

AMAL TALES

November 2021

HELLO AMAL MEMBERS!

WOW, what an awesome week we had at the National Specialty in Gettysburg! You can't imagine the work that goes into putting a week like this together to ensure it is a success from all aspects. Thank you to Ruth and the rest of the AMCA show committee for your support and hospitality for all things AMAL. Everyone was very accommodating and welcoming to our affiliates, volunteers, and rescue showcase participants. From our rescue booth, to the wine tasting, to the showcase Friday night things went off without a hitch, but not without a lot of behind the scenes hard work! We had a great turn out of adopters and rescued pups (who were all pretty well behaved—the dogs I mean LOL) and a good time was had by all.

Early in the week Sharon and I were able to visit with CHAAMP members and tour their beautiful new kennel building (built entirely by volunteers!!). CHAAMP also organized a delightful group of volunteers to help us all week in the AMAL booth, pick up food, run errands and basically schlep things from one end to the other.

We had a few Christensen Award recipients this year. WAMAL nominated Hal Negin for years of tireless volunteer work on transports, coordination with shelters, overseeing fundraisers (the list goes on and on!) all to help dogs at risk of euthanasia. CHAAMP had a group of four dedicated volunteers (Bob Hieronimus, Marlin Stauffer, Micheal Bowers, and Tim Camacho) who spent countless hours working to build a new kennel building so dogs in need will have a place to land. CONGRATULATIONS and thank you for your dedication to our affiliates and continued work with malamute rescue!!

While the national was overall a wonderful success there was a significant air of sadness for most of the week. Patty Ann Peel fell ill early in the week and later passed away. Patty Ann has been a long standing constant in the malamute world, and known by all who met her as the mother of tough love. Patty Ann didn't stand for weakness and tears, and while everyone had she and Tex in the forefront of their minds, we knew she would be telling everyone that that show must go on.

To Sharon and the rest of the AMAL board, and every other individual who donated items, money, or time to make this week a success THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

*Andrea Allen
President*



Alaskan Malamute Assistance League

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Rusty is a CHAAMP adoptable.
Don't let the ears fool you! He's all malamute
and a super pup!

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July 2021 - June 2022

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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: _____

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\$ _____

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(Mail the form, or pay online)



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BENEFITS OF GREEN LIPPED MUSSELS FOR DOGS

The green-lipped mussel (GLM) is also known as the New Zealand mussel as it is native to that country. It has been claimed to have medicinal anti-inflammatory compounds (omega-3 fatty acids, especially eicosapentaenoic acid [EPA] and docosahexaenoic acid [DHA]), which have been used to treat canine conditions, including asthma, muscle soreness, and arthritis. Other types of fatty acids from GLMs possess inhibiting enzymes and proteins that also subdue inflammation and pain. GLMs also contain chondroitin sulfate, a component of connective tissues present in joints and bones, that may reduce inflammation. Also, the mussels are a good source of zinc and an excellent source of iron, selenium, magnesium, and several B-vitamins. Although fish oil contains the same compounds, in GLMs, other compounds that also fight joint inflammation and pain are components.

GLM extracts can be found in oil or powder form (freeze dried powder is rated as best absorbed form) in dog hip and joint care products found online or at your local health store. Owners can easily add them to dog food. While less common, some companies produce gels and creams that claim to ease joint pain and muscle soreness when applied to the skin.

Dr. Michael Petty, DMV, past president of the International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management and a Certified Canine Rehabilitation Therapist suggests, "Although there are no defined doses at the moment, it is usually suggested that small dogs get 500 mg capsules, medium dogs get 750 mg capsules, and large dogs get 1000 mg total a day." Basically, any chronic inflammatory condition in dogs may benefit from the use of green lipped mussels," according to Petty. "It is well known that many chronic skin diseases and inflammatory diseases like asthma respond to omega-3's, and could respond to green lipped mussels."

Note: Dogs with shellfish allergies should not receive GLMs.



HOME SWEET HOME!

Pictured here is Chesapeake Area Alaskan Malamute's (CHAAMP) new kennel. Built from the ground up by volunteers, CHAAMP had a wonderful donor who matched up to \$10,000.00 too! A big shout out to all who helped and for the four dedicated men that came out every Saturday for almost a year to see it through to the end. It has eight kennels, heat, air conditioning, a bath area, running water, and electricity.

Located in Pennsylvania, CHAAMP is howling with joy that they have a safe spot for the many dogs who land in rescue on their way to good homes.



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MALS ON THE LAM!

Maggie Foss

Neither of our dogs had ever left us before so we didn't hesitate to take their leashes off during an isolated hike in the middle of the Snoqualmie National Forest. Our energetic 10-year-old Alaskan Malamute and 11-year-old Husky mix could roam free.

Roam free is exactly what they did, but it absolutely terrified us.

My husband and I aren't sure what caused them to abscond. Maybe they caught an animal scent. We'll never know. We were at Mile 14 of the 24-mile dirt road. There was no cell service.

We thought they would just burn off extra energy and return. They didn't. We searched for them until it got dark. Nothing. They were gone.

We went home devastated but determined to find them. Jeremy made more than a dozen fliers with their pictures and our information. I posted on social media.

Early next morning we posted fliers at the bridges and trailheads. We searched for the whole day but found no signs of them. Jeremy left his worn shirts and food hoping they would return. This continued for several days. Friends helped search. One night we grilled burgers and bacon hoping to entice them back but ended up leaving the cooked food on the ground.

Every night returning home to a vacant house was gut-wrenching. No happy dogs waiting for us in the front window and running to the door to greet us. I couldn't sleep. Any time I tried to eat, I wondered if my babies were eating. I immediately felt guilty and lost my appetite.

Day 6, Jeremy was on the mountain. I was at home in case anyone called. I felt helpless. I picked up a broom. My eyes flooded with tears as I wondered if this would be the last time I would ever sweep their dog fur.

My sister-in-law told us we could eventually get new dogs but because we lost our dogs, no rescue organization would ever allow us to adopt dogs again. The implication being that we were negligent. We didn't want new dogs. We wanted our dogs.

Finally on the seventh day, August 23, 2021, a man called saying he had seen them at Mile 14 wagging their tails as they approached his car. Jeremy and I raced up there in separate vehicles. He arrived first and found them uninjured and apparently they didn't even lose a pound!

We were beyond ecstatic. After they jumped in the car, Jeremy and I hugged and cried tears of relief and joy.

Our story has a happy ending. But many dog owners have to live with the dreadful grief of ambiguous loss after their dog goes missing. It is the worst feeling.

I recommend never allowing your pup off leash or fit them with a GPS tracking collar.



Last picture of absconders



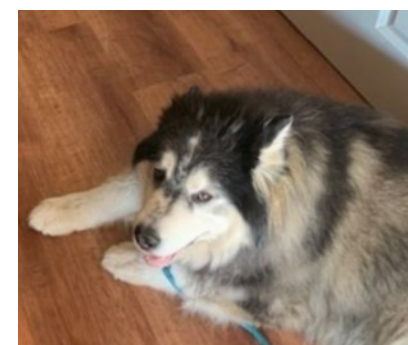
*Seven days later:
Picture from Good Samaritan!*



Headed home!



And happy to be home!



PUPOVERS: A LIGHT ROLL SIMILAR TO YORKSHIRE PUDDING

Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 1 cup milk
- ½ teaspoon salt

These rolls are much fun, as they flip themselves in the pan. Humans eat them with butter, jam, or meats. Leo like them with liverwurst. Miley likes them with anything—just make it fast!

Preheat oven to 450°F. Grease and flour six 6-ounce custard cups or your popover pan.

In a medium bowl beat eggs slightly. Beat in flour, milk and salt until just smooth; don't over beat. Fill custard cups 1/2 full.

Bake 20 minutes. Decrease oven temperature to 350°F and bake for 20 minutes more. Immediately remove from cups and serve piping hot for humans, cooled for pups.



AMAL REMEMBRANCES

August 1, 2021 – October 31, 2021

- In Memory of “Kule” – Winterstarz Hokule’ A Star of Gladness, by Dr. Katherine D. Burger
- In Loving Memory of Summit, by Michael Paul
- In Memory of “Bullet” – Snobuc’s “Cold Brewed,” BN, RE, by Maria Dinwoodie
- In Memory of Marilyn Kregal, by Ursula Joseph
- In Memory of “Denali & Vinson,” by Debra Castro



AMAL PROFIT & LOSS SUMMARY

July 1 through September 30, 2021

INCOME

Donations in	
General	\$1941.56
Membership	\$592.00
Estate gift	40,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$42533.56

EXPENSES

Newsletter (2)	\$510.20
Insurance	\$1739.00
Other	\$288.51
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2537.51
Quarterly Net Income	\$39996.05

Checkbook balance
September 30, 2021) \$146713.51



DOUBLE YOUR DONATION!

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The 2021 AMCA Regional and National Specialties were held in Gettysburg, PA October 10-16, 2021! There was a wonderful week of outdoor and indoor events with lovely fall foliage and scenery as the dogs competed. Thanks to Ruth Levesque and Sue Gallagher for their production efforts at delivering a great event. *It was so great to return to the show after last year's COVID cancellation!*

AMAL participated in several annual events: conducting pre-sales of our AMAL wines, week-long fundraising at the AMAL table in the show ring, honoring Rescue Showcase participants from the regional AMAL Affiliates, and presenting some terrific auction items for the AMCA Silent Auction. We are indebted to Catherine White's Estate as they donated some wonderful limited edition prints from her collection. Janice Dougherty also generously donated an Ed Moody "Roland Lombard" model sled and some Fred Machetanz prints to AMAL.

Best selling items this year included limited edition prints, malamute-related items, Alaskan crafts, dog sled, Hawaiian shirts with malamutes, soapstone handcrafts, clothing items, and gift baskets.





**AMAL at
AMCA REGIONAL &
NATIONAL SPECIALTIES 2021**
Sharon Nichols

Our Rescue Showcase Stars came from local regional affiliate rescues and made us proud. The dogs were calm and paraded around the show ring with their handlers like naturals! Andrea Allen presented each rescue star dog & handler their awards. The stories were heartwarming and it was such a pleasure to meet the dogs and owners who've made such great efforts in rehabbing these dogs to be loving family pets...

Thanks to Sharon Huston for designing and preparing outstanding awards, memory books, and signage honoring our stars. Kudos to Miranda Murdoch for taking deliveries, preparing the welcome bags, donating delicious desserts, and winning the sled at the auction! And thank you, Andrea Allen, for storing and transporting sales items for the AMAL table.

This year's Christenson Award winners were Hal Negin, with WAMAL and the "Four Kennel Guys," from CHAAMP: Tim Camacho, Bob Hieronimus, Marlin Stauffer and Michael Bowers.

Our hearts go out to the Peel family with the loss of Patty Ann during the National week....she was a legend in the malamute show community and will certainly be missed by many.

Next year's National is scheduled to be in Colorado Springs, in the Rocky Mountain Region, November 6-12th. Rob Pratt is the Show Chair. We will keep you posted in the newsletters as details are conveyed. Hope to see you there!





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CONDOLENCES

Lawrence Edward Till, age 78, of Lenox, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, October 18, 2021. Larry worked for Detroit Public Schools as a teacher, counselor, administrator, and advisor for more than 40 years and was a dog show photographer in his younger years. His Alaskan Malamutes and Beagles were a lifelong passion, and his daughter, Tricia, continues to show and breed their dogs today. He was a member of several dog clubs and loved nothing more than talking dogs with anyone who would listen.

GOT AN ESCAPE ARTIST?

GPS dog collars are becoming more popular and accurate. This review lists 8 good options that help you answer the question, "Did the dog get out again?":

<https://www.rover.com/blog/reviews/dog-gps-collar/>



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