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To Friends of SNO,

As we are approaching years end it seems like an appropriate time to fill you in on the latest happenings with SNO .

We are very happy to announce that we have a new member of our foster team in the Salem, OR area. She is a very experienced Siberian owner and Rescue volunteer and we are delighted to have help with dogs in her area. She has only been with us a short time and has already placed several dogs in wonderful forever homes. Without qualified foster homes, we would be unable to help dogs that find themselves in kill shelters.

In 2006 SNO's Northern Dreams Sanctuary program was established to provide lifetime care to Siberians who are still able to lead quality lives, but due to advanced age or other factors are unable to find permanent homes. I am very pleased to tell you that the first Sanctuary Siberian, Sammie, will celebrate her 16th birthday in January. She came to us as an 11 yr old when she was found tied to a deck with no shelter from winter storms. Sammie still loves dinner and hanging out with her doggie friends. We also have had 2 recent additions to the program, a 12 yr old boy named Stormy and a 16 yr old female named Batiste.

It has been over 2 years now since SNO took on the massive task of helping the Siberians from the Wenatchee Valley puppy mill bust. This huge challenge was magnified when one of the pups, Lassen, broke her neck while playing in the yard of her foster home. Treatment required major surgery with over \$6,500.00 in veterinary costs. She also needed extensive rehabilitation which her foster mom, Gail Roberts, lovingly provided. SNO would like to share the happy updates on Lassen and the other puppy mill Siberians that have all found homes. Attached are pictures and updates from their new families. Enjoy!

The not so good news, as you can imagine, is the current economic situation has now hit hard on our loving animal companions. We are experiencing a much larger number of Siberians who find themselves needing help – both in Shelters and in situations where their family can no longer provide for them due to work/home losses. In times past, our Rescue efforts predominantly entailed helping Shelter dogs. Now we are having to try to take on a much broader array of Siberians needing help. This is truly heartbreaking for all of us and is placing a huge burden on our resources.

In order to continue our efforts to help Siberians in need we are asking for donations. You can make a monetary contribution by mail or by using the paypal link on our web page www.siberiansneedingowners.org. Any amount is appreciated. Even a dollar will help toward the purchase of a bag of dog food or veterinary care. Your donation is Tax deductible.

Thank you in advance for your support.

The Volunteers at Siberians Needing Owners

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