

# AMRONE Tales

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Uniting great dogs with great people



**Mr. Klondike:** I am a sweet dog looking for a home that does not mind a Malamute that is on the large size and is pure white. I have been learning about crate training, housebreaking and basic obedience in my foster home and am looking for an adopter that is willing to have me be part of the family. I want to please and I would love to love you! I would like a family that can continue to teach me how to be part of a family.

*Meet Our Fosters*  
These dogs, and others on Pages 8-9, were in foster care at the beginning of June 2004. To learn more about them, new dogs that AMRONE has taken in, or to fill out an adoption application, please visit our Web site at [www.amrone.org](http://www.amrone.org)



**Mr. Lobo:** I just came into rescue when they told me that I had to send in my description. I have been very sad in the last few months due to the loss of my owner over the rainbow bridge. I have moved to a foster home recently where I am being evaluated and put on a diet. I am trying my best to learn to fit into a new routine and will be ready to find a new home shortly.

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# When disaster strikes



## Will your dogs survive?

By Joanne Duval

**W**hy is it important to be ready for a disaster in New England? Among other things the region is vulnerable to hurricanes, floods, wildfires, hazardous material spills, nuclear power plant accidents and even earthquakes.

Advice given by disaster preparedness officials in New England includes:

1. If you ever have to evacuate, take your Malamute.

Plan for this now. Dogs left behind can be injured, lost, killed or starve to death. Dogs turned loose to fend for themselves are likely to die of exposure, starvation, predators, contaminated water etc.

**2. Have ID on your dog.**

Have proof that you own your dog in a safe place. This can include paperwork, vet records, a picture of your mal (with you), your microchip number, etc.

**3. Find a safe place for your dogs ahead of time.**

If you are at home and are experiencing a major storm, put your dog in a crate. If something major happens quickly it will be the safest place. You should have a local option for your Malamute and an option at a distance. If you experience a disaster that affects only your home you can depend on a local person. Depending on the disaster you might not be able to count on your neighbor to take in your dog. Have a way to transport your mal in an emergency to a more distant helper. If

you have to go to a public shelter be aware that evacuation shelters generally do not accept dogs. You will have to rely on boarding the dog or placing it with disaster officials until the threat is past.

**4. Other things you can do to always be ready:**

Put together a disaster kit for your family and all your animals that includes food, water and medications. Store this kit with your sleeping bags and other equipment you might need if you had to leave quickly.

What should be included in a disaster kit?

- Medications and medical records stored in a waterproof container and a first aid kit. A pet first aid book is also good to include.
- A sturdy leash and collar for each malamute and a crate that they can't escape from. Teaching your dog to tolerate a crate before a disaster is a good idea. Crates should be large enough for your Malamute to stand comfortably and turn around and lie down. Your dog may have to stay in the crate for hours at a time depending on the situation. Provide a tarp for rain/sun protection.
- Current photos and descriptions of your dogs to help others identify them in case you and your mal become separated and to prove they are yours. It is a good idea to have two forms of ID on your dog, a microchip and tags
- Food and water for at least three days for each dog, and bowls for food. A hanging bucket for water is also a good idea. Always have extra dog food (in waterproof containers). Don't let your supplies ever get down to nothing at home — you never know when something might happen.
- Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems and the name of your veterinarian and a back-up person in case you have to board your pet or place them in the care of disaster workers.
- Pet beds and toys if you can take them.
- Newspapers, paper towels, trash bags and bleach will be needed by emergency people.

# Camp N Pack Weekend



An Alaskan Malamute Rescue of New England Event

October 1 - 3, 2004

Camp Timber Trails

Tolland, MA

It's time for the SEVENTH annual Camp N Pack Weekend. This year, in order to cut costs of Camp N Pack, we will **not** be doing a mailing of the Camp N Pack flyer. The full flyer with registration form is available on our web site [WWW.AMRONE.ORG](http://WWW.AMRONE.ORG) under Events.

Camp N Pack may include the following and more:

- " Fun, interesting dogs
- " Fun, interesting dog people
- " Hot, tasty meals
- " Fresh air
- " Agility equipment
- " Weight pulls: novice and open classes - AMCA regulations
- " Live auction and silent auction
- " 10-mile qualifying hike
- " Dog videos
- " Raffles
- " Campfires
- " Fenced doggie exercise areas
- " Canine Good Citizen testing
- " Short casual hikes
- " Ice cream buffet
- " Rescue parade
- " Workshops on agility, obedience, sledding, backpacking and ski/bike-joring
- " Group photos
- " Dog games
- " AMRONE sweatshirts and T-shirts, and dog goodies available for sale
- " Stargazing
- " "Gently used" donated dog items available for sale



Please review the flyer on our Web site [WWW.AMRONE.ORG](http://WWW.AMRONE.ORG) for detailed information about the weekend's schedule, registration form, location, maps, and rules.

Newcomers are welcome - including dogs of every breed. Please feel free to copy this page and give it to friends, or post anywhere accessible to fellow dog lovers.

# Stroke-like disease isn't life-threatening

**Q** My dog recently exhibited some strange behavior that made me think she was having a stroke. I took her to the vet and she told me it was not a stroke but something else, gave me some antibiotics and told me she would eventually get better. She seems to be recovering but it is taking a long time. Could you tell me more about this problem.

**A** Your dog is suffering from what we call geriatric vestibular disease. The vestibular apparatus resides in the inner and middle ear and is made up of a complex mechanism of anatomical structures and cranial nerves. In its basic form this apparatus tells your dog which way is up, which way is down, and where her body parts are located in space.

When a dog exhibits signs of vestibular disease the common symptoms that are observed are: head tilt toward the affected side, ataxia (loss of balance), circling (also in the direction of the affected side and strange eye movements back and forth. There can also be vomiting, decreased appetite and diarrhea. Picture yourself seated on a bar stool and someone spins you around 100 times. Then you try to stand up and walk. That is how your dog feels all the time with this problem. And many times owners will believe their pet has had a stroke because it comes on very suddenly.

Vestibular disease be categorized in two ways: central vs. peripheral. Central disease is much less common and is brought about by effects of the central nervous system, usually due to a tumor or traumatic event. Peripheral disease is by far the most

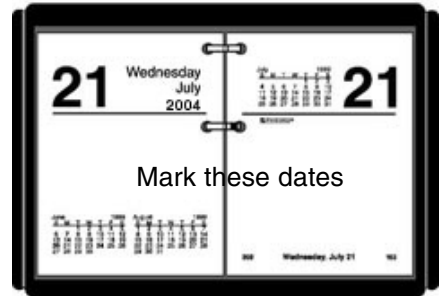


common and can either be idiopathic or a middle/inner infection. Of these, idiopathic (sometimes called geriatric) vestibular disease is the most common. Inner or middle ear infection can be diagnosed by rupture of the eardrum or by X-rays. In more advanced cases of infection hearing loss may occur. Hearing loss will not occur with idiopathic VD.

Treatment is fairly simple and involves only time, sometimes as long as three to six weeks. In cases where an infectious process can not be completely ruled out, antibiotics should be administered as well. Corticosteroids have no effect on the outcome of this disease and are not needed as part of the treatment. In severe cases where the patient is very debilitated and vomiting is common, the patient should be hospitalized and given supportive therapy with IV fluids and antibiotics until able to walk and eat on its own. In some cases a residual head tilt may remain but is usually inconsequential.

In summary, it sounds like your dog has a case of geriatric vestibular disease, which will resolve itself in time. Be patient. This is not a life-threatening condition and your dog is not in any danger. These conditions are usually quite bothersome to a pet owner as they come on quickly, have no significant treatment, and take quite a bit of time to go away. In the end she will be no worse for the wear.

*If you have questions about your dog's health, e-mail Dr. Steven Teisch, DVM, at [drsteve@direcway.com](mailto:drsteve@direcway.com).*



## 2004 AMRONE calendar

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Sunday, June 6

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The Greater Derry Humane Society  
Pet Walk and Fun Day  
MacGregor Park on Rt 102, Derry,  
NH.  
Ruth Ellis staffing an AMRONE table

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Saturday, June 12

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Baypath's Fourth Annual Dog Walk  
10 a.m.  
Hopkinton State Park, Hopkinton, MA  
Come see AMRONE's rescue table

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Sunday, June 13

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Save A Dog's 4th Annual Paws in the  
Park  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Veterans Administration, Bedford MA  
Lee Ann Morales, Ruth Ellis staffing  
an AMRONE table

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Sunday, Sept 12

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(Rain date: Sept. 19)  
Pet Rock  
Noon - 5 p.m.  
Quinsigamond Community College  
670 W. Boylston Street,  
Worcester, MA  
Stephanie Bayliss, Lee Ann Morales  
staffing an AMRONE table

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Friday-Sunday, Oct. 1-3

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Camp N Pack  
Tolland, MA  
The whole gang



# Great new ways to help AMRONE save mals

Here are some new ways to help AMRONE help rescue dogs.

## ON-LINE DONATIONS

Donations can now be made via PayPal on our web site. On the "How to Help" page select "donate money or material items" and you can use the PayPal button for easy on-line donations. Check with your employer to see whether your company offers matching charitable donations.



"How to Help" page select "donate money or

## AMRONE LOGO CLOTHING

AMRONE T-shirts and sweatshirts can be purchased through our web site. Support rescue and add to your wardrobe at the same time!

## IGIVE.COM

Here's another easy way to help AMRONE, without leaving your computer!

iGive.com is a web site dedicated to helping charities raise money. By making your on-line purchases at hundreds of major retailers you already know and trust through iGive.com, a portion of each purchase will be donated to AMRONE.



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Here are just a few iGive.com stores you probably have heard of: LandsEnd.com, JCPenney.com, EddieBauer.com, Expedia.com, Barnes&Noble.com, Gap.com, QVC.com, Dell.com.

There's no cost or obligation to you or AMRONE. Simply visit the iGive.com site, and select Alaskan Malamute Rescue of New England as

your charity. Every purchase you make through iGive.com helps AMRONE, automatically.

## AMAZON.COM

Here's yet another easy way to help AMRONE, also without leaving your computer!



Your purchases from Amazon.com

will now help AMRONE. Select the Amazon.com link on the "How to Help" page, shop as you normally do, and a portion of every purchase you make will be donated to AMRONE. There's no cost or obligation to you or AMRONE. Every purchase you make through Amazon.com helps AMRONE, automatically.

## Wish list for AMRONE

As a charity, AMRONE always finds itself in need of something. You can help by providing the following:

- Loving, permanent homes
- Foster homes
- Financial donations

Donations of dog supplies (new or gently used):

- Crates - Malamute size
- Dog beds - Malamute size
- Fencing panels for kennel runs
- Dog houses - Malamute size

Donations of office supplies:

- Copier/laser printer paper
- Small office copier that uses plain copier paper
- Office supplies, postage stamps
- Telephone calling cards

Donations of auction items for our annual fund-raising Camp N Pack weekend:

- New or collectible auction items
- Themes of Malamute, wolf, Alaska, dog sledding
- These can be items such as books, prints, movies, clothing, giftware or jewelry.

Send donations to:

Alaskan Malamute Rescue of New England, Inc.  
PMB #213  
430 Franklin Village Drive  
Franklin, MA 02038-4007



# A non-camper goes to camp

**By Ruth Mellen**

As a child I had gone to a Girl Scout camp frequently, but in 1999 my husband, Bob, had to beg me to attend Camp N Pack.

Although Scout camp was lots of fun, even before flush toilets, I had no desire to rough it again. My idea of travel is renting a nice room, or even a room in a German castle.

In 1999 we were owned by a wonderful female, Shadow, and had decided to adopt an adult male. We contacted Wendy Willhauck of Frostfield kennels (breeder of both females we have had) who suggested that we contact Susan Conant, then president of AMRONE. When Bob talked with Susan, she suggested Camp N Pack and he was interested. I had just read Susan's "Black Ribbon," and wanted reassurance there would not be a murder at this camp. With that guarantee, I eventually agreed.

We were one of maybe 50 people there and knew no one. That changed rather quickly when I realized who Susan was and introduced our Shadow. Susan also owned Frostfield dogs so we were instant friends. As the weekend unfolded, Stephanie Bayliss asked me to help in the kitchen. (This was before the days of Chefs Eric Munson and Arnie Benson.) That gave us a chance to talk a little and she realized we were serious mal lovers and potential volunteers.

The weekend was a success and we were hooked on Camp N Pack and AMRONE. So much so that we adopted Kodi from AMRONE the month after our first camping weekend. (It's contagious.) We have attended every camping weekend since and now help solicit corporate donations for the annual auction.

For those of you who have never attended a weekend, here is a rundown of typical events:

Hopefully you can attend all week-

end so you arrive on Friday. If you want to do a 10-mile-hike, good for certification, it is available Friday morning. If not, try to arrive while there is some natural light; it is easier to settle in. Bring dog crates; you will need them. Dinner is available, there is an evening program and people just check out the auction stuff, items

for sale at the store, and talk with old and new friends. Chores are assigned; every camper is expected to help with one meal and with the cleanup of the camp on Sunday. Many hands make this a fun and easy task. Weather permitting, there is a campfire each night.

You have the choice of renting a whole cabin or sharing one, pitching a tent or coming in your own campers. We rent a whole cabin that has lots of room for the two of us and two crates. By the way, camp has flush toilets and hot showers.

Food is delicious and plentiful. Each day you have a choice of breakfasts — French toast, pancakes, bagels, cereal, eggs made to order. Saturday lunch is often soup and sandwiches. Fruit is available all day along with lots of soft drinks. Saturday dinner has been either turkey with all the fixings or roast beef, served indoors on tables complete with a table cloth (my kind of camping). All meals are delicious. Sunday lunch has been meatball subs and any leftovers. No one goes hungry. The refrigerator is available to anyone who prefers to make their own meals.

Saturday is our busiest day with more arrivals (some come just for the day) and there is a choice of activities. A fun walk, various classes — last year there were so many that several were at the same time — games with dogs

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Together at camp, friends share some breakfast cheer.

# And finds it's pretty nice — really

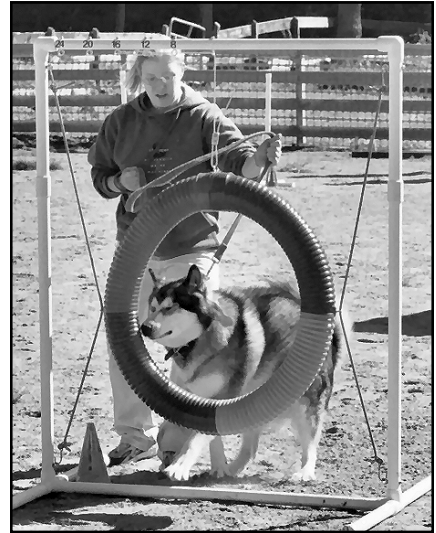
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(with the popcorn catching contest as the most popular), agility courses, weight pulling and of course a group photo opportunity with the recognition of all the adopted dogs. It is your choice how much you want to do. Some people do everything and some sleep or read part of the day. It is hard to find a better way to spend so much time with your dogs.

The evening starts with a social hour, then the big dinner followed by an auction. The items are all donated, some from companies and most from individual AMRONE supporters. It is our largest fund-raiser each year and so very important. Mark Andersen and Roger Davies are our standout auctioneers who get us to bid even higher, and AMRONE wins. Every penny raised helps our rescued Malamutes.

Sunday starts with a repeat of Saturday's breakfast and much of the activity is centered on an official weigh pull; there is opportunity to give any dog a taste of pulling. Sometimes there is another 10-mile hike and more classes. People are busy gathering up their stuff, buying from the store and saying goodbye. Lunch is available and then sadly Camp N Pack is over for another year.

Everyone leaves with mixed emotions: an all-time high for having had such good fun and a sadness that we have to wait months before we see our friends again at AMRONE'S Bark in the Park in May.



Scenes from Camp N Pack: Facing an agility challenge (top right); a chance meeting on a trail (above); a typical cabin (below left); mmmm, love that Tellington Touch (below right).



## Woo -woo !

A few things camp means to me as a dog:

Wow, I have never seen so many dogs (about 100), most of which look like me.

I get to spend most of my time with my parents, not "quality time" like when they are at work.

Lots of exercise and trails to run on.

A chance to try backpacking.

Chance to experience an agility course; so much fun but maybe not those tubes.

An enclosed ring where I can run free, chase balls, etc.

Lots of people to help me with weight pulling. They are careful so I don't hurt myself.

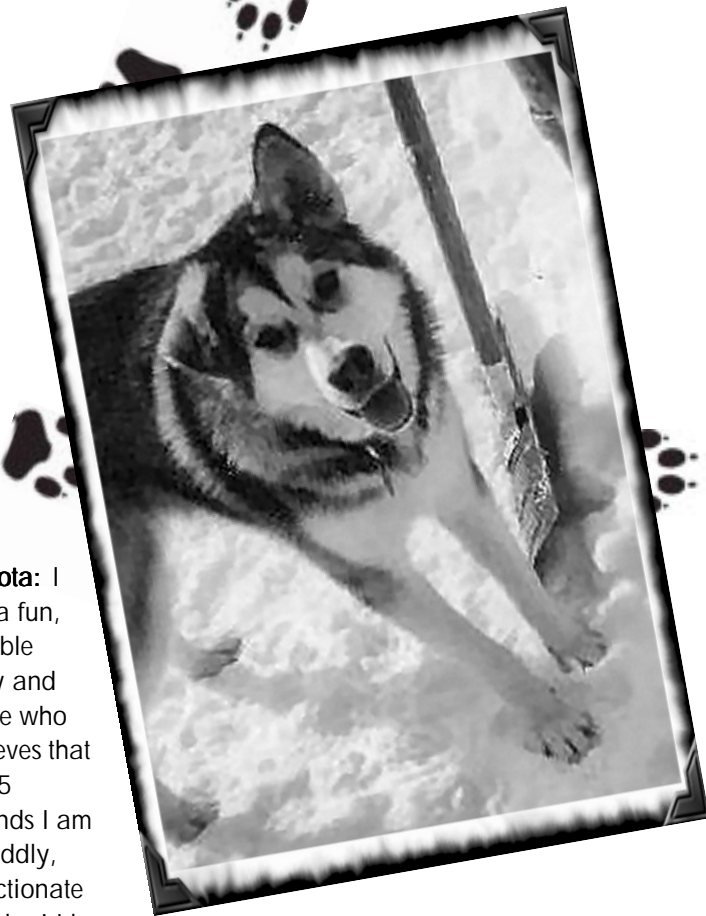
Waking up and hearing the woo-woos of my fellow mals before I join in. We waited until about 7 so no one gets mad that we woke them up too soon.

Extra treats that my parents bought at the store.

Sleeping the entire way home.



# Meet Our Fosters



**Ms. Dakota:** I am a fun, lovable gray and white who believes that at 95 pounds I am a cuddly, affectionate lap dog! I love to give kisses and enjoy lots of attention. My beautiful mal coat and markings draw a lot of attention on walks and my floppy ear makes me even more appealing and unusual. I walk well on a leash and respond well to basic commands. My walks on the beach at my foster care home provide interesting entertainment for me. My latest trick is trying to catch a seagull and rolling around in the dried seaweed. I love to woo-woo when I see any treat coming my way, and I prefer peanut butter-flavored doggie biscuits over the beef-basted flavor. I also like squeaky toys and my foster home's parakeet. I would like to live in a home as a single dog or maybe with a male dog but I don't like those fuzzy things that meow.

**Mr. Took:** I just came into rescue when they told me that I had to send in my description. I can tell you that I am well traveled and have fit into many situations during my life. This has made me very adaptable, tolerant of others and friendly to all. I am energetic but I have manners. Although my picture doesn't do me justice I have striking markings and attract attention wherever I go.

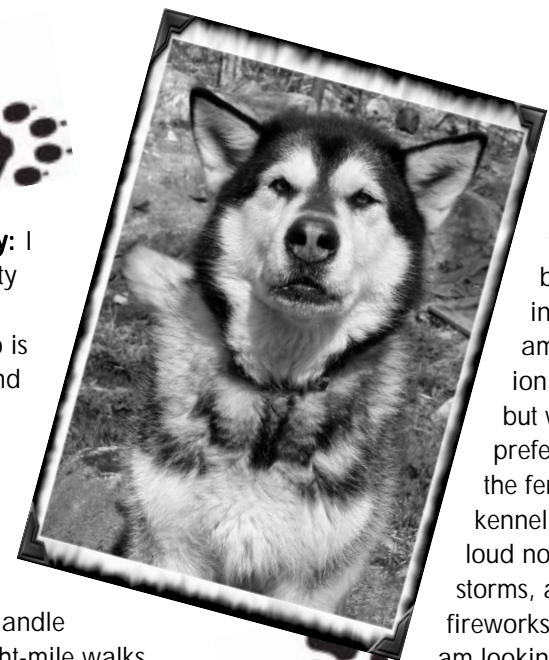


**Mr. Burney:** I am just waiting for my chance to light up someone's life with all the love and companionship I have to offer. I don't like to brag but I am an adorable gray and white goofball. I like to be around people and I love to play once I know you. I like to be brushed and petted and I like to ride in the car. I also don't mind visiting the vet. I am quiet in my outdoor kennel but I will regale you with a charming variety of woos at dinnertime. I love my dog crate and



feel very secure in it but I also can be trusted in the house. At my foster home I have made friends with two other Malamute ladies and I have had some contact with my foster parent's cat. He seems to be an OK guy. We didn't get to play together but I didn't get really bothered or excited about him. My foster mom wants me to let everyone know that I am now fit and trim and that whoever adopts me will have to agree not to feed me too much. (But what she won't know won't hurt her....gotta love tablescraps! Besides who is she to lecture about dieting?)

**Ms. Casey:** I am a pretty black and white who is healthy and in good shape. I enjoy hiking very much and can handle five to eight-mile walks without any problems. I have a great personality, and love people (especially men). My



favorite thing is being with people inside the house. I am a great companion to have around, but when left alone I prefer to be outside in the fenced yard or kennel run. I don't like loud noises or thunderstorms, and 4th of July fireworks really scare me. I am looking for a permanent home, where I can be an active, happy member of my new family.

**Ms. Ruby:** I am a playful, energetic friendly mal. I love all people. I am eager to please and would like a home with a family. I am not particularly fond of other female dogs but I like boys my size. I am a chow hound and my foster parent has put me on a diet. I like attention and love being patted and combed. You can take my food and toys away from me, but why would you do that? I would thrive in the company of a family where one adult is home part of the day. Just so you understand how smart I am I know the commands sit, down stay and come.



# A few threads from the AMRONE tapestry

Hi everyone.

We started the Fan Hitch column in the last newsletter to recognize accomplishments, to let the mailing list know what changes and challenges we are facing as a rescue organization and to introduce new ideas and programs that will make a difference in our goals of rescuing dogs, educating the public and providing for the safety and security of all dogs. Below we have tried to hit on the information that we thought everyone would like to know.

- The third annual Bark in the Park was just held and everyone that attended said it was a great day. Please see the article on Page 11 about this event. It was wonderful to see so many of the great dogs that we have adopted out with their families.

- As of the beginning of May we have spoken to 67 malamute owners who needed advice or help. We have adopted out eight dogs, taken in and provided vet care for 13, and worked with 17 shelters to help them place mals or mal mixes.

- Camp N Pack will be held Oct.1 through 3. To save on mailing costs we will be posting the flyer with all the information on the website starting in late June.

- We have been working on a plan to start a more formal process of following up on our adoptions to accomplish two goals. The first goal is to continue our support to AMRONE dogs by offering our expertise to new pet owners. Hopefully this will avoid returns, dogs being left in shelters and



improve our adopted dogs' living conditions. Our second goal is to gather information from the adopter about the adoption process itself. This will help AMRONE improve its process in regard to potential adopters and it's handling of foster/ referral dogs.

- The AMRONE store is up and running on our website so that people can buy sweatshirts and tees from the comfort of their own home.

- As we have been listening to the many owners we have contact with, we have been noticing a trend that we think is important to point out to everyone. In past years many of the dogs that have come to AMRONE have originally come from pet stores. AMRONE has tried to steer people away from buying puppies in pet stores and toward responsible breeders, but now the Internet seems to be the up and coming way people are finding puppies.

Beware of kennels that sell on the Internet. Although many reputable breeders have an Internet page advertising their kennel, they will not

sell a puppy to you through the computer. However, many puppy mill breeders will. AMRONE has seen a large increase in the number of dogs that people have bought over the "Internet" in the past year. The computer is a wonderful tool but it is not the best way to buy a live pet, and has enabled puppy mills to spring up in different areas and sell directly to the public, forgoing pet stores and brokers.

If you are looking for a puppy or know of someone looking for a puppy of any breed, please send them to our web site and have them read the information, cautions and questions that are provided about how and where to buy a puppy.

- A serious challenge facing AMRONE is the shortage of foster homes, and placement of older dogs. We have been placing young dogs (6 months to 4 years) within a few months of them coming into foster care. The dogs that are 5 to 7 years have been taking a very long time to place and have been spending six to 12-plus months in their foster homes. The dogs that are over 10 have not been able to find homes and spend years with their foster parents.

Previously, this was less of a problem because some of our wonderful foster homes were able to provide indefinite senior foster care. Often, they took in the dogs knowing that they might never be adopted, but would be welcome to live out their lives in their foster home. We do not have many of these special foster homes left. Most of our foster providers like to have dogs that will spend less than six months with



Many pet store puppies come from mills.

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# Springtime Strut for rescues

By Ruth Ellis and Kathy Ferragamo

Takani had won a silver medal for weight pull on snow. Jazz has happily settled in with her new family, enjoying a special spot on the couch. Wiley has started a neighborhood watch program where he insures that the neighborhood children don't play too close to the street.

AMRONE rescue dogs all, they and 16 others strutted with pride at the group's third annual Bark in the Park May 2 at Berry Pond in Harold Parker State Forest in North Andover, MA.

Organizers were on pins and needles all week as the weather forecast indicated a chance of rain, but once again it turned out to be a beautiful day for the 81 people who attended. We had one very brief sprinkle but the rest of time, much to our relief, we could boast of clear skies and warm temperatures.

All dogs got biscuits as they arrived and stopped by the registration table. It was great fun to catch up with old friends – dogs and their humans – as well as to make lots of new friends.

Once again Roger Davies led a group of dogs, adults and children on a leisurely one-hour hike on some of the many scenic trails that Harold Parker has to offer. While the hike was going on, some of the other dogs and their families decided to take advantage of the pond and go for a swim, while others took the opportu-



**A Malamute meets a Doberman at Bark in the Park, above. One of 19 rescue dogs takes the spotlight during the rescue parade, left. More photos are on P-15.**

nity to kick back and enjoy the nice weather.

Meanwhile behind the scenes, Jerry Ferragamo, David Ferragamo, and Jerry Feldeisen fired up the grills and began preparing our feast. Lunch was served at noon and we enjoyed a large selection of culinary choices, including hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages, chicken, salad and numerous very tasty desserts.

After lunch Joanne Duval in her role as master of ceremony, accompanied by Stephanie Bayliss, presided over our rescue parade by introducing each of this year's 19 participants, which included a few other breeds along with Alaskan Malamutes. It was great to hear about the many accomplishments so many of our rescue dogs have achieved over the last year.

Next on our agenda was a very informative presentation by Joanne Duval on the benefits of the AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Program. As part of the presentation, Joanne gave the CGC test to Jane Palinkas and her malamute Sabrina, where Sabrina performed brilliantly while Joanne explained each step in detail.

To close out the day we held the much anticipated raffle, made possible by the many generous donations, including a signed copy of Susan Conant's latest book, "Bride and Groom;" a metal silhouette sculpture of a Malamute pulling a sled, crafted and donated by Steve Palinkas; embroidered items made and donated by Ruth Mellen, and many other wonderful treasures.

Thanks to all of the many volunteers who made this day possible. We couldn't do it without you. Mark your calendars and tentatively keep the first Sunday of May 2005 open for our fourth annual Bark in the Park.

# Darn those black and white kitties!

So we all know about the Malamute prey drive, right? It's something I see in most northern breeds.

Caution needs to be taken in the early morning hours and at dusk to avoid the stink bomb of those black and white kitties: our friendly neighborhood grub eaters — skunks!

I don't see many Malamutes come into the groom shop skunked, not as many as their lab friends. Maybe they're just smarter, as we like to think. However, when they do get it, Oh boy! The Malamute coat soaks up that skunk spray in seconds. Most dogs in general get hit directly in the eyes or mouth. Some get it on the side of the face as they quickly turn their head to avoid a direct blow. Some just find a dead skunk and make it their new play toy, leaving them covered.

Skunk spray is an oil, so it is necessary to use a product that will break down oil and not spread it. We humans also want to get rid of the smell by neutralizing thiols, the chemicals responsible for the odor of skunk spray. You want to act quickly to avoid the oil having time to seep into the Malamute coat and pores. Most likely your dog's groomer will not be open when the attack comes so here's some helpful advice.

Avoid tomato juice. It's an old wives' tale that works better on people than pets and just masks odor. I've had owners basically tell me their dog smells like an Italian skunk and is now dyed reddish pink instead of whitish gray. Also avoid regular shampoos with heavy perfumes. They are not formulated for skunk oil and will spread it, making matters worse. Again they just mask odors temporarily.

Suggestions on what to try that you just may have around the home: Dawn dishwashing detergent, used



frequently and safely on wildlife caught in oil spills, will break down the oil and not spread it. Use this sparingly in the location of the direct hit, not on the whole dog. Put a couple of drops neat in your hand and rub it on the location. Let it sit for five to seven minutes then carefully rinse. Avoid getting it in the dog's eyes, mouth, or nose.

For the entire body use a vinegar and water solution or a hydrogen peroxide and baking soda solution. Wash twice with these. The first time just pour the solution all over, let sit 10 minutes and rinse. Then repeat. These will neutralize the oil but they don't leave behind the best smell. Dog Fancy Magazine, June of 2001, had an excellent hydrogen peroxide and baking soda home remedy published in their magazine that was suggested by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Texas. If interested in this recipe e-mail me.

Commercial products: These products are formulated and designed to neutralize skunk oil. Each product will have different directions for use. It's important that you read these before purchase. Some are just more practical for a boxer than a malamute. Some of these products you pour on and let air-dry on the dog. This is not practical if it is very cold out. Also a wet dog will smell worse until dry. Some of these products are Nature's Miracle Skunk Odor Remover, Skunk Odor Eliminator, Skunk Off, etc. These all work fine and leave a slightly better smell than a vinegar and water solution.

Many of these products can be followed up with a strong skunk-

formulated shampoo. An example of this is Nil Odor shampoo, which is my personal favorite. This is available in many pet catalogs. Do not over wash your dog and make sure you rinse well. These products can be very strong and if you wash too many times or if your dog has sensitive skin they may scratch a lot afterward. If this happens they can give themselves hotspots.

Sometimes you just have to let your dog "air out" for awhile. Wait three weeks before treating your dog again if he needs it. Pet stores sell eye drops to put in your pet's eyes if they have really bloodshot eyes because of a direct hit. It's also helpful to brush their teeth if they got it in the mouth.

Finally, the best solution is prevention. Keep your dog on a leash. Dogs don't get skunked, we as pet owners let them.

*Joy Tetreault went to the Nash Academy School of Pet Grooming in New Jersey and is a PetsMart certified Petstylist. If you have a grooming question, e-mail her at mulderbean@juno.com.*

*Editor's note: The following deskunking recipe was found on the all-Malamute list and is guaranteed effective.*

16 oz. peroxide  
1 cup baking soda  
1 tsp. Dawn dish soap (or any liquid dish soap)

Mix in a bucket and apply thoroughly to skunked areas, being sure to really rub it in with a sponge or cloth. Leave on for 5 minutes. Rinse with water and then shampoo your dog with ordinary shampoo. If you like you can rinse again with 1/2 cup distilled white vinegar diluted in a gallon of water.

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**[ianrpubs.unl.edu/textiles/nf15.htm](http://ianrpubs.unl.edu/textiles/nf15.htm)**

The Nebraska Cooperative Extension tells how to remove skunk odor from clothing.

**[www.mabcr.org/InCaseOfAnAccident.pdf](http://www.mabcr.org/InCaseOfAnAccident.pdf)**

Sample of emergency instructions to police/fire for care of pets in case of a car accident.



# We will miss two rescue volunteers who gave much to Malamutes

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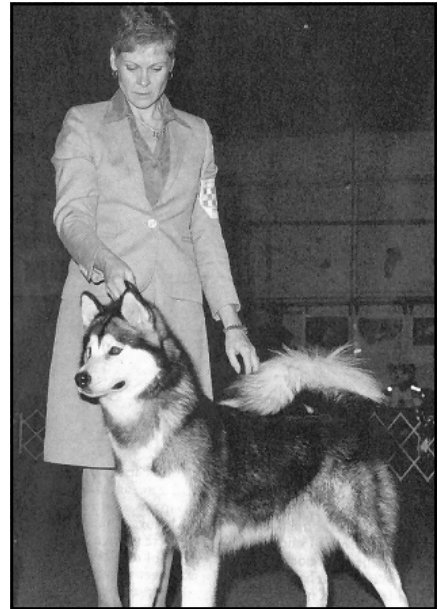
them. A single foster home like this can turn over three to five younger dogs a year; and we are reluctant to fill that space with a senior dog who may stay for an indefinite period. With our shortage of foster homes this is a heartbreaking dilemma. We are looking for input, ideas and concerns from everyone to help us continue to serve the senior mals.

- During the summer and fall months AMRONE will be setting up educational booths at a variety of locations and events. If you would like to help us sell merchandise, educate the public about our dogs or would like to help in any other way, please let us know.

We would like to extend our sympathy to two rescue volunteer

families. AMRONE was saddened to learn that Patrick Smith of Blandford, MA, passed away in December. Pat was the owner of Pootoogoo Kennels and served as the western Massachusetts rescue coordinator for years. Pat was loved by his mals and his Arabian horses. He started many of us in mals and will be missed.

Many, many of you will be saddened to hear that Jan Smith, wife of Rocky Smith and owner of Contrail kennels in Connecticut, also passed away recently. Jan always helped rescue in any way that she could, serving on the board of AMPL and AMAL and helping locally with AMRONE. She did all this while running a boarding kennel with Rocky and showing some wonderful dogs. She truly loved each one of them to the fullest and I know that she



Jan Smith shows Minute.

is happy spending time with them now.

Thank you,  
Joanne Duval  
Stephanie Bayliss  
Kathy Ferragamo

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<b>Total Income</b>	<b>15,877</b>

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Web cost	\$173
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>10,452</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$5425</b>



## Make Sarah's frozen treats

By Sarah Todd

I made some treats for Oops-dog the other day that have been a big hit.

I took a can of the Eukanuba Fish & Potato, mashed it up with about a half cup of water and added some frozen green beans. I put the mixture into some Dixie Cups and froze it.

Allie Oop gets one each evening after our walk; she loves them!

## Great day at the park

Once again Bark in the Park was blessed with a pleasant day in May for a gathering of malamutes, other dogs and people, too. The McGinn family enjoys the day at Berry Pond at Harold Parker State Forest, which provides a beautiful backdrop and swimming hole, above. Laurel Flax, right, offers a treat to Faith, whom she recently adopted. Story is on Page 11.



Sarah Todd & Allie Oop.



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