

AMAL TALES

AUGUST 2019



AMAL'S GOVERNANCE

A number of people have asked questions about the Alaskan Malamute Assistance League's governance. Mike Ullman, ALAL's secretary, provided some helpful answers.

AMAL's affairs are managed by its Board of Directors. Any member in good standing may nominate him- or herself, or others, for Director. Nominee qualifications include, but are not limited to

- having experience (current and historical) with dogs in general, and Alaskan Malamutes in particular, and
- experience and knowledge of dog rescue both on a local level and on a national level.

It's critical that all nominees have ready access to e-mail.

AMAL has five directors who each serve five years. To provide continuity, the terms rotate; one director is elected each year. Directors are elected at the Board's annual meeting, which is generally held within six months of the end of the fiscal year. AMAL's fiscal year ends on December 31 in each year.

The board was unable to meet this summer due to scheduling conflicts. It voted to retain the current officers and board members until all of them can be available for a teleconference, which should be some time in August.

If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Mike Ullman at secretary@malamuterescue.org. Mike can also provide a copy of AMAL's bylaws should you be interested in the nitty-gritty.



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(Mail the form on page 2, or pay online)



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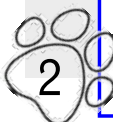
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www.malamuterescue.org

The Alaskan Malamute Assistance League is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and charitable organization recognized by the national breed club, the Alaskan Malamute Club of America. We are an all-volunteer national rescue network which includes state and local breed rescue groups, as well as individual members.

DONATE

AMAL is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose funding comes from donations and fund-raising events. All donations are fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by law and go directly to helping Alaskan Malamutes. To donate contact
treasurer@malamuterescue.org

or go to
<http://alaskanmalamuteassistanceleague.org/about-amal/donate>



AMAL Membership Application/Renewal

July 2019 - June 2020

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/ycyl39po> to renew on line!

Name/s: _____
Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
(HINT: Use a return address label)
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Membership Level

\$25: Individual/Family who want to receive AMAL Tales, the quarterly AMAL newsletter.

\$100: Benefactor receives AMAL Tales plus Compact Disk with Alaskan Malamute Pedigree & Registry Program.
*****CD Renewal - If you are an existing AMAL Benefactor with Registry CD, you can renew your membership for \$25 and receive an updated Registry CD by emailing your paid completed form (or online PayPal request) to treasurer@malamuterescue.org. Those non-U.S. AMAL members who want CDs shipped to them should add \$10 for postage cost consideration.** CD Pedigree online form: <http://www.malamuterescue.org/index.php/shop-2/cd-registry-pedigree/>

Make a Donation!

Please find \$____ enclosed. Is this in memory of or in honor of someone? Tell us here:

Yes, I'd like to be contacted about helping Alaskan malamutes in need of assistance: _____

Membership / Donation Payment
Total Amount Enclosed (membership + donations):
\$ _____

* Include AMAL Memberships and other donations all in one check --- simply designate the amounts on this form.

Please make your Check or Money Order (International Money Orders must state "US Dollars") payable to the Alaskan Malamute Assistance League (No abbreviations please!).

AMAL Membership
c/o Treasurer
P.O. Box 7161
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PULLING NO PUNCHES! *Delilah Hymas*

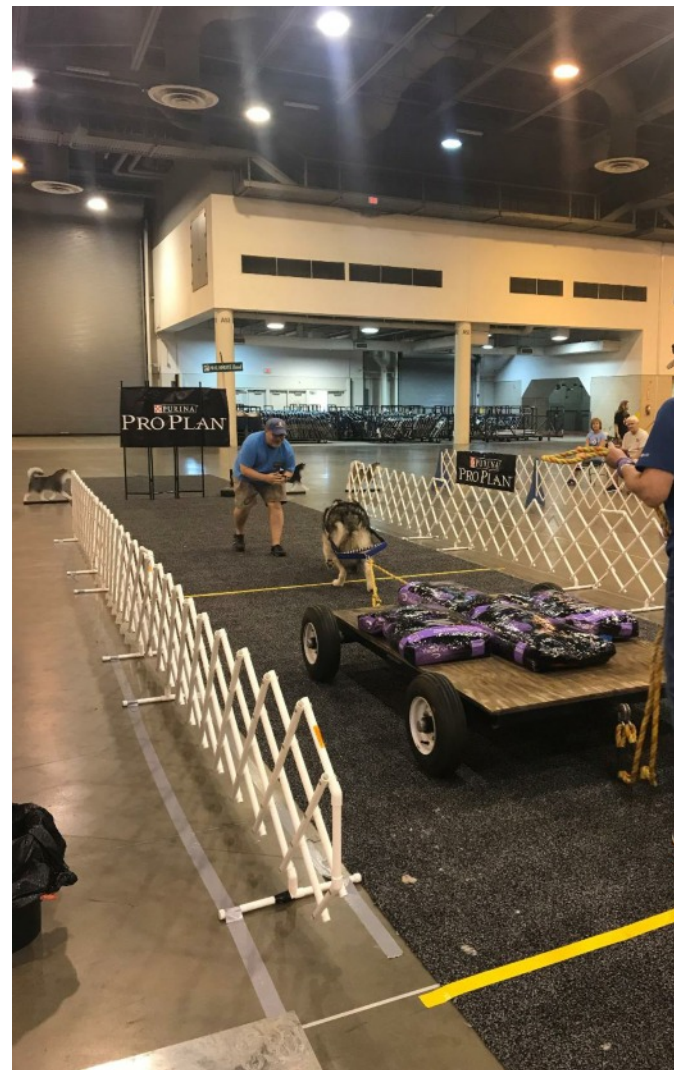
The Houston World Series of Dog Shows was held in Houston, Texas in July. The Alaskan Malamute Club of Greater Houston and Texas Alaskan Malamute Rescue hosted a malamute-only weight pull on a Friday night so that some of the malamutes entered in the shows during the day could participate. Rescue malamute Royal Chief of Aquila won first place in his weight class. While he didn't pull a lot, this was his first time participating in the sport! Chief turned eight this past April, so age has not stopped him from trying new adventures with his humans.

Don't let a 'rescue' label stop you from trying new things with your dogs. Chief also enjoys lure coursing (Fast Cat) which is a 100 yard dash chasing a lure. He has also earned his Canine Good Citizen recently.

Chief was one of more than 50 malamutes and huskies left behind when the breeder at Aquila kennels in Mississippi passed away and the family surrendered all the dogs to the local animal control. Texas Alaskan Malamute Rescue took in Chief and his daughter.



Chief's owners are Rick and Delilah Hymas.



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JOHNNY PAYCHECK TURNS 13!

Lezlie Crosswhite

Long-time readers of this newsletter may recall the story of CHAAMP's Johnny Paycheck. In 2009, many folks (especially Connie Rice and Cheryl Shelton) worked very hard to pull a young mal boy out of a hot garage in Atlanta, GA, where he was living.

Initially indifferent to humans, Johnny clearly hadn't had a lot of time spent with him. He started to come around while he was transported to CHAAMP's kennel in Virginia. By the end of the nine hour trip, Johnny had turned into quite the ladies' man, giving indiscriminate kisses to his two transporters, Connie Rice and Angela Brown.

Johnny sailed through his treatment for heartworm, whipworm, and coccidia and charmed the pants off everyone. He was adopted by a wonderful gal named Toni with a Samoyed mix named Willow. Toni and Johnny were instant best friends; Willow took a few weeks to come around.

Johnny passed his AKC Canine Good Citizenship exam, was invited to become a therapy dog, and is now an emotional support dog! He loves hanging out with his family (and eating scrambled eggs made by his grandma); playing in his yard with a suicidal squirrel; and howling when his dad plays the trombone. Toni called me on Johnny's 13th birthday to tell me about his party and said, "AMAL and CHAAMP have brought great joy into my life—and his!—and I want to thank you."

It's another happy story of a Malamute who got the great life he deserves.



CONDOLENCES: CHASER

From time to time, we put up the howl for dogs of a different breed who are exceptional. Chaser, a Border collie, learned more than 1,000 nouns and became a global celebrity. Although the American Kennel Club categorizes Border collies as members of the Herding Group, we bestow an honorary Working Group crown here, as she trained four to five hours a day for three years. Chaser's ability to learn demonstrated that dogs are smart and capable.

Chaser died of natural causes in July. She was 15.



SPOILED DOG CAKE

CAKE

- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/8 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 1/2 cup applesauce
- 1/2 cup pumpkin puree
- 1 egg
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FROSTING

- 1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 1/4 cup peanut butter

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
- In a large bowl, combine flour and baking soda.
- In a separate bowl, mix vegetable oil, peanut butter, applesauce and pumpkin puree. Mix in egg until combined.
- Combine wet and dry ingredients and stir until combined.
- Pour mixture into a greased 8" round pan.
- Bake for 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean and the cake springs back when pressed lightly.
- Cool on a wire rack before removing from pan.
- After cooling, frost!
- Decorate with treats.



SPECIAL DONATIONS

May 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019

In Loving Memory of Summit of the High Desert THD CGC - One of a Kind,
by Michael Paul



AMAL PROFIT & LOSS SUMMARY

April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019

INCOME

Donations in	
General	\$701.00
Membership	\$25.00
Other	\$112.44

TOTAL INCOME \$838.44

EXPENSES

Newsletter	\$248.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$248.00

Quarterly Net Income \$590.44

Checkbook balance June 30, 2019 \$85321.96



Most Employee Donation Matching programs will match your donation to AMAL! Ask your Human Resources Department about your company's procedure. Questions? Please feel free to direct them to treasurer@malamuterescue.org.



2019 AMCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY DOG SHOW

Sharon Nichols

AMCA will hold its National Specialty at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, in the Central Region location of Topeka, Kansas. The dates are (Regional) October 27 through October 29 and (National) October 30 through November 2, 2019. The link is: <https://www.amcanational.com/>.



AMAL plans to participate in its usual events:

- Table sales of donated items during the week
- The AMCA Auction. This year's auction will be a silent auction.

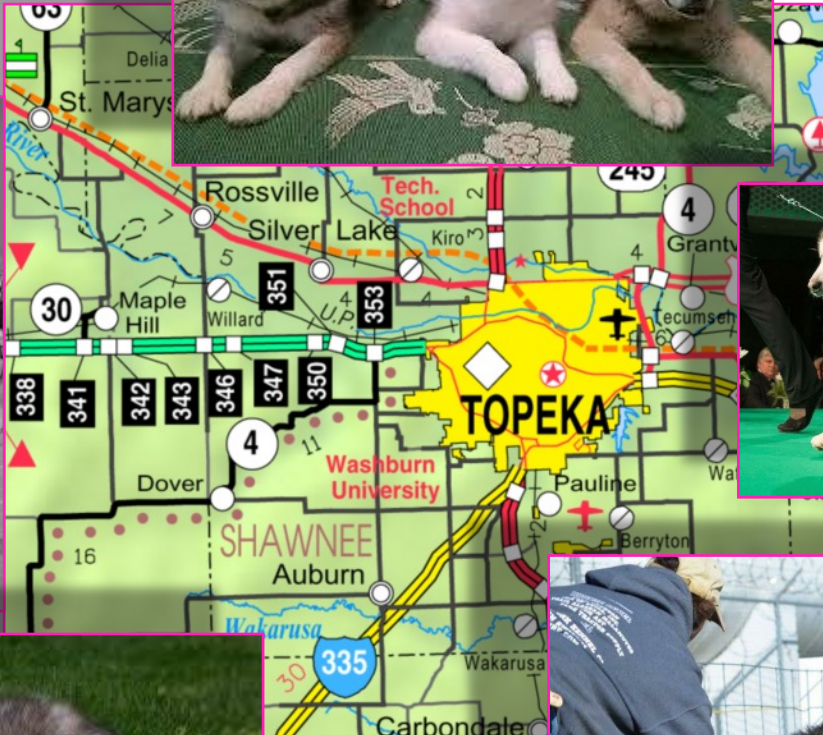
We were unable to get participants for this year's planned Rescue Showcase. We're hoping for a good turnout at next year's event!

We're looking into possibly offering a local AMAL beer or wine as well. All affiliates are encouraged to attend and donations for the table sales and the auction are very much needed! Be thinking of good ideas. Some past successful sales items include these breed-specific items: books, t-shirts & sweatshirts, jewelry, hats, statues, paintings, things that fit into a suitcase (for travelers), hand crafted iron dog leash hangers, dog sled, holiday items and Alaskan collector items. Anything an Alaskan Malamute lover would enjoy!

Donations for AMAL table sales and auction items may be shipped in advance beginning September 20th:
AMAL, c/o Linda Frank
7002 SE PP Hwy
Holt, MO 64048-9208

Note: Please send Linda an advance notification so she'll know to expect the package: Ssmals@aol.com.

Hope to see you in Topeka!





**IAMRA CELEBRATES
PLACEMENT #900
MAGNIFICENT MAX**

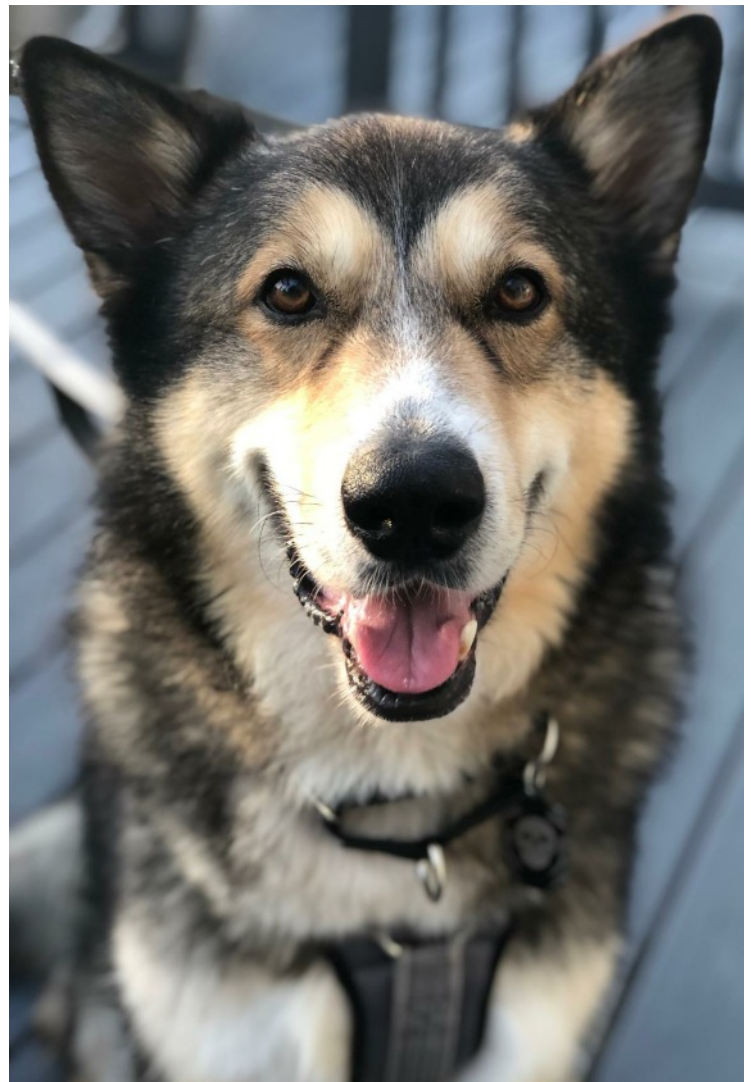
Vicky Meluso

Max was scheduled for euthanasia for going after cats... Thankfully a good Samaritan who understands the breed came to his rescue and made arrangements for him to come to Illinois Alaskan Malamute Rescue Association (IAMRA). We couldn't be happier that his life was spared – Max is an awesome dog! He spent his foster months at a wonderful doggie daycare, Dogs Life on Damen, where he proved to be a malamute with a wonderful personality, enjoying his playtime with people and other dogs – he is quite the dog-friendly chap, he is just a little too interested in kitties.

Then his “forever” home came along with a wonderful repeat IAMRA adopter. Here is what they have to say about him, they are now calling him Rex:

“Rex is a great addition to our family. His sister Pua loves his attention and loves running around and tumbling with him. Rex was a little shy at first, but after a week or so we could tell he figured out this was his home and seemed to feel more comfortable and relaxed. Now, after a month he's settled in. Rex is a typical malamute - smart, stubborn, and cuddly! Rex loves hugs, belly rubs, and giving kisses. It melts our heart to see his eyes light up when he gets hugs and kisses. His favorite past times are hunting bunnies, tumbling around with his sister, and getting belly rubs!”

We are so thrilled for Max, and for the 899 that came before him through IAMRA, that we've placed in wonderful loving homes. We hope to be around for many more malamutes in need. Please do what you can to support AMAL and your local rescue. Rescues are always in need of fosters, volunteers, and donations. It truly takes a village for there to be so many “happy endings” for these magnificent malamutes in need.



FLEAS? REALLY? YES, REALLY

Almost 40 years ago when I moved to Honolulu, HI, we moved into a rented house and I developed a weird rash. I was appalled when the doctor said I had fleas. The renters before us had a dog, and they left the gift that keeps giving. With no preventive treatments available at the time, fleas were common and tenacious. We had the house treated twice, and I hoped never to repeat the experience.

Mid-July of this year, the rash returned. Its hallmark—a chain of bites making an anklet at the top of my socks—was the first clue. Soon, all our mammals were scratching. Our preventive treatments, applied religiously, had failed.

Got fleas? Numerous web sites discuss how to deal with fleas comprehensively, so read as much as you can. Act fast. By the time you see signs, the fleas have established themselves. Some tips to end the infestation appear in the Sidebar.

In the heat of the infestation, your malamutes may be miserable. In 2000, the Food & Drug Administration approved nitenpyram (Capstar, Capguard, and other brands) for cats and dogs who are infested. It kills adult fleas within four hours, and offers some relief. It's pricey. Before running to a chain pet store to purchase it, look at the store's website. All of the chains will match their online prices. It was labeled \$49 for seven tablets on the shelf, but was \$29 online.

QUICK TIPS: DEALING WITH FLEAS

- Vacuum. Do every room (and especially cracks) and all upholstered furniture twice a day until you are sick to death of vacuuming, then once a day until all signs of fleas are gone.
- Concurrently, purchase a 10 pound bag of diatomaceous earth* and a duster device, and sprinkle it on and around areas when pets hang out. Also mix it 50/50 with borax, sprinkle it on all carpets, leave it for 24 hours, and vacuum. You can also rub it into pets fur, but it's a real mess on long-haired pets.
- Wash all pet bedding, scatter rugs, and other washable items in hot water with borax. Dry on high heat.
- Throw things that can't be washed in the dryer for 40 minutes with high heat.
- Forget flea bombs. They don't work.
- Find a good indoor insecticide, and follow the directions. Raid Flea Killer Plus Carpet & Room Spray worked better than the spray we used first. The odor...well, it could be worse.
- Place a shallow white plate with ½ inch water that has a drop of dish washing detergent in it under a lamp on the floor overnight. Fleas will jump in, and you can monitor progress.
- Switch flea preventives.
- Be patient. It feels like forever, but eventually, the fleas all die.

*See page 3 here for more information:

<https://www.malamuterescue.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/AMAL-February-2018-FINAL.pdf>

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