



# PET HARBOR RESCUE REFERRAL, INC.

Spring-Summer 2011

Pet Harbor Rescue  
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## ☆☆Digging Holes to China☆☆

~ Sarah Veach, President & Board Chair

### Upcoming Events:

#### ADOPTION EVENTS:

Sat, June 4 10 AM-Noon  
Sat, July 16 9 AM-2 PM  
South Stafford PetsMart  
27 S. Gateway Drive  
Fredericksburg

Sat, June 18 9 AM-2 PM  
Massaponax PetsMart  
9751 Jefferson Davis Hwy  
Fredericksburg, VA

Sat, Aug 20 9 AM-2 PM  
Sat, Oct 1 10 AM-4 PM  
Stafford PetsMart  
1160 Stafford Marketplace  
Stafford, VA

**NATIONAL ADOPTION:**  
Sat, Sept 10 & Sun, Sept 11  
Sat, Nov 11 & Sun, Nov 12  
10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.  
Massaponax PetsMart



Pet Harbor's Mardi  
enjoys digging

Oh, how we don't enjoy the beautiful landscaping for which Siberian Huskies are famous. What's not to love? Siberian Huskies are creative, ingenious, & busy! Ah, but these are OUR yards they're destroying, not theirs! What is the answer?

- 1) Make sure you don't have plants which are poisonous to Siberians in your yard.
- 2) Don't leave pooches outside. While Siberians need plenty of exercise, they possess too much intelligence to be outside dogs. Not only is digging a concern, but turn your back, and vamoose! Your Siberian may escape or your prized rose bush or up-and-coming tomato plants disappear!
- 3) Give them a place of their own. As the opening paragraph suggests, they're digging up your space.

So give them a place of their own. Buy or build them a sandbox, for instance. Bury a biscuit or bone in it. Voila! A Siberian's private digging quarters.

- 4) If they're digging at the fenceline to escape, deposit their feces in the hole. Yuck! Who would want to dig there?
- 5) Another cure for fenceline digging, dangerous because it can be used as an escape route, is to place pavers or flat chicken wire perpendicular to the fence. If nothing else, it takes longer for them to finish the trench.
- 6) If you're installing a fence, put the posts 1-2 feet into the ground.
- 7) Training! Although stubborn, you can teach your Siberian Husky boundaries.
- 7) Do what I do. Learn to laugh at them. I get a big kick out of the craters they dig & have lots of pictures of Siberians lying in their masterpieces, often in pairs. Plus I enjoy telling the story of a foster dog who dug vertically & then horizontally in the same hole. Had she not been stopped, she would be learning Mandarin by now.



Kodiak (formerly Pet Harbor's Fairfax)  
gets love from his boy, Cameron



Biking with Yorka & Misha  
(formerly Pet Harbor's Ross)

If you need further ideas, e-mail us at  
info@petharbor.org.

## Colby



## Ginny



## Malia (now Misha)



## Featured Dog - Colby

It makes no sense that because I am 8, people pass me by. I don't act 8. If you had a my pre-Pet Harbor life, you, too, would be in your second childhood. I lived in a city backyard in a chicken coop-like structure. When I was 5, my human pop died. My human mom did nothing but throw cheap food at me. My daughters, Vickie & Vara, are also available for adoption. Nicknames. #1: Shadow because I follow my foster mom everywhere. #2: Blossom as I have blossomed into a wonderful & energetic dog. #3: Tigger because I am bouncy, pouncy, trouncy, flouncy, fun, fun, fun, fun, fun. #4: Fluffy. #5: Romeo. I am an in-your-face lover. I am a 54-pound housebroken neutered male born approx. March 30, 2003. I am fine with children, not okay with cats. Other dogs – I'm completely fine in a pack but not one on one inside a house because I must protect my humans against one mongrel. I am named for Michel Paris Colbert, a victim of September 11, 2001. Are you the family who won't pass me by?

## Featured Cat – Ginny

Full of promises! I promise I'll keep you laughing, keep you busy, love you forever. Maybe I should run for President. Wait. Their promises don't always come to fruition. Mine do! I was named to honor Virginia Fox, a September 11, 2001 victim.

November 13, 2009 is my approx birthday. My history is I was turned into an animal shelter by my former owners, then landed in Pet Harbor's rescue. My personality is many things. First thing folks notice is I am very happy. Secondly, I am really funny. I'm self-entertaining & self-amusing, also playful, loving, and beautiful. Did you see the unique black dot of fur under my paw? Oh, I almost forgot to tell you I am a prissy Princess, too. I figured that was self-explanatory. I am a Calico, after all.

Along with many other wonderful kitties, I am a homeless Pet Harbor feline in search of a great household. Is yours it? See movies starring me & info on all available kitties on our website.

*Malia came to Pet Harbor after being abandoned at a vet's office because her former folks chose not to repair their mistake. At the vet's insistence, Malia was spayed. Owners neglected to follow vet orders to keep her still. Malia prolapsed 3X. The 3<sup>rd</sup> time the vet said required surgery. Owners said they could not afford it & requested Malia be euthanized.*

*Happy Tails!*

*Malia is now Misha, adopted by a wonderful family. Here's a note from Misha's mom.*

*Misha has fully become part of the family, even from day one. It feels like she has always been. She is showered with affection, does not lack for attention! And she is just so sweet! She likes to be near us most of the time. So while I do school with Sydney & Owen, most often you can find Misha lying underneath the school table. She no longer whines when she has to go into her crate. Though Bailey is not as agile as Misha, she does seem to have an added spring in her step since we brought Misha home.*

*Misha is such a joy to us and the kids are so happy to have her. Sydney keeps saying that Misha is the "best gift she could ever get, except a horse."*

*Lastly, we were hesitant to adopt a husky. Our first two we got from breeders as puppies and we actually enjoyed the puppy stage. We knew all the good reasons to adopt but still wondered if we would be missing out on the puppy phase, on them being in our home from the beginning, etc. Now that we have adopted, we are fully convinced of all its merits. I think the way Pet Harbor has detailed descriptions of the dogs is perfect & we cannot get over what a great fit Misha is for our family & how happy we are with the whole process. We feel so blessed to have her! Thank you!*

*Andrea (Corey, Sydney, and Owen, and Bailey and Misha too!)*

**Got a passion for Siberian Huskies &/or cats? Got time to share for homeless pets? Join our volunteer team. See our website or call us at (703) 583-HSKY.**

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**Pet Harbor alumnus  
Brenn in his forever  
home, sporting a  
Pittsburgh Steelers  
jersey**

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

## The Kyle Fund



*Kyle tested positive for Lyme and heartworm disease. Heartworm treatment is expensive. Kyle is a wonderful Siberian Husky who deserves a great life. Please*

*consider contributing to the Kyle Fund. Donations are accepted via PayPal or mail to*

*Pet Harbor Rescue  
P.O. Box 73  
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*Please note on it that it's for the Kyle Fund.  
Thank you. Treatment estimate is \$474.64.*



## YARD SALES!

*Join us for a yard sale. Donate items, volunteer, and/or buy!*

*Yard sales are 8AM-2 PM:*

*June 25 8289 Fieldshire Drive, Mechanicsville, VA 23111  
July 9 18318 Cabin Rd, Triangle, VA 22172.*

*For more info or to donate or volunteer, email  
[mizzen@petharbor.org](mailto:mizzen@petharbor.org) or call (703) 583-HSKY.*

## Life & Times

*Pet Harbor was born on March 6, 2000. On September 18, 2010, we held our 10-year reunion in Stafford, Virginia. It was such a fantastic time. It was especially great seeing the PH alumni. To avoid paperwork confusion, PH tries very hard not to repeat names. We've had one Dakota. Funny thing is he was not a Siberian Husky. Back in the beginning we took in other breeds. Dakota was likely a Russian Wolfhound-Ferrier mix. One month after the reunion, Dakota went to the Rainbow Bridge. We are so grateful we got to see him one last time. The reunion is probably best memorialized in the photos & thank you notes. If you or your thank you note don't appear, it's simply due to lack of space.*



PH alumnus Duger (now Kit)



PH adopters with their dogs. Dogs front to back Rozco, Casey (now Sadie) & Mardi.



PH alumni 2<sup>nd</sup> from L Balto, Anaya, & Trudi with their dad.



PH alumna Gambi (now Niki) being carried by her daddy



Petra (Pet Harbor's Panta Mime) enjoys her daddy's lap. Petra was 13½ when adopted. Sadly, her daddy passed away in August of 2009.

### Volunteers set up & clean up the reunion



Volunteers top to bottom: Brandi, Donald, Andrea, Alex D, Kris, Ronnie. Many other volunteers helped!

## Life & Times (Cont'd)

~ Was nice to see you & all the huskies. Sky (formerly PH's Stray Nancy) was really happy to see everyone. She gets all puffy when she sees a lot of dogs. She got really puffed out when she saw horses walking past the house. Thank you for the reunion & for Sky, she's a peach. -Sky, Brenda & Earl

~ It means the world to us every day when Chachka (formerly PH's Claudia) wakes us (though I may not express that truth at the moment she does so). We enjoyed it, seeing all the huskies & one I played a small role in finding his home. We are proud to be associated with such a fantastic organization. -Ken & Sue

~ [Brothers] Opper & Kadin (formerly PH's Timothy) did seem to remember each other. They are both fairly laid back, so they didn't get too excited but were happy to just lay next to each other! Thanks for throwing such a great reunion party! -Brendan

~ We had a great time!! All of us, including Hoover, are so grateful to have Colo in our lives! The event was lots of fun, although I am curious how much fur we all left behind! Thank you for all you do! -Kelly & Andrew

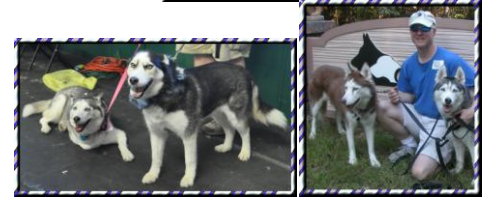
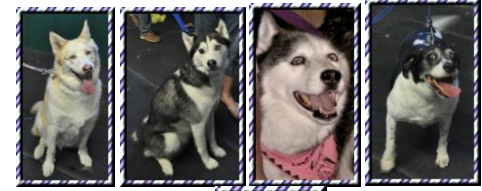
~ Thank you so much for putting together the reunion. We were disappointed that none of Mila's (formerly PH's Anchundia) puppies were there, but it was a great time. & thank you again for letting us make Mila part of our family. I'm not sure how we ever got along without her. -Tim & Maureen

~ The reunion was a blast!!! Thank you for a time to be remembered, love -Pat & John (adopters of Balto, Anaya, & Trudi)

~ We thank you for putting on a great event. - Scott & Kip (adopters of Carrusca)

~ Our association with Pet Harbor is very special to us. What we contribute brings us a satisfaction that seems to grow over time. We had a great time at the reunion. -Ed & Kate (adopters of Mardi & now Brutus, formerly PH's Bruce)

~ We had a wonderful time! I had a family reunion to attend & had to decide between it & my girls' reunion. NO Contest!!! ~Wanda & Jeff (adopters of Midnight & Lightning, formerly PH's Medina & Bright)



*Who's in the reunion pictures at the right on page 4?*

*Rows top to bottom:*

- 1. **Dema** (PH's Louie) with his mommy, PH volunteer Katie; PH volunteer Carl with the family of PH's **Sequoia** (RIP); PH board member Debbie*
- 2. PH's **Traveler Joe** with his mommy. **Lucy** (PH's Polli) with her dad.*
- 3. Several adopters. Visible dogs - **Niki** (PH's Nicky) and his canine siblings and **Tatiani** (PH's Sara). Niki is the one giving kisses to the mom of Tatiani.*
- 4. Several adopters & dogs in the Frosty Paws eating contest. Visible in front is **Sully** (PH's O'Sullivan) with his dad. Chase & Logan, adopters' children) enter the coloring contest.*
- 5. PH alumni **Chachka, Maya, Sadie, Max** (formerly Claudia, Diane, Isabel, Samantha)*
- 6. PH's **Rozco** showing off for the kissing contest judges Donald, Ronnie, & Cora. **Warshak** (PH's Broderick) with his dad. PH's **Dakota** (RIP) with his family.*
- 7. **Juneau** (PH's Simmons) with his mom & **Jackson** (PH's Spence) in back with his dad. PH's **Shea** with her dad. **Zoya** (PH's Pauline) with her parents.*
- 8. PH's **Kate** (formerly Katie) & **Coakley**. PH's **Reagan** (formerly Regan) & **Yukon** with their dad, PH volunteer Steve P.*