

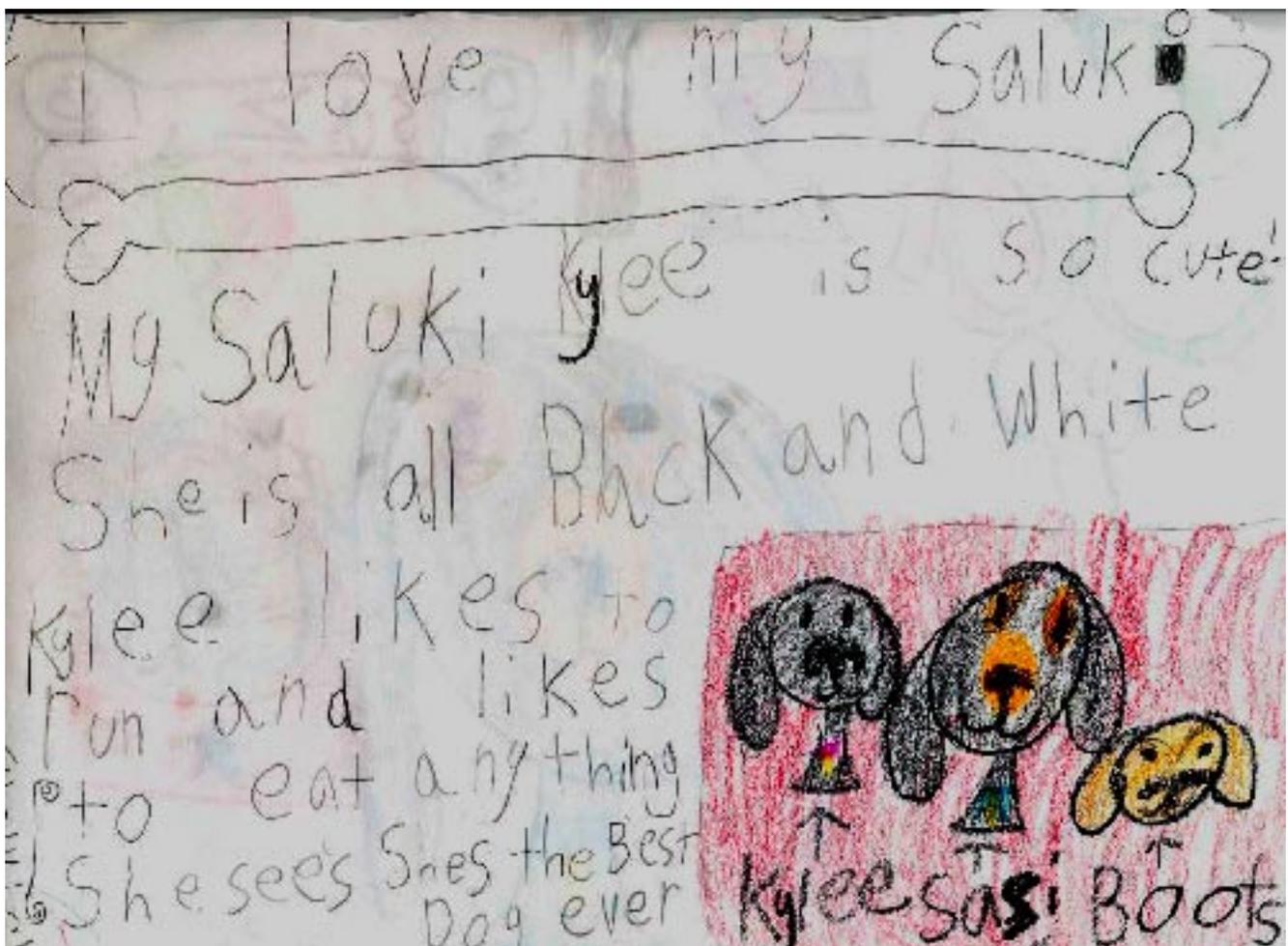


# New Leaf

The Official Newsletter of STOLA – Saluki Tree of Life Alliance

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## Jilly's Story



Jilly's family adopted Kilee as a puppy from STOLA. Even though Jilly interacts with other dogs, Jilly only has eyes for Kilee. Turn the page to see Jilly and Kilee, "the best dog ever."



Here they are....Jilly and Kylee, the best of friends.

## How Are We Doing?

We need 100 members of our \$10-A-Month-Club to ensure STOLA enough money to keep saving Saluki lives, providing much needed veterinary medical care, locating great homes and transporting the Salukis to their new, happy lives.

Please visit our website to sign up through Paypal. The link is <http://www.stola.org/support/index.html#donations>. Then click on the \$10/Member button to sign up. Or if you'd rather pay by check, please contact us at [stola@gazehound.com](mailto:stola@gazehound.com) to set it up or mail your check directly to: STOLA, 3701 Sacramento Street #345, San Francisco, CA 94118.



## STOLA Financial Report 2004

by Sharon Walls

After serving for five years as STOLA's Financial Coordinator, I will now be turning over the reins into the very capable hands of Jan Flanigan. I will be staying on as a Support Council member and look forward to new challenges and experiences at STOLA in the coming years.

The Financial Statements for 2004 have now been uploaded to the website. For those of you without computer access, the bottom line is that STOLA's 2004 expenses outstripped income by nearly \$13,000. It was a very active year with many more cases than seen in an average year. The biggest expense was veterinary care followed closely by boarding. During 2004 we had to utilize more commercial boarding facilities because of a greater influx of dogs coming in together with a finite number of volunteers available for foster care.

As of this writing, STOLA has \$36,000 of operational funding presently available, but if we have a couple more years like 2004 we may be in fiscal trouble. With this in mind, we are revving up our fundraising efforts to ensure that we will always have sufficient funds to help Salukis in need.

As the Celebrity Auction on eBay draws to a close, we are investigating other fundraising opportunities. One of our newest programs is the \$10-A-Month Club. Most people can donate \$10 a month without financial strain. When large numbers of people donate a small amount the cumulative effect can be very beneficial. If you haven't yet made the commitment to become a Charter Member of the \$10-A-Month Club, please consider doing so now. Further details are available in the column directly to the left. If we all give a little, we can be assured of having enough funds to care for every Saluki who needs our help.

# 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](http://www.stola.org) or contact us by E-mail at [stola@gazehound.com](mailto:stola@gazehound.com).



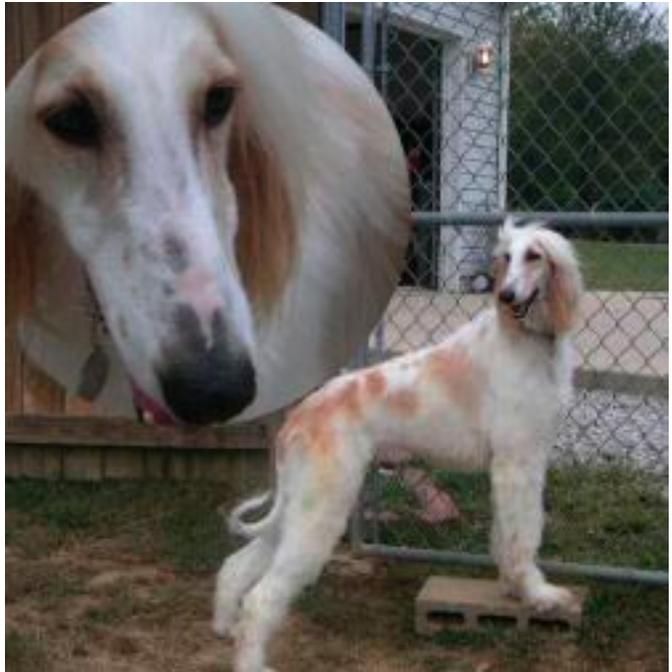
**Lucius**

Lucius is a very handsome gold and cream smooth Saluki. He is about 3 years old, sweet and playful with other large dogs, but is not friendly with cats or small animals. In the right home he will blossom!



**Valentino**

Valentino needs a special home without cats, small animals or children. He is friendly and loving with adults.



**Nike**

Nike is a 2 year old neutered male Saluki/Afghan cross. This very handsome white and gold parti is reserved with strangers, ok with cats and kids, but needs a home where he can be the only male. What a gorgeous boy!



**Shelby**

How cute is this face? Shelby is a young spayed female Saluki cross. She has just found a new home to love her and she will soon be off to her new life!



**Yazzie**

Yazzie is a four year old gold smooth female who is very sweet and friendly. She gets along well with other dogs but prefers to believe that cats do not exist in the universe. We are happy to report that Yazzie has an adoptive home pending!



**Habala**

Habala is a little shy. She has been receiving socialization and will need to continue that in her new home. Habla is a golden and white feathered spayed female, nine years old. She is good with most larger dogs but is not cat or small animal friendly. She is looking for that perfect home.



**Zeus**

Zeus is a young golden feathered male. Zeus has just found his forever home and his adoption is pending.

# Palm Springs TimeShare Condo Available For Sale

Thanks to the generosity of a volunteer, STOLA received the donation of a timeshare condominium in Palm Springs at the Plaza Resort and Spa. We are offering it for sale with proceeds benefitting STOLA's Saluki rescue programs.

Can you picture yourself lounging around the pool? Playing golf on the greens? Soaking up the California sunshine? This great opportunity could be yours! STOLA is offering this timeshare condo for sale.

Overlooking beautiful Palm Springs Golf Course is the Plaza Resort and Spa. The resort is only a few blocks from famous Palm Canyon Drive, which is known for excellent shopping, dining and nightlife. Golf privileges and discounts are available next door at the Municipal Golf Course. The resort provides a relaxing atmosphere and fun for the whole family. A children's activity area has its own pool and playground.

## **Additional Information:**

**Location:** Palm Springs Plaza Resort & Spa  
(Can be traded for other locations worldwide depending on availability.)

**Time:** 1 week in the High Season

**Size:** Studio sleeps 4

**Price:** Please contact us for details at [stola@gazehound.com](mailto:stola@gazehound.com)



# What's Your Saluki's Sign?

By Dana Martin-Newman, Ed.D

Ever wonder what astrological sign your Saluki is? Well, according to Cal Orey, in PetPlace.com, your Saluki may have a personality that is affected by the position of the planets. Which Sun sign best fits your Saluki's personality and behavior? For starters, you have to know your Saluki's birth date.

What exactly is a Sun sign? According to Orey, the sun travels around the earth once each year, moving through 12 signs of the zodiac (a band or celestial sphere that symbolizes the planets, moon and sun). The 12 sun signs are divided into 4 groups that contain 3 signs. Each group signifies an element: Fire, Earth, Air and Water.

**Fire Signs:** Aries, Leo and Sagittarius: active and passionate

**Earth Signs:** Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn: practical and secure

**Air Signs:** Gemini, Libra and Aquarius: intelligent and talkative

**Water Signs:** Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces: emotional and sensitive

Each of the 12 signs signifies certain traits.

**Aries (March 21-April 20):** bold, athletic, adaptable, impatient and impulsive

**Taurus (April 21-May 21):** affectionate, patient, stubborn, strong-willed and quiet

**Gemini (May 2-June 21):** agile, alert, restless, vocal and fickle

**Cancer (June 22-July 22):** loyal, gentle, grumpy, clingy and devoted

**Leo (July 23-August 23):** fearless, energetic, dominant, demanding and gregarious

**Virgo (August 24-September 22):** shy, aloof, intelligent, charming and finicky

**Libra (September 23-October 23):** easygoing, peaceful, lovable, people-oriented and smart

**Scorpio (October 24-November 22):** responsive, independent, possessive, strong-willed, and loving

**Sagittarius (November 23-December 21):** free-spirited, playful, amusing, curious and friendly

**Capricorn (December 22-January 20):** reserved, cold, territorial, good-natured and patient

**Aquarius (January 21-February 18):** independent, rebellious, people-oriented, aloof and outgoing

**Pisces (February 19-March 20):** touchy, devoted, sweet-natured, adaptable and unpredictable

If you want to find your Saluki's Moon sign, you must know the Sun sign. Get an astrology book and go to the Moon Tables. Look up the year, month and day your Saluki was born.

If your Saluki was "born on the cusp", she was born near the beginning and end of an astrological sign, which means her birthday is within the first 5 or last 5 days of a sign.

If you want to find your Saluki's Rising or Ascendant sign, which determines how the outside world sees your Saluki physically, you need to know her Sun sign and time of birth. Get an astrology book and go to the Ascendant Table.

If you want to know how each planet plays a part in your Saluki's personality, you need to know your Saluki's exact birth date and a reliable astrologer. The planets are: Mercury (the mind), Venus (love), Jupiter (great-heartedness), Saturn (discipline), Uranus (individuality), Neptune (sensitivity) and Pluto (change).

It's my opinion that although it's convenient to have your Saluki's birth specifics, it's not a must-have. There are so many variables – from your Saluki's Moon sign to Rising sign - the chances are your Saluki, like you, have several astrological signs affecting her personality.

## **Regional Report - Mountain Region**

by Janet Noll and Louise Southworth

(Beginning with this issue, we plan to give you reports from different regions. We begin here with the Mountain Region.)

Happiest of New Year to all of you. Let's hope that 2005 continues to bring all of our rescue Salukis to wonderful loving homes! And, as always, thank you for all of your support...without our volunteers we couldn't do all that we do for these rescues!

### **Salukis placed October, 2004 to present:**

**Basha** M-137 is loving his new life in Arizona with his new best buddy, Saluki, Miami. Reports are that they are inseparable!

**Angie** M-104 has a great new home in Denver and is delighting all members of her new family with her cute Saluki antics! She is one Saluki that will surely keep them on their toes.

### **Salukis with homes pending:**

**Zeus**, M-151 is awaiting transport to his new home in California later this month and his new family is anxiously awaiting his arrival.

**Breezy** XM7 will travel with Zeus to her new home in the Northwest. All are excited about her arrival, as well.

There are still some Salukis and Saluki Crosses who are looking for their forever homes. Let's hope we can place them all very shortly!

## **Most Unusual Dog Insurance Claims**

By Dana Martin-Newman, Ed.D

Jack Stephens, DVM, reporting to PetPlace.com, has learned that dogs can get into a variety of humorous - but dangerous - situations.

### **Case #1: The Chilly Dog**

With guests coming and the household preparing dinner, no one saw that Rex had climbed into the refrigerator. By the time he was discovered, Rex had noshed his way through half the holiday ham. Diagnosis: pancreatitis from overeating and hypothermia from being over refrigerated.

### **Case #2: The Windex Dog**

Cora was walking along minding her own business. Nothing particular was on her mind until she saw a cat sunning itself in a house window. This was an invitation to play. Diagnosis: severe lacerations from crashing through the window.

### **Case #3: The Nailed Dog**

Enu took sleeping at his owner's feet a bit to the extreme. One day he climbed into his owner's work boot for a little nap. Not realizing Enu was in there, the owner tried to pull on the boot. Diagnosis: Scratched cornea from a toenail.

### **Case #4: The Stick-to-it-iveness Dog**

While chasing a rabbit through the desert, Jesse zipped when he should have zagged. Diagnosis: severe lacerations on nose, face and body from an encounter of the cactus kind.

### **Case #5: The Rear-Ender Dog**

Tockey was so focused on chasing his neighbor's cat that he didn't notice a car coming. Fortunately the car stopped. Unfortunately Tockey didn't. Diagnosis: soft tissue trauma and multiple lacerations.

### **Case #6: The Big Apple Dog**

A New Yorker was walking Snowflake one dark and stormy night. Suddenly the New Yorker slipped and fell on top of Snowflake. Diagnosis: broken leg (Snowflake); bruised tushie and severe remorse (the New Yorker).

### **Case #7: The Pantyhose Dog**

According to Dr. Stephens, dogs have ingested, among other things, tinsel, prom dresses, golf balls, pagers, needles and thread, hearing aids, human medications, drywall, anti-freeze and small flashlight batteries. For example, Max ate an entire pair of pantyhose (taupe, control top, reinforced toe, ). Diagnosis: gastrointestinal obstruction. (Thank God NO intestinal perforation.) (What, no indigestion?)

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