



EAR MITES

Ear Mites are a very common occurrence in puppies and are highly contagious. They are also extremely uncomfortable for your dog.

Ear Mites are tiny parasitic mites that infect the ears of dogs (and cats). They live in the dogs' ear canal where it is warm and moist. Dogs with long, floppy ears like your basset hound are more prone to ear mites as the mites thrive in the warm ear areas where the air flow is restricted.

Ear mites feed in the epidermal debris and the ear wax in your dogs' ear. As they burrow down into the ear canal it causes discomfort and inflammation which in turn causes the body to produce more ear wax which the mites then feed off of.

The most common and easy to spot symptom of ear mites is your dog shaking his head or trying to scratch his ears. (Ear mites cause the ears to become extremely itchy) There could also be an odour coming from your dogs' ears. The mites cause your dog such discomfort that he may actually cause damage while trying to relieve the itchiness by either

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scratching his ears so hard that they bleed or even by shaking his head with so much force that blood vessels are broken.

If you look in the dogs' ear you will see dark reddish brown or black bits throughout the ear canal. These are not the ear mites. The ear mites can be seen as little white dots in-between the black bits. If you look closely enough you can see them moving about.

If you suspect your dog has ear mites he needs to go to the vet as soon as possible to get medication as untreated ear mites can cause damage to the ear drums and ear

canals which could even lead to deafness.

The vet will look inside your dogs' ears with an otoscope. The light from the otoscope actually draws the ear mites out of the ear wax so the vet can see them. If the vet still can't see the mites this way he will then examine the black bits of debris in the ear. It is very important to get a diagnosis from your vet as anti-mite medication may cause even more aggravation to your dogs' ear if your dog has an infection and not actually mites in the ear.

Ear mites are fairly easy to treat. Treatment requires the ears to be

properly cleaned and then medication in the form of ear drops. Ear mites can sometime cause infections which may require anti-biotics



HAPPY TAILS

KINGSTON

Just a quick update - We took the doggies to the beach today - had a divine long walk - Rio got chased by a Great Dane (was quite comical - I could see her thinking "WTF??? Leave me alone you gigantic horse") and Kingston was as calm as ever!

We are absolutely loving him and can't believe how lucky we are to have found him. He really is perfect for us :) He Loves to have a play in the



morning and then we cuddle and nap - in that order! Also discovered he is quite the watch dog - postman gets barked at every day - very impressive!

He is a real Mommy's boy and follows me around which is soooooo sweet. As you can see - he is quite at home - fitted in beautifully :)



SASHA

Sasha is a beautiful 4 month old Husky that has was rescued about 3 weeks ago. She was in a home where she did receive food and water but did not get any attention and was left outside the whole day tied up to a tree. One day her angel showed up and rescued her from her loneliness. Sasha was rehomed on the 24 May to a very loving home where she will be getting all the attention she could ever dream of and lots of exercise as she gets older.

My dogs live here, they're here to stay.
 You don't like pets, be on your way.
 They share my home, my food, my space.
 This is their home, this is their place.

You will find dog hair on the floor.
 They will alert you're at the door.
 They may request a little pat,
 a simple 'no' will settle that.

It gripes me when I hear you
 say 'just how is it you live this way?
 They smell, they shed, they're in the way..
 WHO ASKED YOU? is all I can say..

They love me more than anyone.
 My voice is like the rising sun.
 They merely have to hear me say
 'C'mon ,time to go and play'

Then,
 tails wag and faces grin,
 they bounce and hop and make a din.

They never say 'no time for you',
 they're always there, to GO and
 DO.

And if I'm sad? They're by my side.
 And if I'm mad? They circle wide.
 And if I laugh, they laugh with me.
 They understand, they always see.

So once again, I say to you
 come visit me, but know this too..

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MY DOG LIVES HERE

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DOGGIE TREATS

maybe poisonous

Most people like to give there doggies human treats every now and again. Please remember that not all human food is safe for your 4-legged friends. Below is a list of food items that can be highly toxic /dangerous to dogs and must be avoided.

- Apples, plums, peaches, cherries
 - Alcohol
 - Avocados
- Baking Powder and Baking Soda
 - Chocolate
- Coffee (grounds and beans)
 - Grapes and Raisins
 - Dairy Products
 - Macadamia Nuts
 - Mouldy food
 - Onions
 - Garlic
 - Xylitol
 - Nutmeg
 - Yeast



LIVER BREAD TREATS

it's healthy

Ingredients

- 2 x 250g tubs of chicken liver (you can also use calves, ox or lamb's liver if you prefer)
- 2 x Ripe Bananas
- 2 x Eggs
- 2 x Cups of Flour
- Bit of oil

Method: Place the liver in blender and chop / liquidize. Add Banana, eggs and blend well. Add Flour - blend and oil and blend well. Place in lined, lightly greased oven tray and bake in pre-heated oven at 200 degrees centigrade for approx 50 - 60 minutes. Leave in oven to cool. Cut / break into suitable chunks Tip To prevent the liver-bread from spoiling you can divide it into portions and place the portions in the freezer.

We have plenty more looking for loving homes on our website www.huskyrescue.co.za. Please note: Adoption application procedures and adoption fees apply to all.

DOGGIES OF THE MONTH



NEO

Neo is a stray that was found and is currently housed at Husky Rescue Haven. He does not cope well in the kennel and we need to place him in his new home very soon. He is about three years and is an amazing boy. He is an escape artist and needs to be allowed to have access to the house at all times. If you can assist us in giving this beautiful boy a home please contact Jo-Anne to setup an appointment.



SNOWY

Snowy is a one year old male husky looking for his forever home. He has 2 beautiful blue eyes and is white and grey. Snowy is very energetic and playful. He is good with small dogs but not with cats.

If you are interested in adopting/fostering this gorgeu boy please contact Jasper: jasper@huskyrescue.co.za or on 083 231 2290.

ALASKAN MALAMUTE

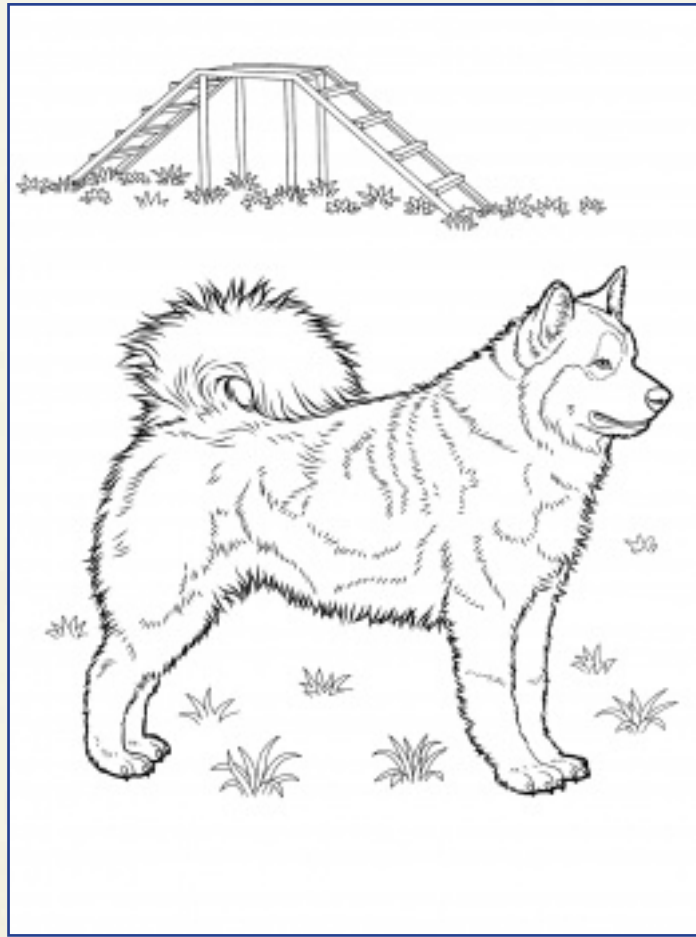
The Alaskan Malamute name comes from the Mahlemuts which were an Alaskan tribe that raised and looked after the Malamute. The Mahlemiut Eskimos used the Malamute as their mode of transport, to pull their sleds through the snow. The Malamute has amazing strength and endurance and were able to transport heavy loads of supplies across the snowy terrain.

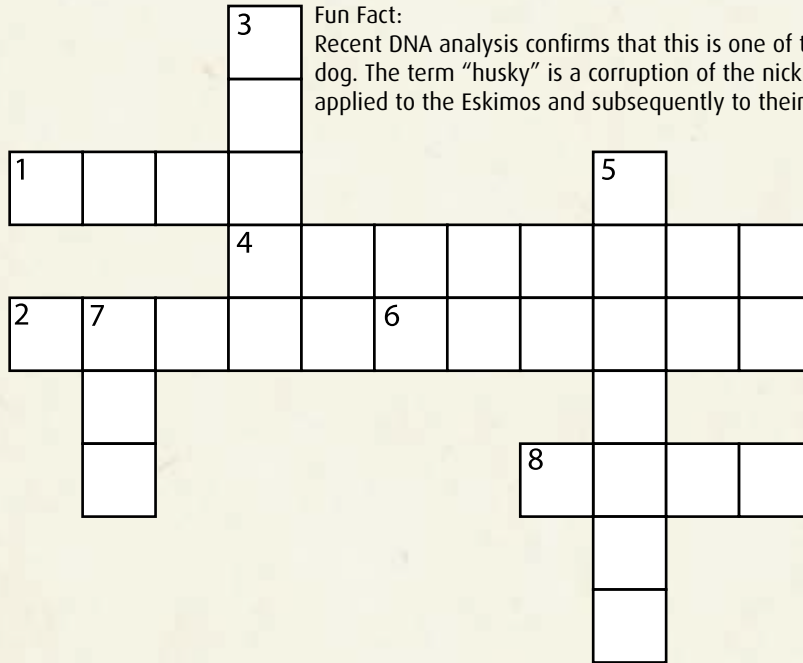
Alaskan Malamutes are loyal, intelligent and affectionate dogs. They are also very friendly so are not suitable as guard dogs. Malamutes

are quiet compared to most dogs but they do like to howl and dig. They should be supervised around unfamiliar small animals, as they have a strong prey instinct (as with most breeds there are exceptions to the norm). Malamutes require a lot of mental and physical stimulation and like other Nordic breeds these dogs are escape artists and therefore require at least 6 foot walls and double gating. They have very thick coats which will require regular brushing. The Malamute is the largest of the Nordic breeds.



PUPPY PAGES





Fun Fact:
Recent DNA analysis confirms that this is one of the oldest breeds of dog. The term "husky" is a corruption of the nickname "Esky" once applied to the Eskimos and subsequently to their dogs.

Across:

1. Do huskies bark or howl?
2. Huskies can jump 2metre high walls? (true/false)
4. What activity are huskies used for in the snow?
6. Do huskies have a double or single layer coat?
8. Their coat protects them from the hot and cold weather? (true/false)

Down:

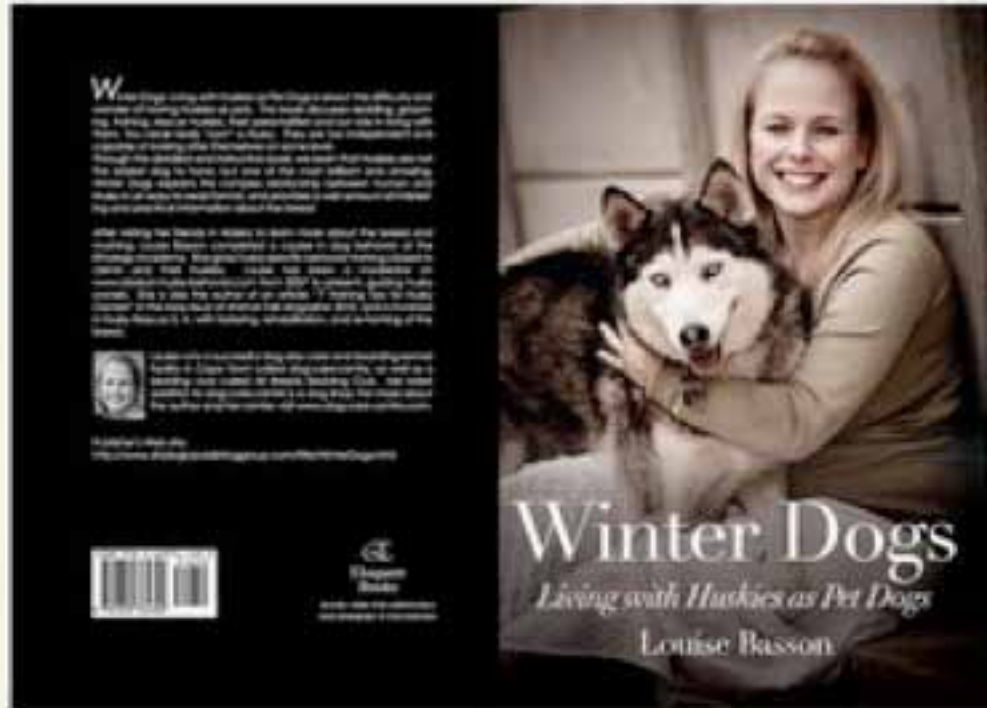
3. Huskies are lazy dogs and do not like to run? (true/false)
5. Where do Siberian huskies originally come from?
7. The 3 most common colours of a husky are: Black, grey and...?

EVENTS

LAMBTON SCHOOL VISIT



BOOK REVIEW



Winter Dogs

Living with Huskies Pet Dogs

... is about the difficulty and wonder of having Huskies as pets.

The book discusses sledding, training, grooming, rescue Huskies, their personalities and our role living with them. You never really "own" a Husky. They are too independent and capable of looking after themselves on some level.

Through this detailed and instructive book we learn that Huskies are not the easiest dog to have, but one of the most brilliant and amazing. Winter Dogs explains this complex relationship between human and Husky in a easy-to-read format, and provides a vast amount of interesting and practical information about the breed.

You can safely order and purchase this book online at 2CheckOut.com for only R150.

Books are print on demand so please leave time for printing and shipping. Or go to <http://www.dog-care-centre.com/Winter-dogs-book.html> for more details.



GOLF DAY

27 May 2011

Thank you to everyone for their amazing support on the day! See you next year!



PRETTIE AND FUNNIES

If you have an extra cute photo of your doggie, send your picture to clair.thain@gmail.com and your photo could be featured in our next magazine!



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