



# National Samoyed Rescue

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## About Samoyed Rescue

- Samoyed rescue is about picking up the pieces of dogs that are forgotten, abandoned, abused, neglected.
- Rescue is complex as each dog has special needs from veterinary care to socialization skills.
- Preparing Samoyeds for adoption takes time and money and more importantly intentional assessment, planning and training.
- Rescue work gets best results when rescue teams work together with common purpose, expectations and standards.
- Working together means our Samoyeds will get the best possible support and care.

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## The Path is Ours to Choose

Jim Becklund

I'd like to take this opportunity to share some "musings" with you our readers about the path taken to make Samoyed Rescue a viable entity on the national level. Rescue at the national level is not about the individual rescues even though the individual rescues are the backbone of what makes a national organization work. It is more about the principle of working, learning and helping each other side by side. National Rescue is about what we as a group under a single banner, a single network and a single commitment can do for the dogs we have committed ourselves to.

Over the years most National Clubs have made a commitment to those of us who want to see as many dogs helped as possible. Many different National Clubs have taken many different paths to the same end. Some clubs have decided the best way to go is through an organization that has mandated policies and procedures coming from a national board. Others use the same principle but use that to standardize procedures for their rescues. Two excellent examples of this are the Rottweiler Rescue which has very high standards, rules and monitoring of their individual rescues and the Golden Retriever Club Rescue which many think of as the "premier" national rescue of it's kind. The Golden people have set up guidelines for procedures that individual rescues are encouraged to follow. We, unlike those, work on the principle of affiliation with each rescue doing their own work with their own procedures as they see fit.

The course of Samoyed rescue at the national level was set in motion many years ago with a simple plea that our national club needed to address the issue of Samoyeds in need. For the "old-timers" among us you may remember the many painstaking years of thinking and rethinking, tooling and retooling the process. In the beginning we worked as a committee of the SCA with the SCA officers and board giving input on the path a national Samoyed rescue organization should take. These guidelines helped formulate what we

are and what we were intended to be. From those early beginnings we have evolved in to a "stand alone" organization of affiliated rescues who share the common goals of an oneness with each other. I won't go in to detail here but if you'd like to find out more about the history of the evolution of National Samoyed Rescue simply go to our website: [www.samoyedrescue.org](http://www.samoyedrescue.org) and there is a detailed article on the process from the beginning. If you read that brief history of NSR you will see that the SCA Board and Officers supported the principles that were set forward by the early rescue committee. We can only hope that this support is continuing to this very day. We have all struggled too long to jump back to "square one" and reinvent the wheel that we have molded.

*It is more about the principle of working, learning and helping each other side by side.*

This may be a little off topic but it is a perfect example of national support for a national rescue network. At the time I'm writing this there is a rescue situation in Tucson, Arizona involving 800 dogs seized from a commercial breeder. Hundreds of these dogs are Chihuahuas in need of care and placement. At this time the National Chihuahua Club has been asked for funds to help these dogs. The national club is strongly considering that request. I personally feel that in a similar situation with our own breed the SCA would also consider spending a few dollars to help. I strongly feel that our Parent Club would never desert us in a time of crisis.

In the following pages you will read success stories, informative articles and information on what our affiliated rescues are doing working together. After all we are what we are and we will continue the principles of the common good for the dogs. We will continue to follow the path to a oneness with each other.

## Affiliates Websites

### Central Florida Samoyed Rescue

[www.  
FLSamoyedRescue.org](http://www.FLSamoyedRescue.org)

### Deleware Valley Samoyed Recue

[sandyphifer@hotmail.com](mailto:sandyphifer@hotmail.com)

### Harnessed to Hope <http://www.nbrescue.com/>

### Michigan Samoyed Rescue

[www.michigansamoyedre  
scue.org](http://www.michigansamoyedrescue.org)

### Minuteman Samoyed Rescue

[www.doghows.org/flash/  
mscr](http://www.doghows.org/flash/mscr)

### Northern California Sled Dog

[www.NorSled.org](http://www.NorSled.org)

### Northern Illinois Samoyed Assistance

[www.nisasamoyedrescue.  
org](http://www.nisasamoyedrescue.org)

## Lily

*With kudos to all the other Affiliates who have heartwrenching stories with happy endings equal to any of ours.*

Scene: Parking lot on a freezing winter day. Sammy girl under the one car in the parking lot. Afraid to come out. A couple walking.

The Grodeckas from Rogers, Arkansas, saw the frightened, probably cold and hungry little girl, finally coaxed her out and took her home. They named her Lily, and Lily's guardian angel was certainly watching out for her! The Grodeckas are big-time animal people—German Shepherds their breed of choice. Debra does behavior consulting, teaches obedience, is APDT certified, and a host of other things. Lily could not have found a more perfect couple.

Lily was taken to the vet, had her shots, was checked over including HW, and settled into a cozy existence, albeit temporary.. The Grodeckas called St. Louis, and we agreed to take Lily. They could not say enough about her—sweet, loving, and all the things you love to hear about a Samoyed.

## St. Louis Samoyed Rescue Jackie Parchman

We located a foster home. Joe Grodecka drove her up to St. Louis preparing to leave her in her foster home. Lily had other ideas. The minute Joe left she turned into a snarling beast. Our rescue reps tried everything, but no go.

By this time, Joe was well on his way home to Rogers. Carolyn called Joe and without hesitation, he turned around and came back. The minute he walked through the door, Lily changed back into the sweet docile girl. So he took her back to Rogers.

Deborah had worked for several years in an animal behavior facility in Boston. Both the Groceckas felt that Lily deserved some sort of chance to change her behavior. They couldn't do it because she was already wonderful with them. Deborah prevailed upon her former co-workers—could they possibly take Lily and try to work their wonders on her. Yes, they would. We wondered how Lily would get to Boston.

Amazingly, Deborah Grodecka drove her personally. The happy ending, of course, is that Lilly was indeed rehabilitated and has been placed in a "forever" home.

## Blue's Story

## St. Louis Samoyed Rescue Sue Kabler

Blue began his life in a Missouri puppy mill and would have faced a very bleak future filled with neglect and abuse. But fate stepped in and the puppy mill was closed down. When St. Louis Samoyed Rescue heard about Blue's need for a new home, volunteers drove nearly 200 miles to rescue him. They brought him to St. Louis, got him medical help and took him to a very special kennel where he could rest, play and be pampered.

Because St. Louis Samoyed Rescue was overwhelmed with dogs at that time, they asked for help. There were several National Samoyed Rescue groups that asked for Blue and it was decided that he would go to San Francisco Samoyed Rescue group. The NSR sent grant money to St. Louis to pay for his trip and expenses.

Blue was chauffeured first to Columbia, MO, then on to Lawrence, KS, and finally to Denver, CO.



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## Wonderland Samoyed Picnic

Wonderland Samoyed Safe Haven  
Sarah Lichtenfelt



Wonderland recently had our annual Sammy picnic and what a Wonderful time we had. We do our picnic in coordination with the Michigan Samoyed Rescue and we had a river of white every place, it was Wonderful to see. Bringing these babies in sick, matted, scared and sad is a tough job - it makes it a much easier job when they come back healthy, happy, beautifully groomed and more than in love with their families.

We had a very special adoption recently that I will never forget. A Sammy named Kellee was very nervous she spun in circles all the time she paced and cried just nervous no matter who was there or what we were doing at the time. A mentally handicapped couple had applied for a dog and we were just

waiting for the right dog to come along. One we knew they could handle easily. It turned out Kellee was that dog. They walk her all the time sometimes a couple times a day, she is no longer doing circles, she sleeps in bed with them and gives all the signs of being in a perfect home. Sometimes you just never know...

It seems that in 2007 rescue has slowed a bit, we brought in about 35 dogs in 2006 and so far for 2007 (with only two months left) we have rescued around 20. Just more than half as many! To feel like you are making a difference to each individual dog is blessing but to feel like what you are doing may be making a difference in the overall picture is So Much More Than That!!!

## Blue's Story continued

He stayed there for a few days of rest and relaxation with Denver Samoyed Rescue. Then he took the final leg of his journey on a flight to San Francisco where he was met and whisked to his foster home. Once there, he settled in and learned how great being in a loving home could be. Blue is now in his forever home with a wonderful family and a Sammy for a best pal.



## Affiliates Websites

**Samoyed Club of Central Arizona**

[www.geocities.com/azsammyrescue](http://www.geocities.com/azsammyrescue)

**Samoyed Rescue of Southern California**

[www.socalsamoyedrescue.org](http://www.socalsamoyedrescue.org)

**San Francisco Samoyed Rescue**

[www.sfsr.org](http://www.sfsr.org)

**St. Louis Samoyed Rescue**

[www.stlsamrescue.org](http://www.stlsamrescue.org)

**Tarheel Samoyed Rescue**

[hjortac@aol.com](mailto:hjortac@aol.com)

**Wonderland Samoyed Safe Haven**

[www.wssh.org](http://www.wssh.org)

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*Blue in rescue and then with his new family*

# Parker Finds Love in All The Right Places

Northern Illinois Samoyed Assistance  
Jean Gilles



*Parker's story is far from unique for anyone familiar with animal rescue efforts but it's a story that needs to be shared to bring public awareness to the plight of discarded pets. Shelters everywhere are bursting at the seams with cast out seniors, adults and litter upon litter of puppies.*

Several times since it's inception NISA has been able to help helpless Samoyed strays facing a not-so-happy-ending future at a local shelter or pound and each one is a story in and of itself. None-the-less this story reads like a Fairy Tale come true; a diabetic dog, with a raging urinary infection, and blind with cataracts tossed to the street like a bag of trash finds help, improved health, and happiness among strangers.

Parker was plucked from harms way from a local shelter with the help of shelter volunteer, Becky Monroe, early in September 2007. A sweet natured dog he was, but hidden behind his easy going demeanor and wagging tail lurked major health is-



sues.

Following his intake Parker was hospitalized for over a month, dangerously high and dangerously low glucose levels plagued his body until he finally stabilized in November. The cost \$2147. The next hurdle, transporting him to long-time NISA member Dr. Kathleen McManamon who volunteered to provide continued care, was in part covered by Bob Gilles, with Steve and Pat Jacobson covering the longest and final lap of Parkers' journey to Champaign, IL.

Dr. McManamon (Doc Mac) instantly fell in love with him! Soon after his arrival arrangements were made for Parkers cataract surgery at the U. of I., which successfully restored his vision 100%. The cost \$3100. But keeping him once he regained his sight was not an option, Parker viewed Doc Mac's cockatoo, Millie, as

if she were a "snack!"

The final chapter in Parker's fairy tale came in the form of an application to adopt from Patty Potts of Ohio. With prior experience managing canine

diabetes, Patty was a perfect candidate. "IF" she was willing to take on a special needs dog, that is.

Alan Zielinski was called upon to contact Patty to discuss Parker and his need for a very special human in his life. We'll never know if it was Alan's persuasive ways or Parkers handsomeness that swayed Patty but it was a go!

January 27th Patty, her good friend, Rod, and little Casey-chew, a



lab-mix, headed off to Champaign to meet Parker and possibly bring him home. **The smiles pretty much sum up the outcome!**

Time was spent getting acquainted; Casey liked the idea of a big (real big) brother and Parker was luv-struck at first SIGHT (pun intended!) so it was time to cover details. Doc and Patty discussed follow-up eye check-ups, insulin needs and dietary recommendations and soon Parker was headed off to his FUR-EVER home — as Patty put it.

From the street to a loving home, all fixed and repaired with a little help from 7 strangers and a big bunch of generous supporters who cared. And, so ends our fairy tale!



## Support Your Samoyed Rescue

Jim Becklund

***If every SCA member would contribute roughly \$20 to Samoyed rescue their total contribution could potentially total in the thousands of dollars.***

No matter where you live there is a Samoyed rescue group or individual rescuer near you and they need your support. These rescuers rely on fundraisers to support themselves. Adoption fees are the Fair Market Value set upon a dog when it is purchased from rescue. This FMV is often times set at the best case scenario for rehabbing a rescue dog. However, in usual cases the adoption fee hardly comes close to covering vet expenses, grooming costs, boarding and shelter fees to name just a few of the potential expenses. In some cases a single worthwhile rescue Samoyed may cost hundreds if not thousands of dollars more than the adoption fee. Many times rescue judges the potential future of their charges not on what it costs but on their evaluation of what the rescue dog may become in the right home. This is why fundraising is so important.

The fundraising for rescue

ranges from dog treat cookbooks, dog treats, garage sales, calendars to events like booths at dog shows and pizza parties. A small thing like \$10 for a cookbook or \$6 for a bag of all natural peanut butter dog treats or \$25 for a calendar with a large percentage of the profits going to rescue is a small price to pay to keep the hopes and dreams of deserving rescue dogs and rescuers going. Even donating used dog items in good shape such as collars, leashes and dog crates is a huge amount of help to rescue. General items can also be donated to auctions. These items are also tax deductible if the rescue is a tax except entity. For those with special skills or talents like photography for one can donate a few hours a month to help.

Even at the national level we do fundraisers with the proceeds going to help our affiliated rescues. Local and national rescue also rely on monetary contributions from Samo-

yed owners and lovers. We at the national level have an account set aside that is strictly for the care of dogs in need. If funds are contributed specifically to that account be assured that that is exactly where it will go.

The monetary donation does not need to be large because even many small donations add up. A recent mass rescue intake of hundreds of Chihuahuas in Arizona prompted some of their rescue people to suggest that each and every member of their club contribute the dollar amount of one entry fee in a show to help these dogs. A small price to pay I think. If each and every SCA member would contribute roughly \$20 to Samoyed rescue their total contribution could potentially total in the thousands of dollars. This would send the hearts of rescuers fluttering.

So the next time rescue has a fundraiser or you have some extra cash you'd like to go to a worthwhile cause think of rescue. **BUY OFTEN AND PASS THE WORD.**

## Think Spring

Wonderland Samoyed Safe Haven  
Sarah Lichtenfelt

This is when all of the Sams go from two coats to one.. Getting all of that under coat out can be tough we have found with some of our dogs that all the brushing in the world won't get all of that under coat out. What these Sams really need is to have their coats blown out with a high pressure blower. The blower of choice for us is the K-9 line a K-9 mini works well for a home with only a Sam or two but any more then that moving up to the K-9 II or III would be the best bet. If purchasing an actual blower isn't on your families purchase list right now, you can get a shop vac from Home Depot for about \$80 that has a blower attached to it that works just as well. That way you know you are getting all of their under coat out and avoiding the extra matting it can cause by being there.

Also a lot of us have crawled in our houses and stayed their through winter. After all who wants to be out in all that cold! This is the time to get those leashes out and get back in the habit of going for a walk a couple times a week maybe even more! Your Sammy will appreciate and it will make you feel good too! Last but not least by a long shot have enjoy your Spring and do your best to avoid the rain.

## TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

St. Louis Rescue

This will be the motto of the Rescue Booth at the Samoyed Specialty in Topeka, September 30 through October 4, 2008. Lori Chapek-Carleton is in charge, and she is referring to me as her wing-woman--I think that's back-up/assistant. We are actively soliciting advice, input, recommendations and, of course, assistance planning and helping before it happens and on-site with the booth itself. Please encourage any of your adoptive families and foster families who may be able to attend to consider doing so for the Rescue Parade, which will be Wednesday evening, and to participate in other ways if they want to. For more information, contact Lori at [xamoyedx@aol.com](mailto:xamoyedx@aol.com), or me, Jackie Parchman, [jmoparch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmoparch@sbcglobal.net). **Hope to hear from you that you'll be coming.**

## Chicagoland Pet Show

Northern Illinois Samoyed Rescue  
Marilyn, Daisy Mae, & Danny Frank

Well, another Family Pet Show has come and gone. What a great show it was! I think everyone was so glad that the show was moved back to Arlington Park Race Track. If you weren't able to make it out to the show, our booth was in a great location...just past the marble staircase on the main floor.

The booth was second from the end, so it was pretty impossible to miss us...especially when there were 7 beautiful Samoyeds there at one time! Alan Zelinski had his four fuzzers, Sasha, Sunny, Niko, and Klondike there, Steve and Pat Jacobson had Carly, and Curt and Vivian Jones had Quincy and Ally. If Tom and I and Ken & Justin Kortge had gotten there a bit earlier, then there would have been 10 Samoyeds to behold! As it was, there were 6 dogs after Tom and I arrived with Daisy Mae and Danny and Ken & Justin arrived with Sophie.

You should have heard the oooos and ahhhhhs when people walked by the aisle and saw a sea of white fur and wagging tails, and smiling fuzzy faces! It was just AWESOME! The fuzzers were in 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven with everyone stopping to touch them. Almost everyone that touched Danny got the pleasure of rubbing his belly. If anyone touched him, he would roll over for a rubbing and then give a forlorn look when the person had to stop.

It was wonderful getting to talk to people and answer questions they had about the Samoyeds. Of course, the two most asked questions were 1. "Do they shed a lot?" When told that they really only blow their coat 1-2 times a year, we got a lot of raised eyebrows. I told people that I grew up with German Shepherds that shed a lot more and all year round. 2. "Do you have to bathe them all of the time?" When told that they need to be brushed out, but for the most part their fur is self-cleaning, we again got a lot of raised eyebrows.

But there was no denying the lure these dogs had on just about everyone. There were a lot of people that wanted their picture taken with the fuzzers. Many people commented on their smiling faces, and constantly wagging tails. And "Oh, my gosh!!!! They are SOOOO BEAUTIFUL"! Of course, all of us who have the pleasure and honor of owning these gorgeous dogs already know that!

There were quite a few people who were very interested in volunteering and adopting the available "Diamonds". Let's all keep our fingers and paws crossed that we will be welcoming new members and new volunteers, and that many of our "Diamonds" will soon be finding their "Forever Homes"!



*Marilyn at the Chicagoland Pet Show sharing her Samoyeds Danny and Daisy Mae. Daisy is wearing her "I'm Adopted" scarf.*

## A Cookie Recipe for our furry friends

Wonderland Samoyed  
Safe Haven  
Sarah Lichtenfelt

### Peanut Butter Puppy Poppers

2 cups of whole-wheat flour  
1 tablespoon of baking powder  
1 cup peanut butter  
1 cup milk



Preheat oven to 375°F. In a bowl combine flour and baking powder. In another bowl mix peanut butter and milk then add dry ingredient and mix well. Place dough on lightly floured surface and knead. Roll dough onto 1/4 inch thickness and use a cookie cutter to cut into shapes.

Bake for 15 to 20 minutes on a greased baking sheet until lightly brown. Cool on rack, then store in an air tight container.

Watch your cookies they can burn easily.

## SAVING ONE AT A TIME

### *The Story of the Starfish*

As the old man walked along the beach at dawn, he noticed a young man ahead of him picking up starfish and then flinging them into the sea. Finally, catching up with the youth, the old man asked him why he was doing this. The answer was that the stranded starfish would die if left out in the morning sun. "But the beach goes on for miles, and then are millions of starfish," countered the old man. "How can your effort make any difference?" The young man looked at the starfish in his hand and then threw it to safety in the waves. "It makes a difference to this one," he said.



*Author unknown*

# Peek A Boo

Wonderland Samoyed Safe Haven  
Sarah Lichtenfelt

On a Tuesday evening Sarah got a call from Husky Rescue saying they had found a Sammy on the streets of Detroit and they were trying to catch him. They wanted to know if we could bring him in if they got him. We encouraged them to do their best to catch him and offered a hand.

On that Friday they called to say he had been caught via live trap and tuna as no one could get close enough to catch him with hands. He was covered with burs from the tip of his ears to the tip of his tail. Again with thanks to the Loving Hearts at Vet Med Hospital in Flint MI he didn't have to be shaved. They worked on him both while he was sleeping (from his neuter) and after he woke up. Causing them to fall in love with him in no time flat!



The good news for Peek A Boo is (yes there really is some) we think he got free before the abuse began. It seems based on what Peek A Boo has showed us that he did not know or understand people much but now he is the happiest most grateful inside dog you have ever known. He loves to get pet and seems confident that no one at the Sammy Ranch would hurt him. Loud noises or sudden movements still startle him a bit but that is to be expected.

One of the signs that show me they are resting comfortably is when they stay laying down when you walk past them and Peek A Boo has happily choose his place in the hall way between all three bedrooms and he no longer feels the need to jump up for nothing but footsteps. At first, getting him in and out the door to go potty was tough but now he happily runs in and out just like all the other Sammies.

He will continue to make bounds forward we are sure of that



# Annie Reid Prints Benefit NSR

Annie has graciously donated her wonderful prints "The Cherished Samoyed", "The Affectionate Samoyed", and "The Complete Samoyed" to be sold with all the proceeds going to rescue. You not only get a wonderful print, but you will also help a Samoyed in need. Each print is \$65.

Congratulations to Annie! "The Complete Samoyed" won first prize at the Art Show at the Samoyed Club of America 2007 National Specialty!

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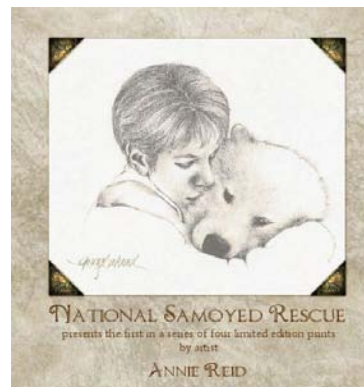
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TO HELP  
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IN NEED:**



**“ONE SMILE AT A TIME.”**

**Mission Statement** The mission of National Samoyed Rescue is to provide resources, support and guidance to assist rescuers, regional breed club, breeders and fanciers in order to promote the humane and effective rescue of Samoyeds in need.

Come see what National Samoyed Rescue is really all about. Visit us through our website at: <http://www.samoyedrescue.org>. You are invited to chat with us on our Forums (open to the entire Samoyed Community), and get to know your regional NSR Affiliated Rescues:

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Harnessed to Hope Northern Breed Rescue  
Michigan Samoyed Rescue  
Minuteman Samoyed Club Rescue  
Northern California Sled Dog Rescue  
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If for any reason you want to contact the National Samoyed Rescue Board you may do so by email to: [nsrboard@samoyedrescue.org](mailto:nsrboard@samoyedrescue.org).

If you know of a Samoyed in need contact [info@samoyedrescue.org](mailto:info@samoyedrescue.org). A staff of corresponding secretaries working on a two month rotation will transfer your concerns to the closest affiliated Rescue.

Remember that each and everyone of us are volunteering our “free” time to help the Samoyeds so please bear with us. We will get back to you as soon as we are able.

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