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MINNESOTA'S UNWANTED SIBERIAN HUSKY RESCUE --- MAY/JUNE 2011

Introduction: MUSHR takes in Siberian Huskies from humane societies, animal controls and owner surrenders. While we would love to rescue them all, the amount we rescue is largely dependent on how many foster homes are available. Currently we have several dogs in need of placement into a foster home, including:

- * 2 year old gray and white, brown eyed male.
- * 4 year old female, color unknown.

Donations: We need and welcome any size donation. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Foster Homes are the foundation of MUSHR. We are in great need of more foster homes. If able, please consider fostering. Call 612-867-4013 or email mushremail@gmail.com and a volunteer will call you. Your help is greatly needed and likewise greatly appreciated.

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Featured Foster



Our featured foster for this newsletter is Snickers.

Snickers came to us with his two brothers Nicco, formally Twix, and Muddy, formally Heath, and one sister Mia, formally Kit Kat. They came from one of the reservations and had been running loose with their mother. They were about 6 weeks old when they came to MUSHR. Since they were handled very little they were very shy at first. Thanks to the help of many MUSHR volunteers and their friends the puppies were socialized enabling them to be ready for adoption. The most kudos goes to Melissa (their foster mom) that got to deal with the urinating, defecating, crying puppies every morning at 6 am.

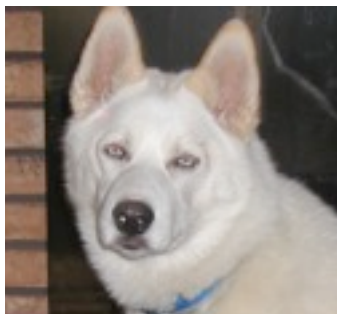
As the weeks progressed and the pups came more out of their shell it was noticed that Snickers was a little different from his litter mates. At first it was thought that he was a dopey puppy running into things but then it was discovered that he had very limited vision. Poor Snickers, what was thought to be silly puppy antics of tripping over stairs actually was that he could not see. After this discovery Snickers was brought to see a veterinarian ophthalmologist for a conclusive diagnosis. The conclusion that was come to is that Snickers has a detached retina (in each eye) and therefore is unable to see.

With this in mind, MUSHR is looking for a very special home for Snickers. Since he is blind we have to be very selective about what dogs he is exposed to. The dogs must be tolerant of his lack of social graces as well as calm enough not to overwhelm him. Snickers cannot go to a home with children under the age of 12 as young children could be at risk if they startle him. However he does well with cats. Because of his special needs, MUSHR is requiring the new owner to sign up for in-home training prior to finalizing the adoption. He will need an owner committed to ongoing training to help him overcome some of his limitations and grow into a confident dog. Snickers has a lot to overcome, but this puppy is worth the work!

Written by Jessica Kuehlman.

UPDATE of previous featured foster/mentioned dogs

In the last newsletter (Mar/Apr 2011), **Armand** (left) was the featured foster. Unfortunately, Armand is still available.

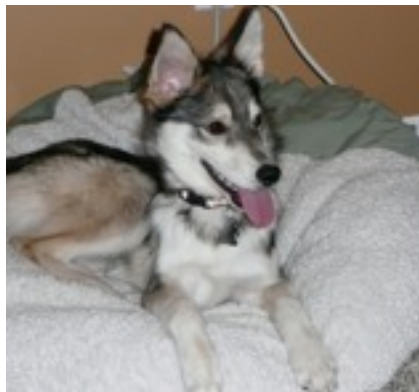


In the newsletter before that (Jan/Feb 2011), we included **Georgi** (left) as part of the featured foster story. Unfortunately, Georgi is also still available. He is a "special needs" dog because he had a seizure when he first came into MUSHR, but has not had one since. He is also on a bladder medication and since being on that

medication, has not had any accidents. Georgi is a bit older, 8+ but has lots of good years left in him. Georgi is doing great in his foster home and his foster family loves him!



Also in the Jan/Feb 2011 newsletter we included **Hansel** (left) as part of "Rebound's Story." Hansel has been adopted - and is doing fabulously! He loves his new home and 4 legged siblings. Hansel bonded greatly with his new family and is doing great.



Armand and Georgi are great dogs that need and deserve great families to adopt them. Can you help these extremely special dogs? Please don't let them still be available in our next newsletter!

To help dogs like Snickers, Armand and Georgi obviously an adoption is needed. But also, monetary donations are needed to assist with veterinary care of all dogs that come to MUSHR (shots, spay/neuter, microchip) as well as to assist with more involved care (surgeries). Donations are greatly needed. Any help is appreciated. Also, MUSHR is in need of additional foster homes for dogs like Snickers, Armand and Georgi. If you are interested, please call or email. If you have not fostered before, a volunteer will contact you and explain the process and expectations. If you have fostered before, are you willing to foster again? If so, please call/email. Thank you to everyone for all your donations and to all our foster families! MUSHR could not survive without you!

Thank you to foster families:

Melissa Fermanski and Jessica Kuehlman (Snickers)

Sandy and Buck Buckingham (Armand)

Deb Brown (Georgi)

Success Story

Halle



Halle, Halle, Halle, oh beautiful sweet Halle. The proud parents of Halle, Lauren and Mark Skildum, took a couple of years just thinking about getting a dog before they took the next step of researching various breeds of dogs. Lauren is a runner and Mark is a nordic skier. Mark always loved Siberian huskies. Lauren wanted a dog to help motivate her to exercise, including in the winter. Needless to say the research led them to a Siberian husky.

At first the Skildums were interested in another dog on the MUSHR website, but after talking with the volunteer, it was decided Halle would be a better fit. So, the Skildums met Halle instead. It was love at first sight. Halle leaned right

into Mark's leg, no subtle hint there, huh? Lauren was a bit more nervous. Mark was really the dog guy and Lauren wasn't. Lauren wondered if Halle would warm up to her. So, Lauren decided it was time to test it. She went up to pet Halle and Halle almost immediately rolled over and exposed her belly, clearly feeling comfortable with Lauren and wishing for a good belly rub. She's had them routinely ever since.

There were a few issues at first, such as the crate. Halle hated the wire crate and would chew it up. So, the Skildums got an enclosed crate and ta-da, problem solved. There was also a little bit of anxiety when Halle was left home alone, but with time that also improved.

Halle and the Skildums are a great match. They get lots of exercise together. The Skildums realize this is a must with Halle (and pretty much all Siberians) because otherwise, they will hear about it - Halle will bug them until she gets exercised. And, this includes the winter time too, so now Lauren has her motivation to keep moving in the winter.

Halle is a bit of a goofball too. She is just silly physically. She loves people and will lean into the legs of visitors, making sure they feel comfortable petting her and giving her all sorts of attention. Lauren thinks that sometimes Halle does things just to make people laugh. Case in point - the flower pot. Lauren was outside working in the yard when she realized she couldn't find Halle. The reason - she took up the flower pot for a personal doggie bed! Goofball! We just had to include that picture. Isn't that the cutest?



The Skildums did a great job with Halle with her socialization. She is a such a great dog that the Skildums felt comfortable adding to their pack. The Skildums did this by fostering MUSHR foster dogs. Halle has enjoyed the experience as well. She helps to make sure the foster dog is well behaved but also loves to play and play and play with her foster sibling. Right now the Skildums are fostering Luigi and boy do those two get along well.

I have met the Skildums and Halle a few times now and I have to say, thank you! Thank you for doing such a great job with Halle which has now enabled you to foster for MUSHR. We are so grateful. And, to Halle specifically - thank you for being such a silly goofball!

MUSHR is always in need of additional foster homes for dogs like Halle (and Luigi). If you are interested, please call or email. If you have not fostered before, a volunteer will contact you and explain the process and expectations. If you have fostered before, are you willing to foster again? Foster families do so much for MUSHR.

Written by Corrine Evenson

Exciting Events

May 21, 2011 - Adoption Days at Chuck and Don's at 1661 County Road C West, Roseville, MN 55113 (in the strip mall with Byerly's at the south end) from 1 pm to 3 pm.

June 11, 2011 - DogDay5K in Minneapolis. Go to www.dogday5k.com for information. We hope to see as many MUSHR Alumni as possible.

June 18, 2011 - MUSHR Training Seminar! at 4508 5th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55419 starting at 1 pm. We expect the training/seminar will last about 2 hours. There is limited space, so please email mushremail@gmail.com to register. We ask for a \$25 donation if possible. All the donations go back into MUSHR and taking care of the dogs. Training will include teaching your Siberian manners, starting with the basic "watch me" command and why it is important. We will then move on to sit, down, wait. Come with questions and we'll try to answer those for you.

June 25, 2011 - 2011 Super Adoption Event sponsored by Rescued Animal Coalition (RAC) of SE MN. Location is the Horticulture building at the Olmsted County Fairgrounds in Rochester from 11 am to 4 pm.

August 27 and August 28, 2011 - Pet Fest at Renaissance Festival in Shakopee. More details to come soon.

Trainer Tips/Healthy Hints

Identification Collars

Making sure that our pets are safe is very important to all pet owners, especially when you own dogs that occasionally can slip out the door or dig under a fence. Our two MUSHR adoptees, Kangas and Diablo of course are micro-chipped, but our other two rescue dogs, Smudge and Bria are not.

I am not a big fan of having all sorts of noisy jingle jangle tags on a collar, but after this past summer having to call animal control three times for the same dog that did not have any identification, and then another loose dog that did have a phone number on his tag, I decided to research good quality personalized dog collars.

Being from North Dakota originally, I was excited to find a fantastic company in Fargo, ND that specializes in personalized collars. They also have a huge assortment of many other pet products as well. Their sales manager, Chuck Bucholz, is super duper and even went to great lengths to send me stitching samples to assure correct color on one of the special orders.

So if you are looking for a great way to keep your dog identified without the jingle bells, this is the answer!

Here is their contact information. Talk to Chuck and tell him you were referred by Deb Unruh!

Chuck Bucholz, Customer Service/Inside Sales

5522 36th St. S Fargo, ND 58104-6784

800.720.8247 / 701.277.4939 Office

800.409.8247 / 701.277.3192 Fax

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Written by Deb Unruh, MUSHR Alumni.

Thank You!

Thank you Sarah Faith and Carol Clancy for your generous donations. It helps the dogs tremendously.

Miscellaneous

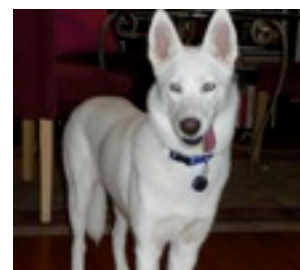
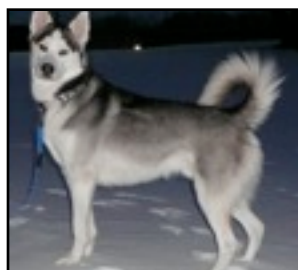
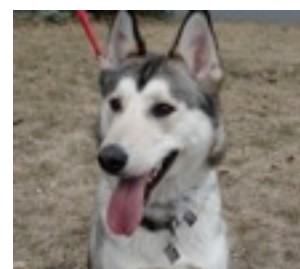
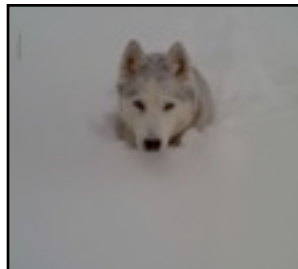
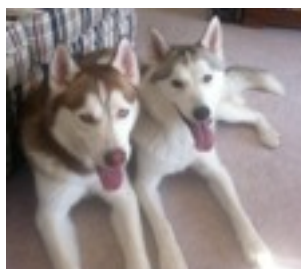
Previous Featured Foster: Armand and Georgi still need homes. Can you help? Thank you Christopher for adopting Hansel and the pictures. Hansel looks extremely happy!

Photos, Photos and More Photos NEEDED: We are sorry to report that we did not get any pictures by April 25, 2011 showing Siberians "springing" into action that were requested in the last newsletter. Let's see what we can do about that! Do you want to see your dog in the 2012 calendar? The only way to try to make that happen is to send us your great pictures of your dog adopted dogs. Please email to mushrnews@gmail.com. Please include the dog's name. Great close up pictures and action pictures are very useful. Deadline is July 8, 2011 as the calendars will then go to the printer. Thank you!

New Email Addresses: MUSHR is excited to announce its new email address, which is now:
mushremail@gmail.com

MUSHR also has another new email address specifically for pictures and the newsletter, which is now:
mushrnews@gmail.com

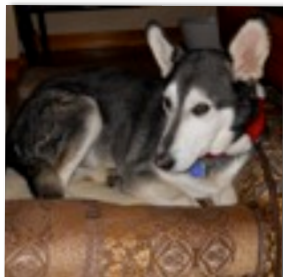
So, please email those pictures to the new gmail email soon.





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ADOPTIONS NEEDED - CALL OR EMAIL IF INTERESTED



GEORGI

AGE: 8+
SIBE/MALAMUTE MIX
MALE
BROWN EYES

*Georgi is a special needs dog as he had a seizure when he first came into MUSHR. The blood work was normal and he has not had a seizure since.

*Georgi is on medication for urine leakage. Now that he is on medication, he is no longer having any leakage issues.

*Crate trained and housebroken.

*Although he is older, Georgi is still willing and able to go for a run with his family!



SNICKERS

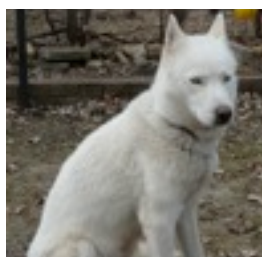
AGE: 14 WEEKS
GRAY AND WHITE
MALE
BROWN EYES

*Snickers is a special needs dog as he is blind. Snickers has a detached retina in both eyes.

*Because of Snickers' blindness we do not recommend Snickers go to a home with children under 12 years old for the children's safety as well as Snickers' safety.

*Snickers is great puppy that loves to snuggle. Once he gets to know you, he will love you! Snickers will be a challenge, but he is well worth it!

*Are you the special person for this special puppy?



SASHA

AGE: 2 YEARS
WHITE
FEMALE
BLUE EYES

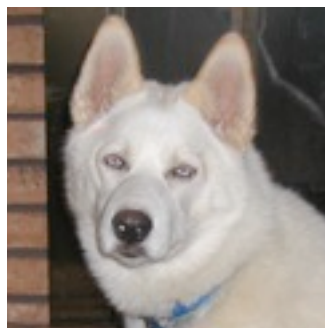
*Sasha was pretty shy and timid at first, but with socialization, she has gotten much better. She is now very happy!

*Sasha is a very athletic dog. You want a running partner, she's your girl. You want to go skijoring, she's your girl.

*Sasha is not only athletic, but is also a love bug. So, after that jog or skijoring trip, she'll be ready for some serious cuddling!

*She is crate trained and housebroken.

*This beauty is ready for a great new home.



ARMAND

AGE: 10 MONTHS
LIGHT RED AND WHITE
MALE
BLUE EYES

*Armand had eye surgery to fix a condition where his eyelids turned in, with his eyelashes scratching his eyeballs.

*Because of lack of exposure as a puppy he would do best in a home with other well behaved dogs.

*Armand has this unusual color where he looks almost solid white but up close you see a very light red color. He's gorgeous!

*Let this sunny day brighten your life!