



PET HARBOR RESCUE & REFERRAL, INC.

Summer 2009

Upcoming Events:

ADOPTION EVENTS:

Sat, July 18 & August 3
9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Massaponax PetsMart
9751 Jefferson Davis Hwy
Fredericksburg, Virginia

Please check
www.petharbor.org
for updates
or call 703-583-HSKY

Crate Expectations



"Al-crate-rez"
Pet Harbor alumna Britney

Are you hesitant to use a crate because you don't want to jail your dog but are tired of destroyed belongings? Rethink the crate idea! Crates can be your friend!

Dogs, including Siberian Huskies, enjoy cozy dens. Crates serve as dens. In addition, a crate can be used as an escape for a dog when he wants to get away from annoyances. Used properly, crates can be happy places. Using a crate as timeout or punishment is an improper use.

The type of crate Pet Harbor recommends for in-home use is hard plastic (Shown left in "Al-crate-rez," the same type required for air travel. There are things you can do to help

make the crate more palatable for your pooch, and using a crate is a safe option for your dog, your house, and your sanity.



Feeding. Feed your dog in his crate with the door open.



Busy Work. When crating while you are not home, leave pooch with appropriate toys, such as filled Kong toys (not rawhides or easily destroyed squeaky toys).



Smell. Leave your dog with an article of clothing with your scent on it in his crate. Make sure it's an article you don't want back!



Invitation. Leave the crate door open when you're home so the dog can go in/out at will.

Crates are not good options for all dogs. Some dogs cannot handle restrictive confinement. Don't put dogs not used to crates in them and disappear all at once. Introduce crating gradually. Got questions? Ask! info@petharbor.org.



"Sharing"

Molly (available for adoption) perches on Pet Harbor alumna Zelma's crate



"Masterpiece"

Pet Harbor alumna Lucy (formerly Polli) proudly sits in the leather chair she destuffed.

Congratulations to Brian & Pet Harbor volunteer Alison 5/20 on the first of their first child, Kendall

Blaney



McSweeney



Niki



Featured Dog - Blaney

Rewards are immense when one conquers a challenge. Are you ready for the challenge? Blaney is a 1½ -yr-old biewed black & white Siberian Husky. Ready to pull, this muscle man has endless energy! He's also got loads of love for all sorts of people. A big puppy, though, he needs training. As he is Head Dog in Charge, he would be best as an only pet. Children in his home must be old enough to laugh at powerhouses, & toys must be acrobatic! Blaney lost his home to foreclosure. He is named for Janice L. Blaney, a victim of the tragedy of 9/11/01.

Featured Cat - McSweeney

A 6-yr-old, 14# declawed & neutered male black & white kitty, McSweeney came to us from a kill shelter 15 months ago. Patiently awaiting a home, McSweeney has an awesome personality. He's got spunk. He's got love (See him on volunteer Darrius' lap in the pic to the left). He's got gentleness. He's got animation. What more could a home possibly want? Why is he still homeless? Maybe it's because he likes a good snort of catnip every now & again? Maybe it's because he likes dangling toys? Maybe it's because he likes chin scratches? Maybe it's because he's waiting for you!

March 1, 2003 is McSweeney's approx. birthday. See movies starring him on our website. He was named for Timothy Patrick McSweeney, a firefighter with the FDNY who perished on September 11, 2001.

If you have the home for which McSweeney has his bags packed, contact him at info@petharbor.org or (703) 583-4759 ext 3.

Happy Tails!

Everyone has a favorite. Niki (formerly Nicky) is everyone's favorite. For each year's volunteer appreciation dinner, there is an appearance by a mystery guest, a Pet Harbor dog adopted the prior year. Niki, adored by all, was this year's guest. Volunteers were excited to see Niki & meet his mom & friend. See Niki pictured at the left with volunteer Cory at the dinner.

A bittersweet moment for a rescuer is when a former foster dog who comes to visit wants to leave. The awesome part of that is he's happy in his new home. Niki loves his adoptive mom so much he didn't want her leaving his side at all.

When adopted last fall, Niki joined Siberian Koti, a mom, & a grandma in Ocean City, MD. He & Koti, apparently Siberian magnets, were joined by a stray Siberian named Zorro, now part of the family.

Like all good working dogs, Niki has a job. His job is to steal his sister Koti's toys, practically from her mouth. Niki & Koti hold extensive conversations about it. Niki has a tremendous home, the kind we want for all the homeless pets.

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Trivia Answers & Winner!



No one guessed all eyes from the Spring 2009 newsletter, but volunteer & adopter Dana got the most! F is her dog!

A – Adel; B – Nicky; C – Sheila; D – Lizzie; E – Max Hammond; F – Fairbanks; G – Sandy; H – Hanson

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.

Harbor Help

Volunteers & money are two things Pet Harbor must have to continue saving homeless pets. With the poor economy comes an influx of dogs & cats on death row in shelters. We can help them if we have enough foster homes, money for medical care, and volunteers. That's where you come in! Can you help? Maybe you know someone who could foster? Maybe you can hold a fundraiser or two? Maybe you can assist at an adoption event? Transport a dog? Every little piece helps the big picture!

Money. Welcome Pet Harbor's new treasurer: Monica. She writes, "This summer fundraising is going into full swing! If you can offer assistance, ideas, or \$\$, get with me at barnacle@petharbor.org. We're planning an Uno's DoughRai\$ers event for the fall. Plus, come have fun splashing together on a dog wash fundraiser.

"Meet Callahan. He's an example of why we need help. He came to us with a tumor on his elbow that had to be removed. So far his medical bills are \$500. He's one of many."



"Calling all grant writers at any level. We have currently available grants; just need help getting them submitted. Please contact me!"

"Several free ways to help exist! Get with me or click on petharbor.org/otherways.htm. Pet Harbor is now receiving incentives from The Refined Feline. Click on the banner at that page & 10% of all purchases will be returned to the rescue. This is in addition to our existing free programs, such as Food Lion, Amazon, & iGive. Pass the word to all your friends!"

"The homeless dogs & cats thank for your help, and I look forward to a great year as treasurer!"



Volunteer appreciation dinner. Volunteer Debbie fills her plate while volunteers Tommy & Wanda wait ever so patiently.

Volunteers. Every year we have a volunteer appreciation dinner. Come have fun with us & help the homeless pets. They need you! Maybe you are part of a group that might be interested. We can talk to the group! Contact Jeremy, Director of Recruitment, at poopdeck@petharbor.org. Once signed up, that's Debbie's dept. Debbie, Director of Volunteer Programs, is at grayguppy@petharbor.org. They both are ready to welcome you with open arms!



Volunteer & eat! Our annual volunteer appreciation dinner cakes: above, made by Brandi, for the humans; below, made by Organic Doggy Kitchen, for the pooches. Kitties are walking the picket line! Come join us next year!



2008 Youth Volunteer of the Year, Kristy Murnane

Life & Times

Everybody involved with Pet Harbor is a volunteer. And Pet Harbor volunteers are the greatest in the world. They are rewarded with kisses from the huskies & purrs from kitties. Of course, that's not all! Every year they get a birthday card. We feed them cake at every turn, not to mention the dinner. During the dinner, we give certificates, eat, have presentations, & have a grand get-together. The dinner in the current year is for the prior year's volunteering. The 2008 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held in June of 2009. Amy W & Kristy were honored as Adult & Youth Volunteers of the Year, respectively. New officer/board members were announced. In addition to home visitors & transporters, those currently active on the volunteer rolls are: Alison, Alycia, Amanda, Amy P, Amy W, Anh, Annie, Ashley, Bob,

Bonnie, Brandi, Brian, Brittany, Bruce, Carl, Connie, Cory, Dana, Darrius, Dawn, Debbie S, Debbie T, Donald, Doug, Glenn, Jan, Jason, Jeff, Jennifer B, Jennifer P, Jeremy, Jo, Kaitlin, Karen, Kim, Kristy, Laura, Laurie, Lehnanne, Liesl, Lisa, Mandy, Mark, Mary, Matt, Michael, Michelle, Monica, Paula, Paulette, Ronnie, Sarah, Shanté, Sheridan, Sonja, Steven, Suzanne, Tammie, Terra, Tim, T.J., Tommy, Tomoko, Trisha, Virginia, & Wanda. Pet Harbor has deep gratitude to all of them for past & future efforts! As you can see, we appreciate & welcome our volunteers. Come join us! There is plenty to do. From phone calls to cleaning litter boxes to taking pictures to researching to transport to talking to potential adopters, there is a place for everyone. Come get started!



2008 Adult Volunteer of the Year, Amy Wyman

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