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Mid Year Newsletter for TAMR Volunteers & Friends

2010

Vice President's Message

TAMR is in full swing these HOT summer months, and we've had a wonderful and productive year so far, thanks to the dedicated efforts of our volunteers, foster families, rescue friends, and of course, adopters. We are so grateful to all of you who have donated your time, finances, love and support to our organization, and we hope you have felt your gifts in the wet nose of a new companion, the warm snuggle of a foster, or simply the joy of seeing our happy rescues grinning and wagging for a pat on the head at our local events.

As we began 2010, we concluded a very exciting year in 2009 but it did not come without changes, challenges, and some sad losses of furry friends. A few highlights from 2009 included hosting the weight pull at the Reliant Dog Show with proceeds going to TAMR, winning the \$1000 rescue drawing at PetFest, launching our Facebook Fan page and desperately seeking Houdini for 3 weeks when he escaped transport in Wichita Falls, TX (that's a whole story in itself!).

Just as the economy is experiencing tough times, so is TAMR as adoptions and donations are down. We continue to try and save as many as we can, one dog at a time. Many come to us needing medical attention, some need behavioral training, but most just need love. We appreciate all the help we get all year long. Heartfelt thanks to each of you that helps keep TAMR going!

We look forward to hosting the weight pull contest again at the Reliant Dog Show and close out the year with more dog events, more rescues and happy tails, and many more friendships, both human and furry.

Love from all of our mals (and the ones waiting to come in)!

Delilah Hymas

2009/2010 TAMR Board Members

President: Margie Serage
Vice-President: Delilah Hymas

Secretary: Kim Nickles
Director: Rick Hymas

Yappy Tails

TAMR had 49 adoptions from January 2009 (yellow) thru mid-July 2010 (blue) including twelve assisted private adoptions. We took in 39 Malamutes during this same time!



Event Recap

TAMR continues to be busy participating in various local dog events in Houston, both annual ones like Mardi Paws, SPCA Mutt Strut, Paws in the Park, "Call of the Wild", Pet Fest as well as new ones, e.g. Adoption Dayz, Spring Fling and Cupids & Canines.



Ted with Wolfy
at Lee Mannix event

We have now expanded in Austin, thanks to Ted Li and Catherine Hwa where they participated in the Lee Mannix event, Paws in the Park, Run Like the Wind, Spring Rescue Rally and Pints for Pups. Each event included volunteers, foster dogs and adopted dogs from the area.

In addition, we had a wonderful group of volunteers for our annual Dallas event, Hound Dog Hustle!

We also had a few fundraisers which included hosting March Mal Madness Yappy Hour, selling Yankee Candles and gift wrapping at Barnes & Noble. This year we were able to bring Mals to the Sugar Land location and they were a big hit and we are hoping to be able to do it again this year.

To keep up on all our events, please visit our events blog at: <http://tamrevents.blogspot.com> as well as our Facebook Fan page at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Texas-Alaskan-Malamute-Rescue/90351374505>.

Volunteer Spotlight

TAMR could not exist without all of the wonderful volunteers that contribute to saving malamutes' lives! While we appreciate all of our volunteers, we would like to spotlight Rob and Lis Grady! They first came to us about a year and half ago looking to adopt a Malamute and were very patient with us while we found one that fit their family, including Spencer (cat). A few months later, we were notified of a large wooly mal in the shelter that was an owner surrender, Delilah knew this was the one for them and it was! They finally had their Malamute, Kiera! Since then, they have jumped into rescue with both feet by hosting sleepovers for dogs in transition (aka. Kiera's bootcamp ☺) as well as fostering a few Malamutes including ones that had medical issues. They have a special touch with them and those that have stayed there have blossomed and ready for their new furever homes! They have also volunteered at several events bringing Kiera along with their current foster dog(s). Rob and Lis are super sweet and always willing to lend a hand whenever needed and we greatly appreciate their willingness and dedication to rescue!



Lis, Kiera, Sawyer, Collin & Rob
at the Cupids & Canines event

THANKS Rob and Lis, and everyone who help make TAMR a success!!