

Arizona Mountain Mushers



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OK, I'm sitting here trying to figure out where to start. It seems like life doesn't wait for me to get this newsletter done. So for that, I apologize. Where we left off was at the Weight Pull. It was very successful. Contributions exceeded 800 dollars. Everyone should be proud of that accomplishment.

From there we went to "Pets in the Pines." I came up The night before and Val was kind-hearted enough to tour me around Flagstaff, Parks and Williams. It was very enjoyable to see areas that I had not seen before. Alas, night fell, stars came out, weather was cool, and music was loud. OOPs, I'll save that story for another day!!! It took until noon before I could see in "color" again.

At the "Pets in the Pines" event every time an animal was adopted, a bell rang. I'm here to tell you that bell rang a lot!!!! Cheryl and Frank kicked off the event, followed by Debra and Val. Coming in for a sneak peek were Frank Loro and his dog, Wolf. By the way as of this writing Frank now has a team of rescue dogs for competing this winter! Go Frank! Followed by Gery and Perry. Everyone really enjoyed Frank and Gery's dogs. Ooohhhhs and aaahhhas. While there we managed to collect several names of people interested in our club.. Rome wasn't build in a day, (nor was this newsletter) and we should try every day to spread the word about our great organization.

Summer is here and it's hot. Fires have started and of course we all become very concerned. The temperatures rise, pets and people suffer from the heat. So please be careful.

Plus the simplest rule, do not leave your pets in the car during the summer. The temperatures rise very very quickly. And don't second guess that you think they will be OK, they won't be ok.

Hopefully many of us our doing summer chores with fixing, mending, repairing, replacing damaged or old

equipment. If you are in need of equipment let me know and we can start a list. Maybe we can get some good "swapping" of equipment.

The events that have touched many of our hearts are the passing of canines and friends.

Mary lost her best friend, Mayhem – MBISS CH Oshvah's The Devil Made Me Do It (Mayhem) August 14 1998 to May 28 2012



Gery lost *Kopi*

Shirley and Dave lost one of there Malamutes- TJ – Shirley recites they knew they would lose TJ. Dave was traveling. Shirley shared the house with there two malamutes... So in Shirley resilience she decided a

“Wine and Weiner” party was needed. The dogs and Shirley climbed



onto the bed
..Shirley drank the wine...the dogs ate the wieners!!
RIP TJ....

Denise just lost ----- Sparky -My heart is broken today because I had to let go of one of my best friends. Sparky was quite a tough dog. One day she was out playing in the yard with her buddy Marley and couldn't get up the next day. Sparky you are my hero and I'm looking forward to seeing you again.



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and friend to many. He participated in every White Mt Sled Dog races. He may have lost the battle to cancer but remains victorious in the example he set for all of

us. Jim Baldwin, his dear friend told us a very touching story. Jim has taken care of Bill's dogs. He at first said, he could see the sadness in the dogs eyes when Bill didn't show up. Faithfully Jim has tended to

the dogs. As the days have gone by, Jim says that he remembers the first moment when there tails wagged



as he came into the yard to play and tend to them.. The dogs had accepted him. This was after days of them not eating and just waiting...At that moment I could see a tear in Jim's eyes. He knows and understands how these incredible animals impact our lives.

The best news is that the dogs are being placed together with a mushing family!!!