



New Leaf

The Official Newsletter of the Saluki Tree of Life Alliance
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Saluki Crosses Now at STOLA

Until recently, Saluki crosses had a safety net in Saluki Rescue Central, a privately operated website on which people could list or adopt Salukis and Saluki crosses. In early December, Saluki Rescue Central was discontinued, leaving a void which needed to be filled.

After considerable discussion by STOLA's Support Council and with Regional Coordinators, we realized that it was time to expand our services to include Saluki crosses. When we considered the issue, we had some initial concerns: first, we may not have sufficient foster care volunteers to cover both purebred Salukis and Saluki crosses. However, many crosses come to our attention through greyhound rescue groups and other shelters, therefore, if we continue to do cooperative placements with those organizations we should be covered in most cases. We are also hopeful that more volunteers will step forward to do foster care if needed.

Next, we realized the need to establish separate funding sources for purebred Salukis and Saluki crosses. With this in mind, we have established a Saluki Cross Fund which will be held separately from purebred funds. Donors can designate their donations to the Saluki Purebred Fund, to the Saluki Cross Fund, or they may allow us to choose to use the funds where they are most needed. We have estimated that \$5000.00 is needed to establish the Saluki Cross Fund. We have received a start-up donation of \$1500.00 from Dogbazaar.com. We need to make up the additional \$3500.00 with increased fund-raising efforts and through the

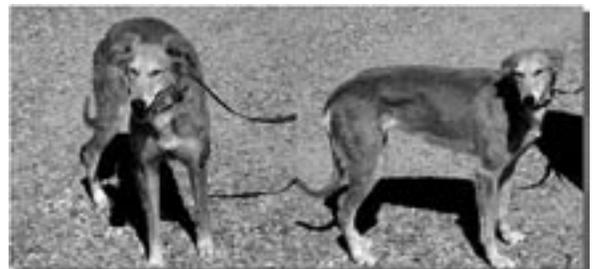
generous donations of people like you. Please use the enclosed flyer to donate whatever you can for this good cause.

We believe that by adding Saluki crosses to our adoption program, we can best serve all the dogs and the Saluki community. All Saluki crosses will receive the same medical care, neuter/spay and careful placement attention that we give to purebreds.

Our first two Saluki crosses are Mikey and Belle. When you look into their eyes you know that each one is precious, and that each one deserves help, care and love, whether purebred or cross.



Mikey



Belle

STOLA Salukis

For up-to-date information on available Salukis and Saluki crosses, please check the Open Cases on the website at www.stola.org or contact us by E-mail at stola@gazehound.com.

Placement Report, 2003

Note: All Salukis in this report received veterinary medical evaluation and treatment as needed, as well as socialization, grooming and transportation as required.

While this report provides the basic facts of each case, it does not begin to express the love, concern and caring that each dog is given by our wonderful volunteers. They are very special people.

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| Case: C-76, Necho, Rescue
STOLA contacted: 12/14/02
Placed 4/03 | Case: W-82, Madhu, Confidential Owner Assist
STOLA contacted 1/2/03
Returned to owner |
| Case: C-77, Shabaka, Rescue
STOLA contacted 12/14/02
Placed 4/03 | Case: W-83, Halle, Rescue
STOLA contacted 1/2/03
Placed 3/03 |
| Case: W-78, Confidential Owner Assist
STOLA contacted 12/14/02
Placed 1/1/03 | Case: W-84, Soraya, Rescue
STOLA contacted 1/2/03
Placed 2/27/03 |
| Case: W-79, Rayna, Confidential Owner Assist
STOLA contacted 1/4/03
Placed 3/12/03 | Case: W-85, Posey, Rescue
STOLA contacted 1/2/03
Placed 3/14/03 |
| Case: W-80, Sara, Confidential Owner Assist
STOLA contacted 1/2/03
Returned to owner | Case: W-86, Tahoe, Rescue
STOLA contacted 1/2/03
Died of heart defect 2/3/03 |
| Case: W-81, Lacie, Confidential Owner Assist
STOLA contacted 1/2/03
Returned to owner | Case: W-87, Parker, Rescue
STOLA contacted 1/2/03
Placed 3/3/03 |
| | Case: W-88, Alcatraz, Rescue
STOLA contacted 1/2/03
Placed 3/10/03 |
| | Case: M-89, Ghost, Rescue
STOLA contacted 2/3/03
Placed 6/7/03 |
| | Case: W-90, Patra, Owner Assist
STOLA contacted 2/15/03
Deceased due to severe neurological problems. |
| | Case: E-91, Reishi, Rescue
STOLA contacted 3/8/03
Placed 6/03 |
| | Case: W-92, Shawna, Owner Assist
STOLA contacted 4/1/03
Placed 7/16/03 |

Case: W-93, Latif, Owner Assist
STOLA contacted 5/18/03
Placed 6/11/03

Case E-94, Confidential
STOLA contacted 5/30/03
Placed 6/21/03

Case E-95. Sarah, Owner Assist
STOLA contacted 6/03
Returned to breeder 6/4/03

Case E-96, Sengine, Owner Assist
STOLA contacted 5/30/03
Returned to breeder 6/4/03

Case: E-97, Confidential
STOLA contacted 6/14/03
Placed 8/03.

Case: E-98, Ben, Rescue
STOLA contacted 7/15/03
Available for adoption.

Case: E-99, Jerry, Rescue
STOLA contacted 7/15/03
Available for adoption

Case: E-100, Mahni, Rescue
STOLA contacted 8/7/03
Placed 1/4/04

Case: E-101, Rachel, Rescue
STOLA contacted 8/7/03
Placed 10/03

Case: E-102, Daphne, Rescue
STOLA contacted 8/7/03
Placed 10/03

Case: E-103, Heather, Rescue
STOLA contacted 9/03
Placed 10/03

Case: M-104, Angie, Confidential Owner Assist
STOLA contacted 10/14/03
Available for adoption.

Here are a few of the dogs our volunteers showered with love and attention during 2003. For more information, please go to the Closed Cases section of the website.



Halle



Parker



Shabaka and Necho



Soraya

Cori's Pawtraits

by Cherie Fehrman

In this second profile of STOLA's supporters, we feature the beautiful artwork of Cori Solomon. Cori has offered to donate a portion of proceeds from her sales initiated through STOLA to our Saluki Rescue Program. Cori is not only a naturally talented artist, but she has received the training needed to refine her work to the professional level.

After graduating from college with a degree in art, she soon realized the difficulties of earning a living in the art field. She put her creative side on hold and chose a career in real estate. It took twenty-three years for Cori's creative side to insist on being heard again. She began to write short stories about Salukis, the wonderful creatures who shared her life. Then it was, of course, only natural for Cori to add illustrations to the stories. With her creative juices flowing readily again, she enrolled in studies at the Brentwood Art Center School of Fine Art where she discovered the joy of working in the pastel medium.

As with many artists, it took a tragic event to spark her true creativity. In the summer of 2001 Cori's sister died. With the impact of her death, Cori discovered that her breakthrough in artistic expression and experimentation was through the drawing of animals. This new insight enabled her to go beyond the mechanics and capture the essence of the animal.

In February of 2002 she entered a piece in the drawing category at the Art Show at the Dog Show in Wichita, Kansas, a national juried fine arts competition dedicated to canine art. Her drawing, *The Long Stare*, wowed the judges, winning her first place. Another of her drawings entitled *Ipo's Dream* was exhibited at the 2003 Art Show at the Dog Show. In 2003, the drawings entitled "Loni" and "Two of a Kind" were exhibited at The Sixteenth Contemporary American Dog Art Competition in New York City.

One look at Cori's drawings will tell you that they are inspired. She goes far beyond the mechanics of drawing—she captures the spirit, the

emotion—and that is the mark of a true artist. Cori is available for commissioned drawings of dogs and cats. We feature a gallery of her work on these pages, but the print quality of a newsletter does not do them justice. Please visit her website to see the true beauty of her work. If you decide to purchase one of Cori's works of art, please be sure to mention STOLA so that Salukis in need can benefit from the donation.

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A Gallery of *Pawtraits* by Cori Solomon



What Are Prescription Diets?

By Dana Martin-Newman, Ed.D

My friend's dog, Chianti, is on a prescription diet for her allergies. She apparently is allergic to so many plants, animals, insects, weeds, etc. that a prescription diet is the only one he can tolerate.

What is a prescription diet? Dr. Dawn Ruben has written an article on prescription diets in which she says that some prescription diets are intended as temporary diets and some are for the life of the pet, but all prescription diets are formulated to help in the treatment and care of pets with certain ailments and diseases. Since these diets are intended for particular disorders, they may have extra amounts of some nutrients and deficient amounts of others. This may make prescription diets harmful for healthy dogs, and therefore, are available by prescription only.

Allergies, gastrointestinal disorders, diabetes, urinary tract disorders, kidney disease, heart disease, liver disease and some forms of cancer can benefit from a prescription diet. By changing certain nutrients, prescription diets can aid in recovery or slow down the development of disease. For example, diets formulated for heart disease have lower protein and sodium than is recommended for healthy dogs. Diets for food allergies have new proteins that the dog has not been exposed to such as kangaroo, duck, potato or venison. Diets for diabetes have a higher fiber and may have a higher protein than what is considered healthy for healthy adult dogs.

Several pet food companies research and produce prescription diets, i.e., Iams, Purina, Hills, IVD and Waltham, but first it's a visit to your veterinarian for all those expenses tests!

Dear Dana

by Dr. Dana Martin-Newman

Dear Dana,

My Saluki pooped the minute she entered my girlfriend's house. I'm so embarrassed that I have avoided all contact with my girlfriend and her front hall.

-Poop Sensitive

Dear Sensitive,

Go to your friend and say one of the following:

- *I wonder whose poop this is.*
- *My Saluki would not do that.*
- *My Saluki feels very comfortable in your house.*

Dear Dana,

When my Saluki meets new people, he always sniffs their privates. I'm so embarrassed that I have avoided all contact with new people and their privates.

-Alone with Lysol

Dear Alone,

When your Saluki sniffs a new person's privates, say one of the following:

- *Have you considered using a different detergent?*
- *My Saluki would not do that.*
- *My Saluki feels very comfortable with you.*

Dear Dana,

My Saluki constantly stares at my neighbor, thus giving my neighbor a complex. I'm so embarrassed that I have avoided all contact with my neighbor and all psychoanalytic books.

-Freudly yours

Dear Freudly,

Go to your neighbor and say one of the following:

- *Perhaps you need counseling.*
- *My Saluki would not do that.*
- *Your beauty is so intense that my Saluki*

Should You Supplement Your Saluki's Diet?

By Dana Martin-Newman, Ed.D

Many dog owners supplement their dogs' diets with vitamins, minerals and /or nutraceuticals. I give Diamond, my Saluki, one PET-TAB a day (Pfizer, eight vitamins and ten minerals per tab) with his evening meal because.....well because my veterinarian gives his clients PET-TABS when they come to visit (I wish I had a more pharmacologic reason).

The veterinarians at Pet Place advise that you discuss with your veterinarian his/her recommendations supporting dietary and nutraceutical supplements, and that whatever supplements you give are safe and won't interfere with any other medications your Saluki may be taking.

Supplements are classified into two general and very large categories: vitamin and mineral supplements and nutraceuticals. Nutraceuticals are nutrient supplements given to obtain a "drug-like" effect or to prevent a specific disease. Examples include Cosequin (a protein complex of possible benefit in joint health), L-carnitine (sometimes used for heart conditions) rutin (used for a serious condition called chylothorax in which lymph fluid drained from the intestines contains a high quantity of fat (called chyle), accumulates in the chest cavity and causes difficulty breathing) and co-enzyme Q10 (for atrial fibrillation and congestive heart failure).

Just like for humans, the overall benefit of supplements is greatly debated. Nevertheless, many of us take dietary supplements and we want to provide our Salukis with the same potential benefits.

Be aware that excessive dietary supplements can be dangerous. For example, excessive supplements with calcium salts can lead to significant bone diseases in growing dogs. Excessive vitamin D can lead to harm-

excessive supplements with calcium salts can lead to significant bone diseases in growing dogs. Excessive vitamin D can lead to harmful elevations of the blood calcium and damage to the kidneys. Remember that the proof of effectiveness and safety are not required for vitamins and nutraceuticals, and that the Food and Drug Administration does not regulate supplements in the same way that drugs are regulated and controlled.



Salukis chasing a wild boar. Drawn on an excavated rock fragment believed to be more than 8000 years old.

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