

AMAL TALES

August 2023

President's Message

Hello Rescue Supporters!

We are in the final countdown for the Alaskan Malamute National Specialty that will be held in Albany, OR in October. While we have passed the deadline for submissions from rescue parade participants, there are still many activities throughout the week to hold your attention. From the conformation ring, to obedience and agility, weight pull events, AND our rescue activities there will absolutely be something for everyone! The first events are on Sunday October 22, 2023, with the final day of activities on Saturday October 28. It's an opportunity to see malamutes from across the world, so if you're nearby come visit!

It is also the time to submit your nominations for the Christenson Award. The Christenson Award was founded as a representation of the tireless, steadfast and modest manner of Chris Christenson, who was the husband of Betty Christenson, who was incredibly active in rescue. Chris was always a pillar of support for Betty and her passion, and to me, this award is a perfect example of what our many volunteers display on a daily basis supporting those they love and this magnificent breed. If you are an AMAL affiliate and have a volunteer who deserves recognition, please send your nomination info to the AMAL board at board@malamuterescue.org

Have a happy and safe remainder of the summer, and keep those pups and yourselves cool and hydrated!

Andrea Stern

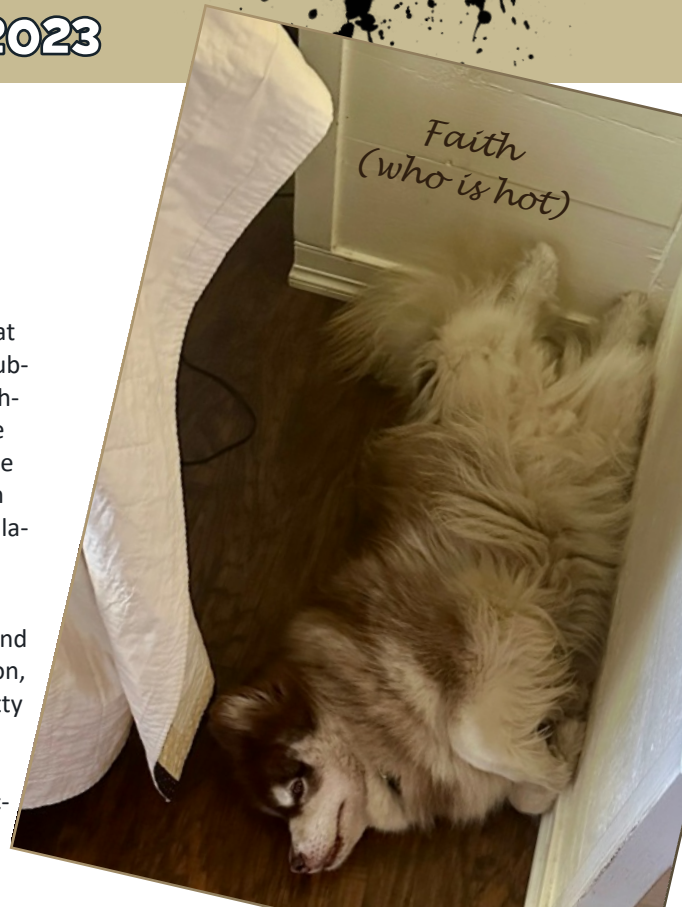
President, AMAL

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Mail the form on page 2, or pay online!**



Alaskan Malamute Assistance League

..... We Pull For Them



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DONATE

AMAL is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations are fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by law and go directly to helping Alaskan Malamutes. For more information, visit

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AMAL Membership Application/Renewal

July 2023 - June 2024

To renew online, go to

<https://www.malamuterescue.org/index.php/membership/>

Name/s: _____
Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
(HINT: Use a return address label)
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MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

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

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_____ \$25: Benefactor Renewal

_____ \$30: Online Pedigree Annual Subscription

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!).

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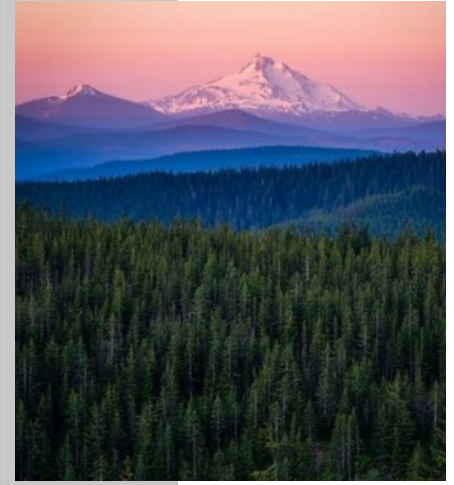
Cover Girl: Faith

Our *AMAL Tales* editor Jeannette found a small malamute! Faith came from China via Big Dog Ranch Rescue, flew to New York, took a bus to southern Florida, and rode a dog bus back up to Rhode Island. She is well-traveled.

She is a very small girl. At roughly age 4, she weighs around 55 pounds. She has a lovely disposition and seems to get along with everyone, human and dog alike. She's quiet most of the time, but she is able to have a conversation using her woos when she has something to say.

Recently, Jeannette was cleaning in preparation for a big dinner party, and imagine her surprise when she came in from taking trash out and Faith had helped by fetching multiple shoes and putting them in her crate!

Special thanks to Olivia, who helped narrow down a new name for Faith! And thanks to all of you who've been looking for a suitable (small) girl for me. Stand down! We have FAITH!!!



AMAL at 2023 ALASKAN MALAMUTE CLUB OF AMERICA REGIONAL & NATIONAL SPECIALTIES

The 2023 Alaskan Malamute Club of America (AMCA) Regional and National Specialties are scheduled for October 22 through 28, 2023 in Albany, Oregon!

Show Chair John Dewing and Assistant Chair Sharon Weston are busy putting together this event, which will be held at the Linn County Expo Center, in Albany, OR. We'll publish additional details and the schedule as they are released. The AMCA region consists of these states: Washington, Oregon, and California.



Show website: <https://www.amcanational.com/>

Hotel reservations: <https://www.amcanational.com/about>

AMAL participates in several annual events: pre-sales of our AMAL wines, week long fundraising at the AMAL Table, a demo for the Online Pedigree Database, honoring our AMAL Affiliate Rescue Showcase participants, and presenting some terrific auction items for the AMCA Auction. Thanks to all who make these successful AMAL events!

We will need donations for AMAL's annual fundraising at this event! Best selling items in the past have included limited edition prints, malamute-related items, Alaskan crafts, dog sleds, Hawaiian shirts with malamutes, soapstone handcrafts, grooming boxes, clothing items, and gift baskets. Be thinking of treasures you may be willing to part with for this year's show! You can bring donations to the AMAL Table at the show ring area or have them delivered in September (ship donations to AMAL DONATIONS, 1549 NW Terracegreen, Corvallis, OR 97330-1347).

Looking ahead to another wonderful National!

Sharon Nichols

AMAL Rescue Showcase Chairperson

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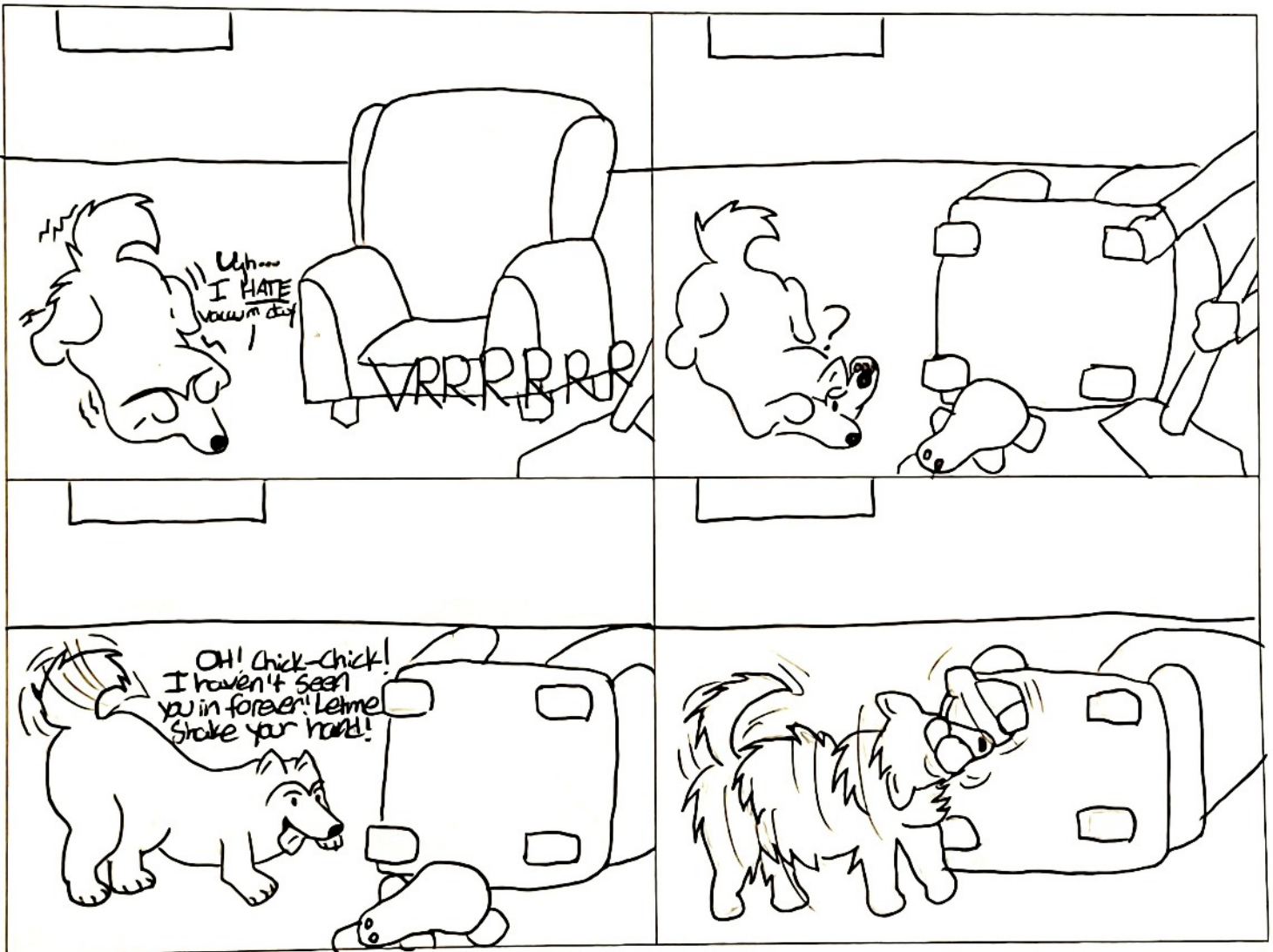
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NEXT Issue: Let's Talk Vacuum Cleaners!

The cartoon above speaks to an issue that every malamute lover confronts: vacuum cleaners. Hair, especially during the times when malamutes are blowing coat, tends to migrate into every nook and cranny. This cartoon depicts Faith, who has two squeaky toys, Chick-Chick and Piggy. Remarkably Faith has been able to keep these toys in one piece for three months even though she chews and makes them squeal endlessly. Chick-Chick and Piggy frequently abscond. For example, yesterday, I took a basket full of laundry upstairs to my bedroom for folding. About a third of the way through, there was Piggy nestled in with the white sheets. Further down, Chick-Chick was relaxing in a nest of sport socks. Oh Faith, you rascal! This was an unusual place to find Faith's toys, as most times we find them when we turn the furniture on its back to vacuum underneath.

Many of us have multiple vacuum cleaners and everyone seems to have a favorite or a not-so-favorite. It is my opinion that malamute owners have no business having just one vacuum cleaner! Different vacuum cleaners do different jobs. So, can you help us with our next issue of *AMAL Tales*? Please e-mail jywickrph@aol.com if you have a story about a vacuum cleaner. We're looking for any of the following:

- What vacuum cleaner do you use and like, and what vacuum cleaner failed to do the job you needed it to do?
- What do you find underneath your furniture when you vacuum?
- Do you use a robotic vacuum? How do your malamutes behave with such a tool, and does it do a good job? What brand do you have?

We'd also like to hear if you have a carpet cleaner that works well for you or any other floor cleaning tricks. Thanks in advance for taking a few minutes to shoot me an e-mail! Please **DO IT NOW** before you forget!

Upgrade your Dog Park Experience with Sniffspot!!!

Clara Bechtold

Have you ever driven by a large, fenced field and thought to yourself, "That would be a perfect place to let my dog loose!" Maybe your dog is reactive, aggressive, or just needs some undistracted training time. Dog parks can be crowded, poorly maintained, or a cesspool for dog disease. There are many reasons why a dog park may not be a great place for you and your fluffy pal.

Introducing, Sniffspot!



Sniffspot is the newest and growing community built on a sharing economy, but meant just for you and your dogs! The website and companion app operate like Airbnb, allowing host to list their space for hourly rental by the user. Prices range from \$5 to \$15 per hour for the first dog and is usually half price for any additional dog. Sniffspot locations are vetted by users to ensure that they are safe, clean, and accurately described. The types of locations available on Sniffspot to rent privately include lots of a half acre or more, dog water parks, fully fenced dog parks, dog hiking trails, and dog agility parks.

The rules are simple: The host lists a description of the yard including the size, fencing, equipment, and distractions including other domestic animals on the property or visible from the sniffspot. The user selects the desired property and pays for a time allotment. Visiting dogs are required to be up to date on vaccinations. When

the user and their dogs arrive, the property will be free of any other dogs and is available to be used off-leash for the rental period. If hosts have their own dogs, the dogs are required to be locked away while the user is present.

A buffer period is always implemented between bookings, so that the next user and their dogs will not cross paths with the prior booking. Users are expected to clean up after their pets and the host often provides courtesy bags, water, and toys. Hosts and users have the opportunity to rate and review each other after a visit for future reference by other users.

Sniffspot user Marion McPherson of Colorado, owner of two Alaskan malamutes River and Taylor (pictured right) who are not dog park candidates, says she uses the rental service when she is "looking for a place to take [her] dogs privately with no distractions, give them a safe enclosed space to sniff around, and be off-leash." McPherson praises her experience using Sniffspot, reporting that her dogs love the time to roam off-leash and explore new spaces.



For more information, visit sniffspot.com

DOGGIE MEAT LOAF

Ingredients

- 3 cups of meat
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup of chopped or grated vegetables (no onions!)
- 1/2 cup of cottage cheese
- 1/2 cup of rolled oats

Directions

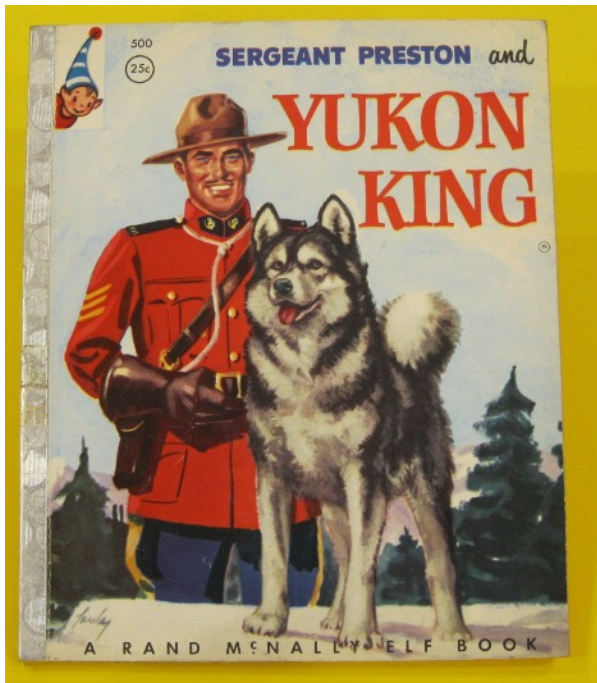
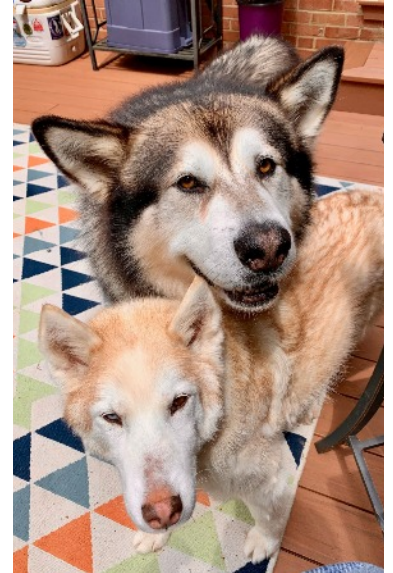
- Mix everything and roll into a loaf
- Put it in a roasting pan with potatoes and bake it for 80 minutes at 175 degrees, or in a pressure cooker on the meat setting with 1/2 cup of liquid.





Lights! Camera! ACTION!

*When "Stay" Becomes
"Hold that pose!"*



What do you do when your 7-year-old is "discovered"? What do you do when that 7-year-old is your malamute who was born on an Amish puppy mill and landed in rescue? According to Glenn Coughlin and Debbie Trout, you roll with the punches and enjoy the ride.

Sarge, a 132-pound malamute, joined their family when their older Siberian Husky, Mika, lost her canine partner and needed someone to keep her company and perhaps curb her anxiety. Glenn and Debbie reached out to Chesapeake Area Alaskan Malamute Protection (CHAAMP) and decided to foster Sarge to ensure he got along with Mika. From the start, the two dogs hit it off and it looked like fostering would lead to permanent adoption for Sarge. And indeed, they did adopt Sarge quickly.

Just two months after Sarge arrived in Glenn and Debbie's home, a company that does cosplay (an activity/performance art in which participants wear costumes and fashion accessories to represent specific characters) put out a call for a large malamute who might be able to play Yukon King alongside Sergeant Preston. The television show starring these two characters—Sergeant Preston of the Yukon—aired from September 1955 to September 1958 based





on a similar radio drama. The original dog that played Yukon King was also a malamute, although during the show, Yukon King is always called a husky.

Glenn and Sarge attended the Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Convention in September of 2022 after he won his break-out role. All eyes were on Sarge, and he was inundated with people who wanted to meet him. At this same event, the cosplay actors also commemorated the TV series M*A*S*H, celebrating its 50th anniversary. Loretta Switt, who played Hot Lips Hoolihan in the series, was one of the admirers who visited with Sarge! Jamie Farr, who's rendition of Maxwell Q. Klinger became legendary, was also in attendance and shook paws with Sarge.

Sadly, Mika died in September, 2022, and Glenn was again in need of a companion, this time for Sarge. CHAAMP to the rescue (no pun intended)! In February of 2023, Glen and Debbie welcomed Raven, a 6-year-old female malamute, as a foster. The new pack is a little bit different with Raven on board. She's a vocal girl whereas Sarge is extremely quiet.

Sarge, despite his size, is a calm and cool fellow. He does not counter-cruise or jump on furniture or guests. Sarge is also a neatnik. He has trained the household to pick up after themselves. Anything that's left laying around is transported into Sarge's crate where he stores it carefully. He's not a chewer, he's just a neatnik.

Glenn and Debbie take Sarge everywhere, and he has a fan following in the community, too. People want to pet him and he's very gentle with children. Strangers ask to snap pictures, and often, folks will approach them and say, "Is that Sarge? I have pictures of him from last year!" No one knows Glenn or Debbie's names, by the way, just Sarge's!

Sarge's 15 minutes of fame isn't over yet. An organizer from the Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Convention maintains contact and reaches out when he needs Sarge. And Sarge, the malamute equivalent of George Clooney, is ready, willing, and able.





AMAL REMEMBRANCES

April 1 - June 30, 2022

- In Memory of Catherine White, by Cathie Reinhard, of Medford, NJ
- In Loving Memory of Snowy, by Michael & Carol Schneider of Crystal Beach, FL
- In Honor of Miska and in Memory of Summit, by Michael Paul, of Fruita, CO

AMAL PROFIT & LOSS SUMMARY

April 1 through June 30, 2023

INCOME

Donations in	
General	\$400.00
Membership	\$325.00
Estate	\$10000.00
Miscellaneous	357.87
TOTAL INCOME	\$10982.86

EXPENSES

Newsletter	\$266.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$266.00
Quarterly Net Gain	\$10716.85
<i>Checkbook balance</i>	<i>\$153803.68</i>

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