

THE SHIBA SCREAM QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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# SHIBA MEETUP NEWS

## Shiba Inu Halloween Bash at Animal Haven SoHo

When Halloween is over, it doesn't mean you have to put your costume away! Our next meet-up at Animal Haven will be taking place the day after Halloween but we thought it would still be fun to celebrate. Bring your costumes and trick or treat bags! There will be prizes for best costumes and yummy Halloween treats. Please let Renee Lee (reeneelee3@gmail.com) know if you can help with decorations, food, and/ or prizes.

When: Saturday, November 1st

Where: Animal Haven SoHo

251 Centre Street, 2nd floor, New York, NY 10013

Time: 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM - Cost: \$10 per dog (donated to Animal Haven)

# SHIBA MEETUP MEMBER HAPPENINGS

## Announcements & Accomplishments!

Molly Sumner's Saphira earned her Canine Good Citizen Certificate at Camp Barking Hills on May 26th! (To learn more about the CGC, visit <http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/index.cfm>)

## Birthday Wishes...

We're sending out Birthday Wishes to these special friends:

Victoria M. Wei recently celebrated her friends Romeo and Rugby's birthdays: Romeo turned five on May 20 and Rugby turned two on June 21.

Kelly Vivar's friends also had summer birthdays: Cinnamon (an NYCSR alumni) celebrated his ninth birthday in June while "Honorary Shiba," Gucci, turned seven years old in July.

Jen Jones girls recently had birthdays. Tsuki celebrated her first birthday on June 11 and Hachi also turned one on October 1

Molly Sumner's friends Mashi and Haiku both celebrated summer birthdays: Mashi turned one on June 26 & Haiku turned three years old on August 1. Additionally, Molly's "Honorary Shiba" Tracker will be five on December 22.

Kenshin, friend of Thomas Beam, celebrated his third birthday on August 11.

Rachel Chamberlain-Leonard's friend Trinku Ryu celebrated a birthday on August 14 and Terujishi will on November 3.



## Birthday Wishes continue...

We're sending out Birthday Wishes to these special friends:

Mike DiPaolo & Monica Lee's Niku turned three on September 20.

Zennia Barahona & Scott Lauben's girl, Molly (an NYCSR alumni), celebrated her fifth birthday on September 24.

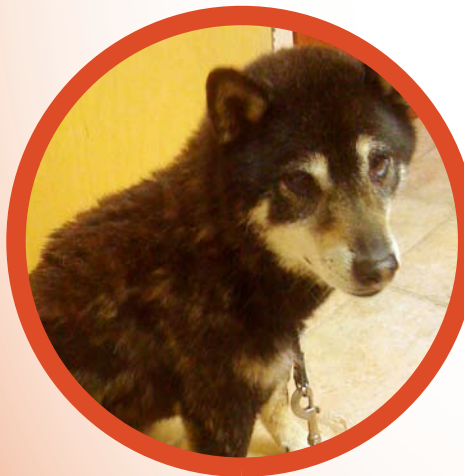
Snickers, benevolent leader and owner of Jenna Gates, will be celebrating his fifth birthday on Thanksgiving Day, November 27.

## Inu of the Quarter...

### Bea

Former NYCSR foster dog, Bea, is our "INU OF THE QUARTER". Bea was nominated by volunteer Elise Burket, who assisted in the transport of Bea and Rusty from Kentucky to New York back in May 2008.

Bea lived most of her life chained outside, isolated, uncared for, and un-socialized. Then she was unceremoniously dumped at a high kill shelter. Bea suffered through a lot in her first twelve years of life, but she has come through shining; she is a sweet and loving girl!



After spending some time at one of our favorite veterinary hospitals, Bea was adopted into a loving and nurturing forever home. Her new family is giving her all the love and happiness she deserves. We're so pleased to see Bea living her golden years in comfort.

In addition to honoring Bea this quarter, we want to acknowledge that older Shibas can make the best pets due to their calm temperament and loving nature. If you're considering adoption, please consider an older Shiba. Shibas are like fine wine, age only improves them!



## NYCSR at Super Pet Expo...

**November 14, 15 & 16**, Edison, NJ -NYC Shiba Rescue is proud to announce that it will be participating in the Super Pet Expo in Edison, NJ. This amazing event is a must see for all pet lovers. NYCSR will be there with some of our Shibas, continuing to demonstrate our commitment to educating the public regarding purebred rescue, the truth about puppy mills and Shiba Inus in general.

Super Pet Expo takes place in the NJ Convention & Exposition Center in Edison, New Jersey, and 20,000 people are expected to visit during the three day event. Visitors will be able to peruse 200+ exhibitors and will be inspired and educated by wildlife, pet presentations and more.

Visit [superpetexpo.com](http://superpetexpo.com) for directions and for all show details including a list of all entertainers and demonstrations. We'll post more info on the NYCSR website and the Meetup group message board as the expo approaches.

Please stop by our booth and say "hello." It's a great time and we'd love to see you!

## NYCSR Launches a YouTube Channel...

Lights, Camera, Action! NYC Shiba Rescue (NYCSR) has started a YouTube channel to post videos of foster dogs. Of course we still post great photos of our dogs on our website ([nycshibarescue.org](http://nycshibarescue.org)) but videos will be another way for people to get to know the breed in general and dogs in foster care in particular. Check it out at: <http://www.youtube.com/nycshibarescue>.

To help promote this initiative, we're inviting all Shiba-owned Humans to submit videos of their furry loved ones. If interested, please contact Michele Musé, Foster Program Assistant, at ([michele.muse@nycshibarescue.org](mailto:michele.muse@nycshibarescue.org)). Happy videotaping!



# ENJOYING LIFE WITH YOUR SHIBA



## Recipe Time: Cheese, Please!

(recipe excerpt from the book: "The Organic Dog Biscuit Cookbook from the Bubba Rose Biscuit Company" by Jessica Disbrow Talley and Eric Talley).

Want to give your Shiba a special homemade treat? Try these awesome cheese cookies!

### Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups oat flour
- 1 1/2 cups brown rice flour
- 1 cup shredded low-fat cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1 egg
- 1 cup water

### Directions:

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all of the ingredients together until it becomes doughy and roll out the dough on a lightly floured surface. The dough should measure about 1/4 of an inch thick. Then use cookie cutters to cut out cute shapes (think bones, dog houses, and hearts) and place on an un-greased cookie sheet. You can place the dough close together as it will not spread much while cooking. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown. Let them cool completely before sharing with your dog and be sure to store leftovers in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

## Training and Behavior Tips and Tricks.

Molly Sumner, the Animal Welfare Director for NYC Shiba Rescue and a member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers, has four dogs, three of which are Shiba Inus. She trains her dogs for obedience, rally, agility and therapy dog work. She also shows some of her Shibas in conformation and can be seen at dog shows and events all around the tri-state area. Molly shared the following training and behavior tips with The Shiba Scream.

Shiba Inus have a reputation for being difficult to train. Their primitive, wild nature can certainly make handling them a challenge but there is nothing impossible about it. All you need is a leash, a pocket full of treats (each about the size of your pinkie nail) and a sense of humor.

Most Shiba owners complain about the same thing – "My Shiba pulls me down the street like I'm water skiing!" Well honestly I can't blame them. The world is full of such cool things to look at and sniff, but proper loose leash walking is an important behavior, not just for a nice calm walk but also for safety. You don't want your dog bolting into traffic or anything worse.

Pulling can be remedied through one basic change in your (yes, the handler's) behavior. When your dog pulls, you simply do not allow him to move forward. Stop moving as soon as the leash goes tight. Do not start again until the leash is loose again. If your dog approaches you because you have stopped, give him a treat. If your dog walks anywhere within arms reach of your left side, give him a treat. It is even better if you can mark the dog's behavior with a word that tells him he's correct, such as "Yes!" or "Ya." This marker lets him know he's correct even if he doesn't see the treat. If your dog doesn't seem to get this technique or is a conditioned puller, don't only stop, but also turn and go in the opposite direction from his pulling.

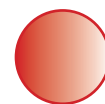
Your dog should not be able to get anywhere by pulling. I know you're not going to get down the road very fast with this technique at first, but stay with it and be consistent. Every time your dog pulls, you must follow the techniques above. You have to do this on every single walk. Just remember, every dog learns proper walking behavior at his own pace, so stick with it. I promise you that you will have a wonderfully walking dog, and your arms, wrists and shoulders will thank you for it.

Another behavior Shiba owners struggle with is object possessiveness. Some owners complain that their dog growls, snarls, or even bites when the owner attempts to take an object away from him. This does not have to be the battle it has become in many homes. Instead of stealing from your dog (because that's the way they see it), trade with your dog!

Take time out of each day to give your dog a toy, Kong, ball, etc. and let him play with it for a few minutes. Then take out another toy or treat and approach your dog. Make sure the object or treat you are offering has a higher value to the dog than the toy he currently has. Say "Trade!" in a calm tone and offer your dog the other object. The dog should drop or lose interest in the former object and take the new toy or food offered to him. Once the dog has taken the new object, take the former away. The more you do this, the happier your dog will be to give up his treasure and take what he's offered. Think of the future you and your companion will have. No more ripping dangerous objects out of the dog's mouth. No more heart attacks – just calm trading that both of you can live with.

Finally, remember to enjoy some calm time with your Shiba every day and make sure he or she knows how much you love them!

## UPCOMING CANINE EVENTS IN AND AROUND NYC



Saturday, October 25th 12:00 Noon (Rain date is October 26th)

### **The 18th Annual Tompkins Square Halloween Dog Parade**

Dress up the dogs. The frightening fun and screams begin at noon. Over \$5,000 in prizes, including 6 iPods will be awarded to the winners and runner ups at the country's largest Halloween dog parade. iPods are awarded to the winners in the following categories: "Best In Show,"



“Best Costume - large & small breed,” “Best Dog with Kid,” “Best Dog Team Costume,” “Best Trick” and “Best Dog & Owner Combo.” Plus lots of runner up prizes. Free GIFT BASKETS for the first 100 dogs to arrive. For more information: [FirstRunFriends.org](http://FirstRunFriends.org)

Monday, October 27th at 7:00 PM | Mansion

## **Animal Fair Magazine's 8th Annual Canine Comedy Halloween Pet Costume Party!**

530 W 28th St, New York, NY 10079

\$50.00/ticket for standing room only. \$100.00/ticket for a seat

Pet Costumes Mandatory! Dogs will be judged in 10 categories Hosted by Wendy and Lucky Diamond Celebrity Guest Judges include: Piper Perabo - Star of Disney's Beverly Hills Chihuahua, Beth Ostrosky, Triumph the Insult Comic Dog and many more will be announced... Triumph the Insult Comic Dog Judging the most OFFENSIVE costume! For more information:

<http://www.humanesocietyny.org/events/animal-fair-halloween08.shtml>

Sunday, November 2nd at 2:00 PM (doors open at 1pm) | Animal Haven SoHo

## **3rd Annual Doggie Drag**

251 Centre Street , Manhattan

\$10 to attend or \$15 to compete. \$5 for any additional doggies.

Pets, pet owners and pet lovers compete for prizes in 3 categories: Owner/Dog Look-Alike, Celebrity Look-Alike, and Anything Goes!

For more information:<http://www.animalhavenshelter.org/DoggieDrag3.pdf>

## GUEST ARTICLE

### Adding “Just One More” by Carolyn Sanford

Shibas are addictive, and most Shiba owners find it impossible to fight the urge to add “Just One More.” The reasons most often given for adding another Shiba are: my companion is bored, lonely, or needs a playmate. Like most dogs, Shibas live in the moment. When there's nothing to do, they spend their time conserving energy until something spurs their interest, then explode into Shiba play. It's hard to say whether a Shiba pines for a playmate, and difficult to know if adding another Shiba will make a difference in their life. One thing that's certain is a Shiba will accept a new addition, or not, but only on its own terms. Even though a Shiba enjoys playing with other dogs, sharing its home and people with a new addition may be a whole other issue. Will they welcome the addition as a new pack member, or will they see a poacher in their territory? A new Shiba may be seen as more of a threat or intruder than a playmate, so don't assume the existing Shiba will understand an owner's good intention, or agree with the choice.

An addition is competition in a world that was solely their domain. It's times like this when an owner's leadership will be tested to the limits.

Introduction and presentation of the new addition will set the mood for what will follow. Care needs to be taken when asking a Shiba to change its world, much the same as bringing a new sibling into the family. It isn't possible to prepare a Shiba in advance for the new arrival, except socializing with other dogs, so taking the time to validate their position in the pack after the introduction is crucial. The future growth of the pack depends on it. An owner understands this is an addition, but will the existing Shiba feel "replaced?"

Quick decisions regarding feuding Shibas will become an everyday occurrence for an owner in the beginning. Planning ahead by assigning a pack order will help considerably when split second responses are needed. Keeping the pack order not only reinforces an owner's position as pack leader, but also reduces fights for pack order between the Shibas. Obedience training and socialization is a must for a new addition. It will help form the bond needed between owner and companion, and secure an owner's position as alpha. During this training time, guidance and patience will be needed, but allowing for slips with unacceptable behavior can lead to turmoil between pack members. It's not uncommon to see the existing Shiba revert or exhibit unacceptable behavior when the new addition challenges authority and rules. When there's jealousy or uncertainty about worth, getting attention becomes top priority, whether the attention is negative or positive. Even though unacceptable behavior will bring a reprimand, that's attention, and for a Shiba feeling less than confident, that's better than no attention at all. Inconsistency in expectations from either Shiba can cause unrest. Rules are to be followed. Breaking rules needs addressing immediately.

It can take as little as a few weeks or up to months for a new addition and existing Shiba to complete the transition. When owners say a trial period is needed to see if a new Shiba will work in the pack, with a guarantee to return if it doesn't, is the weakness in the existing Shiba's inability to accept an addition, or an owner unable to lead the pack? In all fairness to Shibas, a better guarantee might be an owner's resolve to make it work, no matter what or how long it takes. Returning Shibas only adds more baggage to what they already have, plus it sends a message to the existing Shiba they control more than they should be allowed to control. If there's an uncertainty whether a new addition will work, then possibly more time is needed to form a stronger bond with the existing Shiba before committing to the lifetime of an additional Shiba.

An owner's biggest job will be to insure the existing Shiba feels comfortable with the new addition, confident about its place in pack order, and that it's not being 'replaced'. As leader of a growing pack, an owner's position will be tested daily. The confidence gained through obedience training will be a lifeline during these times. An owner will feel more positive about decisions made because there will be a source, an obedience trainer, to draw from whenever there are questions, or problems. Without that support and guidance, an owner can become overwhelmed, and not give the pack relationship the time needed. What worked for the first Shiba may not work for the new addition, so an owner has to be prepared to learn new techniques and approaches while being consistent with existing rules and commands. Patience, understanding, fairness, while remaining in control of all situations is easier with a support system.



Although it may seem hopeless at times during the transition, an owner's time and effort will be rewarded when two Shibas curl up together or enjoy a day of romping outside. Forming a pack with Shibas can be a challenge. Some days everything seems positive, other days not so much, but remaining focused on a goal to make it work will eventually help the pack succeed. When that goal is reached, the biggest challenge for an owner is to quiet the urge to add "Just One More."

### About the Author:

In 1995, after two years of false starts and do-overs with her first Shiba, a confident, bold, dominant male, Carolyn Sanford added her name as a volunteer for Shiba rescue. During those first two years with Scandal, Carolyn had learned so much from the challenges they had faced and overcome together; she hoped to work with other owners to help them through rough times and help them keep their Shibas instead of surrendering them.

This article is the result of what she learned from owners having difficulties integrating new and existing pack members. As with many of Carolyn's articles, it is also a tribute to her Shiba boy who never gave up on her. Even though he has passed and is missed each and every day, his spirit lives on. Carolyn's female Shiba proudly carries on the many teachings she learned from him.

Carolyn, lives in Portsmouth, NH, and has been walking the same trails, enjoying the same woods since 1981, but, when sharing the outdoors with a Shiba, every day is a new adventure.

# THE SHIBA SCREAM

The Shiba Scream is the official newsletter for both NYC Shiba Inus & their Human Companions and NYC Shiba Rescue, Inc.

## **NYC Shiba Inus & their Human Companions**

250 members, 56 meet-ups so far, and counting...  
[shibainu.meetup.com/101/](http://shibainu.meetup.com/101/)

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Zennia Barahona (& Moxie), Liaison to NYCSR

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[nycshibarescue.org](http://nycshibarescue.org)

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