



# PET HARBOR RESCUE & REFERRAL, INC.

## Upcoming Events:

**Saturday  
August 20  
9:00 A.M. - 12:00  
NOON  
Caroline County  
Agricultural Fair  
Virginia Bazaar  
Interstate 95 at exit  
110  
Ladysmith, Virginia**

**Saturday  
August 27  
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
Stafford PetsMart  
1160 Stafford Market  
Place  
Stafford, Virginia**

**Saturday  
September 17  
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
Stafford PetsMart  
1160 Stafford Market  
Place  
Stafford, Virginia**



## *To Shave or Not to Shave, That is the Question* (The answer is no)

Shaving a Siberian Husky or any double-coated dog is never a good idea. While it seems to us that it would help them, it usually only adds to their suffering. Here are some reasons why:

1. Double coats act as insulation from heat as well as cold, and without them, they are defenseless against the weather.
  2. Dogs that have been shaved down can easily get sunburned.
  3. The double coat protects against biting flies and mosquitoes.
  4. The coat sometimes doesn't grow back in properly, leaving areas of bald spots on the dog with sparse coarse hair covering them.
  5. Most dogs look "ugly" shaved down (since that is not their natural look).
  6. Not being used to being "naked," the dog sometimes continues to scratch just as hard as when they had their coat. Then they irritate the already freshly clipped skin, creating hot spots and ear hematomas.
4. Some dogs get a complex after having their coat taken off.

## *Featured Cat - Tiger*

Our last two newsletters featured Patti. Patti is, sadly, still available for adoption, but this time we are featuring Tiger. Pet Harbor found Tiger a home in March of 1999. After four and a half years, she lost her home in December of 2004. What everybody needs is to become homeless right at Christmastime. She has been in foster care since and does not understand it. She doesn't like being one of many cats. She is a very sweet and wonderful kitty who really needs a PERMANENT home where she will be loved FOREVER! Is that your home? Her birthday is approximately June 19, 1998. I'm very sad for her to be in foster care. She shakes. When she's picked up and held, she shakes, but she comes back for comfort and

love. It's really simple. She doesn't understand what happened. She doesn't understand what she did so wrong that made her after 4.5 years lose her home. She always uses the litter box. So that's not it. She is not mean to anybody. Cats, dogs, kids are all fine with her as long as it's not an overwhelming scene. So what did she do that was so wrong? Was it their Christmas present to dump her? Wouldn't you like to take her in your home and show her that she really can be loved? To learn more about Tiger, Patti, and other terrific kitties waiting for homes just like yours, visit us on the web at [www.petharbor.org](http://www.petharbor.org) or call us at (703) 583-HSKY.



Please remember to follow up & keep contact information current for your Pet Harbor pet.

Many dogs are able to get home when they are lost because of the tag or microchip, but if we can't get in touch with you, we can't let you know where your animal is.

If you have a dog, Mandy is the dog follow-up coordinator, [seapearl@petharbor.org](mailto:seapearl@petharbor.org)

If you have a cat, please contact Terra at [lighthouse@petharbor.org](mailto:lighthouse@petharbor.org)

## Featured Dog - Bethany

Meet our featured dog, Bethany! Each Siberian Husky you meet has a unique & marvelous personality. Bethany would say hers is the best. Birthday approx. 3/19/00, she has a motto. She's happy & she knows it, & she'll bay a bit to show it. Though she worships people, you must understand Bethany is The Queen of Everything. All the beauty in the world, all the uniqueness, marvel, humans, & food are all HERS! If there is one kibble on the floor, it is her job to guard & protect that kibble to the bitter end; if a bag of trash, it is her job to guard that treasure to the bitter end of its existence. If she is being petted, it is her job to protect that moment; if a dogfight that doesn't concern her, it is her job to jump in & win the fight. Every dog needs a job, & Queen is hers. While she can coexist with children, cats, & other dogs, the happiest home for the grownups will be where she is the only pet in the home. She had a wonderful home for 3 years, but they had a baby. Well, Queens don't share. So,

sadly, she is homeless again. When adopted, her name became Nikita (Nikki). You can call her either. She'll answer! Basic obedience training is already under her belt. She will sit, stay, down, speak on command, not jump on furniture. . . within Siberian limits, that is. Don't tell anybody, but she's that rare Siberian who can go off leash. It's because she won't leave her humans, her main passion. That's only because she thinks she is human. Bethany is a Velcro dog. She's got a tail that stays curled. What do you care if that's not breed standard? Bethany should write the standard. There are prerequisites to adopting Bethany. You must be able to give nonstop belly rubs & be the recipient of lots of husky kisses & talking. So how about it? Up to the royal challenge? To learn more about Bethany & other terrific Siberian Huskies waiting for homes just like yours, visit us on the Web at [www.petharbor.org](http://www.petharbor.org) or call us at (703) 583-HSKY.

## Shopping and Pet Harbor — How to help by doing what you already do

A relative newcomer to Pet Harbor, a newcomer to living in the USA (< 3 years), & a newcomer to being Pet Harbor's Volunteer Coordinator, a newcomer to online shopping I AM DEFINITELY NOT! Might even qualify for Professional Shopper status!

Someone mentioned iGive and that with it, we can raise money for Pet Harbor. I went to [www.igive.com](http://www.igive.com), and registered as a user... free... then linked my registration to my favorite cause - Pet Harbor... free... then I shopped. Well, that part wasn't free, but to raise money for my favorite cause cost me not a single cent more than it normally did! This was a win-win!

The iGive site is easy to navigate & use. Stores are listed alphabetically. Click on them, & you can see immediately what percentage of your total sale they will donate.

Say you order sheets from J. C. Penney. Presently, JCP will donate

1.6% of your total to your cause. Others give more, some less. It may not seem like much, but if you use iGive & tell 2 friends & they tell 2 & all of us at Pet Harbor use it...that's gonna ADD UP!

My shopping sprees have netted my Pet Harbor iGive account a nice little chunk of change. I bought Mother's Day flowers...cha-ching, clothes for my husband...cha-ching, make up...cha-ching, cha-ching, cha-ching til my little iGive account totaled \$10.80! You can bet I am proud of that, & I still shop for my everyday stuff via iGive. Just an extra click. My \$10.80 plus yours & everyone else's from Pet Harbor... see how much this can mean to our furry babies? Now get shopping! If you wish help, write me BEFORE you shop. To get a referral bonus, please sign up at <http://www.igive.com/html/refer.cfm?memberid=246456&causeid=8101>

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For all national capital area federal employees, you can now contribute to Pet Harbor through your CFC program. When you sign up through work, just write in organization ID 7387!

*We Are Now a Participant of the CFC!*



### *Food Lion Shop and Save*

Are you a Food Lion MVP cardholder? If so, a portion of your shopping dollars can be donated to Pet Harbor at no additional cost to you. Just clip, fill out, and mail us this form in the enclosed envelope, and we will take care of the rest, or email [purser@petharbor.org](mailto:purser@petharbor.org).

For many other ways to help Pet Harbor, like toner cartridge recycling, that cost nothing or next to nothing, see [www.petharbor.org/otherways.htm](http://www.petharbor.org/otherways.htm).

**Customer Sign Up:**

MVP Card # (12 digits) \_\_\_\_\_

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Thanks to the support of people like you,  
Since incorporation in 2000  
We have found forever homes for 329 dogs and 111 cats!

*Pet Harbor Rescue and Referral, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Donations are tax-deductible. Our mission is to save lives of and educate people about Siberian Huskies and cats.*

We are in the process of having 4 kennels installed! The concrete is poured and kennels delivered. Hopefully by the time you read this, they will be up.

These kennels will help us help more dogs. We can separate those dogs who don't like other dogs and isolate ill animals.

### *We Have Kennels!*



Looking for some summer reading? Check out our recommendations at our Amazon store and a portion of your purchase will be donated to Pet Harbor.

<http://www.petharbor.org/amazon.htm>

Interested in receiving our email newsletter? Please email [PHNews@petharbor.org](mailto:PHNews@petharbor.org) and we will be happy to add you. We never give out our lists. So your information is safe with us.

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:  
[www.petharbor.org](http://www.petharbor.org)

Yes! I want to help an animal find his/her forever home.  
Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution made payable to Pet Harbor Rescue.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am enclosing a gift in the memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to volunteer! Please contact me at \_\_\_\_\_

Or email me at \_\_\_\_\_

Please include this form with your contribution.

Thank you!

### *The Heart Fund 2*

In 2005, Pet Harbor has so far treated 7 dogs with heartworm disease, which is a very expensive endeavor. We need your help replenishing our bank account so that we can treat any new animals that come into our program. To read about Tyla, Briley and Zeplin, or to learn more about heartworm disease, please visit [www.petharbor.org/btz.htm](http://www.petharbor.org/btz.htm)



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