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A Tails of the Tundra Siberian Husky Rescue Newsletter

A Very Exciting Year!

It's been an exciting year for Tails of the Tundra Siberian Husky Rescue (TOTTSHR) and its extended human and canine family. Since early May, over 30 Siberian Husky and Husky mixes found a "new leash on life" and are now happily sharing their practical jokes, woo-woos, and escapades with their new families. To help them on their way, TOTTSHR made a few exciting changes of its own. Through this short newsletter, we'd like to share with you what we've accomplished in a few short months.

Most importantly, we'd like to thank all of you who make it possible to give our rescued dogs a second chance at life—the shelter staff who kept the dogs healthy and safe until we could bring them into our rescue organization; the foster families who opened their homes for temporary housing; the veterinarians who provided expert care for each dog before placement; the volunteers who tirelessly helped in transporting dogs, educating the public, and raising funds; our adoptive families who are sharing their lives with their new friends; and all of our friends who kindly donate their time and money to help us continue

this important work. Thank you for your generosity, your compassion, your dedication.

*We wish you all a wonderful holiday season...
Best wishes to you and your families for a great new year!*





Dog Rescue Highlights

We placed over 30 dogs into new adoptive homes this year. In some cases, more than one dog went to live with a single family!



Dogs coming in to TOTTSHR are provided with top-notch medical care. Before each dog is placed for adoption, we ensure the dog is spayed or neutered. We also have each dog tested for heartworms and administer heartworm and flea/tick preventive, vaccinate against DHLPP and Bordatella, and provide a deworming medication as a prevention measure.

In addition, each dog under a year old is now being given a CBC (complete blood count) test to help detect early warning signs of internal abnormalities. Dogs over a year old are given a complete diagnostic panel, which detects specific abnormalities in organs. We have raised the adoption fee slightly to help cover the cost of these very important tests.

Your Donations are Tax Deductible!



We formalized our commitment to rescuing Siberian Huskies and Husky mixes by becoming incorporated on May 10, electing a board, and applying for our non-profit 501(c)3 status.

Having an official non-profit status is

important because, once approved, we can provide receipts to donors for their tax deductions. This status also has significant tax benefits for the organization itself, which means more funds can go directly to our rescue efforts. We can also begin filing for grants.



Committees

To help our rescue efforts run more smoothly, we formed the following TOTTSHR committees. For more information about each committee, see our web site at www.siberescue.com.

Rescuing and Placing Dogs

- ✂ *Application and adoption committees* help place dogs in forever homes by accepting adoption applications and interviewing prospective adopters.
- ✂ *Intake, transportation, behavioral, and foster committees* monitor local shelters for stray or surrendered dogs, evaluate dogs' temperaments, transport dogs, and coordinate and assist foster homes.

Promoting Our Efforts

- ✂ *Fundraising and grant committees* raise money toward rescue activities and caring for the dogs that enter the organization. Ultimately, we hope to raise enough money to build a kennel of our own where we can provide safe temporary housing for dogs in dire need until they are ready to be placed in foster or adoptive homes.
- ✂ *Publicity, newsletter, and Internet committees* spread the word about what we do and how we do it.
- ✂ *Event committee* schedules educational and fundraising events.
- ✂ *Legal committee* helps us apply for and maintain our non-profit 501(c)3 status.
- ✂ *Volunteer committee* recruits and organizes volunteers. We currently have 31 volunteers who are spread across eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey. They actively communicate with each other over a shared e-mail distribution list, so the entire organization can stay informed about rescue activities on a daily basis.
- ✂ *Sunshine committee* expresses our thanks and appreciation to our supporters.

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Need a Gift?

Do you need a small gift for the dog lover that has everything? For a donation of \$5, you can send a personalized online greeting to a friend through our Siberian Husky Giving Tree.

This is how it works... From our home page at www.siberescue.com, click our logo with the falling snow. On the Giving Tree page, print your order form and send it to us along with your greeting and a picture—we'll create your personalized greeting page and tell the recipient how to view their greeting.

The funds we receive from the Giving Tree will go toward The Toby Fund (see page 4).



Events

Throughout the year, we schedule events to provide education about the Siberian Husky breed, enable people to meet some of the dogs that are available for adoption, and raise funds. Some of the events we organized this year included:

Meet and Greets

At these events, rescue volunteers and dogs "meet and greet" people at community days, dog walks, and adoption days at area pet stores. In addition to bringing some of the dogs that are available for adoption, we also bring applications for adoption and offer different items for purchase, such as t-shirts, mugs, and other gift items. Meet and Greets are great opportunities for you to

come out and meet us and ask us any questions you have about Husky rescue.

Educational Events

We believe that education is a very important part of rescue, especially as we reach the next generation of dog owners—the children. To teach children about dog ownership and, in particular, the Siberian Husky, we arrange speaking engagements for boy scout and girl scout troops, summer camps, and schools.



Upcoming Events	Dates
Super Pet Expo, Garden State Convention Center, NJ	February 24 and 25
Horse and Pet Expo, Fort Washington Expo Center, PA	March 9, 10, and 11

Real-time Rescue

We're online!

We launched a new web site this year:

www.siberescue.com. We are proud of our site and rely on it to help match dogs with families, provide information about the breed, distribute and accept adoption, foster, and volunteer applications, tell success stories, and publicize important events.



The newest additions to the site include a children's page containing fun and educational

games revolving around the Siberian Husky and, coming soon, a shopping cart to order Husky-related merchandise. We update the site frequently, so visit us often!

If you'd like to see something added to the site, let us know at tundratails@yahoo.com.

Santa Photo Opportunity

This year, dogs throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey lined up to have their pictures taken with Santa and to tell Santa how good they've been throughout the year. Santa's elves took notes on how many chewies, balls, and stuffed squirrels they'd need to make this year!

Mark Your Calendars!

We are already planning events for the new year; see our web site for more information. We hope to see you there!



Committees/Volunteers

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We are always looking for people to join our active, dynamic group of volunteers to transport or foster a dog, interview potential adopters, follow up with new adoptive families, organize events, greet the public, raise funds, or publicize our activities. We welcome your participation in all aspects of our organization. Or, if you don't yet have the time to spend, just send us your ideas (or a donation)!

The Toby Fund

Toby was pulled from a shelter by a good Samaritan who, knowing she could not keep him but wanting to save him from an uncertain future, brought him to a vet and called various rescue groups in the area to try to find a good home for him. TOTTSHR took him in to the rescue organization and placed him in a foster home. Toby's foster parents began noticing that he has some difficulty getting up after long periods of lying down, and seemed to walk stiffly until his muscles warmed up a bit. They promptly took him to the vet, who diagnosed Toby with hip dysplasia. The vet told them



that Toby, at seven years of age, was only in the early stages but that his condition would surely worsen with age and that he would ultimately need surgery to correct the problem.

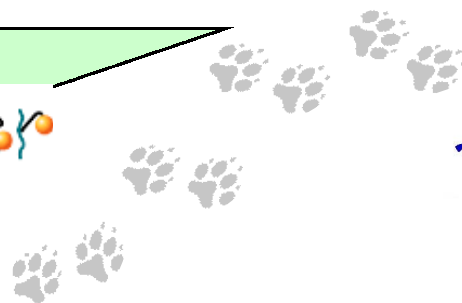
Toby has since been adopted by a loving home. TOTTSHR has established a new fund to begin raising money to help Toby's new family meet his impending vet bills, estimated at over \$1,000, for his eventual surgery. After the fund reaches this goal, we will continue to maintain the fund for other dogs that may come in to the rescue organization requiring extraordinary vet care.



Calling all Kids!

Do you know what "mushing" is? Do you like to draw and color? Would you like to learn more about Siberian Huskies?

You do? Then check out the Kids Saving Siberians link on our web site (www.siberescue.com/Kids/KidsSavingSibes.htm)! On this page you'll find fun games involving Siberian Huskies. You can play word find puzzles to learn more about Huskies, draw a picture of your own dog, or color one of the Huskies that we've met. If you send us your picture by mail or by e-mail, we'll post it on the Kids Saving Sibes Coloring Wall for all your friends to see!



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