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In Memoriam- Susan Butcher 12/26/1954-8/05/2006

Susan Butcher, born in Massachusetts, found herself bound for Alaska at a young age. From many of the things that I have read about her in online interviews and articles, it seems as if she was always called to the wild country...and to the wildness. She was tough, determined and strong. This strength was evidenced in her struggle with the illness that finally claimed her. Through her efforts to gain a bone transplant donor she brought leukemia and the need for donors to national attention. She fought hard to win this race, for herself, her husband David, and their two daughters Tekla and Chisana. As quoted in the *The Olympian*, "My whole life has been about challenge. I've had the odds against me in totally different ways and come through it," she told *The Associated Press* in December. "Now my goal is to try and stay alive and fight leukemia. No questions asked, that's what I'm going to do." As in her winning of 4 Iditarods, she kept on pushing towards the finish of her treatment; battling severe complications, know as Graft Versus Host Disease (GVHD) to the stem cell transplant. Embracing experimental treatment, she pioneered a pathway for others who will follow. But victory was not to be hers this time as the cancer returned. She chose to go forward with a second transplant but it was not to be and she crossed that Rainbow Bridge in late summer. She runs now with the greatest mushers and sled dogs of all time including her famous lead dogs, Granite and Mattie. And they are all chasing those northern lights with Joe Redington, founder of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Susan was a champ who touched many lives, including my own.

Godspeed Susan

Run Swift Run Hard Run Dogs

Condolences can be sent to

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Hello fellow dog people,

I am jazzed about our new club and about Dogs Across America. Sunday August 20th Donna Morton, Bruce Crawford and I met at his house in north Seattle. We figured out the route for this year's Dogs Across America which occurs November 18 & 19. We will run from Rattlesnake Lake to Duvall on the Upper Snoqualmie Valley Trail. Then we switch to the Tolt Pipeline Trail. This trail is the connection between Snoqualmie Valley and Sammamish Valley. We take the Sammamish Valley Trail to the Burke Gilman Trail. The Burke Gilman Trail takes us to our rendezvous at Gasworks Park down town. After we take our group photos at Gasworks Park, we go for pizza or some such. I figure most of us old timers will choose to run the gravel trails, not the paved ones. Therefore I will choose the paved Burke Gilman because pavement is fun with a sulky. Marykay Ligoski will join me with her ridgebacks and chalo sulky that matches mine.



Donna Morton will describe each section in detail and post it to Dogs Across America web site so we can sign up for sections. Most runs will be about 10 miles. However we will break the Burke Gilman up into shorter sections for beginners to run.

Danielle Palacios is leaving us as a board member because she has graduated from high school and will take a job as a handler in a large kennel in snowy Michigan. She agreed to email a monthly report on life at a large kennel to Susan Scofield, our newsletter editor. Now, Danielle has two jobs: handler for <http://www.wildernesstrailoutfitters.com> and reporter for LineOut. Congratulations to our youngest club member! I look forward to learning from Danielle.



Wednesday, September 6th is the date of Danielle's going away party near Cle Elum. It is at Old Ronald School from 4pm to whenever! There will be pizza, soda, cake, music and dancing! For more information, contact her mother Leah MacQuarrie at leah@macquarrie.com

The weekend before Labor Day, I had a Dog Scooter booth at Marymoor Park in Redmond. I wore my new T shirt with the K9ScootersNW logo in hunter orange. Thank you, Jim Mallick for the logo and thank you, Becky Loveless for the shirts, bags, hats, sweatshirts and coats that you created. I want one of each.

We have a great fall schedule coming up. I look forward to the cooler weather. (Hate those short days, though.)

Yours for happy working dogs,
Daphne Lewis



From King Caedmon's Castle



Yee haw! What a fun tunnel run weekend. Donna, Sue and I camped at Lake Easton State Park Friday-Sunday. We walked and ran dogs, took a swim in the "refreshingly cold" Yakima River, biked around the park and had a grand time. !Sue brought the biggest tent I have ever seen and taught me how to make omelet's in a bag over a camp stove. !! Caedmon loved the camping. !It wasn't too cold at night, but he thought it was and therefore wanted to sleep IN my sleeping bag with me. It's not big enough for us both! Could not convince him otherwise, so I did not get a lot of sleep. !He slept great :) Caed ate too many weird things he wasn't used to and he let me know at 11, 1:30, 3 and 5 a.m. when I woke up to him sitting on my chest trying to stare me awake. I opened

the tent flap and he hightailed it for the potty area near our tent. I think we entertained Donna, who was in her tent next door, during the early morning hours when Caedmon decided it was time to get up. !Conversation and scuffling ensued as his mom tried to tell him to go back to sleep and he proceeded to pull her sleeping bag right out from under her and jump on her head. Needless to say, we got up. It was early. TOO early...Later in the evening he entertained Donna and I with his burping talents. I have never heard a dog burp before and it was a big one! We laughed so hard we almost fell off our chairs. Then Sabre scared 2 girls to death who were walking past our camp site. He let out a little 'woof' ... Not loud or big at all and these 2 girls screamed bloody murder! The tunnel run was a lot of fun. !We had a good group show up. Kudos to Robbie for running it by herself the day before! :) It was dark and a cool 50 degrees. I had the trailer decked out with glow sticks and they looked really cool in the dark. The bike/trailer combo worked well although Caed was NOT happy about riding in that thing. Howled the 2.5 miles through the tunnel and the 2.5 miles back and no amount of shushing or tasty bones was gonna shut him up. Lots of noise. Hard to steer a bike in the dark, while pulling about 75 pounds of weight on the back that is moving constantly due to a jumping puppy. People loved seeing him being pulled. He thought HE should be doing the pulling, so I let him out of the trailer when we got back out of the tunnel and let him run with the bike the 1/4 mile or so back to the car. He did a great job.. I wasn't planning to let him pull, but try convincing him NOT to pull...NOT gonna happen. He lined right out in front and started running. Couldn't pedal fast enough to keep a slightly loose line. Need a longer tugline for next time; we'd go 20-30 feet and then stop. I'd call him back to me and we'd do a happy dance. Then he'd line out again and run a little ways further before we stopped and happy danced again. the k9scooterNW members met over a picnic lunch after the run. Found a nice table in the shade and proceeded to pig out and plan fun things. I was kind of too tired to tune in, but I'm sure we got some things accomplished. !:) As Caed and I headed home, we got stuck in traffic that was backed up from Hyak all the way to North Bend due to an accident. It was VERY slow moving, and I was behind a corn truck! I could see the ears bouncing around in the trailer. Caedmon found a place on the back seat and was sacked out for the entire trip home and well into the evening. I'd say the weekend was a success!!

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Natalie pulls the King's chariot through the tunnel.

Sept 6 Danielle's going away party. Information in President's message.

September 16 Pull Training Clinic put on by Cascade Sled Dog Club
www.cascadesleddogclub.com

**Dogs
Loving
to Run**

September 23 Jim Mallick hosting a run 9:00 AM at Spring Lake.
Driving directions to Springs Lake Run: From Highway 167 take the S 180th St. exit. Turn east (right) and go up the hill. You will pass Valley General Hospital on your left. At this point the street is named S 43rd St. This changes to Carr Rd. Stay on this up the hill. When crossing over Benson Rd, the street becomes SE 176th St. Continue on this going east. After crossing 116th Ave SE the road becomes SE Petrovitsky Rd. Continue on this until you get to 196th Ave SE Turn left (north) and continues to SE 183rd St. Turn left. The road will "Y" here, stay to the right and continue on East Springs Lake Dr. Stay on this and follow it around the lake. At the end you will see a gate and parking at the trailhead.

October 7-8 Becky Loveless hosts a Fun Run in British Columbia at her training grounds. alpinehsky@aol.com



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October 14, 15 the Northwest Sled Dog Association is hosting a dog powered sport promotional event in Roslyn. K9ScootersNW is participating in this event. Donna Morton and Susan Scofield are the contact people. There will be a scooter and bikejor race in the cool before the event starts at 10. It is a fundraiser from 10 until 3 pm for NWSDA. K9 will be offering scooter rides to the public. Hook your pet dog up in harness and see how he does. A small fee will be charged.

October 21, 22 NWSDA club races at Roslyn.

October 28, 29 Pacific Northwest Championships in Roslyn.

November 4,5 Spokane Dirt Ronly Dryland Races
check www.sleddogcentral.com for info

Dogs Across America Alaska and Canada

November 18-19 Dogs Across America Northern States

In 2006 another important dog powered event occurs on Nov 18 and 19, dog scooter and bikejor races at Brainerd International Speedway in Minnesota. These races are organized by ISDRA, the International Sled Dog Racing Association. Many people who scooter with their dogs will be traveling to Brainerd for this first large dryland event ever. Miles raced will count towards home state Dogs Across America mileage. We are excited that ISDRA is promoting dryland mushing, as do we. For more information on this race, see [ISDRA dryland racing](#). (from DAA website)

December 9-10 Dogs Across America Southern States and Mexico
www.dogsacrossamerica.org/

Becky's Corner August 2006

Becky Loveless, Dashaway Kennels, Roy, WA

Traveling with dogs

First of all You don't have to have a fancy set up to travel with your dogs. Ventilation is the most important thing in this region. Packing gear around crates can block air flow and easy access to the dogs. Be sure to consider how idling in traffic and exhaust from your or other vehicles can effect the dogs, as can direct sun or rain showers.



No dogs hanging out open windows, or loose in the back of open pick ups! This is dangerous and illegal. A canopy cover can be a great way to take dogs and gear. A few modifications and good air flow make for a nice ride.

If carrying dogs inside the vehicle, make sure there is adequate ventilation. Air conditioning is wonderful but consider what you will do if it quits working. I do not like loose dogs inside but if it works for you great. Sudden stops can create problem for you and the dogs. I have been using portable soft sided crates that allows me to put 2 big dogs in the back seat of my truck. When I leave the dogs for ANY reason in the car I have windows open and try to park out of the sun. Temps can rise to dangerous levels quickly even with no sunshine.

If you are traveling for more than a few hours remember that dogs need a potty and stretch break too. We stop approx. every 4 hours to Stretch and pee, we offer the dogs water as well... No food however since we have few dogs that get a bit car sick.

These are just a few essentials make your own list and keep it handy to check off BEFORE you leave. I just hate driving around looking to buy stuff I forget.

See you all on the trail, **Becky**

List of stuff to pack

Shot records. Carry shot records with you anytime you leave your property with your dogs.

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The Season of all seasons

Is anyone starting to feel the fall approach?

Anyone starting to think of their dogs and their equipment?

With these cooler days and much cooler nights I must admit I am starting to feel "those feelings".

I keep telling myself that Sept. can be a month of summer like weather...but...by far my favorite season is the fall.

I love the crisp mornings, daytime highs in the 50's, 60's and the cool evenings. There is something, a feeling that comes over me in the Fall that I can only describe as "primal" or perhaps "instinctual". A calling to return to the forest. It's an energy of sorts, a feeling that its time to get busy and store away supplies, get all your wood cut and stacked, inspect and repair winter's equipment, prepare for the hunt, be ready for the winter. Time to turn my attention towards the kennel. Train and work with my dogs. Who is too old? Who has matured? Who will run?

I love to see the leaves change color. I have always said; "the fall is when the forest gives up its secrets". I love to sit with a hot cup of coffee, see my breath as I exhale and watch the leaves fall to the forest floor. I love having to wear jeans, flannel shirts and my jacket for the first time this season. This feeling, these feelings can be felt by the forest as well...

The Energy

The forest produces its own energy. The squirrels are a little busier gathering nuts, the duck flaps its wings while swimming getting anxious thinking of the flight south. The Buck and the Bull with full headdress readies itself to fight for their circle of life. The bear gorges himself on fish and berries before his long winter's slumber. The wolves fur grows thick in defense of the snows ahead.

The fall is the Season of change.

It's the Season when the strong rises to the top and leads their genery through to spring.

It is the Season when the weak provides one last meal, then returns to the Earth.

The Fall is a time for work, time for preparation.

With the death of the grass and leaves come the birth of Frost and Ice.

It is the Season of all seasons. Are you strong?

Time to prepare.

Time to mend the dog boxes.

Time to put another coating of oil on the dogsled

Time to place fresh straw in the doghouses

Time to ready the truck for the cold.

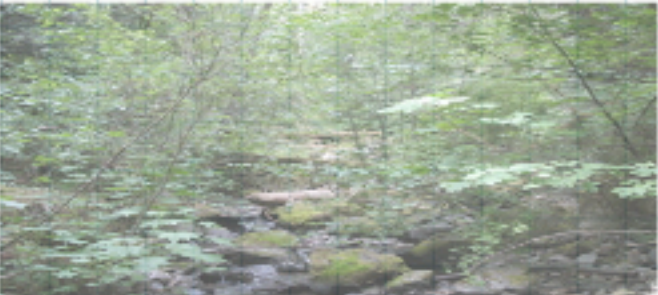
Time to venture back into the forest.

Time to run the winter trails.

Time to reunite with old mushing friends who faded away with last winter's snow.

Time to awaken the musher within.

The Forest is calling my name.



The editors of LineOut wish to offer you the opportunity to share your pet loss stories in this section. This can be done anonymously if you choose. Send to barnstormer@ywave.com

RIP Nemo and Athena of Stargazer Siberians. I lost both these dogs this summer, tragically and unexpectedly. If you are interested in their stories I can post to you privately. I have shared with many of you my sadness at their passing. I have found that creating a memorial for your lost pet is a great help in the mourning process. If you would like some suggestions on how to move through the grieving process and honor your friend, please feel free to contact me, Susan, at barnstormer@ywave.com It helps to share the story and mark their passing with some small ceremony.

Athena



Nemo



Minutes not Miles

Begin with a short run. Set a time of 10 or 15 minutes. This may not seem like much, especially if you have to drive some distance, but you want your dog happy, eager and ready for more when the run is over. Gradually lengthen your runs as you and the dog become more conditioned. We are accustomed to thinking in terms of mileage, more specifically large amounts of miles. Rearranging our thinking in terms of minutes not miles gives an achievable goal. One mile may not sound like much to the old pro but the novice scooter dog needs some time to get acquainted with his new job. Change your thinking to time elapsed not mileage completed and you will always be able to meet your goal. Be flexible. Pay attention to the dog and yourself.

Set a goal, meet the goal, and then evaluate your performance.

Keeping a log of your minutes is helpful. Included in this log can be trail information, weather, the dog, you. Your log is a valuable training tool.

Bring your dog home sparkling and happy and he will be bringing you the harness for his next scooter run.



Upcoming Birthdays

September

9/12: Sue Scofield

9/26 Tracy Mallick

October

10/6: Donna Morton

10/31 Jim Mallikck



Those already through the tunnel watch and listen for others; gradually a clinking, flashing illusion materialized into Bruce Crawford and his beautiful team of Samoyeds, Jaquar, Puma, and Panther. Bruce's bikejoring website is: www.nwlink.com/~brucec/bkjr.htm



Donna Morton, with her dogs, Border and Holly getting ready for the tunnel run.



Nose Knows

A dog's nose doesn't just dominate its face - it dominates its brain, too. Mucous carries odour molecules to tightly-folded scent membranes behind the nose. But while these membranes are postage-stamp sized in humans, they're hankerchief-sized in some dogs. And then there's the olfactory lobe, the part of the brain that processes scent information. The dog's is four times the size of a human's -- despite the fact that dogs have smaller brains! With that much physical resource devoted to it, it's no wonder the dog's sense of smell is 1000 to 10,000 times better than that of humans.

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Sunset Beach Run

At the K9 scooter club meeting following the tunnel run, I suggested it would be fun to do a beach run some evening when the low tide coincides with the sun set. At low tide, the sand close to the water is packed enough to run bikes and scooters along the beach. Imagine racing along the sand with the color and glow from the sunset shimmering in the wet sand. On Saturday, December 2nd, the sun sets at 4:29 pm and the tide is low at 4:42 pm. As in all Washington winter time events, the term "weather permitting" is relevant. Send email to Line out if you think you may be interested in this activity.

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This is a non-competitive event.

Only the best poker hand wins

⇒ Meet Saturday 9:00 AM - 3 Lakes Store at Osprey Lake

This event will be Run on the Trans Canada Trail System.

⇒ Saturday Evening Buffet at Pinewood Pottery.

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Registration is Free..please let us know early if you are coming.

Passports are not required yet but are nice to have: