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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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Be Thankful For . . .

Jim Becklund

In this, the middle of the major holiday season, it's time to reflect on the many things that we as dog owners and rescuers are thankful for. I'd like to take this opportunity to list just a few of the things I am thankful for. I am thankful for the wonderful breed of dogs we all cherish and respect. I am thankful for all the rescue coordinators and all their unsung "hero" volunteers who give and **give** and **give** to find a place in this world for the Samoyeds who need our help. These are the true "heroes" that work every day in the trenches to fulfill the dreams of a good life for so many needy dogs. I am thankful for all the NSR Board members, past and present, who have made the dream of "helping one smile at a time" a reality. I am thankful for our Bulletin Staff who work hard to put these pages together to get the word out. Without these individuals working nationally for a common cause there would be less hope for the dogs in need.

On a more personal level, I am thankful for my own Samoyeds who have graced my life over these many years. I'm especially thankful for my current ten year old boy. Each morning I wake up to his happy smiling face just waiting to see what new adventure awaits us today. Without him my world would just be a little empty. Please, take a few minutes of your day and be thankful for those happy faces that surround your life.

This is also a time of giving. All of us on the NSR Board, our affiliated rescues, our Bulletin staff and our dogs want to give to you this Holiday issue that, we hope, will give you a smile and maybe something to think about.



Check out the new Annie Reid print, "The Welcoming Samoyed" ... information about ordering on page 6.

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.



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One More Hand, One More Heart

By Jim Becklund

As the coordinator for NSR I often have the great privilege to be in contact and work with other breed rescue groups.

One such group is the Moonsong Malamute Rescue

<http://www.moosongmals.org>. The contact began innocently enough with a call for help from a wolfdog rescue on the west coast. They had taken in what had appeared to be a Wolfdog/Samoyed mix, a very friendly and amiable young boy.

This dog had been transferred to Moonsong Mals and was doing quite well but they were concerned that he was not getting the exposure needed to get him adopted. After an exchange of a few emails and pictures it was discovered that this boy was not, in fact, a wolfdog but was a rather poor representation of our breed. Moonsong Rescue was content to keep and care for him until he was adopted but wanted to get him more exposure by a courtesy listing. This listing was arranged and now we are waiting for that right adopter.

In one of our communications Katy, Moonsong's Coordinator said something that mirrored my own thoughts: "Wouldn't it be wonderful if all the artic breeds groups could coordinate and network? A great goal to strive for!" This is not a farfetched or unreasonable goal to try to reach. In fact, there are many advantages for one breed rescue to work with another. First and foremost it multiplies the help for the dogs in need. Let's just use a hypothetical situation. There is a Samoyed in need of rescue in an area where there is no Samoyed rescue or contacts for a Samoyed rescue. What can be done?? The closest Samoyed rescue could potentially travel a long distance to help the dog, but sometimes that involves a great number of obstacles. If, on the other hand, there was a northern breed

rescue in the area who could be contacted and is willing to network to get the dog from point A to the Samoyed rescue it would be worthwhile to use that help. Networking also makes for another set of eyes and ears to be on the look out for a dog in need. It only makes a great deal of sense to cultivate a network of breed rescues not only regionally but nationally to help each other in our common goals.

Transport and networking are just two of the advantages of a national system. If a Samoyed needs a place to stay overnight or a few days on its way to a Samoyed rescue there just might be a place to go with another breed rescue. These things, of course, work both ways. A Malamute or Siberian Husky may from time to time need help from a Samoyed rescue on his journey to a better life. This help should be given freely and with a sense of brotherhood for we have but one common goal.

It is my hope that one day there will be a national networking of all the northern breeds. We in rescue know that more hearts and more hands involved will make our task easier.



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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.

Tommy aka Taku aka Romi's story

Bob Wackerman of San Francisco Samoyed Rescue



Tommy aka Taku aka Romi is an interesting tale of a misunderstood dog who finally found his destined home though it was a circuitous one.

CHAPTER ONE

I was first notified of Tommy (then Romi) needing to be rehomed by a phone call from his owner in late 2008. Apparently Tommy was a bit too aggressive with his other dog (a Malamute) and he wanted to desperately find someone who would take him off his hands. At the time, the owner lived in the Sacramento area and, as luck would have it, I had been contacted by a family, the O'Keefe's, who were looking for a companion for their Samoyed.

After making a connection with Chris and Gemma O'Keefe, I got their OK to have Tommy's owner call and arrange a meeting place so they could see him. I made it clear to the O'Keefe's that Tommy was a bit aggressive, according to the owner. My advice was to foster him for a while to see if they wanted to officially adopt him if he got along with their other Sammy and was not a problem with their 2 young children.

After a couple of days, I called the O'Keefe's to see how Tommy (now renamed Taku) was doing and got an excellent review. Chris was taking him when he went for his daily runs, the kids (and Tommy) loved each other and the

only real dog issue was the O'Keefe's Sammy actually being a little aggressive with Tommy. I told them that was great news and to keep me informed if they wanted to adopt him.

Well, as does happen when you belong to a rescue group, there are slow times and not so slow times. The economic downturn was in full force and we were getting very busy trying to find homes for other displaced dogs whose owners couldn't afford to keep them and contacted us to help rehome them. Or they were just dumped at shelters. Consequently, I didn't get around to officially getting the adoption papers done on Tommy.

CHAPTER TWO

Sometime in the late Spring, I got an email from Gemma saying that even though they loved Tommy (Taku), she had somehow developed an allergy to him and the medication she took to counter it wasn't that effective. Could I please help them rehome Tommy. They agreed to foster him and also wanted to help screen potential adopters, which was great since we were so busy and they were 100 miles from where I live.

Initially, after getting Tommy on our SFSR website (as Romi), with a brief bio, I got a few calls about him and referred them to the O'Keefe's. However, each time I followed it up with a phone call to Gemma, she would say the person(s) were not interested. This went on for almost 6 months with little or no interest in him (kind of like a house on the market for too long).

The O'Keefe's, due to Gemma now pregnant and off her allergy meds and their work schedules (both are residents, working 12 hour shifts opposite each other at the same hospital), they asked for a September 18th date to either refoster Tommy or put him up in a shelter as she needed a break from the hectic lifestyle of raising two children, working and being 4 months pregnant.

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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

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Wonderland Samoyed Safe Haven

www.wssh.org



Tommy aka Taku aka Romi's story *continued*



September 18th came and went, there were no potential fosters, no one interested in Tommy, and Gemma and her family were going on a vacation the following week. She said that Thursday prior to their leaving was the drop dead date.

Fortunately, with the help of one of our long time SF SR members, Kimala and Bill Berden, who live in the Sacramento area, Tommy was retrieved from the O'Keefe's that Wednesday before they left for vacation and the Berdens fostered him for two days. I got Tommy transferred to me that Friday by meeting Kimala and Bill at a halfway point between my house and Sacramento.

Just before they left on vacation, on a hunch, I asked Gemma to send me new photos of him to post on our website, added his current name (Taku) and rewrote the bio. In three days I got 3 calls about him. The first one, after some discussion with her husband decided it was too soon after the death of their previous Sammy, the second had not yet responded to my return email and the third, Christina Quijano lived in Red Lodge, Montana.

CHAPTER THREE

Christina Quijano had just lost her Great Pyrenees mix two weeks before and when searching websites for northern breeds had come upon one she liked and inquired about him. Unfortunately for her, the dog was being adopted, but the person she had been talking with knew of a Samoyed/Pyrenees mix that she might be interested in (Tommy). After viewing him on our website, we got in touch with each other and she indicated that Tommy had the same features and look as her previous dog and that she felt her 10 ½ year old Sammy, (Samantha) would get along fine with him.

When I explained that we couldn't provide the transportation to Montana, Christina said she would drive to Northern California with her Samantha and if things worked out, she wanted to adopt him. After a 1200 mile, 2 day trip, Christina and Sam arrived and we immediately went to the dog park near my home and watched as they basically ignored each other, but checked out all the other dogs. This was a good thing.

No conflict. (I had taken Tommy there a few times with my two Sammys while fostering him prior to Christina's arrival).

After about an hour there, we went back to my house and let them loose in the back yard. After a few minutes, Samantha started to play with Tommy and before long, they were running around the yard, barking and knocking each other around. Seeing that, Christina handed over the signed pre adoption form and adoption contract and said she wanted Tommy (she actually renamed him from Taku to Tommy at the dog park so I kind of figured he was going with her at that point regardless of their behavior).

EPILOGUE

Today you can find Tommy running through snow in his new home in an old Victorian house that Christina owns, on one acre of land in Red Lodge, Montana. It snows in Red Lodge about 9 months out of the year. Beside his new soul mate Samantha, they wander in a land of open trails while Christina cross country skis beside them where Tommy occasionally stares at the grizzlies, moose and other wildlife that are part of his ancestral habitat, something that our own "domesticated" Sammys only imagine when they are in a deep sleep and dreaming about their eastern Siberian ancestors.

When you think about it, Tommy was destined to be with Christina. The timing of her inquiry about another northern breed, leading to the chance encounter with a member who introduced her to SF SR's website and her finding Tommy was not by chance. It was fate. They had not yet found each other. Tommy found his destiny and will be living the rest of his years with someone who cares very much for him. Thanks Christina, for giving him his new life.

THE END

Read more about this in Christina's story, Tommy, page 5



Tommy, My Third Magnificent White Wonder

Christina Quijano

My first magnificent white wonder was a Great Pyrenees mix named Ben. Ben came into my life more than twenty years ago after I rescued him off the streets of Southern California. He was my first canine love. He accompanied, protected and guided me for 12 wonderful years. When he had to be put to sleep at a ripe old age of 14, I was devastated. I didn't think I could ever love a dog the way I loved Ben. As heart wrenching as it was to see him go, my top priority was to assure that he didn't suffer. A week after his death, he returned to me in a dream. He was lying on the floor dying and in great misery. I was horrified and asked him "Ben why are you still here? Why are you suffering?" He replied "because you don't have another dog". Then he vanished. I couldn't return to sleep. First thing that morning I went to the local PAWS shelter, and there was Jake.

Jake a Samoyed, Shepard, Wolf mix, was my second magnificent white wonder. Jake in many ways resembled Ben. In fact the little boy next door was convinced it was Ben. But as all dogs are, Jake was his own unique gentle spirit. Some described him as part wolf part newborn kitten. Others called him Zen Jake. He had a gentle strength that was truly unique. All who met him fell instantly in love. Jake was a real dog's dog, so it became clear that we needed to expand our pack. After a year and a half we expanded our pack and got Samantha, a Samoyed, Siberian Husky mix from the same PAWS shelter. She too is a white wonder, but being much smaller doesn't quite have the same magnificence. The three of us had a great life together doing all of the things northern breeds and northern breed lovers love to do. 6 years ago we moved to Red Lodge, Montana. Here we've spent summers hiking and backpacking and winters (which are most of the year) frolicking in the snow and cross country skiing..

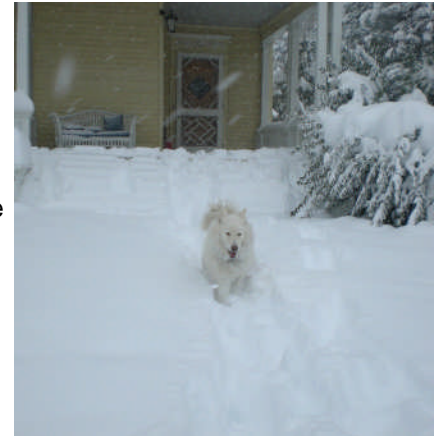
After all of the outdoor fun Jake, Samantha and I had, I knew that Samoyeds were the dog for me, and the bear-



tooth mountains were the place for them. Over the last year, Jake's health gradually declined and by March the vets and I knew he wouldn't be with us through another harsh winter. I had checked the

NSR website at that time, and there were almost no adoptable Samoyeds. Then I remembered how Ben had let me know when and where to get my next magnificent white wonder, and I had full confidence that Jake would do the same. Jake passed over the rainbow bridge on September 19, exactly 10 days before our first snowfall. It was a sad time. But I knew that Jake would not want me to waste one minute in delaying giving another dog a great life and wonderful home. I figured it would probably take some time to find the right dog. After all, as our Vet was taking his "memorable" paw print, she exclaimed "those are gonna be some big paw prints for any dog to fill".

The next day I checked NSR and saw a beautiful Samoyed with NORSLED. He however was already adopted, and NORSLED had a strict policy not to adopt that far geographically. One of their representatives urged me to consider "Taku" a Samoyed mix with SF Samoyed Rescue. I was astonished when I saw his picture how much he looked like Jake. His story was a somewhat sad one, and I knew he was long overdue for his forever home. I couldn't help but think that Jake had a paw in this. After a long phone conversation with "Taku's" foster mom, and Bob Wackerman from SF Samoyed rescue, I packed up Samantha and we drove down to the bay area to meet "Taku".



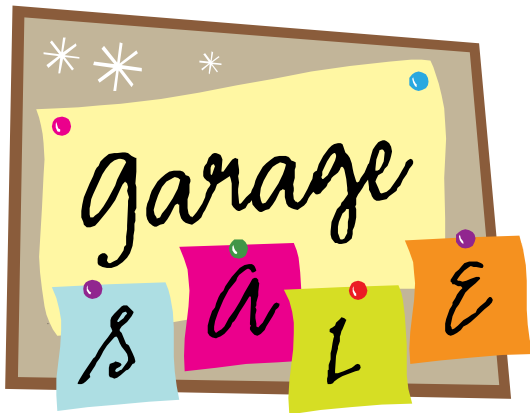
One look at him, and I knew he was my next magnificent white wonder. When Samantha started bouncing around and flirting with him, I knew she agreed.

After 4 days on the road we got back to Red Lodge to find a big storm had dumped over 3 feet of snow. Any later in the year and the drive to meet "Taku" would have been less than desirable. I couldn't believe what a wise old dog Jake was to have pulled this all off.



"Taku" is now my

An idea to help your rescue group



Do you know people who like to go garage shopping on the weekends? Here is one way someone can help their local rescue group. When yard or garage shopping look for items that the rescue group could use. Things to look for might include items in good condition such as

- Dog beds
- Toys
- Blankets
- dog bowls
- Crates
- Leashes

If the person shopping mentions that it is for dog rescue, the sellers often will further reduce the price or give it for free.

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.doginfomat.com/mpn/index.htm>
- o Missing Pet Network: <http://www.missingpet.net/index.html>
- o Dog Detective Network: <http://www.dogdetective.com/index.cfm>



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!

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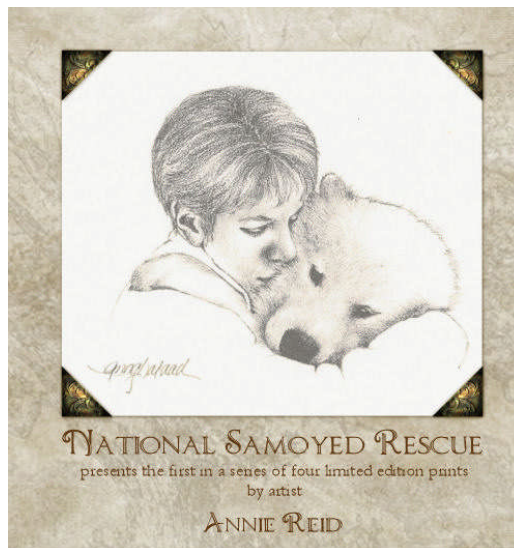
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Thank you for your order and for supporting National Samoyed Rescue.
Clockwise: Cherished Samoyed; The Affectionate Samoyed; The Complete Samoyed.

"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.



How You Can Help!

We are always in need of foster homes and people willing to give us long-term hands-on help with the rescued dogs, but we do understand that some people just can't make that type of commitment. We've tried to come up with other ways of assistance from people including the following:

- Transportation of rescued dogs from relinquishing individuals to a rescue representative or the veterinarian's office if in bad shape
- Transportation of rescued dogs to and from the veterinarian for medical treatment while in rescue
- Bathing / grooming / dematting of a rescued dog, *especially* when they are received into rescue
- Training and/or socialization of rescued dogs -- sometimes this is as simple as taking the dog for a ride in the car on a regular basis to get them over a fear of riding
- Donate the cost of one spay or neuter per year
- Donate prepaid long-distance cards for use in returning calls about dogs in need of rescue, placement of rescues, reference checks, etc.
- Donate stamps for use in mailing adoption applications and other correspondence
- Donate gift certificates for photocopies or have applications and information copied on behalf of rescue
- Donate *Heartguard*, *Frontline* and/or *Interceptor* in the appropriate size/weight range for the prevention of parasites and heartworms until the dog is adopted out to a home
- Donate the cost of a classified advertisement to help advertise dogs lost/found or available for adoption
- Volunteer to answer calls in response to classified ads
- Donate gift certificates for the purchase of dog food / pet supplies when needed (we ask that you please check with us prior to purchasing actual bags of dog food to donate for the following reasons: 1) switching brands of dog food can upset a dog's digestive tract,

From Arizona Samoyed Rescue website
<http://www.azsammyrescue.org/>

thereby further complicating the rescue's recovery, 2) our need for dog food is directly proportional to the number of rescues we have at that time-- we don't want the dog food to go rancid and be wasted)

- Donate leads
- Donate brushes, combs, or other grooming equipment appropriate for Samoyeds
- Donate items of value to be raffled or sold to raise money for rescue
- Donate prepaid gas money to fund transport of rescues
- Offer to coordinate and run a raffle, garage sale or Internet sale of items to raise money for rescues
- Donate new or good-condition used equipment such as crates, kennels, pens, exercise pens, etc.
- Donate metal dog food bowls and water buckets
- Volunteer to check your local pound or shelter for unadopted Samoyeds whose time is running out and assist in getting them into rescue
- Donate kennel-type towels for grooming and clean-up purposes
- Donate gift certificates at an office-supply store to purchase needed supplies
- Donate the cost of microchipping the rescue for identification at the group's veterinarian's office



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 for details.

Paws...For Life Walk

Jean Giles, Northern Illinois Samoyed Assistance



Many of us have been impacted by breast cancer be it with loved ones, friends or even ourselves. So in 2009 NISA added a new program, Paws ... for Life. We partnered with Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital Cancer Support Group, Barrington,

Illinois for a walk that raises money for NISA and breast cancer awareness and survivors/loved ones support.

Sunday October 4th dawned with cool temperatures, some sun, a little bit of wind and no evidence of rain. There was a flurry of activity with volunteers, vendors and rescues bustling around getting ready for the walkers to arrive. Even though we had 2 walkers less than last year, we made more!

As the day continued, the Canine Free Style group showed us how much fun you can have by Dancing With Your Dog. Walkers were then treated to the Doggie Costume Contest where the winners were presented with baskets of goodies. There were 23 booths for everyone to enjoy from food, shelters, rescues and products for dogs and their owners. The end of the event brought everyone together near the DJ where the raffle prize tickets were drawn.



Save Money on Dog Treats by Making Your Own!

Hope Northern Breed Rescue

Due to the many dog food and treat recalls in the past few years, many people are worried about finding safe and healthy treats for their dogs that are affordable. Making your own dog treats is a great way to do both!

This book contains **102 recipes**, some for baked, frozen, and microwave treats, and even recipes for birthday cakes, doggie cupcakes, and special dinners! There is even a section on treats for special diets and substituting ingredients for dogs with food allergies or intolerances. Each book is only \$10.00 plus shipping, and all proceeds to go Harnessed to Hope Northern Breed Rescue!

Shipping rates are:

1 to 3 books - \$4.60 shipping

4 to 9 books - \$9.20 shipping

10 or more books - please [email us](mailto:htnabr@gmail.com)

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The cover models are Quincy and Tristin, both were adopted from Harnessed to Hope!

You can also order on line at www.nbrescue.com/

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Thelma and Louise...

David Katzenstein a very proud Samoyed adopter



David with Thelma and Louise

The morning starts the usual way. Gidget is lying on her pillow next to me. Munchkin is sleeping between my legs. Louise nudges my hand with her muzzle to get a morning chin rub. Thelma gets up from the other side of the bed to plow in for her share of attention.

As a way of explanation: Gidget is my rescue border terrier; Munchkin is a maine coon cat that my first Sammie found in a blizzard, as a kitten, and forced me to adopt; and Thelma and Louise are the newest members of the family - two nine and a half year old Samoyeds.

My first Sammie - Sasha - was a stray that I adopted from a shelter. He was estimated to be about 4 years old and had been at the shelter for over four months. A beautiful, gentle dog, I guess people were too intimidated by the necessary grooming. This was my first time with the breed - I immediately fell in love. The natural beauty and majesty of a Samoyed literally stops traffic. The gentle, happy nature and the respectful, accepting attitude as a family member makes it a fabulous dog.

After Sasha passed away, I searched the National Samoyed Rescue website, looking for another. Coming across Thelma and Louise (hosted by the Mid-Atlantic rescue group), I was captivated by them and their story. They had

been kenneled puppy makers for a breeder for eight years. They escaped and were picked up by a local shelter. Their owner would not pay the fine to get them back, so they went into the rescue system (christened "Thelma & Louise").... waiting a year for me to show up.

One more dog was OK - but two?? While the girls are probably not sisters, they certainly have been lifelong kennelmates and are extremely bonded to each other (they lay cuddled together, comforting and grooming each other regularly). It was evident that they needed to be adopted together. After watching them on the website for a couple of months, I finally contacted the rescue group and foster home - scheduling a visit (a six hour drive to Dover, DE from my home in western Massachusetts).

The visit went well and Gidget agreed that they could come to live with us. I went home, though, and spent another month really weighing whether or not I could make this work... not just for the pets, but for my life, as well.

Needless to say, they are part of my family now and I couldn't be happier. There have been struggles along the way, since the April adoption. It is obvious that they never had much human contact (except with their foster mom - who did a great job with them). They are very careful to keep their distance with strangers and are still quite tentative even with people they know. I have no evidence that they were abused, but they are too jumpy and wary not to suspect some bad history. I often use Gidget as the lead dog, which helps Thelma and Louise understand what to do or where to go, by example.



Thelma and Louise... *continued*

I am relieved to say that adopting two dogs, so attached to each other, has been no more work than adopting just one. Those who met the girls when they first arrived, agree that they have made a great transformation and adjustment.

These poor girls did not understand the concept of toys or treats. Now, Thelma will not go out without going to the toy box first. Louise only started to pick up a toy or ball about three weeks ago. Each day brings a new behavior or a glimpse of some suppressed personality. Trust is earned each day. Love is always plentiful.



Teaching Thelma and Louise to be dogs - running around the property or going to the local dog run; earning their trust and comforting them while they learn to trust others has been a rewarding experience. I am thankful that the Mid-Atlantic group allowed me to adopt the girls, even though I live outside their geographical area.

So here we are - in the Berkshires. The silver clouds float across the sky - a backdrop for the echelons of migrating Canadian geese. Fall foliage is in full swing and winter, with snow and a cold wind, is not far behind. But heck... we're a Samoyed family... bring it on!

Thelma and Louise... welcome home.

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

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Mission Statement The mission of National Samoyed Rescue is to provide resources, support and guidance to assist rescuers, regional breed club, breeders and fanciers in order to promote the humane and effective rescue of Samoyeds in need.

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Come see what National Samoyed Rescue is really all about. Visit us through our website at: <http://www.samoyedrescue.org>. You are invited to chat with us on our Forums (open to the entire Samoyed Community), and get to know your regional NSR Affiliated Rescues:

If for any reason you want to contact the National Samoyed Rescue Board you may do so by email to: nsrboard@samoyedrescue.org.

If you know of a Samoyed in need contact info@samoyedrescue.org. A staff of corresponding secretaries working on a two month rotation will transfer your concerns to the closest affiliated Rescue.

Remember that each and everyone of us are volunteering our “free” time to help the Samoyeds so please bear with us. We will get back to you as soon as we are able.

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