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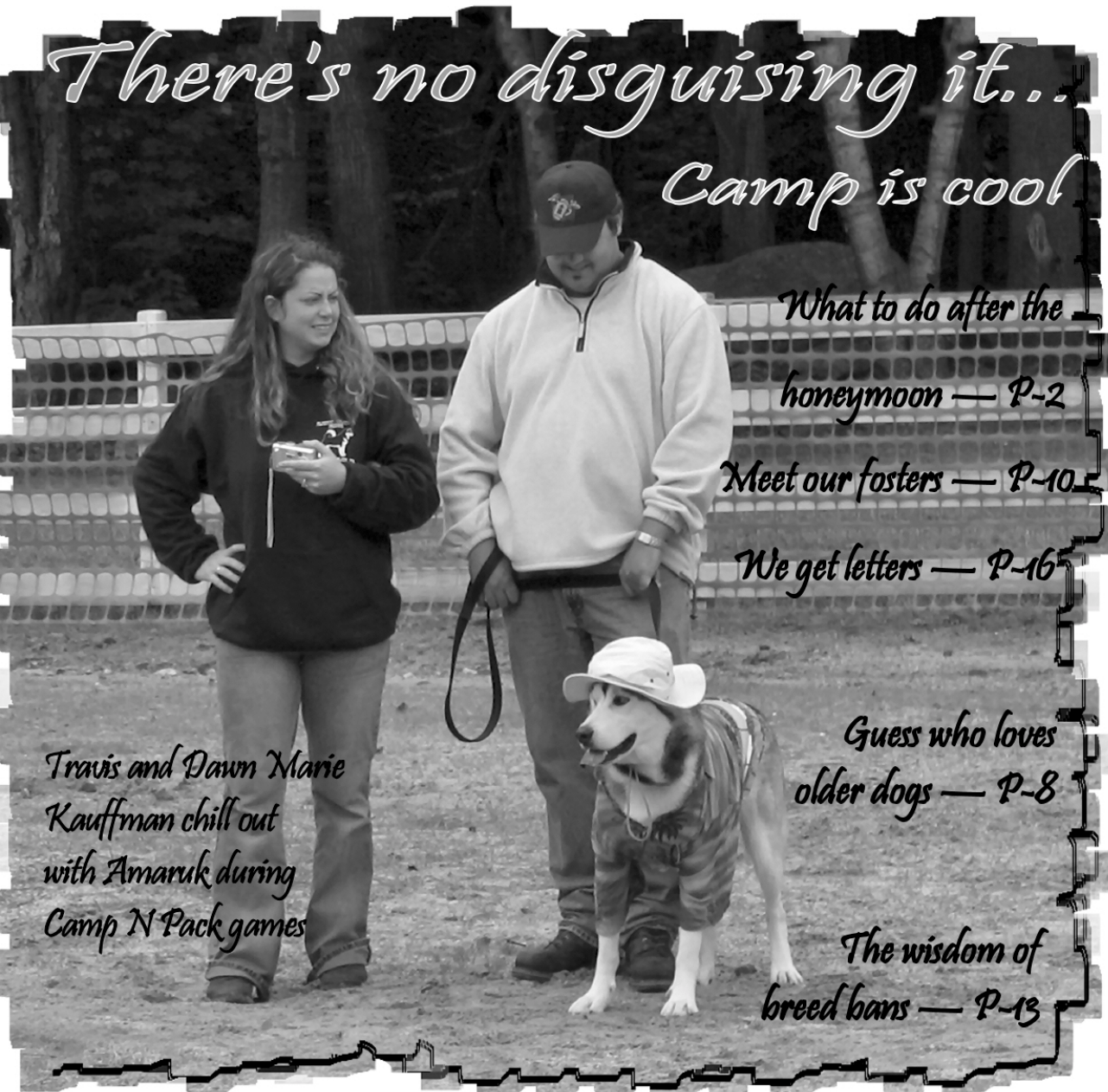
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# The honeymoon is over — now what?

## Rules to live by help adopted mals readjust

**By Mary Swinyer**

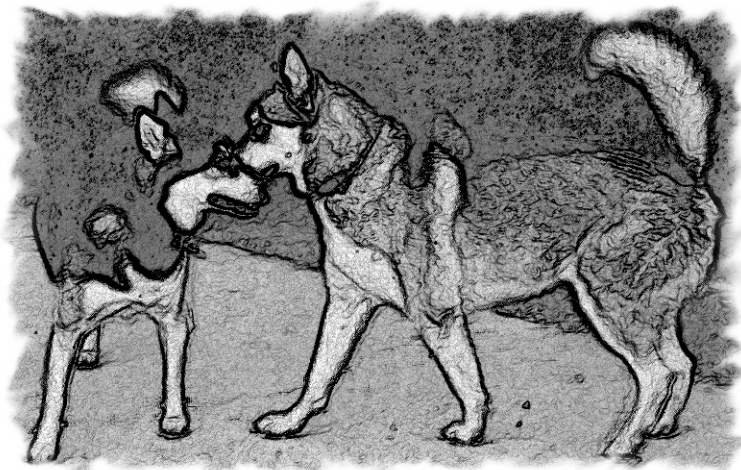
Is the “perfect” dog you adopted three months ago suddenly turning into a monster? There is a definite honeymoon period for most dogs in new homes, where they may appear very reserved or on their best behavior. Many people are caught off guard thinking they found a dog that fits easily and naturally into their home with little to no adjustment and mistakenly allow too much freedom. They may be confused, even shocked as the true dog emerges.

I observed this phenomenon with Flash, the border collie mix I found on the street at approximately 1 year of age. She’d obviously had no training, didn’t appear to have been in a house (TVs and mirrors seemed foreign) and she didn’t have an “off switch” like I was accustomed. That was easily remedied by teaching her how to relax in a crate.

In other regards she seemed pretty sweet and easy, getting along with my two dogs. Thank goodness I provided moderate structure, such as feeding her in a pen near my dogs, crating her at night, when I was gone and when she couldn’t “settle.” I’m sure I prevented a multitude of problems from rearing their ugly

heads. As it was I did notice a difference as we neared the three-month marker. I began to realize why no one every came looking for this attractive, already spayed, fat, shiny-coated, young stray.

She was not the easiest dog to live with. She is highly reactive, predisposed to being mouthy, pushy/demanding (in your face), very triggered by movement and sound, a barker, an escape artist and run-away. Upon learning how she came to us we set out to fix those latter two problems in order to save her life.



**Great care should be taken when two malamutes meet for the first time.**

The rest we attacked from a variety of directions, including obedience training, desensitization, behavior modification and management. I’ve encountered many people with similar experiences. Sometimes they allow the new dog loose with their existing pets from day one and problems don’t arise for weeks, even months. Sometimes they are overly permissive from the start and the dog takes advantage of his status promotion to sleeping on the bed by growling when anyone enters the room, tries to sit on the bed or asks the dog to move. It can be little, subtle

things to great big things. Perhaps a dog that didn’t appear to be at all destructive is now chewing up your belongings, getting into the garbage and urinating and defecating in the house.

Many problems can be avoided simply by adding structure from the start. The “honeymoon” simply refers to a period the dog needs to adjust to his new environment, pack, leaders, rules, etc. Structure builds confidence and security; too much freedom or the need for decision-making has the

opposite effect. It’s much better to prevent undesired behaviors from developing in the first place through management. As time goes on the dog can earn privileges as his behavior warrants.

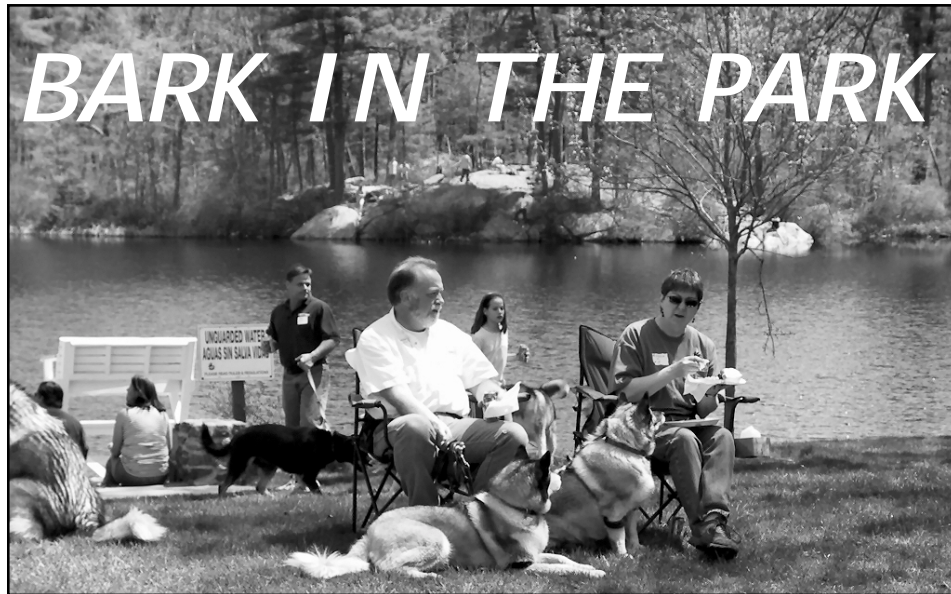
What if you’ve already let the dog rule the roost for three months and now need to regain control? No problem, you can still start over at point A and accomplish the same goal. It just might be a little harder and take a little longer. If your dog is growling or challenging you, consult a professional to work privately to teach you non-confrontational ways of working with Fido safely and effectively.

What is structure? Things like crate training, a predictable schedule and obedience training. I would crate the dog at night and any other time you cannot be supervising. A crate should be a safe, secure den, not jail or punishment. The dog may be put in his crate for a quiet time out, but it

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# Numbers shed light on rescue mission

**By Joanne Duval, President**

Every September the Alaskan Malamute Assistance League asks all of its affiliate rescues to report to them about what we have done this year. I was putting together all the numbers for that report at the same time that I was looking for a topic for this issue's Fan Hitch. It was brought to my attention that others might find the numbers interesting and useful.

I think it is helpful to see why people are giving up their dogs, how many dogs are coming in and where they are coming from. It gives direction to how the public, puppy buyers and rescue adopters can be better educated to keep their pets and to help breeders, rescues and shelters better place dogs and puppies in appropriate homes. As a rescue person it makes me proud to see the numbers of dogs that we are helping.

The numbers below were gathered from Jan. 1 to Sept. 15, 2004. During that time AMRONE has served 120 dogs. We have added another 13 dogs in October but they are not reflected in the numbers.

Of the 120 dogs, AMRONE took over ownership of 25, helped shelters with 15, helped owners place four and returned six dogs to their breeders. We also referred seven to Siberian husky rescue, referred 13 to their local Malamute rescue and refused 14 because of aggression. (Thirteen had bitten and one failed a behavior evaluation.) Twelve were refused because they were mixed-breed dogs, although we did list three on our web site and helped others find all-breed rescues. We had an owner who chose to euthanize his ill dog and 10 others whom we never heard from after initial contact.



AMRONE took ownership and fostered 25 dogs that ranged in age from six months to 12 years. Eight of these dogs originally came from pet stores, three from AMCA breeders, four from "backyard" breeders and 10 from unknown origins. We are still fostering four, have placed 20 in new homes and returned one to its breeder. Of the dogs we have taken in, 10 needed to be altered.

Most of the calls we received from owners wanting help or wanting to give up their dogs dealt with one of the following issues:

- We have no time/no room/dog is too big for our home/yard.
- We are having a problem with our dog and another dog.
- We are having a problem with our dog and our kids/new baby.
- We are having separation problems with our dog.
- We are having a problem containing our dog.
- We are having a problem

with basic manners or basic training.

- We are moving.
- The dog was my ex's and they left and I don't want the dog.
- Due to my allergies I can't keep the dog.

Remember that you can make a difference in the life of a dog. If you hear of someone who is looking for a dog you can encourage them to do some research about the breed of their choice. You can give them the contact information for shelters or rescue in the area for the breed of their choice and you can have them contact the national breed club or the AKC to find a reputable breeder if they are looking for puppy.

Any pet that is socialized, given good vet care, altered and given basic obedience training is automatically ahead of the game, and if they are housebroken, crate trained and friendly they are usually loved by their family and less likely to be given up. Many of the issues people face with their dogs can be prevented by helping them when they begin to have problems. All of us can help other dog owners find the help they need.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

## AMRONE extends sympathies for the loss of these adopted malamutes:



Keni, 12, July 10, 2004  
Adopted in 2001 by  
Kathy and Jerry Ferragamo

Sandy, July 9, 2004  
Adopted in 1997 by  
Jason Pamental



# Don't make a big deal out of crate training

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should not be done angrily or scolding.

Adult dogs are often easier crate-trained than puppies. I suggest getting a metal crate so the dog can see out all around and gets plenty of air flow. It can always be covered with a blanket if desired, but some dogs don't like enclosed plastic crates. If the dog won't follow a special edible goodie into the crate, I simply put him in butt-first. I've never found the need for long, drawn-out introductory periods where the crate door is left open for the dog to access on its own. If you make a big deal about the crate or are emotionally uncomfortable with it, the dog will have trouble adjusting to it.

I'll give him a giant Kong toy stuffed with peanut butter, squirt cheese, canned dog food or biscuits when I crate him at least for the first week or so. Avoid letting the dog out when he is barking, whining, scratching, etc. or he will learn that those behaviors work. A very small percentage of dogs have true barrier frustration and will injure themselves trying to escape from the enclosure. A crate is the safest way for a dog to travel in a vehicle and becomes a portable den when visiting friends or motels.

I also incorporate baby gates, pens and doors to section off areas of the house, either to keep multiple pets separate or restrict the areas the newcomer has access to. See that you can trust him in one room before he has the run of the house. I also might attach the new dog to my belt with a leash, enabling me to know where he's at and what he's up to in addition to demonstrating my own leadership. And better to allow dogs time to adjust to seeing, smelling and hearing one another without the need for interaction. Once fear and aggression develop between dogs it's a lot harder to deal with. Good, lasting relationships often can be shaped slowly over time.

I would feed a new dog in a safe place like a crate, pen or room alone. I don't want him to feel he must guard his food from other dogs. I also don't want him to feel challenged by me, so I avoid any purposeful, excessive handling of the food, dish, etc., until he is comfortable in the environment and trusts and respects me as leader. In a well meaning attempt to prevent food-bowl aggression, many people inadvertent create a problem. If your dog is showing aggression toward you around food, contact a professional. Do not leave the bowl down between meals

to become a possession to guard. Once a pup reaches 6 months I feed twice daily for the life of the dog.

Find a positive reinforcement obedience class in your area; avoid correction-based training. Modern motivational training methods incorporate toys, food, praise and petting and are fun for the dog and handler. Lure/reward or clicker training methods are conducive to a good dog-handler relationship.

Most undesired behavior can be prevented through management. Those that can't either can be interrupted and redirected in order to turn it into something positive to reward or teach an alternate behavior. Some completely benign behaviors will extinguish if ignored, but you must be certain they are not self-reinforcing.

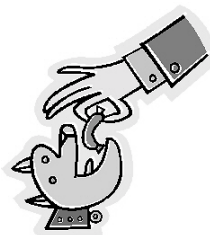
Behaviors that continue or increase are being reinforced. A certain amount of reinforcement comes from the completion or practice of a behavior, which is why management is so important. Set the dog up to succeed and reinforce that. Obedience training will help your relationship, stimulate your dog's brain, teach him control and give you commands to fall back on when you need to get your dog's attention or refocus him.

Your role as leader should be thought of in terms of providing social guidance for your dog, rather than physically dominating him. You provide rules and boundaries and teach appropriate, behavior. The human-dog relationship is the backbone of everything. When that mutual trust, respect and working relationship is in order, there should be little to go wrong.

Good leaders are calm, confident, consistent and fair. I advise the use of a strict leadership program during the honeymoon or for anyone experiencing behavior or relationship problems. There are a number of good ones out there, including Dr. Patricia McConnell's booklet, "How To Be The Leader Of The Pack."

I've seen them referred to as NILIF (nothing in life is free), no free lunch, rank reduction, relationship training, rapport skills, or doggy boot camp. The program should comprise non-confrontational exercises that demonstrate your status above the dog without the use of force. They're easy, safe and effective. They include things like humans walking through doorways before the dog (this is not important to all dogs, but controlling priority-access doorways is very important to some), humans initiate and end all attention, no furniture privileges (psychologically elevating rank within the pack), dog works to earn everything he needs or wants, and you own toys.

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**Feeding is a part of training.**

## Sports, games give dogs the exercise they need

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Working means following a simple, basic command that the dog is fluent at and capable of performing unaided. For example, you may ask him to sit for meals, petting, walks, play, before going out or coming in. When he complies he gets what he wants. If he doesn't comply he doesn't get it and you walk away and ignore him for a few minutes. You control all resources the dog needs for survival. Harsh physical methods such as the outdated alpha roll or scruff shake are dangerous and risk increasing aggression. They demonstrate that force works and is acceptable.

Make sure your dog's physical exercise and mental stimulation needs are being met, as well as allowing him relaxation time (crates can help teach this to dogs that have trouble settling on their own). Some dogs have very high exercise needs that can't be met by leash walks alone.

There are many dog sports to explore, including agility, herding, flyball, carting, ski-joring, tracking and lure-coursing. Some people like to jog or bike with a dog. Swimming is a wonderful, low-impact exercise. Fetch usually can be done in your own yard or possibly even in the house.

Another good game that can incorporate some exercise if used properly is hide and seek (either of a toy or person).

Avoid tugging, rough-housing and games of force in homes with kids, inexperienced dog homes, with owners who are afraid of the dog or cannot control the game, with dogs showing any aggression or with new dogs in the honeymoon before developing a good relationship. Puppies under a year should not be jogged on pavement. Self-exercising is safer for developing bones and joints.

If there are kids in the house or kids on the way, get information on child-proofing. Dogs can be taught tolerance using desensitizing and counter-conditioning to make them more comfortable with certain procedures. Avoid methods that break down trust, cause apprehension or fear or demonstrate aggression. All correction must be fair, unemotional, well timed, fit the crime, immediately interrupt the behavior, swift and then over. Repeated correction is nagging and will cause many more behavior problems. Correction should not be a substitute for good management practices and training. Keep new dogs on leash or long line.

What is socialization? Yes, dogs are social pack

animals. The key word is pack — that means they live well in groups, but does not mean they want to socialize with all strangers. The natural socialization period of canids is around five to 12 weeks, which is the optimum time to introduce different species for them to accept as pack members.

A pack is the family group they live with, not strange dogs at the dog park. A lot of my business stems from dog parks and a lot of owners could avoid behavior problems, including dog-to-dog aggression, by avoiding dog parks. A typical local dog park is where a wide range of dogs from completely different backgrounds are turned loose together to practice posturing, bullying,



**Dog parks might seem like a good idea, but they have inherent problems.**

mounting, growling, submitting, over-submission — whatever works to keep them alive, including attacking and fighting.

I find many dogs are not as friendly as people think. Many dog park visitors have no voice control over their dog, which puts many dogs in a very unfair, uncomfortable position. There is no need for strangers to "work out pack rank." Firstly, I am my dog's pack leader. I want him focusing on and deferring to me, not the rest of the world. So I would not even turn my dog loose in various environments until our relationship is in order and we've got some training under our belts.

I don't want my dogs rushing up to a strange dog. That is rude behavior that could get them killed someday. I do not do dog parks and feel I avoid a lot of problems that way. I prefer structured activities with my dogs. They have me to play with, each other to play with and I do allow playtimes with dogs I know.

The secret to keeping an adult dog comfortable around

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## Basement Dog

Please open the door to feed me,  
 or maybe just a pail of water.  
 i haven't seen the light of day,  
 or the even the moon in its quarters.  
 why do you bother to keep me?  
 why don't you just turn me in?  
 does it make you feel good to beat me,  
 from my shaking tail to my bruised chin?  
 you once thought i was a cute puppy;  
 you let me rule your house.  
 until one day i bit your daughter  
 because she hit me with her toy mouse.  
 how was i to know what's wrong?  
 you never used to yell?  
 now i'm locked in the dark basement  
 to poop and pee and smell.  
 when you leave for work and your daughter  
 leaves for school,  
 i bark and whine and howl, loosing all my cool.  
 you open the door to feed me now?  
 wait, you don't look the same.



i overhear you've been reported  
 i'm so glad that someone came!  
 they brought me into the light of day,  
 a nice outdoor run at night i sleep.  
 the people here they love me,  
 i have no need to cry and weep.  
 the people tell me you're going to jail,  
 whatever that place may be.  
 maybe someone there will enjoy beating you,  
 like you enjoyed beating me.

-Vicki Palinkas,  
 2004

## Obedience classes help socialize dogs

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other dogs is to structure his encounters where you are in control and can prevent bad experiences. Group obedience classes are a great place to expose your dog to dogs that they don't have to worry about invading their space. It is usually an adequate opportunity to work on mild fear aggression problems with the help of an experienced instructor. The dog learns other dogs won't bother him, his leader will keep him safe and good things happen when in the presence of other dogs (training treats reinforce desired behavior and give a pleasant association).

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Mary is a certified pet dog trainer with the Association of Pet Dog Trainers ([www.apdt.com](http://www.apdt.com)). She has lived with

dogs her entire life and has been training them since 1990. Though her family had various purebreds, Mary started with mixed breeds. She moved on to a rescue golden retriever before acquiring a Malamute, a border collie mix, and a smooth fox terrier. The mal, Radar, in addition to his titles CGC, CDX, OA, OAC, NGC, is a certified therapy dog with Therapy Dogs, Inc. Mary has written several articles for the Alaskan Malamute Annual, the New Zealand and Canadian Malamute Club Newsletters, and is working on a book about dog training. Those on the aggressive behavior list (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/agbeh>) or the Malamute list ([malamute-l@apple.ease.lsoft.com](mailto:malamute-l@apple.ease.lsoft.com)) have benefited from Mary's wisdom. Her web site is: <http://home.earthlink.net/~swindogs/modardogtraining/>



# ‘Dogs are really our lives’

## Ferragamos have a soft spot for older dogs

By Anneliese Behrman

When someone within the AMRONE organization mentions Kathy and Jerry Ferragamo, the first thing that comes to mind for many people is that of two very dedicated volunteers. Their faces are present at all AMRONE events, whether it be helping out or just enjoying themselves.

Both Kathy and Jerry have been dog lovers from the beginning. Kathy

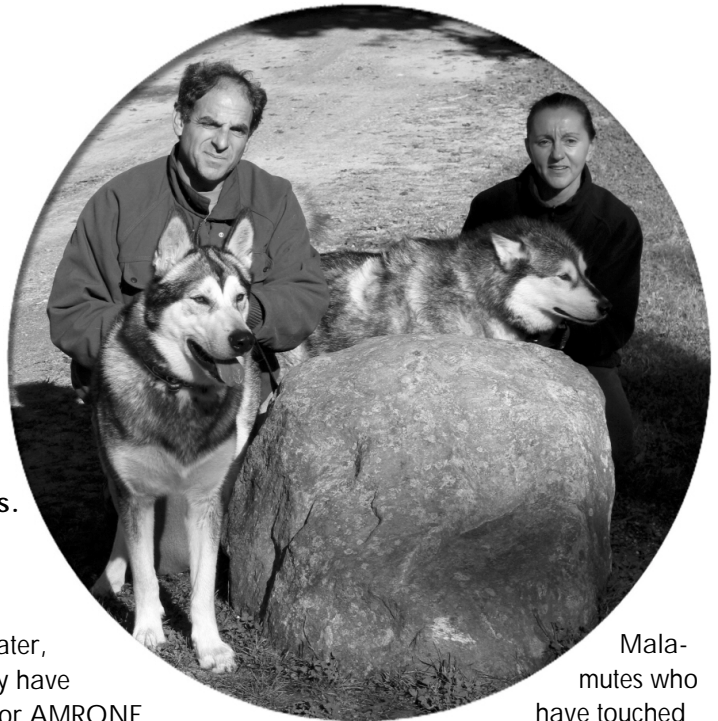


always had mixed-breed dogs growing up, and Jerry also had dogs, one of which was a white Malamute.

When the couple met, Jerry shared his life with a Siberian husky named Bandit, and they decided that Bandit would benefit from having a canine companion. A Malamute was the first breed that came to Jerry’s mind.

They decided it would be a nice idea to rescue a female Malamute from a shelter. Their search of local shelters proved fruitless, but a volunteer at the MSPCA gave them the phone number of Susan Conant. Susan found them a female dog named Kelly who was at a Connecticut shelter, so Kathy, Jerry and Bandit took a trip to the shelter to visit Kelly. She became their first rescue Malamute. After that successful adoption, the Ferragamos felt that breed rescue might be a fun and rewarding organization to become involved in. That was in 1995.

**Jerry and Kathy Ferragamo with Bandit and Kelly, two of their malamutes.**



Nine years later, Kathy and Jerry have become icons for AMRONE. Their accomplishments and volunteer activities create quite a long list. Jerry is the mastermind behind Bark in the Park. In 2002, AMRONE had its first springtime picnic at beautiful Berry Pond in North Andover, MA, thanks to Jerry’s idea.

In 2003, Kathy became one of AMRONE’s directors, a position that requires a lot of work and even more dedication. The Ferragamos foster, evaluate and transport dogs, screen potential adopters, help out at Camp N Pack and Bark in the Park, and they volunteer to work at AMRONE educational booths during other animal-related events. They also belong to quite a few organizations, including the Alaskan Malamute Assistance League, the Alaskan Malamute HELP League, Doberman Rescue Unlimited, the Alaskan Malamute Club of America and the MSPCA (through which they just proudly purchased their new spay and neuter license plates).

Kathy and Jerry have had many

Malamutes who have touched their lives. Kelly, of course, was their first rescue (they provided her third home) and she is “Jerry’s little girl” according to Kathy. Their other mal, Kody, came into rescue at 13 weeks of age. He had been a present from the west coast to a Boston student, and needless to say, that home did not work out. The Ferragamos volunteered to be his foster home, and he never left; Kody was the first foster dog they adopted. He is a mama’s boy and loves Kathy.

Many people have dogs who never quite “leave” their lives; Kathy and Jerry are no exception. Keni was an older dog who came into rescue in 2001 at 10 years of age. She soon became the second foster-turned-adoption in the Ferragamo household. Keni was the most enthusiastic greeter when Kathy and Jerry returned home each day, and she was the inspiration for Bark in the Park. Sadly, Keni died last July, and she will be deeply missed by those

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Is it work?

# Camp

or is it fun?

By Jane Palinkas and Joanne Duval

*"The Alaskan Malamute offers much in the way of companionship. He can be trained to work with his owner as a pack dog, sled dog or weight puller. Sharing these activities with your Malamute will give him the opportunity to prove himself as an eager worker as well as providing help and companionship for the active outdoors person."*

— Alaskan Malamute Club of America

This year quite a few Malamutes had fun as well as doing the work that earned them legs toward titles or the titles themselves at Camp N Pack.

## Backpacking

Backpacking with your Malamute can be fun for any dog and is a one-

dog owner sport. It is easy to train a Malamute to pack. Several books and web sites on the subject are easy to find. The equipment needed includes a good, well-fitting pack and trails can be found almost anywhere. To earn a Working Pack Dog title the requirements must be spread out over at least two trips, and must be on natural terrain, such as hiking trails or cross country. The dog must carry a weight equal to at least 30% of its own weight. Beyond that there are choices of a total distance of 30 miles, including one overnight campout, or 40 miles, with each trip a minimum of 10 miles.

At Camp N Pack, Friday started with an exhilarating 10-mile hike headed by Mark Anderson. We had 12 adults who walked with 15 dogs. We had a good time and the dogs had an even better time. The weather was cool and dry. Although the trails were damp from rain the night before we all made it. Congratulations go out to Jeaninne Theriques's dogs Jordan and Melody,

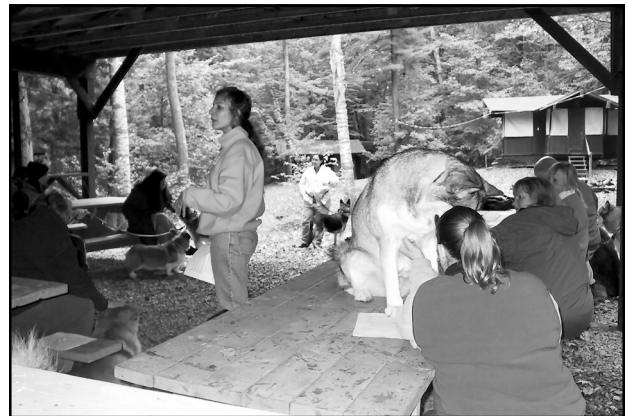
who earn their first packing legs. Jon Glennon's dogs, Beast, Hottie and Skoll, also earned legs. Takoni, Sue Gallagher's dog, earned a first leg and finally, Muddy, Jane Palinka's dog, earned his last leg and his Working Pack Dog title.

*"The Alaskan Malamute is by nature and conformation a draft animal. His very size and weight lend to heavy pulling. The sport of weight pulling is popular, because it can be practiced at home in the back yard or urban park; it is something even the one-dog owner can participate in."*

— Alaskan Malamute Club of America

## Weight pulling

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To conduct a workshop on talking to dogs, Patti Davis had to put in a lot of preparation.

## Ferragamos are devoted to their favorite breed

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whose lives she touched.

Kathy speaks of what she and Jerry learned after sharing their lives with an elderly canine. "We both realized what a soft spot we have for the older dogs. After adopting Keni, we would welcome another older dog into our home to enjoy a life of leisure in their senior years."

Bandit, the Siberian husky whose need for a playmate got the Ferragamos into Malamute rescue in the first place, lived to be an amazing

17 years of age. According to Kathy, Bandit was one of the best dogs anyone could meet. "I'd have a dozen house dogs if they all could be like him," she said.

With all the work they have done for AMRONE, it is clear that Kathy and Jerry are very devoted to their favorite breed of dog. "They are great dogs that love to be by your side," Kathy said. "They're a fun, intelligent breed and always ready for an adventure. Living with Malamutes – you always have to learn to

expect the unexpected. You need to have patience, dedication, lots of love, and a sense of humor. Malamutes are not for you if you're a couch potato."

Asked whether she and Jerry participate in any non-dog related activities for fun, Kathy's only reply was, "...dogs are really our lives." With that said, we can easily understand how valuable and well-liked the Ferragamos are to the fellow volunteers and all the dogs of AMRONE.





## AMRONE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUR MALAMUTES

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# Meet Our Fosters

The dogs on these pages were in foster care as of the middle of October 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).



**Ms. Dakota:** I am a fun, lovable 6 years old. At ninety-five pounds I think I am still able to be a lap dog. I am cuddly and affectionate; I love to give kisses and enjoy lots of attention.

I am very pretty and my beautiful mal coat and markings draw a lot of attention on walks. My floppy ear makes me unique and special.

I came into rescue because my owners divorced. I am now looking to a stable household where I can be the only pet. I walk well on a leash and respond well to basic commands. In my current foster home I get to walk on the beach, try to catch seagulls, and get to roll around in the dried seaweed.

I will be a great companion pet for an adopter who is looking for a sweet, affectionate girl!

**Miss Bandi:** I came from a place out west that sent me to a pet store. While in the pet store I grew pretty quickly and lost the "fuzzy puppy" look and nobody bought me. I sat around in the store for almost six months when one day I broke my leg. They decided that I was never going to be sold so they gave me away. A nice man took me but he was very elderly and could not handle me very well. I lived on his porch for a short while and then one day he didn't come out to feed me and they told me he wouldn't be back. Next thing I knew his family came to turn me in to AMRONE.

I have a lot of energy and am looking for a home that can keep me busy. I would love to find a home that could give me regular exercise, continue my obedience training and would have a place fenced in to let me run around. My foster family is working on teaching me manners and working to socialize me with the world. I am like a huge puppy! I need to learn everything and need a family who is patient and willing to help me out. In return I promise to love you forever and be a great companion.



**Miss Keesha:** Hi! I'm 19 months old and I'm looking for my forever home. I've been told I look like a Malamute model because I'm tall and slender but remember, I'm still a puppy and could have a growth spurt anytime.

I like being a housedog and I like having my crate to go to when I want. I also like to sleep in the shower when nobody's using it; I hate it when somebody turns on the water. I like all sorts of balls and I will even bring them back. Some-

times I just like to run in circles. I walk well on a lead and don't pull. I love to lick faces!

**Mr. Bandit:** I am a young energetic guy! The people who owned me turned me into AMRONE because thought I would just curl up on the couch and read a book to learn from. Instead I ate the book.

My foster care mom keeps telling me what a sweet boy I am and that I should be easy to train because I just really want to please you. We've been working on this thing called crate training. I've also been learning about housetraining and basic obedience in my foster home. I'm a very smart boy and learn new routines quickly. I also eat my meals very slowly; my foster mom says I'm not a chowhound, whatever that is.

I'm good-looking, happy, affectionate and playful. I ride nicely in a vehicle and don't mind being in an outside kennel when no one is home. However, once someone comes home, I want to be with the family – both human and canine. I enjoy coming in the house and snuggling up to you and getting lots of belly scratches.

I'm looking forward to finding a family that will give me lots of attention. I want to learn how to do the right things, so I need someone who will train and work with me.



**Miss Casey:** I am a pretty, black and white female Alaskan Malamute. I am a mature dog in that I have manners and know how to act in and out of the house. I am healthy and in good shape. Recently, I went to an event called Camp N Pack with my foster mom and I got to do Rally Obedience and much to her surprise I sat, downed, stayed and came when asked (on leash of course) and even did some of the agility course. I liked the tunnel the best.

I love being with people inside the house, I am good in a crate and in my kennel. When left by myself I prefer to be outside in the yard, kennel or on the deck. I am looking for a permanent home, where I can be an active, happy member of my new family.





# Keep warm while helping Malamutes too

Have you ever wondered whether there weren't some way to recycle all of the dog hair that seems to multiply in your home before your very eyes? If you answered yes, the AMRONE Malamute Spin is the answer you have been looking for.

We are collecting all the Malamute fiber we can find for the next eight months to be sent to a company that is going to spin it into yarn and then make wonderful keepsakes that we will be auctioning off at next year's Camp N Pack. Depending on how much fiber we collect we could have things such as scarves, hats, pillows or throws, all made of 100% Alaskan Malamute fur.

Our clever ancestors regularly turned collected dog fur into fiber. Dogs were domesticated long before sheep and often raised for their luxurious and 80% warmer fur. Centuries ago it was even considered good luck to wear a garment spun from dog fur. The Malamute's undercoat has a good crimp and elasticity that makes it perfect for spinning. Knitted or crocheted items from dog hair will fluff over time and when spun correctly will shed very little. The fluffing process that it goes through over time creates a beautiful halo effect that makes everyone want to touch it.

How much is enough? The more the better! The company that will spin our Malamute fiber will use 60 ounces of spun fiber to make keepsakes to be auctioned off at our 2005 Camp N Pack. If we have any remaining spun fiber we will be able to sell it, with all of the proceeds going to AMRONE. If you have any questions or comments concerning

## Chiengora: A Fur-Raising Event

### Announcing the: AMRONE Malamute Spin A Fur-Raising Event

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We've created a new, easy, no-cost way to help you help us raise money for AMRONE. Every time you brush your mal...save the fur! No kidding.



For the next 8 months, collect your dog's fur for the AMRONE Malamute Spin. We're going to send it to be transformed into beautiful spun yarn and then into magnificent and special keepsakes that we'll auction off at the 2005 Camp N Pack. No kidding.

Centuries ago, it was believed that good luck came to anyone wearing a garment spun from dog hair. Nowadays, yarn spun from dog hair is called Chiengora (pronounced she-an-gora). Malamutes, as you know, have a fine and lustrous undercoat that is super for spinning. And, dog fur is up to 80% warmer than sheep's wool!

For all the details see [www.amrone.org](http://www.amrone.org) or send an email to [malamutespin@yahoo.com](mailto:malamutespin@yahoo.com)

## Alaskan Malamute Rescue of New England

AMRONE's Malamute Spin you can contact us at [malamutespin@yahoo.com](mailto:malamutespin@yahoo.com).

To collect your Malamute fur, simply save what accumulates when you brush your dog. You may brush your dog before or after a bath and anytime in between. If you collect fur that is wet, be sure to lay it out to dry before storing it. Never put fur away wet. Don't worry about it being a little dirty; the company we are using washes all of the fiber multiple times after it has been spun.

To store your Malamute fur, use a

breathable fabric bag, such as an old pillow case. Hang the bag in an open, lit area such as your laundry room or garage.

To ship your Malamute fur, use a light box or a tear-proof mailing envelope (for smaller amounts). Your fur cannot be damaged in shipping so there is no sense in paying more for shipping than necessary. Mail your fur by May 6, 2005, or whenever you fill your bag, whichever comes first to:

Malamute Spin, PO Box 5424, Bradford, MA 01835

# Breed bans: a knee-jerk reaction

By Ellen Douglas

The human-dog relationship used to be simple and the dog's role clear: They helped us find food, guarded our livestock and protected our safety. But the role of today's dog is much more diverse and complex.

In 2000 a survey found there are more than 60 million dogs in the U.S. Some still hunt, guard and protect, but the vast majority are more like family members than employees. This explosion in pet ownership has been attributed to one simple fact: pets make people happy. In fact, 57% of pet owners stated that, if stranded on a desert island, they would prefer to be with a pet rather than another person.

Unfortunately, the price of dog ownership is increasingly high. In addition to the growing costs of grooming, training, day care, and visits to the vet, some of us also pay with the added stress and financial burden due to the risks associated with dog ownership. One of the most pressing issues is the increasing number of dog bites.

Between 1986 and 1996, the number of dogs in the U.S. rose by 2% while the number of bites increased by 37%, according to JAMA, the Journal of the American Medical Association. Some of the most currently available dog bite statistics from the Insurance Information Institute include:

- Dogs bite nearly 2% of the U.S. population (more than 4.7 million annually) with one out of every six requiring medical attention.
- Dog bites are the second most frequent cause of injury to children: 42% of non-fatal victims are younger than 15.
- Most dog attacks happen at home or in a familiar place and the vast majority of biting dogs belong to the victim's family or a friend.
- Fatal dog bites are rare; for every fatality, there are 230,000 bites that do not require medical treatment.
- Dog bites account for almost a quarter of all homeowner's insurance liability claims. In 2002, the property/casualty insurance industry paid \$345.5 million in claims, up from \$250 million seven years earlier. The average claim is about \$17,000. However, when medical

claims are included, monetary costs have been estimated at \$2 billion, according to JAMA.

So what type of dog is most likely to bite? The answer to this question partly depends on whom you ask. An oft-cited 1991 study of dog bites in the Denver area reported that biting dogs were more likely to be German shepherds — 34 of 178 or 19%. Pit bulls were not included because their ownership had been prohibited there since 1989.

The characteristics most often associated with biting dogs were intact males greater than 50 pounds and less than 5 years old. Biting dogs were most likely to be found in a household with children and chained in the yard. The owners were twice as likely to have neglected to license or vaccinate their dogs in the year prior to the study.

A study of dog bites in the Philadelphia area from 1995 through 1997 found that more than 50% were from unowned dogs and that the occurrence of bites from unowned dogs increased 20% during the study. Children under 14, especially boys, were by far the most numerous victims. The dog's breed was not listed in 74% of the cases.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) analyzed data on dog-bite-related fatalities between 1979 and 1996, a period when 304 fatalities were reported. Out of the 199 fatalities for which the dog's breed

was known:

- Malamutes accounted for 12 fatalities, 6%.
- For crossbreeds, wolf hybrids accounted for the most fatalities, 14 (7%), and Malamute crosses, 1.5%.

Because death certificate data were not available, the sources used in this study may represent only 74% of the actual cases of fatal bites. However, a much more serious limitation is that the number of fatalities attributed to each breed does not account for the proportion of the total dog population that each breed represents.

The fact that the total breed populations within each of the previously mentioned studies are unknown limits the statistically sound claims that can be made about the propensity for biting of one breed over another. To make such judgments requires knowing how well the samples reflect breed populations as a whole.

It's possible such information could be obtained from

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# Research doesn't support restrictions on breeds

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local licensing records. However, if the conditions observed in Philadelphia and Denver are true everywhere, that the majority of biting dogs are unowned or unlicensed, then such information would not help.

Despite the lack of definitive conclusions, these types of studies are cited by insurance companies, litigators, local officials and state legislators as the basis for breed restrictions and bans. Over the past 15 years, more than half the states have passed laws with stiff penalties for owners of dogs that cause serious injuries or deaths.

Tiverton, RI, for example, requires owners of aggressive dogs to obtain \$100,000 in liability insurance. The dogs must be registered and kept enclosed at all times. Tiverton officials no longer wait for a dog to attack someone to declare it dangerous. Even dogs that approach in an "aggressive or terrorizing manner" can be found dangerous.

Ohio is the only state that imposes tougher restrictions on one breed, the pit bull. No state currently legislates underwriting or rating requirements for homeowners insurance with respect to the breed of dog on the property. New Hampshire, Rhode Island and New York have considered bills prohibiting homeowner policies from non-renewing or canceling based solely on the breed of dog owned. All three bills recently died in committee.

Virginia passed a bill in March 2004 in which an insurer may, with the insured's written consent, exclude from coverage an injury caused by a dangerous or vicious animal owned or in the care of the insured. Several

states, including California, Florida, Illinois, Maine, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas and Virginia, prohibit restrictions that target individual breeds. Wisconsin passed a bill making dog owners liable for two times the full amount of damages caused by the dog biting a person with sufficient force to break the skin if the owner was notified or knew that the dog had previously bitten a person.

Washington state's House of Representatives passed bills prohibiting insurers from considering specific dog breeds in making determinations regarding homeowners coverage and reducing the liability requirements for owners of dangerous dogs from \$250,000 to \$100,000 — the bills are now before the state's Senate for consideration. Ohio requires owners of vicious dogs to carry at least \$100,000 worth of liability coverage.

Even though many states prohibit targeting particular breeds, some insurance companies have developed their own black lists. In July 2002, the American Kennel Club compiled information from insurance companies, industry associations and media reports. Their findings (along with guidelines for finding homeowner insurance) are available on the AKC web site. Liberty Mutual was the only company found to blacklist Malamutes.

Furthermore, the consequences of breed bans go beyond denied insurance coverage and have affected dog ownership across the U.S., leaving shelters to deal with those who choose their insurance policy over their dog. At the Humane Society of Atchison, KS, the number of Rottweilers relinquished because of



**Some insurance companies have developed their own black lists.**

insurance coverage has jumped 40% within the past year. None of these dogs was aggressive or vicious, and the people gave them up only as a last resort.

The reasons for the increase in dog-specific bans is not as clear as one might think. Alejandra Soto of the Insurance Information Institute says more dog bite cases have ended up in court over the last five to 10 years, causing some insurance companies to decide that people with certain breeds are too much of a risk.

However, Kenneth Phillips, who runs the dogbitelaw.com website says the number of court cases has not changed much at all. Phillips agrees with the U.S. Humane Society that breed-specific bans are wrong and that they create more problems for dog owners and the community.

"There's no way to really identify all the breeds that could pose a danger," he says. "The ban on breeds is a very simplistic and knee-jerk reaction to a much more complicated problem. A breed ban only takes care of 10% of the problem. The other 90% — training, socialization, health of dog, the victim's behavior — a breed ban doesn't address."



# Clipping nails is tricky; be careful

First I would like to thank everyone who attended the grooming seminar at Camp N Pack. I hope everyone had as much fun as I did and walked away with some useful information.

I would like talk about nail trimming. It is one of the most difficult parts of proper grooming. I find many people bring their dogs in to get groomed, not because they want a clean dog but because they want the nails trimmed as short as possible. This is a vital part of proper grooming and is essential to your dog's health.



Ideally your dog's nails should never touch the ground. Many dogs will grind them down on their own by jumping or digging. You can help a little by walking or running your dog on pavement. Even with this help your domesticated Malamute doesn't spend his days using his teeth and nails ripping apart carcasses so you need to cut those nails.

The nails usually can be cut every three to four weeks. Any longer and the nail and vein inside will continue to grow. Nails that are overgrown and touch the ground or curl will need to be trimmed every two weeks for a while to get them shorter. For this to take place the nail needs to be trimmed to the tip of the vein every time. This exposes the vein to the air and the vein will recede. This receding allows a little more nail to be taken off each time. This process can take several months depending on how long the nails are to start with and if each time every nail is cut precisely to the tip of the vein.

There are two basic types of nail clippers. First there is the scissor style that open and close like a standard

pair of scissors except that the blades are in the shape of a circle. Second, is the guillotine style, similar to cigar cutters, with an enclosed circle.

I prefer the scissor type because you do not have to position the nail perfectly in the hole before cutting. Many dogs will not stay still long enough for you to get the nail in the hole just right. Also the hole is only so big and many dogs' nails are thicker than the scissor allows for.

It is important to mention that you get what you pay for. If you buy a \$3 pair of nail cutters they will not last you very long and will not cut very well.

When the time does come that the nail cutters you own don't seem to cut as well as they once did it is best just to toss them. It would cost you more to sharpen circular blades than the cost of two more pairs of nail clippers. You can buy replacement blades for the guillotine clippers, but I find changing the blade to be a pain.

The size clipper you buy depends more on your hand size. If you buy a good pair with sharp blades it only matters that you can close the scissor in your hand. I have small hands and use a small pair on every breed of dog I groom.

You always want to try to clip the nail before the vein. If your dog has white nails you usually can see the vein inside and that will give you a rough idea how far you can go. As far as you clip the white nail will be as far as you can clip the black nails if your dog has any.

For those dogs with all black nails, it's trial and error. Just take a little at a time. Many dogs will start to tense up or flinch when you start getting close to the vein. You may be able to notice the inside of the nail may start off hollow or powdery, but will

thicken and become harder to cut as you get closer to the vein. However, this is not always true. Every dog is different.

You might "quick" your dog a couple times by accident before you get it down. Hopefully your dog will let you try again. Quicking is cutting the nail too far back, causing the vein to bleed. This causes a small measure of pain that some dogs are very sensitive to. Others are not fazed in the slightest.

It is good to have some styptic powder on hand, which you can buy at any pet store. It helps stop the bleeding, but it does sting a little. If you don't have any, cornstarch will help. Apply the powder to the nail and hold for several seconds. If it doesn't stop apply more powder and hold longer.

Some dogs, if they are quicked many times, will get to the point that they will not let anyone get near their feet with nail clippers. Dogs will sense if you are nervous and that will make them uneasy. If you are unsure you can leave nail cutting to the experts; see your dog groomer or vet for help. Remember, some dogs do better with the experts and others trust no one but their owners. If your dog trusts you and no one else, you should get a few lessons from your dog groomer or vet and then take on the task yourself.

Many dogs need to be muzzled for their safety and others — that's OK. A few minutes with a muzzle can save them a life of sore feet and possibly early arthritis.

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# Mail Call

Letters and photos from new adopters



**Klondike has been with Adrienne Billingham and Jeremy Bock since July 22.**



**Michael and Suzanne Wood adopted Dakota in September.**

Thanks for the "Goodbye" photo of Lobo. Of course, we view it as "Welcome" Lobo. We have taken a few photos (not as professional as yours) to give you a feel of Lobo in his new home. One of them is in our bedroom, where he will sleep with us every night. The others are his checking out the backyard and deck area, both of which provide him ample space within the fenced area.

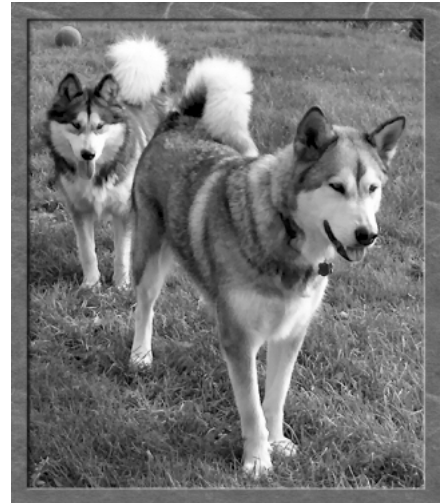
If you are curious about what the attraction is with the big rock that he is sniffing, it is chipmunks. The first thing we did when we got home was let him in the backyard. He immediately saw the little beasties and went after them in hot pursuit. Naturally, they escaped unscathed. He then tore all over the yard checking the



**Lobo and Don Morrison**

Hi,

Well, I finally got around to taking the digital photos of the kids. I'm including 2 of Sarge w/Luna and one of just Sarge by himself. You can see how much healthier he looks. He is such a sweetie. He is still arranging his toys in neat piles around the play yard & pestering Luna constantly to play.



**Sarge, left, and Luna.**

Sometimes she goes in her crate just to get some quiet time from him.

When that happens, he amuses himself by running around the yard barking to himself. He also does this right after I brush him. Another solo entertainment is climbing to the top of the hill, dropping his Kong toy so it rolls down and then retrieving it. Most of the time however, Luna indulges him with his favorite games of "chase me" and what I call "malamute smackdown" (basically rough wrestling). We are so glad we adopted him!

**— Laura (and Dana) Hampton**

entire 600 feet of fence to see what his boundaries were. Then he wanted to check indoors, so he went in the house and checked out the place top to bottom. Well, not actually top to bottom. He didn't climb up the spiral stair case to the loft but he did go up and down the traditional stairs leading to our finished basement. Now that he has cased the joint he is beginning to relax. ... A good start!

We'll send you more photos in the near future as time and opportunity permit. Thanks for looking after Lobo with such love and care. His personality shows complete trust and love, and

you contributed to that spirit."

**— Don (and Trudy) Morrison**

# Mail Call

Letters and photos from new adopters

Hi,

I just wanted to drop you a quick line to tell you how much we like Bernie. He was a star from the moment he got in my car and adapted extremely quickly to his new home. He is getting along fine with our older dog and is an absolute joy as a companion. He practically never leaves my side when I am home. We can't imagine having a nicer dog.

He is very affectionate and extremely smart. He must have been pretty well trained. He also learns new things very quickly. He does not seem to care much for staying outside in his pen but that is not a problem since we are generally back within a few hours. I am assuming he will get better about the pen when he realizes he is not going to move again.

He does love his walk/runs and is very happy to go for as long as you like. He is also very demonstrative when you miss one. He is very good on the leash.

Anyway, he now has a very loving and interesting new home and seems to be quite settled. Thank you all again for giving us the opportunity to have such a wonderful new friend.

— Bill Wilson

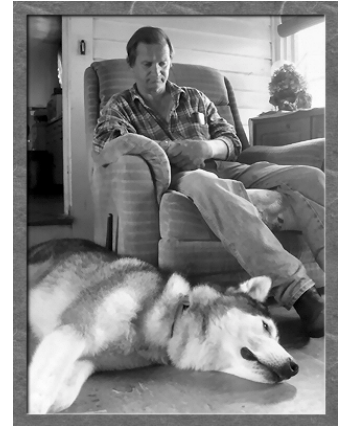
Let me begin by thanking all of you who make AMRONE a success, and by giving special thanks to Ruth Ellis and Jeannine Theriaque who helped bring Wiley (Joseph) into our lives. They made the adoption and selection process so easy, and fast. From the time that we submitted the application, we had Wiley home with us in less than two weeks.

It was pretty amazing how fast he settled in. He was a little uncertain for a while, naturally, following our every movement. After just a few weeks though his trust in us became evident and he'd stay where he laid and await our return. And now, he gets so excited to see us when we get home from work he can barely contain himself. What an awesome way to be welcomed home. Pretty much the same reaction he has when he sees a cat or a bird.

He is so much fun to have with us. I can't imagine the past six months without him. Not only do we love him like crazy, but all who meet him think he's the



Wiley at ease.



Al Liese adopted Kiska in August.

sweetest boy, and so smart too. I think that he has us as well trained as we have him — Ruth warned me about that. Fortunately for us, when we got him he already knew what Sit, Lay Down, and Come Here meant, but sadly he didn't know Wanna go for a Walk ... Ride, or Wanna Treat. Not to say that he went without these things, but rather, we were happy to teach them and receive the reward in his excitement.

He's our Super Dog!

— Jeanne and Michael Calway



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# Volunteers make camp a success

By Joanne Duval

We had a wonderfully successful 7th Annual Camp N Pack. We'd like to thank everyone who made it such a fun and memorable event. There were 90 human attendees and 89 dogs. In addition to Malamutes there were at least seven other breeds represented.

We want to thank all those people who made the weekend a success by volunteering to run a workshop for us. Friday we had a group of volunteers that set up camp and the dining hall and a group that went on a long hike in the Granville State Forest. On Saturday we were able to offer grooming, agility, canine good citizen testing, rally obedience, first aid, doggie games, a novice weight pull, short hikes around the camp, canine communication, a skijor/ bikejoring workshop, and a dog writing workshop. On Sunday we

had a canine massage workshop, agility games, an open weight pull and a stuffed dog show. For the kids we offered a children's craft table, a scavenger hunt, a filo pen making workshop and a coloring contest.

Saturday night we were all treated to a fantastic dinner cooked by our chefs, Eric and Arnie. As always they outdid themselves cooking all the meals for the weekend. The dinner was followed by the main fundraiser of the weekend, the annual Camp N Pack auction. The success of our raffle and auction is due to dedicated volunteers that gather items, get them to camp, display them and then run the actual auction. It is also made possible by individuals and companies that donate items to us. Their combined efforts this year and the generosity of the Camp N Packers made this year's auction a huge success. The weekend's profits go directly to saving malamutes in New

England.

We think Camp N Pack is a unique event since it is completely run by volunteers. Volunteers put on the workshops, work in the kitchen, cook the meals, clean the showers, and set up the agility equipment and every other activity it takes to have this weekend. We thank all the people that have helped before, during and after this event and we want you to know that you make Camp N Pack the marvelous gathering it is. Thank you to all of you!

(We all sadly missed Roger and Bonnie Davis and Moses and Kathy Martin this year but I am sure they will be back next year.)

The planning for Camp N Pack 2005 has already started. If you have an ideas for it, would like to help or can put on a workshop please contact Joanne Duval at [Hcmalamute@highcountrykennel.com](mailto:Hcmalamute@highcountrykennel.com).

## 27 dogs compete in two weight pulls

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The club describes weight pulls as competitions consisting of a dog pulling a given weight a given distance in a set amount of time. The weights are increased for each round, with dogs dropping out when they fail to make the pull or when their owners choose to stop pulling. There are several sets of weight pull rules that can be used, the most common being those of the International Weight Pull Association (IWPA) and those of the Alaskan Malamute Club of America (AMCA). Under the AMCA rules to earn a Working Weight Pull Dog title the dog must qualify in four events. On a natural surface, such as grass, the dog must pull at least eight times its weight over a specified distance and within a specified length of time, and on artificial surfaces, such as carpet, 12 times its weight.

At Camp N Pack, Dave and Susan Gallagher and Jane Palinkas put on a weight-pull seminar, followed later by a novice weight pull. A large group of people attended the seminar, and 17 dogs and their handlers pulled in the novice pull. Some of the dogs politely told their handlers,

"not me!" but some of the dogs actually got into it, and when all was said and done, the dogs had pulled up to 600 pounds and the dog who pulled the highest weight in the best time was Rocky, owned by Ruth Ellis. The dog that pulled the highest percentage of body weight was Beast, owned by Jon Glennon.

Camp N Pack also held an open weight pull for experienced dogs. We had 10 dogs entered, and three pulled over eight times their body weight, enough to earn a leg. Two of the dogs earned their first qualifying leg: Rocky, owned and loved by Ruth Ellis, and the other being Skoll, owned and loved by Jon Glennon. Takoni, owned by Dave and Sue Gallagher, also earned a leg. The dog that earned the award for most weight pulled was Rocky, who pulled 1000 pounds. Shadow, owned by Jane Palinkas, pulled 11.02 times her body weight and won the highest body percentage award. Shadow has her working weight pull title and needed 16 times her weight to earn her an excellent leg.

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# CGC: Manners matter

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The working dog level of titles requires a minimal amount of training and conditioning and should not be beyond the means of any sound Malamute. This is good news for anyone who has adopted a rescue dog. Your rescue dog can backpack, pull weight and pull a sled.

But to earn any title with a dog not registered with the American Kennel Club you will have to apply to the AKC for an ILP (Indefinite Listing Privilege) number, which costs \$25. The AKC does not let rescues and shelters pass the registration to new owners, so all rescue dogs must apply for an ILP number if they want to earn backpacking, weight-pulling or sledding titles. To learn more you can visit the AKC web site and the Alaskan Malamute Club of America web site.

## Canine Good Citizen Program

Started in 1989, CGC is a certification program that is designed to reward dogs that have good manners at home and in the community. The Canine Good Citizen Program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. All dogs that pass the 10-step CGC test may receive a certificate from the AKC.

Before taking the Canine Good Citizen test owners agree to take care of their dog's health needs, safety,



As Granite watches, Jeff Kirchhoff teaches a workshop on bikejoring and skijoring for beginners.

exercise, training and quality of life. Owners also agree to show responsibility by doing things such as cleaning up after their dogs in public places and never letting dogs infringe on the rights of others. Items on the test include:

- Accepting a friendly stranger
- Appearance and grooming
- Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)
- Walking through a crowd
  - Sit and down on command and staying in place
  - Coming when called
  - Reaction to another dog
  - Reaction to distraction
  - Supervised separation

All tests must be performed on a leash. Owners/handlers may use praise and encouragement throughout the test. The evaluators are looking for dogs with manners and good behavior. To find out more about how you and your dog can work toward a Canine Good Citizen award, visit <http://www.akc.org/love/cgc/> at the AKC web site.

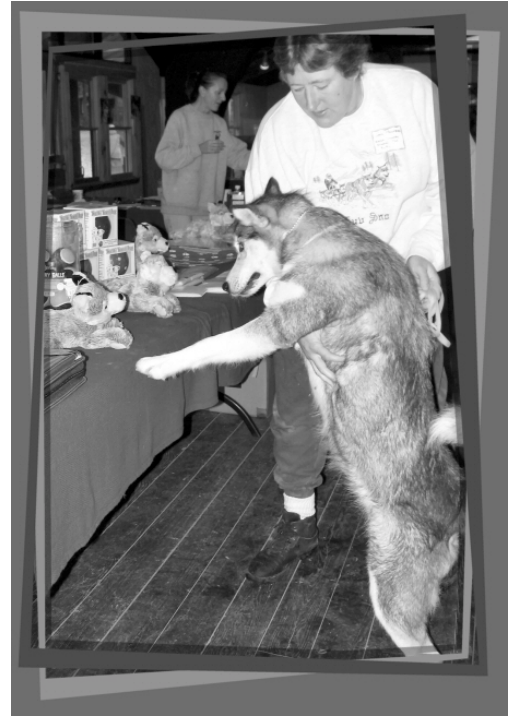
At Camp N Pack this year we tested seven dogs and all passed. We tested one border collie mix, a chow, and five Malamutes. Although the names of the dogs and their owners were not available at press time, for which we apologize, they all deserve congratulations.

On the money trail with AMRONE		Expense	
Income			
Adopter	\$1,450	Boarding	\$1,147
Apparel Sold	\$21	Camp Accommodations	\$-251
Bark Park	\$1,478	Camp Supplies	\$150
Donor – General	\$2,048	Insurance	\$943
Matching funds	\$10	Licenses and Permits	\$35
Owner Turn-in	\$50	Microchips	\$28
Promotion	\$42	Office Supplies	\$44
Store	\$40	PayPal Service Charge	\$1
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$5,139</b>	Pet Supplies	\$615
		Postage and Delivery	\$29
		Promotions / Education	\$66
		Telephone	\$180
		Veterinary Costs	\$3,474
		Web cost	\$264
		<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$6,725</b>
		<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$-1,556</b>

## Inner Strength

If you can start the day without caffeine or pep pills,  
If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,  
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,  
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,  
If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time,  
If you can overlook when people take things out on you when,  
    through no fault of yours, something goes wrong,  
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,  
If you can face the world without lies and deceit,  
If you can conquer tension without medical help,  
If you can relax without liquor,  
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,  
If you can do all these things,  
Then you are probably the family dog.

— Anonymous



Jane Palinkas holds back Shadow, who just had pups and apparently sees even more pups she can mother at camp.

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