



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.

Helping one smile at a time — Jim Becklund

To those who have decided to dedicate their lives to picking up the pieces of the forgotten ones it may seem like a monumental task that they face doing it all by themselves. There is so much needed to ensure that each dog helped in to a new forever home has all the advantages a dog deserves.

In addition to the vet care, grooming, socialization, training, and all the other work that actually goes in to the dogs, these dedicated people also are expected to organize and run fundraisers, coordinate transport, work on advertising to help

find potential adopters, then screening the applicants as they appear, as well as running a website, following up with adopters and numerous other tasks. It's overwhelming at times.

This is why National Samoyed Rescue exists. The NSR Board and our affiliated regional rescues have been brought together to work as a single unit, individual yet united in our single cause. We have learned that the task we have set for ourselves is that much easier when we work together in a positive atmosphere to help Samoyeds in need.

The feeling of never being alone in any given situation and the feeling of never being afraid to ask for help and advice takes the urgency out of the process.

That is what it's all about; an even flow from the time a dog comes in need, is rehomed, and finally placed in a home.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP SAMOYEDS IN NEED:

"ONE SMILE AT A TIME."

Spreading the Rescue Around

Beverly Andalora, San Francisco Samoyed Rescue (SFSR)

One of the things you quickly realize when you talk to rescuers from around the country is that some areas of the U.S. get a lot more Samoyeds in rescue than other areas do. And some rescues have more adoption applicants and more foster homes than others. This means that sometimes a group is unable to take in a dog needing assistance because they just don't have the room or the funds to take on another dog.

One way the NSR affiliates have been trying to help resolve this problem is

by "spreading the rescue around". While San Francisco Samoyed places an average of about 30-35 dogs a year, we still at times have periods where we have foster homes available. During a few of those times, SFSR was able to help other groups that were overwhelmed with dogs. Among these dogs are a couple of undersocialized, shy Sammies. One, a Sammy named Blue, came from a Missouri puppy mill. Another is my current foster girl, Pearl, a stray from a shelter in Southern California.



Taavi, pictured with Carson, came into rescue a real mess, with oozing sores all over her body. Pictured here on their way home from an SFSR event.

It's a tremendous satisfaction to see these rescues blossom from shy, frightened dogs into happy, loving fuzzballs and know you helped them get there! Especially when you realize they might otherwise not have had a chance to find their forever homes. It's great working with other rescues across the U.S. to help save these wonderful dogs!

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Shelter Liaisons: NSR's next step?

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First of all, Congratulations to NSR, its staff, and the Affiliate members for another huge step forward in communication with the four corners of rescue. This newsletter is another great way to say, "This is who we are, this is what we do, this is why it's important and hey everyone, jump in the water is great!"

As much as I look forward to and enjoy the quarterly Affiliates conference calls, unfortunately not everyone can participate due to "conflicting schedules" so this will provide another venue to stay connected and share thoughts to expand NSR. I have learned so much and gathered many new contacts to benefit NISA through NSR and the Affiliates - more than I ever thought possible, let's say.

Shelter Liaisons

Perhaps another avenue for NSR to pursue could be to enlist the help of SCA members throughout

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Corresponding Secretaries

Many of you have done this job—a couple of months of receiving e-mails from Info@SamoyedRescue.org.

And some interesting e-mails there are. One on my shift was from a woman who lived in Switzerland part of the year and in Monaco part of the year. She wanted to adopt a Sammy, knew enough to go to "info" but wasn't sure where we were located.

Long story short, one of the lists has a member from Germany who was able to furnish the name of the rescue organization in Europe. She explained the system they use, and it's almost exactly like ours right down to the application, home visit and other adoption procedures. Last time I heard she had decided to get a puppy and was working with a breeder from somewhere nearby.

And just why is it that when a person needs to get rid of her dog, she can write paragraphs about the reason, what a wonderful dog it is, how frantic she is, but she doesn't say WHERE she is. (And oftentimes, the dog is ten years old.)

Last time I did it, there was an e-mail from Toronto. Apparently a breeder had

sold a puppy to a family in the States. The puppy was nine months old, going through adolescence, and getting pretty bossy about it. The breeder asked for help in locating a person in that town who could help with the behavior problem.

Of course, there is always the person who thinks we have a fully staffed cadre of probably paid personnel who are just waiting to act on her e-mail and wonders why she hasn't had a response in a couple of hours.

On the other hand, a person wants to adopt. She wants a two-year-old male, who is good with children and cats (and possibly chickens or ducks), won't run away if he is not in a fenced yard, walks well on a leash—and by the way, do Samoyeds shed much?

Nonetheless, (do I have to say this) it's very rewarding and most people are genuinely kind and considerate. If you've haven't tried it, you might want to do so. Gives you a chance to touch base with other affiliates.

Please accept this with a grin, guys. I'm volunteering again next year!

Jackie, St. Louis Samoyed Rescue

Time to add a new member to the family



Back in August I called the Samoyed Rescue of Southern California (SRSC). We had grieved a year for our 12 year old Sadira and felt it might be time to add a new member to

our family.

A few days after I contacted SRSC Dawn called me and told about a possible adoptee at the Chula Vista shelter down near the border with Mexico, which is quite close to us. I rushed down to meet a completely dirty, bedraggled and fairly crazy acting 2 year old Sammy. He had been in the kennel just shy of two weeks without any interest in him. Death row was on his agenda.

After putting him in the room with the cats to make sure he didn't want to eat them I took him out for a stroll. He was much more interested in other dogs and not at all in people. Hmm! Several strikes against this boy I thought. On the other hand look at his surroundings. I wasn't sure what he needed but the big sleep probably wasn't it. The staff said he was quite a sweetie when he was in a more reasonably quiet area. We'd give him an opportunity.

So we headed for the car and a new home one scorching August day. He shivered and was deathly afraid of the car. Manuvering 100 pounds of shaking and unhappy dog into the car is not my idea of fun but I knew we had a remedy for his affliction. Straight to the McDonald's Drive through and a \$.99 double cheeseburger was our first destination. All of a sudden the car ride wasn't (Continued on page 3.)

National Samoyed Rescue...the smart choice

Making the decision to become part of National Samoyed Rescue (NSR) wasn't terribly difficult for us. The benefits gained from being part of NSR have proven our decision to be a correct one. We have received help from the NSR and our fellow affiliates in several different areas.

Our affiliate's conference calls give each of us a chance to ask advice about various situations that arise in our area that perhaps another affiliate has already faced and found solutions for. Also, the phone calls give us a chance to trade ideas about fundraising, rescue policies, difficult adoption situations, etc.

We have had in Missouri several situations when we've been overwhelmed with incoming Sammys in need. Offers from other affiliate rescue groups have, in each instance,

been forthcoming. In the case of Blue, we worked with Denver and San Francisco to get him to San Francisco where he found his forever home and family.

We now have a situation where a great couple rescued ten Samoyeds from a "going out of business" backyard breeder and took them all to their farm in northwest Missouri. We've been working with them to get the Sams neutered or spayed, all the necessary shots, HW tests and get them chipped. That has been accomplished with only one of them HW positive. He's here in St. Louis for treatment. We've found homes for three of the adult dogs and all three of the puppies. So their futures are looking good.

Again, we received offers of help from both Michigan Samoyed Rescue groups

and San Francisco Samoyed Rescue.

Just as important as the support mentioned previously has been the financial support that we've had from NSR. We received a grant to help with the expenses for Blue, and we're receiving grant help with our current "batch" of white furies. We're reimbursing this wonderful couple for the expenses they've assumed for caring for the Sams.

All in all, becoming part of NSR has been a win-win situation for us in St. Louis.

Ginger, (pictured below) the first Samoyed adopted through St. Louis Samoyed Rescue.



Time to add a new member to the family ... conclusion

such bad a proposition.

Five more rides, 3 with burgers two without, and he was a confirmed back seat AAA doggie.

At home to our chagrin he was totally un-housetrained. His only skill was the ability to not choke himself on a lead. Mind you, he could chew through any lead but a metal one in 5 seconds flat. From his behavior it appears as though he was staked out in a yard and never allowed in a house. He must have then barked as he has also had one of his vocal chords cut. Some people have interesting solutions to life's problems don't they?

I'm happy to report that Count Basie has calmed down completely and learned a great many things in the last five months. He gets a mile and a half walk off lead every morning which he adores. He is now, in February, quite civilized.

He knows not only his name but finer manners like sitting at the door to see who is visiting us, not stretching his full height to see out the window. He's also learned that trying to put his paws on everyone's shoulders to say hello, barking at anything other than a lurker and chasing the cat, among many other things, are just not done.

We now can and do take him everywhere. He will become a therapy dog soon following in the footsteps of his predecessor. We adore him and he seems to feel the same towards us. He has rules he understands and they are enforced religiously. He obeys and is entrusted with the freedom and responsibility he deserves and shoulders gladly. Sammys love to have work and be part of everything that's going on, Basie is no exception and we are all delighted with each other.

Thank you SRSC.....keep up the good work.

Suzie Hammond

Shelter Liasons: NSR's next step?

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the country to assist rescue by serving as shelter liaisons.

Sadly, there are still too many states lacking local rescue coverage, hence the need to rely on individuals with little or no knowledge of the Samoyed breed and/or temperament testing. I can handle a misidentification but I, for one, would feel 100% better knowing Kujo is not headed my way on a long-distant transport from Kentucky, Tennessee or other parts of the southwest.

Let's keep the wheels of progress rolling forward now that the track is laid.

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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:

Central Florida Samoyed Rescue, Inc.
Delaware Valley Samoyed Rescue
Harnessed to Hope Northern Breed Rescue
Michigan Samoyed Rescue
Minuteman Samoyed Club Rescue
Northern California Sled Dog Rescue
Northern Illinois Samoyed Assistance

Samoyed Club of Central Arizona Rescue
Samoyed Rescue of Southern California
San Francisco Samoyed Rescue
St. Louis Samoyed Rescue
Tarheel Samoyed Rescue
Wonderland Samoyed Safe Haven

If for any reason you want to contact the National Samoyed Rescue Board you may do so by email to: nsrboard@samoyedrescue.org.

If you know of a Samoyed in need contact 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.
