

AMAL TALES

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Fame

President's Message:

No Fear of Fur

I am a dog guy, so I am covered in fur.

Recently I've been given the privilege of being AMAL's president, and believe me, I've had some huge shoes to fill! It's been both exciting and humbling to meet some of the wonderful, selfless, and dedicated people of the Alaskan malamute rescue community.

Most of us come from backgrounds other than animal rescue. I am not primarily a dog rescuer. I have a varied background in architecture, photography, marketing, and web design. Like you, I don't do rescue because I have to. We all certainly don't do rescue to pay the bills! We do it because we care, because we believe in what we do. Is there anything more gratifying than saving a dog and subsequently seeing him or her thriving and happy in their forever home?

The reason AMAL affiliates are all so great is that we are a melting pot of talent and experience. Each AMAL affiliate has a plethora of individuals who all bring their own unique skills and talents. And this is a good thing, because doing animal rescue takes many different talents: transport, coordination, marketing, accounting, computer technology, animal care, and perhaps most important, people skills. Yes, people skills... we all save dogs, we all feel compassion for the pups we see, but none of us can do this alone. Rescue is about the people, the people who advocate, the people who save lives every day when they work together. You can't just toss a group of folks with no people skills in a room and expect to effectively save dogs and make the world a better place.

AMAL is here because of you. AMAL is us, AMAL is you. We are all here to help each other—working together, working apart, but all working as one.

And all that work means that yes, I am covered in fur and couldn't be happier.

Michael Roach
President, AMAL



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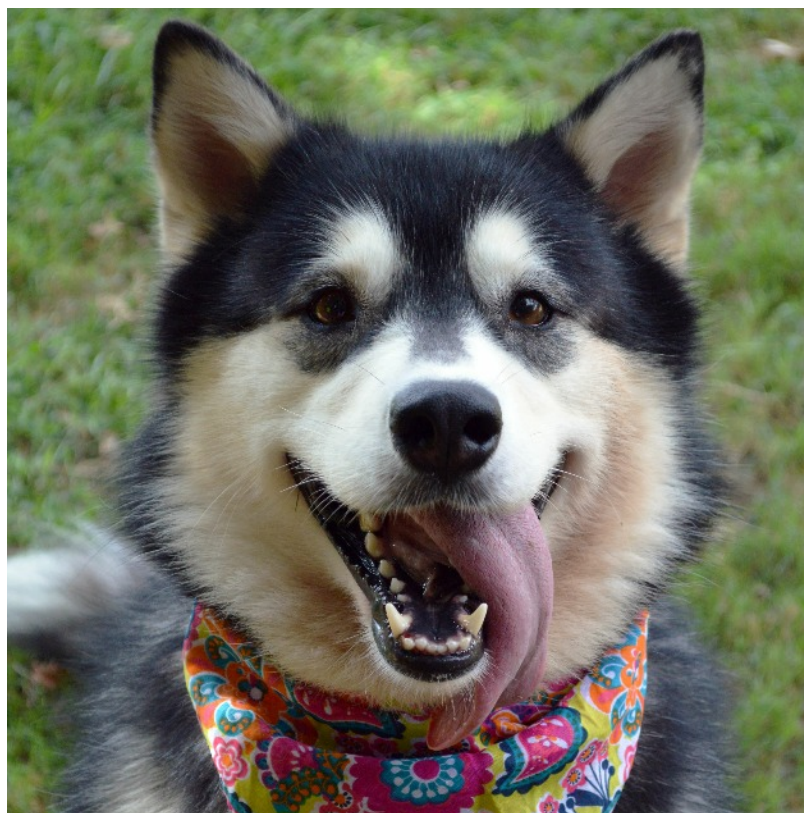
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or go to <http://tinyurl.com/c3jlyqj>
and use PayPal



About Our Cover Girl...

Finally, after almost 2 years in a foster home, Fame was adopted and went to her furever home. This has been a long road for this little gal, one of the last Montana malamutes waiting for a home. Big THANKS to her fosters who stuck by her so long and helped her transition to a home life.



Farewell, Jago

Bob Sutherland



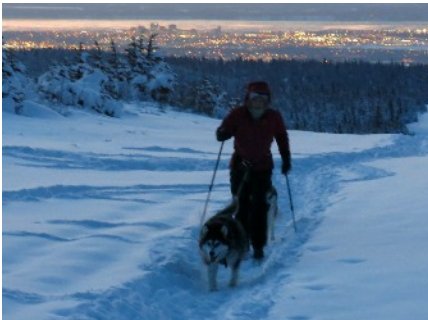
Run free sweet girl. While we are brokenhearted, we recognize we had an incredible journey together. Jago's life with us was a gift. We'll never have another dog who will affect us as profoundly as she did.

Jago did everything with us—cross-country skiing; hiking and backpacking in remote terrain in Alaska, The Yukon and the Canadian Rockies; sharing beautiful bluebird days and tolerating nasty, snow-dumping, wind-whipping, tent-breaking storms. She was always ready for the next adventure. Outdoors, her fear evaporated; she was free and happy. As we spent this quality time together in varied conditions, our bond grew strong.

Her fear of life brought the failure of her adrenal gland, a condition that actually saved her. Her first step to live life fully, away from our home, started at the clinic. While being treated, she learned to trust. The first people she trusted were veterinarian Riley Wilson and his clinic's incredible staff. Their expert care helped Jago feel safe outside her home. The first signs that she was becoming whole included her "Wool!" arriving at the clinic, or drooling when she first heard Riley in the back. Everybody helped her, even folks who were there for veterinary care. They had their own dogs—and she was always comfortable with dogs—and the owners gave her plenty of clearance, which was of comfort to her.



Her overwhelming fear changed everything we believed about dogs. We let go of our old ways and learned new ways of dealing with dogs engulfed in fear. The paradigm shift was needed for her to become a complete dog. Our transformations led us to assist other dogs in need. We started fostering and helping homeless dogs and initiated a statewide rescue group for malamutes.



Jago became a companion and role model for dozens of malamutes who lived with us. Because of our rescue efforts, I became involved in the national breed rescue in the United States—the Alaskan Malamute Assistance League (AMAL). I stepped into the presidency before a gigantic malamute seizure near Helena, Montana. We were able to apply the lessons from helping Jago to 213 shy malamutes. Nicki and I joined the board of the Alaska SPCA. Nicki became the board president, leading the group in an extensive spay-neuter effort, obtaining a new shelter, and promoting adoption of homeless dogs and cats. Jago opened those doors for us.

Death is never easy for us. It leaves a gaping, painful hole—but memories that stay with us the rest of our lives. Jago will live forever in our hearts and conscience. Our lives were changed in so many positive ways. Her life was a legacy which gifted many malamutes in many ways. Run free, sweet girl.



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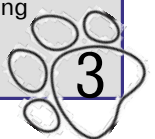
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Special Donations

November 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015



In honor of Angel Emerson & Guinness, by Ryan Hasson

In memory of Chugach, Would that every malamute has a home like Chugach had and Denali has (with snow in the backyard and a tennis ball that squeaks at the ready), by Stephen H. Peters

In celebration of Christmas & New Years, to my lovely daughter Judy & her mal, the adorable Leo – by Mae Silver

For the Christenson Award, by Dr. Diane Pomerance

For the Christenson Award, by Dr. Norm Pomerance

To Florida Malamute Rescue, to benefit Pywacket – by Susan Conant



The Texas 7

Delilah Hymas, Texas Alaskan Malamute Rescue

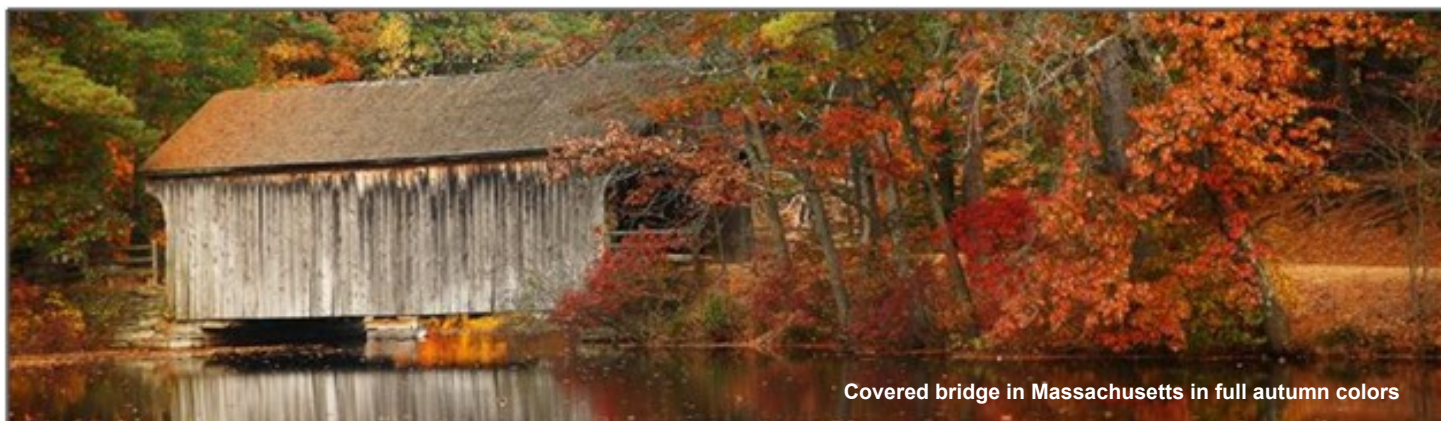
In February 2014, Texas Alaskan Malamute Rescue (TAMR) took in seven Alaskan Malamutes from a voluntary breeder-release to rescue. The dogs were transported to Houston where they were boarded and received much needed veterinary care. The group included six females and one male aged adult to senior. Sadly the oldest female, Aspen, had serious medical issues and crossed the bridge not too long after intake. The costs for the seven malamutes were TEXAS-size big! We did a few fundraisers to help raise funds but we could not have pulled this off without the significant resources several organizations including AMAL gave us along with public donations.

Where are the Texas 7 now?

- Silver and Spirit were adopted in Texas.
- Tacoma and Timber were transferred to Golden Years Alaskan Malamute Rescue. Tacoma is still available and Timber was adopted!
- Star, who was the most fearful and under-socialized, recently went to a special-needs foster home in Texas.
- Ciena was transferred to CHAAMP and adopted!

The breeder's kennel has closed and TAMR has the remaining six dogs. Their awesome rescue vet on the west side of Houston is assisting them with the malamutes once again by providing their initial ISO boarding and necessary vetting.

Read more about TAMR's foster and adopt programs at <http://www.texalmal.org/forms/tapp.html>.



Covered bridge in Massachusetts in full autumn colors

2015 AMCA National Specialty Show **AMAL Booth & Rescue Showcase**

The upcoming Alaskan Malamute Club of America (AMCA) National Specialty is scheduled to take place from Sunday, November 8 through Saturday, November 14 2015, in Sturbridge, MA. This year's theme will be remembering and appreciating the breed's history. Ruth Levesque is the Show Chair and is planning a nice event! The location is Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center. Special rates apply when reservations are placed through this direct contact number: (800) 582-3232. Details can be viewed at the AMCA site: www.alaskanmalamute.org/wpcontent/uploads/2011/09/NL-Page.pdf.

AMAL will participate with their traditional booth for sales in the foyer area, right outside the ballroom. We will also host a limited number of regional AMAL adopters at the Rescue Showcase, currently proposed for Friday, November 13 at 6 PM. (Note: scheduling times may be subject to change, so check the show schedule as the date becomes closer.)

The annual AMCA Auction will be held after the Rescue Showcase, with the pre-AMCA Auction cocktail/social hour taking place as the showcase occurs. More details will follow.

Keep the dates open! AMAL could really use valuable auction and sales items. Think of what might fit well with this year's theme and/or unique malamute-related items. A mailing contact & address for sales items will be posted closer to the event.

Hope to see you there!
Sharon Nichols
2015 Showcase Chairperson

Going Once, Going Twice, Sold!

Texas Alaskan Malamute Rescue will host an auction to help raise funds for the Texas Final 6. Help us Help them!

Please e-mail us at tamr@texalmal.org if you would like to contribute an item. Sled dog or pet related items preferred. Old, new and handcrafted items all welcomed!

The date is still TBD and we will post when as we finalize the plans. Thank WOO.

Delilah Hymas, Texas Alaskan Malamute Rescue



Liver Brownies

1 lb fresh beef liver
1 1/2 cups cornmeal
1 1/2 cups wheat germ
3 eggs
2 -3 garlic cloves



- Put all ingredients into food processor.
- Puree until very smooth (3 or 4 minutes). It's ugly, really ugly.
- Dump the resulting slop into a well-greased 13 x 9" baking dish and spread it around with a spoon to make an even layer.
- Bake at 350 for 20-25 minutes.
- Partially cool, then cut into small (1 inch) pieces while still warm.
- Do not leave unattended in a malamute's presence at any time
- Cool completely and remove from pan.
- Store in the fridge or freezer.

AMAL Membership Application/Renewal

July 2014 - June 2015

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/cn72xz7> to renew on line!

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.

\$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://malamuterescue.org/about/memberapp.html>

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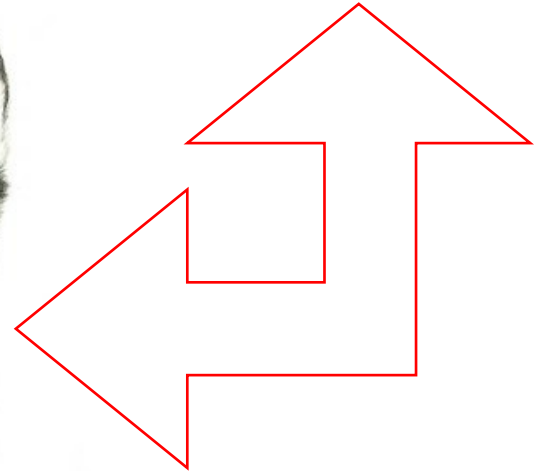
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* Include AMAL Memberships and other donations all in one check --- simply designate the amounts on this form.

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

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c/o Treasurer
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Pondering the Newsletter

Printing, mailing materials, postage...it all adds up. Many of our members receive the newsletter electronically, but we still mail quite a few copies. If you are still receiving the newsletter by snail-mail, please consider changing to electronic distribution. Every penny saved is another penny that can go directly to Malamutes in need.

To switch to electronic distribution, please contact membership@AMAL.org

Mals on the Web

AMAL's web site

(<http://www.malamuterescue.org>) is a valuable resource for any Malamute owner, actual or prospective. If you haven't tagged it in your favorite sites, please visit. On it, you'll find the most recent news, ways you can wear your commitment to Malamutes, and links to articles and resources.

We're also on Facebook! It's an active page with plenty of pictures, so "Like" us!

AMAL's 2015 Christenson Award Recipients!

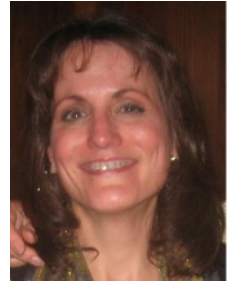
The Christenson Award recognizes those people who are always there, working and volunteering beyond the call of duty, yet are seldom in the limelight.

Liz Markham Caron | Texas Volunteers for AMAL



Savannah was a perky active senior when her owner dumped her in a high kill shelter. Liz Markham Caron, recently widowed herself, agreed to provide a temporary foster home for her. And then Savannah was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Temporary respite became a full-time commitment, and Liz stepped right up to provide hospice care. She agonized with Savannah through multiple surgeries. She researched holistic remedies and supplements and cooked special meals for Savannah, who became known as the Queen - this in addition to managing a veterinary medication and treatment schedule at a vet clinic that

required a Texas length car ride to access. Liz gave this old girl, who was 10 at intake, seven years of quality life. She held Savannah in her arms as she went to Rainbow Bridge. The Queen never doubted that she was loved during that long seven years. You could see that in the love each felt for the other that last sad time.



Holly Justice | Moonsong Malamute Rescue

Holly has been involved with malamute rescue for many years. She was a tireless volunteer for the IAMRA affiliate when living in Illinois. Then after moving to Utah she became involved with Moonsong, and has served as a volunteer, board member, generous donor, and foster home. Holly opened her home and her heart to a very special needs girl, Mesha. Mesha required double amputation of her hind legs due to illness, but that has not deterred Holly from giving Mesha a loving and caring home. Even with 2 young children and 3 other dogs to care for, Holly has continued to help Mesha with finding and fitting various carts to help with her mobility. It has been 2 years since Holly took Mesha into foster care. Dealing with a dog that will never be potty trained because of her medical condition can't be easy, but not once has Holly complained. She

has assisted us with so many things in addition to her care of Mesha, we can't begin to thank her enough.

Andrea Allen | Moonsong Malamute Rescue

Andrea has been involved with the Alaskan Malamute breed for many years, and owns Powerpaw Alaskan Malamutes Kennel in Utah. She has devoted her life to proper breeding of these gorgeous dogs. When the Montana puppy mill bust happened, we found out what strong stuff Andrea is made of. She immediately offered to help with foster care of many of the dogs, helped transport, and assisted us with information about lineage and disposition. She ended up fostering 6 dogs and not long after the dust settled from the Chilinski fiasco, Andrea continued to foster 7 more dogs for us. She even adopted one of the dogs. She continues to work tirelessly with Arctic Breeds Rescue in Utah as a board member and active foster home. Many of the dogs were saved because Andrea would open her doors. We truly have lost count of how many dogs she has assisted over the last 2 years.



Jan Mitchell-Jasa | TAYSIA BLUE RESCUE

Jan is an unsung hero of Taysia Blue Rescue. She can be counted on at a moment's notice to jump in her car and drive for hours to save a dog from a regional shelter. She doesn't like the spotlight and prefers to fly under the radar, but with 80% of all the dogs in our care coming from a radius of three hours or more away from Omaha, she is critical to Taysia Blue. Because of Jan's dedication to these dogs, we don't have to expend the time and energy to piece together transports so we can focus on other needs. Last year she personally drove and donated more than 4,700 miles. This year she has logged just shy of 3000. She fosters the dogs that are difficult, the ones that no one else seems to want. She works with them tirelessly with the patience of a saint; she isn't in a rush to get them placed, but happy to make sure they are in the right home. She has devoted her life to her dogs, especially her malamute, Holly, who passed away unexpectedly, and Suka, her newly rescued Malamute who brings her joy and laughter every day.

Implausible ImPAWSables

WAMAL recently took a dog from a family who had contacted them after the local Police said the dog had escaped too many times and had to go. When the rescue coordinator met the family she asked them how high their fence was and the Dad told her it was four feet. So she said, "Oh, well Ace is a big boy, I could see how easy it would be for him to jump that." And the Dad replied, "Oh, he NEVER went over or under the fence, he just kept unlatching the side gate."

This will have you howling! Re-purpose some Tang powdered drink mix to clean your toilet bowl. A teaspoonful has citric acid that acts as an abrasive – let it sit for a few minutes, then scrub with your toilet brush and flush. The best part is that it's non-toxic, so if your dog takes a sip, the worst they could develop is a Tang addiction! (Yes, this does raise the question, "What does this do to my teeth if I drink it?")



And finally, have a problem with a companion animal getting into your toilet paper? Find the D.Dog Toilet Tissue Paper Holder here: <http://tinyurl.com/ouchubq>.

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Bootie Call

This is Chesapeake Area Alaskan Malamute Rescue's Maureen. Taken on her second birthday, this picture shows Maureen strutting her stuff, which in this case is two perfect knees. Maureen came to rescue around age one. Her family gave her up because they couldn't afford the very costly bilateral knee repairs she needed. CHAAMP raised funds quickly, making Maureen marvelous again. Maureen is available for adoption. See CHAAMP.org.