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The Newsletter of

The Siberian Husky Club of Greater Cleveland

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Letter from the President:

Hello and Happy New Year 2021 to all our SHCGC Members! This time of year Paula would be busy booking events for us in the community to showcase our wonderful breed, but this year we are still dealing with covid 19 protocol. Events are listed in the Calendar section of the Newsletter. Please feel free to contact me, Paula, Mary or Amy with any questions concerning event planning. Don't miss the wonderful story of Team Dash in this edition!

Hope to see Everyone Sooner than Later.

Sincerely,
Shelley Kacenski
President, SHCGC

Calendar

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Virtual Event

Trivia Nite 6:30-8:30 pm

Small video and Presentation

Held with Prog/web browser Crowdcast

Contact Mary Growth for details

Saturday, April 3, 2021

5 K Run / 1 mile Walk

Edgewater Park - Cleveland

Contact Amy Elder for Details

April 23-24, 2021

Spring Specialty Show

Cleveland All Breed

APRIL 2021 SPECIALTY CANCELLED

RESCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2021

STAY TUNED FOR DATE AND DETAILS

Contact Shelley and Mary for Details

June 12 &13, 2021

Supported Entry Both Days

Sunday Sweeps - puppy and veteran

Canton McKinley Dog Shows

August 5-8, 2021

Steel Valley Dog Shows Supported Entry All 4 Days

Canfield, Ohio - No Sweeps

Business

March: Nominating Committee for Officer Elections

April: Announce Slate of Officers and Board to club members

WEBSITE BUILDER: We are looking for an easier and more modern website builder. Please contact Leslie for input or details with any suggestions. We need to look at cost and efficiency. The Homestead has been maintained by Leslie and supported by Shawna, JR and Tyler.

Membership

Marisa DeSalvo – 1st reading at May 31, 2020 meeting, attended multiple events and meeting, needs 2nd reading and vote

Karen Pisner – had 2nd reading, attended 1 meeting, no vote

Katie Cloonan and Jeremy Hall – attended meeting on March 2019, attended 1 meeting and St Patty's Parade

Terri Lastovaka – have application – no readings

Regina Zarzeczny – no application

Specialty

Due to restrictions on indoor events, the show committee has decided to, once again, move our April Specialty from Cleveland All Breed to an outdoor venue in Lima, Ohio in the Fall. We are looking at teaming up with the Central Indiana Siberian Husky Club and holding a combined Specialty on Saturday and Sunday, where we have 2 shows on 1 day and the other club holds 2 shows on the other day, so 4 specialties in 2 days! Dates September 11-12, 2021. Sweepstakes held both days.

Announcements Birthdays, Brags

Reminder: The Board voted to extend Annual Club Membership Dues until 8/31/21 due to Covid-19. Stay Safe and Healthy!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOANN DUNN – FEBRUARY 13TH!

Welfare

Lynne Phillips Brother in Law passed away.

Please accept our deepest sympathy.

Enrichment

Here is an enriching story I want to share of one of our very own club members..... Don Wheeler, and his faithful companion, DASH! His story is below. I have included some fantastic photos of Don and Dash. A link to their story on YouTube is below! Enjoy this Wonderful team, Team Dash!!!!



[Team Dash](#)

This channel is created as a video journal of Dash and myself.

A life long dream to have a real sled dog.

FYI no sleds are involved as I am a wheelchair user.

From time to time I will post videos of Dash's training and our new adventures.

Dash became my partner in crime on Nov 2019.

www.youtube.com

Team Dash is a Wheelchair Mushing and Service Dog TEAM.

Feb. 10,2021

The history of our adventures started back in early 2019 when I joined the Siberian Husky Club of Greater Cleveland. After attending many club meetings and educational programs they offered, I decided it was time to get another husky. Although this time I did not just want a pet.

My goal was to become a successful wheelchair musher and for this husky to become my service dog. What a challenge, RIGHT!?

After roughly a year's time I finally found my next buddy. His name is Dash, a 3-year-old male from owner surrender. I took the chance and met the family in a parking lot. Dash took to me like a kid in a candy store. He picked ME and our journey started together from there. Oct. 2019



This is the picture of our ride to his new forever home.

After giving Dash a few months of de-stressing, we started our training. Dash has never been trained to mush or any form of training to be a service dog.

Jumping forward to the present, Team Dash has become a very successful wheelchair mushing team. We are approaching our 200 mile mark safely with much of it documented on YouTube. What a milestone achievement!



As for Dash's service dog training well....it's way more complex. He has learned a few things well. My disability is a spinal cord injury @ C 6/7 incomplete back in 2004. One of the things I suffer from is hypotension or low blood pressure. Just last week (Feb. 7, 2021) Dash performed one of his duties as he was trained. I gave him the ultimate test on this. Every morning I let Dash outside and I left the door open as I always do. I was sitting in my living room and I mimicked the actions that I trained him to recognize. Within a few seconds Dash was in front of me performing his job! Standing firmly in front

of me, so that I could lean forward on him preventing me from falling out of my wheelchair. How excited I was he did it! We now have two of the biggest tasks in training marked as a check. He has much more training and learning to go but I feel he's got this. Oh and on top of all this training, he still has time to be a normal playful husky.



Feel free to follow us on our adventures using #TeamDash in search on Facebook, Google or You Tube:

[TeamDash](#)



Team Dash thanks you for taking the time to read our story.