

AMAL TALES

MAY 2024

President's Message

Hello Malamute Lovers,

It's Springtime in the Rockies!! My daughter and I were at an AKC show last weekend and "LOVE" was in the air LOL. The weather was beautiful but still chilly enough in the mornings that the malamutes were frolicking and doing their VERY BEST to embarrass their owners and handlers.

Speaking of shows, have you made your plans for the National Specialty yet? There is a lot of planning that goes into attending an event like this and it will be here before we know it. AMAL is still in need of a volunteer who can put together the posters and books for our rescue event during the National Specialty Week. If you can help with this project, please reach out.

We can also use item donations for our rescue booth to sell during the weeklong show. Malamute related clothing, artwork, blankets, figurines, weight pull/sled-ding harnesses, and collapsible crates are a few items that are big sellers for us. We will have a point of contact near the show site where all items can be shipped to be held until the show. If you have larger items that would be too expensive to ship, please reach out to me. I can help network to have someone who may be close to you pick larger items up and transport them to the show to save the cost of shipping. This is AMAL's major fundraiser for the year, and all funds raised support malamute rescue.

Of course, we will also have our annual wine fundraiser to support rescue. Sharon Nichols is working out the details with wineries local to the Wilmington, OH area to produce "Sled Dog Red" and "Woo Woo White" for us this year. Shipping is available so even if you can't attend in person, you can still place an order! More info on how to order will be available as we get closer to the National Specialty.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer, keep those fuzzy pups cool!

Andrea Stern

President, AMAL



Alaskan Malamute Assistance League

..... *We Pull For Them*



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July 2023 - June 2024



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- ☐ \$25 **Individual/Family** (includes AMAL Tales digital quarterly newsletter)
- ☐ \$100 **Benefactor** (includes AMAL Tales digital quarterly newsletter, 4-year membership, Pedigree Database access with updates)
- ☐ \$25 **Benefactor** (includes 1-year renewal with updates)
- ☐ \$30 **Pedigree Database Annual Subscription** only (includes online access for 1-year (no AMAL membership required))

I'd like to make a DONATION



Please find \$ _____ enclosed to help the Mals.
(optional)

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- ☐ IN **MEMORY** of _____
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- ☐ My employer will match my donation

\$ _____ **Total amount enclosed (membership + CD subscription + donation (can all be included in 1 check))**

Please make check or money orders payable to the "Alaskan Malamute Assistance League" - no abbreviations, please. Also, please note, international money orders must state "US Dollars".

**Mail to: AMAL Membership
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AMAL AT THE 2024 AMCA REGIONAL & NATIONAL SPECIALTIES

The **AMCA 2024 Regional & National Specialties Show** is scheduled for October 20 through October 26 at the Roberts Center, in Wilmington, Ohio. Cindy Benson is the Show Chair and it should be a terrific event! The Great Lakes Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. Be sure to add it to your calendars and start making plans to attend. You can find a link to the details here: <https://www.alaskanmalamute.org/national-specialty>

AMAL honors regional participants at the Rescue Showcase. Their dog stories are heartwarming and are wonderful to watch in the ring. The audience is usually very appreciative of our rescue stars.



AMAL typically participates in several annual events in addition to the rescue showcase: pre-sales of our AMAL wines, week-long fundraising at the AMAL Table, a demo for the Online Pedigree Database, honoring our AMAL regional affiliates, and presenting some terrific auction items for the Silent Auction. *Thanks for all donors who contribute efforts or donations (or both) for the AMAL swag bags, table or auction sales. and transportation services.*

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 what treasures you may be willing to part with for the next show. We will post delivery contact information in a later newsletter, closer to the event.

Looking ahead to another great National Specialty in Ohio! Hope to see you there...
Sharon Nichols

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CHAAMP'S ANNUAL PASTA DINNER

Miranda Murdock



Have you ever noticed malamutes love Italian food? I first observed this when my first malamute's big puppy head shot under my armpit to grab a block of lasagna off my plate. Before I could react, it was gulped down in one swallow. Perhaps CHAAMP is applying the theory that not only do people start to look like their dogs, they may share the same taste in food.

On April 27, CHAAMP held its 2nd Annual Pasta Dinner fundraiser in Baltimore, Maryland, bringing in about \$4000 to help malamutes in its care. This money is greatly needed as CHAAMP is handling a record number of intakes this year. Ticket sales of \$25 per adult, raffle baskets tickets, and silent auction items generated the funds.

Countless volunteers devoted time and energy for this cause. Jamie Bonenberger secured the venue for CHAAMP. One volunteer spent every weekend for two months soliciting gift cards and items from area restaurants and businesses for the raffle baskets. Many supporters who do not have malamutes but who found us through CHAAMP's Afternoon Tea Fundraisers faithfully attend the Pasta Dinner. Quentin Robinson and his pup Josie traveled from Buffalo New York while many people traveled from the surrounding states to attend.

Everyone wolfed down the charcuterie board, deviled eggs, buffalo chicken dip, crudites with hummus, and a spinach/phyllo pastry like malamutes. The all-you-can-eat pasta bar featured meat lasagna, eggplant lasagna, meatballs, marinara and alfredo sauces, and assorted veggies. Then people squeezed down the assorted cakes, brownies, cookies, and fruit salad. They also dipped skewers of delectables in a chocolate fountain. Many could not resist packing doggie bags to enjoy later at home.

The raffle baskets and silent auction items sparked considerable excitement. With more than \$1000 in gift cards in the raffle baskets, people enjoyed deciding which baskets to try to win. The Camping, Spa, Dog, Cat, and Restaurant Baskets were popular. Vintage snow shoes, a Coach purse, and artwork were hot items in the silent auction. Chick-fil-A made sure everyone left a winner by donating a gift card for a free chicken sandwich to those in attendance.

Josie and Lucky Bucky served as ambassador greeter dogs and attracted much attention and many compliments.



CREST OR COLGATE? CANINE DENTAL HEALTH BARRIERS

Ava Landry



Dogs aged 3 and older often develop periodontal disease—which mirrors similar dental issues in humans and poses a significant threat to canine health. This disease is characterized by inflammation of the tooth-supporting tissues, triggered by accumulation of dental plaque, a biofilm mainly consisting of bacteria. Left untreated, periodontal disease can progress to periodontitis, leading to significant discomfort and potentially severe complications such as tooth loss. Moreover, periodontal disease has been linked to various systemic conditions, including kidney, liver, and heart diseases. Veterinarians consider daily tooth brushing the gold standard, yet many dog owners struggle to implement it effectively.

Dog owners and veterinary professionals have different attitudes towards dental home care. While veterinarians emphasize the importance of tooth brushing, many dog owners prefer passive care methods like natural chews. Similarly, many dog owners have misconceptions about diet's crucial role in dental health. While some advocate for natural diets and raw meaty bones, others favor commercial dry kibble diets. However, it's unclear what diet is best for dental health.

Several factors contribute to pet owners' reluctance to brush their dogs' teeth. One reason is the perception that dogs become stressed or exhibit aversive behavior during tooth-brushing sessions. Dogs may display subtle signs of stress or fear that are challenging for owners, leading to conflict between the dog and the owner. Additionally, training a dog to accept tooth brushing is a gradual process that requires patience and positive reinforcement, such as treats and praise, to avoid negatively impacting the owner-animal bond. And, some pet owners may lack awareness of signals indicating their dog's discomfort or may find it challenging to interpret their dog's behavior accurately. Consequently, owners need alternative, less stressful methods for dogs that are feasible for owners to implement.

A few alternatives to manual toothbrushing exist. For example, dogs that dislike brushing accept textile products such as nylon gloves and microfiber finger cloths more readily. However, they are less suitable for dogs prone to biting. On the other hand, commercially available dental treats can promote dental hygiene. They are often chewy or abrasive and can clean the teeth mechanically while the dog chews on them. However, dental treats should complement toothbrushing, not replace it.

When considering alternatives to manual toothbrushes for dental home care, owners must consider the dog's individual preferences, the owner's ability to perform dental care, and the dog's overall oral health status. Ultimately, pet owners need to consult with their veterinarians to determine the most suitable, safe, and effective dental care regimen for their dog.

BIG BATCH OF BULK DOG FOOD!

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 lb ground turkey
- 4 cooked, boned, shredded chicken thighs
- 28 ounce can of tomatoes
- 28 ounces of canned or frozen salt-free green beans
- 14.5 ounce can of crushed pineapple
- 15 ounces apple sauce
- 1 cup oats
- 1 cup cooked brown rice
- 28 ounces of canned pumpkin
- ½ cup wheat germ
- Some parsley
- 16 ounces of cottage cheese

Directions

- In a large pot, heat the oil. Brown the turkey then add the chicken. Saute a bit and drain the fat.
- Add everything but the cottage cheese, bring it to a boil, and simmer until the oats are tender.
- Let it cool. Stir in the cottage cheese and it's ready to serve.



Team Bucky & Lucie Earn a NACSW SMT Title!



On April 5, 2024, Centreville, Maryland CHAAMP's very own Bucky was the first Alaskan Malamute to earn a Summit League Trial (SMT) Title. He placed in the top 20% overall of competing teams. Bucky's life is a rag to riches story.

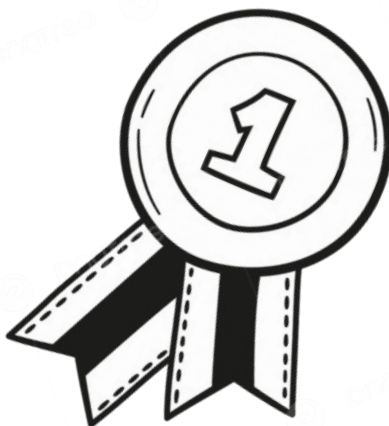
In January 2020, Lucie's Alaskan Malamute, Ramzes passed away. They competed in trials with the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) and trained together all the time. His passing was devastating, and her life was suddenly empty. Lucie decided to volunteer, fell in love with 2-year-old Bucky, and adopted him. He was under weight, had low muscle tone, and chewed on his tail from anxiety. He was a lunatic who liked to run and tackle people. They started training tricks, agility, and rally, but nose work was Bucky's favorite sport.

By 2022, the dynamic duo completed NSW1, NSW2, and NSW3, and achieved Elite status! Bucky was also 'Pronounced' on several occasions. Judges bestow this recognition for demonstrating exceptional technique and/or teamwork and it is not part of a title. To place in competition, time is a determining factor. Lucie describes Bucky as a "turtle" because he is slow and methodical in searching for hides. You cannot rush Bucky. In January 2023, Bucky was Pronounced and earned "Elite Division 3rd Place Search." In March 2023, Team Bucky and Lucie won "Elite Division 1st Place Overall." Not so bad for a turtle!

Their success comes from lots of training and workshops. Bucky is highly intelligent. If Lucie missed his cue, that was her loss. Learning to stay focused in new environments, distracting smells, and inaccessible hides were also challenging. When Bucky is frustrated, he jumps and pounces on Lucie. Tony Gravley, Owner and Founder of Next Generation K9, TWG Group LLC, describes Bucky's working style as "primitive." Tony is a NACSW judge and instructor and one of Lucie's coaches. He provides insightful guidance during skills building workshops to help Lucie become a better handler and teaches Bucky how to solve odor puzzles. Tony excels at breaking down searches and increasing difficulty one step at a time to build "drive." which is reinforced by pairing the scent with the hide. The only time hides are not paired is during trials. During a workshop with Tony, a reward had fallen to the ground and Bucky went straight to the hide ignoring the stinky cheese on the ground. This is the power of building drive!

Scent work is a wonderful sport, which is excellent for all dogs and those with big feelings. It provides mental stimulation and can fulfill a dog's natural desire to hunt or scavenge. It can be an expensive sport, but you do not need to compete to do it. Scent Work U <https://www.scentworku.com/> provides high-quality virtual training services. Tony is one of the instructors and will be offering online courses in the future. You can also find a nearby nose work instructor by visiting <https://k9nosework.com/find-an-instructor-or-class/>.

Team Bucky and Lucie are an inspiration. He has a wonderful life and absolutely loves his momma. We hope to encourage others to give it a try. For more information and updates, visit <https://www.chaamp.org/nosework>





AMAL REMEMBRANCES

January 1 -April 30, 2024

- In Honor of Chukcha Kennels & in Memory of Moses the Malamute, by Graceann Manzie-Werner, of Cosmopolis, Washington
- In Memory of Keeno, Bigby, Bailey, Taio, by Holly Levinter, Canada

AMAL PROFIT & LOSS SUMMARY

January 1 through April 30, 2024

INCOME

Donations in	
General	\$3611.71
Membership	\$100.00
National Specialty	\$2949.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$6652.71

EXPENSES

Newsletter	\$398.80
Rescue Support (MO & VA dogs)	\$4839.60
Miscellaneous	83.29

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$5321.69**

Quarterly Net Gain/Loss **\$1331.02**

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