for everyone. We want to make sure someone understands what they're getting themselves into – how much research have they done; how much experience he/she has with dogs, particularly northern breed and/or large dogs.

Talk to an applicant about life with a malamute. Discuss the wonderful traits of malamutes: beauty, intelligence, personality, friendly, affectionate, loyal, playful, a great outdoor companion for hiking, backpacking, jogging, sledding. But also we need to talk about some of their other characteristics: independent, stubborn, demanding, powerful, predatory, high energy, dominant, highly developed sense of pack hierarchy, diggers, escape artists, thieves, can be destructive if bored and left alone, and of course the shedding.

I've had numerous conversations where once I've gone through these characteristics, people have said things to me like, "Really, they shed that much?" "You mean if I take a malamute into the woods and let him/her off leash they're not going to come back when I call their name?"

"I may have food stolen off the counter if I leave something out? Gee, let me think about this and I'll get

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Let potential adopters know we are always here to help

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back to you" (I often never get that return phone call) – just to name a few.

Following is a brief summary of things we talk about during a conversation:

- Confirm that all household members know and are in total agreement about adopting.
- Day-to-day schedule. You need to get a feeling for how much time will be spent with a dog; what activities and/or exercise do they plan on.
- Do you own or rent? If a renter, we need proof that a landlord will permit pets. A landlord might not mind a small dog, but a large dog – that could be a different story.
- Is someone looking for an indoor or outdoor dog? Some malamutes can live quite comfortably inside with proper daily exercise. However, some don't and prefer to be outdoor dogs. If inside, do you have a plan to make sure the dog can't get into trouble while left alone for extended periods of time?
- Potential adopters must fully understand that malamutes should never be allowed off leash, except in fenced areas.
- Children – we do not place a rescue dog in a home with children under the age of 10.
- Cats and other small animals. Most often we don't know the entire history of our dogs before coming into rescue and what they have or have not been exposed to. So it's important to explain the difficulty in placing a rescue malamute in a home with cats, small dogs or other small animals.
- Be honest and straightforward about why a dog has been turned over to rescue.

- An adoption fee (currently \$200) is paid at the time of an adoption and a contract is signed. If an adoption doesn't work out, the dog must be returned to rescue. The dog should not be given to anyone else or turned over to a shelter. Also, if a dog is taken through an obedience class and passes within four months of adoption, we reimburse an adopter \$25. Obedience class with positive reinforcement should be a priority.

- Let potential adopters know that the foster care family has the final say on who adopts a dog as they are the ones who evaluate, care for the dog, and know what situation will be best for everyone. All family members should go to visit a dog. If a potential adopter already has a dog, they must bring their current dog to meet one of our fosters.

- It's important to let people know that after an adoption, we are always here to help with any issues that might arise and answer any questions. We also encourage people to come to our events.

- If someone already has a dog, you need to find out such things as:

What is their personality/ temperament – dominant or submissive; how much socialization with other dogs; setup for having more than one dog; importance of careful introduction and close supervision; opposite sex/ same sex combinations – just to name a few. A potential adopter needs to understand how dynamics change each time you add or lose a dog and how to properly handle more than one dog.

After your interview, if the applicant seems appropriate you need to do a vet check. If this is positive, then it is time for the next step – match them with a dog. By now you should have a good feeling for which dog could be a good fit for them. Make another phone call to let someone know they have been approved.

At this time you can give contact information for a foster home. It's always good to either email or call the foster home so they can review an application and notes before talking to potential adopters. Follow up with potential adopters to see how things are going.

If someone isn't an appropriate home for one of our dogs, they should be politely informed – it isn't fair to leave someone hanging. This isn't always easy, but it is necessary. We want them to feel that they had a good experience talking with us, and hopefully an educational one as well.

The final step is to make sure all your notes are up to date on an application and close it.

As you can see, this is a lengthy process we go through, but we want to make sure we have done a thorough job for both our dogs and potential adopters. The greatest reward of rescuing malamutes comes when one goes to a new forever home where they will live out a life filled with love.

The key steps

- Read application & contact applicant.
- Verify information on application.
 - Be sure applicants understand what they are getting into.
 - Do a vet check.
 - Give foster home contact info.
 - Follow up with potential adopters.
 - Close out application.

Meet Our Fosters

The dogs on these pages were in foster care as of the end of May. 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.

Thunder

Thunder is a exuberant male mal who is built like a tank. Although he could stand to lose a few pounds he is in great health. His owner reports and from what I could see he is in fantastic health and has very high energy for his age. He had a single bout of dermatitis when he was much younger, possibly from way too much fertilizer on the lawn. He is fairly easy to walk on a lead but could quickly put on the power if a squirrel runs out in front of him.



He has seen the vet regularly and is neutered and up to date on all vaccinations. His owner reports that he likes children as long as they are not hanging on him, so a family with no children or teenage children probably would be best for this guy. He does not like other dogs, and cats are a no. The owner said he will occasionally tolerate the presence of a small submissive female lab owned by a friend but he never likes the situation and would prefer to remain an only dog.

She says he settles into routines very easily. He is an indoor/outdoor dog, having a nice kennel and also a place in the house, so he is housebroken. His owner is very concerned about making sure that he has a good home. He is VERY well cared for, and she is devastated that she has to find a home for him but feels that it's necessary due to recent circumstances.

Overall, Thunder is very nice and very handsome and he maybe a great dog for someone who wants an older dog with a lot of life left to live. Had the owner not told us his age, we would have guessed he was maybe 6 years old, not 9!



Fuzzy Wuzzy

Fuzzy Wuzzy came into rescue just as this newsletter was being written. He is about 5 months old. His breeder could not find homes for all the puppies they had and turned both Fuzzy Wuzzy and his brother, Furry Murry, into AMRONE. Murry found a great new home. Fuzzy will be neutered and then a super home will be found for him, too!



Sam

Sam was taken to the Caribou Pet Rescue in Maine as an owner turn-in in February when his owner could no longer care for him due to the owner's health. He is 10+ years old, is very good with people and is a very calm, friendly dog. He seems to get along with the shelter's cats and seems friendly with the other dogs. The shelter is making special efforts to help Sam find a loving home. Come meet this sweet guy today and we guarantee you will fall in love. If you are interested in Sam please contact the Caribou Pet Rescue in Caribou, ME. Phone: 207-498-3800

Sam is up to date with routine shots, is altered and house trained. AMRONE would consider taking Sam if we could find someone willing to foster him long-term if needed. If you might be able to provide foster care for AMRONE contact surrender@amrone.org for more details about fostering

Allie

Allie came a long distance to join the AMRONE family, all the way from South Dakota. She was taken into rescue when 24 malamutes were found malnourished and poorly kept. South Dakota's rescue asked for help and AMRONE made arrangements to bring her all the way to New England. She was driven to Denver and flew to Connecticut, then spent time in quarantine in Massachusetts before going to her foster home.

She was thin and needed to gain weight, so her foster home is working on that. They're also helping her to learn to trust people and gain confidence. She now has a nice soft doggie bed to sleep on, and lots of treats and bones to chew on when she hangs out in her crate.

She is really very sweet and will gives kisses.



She will need someone who can be patient with her and use lots of positive reinforcement to make up for the neglect she grew up in.

Rosie

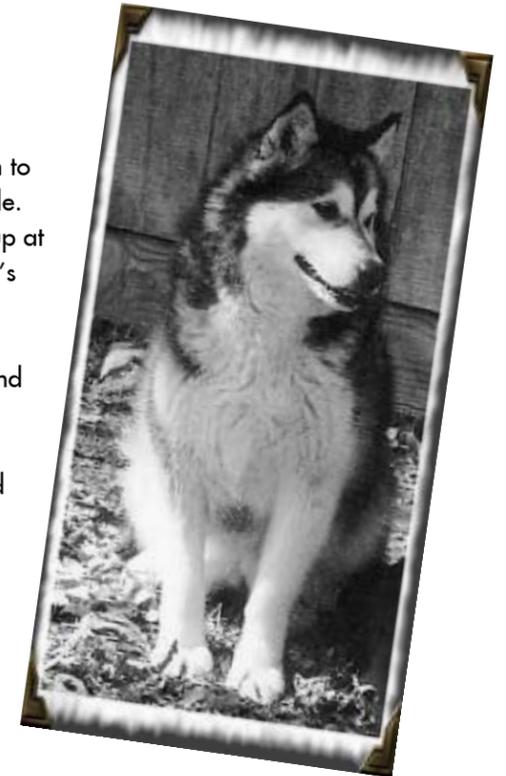
Rosie is enough to make anyone smile. This girl showed up at her current owner's house four years ago. She was already spayed and her new owner advertised her for several weeks and no one came to claim her so she stayed with him. At the time he also had another dog that Rosie liked very much. That was four

years ago. Last December Rosie's dog friend died and now her owner feels she would be much happier in another home. She is a happy dog where she is, she just has very little interaction with humans or anyone other than chickens.

Rosie is a little more than moderately overweight and will need to be put on a diet in her new home. She has a very

pleasant temperament and loves the outdoors. She loves to play ball and with less weight will be a very young and active 8-year-old. She has been living outside for the past four years in a fenced yard. She could easily get out if she wanted but has been content to stay in the yard. She does not dig, and does not jump much. According to the owner she is very easy on the leash. She might live with another dog but unfortunately would not do well with a cat.

She has her rabies vaccination but has not been updated on her other vaccinations lately. Her new owner would have to take care of updating her vet care. AMRONE would consider taking in Rosie and providing all her vet care if we could find someone willing to foster her. If you might be able to provide foster care for AMRONE, contact surrender@amrone.org for more details about fostering.





No matter how much he wants it, don't trust your dog off-leash.

Forgetfulness can be fatal

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back to you in a burst of speed when the walk comes too close to the highway. (He still gets into the garbage, but nobody is perfect.)

This is the time the disease has waited for so patiently. Sometimes it only has to wait a year or two, but often it takes much longer.

He spies the neighbor dog across the street, and suddenly forgets everything he ever knew about not slipping outdoors, jumping out windows or coming when called due to traffic. Perhaps it was only a paper fluttering in the breeze, or even just the sheer joy of running.

Stopped in an instant. Stilled forever — your heart is as broken as his still beautiful body.

The disease is trust. The final outcome: hit by a car.

Every morning my dog Shah bounced around off lead, exploring. Every morning for seven years he came back when he was called. He was perfectly obedient, perfectly trustworthy. He died 14 hours after being hit by a car. Please do not risk your friend and heart. Save the trust for things that do not matter.

(AMRONE thanks Sharon Mathers for letting us reprint her article.)

Hard work, persistence slowly bring out beauty in the beast

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was decided that she would benefit from physical therapy. I investigated several animal physical therapy centers and decided on one that ended up being close to home. We began a six-week regime that included extensive stretching, exercise, massage and aquatic therapy, all of which she did with a great attitude and enthusiasm. At her last session, Crystal swam a solid 16 minutes in a heavy current.

She was remeasured and she had gained five pounds and several centimeters of muscle and now has full range of motion in her right side and about 85% in her left side. She was on pain meds during the physical therapy but at the end we were able to cut the dosage by half and she still was pain free. Through all of this she remained a very sweet little girl that wanted to be a lap dog more than anything else, including eating.

I really have enjoyed having her, but the news gets even better: Crystal found her forever home. A very nice family from Rhode Island fell in love with her and couldn't care less about her special needs. Crystal will be an only dog and her new family is looking forward to continuing her



physical therapy as needed.

When Tracey and Bruce arrived to pick her up they already had purchased a ramp for her to get in and out of the SUV, and two car restraints. (They didn't know which one she would like better so they got both.)

Crystal has been a very sweet dog and Rocky and I will miss her very much but we know that she will get lots of love and attention in her new family. The family says she has settled in very nicely. Crystal was particularly pleased when her new mom baked a dish of corn bread and left it out on the counter for her to help herself to.

Crystal's charming personality continues to win her lots of new friends and she will be attending her first wedding this summer in Maine. The family wedding invitation specifically requested that Crystal attend and the bride and groom went so far as to find them a hotel that accepts dogs.

At last report, Crystal continues to attend aquatic therapy, resulting in a good range of motion and she is off her pain medication and totally pain free. Its hard to tell who is happier in this family — Crystal or the adopters.



Crystal seemed to enjoy her swim therapy.

Rain fails to dampen enthusiasm for outing

By Carl Hartdegen

It doesn't really rain every year at Bark in the Park – it just seems that way. Kathy Ferragamo said it was raining so hard they couldn't set up the tent they had borrowed for the day. But creative use of two by fours and a tarp extended the coverage area of the pavilion at the site.

Fortunately, the rain turned out to be the trailing edge of the storm and, by the official starting time of 10 a.m., only a light mist remained that prevailed for much of the rest of the day.

Twenty dogs attended by 52 persons, showed up for the event at Harold Berry State Park in North Andover, MA. The seventh annual edition of "Bark" was sponsored, as it has been every year, by Paul Ferragamo, owner of Building Supplies Center of Peabody, and was organized by Kathy and Jerry Ferragamo.

AMRONE president Joanne Duval said that Kathy and Jerry "do a lot of work, before, during and after" but, said Kathy, "It's always worth it, and it's all for the dogs."

After socializing for about an hour, Roger Davies led about a dozen of the dogs, with handlers, for a hike of about a mile and a half through the woods and along the trails of the park. "They all made it," Roger said, although the group did stretch out, keeping him busy making sure nobody missed any turns or got lost.

Back at the pond, Jerry had the grill going and, when the walkers returned with their appetites, they found picnic fare awaiting them.

Jerry and his helpers served up not only the usual hotdogs and hamburgers but also sausages and chicken breasts along with salads and fixings. Brownies, both plain and fancy (with raspberry jam and cream cheese) and chocolate chip cookies were available for those with room left over.

After lunch, AMRONE's successes were put on display as Stephanie Bayliss announced the rescue parade with assistance from Joanne Duval and her three helpers (they get bigger every year), Carly, Cole and Grayson,. The dogs on display included not only dogs that have found their forever homes with the help of AMRONE volunteers but also at least one dog still looking for her final haven.



Jane Zimmerman and Igor try out a rally obedience course as Laurel Flax offers instructions and encouragement. Laurel had set up the course and offered a demonstration of the sport earlier at the seventh annual Bark in the Park.

Kathy Ferragamo brought out Allie, one of 24 malamutes rescued from an appalling situation in South Dakota. The severely neglected dogs were removed from a field near the Rapid City Regional Airport and their care taxed the resources of the Humane Society of the Black Hills. Rescue groups across the country stepped up to help and one of them was AMRONE. Kathy will foster Allie until her new home is found and, as she walked into the spotlight Sunday, one would never guess that she recently had been at risk .

After the parade, Laurel Flax and Faith demonstrated rally obedience on a course Laurel had set up. After her demo, the course was available and several dogs tried out the sport with their persons.

As usual, many of the participants brought gifts for a teacup auction. Not surprisingly, the gifts tended to have a malamute (or wolf) theme. The prizes ranged from malamute slippers to a heated water bowl with a malamute-embellished mailbox drawing considerable interest. The offerings also included several copies of one of Susan Conant's newer books, which were well received. The prizes were bundled into about 20 lots and ticket sales raised \$330 to support AMRONE efforts for malamutes.

But the real prize of the day was the opportunity to meet friends, both old and new, and visit with a wide variety of the best dogs on earth. Such an opportunity will not come again until the Oct. 3 opening of the 11th annual Camp N Pack in Tolland, MA.

Mail Call

Letters and photos from adopters

I can't believe that's it been a year already since I adopted Gunner. "Time flies" – now where have I heard that before? In December of 2006, I took Gunner in as a foster. He was 13 months old and this would be his third home. Apparently, his former owners wanted him as a house pet and it didn't work out. I can see where he failed in that role.

I discovered very soon that he was a working malamute that loved to run and pull. I have a sled dog team of four malamutes and I hoped that Gunner would fit in. At first he didn't. He didn't have a clue what was going on. I put him in harness, which was not an easy task. He jumped all over the place. I then attached him to the gang line. The jumping and carrying-on continued. He was disruptive to the other dogs in the team. I did get a short run in, but it showed that he needed more training.

I love dog sledding, but I also enjoy having dogs pull me on X-country skis, which is called skijoring. I thought that this would be a good time for me to work with Gunner one on one. He took to this like a duck takes to water. He didn't know any of the commands but he can surely pull! I also started working with him on some of the basic commands: Sit, Paw, Other Paw, and so on. He is very smart and caught on quickly. I was able to get him to heel in a very short time. Next season was going to be very interesting.

Last fall I started training the team for the upcoming winter months of dog sledding. I call it training, but it's just running the dogs attached to a four-wheel ATV. With his attitude, I thought that I would give Gunner a shot at lead. I hitched him alongside my old lead dog Missy. When we took off he would run and pull as hard as he



Ernie and Gunner pause during skijoring.

could. Before long he was pooped. But wise old Missy would pace herself. She always took off fast but very soon she would set the pace for the rest of the team. Before long Gunner was following her lead (no pun intended).

I said to my self that Gunner, with some more training, is going to be a good lead dog. He ran in lead, alongside Missy, all winter long and has learned a lot. He has picked up the commands Line-Out (line out on the gang line), Hike (let's go), Whoa (you know what this means), and Gee (go right). He is still working on How (go left). He has a hard time with this command due to the fact that where I run my team there are not many left turns.

Gunner has not only become a good sled dog, he has become one of my best buds! Every day at feeding time he jumps up and down, waits for me to rub his ears and then he showers me with tons of wet kisses. Gunner has also found his voice. When the other dogs in the kennel begin to sing, Gunner throws his head back and joins in the chorus. He is part of the team now and has found his forever home. I am so glad that AMRONE made it possible for me to foster Gunner and then to adopt him. Thanks AMRONE!

If you have adopted a dog from AMRONE and would like to send us a brief update and picture to appear in a future issue of Tales, send it to tales@amrone.org. Please do not send photos without arranging for them in advance. Letters might be edited for space reasons.

— Ernie

Mail Call

Letters and photos from adopters

Just wanted to share and update on my li'l' bud Samson. We call him Samsam or Sammy. He's happy to answer to anything as long as you bring him a biscuit! He's been with us almost a year now and he's doing AWESOME.

When he came to live with us he wanted no part of being in the house. Now he can't wait for his visits inside with the family. He's loving his new life in his gigantic fenced-in yard with his new best buddy, Arctic. He learned to snowshoe this year and he did quite well. As you'll see by the picture he had plenty of snow to learn in. He sits on top of the snow pile and plays king of the hill.

He's been through a couple of obedience classes and has surely come along way. What a great dog!

I am delighted to report that both Nikita and Amakitartut are doing splendidly! Nikita has a few more grey hairs (her estimated age is now roughly 9 years) but she retains her huntress instinct (her most recent kill was within the last three weeks). Amaki remains the most wonderful, friendly, large beast imaginable. He has had no health irregularities since the time of his joining the family late last July. He continues to be an eating machine – his weight is 100 pounds (up from 68 pounds), and it has held at that level for the last six months. Yet he runs like the wind!



Samson, the king of his hill.

We are very happy to have him as part of our family. Thanks to all of you at AMRONE for doing what you do.

— Cheryl



Anaki, left, and Nikita take a break.

The two dogs are great with one another, with Amaki usually deferring to the smaller Nikita, except when petting is involved at which time he must be a recipient. The dogs especially enjoy running on the beach in Hingham, where we live, and exploring Wompatuck State Park – seven square miles of woodland under a mile from home. Needless to say, everyone loves Amaki.

— Chip

Storm is doing great – he's such a good boy. I wanted to send pictures but he hates his picture taken and closes his eyes every time I try to take one.

My two dogs that I brought down with me (Angel & Sam) passed away three years ago and Storm was devastated. He wouldn't eat and just howled all the time. I was really worried about him. Cheryl, my daughter, was going to buy me a golden for Christmas but we didn't think he would last that long.

So we went on Petfinder because I wanted a puppy because I thought he would be better with a puppy. We found Haley in North Carolina through Foothill Golden Retriever Rescue. She and her five siblings were rescued from a puppy farm. I applied for her and was told she was mine so in November we drove down there and picked her up (she was 8 weeks old).

When we brought her home Storm looked at her like, what is this thing, but Haley went right over to him and started climbing all over him. He was so good with her and he was so happy to have another dog in the house and didn't even mind too much that she kept going after his tail because it was so fluffy and waved around all the time. He just made sure when she was in the room he kept his back end and tail away from her.

We even have Storm going in our dog pool. He only goes up to his belly but he likes to stand in the water.

— Lee

Mail Call

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Dante has settled in and is doing very well overall, save that he harasses Baffin a good deal trying to get her attention. Teenage malamute nonsense. I have tried to bring him in to give her some peace and quiet, but she feels she has to keep an eye on him (for fear he may be getting special treatment, I guess) and always wants to come in too. So for better or worse, they're inseparable.

I don't know if I mentioned that we discovered that Baffin's medical situation turned out to be far worse than the dog oncologist thought. She started having severe neck pain a couple of weeks after we adopted Dante, which we thought might be a result of horsing around with him in the yard. But tests showed the thyroid tumor has invaded her spinal column. They put her on steroids and a painkiller, which has stopped the pain for now. I don't know how much longer she'll be with us. She is hanging in for now. I'm worried that Dante's going to find it hard to be an only dog.

Dante celebrated his adoption anniversary with his first run in the woods at a reservation in the Charles



Dante chills with his buddy Baffin.

River wetlands, which is about 20 minutes from here. I felt he was ready for this expedition with friends and two other dogs.

He got along well with the two dogs and behaved well with everyone else we met – dog and human. So his first outing, including the 20-minute car trip to and from the reservation, was a great success. He's making slow progress on riding in the car, but still doesn't like it.

He starts dog school at the end of the month. I had just missed the beginning on the older dog beginning classes when I adopted him, so I've had to wait for the spring session. I've been doing some training with him in the meantime. He's very quick, so I expect he'll be a star at dog school.

I can't tell if he's put on much weight even though he's eating like a horse. He's still a lean, lanky guy who is looking even leaner now that he's beginning to blow his coat. It seems as if he's going to be a good

shedder. It's all coming out quickly, so the process won't be dragging on into July.

He is still having trouble with his left front leg after exercise. Our vet told me to keep him quiet for 10 days, which hasn't proved remotely possible. He was bouncing off the walls in the house. I'm taking him to Angell, the big animal specialty hospital here, to have the leading orthopedic guy take a look at him.

— Dianne



Kiska soaks up some scenery.

We like to call Kiska our "anti-malamute." She's quite the watchdog, she's not a thief (well, there was that grape tomato episode, but only that one time) and she loves vegetables, especially carrots. And because she loves carrots, winter is her favorite season for two reasons – all the snow AND all the snowmen with carrots for noses!

Kiska goes on a 5-mile walk every day, part of which is on a trail around a pond, where she makes sure that the pheasants stay up in the air and the swans stay in the middle of the pond.

— Lisa and Greg

It's better to take familiarization slow than to rush it

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each other but not react in a negative way. This means keeping them separated (one in the house, one outside, or one in a room with a closed door while the other is in the house, or one crated and one loose, or both crated) but able to see and smell each other (through a baby gate or crate) when supervised.

If they try fighting through the barrier, add another barrier so that they cannot get nose to nose. If they seem happy with each other, allow them as much supervised time as possible to "visit" through the barrier but don't force them to interact.

When both dogs seem comfortable with that (give it at least a couple days — sometimes it takes weeks or even months), then get your friend to come back and take both dogs for a walk. When you are on neutral ground allow the dogs to get close and come into contact so long as you see no aggression.

Don't hold their leashes tight since this suggests to them that something is wrong, but be ready to separate them if they growl, grumble or try to fight. The best way to do this is to simply turn and walk away from the other dog, holding tight to the leash.

Praise for good interaction. Stop ANY less than ideal interaction, end their walk and go back to square one. If they do not act aggressive allow them to visit and hopefully play. Give lots of praise for playing nicely.

Once this is working on neutral ground you can try the same thing in your own yard. Do it the same way: two people and two dogs with loose leashes. If all goes well you can drop the leashes (keep them attached so that you can separate the dogs if need be). So long as they are playing nicely you can let the two dogs be



Dog gates are a simple, effective means of enforcing separation.

together while closely supervised.

That means only while you are watching, prepared to step in if they get too rough or aggressive, and for short periods (like 10 minutes).

Separate them otherwise. If you have an aggressive incident, take a step back. If you have no incidents, slowly increase the amount of time the dogs get to spend loose together. As the dogs prove they are going to get along the leashes can be removed.

Sometimes this works smoothly and the dogs are living loose together happily within a month. Other times it takes longer. The key is to never rush it. Taking up to three months from first introduction to the new dog living full-time with the old is perfectly desirable and it's much better to take it to slow than to rush things. It's a bit of work but it's worth it in the end.

One area that you should at least be aware of is when it comes to sharing between dogs. Some dogs give up their toys and biscuits freely while others will fight to the death over a cookie crumb. Do not allow that opportunity to ever take place.

Do not place your dogs in the situation of having to share until a great deal of testing of the waters occurs and you are comfortable that

bones, treats and food can be placed where they all have access to them. At least initially, you will even want to feed them in separate areas until you are confident that dinnertime is not war time. One option is to feed one dog in his crate. Another is to separate them into different rooms. In this type of situation, prevention is key.

Remember, the first three months with any new dog are considered the honeymoon. They will usually be on their best behavior and it takes that long for them to get settled into the pack structure of their new home.

It's not unusual for odd behaviors to turn up after three months, and it often takes that long for both the dogs to get familiar and settled. Flare-ups of problems can occur, sometimes as much as six or nine months later. If it happens, it might be necessary to back up and separate the dogs for a few weeks while going back through the introduction process.

This process is not a quick fix, and it does take a lot more work than just tossing the dogs together and hoping for the best. Sometimes the "toss them together" method works beautifully. Sometimes it doesn't however, and it sets dogs up to develop very unhappy feelings toward each other that can be nearly impossible to overcome.

The slow introduction method is far more consistent and far less stressful on the dogs. It has proven to have a much higher success rate, particularly with the more dominant breeds of dogs.

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Skoglunds work behind the scenes

By Anneliese Behrman

What many people don't realize about rescue is that it's not just the people who come to AMRONE events who are our volunteers. There are a lot of behind-the-scenes volunteers who help a great deal to make AMRONE the organization it is.

Rick Skoglund and his wife Martha Kalina are two of these dedicated people. Rick became interested in malamutes in the early 1990s when he visited Wonalancet and the Seeley Chinook Kennels. Rick and Martha became involved with rescue after meeting Susan Conant when she attended a Chinook Winter Carnival. It was shortly thereafter that they offered space for a rescue malamute to stay at their kennels.

Most of the volunteer work that Rick and Martha do for AMRONE is one of the most important aspects:



fostering. They own a 22-run boarding kennel (Perry Greene Kennel) in Maine and it always seems as though they come to the

rescue and step in to foster a dog at a time when no other foster care space is available. Any long-term foster mals get to run around in the exercise yards and go for rides in the pickup truck.

Although they have never owned a malamute, Rick and Martha share their home with many four-legged friends, including three Leonbergers, three Chinooks and a rescued yellow lab.

They are very active in dog-related organizations. Perry Greene Kennel is a licensed shelter, and along with malamutes they foster Chinooks, beagles and Kuvaszcs. Rick is a past

president of the Chinook Dog Club of America, and he volunteers at the Humane Society of Knox County shelter, where Martha is the executive director.

Martha is also president of the Maine Federation of Humane Societies. They are recreational mushers and have a dog registered with Therapy Dogs International and volunteer at Miles Health Care.

Outside of dogs, Rick has other interests. He enjoys harness racing and he's a member of the United States Trotting Association. Also, though he's retired, he's still active with the International Association of Firefighters.

Rick and Martha definitely have received a lot of satisfaction from their work with AMRONE. "It has given us a great feeling to care for these dogs and see them go down the road to a good home." We hope that they will continue their great work in the future.

Did I Tell You That I Love You?

I was so little
I was so young
I was raised in a church
With a group of older nuns.

Oh, him so happy
Look — I can wag my tail!!
Another treat just for that
Watch me howl and wail!!

A big huge bone just for
lying on my back
I'll chew it for days and
nights

What else can I do?
I think I'll try a new trick for
them maybe I just might!!

Yup I did it and another big
treat
I'll just live here and eat...
And eat...
And eat...

Arrghhh my stomach.....!!!!!!!
Wow! How my feet look so
small?
What did I do to deserve this?
I just did good things for
treats and ate them all.

People you are KILLING me.
Why can't u see

I'm wayyyyyy over weight
How can u let this be?

Oh...now u don't want me?
Because I grew too much?
How did this all happen?
I thought we were all happy
and such?

U guys did this to me — I
didn't know any better!!!
Now I'm alone and lonely in
a strange place.
I miss all you guys....
Why didn't u just feed me at
a steady appropriate
pace???

- Fat Rescue Dog

You can train your dog as you play with him

By Vicki Daitch

Play is a wonderful way to bond with your dog. It burns off excess energy, establishes your authority, and creates an unshakeable bond built on a fun, cooperative interaction.

Here are guidelines for using play to train your dog. Use the games to teach him self-control and to reinforce your leadership and teach sit, down, wait, drop it, settle, and other basic commands.

- Dog(s) must request play politely with a sit or down; no pestering or mouthiness. (Be fair - don't tease them. Say either "yes" or "no" in a way that they can clearly understand.)

- Until rules become ingrained in the dog(s), take up all toys except a bone or two; you are in charge of all toys.

- Teach a solid "drop it" command ASAP if the dog doesn't already have one. (We trade treats or other toys to teach this concept.)

- Grabbing human clothes/hands/arms/other body parts gets a "game over" signal. If it's necessary to calm him, the dog may have a



time out in his crate, tether, kennel, or wherever.

- Warning growl gets immediate "game over." (Learn to distinguish between play growling and warning growl - if you don't feel comfortable reaching for a toy or other object that the dog has, don't do it. You may want to seek help from a professional trainer or behaviorist.)

- Grabbing too far up on a tug toy gets "time out." Establish rules ahead of time and stick to them

religiously. (For example, use a long rope that has a knot tied in the middle for a "marker." Dogs can readily learn not to go past the knot or else the game ends.)

- Refusal to drop a toy or other object is grounds for immediate end of game and removal of that toy from the dog's access.

- When play gets too rambunctious, interrupt with a sit, down, or other request and have them wait a moment or two before resuming the game.

- Teach him to play fetch. If he refuses to bring the toy back to you, walk away from the game. Once he brings the toy back, teach him to drop it for you. Again, if he refuses, walk away from the game. Have him sit and make eye contact before you throw the toy. Don't tease him by pretending to throw it - that's not fair and may cause him not to trust you. It's a game of give and take. He gives you what you want (bring it back, drop it, sit, eye contact), and he gets what he wants (running, chasing, grabbing toys).



Leadership program means no free lunch

By Vicki Daitch

Every new dog owner should gently establish authority right away. This program is great for creating confidence in shy dogs and for gaining control over "pushy" dogs. Try it!

Sit means "please." For everything that the dog wants to do, he should ask if it's OK with you by sitting and then waiting until you say "OK." Wait for him to make eye contact with you before you give the OK. That way he'll be more likely to understand that you are the source of all good things. For variety, you can ask him instead for a down, paw, sneeze, wave, roll over, or whatever else he knows how to do. Here is an incomplete list of things that your dog should work for:

- Going in and out doors or gates

• Meals (This is critical — hand feeding is a great way to establish your authority *and* bond with a dog.)

- Treats, snacks, bones, rawhides, etc.
- Getting in and out of the car
- Coming out of his crate
- Getting on furniture
- Jumping up on people (if you choose to allow it at all)
- Petting, rubbing and stroking
- Playing with other dogs
- Playing with you or other people

Isn't this harsh? No more than expecting children to be polite in the presence of adults, to ask permission before going out to play, etc. Asking the dog to take some responsibility for getting the things he wants by doing something that you want builds confidence and self-control in the

dog and makes him a joy to live with. It's also safer for him, because waiting for your permission before he goes dashing out into the street could save his life someday.

Why don't you just show him who's boss? Physically punishing, manhandling, or yelling at your dog can teach him something, but it may not be what you want him to learn. It damages the relationship between you and your dog to the point that he may not want to do anything voluntarily for you. Who wants a dog who really doesn't like you or trust you? Besides, even children can use this gentle, no-force method of training, and it's much more fun for everyone than yelling and yanking. Try it and see!

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