



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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Issues That Are Important

Jim Becklund

I want to spend my time with you in this issue on a subject that is off topic to rescue, but impacts all of us as pet owners and rescuers—legislation. Ever since July 5, 1776 our local, state and federal legislative branches of government have been passing laws that “protect” our basic rights to “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” while at the same time “protect” us from the “evil doers” of our nation. Most of these laws we can agree are good. However, over the last 10 plus years we as pet owners and animal welfare people have been assaulted by a new legislative agenda—our basic right to own and enjoy our companion animals.

Some of the terms we as dog owners must be aware of are Mandatory Spay Neuter (MSN), Breed Specific Legislation (BSL), and due process of law. These are all things that have been proposed or passed in legislation at the local and state level. Let me take a minute to tell you about each of these things and the impact they have on us.

First, mandatory spay neuter may sound great to those of us in rescue since we all have a clause in our adoption contracts stating that all rescue dogs must be spayed or neutered. So what is the difference between MSN and rescues contractual agreement? There is a simple answer to that—the contractual spay/neuter clause in a rescue contract is voluntary while legislated MSN is just that, mandatory! This form of legislation has been proposed statewide in California and passed locally in Texas. The rational for MSN is that there is a huge pet overpopulation problem in this country and people should not buy from a breeder while dogs

suffer in our shelters and pounds. Yes, as rescuers we know there are way too many dogs without homes, but we all know that many of these dogs do not come from breeders who do things right and hold themselves responsible for all they produce. The major problem comes from the irresponsible owners who let their dogs roam free and the backyard breeders who are in it only for the money. Rather than mandate that all dogs be spayed or neutered as young as four months old we should be supporting the enforcement of laws already on the books.

Breed Specific Legislation or the banning of keeping specific breeds in specific areas is one of the worst legislative

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agendas I can ever imagine. Right now many of the breed bans are focused on several of the “bully breeds.” In areas like Ontario, Canada and Denver, Colorado, to name just two of the many areas, it is illegal to own some bully breed dogs.

There are no “grandfather clauses” no exceptions. If you own any of these breeds you’d better move, find a new home for your dog outside the area or risk the chance that it will be seized by animal control and euthanized. You may say, “What does this have to do with me. I own a Samoyed and Samoyeds are nice family oriented dogs.”

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Affiliates Websites

Central Florida Samoyed Rescue

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

Deleware Valley Samoyed Recue

sandyphifer@hotmail.com

Harnessed to Hope

[www.gimpydogs.com/
hthnbr](http://www.gimpydogs.com/hthnbr)

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)

New Mexico Samoyed Rescue

Northern California Sled Dog

www.NorSled.org

Northern Illinois Samoyed Assistance

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

Keep your eyes on you pets

by Sandra Haros/KTAR

Keep your eyes on your pets. That's the word from the American Kennel Club which says dog-nappings are on the rise.

Lisa Peterson with the AKC says thieves are cashing in on unsuspecting dog lovers.

"When you're at home or walking around don't let your dog off the leash. We advise people not to leave their dog unattended in their yard," says Peterson.

"Also be wary of people who walk up to you and start asking questions about what the value of the dog might be."

Peterson says the AKC has been tracking media reports of dog-napping across the nation. "We treat our pets like our children and clearly thieves are trying to capitalize on this emotional connection we have with our animals.

She says thieves will "hold the dog for ransom or re-sell the dog or maybe even breed the dog and sell the offspring."

Animal Protection Tips from AKC:

- ♥ Don't let your dog off-leash
- ♥ Don't leave your dog unattended in your yard
- ♥ Keep purchase price to yourself
- ♥ Breeders need to be aware of home visits by potential puppy buyers
- ♥ Never leave dog unattended in car, even when locked
- ♥ Don't tie your dog outside a store
- ♥ Protect your pet with a microchip
- ♥ Keep a recent photo of your pet ready for flyers if your dog goes missing

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Something else you can do: Make a scent sample

From June, 2008 issue of St. Louis Tales in article about Bonnie Hale and her search dog, Murphy.



"People who really want to go above and beyond should make a scent sample of each of their pets in case they have to hire a trailing dog," Hale says. All you have to do is take a clean paper towel that no one has touched and rub it over your pet for three minutes, making sure to get her mouth, feet, and base of tail, then put it in a Ziploc bag. Label it with the pet's name and date, and put it in the freezer. You should change it yearly. Hale especially encourages this for households with multiple pets because it's hard to get just one pet's scent off a toy or other items in the house.

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“TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE” SAMOYED RESCUE BOOTH AT THE NATIONAL 2008

St. Louis Samoyed Rescue
Jackie Parchman

The Samoyed Club of American National Specialty is being held in Topeka, Kansas, this year from September 30 through October 4. Probably everyone this is going to know that already, but you never know.

Samoyed Rescue traditionally has a booth at the National and this year is no exception. Lori Chapek-Carleton, xamoyedx@aol.com, is chairing the Rescue Booth committee, and Jackie Parchman, jmoparch@sbcglobal.net, is her "wingwoman." In addition, Carolyn Herkstroeter, herkcmw@att.net, and Carl Herkstroeter, herkcc@att.net, are chairing the Rescue Parade.

The booth will be open Tuesday through the rest of the week, and the Rescue Parade will be Wednesday evening. There's no entry fee for the parade, but anyone who wishes to participate

PLEASE ENCOURAGE ANY OF YOUR ADOPTIVE FAMILIES AND FOSTER FAMILIES WHO MAY BE ABLE TO ATTEND TO CONSIDER DOING SO FOR THE RESCUE PARADE

needs to write a bio of 75 words or less describing her/his dog(s) and send it to the Herk-

stroeters at 10221 Capitol Drive, St. Louis, Missouri, before the September 15 deadline. There'll be goodie bags for the dogs, and your dog's bio will be read as you walk around the ring. (Also, I think, some surprises!) A form is in the show packet under "Rescue Parade."

2008 RESCUE PIN

Isn't it cute?! Check out the new rescue pin (right) Quantity is limited so order up fast. Cost is \$7 each to buy one from NSR. Why not order some to sell to your members? Contact Sandy Phifer: porosha@comcast.net

Also, on the agenda for Wednesday will be Rescue's silent auction. Items do not need to be Sammy related (but of course, those are most popular).

If you would like to donate something, you may bring it to the National when you come or ship it to the hotel addressed to Lori. Just remember this is a one day event! You may designate which rescue group you wish want the money from your item to go to or just have it go to the general fund to sharing with all the rescue groups who work at the booth.

In addition, all rescue groups are invited to bring things to sell to make money for their groups. It's important that you let us know ahead of time if you will be doing this because we need to code the cash register for your group. You will also need to identify all items with your rescue group's name.

The Dog Wash will again be available, and the Rescue Booth will be selling raffle tickets for the tubs.

We will of course need volunteers to man/woman the booth, so if you know you will be there and can work some hours, please let us know--if possible ahead of time.

For additional information/questions or to volunteer, please feel free to e-mail Lori or Jackie.

We look forward to having a very successful booth and to seeing you there.

Affiliates Websites

Samoyed Club of Central Arizona

www.geocities.com/azsammyrescue

Samoyed Rescue of Southern California

www.socalsamoyedrescue.org

San Francisco Samoyed Rescue

www.sfsr.org

St. Louis Samoyed Rescue

www.stlsamrescue.org

Tarheel Samoyed Rescue

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Wonderland Samoyed Safe Haven

www.wssh.org



Paws for Life and two more rescues go to forever homes

Northern Illinois Samoyed Assistance
Jean Gilles

Hello again from soggy Chicagoland! I have some exciting news to share with NSR's readers - actually I've got a boatload of news but I'll try to keep it brief so my rescue partners have space for their great news too.

First off I want to invite our readers to Sam O Rama on September 21. All details will soon be on the web at www.nisasamoyedrescue.org and the event is open to any and all Sammie owners whether your best Fur-Friend came from a breeder, shelter, another rescue group, an ad in the paper or was found wandering the streets. Canine attendance however, is restricted to Samoyed and their housemates only.

PAWS...FOR LIFE dog walk and K9 Festival

Now for the news part! This past spring NISA partnered with the Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, located in Barrington, to organize Paws...For Life dog walk and K9 Festival, which is scheduled for October 5. Proceeds generated by this event will benefit abandoned and unwanted Samoyeds and the hospital's breast cancer support group. We've got a lot of work cut out for us but I can't think of a better reason to work my tail off than for these two causes!!

Attractions will include food and

product vendors, local shelter and rescue organizations, service providers, canine demonstrations, a raffle basket table filled with wonderful products, canine costume contest, and many more fun-filled activities for the whole family to enjoy. If any of you have connections with pet product suppliers and would like to donate product for the raffle baskets, please send it along. We've got 50 mini-sized laundry baskets to fill with goodies and roughly 100 doggie goodie bags to assemble with assorted free stuff!

Then to add spice to planning two back to back events, two of NISA's dogs headed off to homes in distance places the end of June. One is a repeat adopter that we've known for several years dating back to the mid-90's when we arranged the adoption of a Mother and son owned by a local family. The applicant flew out to meet with the family and get acquainted with Tasha and Nikki-Bear and arrangements were made to have the family drive the dogs out to N.M. during their vacation. It worked out wonderfully because the family had peace of mind knowing their Fur-Kidz were in a truly great home. Several years later Tasha passed and NISA's Sugar was adopted as a companion to Nikki-Bear and the applicant, of course! Age eventually took Nikki-Bear and a few years later cancer took Sugar and again the applicant

Sammie-less. She flew out in March to visit NISA and again over Memorial Day and as it turned out she fell in love with our 11-year old Niko. Now the trick would be how to get him out to N.M.

Meantime we're also processing an application from Ohio. The recent and sudden loss of a Sammie companion left a huge hole in the heart of a gal named Laura. Phone calls and emails were flying for weeks as information was shared and details involving both parties came together. Once again all the cogs fell into place on the same weekend. Baer headed Southeast by car with NISA members and Niko headed Southwest on board a private Cessna 421. Our timing was perfect and matched with a company business trip and within a 24-36 hour period both Baer and Niko were settling into their new Fur-Ever homes.

Lastly you might be interested in the fact NISA will be E-Baying some great items just in time for Christmas shoppers. Recently one of NISA's supporters offered to put some merchandise on E-Bay for us since we received several fantastic items. Anne Copeland donated two hand knit sweaters made from Samoyed wool spun into yarn. They are truly gorgeous so you'll for sure want to watch for these items. In addition, several Scott Kennedy prints and miscellaneous other items were donated by a long-time supporter.

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Well, just take this in to consideration; once BSL is passed it is all too easy to keep adding breeds to that banned list and the Samoyed is already on the “suspect list” of 75 breeds that have had “issues” with human-dog relationship up to and including killing a human being. Please, don’t ever think our breed will never be affected.

Due process of law or “innocent until proven guilty” is one of the basic principles by which this country stands. Many of these new laws like BSL do just the opposite— if I’m a bully dog I’m dangerous and should be eliminated. There are no provisions in these laws that give these dogs the benefit of the doubt. They are just taken away and pts.

So, the next time you see any laws proposed in your area that may affect dog ownership, please, investigate and make your voice heard by your legislators. Also remember this quote from an unknown author—“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

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Paws for life *continued from preceding page*

These listings will be announced on NISA’s web site. Stop by and visit when you can.

www.nisasamoyedrescue.org

In closing I want to wish all of our breeder and rescue friends a truly great time at the upcoming Samoyed National Specialty. I hope there’s a huge turnout of entries for all the events and that the rescue booth raises a barrel full of funds to help homeless Samoyed near and far. Have a great time!!!!



Left: Bear at his forever home after his long car trip.

Above: Niko gets there fast as he prepares for his flight home.

Right: Niko on board his private plane with his travel companion, Ryan West..



An Apology to Breed Ban Enthusiasts

Rob MacBean
The Mongrel Hordes
Lake Cowichan, BC

"The following is a dramatization of what is happening unjustly to the "bully breeds" throughout the world. Please, don't think it can't happen to our beloved breed. The Samoyed is on the list of 75 breed who are targeted for breed specific legislation somewhere in the world. All you'd need to do is substitute Samoyed for pitbull to see the impact."

Jim & "the Furkidz"

I'm sorry you are frightened of my dogs and are trying to have them killed because they are pitbulls.

I'm sorry you lack the understanding of this breed's true history, gentleness with people, wonderful temperament, intelligence and behavioral conformation.

I'm sorry you won't read the ATTS stats regarding our breed's true temperament, putting it in the top four for temperament, scoring better than breeds like Golden Retrievers, and cocker spaniels.

I'm sorry that you side with and protect animal abusers by marking the breed of dog, and not the irresponsibility of the owner.

I'm sorry that by your logic I could steal a car, run some people over with it and then you can blame the make of car for the accident, as I walk free.

I'm sorry you generalize one breed of dog with one group of people.

I'm sorry you can't see the love and determination that many often highly educated, non-criminal and "normal" types of people show towards this breed and the great personal sacrifices that they make to take care of their dog responsibly.

I'm sorry you cannot go into the shelters and see the hundreds of abandoned and abused pitbulls, dying only for the inane "crime" of being born the breed they are.

I'm sorry you cannot see the look of disappointment in their eyes as someone walks by their kennel, and refuses to consider adopting them based on an ill educated fear mongering reporter.

I'm sorry that you cannot be there when the animal looks at a human for the last time, and in spite of betrayed by all humans they have met, their tail still wags as someone approaches with the syringe of Euthinol.

I'm sorry you cannot be there when law enforcement shoots one of your dogs dead inside it's own home in front of the children it mutually loves for simply getting off the dog bed and walking over to say hello with it's tail wagging.

I'm sorry you cannot be there to rescue pitbull puppies from a plastic bag in a dumpster, dumped there by someone switching their illegal and inhumane activities to another, more lucrative breed.

I'm sorry you cannot understand the difference between canine and human aggression, in the way that this breed can.

Yes, I'm saying my pitbull is smarter than you.

I'm sorry that the medieval witch-hunting genetics of intolerance, generalization, and racism make you feel the need to vilify a breed of dog.

I'm sorry that justice, equality, tolerance, common sense are all things you hold dear and expect from others, but do not yourself offer them towards a pitbull or its caregiver.

I'm sorry that you don't take the constructive time to petition changes that would deal out serious punishment to the real animal abusers.

I'm sorry you cannot see the disappointed look on a puppy's face when the people petting it quickly frown, and walk away when you tell them it is a pitbull.

I'm sorry you feel the need to terrorize my family and my dogs for crimes we never have and never will commit.

I'm sorry you don't have to live in fear of your dog's safety from hysterical and mentally unstable people trying to inflict all manner of evil upon your dogs.

I'm sorry that you cannot see my breed working in some of the best Search and Rescue groups in the world, saving countless lives each year.

I'm sorry our media censors and refuses to print the breed name "pitbull" when in connection with a positive act such as saving a person or child from a burning house, drowning, wild attacking animals, etc.

I'm sorry you cannot see the many pitbulls registered as therapy dogs and bringing so much joy to another misunderstood, neglected demographic in our society, the senior citizen.

I am sorry you can't see a pitbull kiss a child, step carefully over a kitten, or play in a sunbeam.

I'm sorry you cannot wake in the morning to feel a warm pitbull cuddled next to you in bed, and know that you are their total world, and even if the house caught fire and trapped you, they would stay with you to the end.

But, now that I really think about it, I'm not at all sorry you don't own a pitbull – you do not deserve one.

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Chance

Sue Kabler
St. Louis Samoyed Rescue



Chance is a beautiful, big Sammy boy that came to us in St. Louis in May of 2007. Her was adopted in October by what we thought would be his forever family. Unfortunately, due to an extreme

conflict with the family's old Chihuahua/Pomeranian mix, Chance came back to us.

Finally in May of this year, the perfect family came along. Chance not only has his own family, but it includes a very active 14 year-old boy.

But while Chance was still at Westinn Kennel before he was adopted this time, he did a wonderful good deed. One of the girls at Westinn was walking by his run. She tripped on something and fell, hitting her head on the cement, bleeding

quite a bit from the injury. She tried to call for help but her voice was very weak. Chance started woo-woo-ing and barking. Chris, the manager heard him from quite a distance away and went to see what was happening. She found the girl and rushed her to emergency for stitches. She's fine now.

The family that adopted Chance adore him and think he's the smartest, most wonderful dog in the world...of course.

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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byAnngharaad@cox.net

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Shipping: usually within 3 weeks of receipt of your order,

Thank you for your order and for supporting National Samoyed Rescue. *Clockwise: Cherished Samoyed; The Affectionate Samoyed; The Complete Samoyed.*



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**WE ARE HERE
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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Delaware Valley Samoyed Rescue
Harnessed to Hope Northern Breed Rescue
Michigan Samoyed Rescue
Minuteman Samoyed Club Rescue
New Mexico Samoyed Rescue
Northern California Sled Dog Rescue

Northern Illinois Samoyed Assistance, Inc.
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.

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