



National Samoyed Rescue

Helping Samoyeds, One Smile at A Time

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About Samoyed Rescue

- Samoyed rescue is about picking up the pieces of dogs that are forgotten, abandoned, abused, neglected.
- Rescue is complex as each dog has special needs from veterinary care to socialization skills.
- Preparing Samoyeds for adoption takes time and money and more importantly intentional assessment, planning and training.
- Rescue work gets best results when rescue teams work together with common purpose, expectations and standards.
- Working together means our Samoyeds will get the best possible support and care.

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Not Just Your Mother's Networking

By Jim Becklund

There have been many great discoveries and inventions over the course of human development; the wheel, concrete, steel, sliced bread and the internet just to name a few. The internet has served us well as a global system of interconnected computer networks. Who would have thought just a scant fifty year ago that we could all be interconnected in such a manner? The internet's roots go back to post World War II and the Cold War Era, but it wasn't until 1989 when the world wide web was invented that everything seemed to take off. With the development of "the web" it made e-commerce, e-banking and e-mail just another part of our lives. Then in the late 1990s the e-groups were developed and in 2001 Yahoo launched its own version of the online discussion board. I know there have been many developments in social networking since then, like face book and twitter, but the development of the e-groups and especially Yahoo groups has been a real boon to the rescue community.

There are now hundreds if not thousands of yahoo-type groups out there dedicated to interconnecting rescuers and every aspect of the rescue process. From the state level of connecting with other rescuers and animal care givers to cross-country transports, to national breed clubs we can, through e-groups, help many more dogs than when all we had was a telephone and individual emails.

How important are these e-groups? In a single word, VERY. We no longer need to rely on our own volunteers, regional club members, or national club members alone. The cooperation between different breed rescues is phenomenal and part of that reason is because we get to know each other through the yahoo groups we are on. Most every state has a dog rescue yahoo group or a dog transport group that connects rescuers and caregivers to benefit the dogs in

need. If you are a rescuer, take the time to find out if your state has such groups. It would be well worth your while. If there is no such group in your state, find a volunteer in the rescue community that might be willing to start one. It truly is simple; all you need do is go to the yahoo group's main page and set one up, and then spread the word. "Moderating" is not an issue because most groups run themselves. "Moderation" is usually only needed if things get out of hand.

Who benefits from joining an e-group? The bottom line benefit is for the dogs, but it also benefits your program. A recent example of that was when a Samoyed rescue group was nominated to receive support from a national organization. The word went out through the yahoo groups and the rescue received support in voting not only from the Samoyed rescue community, but other non-Samoyed rescuers, even out of state.

Most of us have developed close friendships with others in the rescue community that have not only enabled us to help the dogs in the best way possible, but to further strong bonds that we all know are there when we need them. These friendships and bonds are cemented by the e-groups that give us nearly instant contact and networking with literally hundreds of people.

Check out the new Annie Reid print, "The Welcoming Samoyed" ... information about ordering on page 7.



Affiliates Websites

Central Florida Samoyed
Rescue

[www.
FLSamoyedRescue.org](http://www.FLSamoyedRescue.org)

Deleware Valley Samoyed
Recue

sandyphifer@hotmail.com

Harnessed to Hope
Northern Breed Rescue

www.nbrescue.com

Michigan Samoyed
Rescue

[www.michigansamoyedre
scue.org](http://www.michigansamoyedrescue.org)

Minuteman Samoyed
Rescue

[www.doghows.org/flash/
mscr](http://www.doghows.org/flash/mscr)

New Mexico Samoyed
Rescue

michelle@jakle.net

Northern California Sled
Dog

www.NorSled.org

Mogul

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Southern California's "The Recycled Sam."

Mogul — our little guy with the broken leg — has found a wonderful forever home with Connie and Chet Tomsick. Great news! Leg working! Great home! Smooth sailing ahead — not so fast.

Although his leg has healed the two bones in his right front leg are not growing at the same rate.

As a result, that is causing the leg to twist in a corkscrew-like manner and not grow properly.



After many different doctor visits and various suggestion for corrective action, a final consultation with Dr. Grant settled on the use of a 'fixater' (as explained, somewhat like an adjustable brace) to correct the twisting action and aid in bone growth. At Dr. Grant's suggestion, Dr. Craig at Veterinary Surgical Specialties will perform the procedure.

We all have Connie, Chet and Mogul in our hearts and thoughts for a successful procedure and a speedy recovery.

Robo dog? OR Mogle the Pirate?

Part II

Surprise — Surprise Actually he's both!

Mogul was operated on June 1 to correct the manner in which the two bones of his right foreleg, the radius and ulna, were not growing at an even rate and were serpentine around each other. The device, a "fixate", is used in both human and animal corrective action to remedy situations similar to Mogul's condition. The upper and lower portions of the device are slowly spread apart (over a period of weeks) to correct the bone formation. Through it all Connie and Chet Tomsick report he hasn't lost his wonderful playful nature. Amazing for a pup who has been in a cast, splint, "fixate" or bandage for most of his short seven month life.



*Above with bandage covering "fixater".
Left the "fixater" device on Mo-
gul*

*Story continues
on page 4*

“And Now For Something Completely Different” A Poll For You

By Jim Becklund

While I was recently “surfing” the internet I came across an interesting dog blog. The main theme of that day’s topic was “If your dog(s) could understand and speak human language what one question would you most like ask him/her? Some of the answers were comical others were very serious.

Here’s your opportunity to voice your opinion. What would you ask your dog(s) and why? Maybe you could even give a brief answer you think your dog(s) might say. This could really be “deep” because

you might think of it like first contact with an alien race. If you have multiple dogs you may ask/answer multiple questions Be sure to give your name (first name only) and your dogs name.

Don’t be bashful and don’t be shy, this is for everyone. Send your questions to nsr@nisasamoyedrescue.org and we will print as many questions in the next issue as we have room for.

From all of us on the NSR Bulletin staff a big hug to all your furkidz.

Put yourself behind the wheel of this 1968 Corvette with a \$10.00 raffle ticket!

San Francisco Samoyed Rescue



San Francisco Samoyed Rescue, in conjunction with a rescue in the Mid West, is raffling off this 1968 Corvette, and all proceeds go to the dogs.

Tell your best friend and everyone else you know to go to the San Francisco Samoyed Rescue site www.sfsr.org, scroll down beneath the pictures of the great adoptable dogs, and buy their chance at a dream!

2008 RESCUE PIN: RESCUED SAMS ROCK!

“Isn't it cute!” Check out the new rescue pin. Quantities are limited so order up fast. Cost is \$7 each to individuals and \$3 each for rescue. Why not order some to sell to your members or give as awards? Contact Sandy Phifer at

sandyphifer@hotmail.com.

Affiliates Websites

Northern Illinois Samoyed Assistance

www.nisasamoyedrescue.org

Samoyed Rescue Club of Central Arizona

www.azsammyrescue.org

Samoyed Rescue of Southern California

www.socalsamoyedrescue.org

San Francisco Samoyed Rescue

www.sfsr.org

St. Louis Samoyed Rescue

www.stlsamrescue.org

Tarheel Samoyed Rescue

hjortac@aol.com

Wonderland Samoyed Safe Haven

www.wssh.org



Mogul

Part III

Dr. Grant,

I know that Dr. Craig is keeping you up to date on Mogul's progress but I thought I'd drop you a note from our point of view with a few pictures. It's been a month now since Mogul had his operation and the fixator installed. The first week of post-op was dedicated to letting things stabilize and watching the area for any infection. Mogul was on pain killers and antibiotics and he seemed to handle it all pretty well. He hopped around and didn't use the leg much at all. He hates wearing the hoodie but he puts up with it and we take it off when we're around to supervise him.

Dr. Craig has set us up for weekly appointments where they clean the area, change the bandage and make fixator adjustments as required. On the first visit we were instructed how to do the daily adjustments. The fixator has a motor which is just a threaded screw that spreads the device. We were given a wrench and instructed to turn the screw ½ a turn twice a day. Well, Mogul was not pleased with Dr. Craig when she was showing and snapped at her. She assured us that it didn't hurt him and he was just upset with the way she was holding him, but I had my doubts.



For the first three weeks Mogul had been reluctant to use his leg. Dr. Craig says this is normal. We had stopped giving him the pain meds as he didn't seem to need any but she told us to restart the pain pills so that he might be more comfortable when using the leg. Connie had found a way to make him use it more. She makes him walk on all of the driveway ramps on the sidewalk. This last week he seems to be putting it down more but not really putting much weight on it.

Overall his recovery seems to be going as well as can be expected. His leg is noticeably straighter and his paw has regained about 20-30 degrees of movement although his right paw is smaller than his left one. We'll be seeing Dr. Craig next Monday. Her goal is to get the leg functionally straight and within 20% difference in length. She said she might need to make a rotational adjustment at the time.

We're happy that we chose this operation over the alternative but I can understand why someone would choose the other operation. It is more work for us as we need to do the daily adjustments and keep the area clean. A couple of the upper wires do seem to ooze fluids but no infection has been seen. Thanks again for all that you've done for Mogul and for all of your advice in this matter. We'll keep you posted and drop by for a checkup soon.

Best Regards, Chet and Connie Tomsick & Mogul



That night it was our turn to make the adjustment. Connie did it while I distracted him but in reality it turned out to be no problem at all, whew! In fact he doesn't seem to notice it one bit. So we've been turning the screw now for 3 weeks and we can see this has noticeably changed the angle of his lower leg.

Your expertise and knowledge is always greatly appreciated. We, with the NSR Bulletin staff, are always looking for contributions to this newsletter. Rescue articles are important to us but articles about the breed and your thoughts are always welcome just send them to us.

Want to highlight your rescue group? All you have to do is answer a few questions and send in a photo or two. For details, email Joanne at davidskidmore@prodigy.net

National Pet Fire Safety Day is July 15

Promote pet fire safety in your community

Editor note: We know this day has passed however, the information below is important and there are a number of important suggestions as well as websites you can use to help your animals and you be safe.

An estimated 500,000 pets are affected annually by home fires, and a new data analysis by the National Fire Protection Association shows that nearly 1,000 house fires each year are accidentally started by the homeowners' pets. The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) is joining ADT Security Services and the American Kennel Club® (AKC) for the third annual National Pet Fire Safety Day on July 15 to spread awareness about how to prevent pets from starting home fires and keep pets safe in the event of an emergency.

"Not many pet owners realize that their pet can actually be the cause of a devastating fire," said AKC spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "Simple preventative measures, such as flameless candles and removing stove knobs when leaving the house, can mean the difference between life and death for your four-legged friends."

Chris and Kay Wardlow of Oklahoma know that all too well. Their curious dog Lucy was home alone and spied a cake on the stove top. As Lucy tried to get a taste, her paw accidentally hit the stove knob and turned on the gas burner that was under the cake pan. Within minutes, the house was filled with smoke, triggering the Wardlow's ADT monitored smoke detector. Firefighters were called to the scene and Lucy was rescued.

"Planning for unexpected emergencies like home fires and taking these precautions are an integral part of responsible dog ownership," Peterson said. Fire departments across the country are encouraged to utilize Pet Fire Safety Day on July 15 to spread pet fire safety messages in your community. The following

tips can be used to help educate pet owners on how to prevent their beloved pet from starting a fire, as well as how to keep their pets safe.

Prevent your pet from starting fires

- a.. Extinguish open flames - Pets are generally curious and will investigate cooking appliances, candles, or even a fire in your fireplace. Ensure your pet is not left unattended around an open flame and make sure to thoroughly extinguish any open flame before leaving your home.
- b.. Remove stove knobs - Be sure to remove stove knobs or protect them with covers before leaving the house – a stove or cook top is the number one piece of equipment involved in your pet starting a fire.
- c.. Invest in flameless candles – These candles contain a light bulb rather than an open flame, and take the danger out of your pet knocking over a candle. Cats are notorious for starting fires when their tails turn over lit candles.

d.. Beware of water bowls on wooden decks – Do not leave a glass water bowl for your pet outside on a wooden deck. The sun's rays when filtered through the glass and water can actually heat up and ignite the wooden deck beneath it. Choose stainless steel or ceramic bowls instead.

e.. Pet proof the home - Take a walk around your home and look for areas where pets might start fires inadvertently, such as loose wires and other potential hazards.

Keep your pets safe

- a.. Keep pets near entrances when away from home – When leaving pets home alone, keep them in areas or rooms near entrances where firefighters can easily find them.
- b.. Secure young pets - Especially with young puppies, keep them confined away from potential fire-starting hazards when you are away from home, such as in crates or behind baby gates in secure areas.
- c.. Practice escape routes with pets – Keep collars and leashes at the ready in case you have to evacuate quickly with your pet or firefighters need to rescue your pet.
- d.. Consider using monitored smoke detection services – As an added layer of protection beyond battery-operated smoke alarms, smoke detectors connected to a monitoring center help save pets who can't escape when left home alone.
- e.. Affix a pet alert window cling – Write down the number of pets inside your house and attach the static cling to a front window. This critical information saves rescuers time when locating your pets. Make sure to keep the number of pets listed on them updated.

The NVFC has a listing of fire departments across the nation where pet owners can obtain a free pet alert window cling as part of National Pet Fire Safety Day. Visit www.nvfc.org/windowclings to find a location near you. The clings are also free online at www.adt.com/pets and will be available this September at your local AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day. This year's flagship event will be held in Raleigh on September 24. Visit <http://www.akc.org/clubs/rdod/> for more information on an event near you.

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) represents the interests of the volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services. The NVFC serves as the voice of the volunteer in the national arena and provides invaluable tools, resources, programs, and advocacy for first responders across the nation. Learn more at www.nvfc.org.

The United States Fire Administration recommends everyone should have a comprehensive fire protection plan that includes smoke alarms, residential sprinklers, and practicing a home fire escape plan.

Disaster Prep is not just for hurricanes: Be Ready, Be Safe

Belinda Marshall

NOW is the time to start getting together your plans and preps for Hurricanes and Storms. Either for Shelter in Place (SIP) or evacuation (Bug Out). For you old timers - this is a review - for the rest of you this is just a quick set of ideas -- adjust them for your own needs.

Gather all important paper work, Insurance info, vet records for your pets, your legal documents and photos to ID your pets if they get lost along with their microchip number and tag numbers. Put them in ziplock bag and then put all the individual bags in one large ziplock bag.

Make sure you have enough collars (ones which cannot be backed out of), leashes for each dog, and at least one 10 to 20 foot training lead for exercising when and if appropriate. You may also want to get the cable tie-outs with clips on each end for temporary tie outs for the dogs for exercise (always supervised).

Food and water for all of your pets for at least TWO weeks, ready to load into your vehicle.

Food and water bowls

Crates for each dog - Wal-Mart sells economical wire crates of various sizes which fold into compact size if you do not need to crate the animal during a storm or evacuation. This gives you a safe place for your dogs if you must Bug Out

Plan how to load your pets in the vehicle(s) you will be taking so they have enough air circulation around the crate to prevent overheating.

First aid kit with supplies for you and your pets. (pack about 3 times what you think you will need of band aids and antibiotic ointment or liquid such as Tea Tree Oil). WITH a good basic first aid book.

Flashlights and fresh batteries

Write check lists of what to gather and pack and have them posted by the door or on the Fridge where they can be found quickly.

Re-read ***Dogs in Disasters*** ;if you do not have a copy let me know and I can send you a copy through email. Dust-Musher@gmail.com

Disaster Prep is not just for hurricanes start getting ready to save your life and your pets' lives NOW.

Bilinda Marshall, Texas, USA Owner: **Be Ready Be Safe** - Disaster and Crisis Planning, Management and Remediation; CW Singin' Alaskan Malamutes

Important Information to keep on hand

- o Home Again (1-866-738-4324),
- o AKC Companion Animal Recovery (1-800-252-7894),
- o Avid (1-800-336-2843)
- o 24PetWatch (1-866-957-2424)
- o Tattoo-a-Pet (1-800-TATTOOS), NY (718)646-8200),
- o National Dog Registry (800 NDR-DOGS),
- o I. D. Pet (1-800-243-9147, CT 203-327-3157), and Canadian Kennel Club (416-675-5511) Breeder/Owner section as many Canadian-born dogs are in the U.S.
- o Midwest Missing Pet Network: <http://www.doginformat.com/mpn/index.htm>
- o Missing Pet Network: <http://www.missingpet.net/index.html>
- o Dog Detective Network: <http://www.dogdetective.com/index.cfm>

Letters To The Editors:

We value our readers insights. If, you would like to email a letter to us feel free to do so by emailing us at nsr@nisasamoyedrescue.org for publication in the next issue. Do to space constraints, please, keep your comments brief (maximum 100 words) and please sign your letter. Unsigned letters will not be published.

Your help is needed to make the NSR newsletter possible.

Please send articles and photos for the newsletter. You can send ones you use in your own newsletters. Just be sure to identify what rescue you are from! Thank you from your editor, Joanne Skidmore. davidskidmore@prodigy.net



Annie Reid Prints Benefit NSR 4th in series revealed!!

Annie has graciously donated her wonderful prints "The Cherished Samoyed", "The Affectionate Samoyed", and "The Complete Samoyed" to be sold with all the proceeds going to rescue. You not only get a wonderful print, but you will also help a Samoyed in need. Each print is \$65.

Congratulations to Annie! "The Complete Samoyed" won first prize at the Art Show at the Samoyed Club of America 2007 National Specialty!

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:

NATIONAL SAMOYED RESCUE

Credit card accepted, email first

Questions? Concerns? Please e-mail:

byAnngharaad@cox.net

Or telephone: 860-668-7637

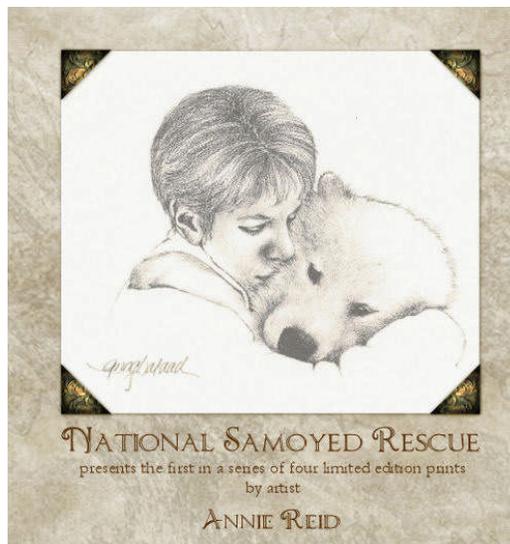
Shipping: usually within 3 weeks of receipt of your order,

Thank you for your order and for supporting National Samoyed Rescue.
Clockwise: Cherished Samoyed; The Affectionate Samoyed; The Complete Samoyed.

"The Welcoming Samoyed"

This newest Annie Reid print took first place at this year's National Specialty (Professional Division).

Congratulations to Annie and thank you for donating the proceeds to rescue.



Featured Rescue: Northern Illinois Samoyed Assistance, Director Jean Gilles reflects

Why do you do this? I grew up with all sorts of animals on a farm in Minnesota so it could be said, "It's in my blood." But truthfully it's more than likely the fact our first Samoyed Cotton, with all her baggage, was purchased at the age of 1.5 from a classified ad. What we didn't know was that Cotton suffered from "human induced" separation anxiety and also, continuously patrolled the house for anything edible. Edible from a dog's point of view, I should add. I can laugh now but at the time I didn't know squat about dog behaviors and training methods. I was at a complete loss as to how to fix the problem. Two years after Cotton's arrival I made a career change that presented the resources of highly experienced individuals from a variety of animal professions that included veterinarians, dog and horse trainers, local animal shelters, breeders of many large and small species, and the general public. The solution; a dog crate! Cotton was a learning experience up to the day we lost her at the age of 16, and I sure do miss her antics. In addition I learned a lot from my second Samoyed and first puppy, Gambler. Having the privilege of sharing time with such a wonderful dog I could never understand how anyone could abandon, deprive, or abuse such a wonderful breed of dog. At that time, in the 80's, rescue efforts for Samoyeds was minimal and widely scattered across the whole country so the need was there to do something to help but on a local level. Insert the Star fish theory to understand how one gets involved, followed by meeting other Samoyed owners who share the same concerns.

Why have you stayed with it? Emotionally, I've reached the "quitting" point more times than you can imagine, but not because of the dogs, their conditions or the heartbreaking history behind them. It's the human element involved any time you work with a group of individuals within a volunteer organization or, for that matter, in the workplace as well. The ups and downs can be difficult to manage but if you keep it on a business level you will find ways to compromise. When I reach my breaking point I think about the many Samoyeds we've helped throughout the years, what the main goal of the organization is, and I ask the Lord for guidance and strength.

What keeps you going? The indescribable feeling I get from seeing a Samoyed all healed from previous physical or emotional damage and ready to move on to a new home. The joyful expression on an adopter's face when you know you just filled a huge hole in their heart. The whirling happy tail wag of a Samoyed for its new human companion at local events. Lastly the "update" notes & pictures from adopters throughout the years. Just awesome.....

NISA'S STORY

NISA was founded by three Samoyed owners who came together in 1986 as a result of love for their Samoyeds and a common concern for abandoned and unwanted Samoyeds. Initially efforts were conducted on an individual basis and all expenses were out of pocket. Jean's first foster was a badly abused puppy she tracked with the help of a customer (a relative of the puppy owner) at the feed store where she worked. "When counseling the owner failed I offered to take the puppy. Thankfully the day came and I later placed the Samoyed with a wonderful retired gentleman who spoiled him for the rest of his life."

As the years passed the number of Samoyeds continued to increase, word was traveling far beyond state lines and we averaged from 20 to 30 Samoyeds each year. NISA accepts Samoyeds and Samoyed-mixes from beyond the Illinois borders on a regular basis and in 2001 accepted an entire family of seven Samoyeds from a Kentucky Humane Society. We were told the puppies were going to be sacrificed due to deplorable health conditions, however the parents were adoptable. NISA took all 7 of them under its wing! It was hard work and it was costly but it was worth the effort. In December 2007 one of the handsome puppies was featured in the Lands End Christmas catalog! Otis also works as a therapy dog at a local retirement home 'in his spare time' of course.

In 2009, NISA passed another major milestone: the placing of our 400th dog. It seems like each year the number of Samoyeds who come into NISA grows. They come from puppy mills and from homes where the family must give up their pet they love because of financial issues or having to move into a no pet residence. They come from homes with violence and from homes where their owners have died. They come from yards where they have been chained up with only bare necessities to stay alive and from community shelters where they often are scheduled to die. And they come after being found on the streets where they were abandoned to fend for themselves. And NISA is there for these Samoyeds. Taking them in, providing shelter, food, health care, training and love that builds trust.

Through the work of foster families, the care continues until a forever home is identified, a home check is completed and the adoption finalized. These foster families take in our NISA dogs even though some can be challenging. And when the time comes, they let them go to their forever home. But NISA's work isn't done then. NISA volunteers are a phone or email away if help is needed. This is especially important with our dogs that come with little or no socialization. They can frustrate and challenge the best of us and so NISA is there to hold hands, offer advice and to listen.



Denver Samoyed Rescue Fundraiser



SamEE Hike System:

Description: The contoured, padded hike belt is wider through the back than the sides, to provide optimum back support and dispersion of force. It features loops to attach a fanny pack, first aid kit or water bottle. It adjusts

from 28" to 54" for a great fit during summer hikes or over winter clothing.

Located on each side of the hike belt are 2 welded D-rings to hook each end of the tubular web bungee coupler. The coupler keeps the center of pull where it should be for balance and efficiency. At the middle of the coupler is a welded O-ring to snap one end of the soft, 1" wide tubular web bungee lead. The other end of the lead is then snapped to your dog's collar, or pack. The heavy-duty bungee lead stretches from 5' to 8'. Multiple bungee leads can be hooked to the bungee coupler to hike with more than one dog at a time!



Colors:

Belt: Black Belt with Red, Blue, Purple or Black Webbing
BungEE Coupler: Red, Blue, Purple, or Black
BungEE Lead: Purple, or Black

Cost: \$70*

The SamEE Hike System was invented by Lorrie McAllister of Chinookwind Outfitters/ Chinookwind Samoyeds. Lorrie has graciously permitted DSR exclusive use of her design for our rescue fundraiser.

Wolf Packs® Dog Packs:

The Wolf Packs vendor has generously allowed Denver Samoyed Rescue to offer their product as a fundraiser for our program. DSR has chosen to offer the Banzai™ dog pack through our fundraiser.

These dog packs were designed and manufactured by a

fellow Samoyed fancier. The following description comes from the vendor's web site:

"The Banzai™ dog pack is Wolf Packs' top of the line design. [Features](#) on this pack include tough Ballistic nylon bush guards double as handy outer pockets that zip closed. Horizontal compression straps squeeze the load forward, toward the dog's shoulders (the strongest part of a dog's back). 3M Scotchlite reflective trim assures that your dog is visible to night time traffic. We use tough Cordura Plus nylon fabric for this pack.

The Banzai is available in red, forest green, royal blue, purple, orange and **the newest color is neon pink!** Ballistic nylon is always black. This item is made in the USA."

Size small fits most female Samoyeds

Size medium fits most medium Samoyeds.

Please measure your dog, their sizes run larger than you would think. Consult the "[Fitting Your Dog](#)" page for more information/

Cost*: \$79

Order both the SamEE Hike System + Wolf Packs Dog Pack and your cost* is \$145!

*Shipping charges will apply if mailed.

To place your order e-mail t_peletis@msn.com or call 303-453-1360

(please leave a message) and one of our volunteers will contact you to finalize your order!



Raising Money and Awareness for Samoyeds



Sizes from Small through 3X
Prices from \$30
Several colors for Sweatshirt; more than 75 colors for the T-shirt;
Shipping - Priority Mail VARIES ON QUANTITY

Shirts can also be ordered from Barbara J Arnaud, babssam@juno.com. Due to color differences in monitors, the colors in this chart are for reference only. Payment by Check or PayPal. A combined order of 20 is required by our printer.



Support Small 'in the trenches' rescues:

Full Moon Farm Director's thoughts

Hello friends of Full Moon Farm!

I am sending this letter out with the hope that a little education can go a long way. The Large alphabet soup organizations have multi million dollar budgets, and are NOT in the trenches directly with saving or caring for animals, while those of us in the trenches are scraping by with baling twine and bubble gum, trying to create a good life for the animals in our care. The Big Orgs pay 6 figure salaries, hire lobbyists to change our laws to fit their agenda, which is not responsible pet ownership, but a ban on all ownership of all animals. Please refer to the 990 tax filings of any organization you are sending your hard earned money to. An easy place to start is www.guidestar.org - we are listed there, as are almost all organizations.

One of the other facets of Full Moon Farm is to educate the public, animal control officers, shelter workers, veterinarians and vet staff about wolfdogs, from phenotyping to behavior. I go to schools, fairs, day care centers and other public venues for no pay, to help the next generation of pets.

I will make no bones about it - small, in the trenches rescues and sanctuaries are hurting in this economy. Full Moon Farm is operating on less money, with higher expenses - food costs are higher, veterinarian costs are higher, and donations are down. Both Cheryl and I give 50+ hours per week with no salary, no benefits, and we are both in our 50's. Neither of us can get a real job, since the animals need attention 24 hours, or on an emergency basis.) I see commercials for H\$U\$ on the weather channel while at the office, (I am a starving real estate broker), begging for \$19.00 per month to save

some fictitious animal, when in reality, \$.86 goes to animal care. The other \$18.14 is for administrative and political maneuvering. Our sponsorship plan of \$20.00 per month actually goes toward the animals! Our overhead of rent and utilities is roughly 18% of our budget, and when donations are down, the rent does not get paid on time. (The farm rents the property at a less than market amount, and utilities are phone, internet and electricity.)

My hope is that you will "pay it forward", and let your friends and family know that their donation money may NOT be going to where they think it is going. I advocate for all donors to send their money to a "brick and mortar" facility, that they can see and touch, and know that their dollar makes a difference in the lives of animals, and their caregivers. I also hope that Full Moon Farm will be in that network, and I am grateful to all of you who love and support us. We could not do it without you, and we will continue to provide excellent care to our residents, with your help.

Please take a minute and share this information with your veterinarian, and maybe your vet can become an advocate for the small, in the trenches organization, and donations can go where they are needed, and most of your dollar DOES actually care for animals.

" Editor's note: We have included this message from Nancy Brown with Full Moon Farm which is "a federally recognized 501(c)(3) organization for abused and refused wolfdogs and wolves who find themselves in need of love, shelter, and care through no fault of their own because it really gives a true picture of the need for support of grass root, or as Nancy puts it "brick and mortar" rescues."

“Designer” Samoyeds: A Sad Story

An Editorial Comment by Jim Becklund

We have all heard the term “designer dogs” and we all know exactly what they are—mix breed dogs. Many of these mixed breed dogs exist because of an accidental breeding or two strays meeting in a dark alley on a warm spring night, but now the rage among some people is to create “new” breeds of dogs to bring to the public something these people think the public wants and to line their own pockets. I for one never thought that this practice would affect our breed, but over the last few years I have come across more “breeders” who feel they know best and have found a way to appeal to the general puppy buying public. These people, I won’t call them backyard breeders because some of their operations are quite large and involve multiple breeds, think they have the ultimate item for sale. There are actually people in this world who are purposely breeding Samoyeds with Malamutes, Great Pyrenees, Siberians, Wolves, Labs or Eskies. These “breeders” think they are doing the right things and making claims to the unsuspecting public like: “I am devoted to getting a line of dogs going with both a wonderful easy disposition and vibrant health, and I know we have a winner here with this mix of breeds.” or “we like giant wooly dogs.” These are the types of things the general buying public see on websites and internet ads.

What are the affects of these “breeders?”

First, it corrupts the integrity of the Samoyed community. There are many Samoyed breeders who have spent a good portion of their lives educating themselves and others on the breed, planning litters, doing health checks and generally securing that every puppy their lines produce is sound in body and mind as set forth in the breed standard. They develop a support system for their puppies that includes a responsible sales contract, guidelines for care, breed education and a commitment to each puppy and new owner for life. On the other hand, these mix breed “breeders” seem to show very little, if any, care about the health or future of the puppies that are produced and this, all too often, is what the public is exposed to.

Second, it corrupts the integrity of the breed. Whether we are breeders or rescue or both we hold our breed standard as an almost “sacred” document about what our breed should be. This standard was developed over many years and most breeders use it as a guide to producing puppies they feel fit the standard. Now to have someone come along and say that by mixing two breeds to produce a better dog is a direct slap in the face to our standard. I feel it is more important to uphold the breed standard than it is to simply say puppies are produced from AKC registered sire and dam.

Third, it harms the puppies that may someday end up in rescue with behavioral or medical issues. Since these “breeders” have minimal or nonexistent health and temperament screening for their dogs and there are so many loopholes in their sales contracts that an owner finds it difficult to return the dog or get their money back many of these dogs have the potential of ending up in rescue who then have to deal with the problems. There is also the potential of these mixed breed dogs being dumped at a shelter or being confiscated from the “breeder” by animal control or even relinquished to animal control by the “breeders.” In these situations the dogs may eventually end up in rescue. Even purebred rescues have a large problem turning away any dog that needs major help to survive.

Bottom line, it is a sad and tragic situation that there are people in this world who purposely breed mixed breed dogs for “fun” and profit. It is my hope that everyone who reads these words will begin to educate the public with written material or a “policy statement” on your website encouraging the public to stay away from these types of people. In the long run it will keep the integrity of our breed intact and it may save some dogs from a life of pain and misery.

Note: If you agree with my words feel free to my thoughts to others you know in the breed.

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