

AMAL TALES

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

A Time to be Thankful

So many things have happened this year that give me pause. And as is often the case, it's the people and dogs around us that help us get through.

Inside this issue, you'll find a number of stories that describe AMAL's gratitude. AMAL thanks the many sets of hands that assembled another successful Rescue Specialty. With Sharon Nichols chairing the Rescue Showcase (special thanks to you, Sharon), we had a spectacular event in Huron, Ohio. It's heartwarming to see how many volunteers contributed time and resources.

You'll also find a description of our 2017 Christenson Award Winner, Mimi Tello Botdorf. She's a malamute lover from the east coast, and a hard worker. Chesapeake Area Alaskan Malamute Protection is lucky to have her.

If you need a role model, read our tribute to Catherine White who received a life-long service award. Catherine has worked for the malamute rescue community for decades. We all could use a little of her energy.

We also recognized Paul Ganci for his years of dedication and hard work. He doesn't have his own write-up or page within, so let me explain a bit about Paul. Paul has been our web site guy for years. He spent a considerable amount of time this year rebuilding our web site, and in April, he supervised the upgrade of our servers to increase their speed. He is careful to make sure the main site (malamuterescue.org) is current and operating smoothly. This is the kind of behind-the-scenes work that goes on with no fanfare or celebrity, but can cause plenty of worry when things aren't going well. We are very grateful to Paul for his diligence. In this day and age, a solid Internet presence is essential to every non-profit organization's work, and Paul has given us a first-class presence.

Finally, I believe almost everyone reading this has or has had an Alaskan malamute. Someone asked me recently if I had a special mal in my life for whom I am thankful. I have a number of mals, but this year, I'm thankful especially for my always-companion, Tikaani (pictured above). I'm wishing you the ability to reach out and hug your special mal or mals, or at the very least, good memories of mals of years gone by.

Happy Holidays.

Tina Dunn
AMAL President



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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://alaskanmalamuteassistanceleag>



Special Donations

August 1 through October 31, 2017

In Memory of Bill Dennis, by James Pringle

In Loving Memory of Angel, Siberian Husky, friend of mals by Michael Paul

In Memory of Bill Dennis, by Marcia Vanlandingham

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION!



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Paws Off to Prevent Poisoning

Danielle McPherson

The main concern with dogs is that they eat everything—chocolate, rodenticides, fertilizers, pills, socks, household cleaners. You name it—they eat it. Fortunately, a Pet Poison Helpline exists for situations when you’re too late to snatch the foreign object your dog grabbed mischievously when you weren’t looking.

This hotline is a 24/7 poison control center that focuses on both veterinary and human poisoning and also provides education and free resources. The Pet Poison Helpline’s multidisciplinary team consists of clinical pharmacists and board-certified veterinarians who work together to treat potentially poisoned pets and to prevent injuries or illnesses. Over the past three decades the helpline has received more than 2 million calls, with 65% of these animal-related. Most calls to the hotline occur between Halloween and Christmas, so be sure to stash away your candy and holiday treats to prevent health risks to your beloved pet.

Unfortunately, because the poison control service is not publicly funded, there is a \$59 fee per incident. However, this payment covers the initial consultation and any additional follow-up calls needed to ensure the proper treatment for your pet.

Ahna Brutlag, a board certified veterinary toxicologist and veterinarian on the team, recommends keeping hydrogen peroxide 3% in your home in case of poisoning. Hydrogen peroxide induces vomiting in dogs when they swallow or ingest something they should not have. We never induce vomiting in humans because they may aspirate (accidentally suck) liquid into their lungs and develop pneumonia. But unlike humans, dogs vomit easily and often. Getting the dog to vomit helps reduce the amount of poison they ingest and consequently lessens the potential harm. The proper dose for dogs is one teaspoon (5 mL) of hydrogen peroxide per 10 pounds of body weight. If the dog does not vomit within 15 minutes, you may need to repeat the dose one additional time.

Ingesting any of the medications listed in the table below (depending on the dog’s size and breed) can kill a dog. Therefore, it is very important to store all prescription medications in the kitchen cabinet or another location that is out of your dog’s sight and reach. This will help prevent potential poisonings. Also, always keep in mind that dogs are not humans, their metabolic pathways differ from us greatly. For example, Aleve (which contains the active ingredient naproxen) stays in a dog’s system for 74 hours compared to only 12 to 17 hours in humans. Over the counter pain medications that are safe for human consumption such as Advil, Aleve, Motrin, and Tylenol must be avoided in dogs. Many poisonings can be avoided by being conscious and careful about where you leave harmful substances and prescription medications, but when accidents happen, the Pet Poison Helpline is ready to assist you.

Pet Poison Helpline (855) 764-7661

Medications with Risk of Accidental Poisoning to Canines	
Medication class	Examples
Calcium channel antagonists	Amlodipine, diltiazem, verapamil
Alpha-2 adrenergic agonist	Clonidine
Imidazolines	Ketoconazole, miconazole, clotrimazole
Sulfonylureas	Glipizide, glyburide
Cyclic antidepressants	Amitriptyline, imipramine, nortriptyline
Salicylates	Aspirin, Pepto-bismol
Toxic alcohols	Methanol, ethylene glycol (antifreeze)

AMAL PROFIT & LOSS SUMMARY

July 1, 2017 – September 30, 2017

INCOME

Includes all quarterly donations, dues & matching funds \$3315.92

TOTAL INCOME \$3315.92

EXPENSES

Annual insurance \$1861.00

Newsletter \$260.97

Veterinary \$324.60

Expenses (Includes Rescue Showcase, Awards) \$545.91

TOTAL EXPENSES \$2992.48

Quarterly Net \$323.44

Checkbook balance (as of September 30, 2017) \$75750.25

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2017 National Specialty Show

AMAL was busy at Nationals! Nancy and Bob Russell kindly transported AMAL boxes (from 2016 Nationals) to the show for us, and Lori Conley received and transported this year's donated shipments for our booth. The AMAL Booth did well with sales. Favorite items were "Sleeps with Mals" nightshirts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, items with mals on them, decals, and advance sales wine. Tanja Gube from Germany, was a great help (as she is each year) with developing name tags for AMAL volunteers and Rescue Showcase participants, booth coverage, selection of auction items, and general assistance on an as-needed basis. Sharon Huston designed and developed the lovely show ribbons, neck metals, bows, welcome signs and beautiful memory books (edited by Susan Conant) for this year's event. The theme was "honoring our malamute rescue stars" and we used turquoise and white for colors. AMCA member Tina Sanderford generously transported the Rescue Showcase materials to the show.

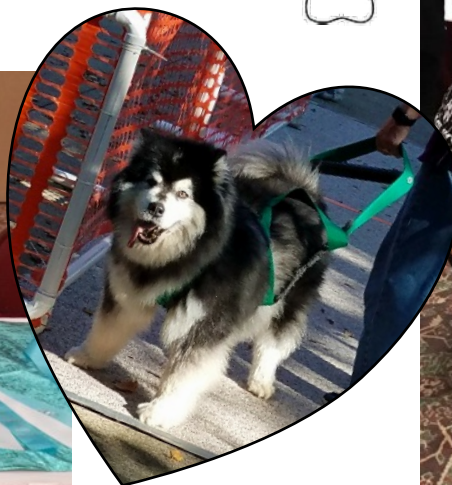
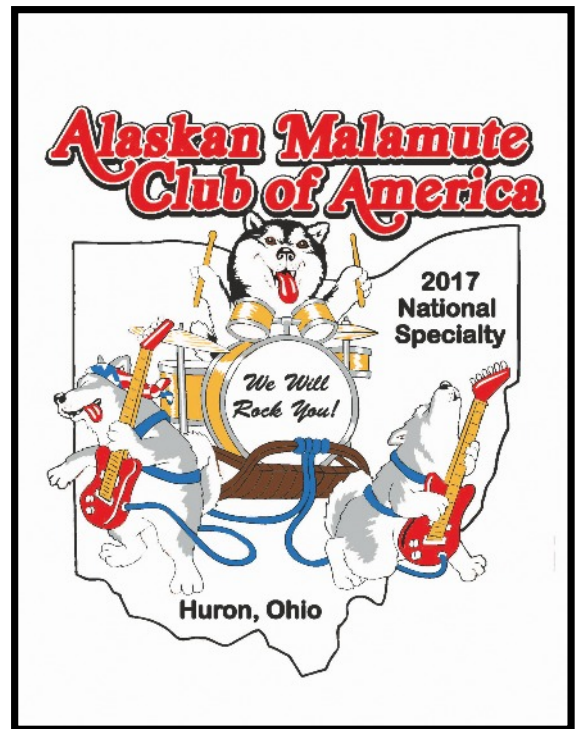
This year's Rescue Showcase was small in number of participants, but big in heart! The adopters felt honored and expressed their surprise at the extent to which AMAL made them feel valued. We held a light introduction luncheon where we reviewed the day's activity schedule and participants received a welcome gift bag. AMCA member Maria Dinwoodie provided "fluff and puff" touch-ups for the dogs prior to the Rescue Showcase. AMCA President Terry Toussaint and Sharon Nichols presented the awards, memory books, and a gift basket (compliments of AMCA) to Showcase participants.

The Christenson Award Winner was announced and Catherine White and Paul Ganci were each recognized for their significant contributions to AMAL over the years. Immediately following the Showcase, the show photographer took award site pictures and provided them to each participant. We followed up with a light reception where the Showcase participants and their dogs were honored.

The last event of the day was the AMCA Auction. AMAL did quite well. Items that yielded the highest bids included an AMAL wine and cheese pack with breed history fleece; a hand-sketched composite of a malamute's mechanical structures and description by a Hungarian artist; a jacket knitted with malamute fur; and a bathing tub for dogs. AMCA members showed great support for rescue at the auction!

Next year's National Specialty is scheduled for October 27 through November 3, 2018 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Orlando, FL at Seaworld. The Show Chairperson is Barbara Salvadore. Mark your calendars now!

Sharon Nichols
2017 Chairperson Rescue Showcase



Catherine White was 90 this year. I want to be Catherine when I grow up. Here's why: In a time when women had few options and little encouragement to "make a mark" in any area outside of the home, Catherine made her mark in many areas, in business as well as in rescue.

In 1957 a newly divorced woman with no work experience and two young children took a job in a bank. Catherine describes that job as "ground level." By 1976 Catherine had worked her way up to management in the bank's accounting office. Her immediate superior was the bank's comptroller. Just balancing job, home, and children would be quite enough for most people, but not this woman. In 1971 Alaskan Malamutes entered her world—and of course, the entry was dramatic.

In 1971, on the Monday after Thanksgiving, Catherine was mugged. The very next day she went looking for a dog, and she found a mal puppy through a newspaper ad. His sire was a big mal and Catherine's initial reaction was "No, too big"... until the breeder showed her how good an obedience-trained Malamute could be. So started a love affair with a breed and a commitment to seeing that those who owned these marvelous animals were at least as smart as the dogs they had chosen.

Two more registered, well-bred Mals (Aleut and Grizzly) followed Kodiak, that first mal puppy who lived with Catherine until he died in 1983 at age 11 ½. Catherine says that during this period, she flirted with obedience and conformation showing, but it "wasn't her style."

So what was her style? Maybe a call to rescue started when Catherine heard Virginia Devaney discuss the need for rescue at the National Specialty in 1975. The two spoke on the phone and Catherine was one of the early Alaskan Malamute Protection League (AMPL) rescuers. And from 1977 to 1991 she was active with the Delaware Humane Association. Rescue was Catherine's niche.

Nikki, a mal from a local shelter, was the first rescue to share Catherine's home. Catherine says that although there were inquiries about her, Nikki crawled into her lap when one potential adopter visited. She clearly did not want to leave with him. Catherine listened and Nikki stayed. Catherine had remembered the adage, "Trust your dog."

Then came Malachai—rescued from a horrible abuse situation in Alabama. Catherine gently rehabilitated this very injured dog and he was actually able to participate in the AMPL Rescue Showcase in 1997. His abuse had been so extreme that the Animal Cruelty charge in such situations changed from a misdemeanor to a felony. Malachai died in 2004.

Malachai was followed by Annie, from Georgia, who was rewarded by her back yard breeders by being tied up in the yard and abandoned after they sold her puppies and left the area.

Koda, who was with Catherine until December, 2016, was a rescue from the Delaware County SPCA. At 8 months old he weighed only 40 pounds, but he grew into a lovely big mal and was Catherine's devoted companion.

Catherine joined AMAL early in its organization. She was on the AMAL Board in 2002 and became President from 2003 to 2007. She has not only sheltered mals in her own home, she ran an active local rescue and cooperated with nearby rescues in Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. She is now—as always—a fierce protector and advocate for our breed.

Mal Pal Spotlight: Special Recognition for Catherine White

Lynne Anderson



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NBASIC GUIDANCE FOR HOMEMADE DOG FOOD

INGREDIENTS

- 40% Protein – animal meat, seafood, eggs or dairy
- 10% Carbohydrates – grains and beans
- 50% Vegetables
- Also make sure you include:
 - ☐ Fat – from oil or meat
 - ☐ Calcium – crushed or powdered egg shells; a supplement
 - ☐ Fatty acids – cooked egg yolks, oatmeal, plant oils and other foods

Many people have questions about home-feeding. I recently found fresh turkey on sale for 19 cents/pound, so I bought four! It caused quite a stir at the registers.

Malamutes love turkey, and mixed with sweet potato, rice, carrots and/or green beans, it simply has to be better than canned foods. In this case, it's also a bargain. Just remember: mals need calcium and fat!

AMAL Membership Application/Renewal

July 2017 - June 2018

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

Name/s: _____

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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

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Notes from Roving Reporters

From the land of the Huskies, we learn that the University of Connecticut's Law School has developed a new courtroom advocacy program for abused animals. Law professor Jessica Rubin and her students have become legal advocates for animals mistreated by humans who were charged with allowing, participating in, or promoting dogfighting; torturing cats; starving dogs; and beating dogs.

The team started its work after an individual starved, beat, and killed a dog in Branford, CT in 2012. The case was not prosecuted, but the owner received "accelerated rehabilitation." The law school team helped draft and enable Desmond's Law or HB 5344, An Act Concerning Support for Cats and Dogs that Are Neglected or Treated Cruelly. It allows courts to assign volunteer legal advocates to assist in the prosecution of animal abuse cases.

Animal abuse often predicts future domestic abuse, child abuse, and elder abuse.

Judges, legislators, and animal rights advocates would like to pass similar laws in other states. Rubin is a valuable and willing resource person for these advocates.

Next Time, Hire a Malamute

The Central Intelligence Agency (or CIA) was forced to fire a Labrador retriever in October 2017 when she seemed uninterested in sniffing for bombs.

The organization's public "pupdate" read, "...it's imperative that the dogs enjoy the job they're doing. Sometimes, even when a pup tests well and they successfully learn how to detect explosive odors, they make it clear that being an explosive detection K9 is not the life for them. Such is the case for one of the fall 2017 'puppy class' pups. We are sad to announce that Lulu has been dropped from the program."

The CIA also publicly Tweeted news of Lulu's firing. Surely, her right to confidentiality has been violated! Someone needs to put Lulu in touch with the UConn Law School!

Have Trucks. Will Rescue *Lorran Carlston*

The definition of rescue is "to save from a dangerous or distressing situation," but to those who rescue dogs, it's much more. It is offering food and shelter, comforting scared dogs, and showing dogs what love is/ It's helping dogs learn what it is to be a companion, and to embrace their new lives.

I went on my first true rescue for Moonson Malamute Rescue in October, 2017. Volunteers loaded trucks with crates, collars, leashes and tags to identify individual animals before driving to Gillette, Wyoming where a breeder had too many puppies. We had no idea if we would come home with 1 dog or 10, but we went prepared. Clearly, the dogs had overwhelmed the owner, but she loved them all.

On arrival, it was starting to snow and a cold wind was blowing, but the group began catching, collaring, and tagging the dogs she said we could take—one with seizures, one who had broken a leg, the shy ones, and the scared ones. After two hours in the cold, hands were turning blue, and the dogs were loaded. All eight dogs stayed at my place for two weeks, which was quite the exhausting undertaking. Then, two pups went to Utah, one went to Pocatello, Idaho, and five went to Boise, Idaho. All but one will be fostered; the lucky one was adopted in Washington.

Moonson has been involved in two large rescues in Montana, one in Colorado, and now this one in Wyoming. Moonson covers four+ states and helps in others when rescue isn't available there. Moonson is forever grateful for our volunteers who foster most of their dogs, and provide them with exercise, training and socialization. Moonson is also indebted to Emerald Street Kennels, which boards some malamutes for free.



Izzy

UPDATE: Puppies!

In our August issue, Illinois Alaskan Malamute Rescue Association (IAMRA) reported that they had puppies! Izzy delivered two male and four female puppies on July 28, 2017.

Mama Izzy is happy to report that all her puppies have found wonderful adoptive homes! Finnegan, Leia, Loki, Luna, Mika, and Pua are all settling in with their new humans, and Mama Izzy is having a well deserved rest.

You'll recall Izzy had heartworm. Now that her pups are grown and gone, Izzy was able to start heartworm treatment. Her heartworm treatment will be completed in December, and pending the all clear from her vet, she will be able to be spayed in January (no more puppies!), and go to a well deserved home of her own!



Luna



Pua



Finnegan



2017 Christenson Award:

Mimi Tello Botdorf

With Mimi's big heart, love of animals, endless energy, and devotion to Chesapeake Area Alaskan Malamute Protection, we are able to spread the word for our adoptable malamutes and educate the public. She volunteers her time to run the fundraising Facebook page and the Instagram account, placing adoptable malamutes in the public eye. Mimi has contributed tremendously over the years. She helps collect donations and looks for ways to involve others. One of Mimi's hobbies includes working as a makeup sales consultant, and she donates her proceeds to CHAAMP. Mimi also made the initial contact with an all-natural salmon treat company that regularly donates to the CHAAMP Malamutes.

Mimi's dedication and enthusiasm is contagious and she is always there when you need her. Without a moment's hesitation, Mimi is jumping in to help, whether attending meetings, setting up events, picking up donations, transporting a dog, or taking photos. CHAAMP's event coordinator loves how faithful Mimi is and appreciates how she gets involved more and more each year.

Mimi and her family adopted their malamute Ares from CHAAMP in 2013 and although he has health issues, Mimi is fully dedicated to Ares and his needs. Ares couldn't have found a better mom and family! Balancing a full-time job, a teenage son, and volunteer work with a rescue is not an easy task but we know we can always count on Mimi to be there. CHAAMP would be lost without her. Mimi's contagious smile keeps the Team going Go Team CHAAMP! has been Mimi's motto from the beginning.

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