

# Marty Murarik the Siberian Husky My formal title is Lanuk's Back to the Future but everyone calls me Marty



I am a show dog, sled dog and therapy dog. I go out to schools, libraries, and other events to meet and greet people.

## How long have you been a therapy dog?

I am 4 years old, and I've been a Therapy Dog for 1 year.

## Where do you currently work?

I live at home with my owners and work for Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs. I am an AKC registered Siberian Husky and I compete in dog shows, nosework training, and dog sledding. I do a lot of outreach programs with my owner for 4-H. I visit hospitals for therapy and schools.

## How do you spend most of your time at work?

Getting petted by everyone who meets me. At dog shows I compete against other dogs in obedience and rally exercises and at dog school I am learning how to do nosework to find different scents that are hidden.

## Why did you choose this career?

I am a working dog and it is in my heritage to work and be active. I love pulling a sled and playing with other dogs.

### What did you do to prepare for this career?

I was trained at dog obedience classes with my 4-H leader, and I learned how to pull a sled from my other husky team members.

#### **MARTY'S FUN FACTS**

I enjoy watching dog shows on TV. Most recent show that I watched was "America's Top Dog"!

### What do you enjoy most about your job?

I enjoy all the attention that I get being petted and the treats I get when I am in dog class.

## What do you find most challenging about your job?

Most challenging is when I don't get to go out and work and I have to stay home.

### What is one piece of advice you would give to a young person who is interested in your profession?

The advice that I can give to someone who wants to train a dog like me is to be patient and be able to give lots of praise and treats when your dog does something that you like. You also have to understand that dogs need exercise and fun things to do.



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