



*Far left: At the shelter, Caesar is covered in thick mats.
 Middle: All the mats cut off Caesar weighed almost a pound.
 Left: Caesar is feeling good and chillin' in his bed.
 Above: Smiling Caesar loves being clean and having a soft bed to snuggle in.*

Caesar Emerges Triumphant!

Poor little Caesar looked like a walking rug! He was turned into the shelter no longer wanted by his owners. And he was covered in mats the size of baseballs. His feet were literally booted with thick mats of mud, excrement, sticks and pine needles. Moving had to be painful for this poor boy because the pine needles were close to his skin and poking him. For nearly five hours, two volunteers worked carefully with scissors to trim away all the debris. Clippers would not penetrate the mass of hair. And this sweet boy lay patiently without fussing or objecting for the whole time. He seemed to know we were helping him.

Surprise! His hair beneath the rug was soft and white! We did find a growth on his left side. It has since been removed, and we are hopeful it was just a lipoma. Caesar's teeth were very bad. One molar was deeply infected. Somehow he was able to keep some teeth and is enjoying his food a whole lot

And more. That mouth had to be sore! Caesar appears to be house trained. Mostly he just enjoys having a full tummy, being clean and especially having a soft bed in which to dream. And we expect he thinks his dreams have come true! He was obviously not appreciated in his former home.

Caesar is quiet, well-mannered and has a very loving disposition. He likes to sit in your lap and just be held with his head under your chin. He likes to go outside and potty. We guarantee Caesar that he will get all the TLC he can handle! Caesar is around eleven and a half years old and weighs twelve pounds. And that tummy just cries out to be rubbed! Right now he is being fostered in Chattanooga, Tennessee, but will be going to New York to a wonderful foster home in May. His surgery ran up quite a bill! *Any donations to cover his vetting are tax deductible!* 🐾



Barry relaxes in Robert's arms while Elizabeth holds Barry's sister Andi who was adopted from SCMR two years ago.

Barry Finds a Loving Home in Florida

The old saying goes, "There is someone for everyone." And that proved true for our Barry, a loveably crabby little senior fellow. Robert and Elizabeth Edelman were absolutely determined that they wanted Barry! It didn't matter that he has no teeth and tries to bite or that he has hearing loss and poor vision. Barry is just what they wanted. So they drove all the way from Bradenton, Florida, to Chattanooga, Tennessee, to claim their boy.

Barry took them right away as our photo shows. Now he is living a good life in the "Sunshine State" and never has to remember the shelter where he was abandoned. Happy Trails, Barry! 🐾

Joey Is Jumping For Joy

Joey knew right away when he met Charles and Pam Pulver that he had found his forever family. And it looks like he's going to be a "Daddy's Boy." That's fine with Joey. He was surrendered by his former mom because her job kept her traveling, and he was alone too much. Joey is a very social fellow, so we felt sure he would be a great addition to any family.

Now Joey won't ever have to be alone because he has a new sister too! Zoey was adopted from SCMR by the Pulvers a year ago and is definitely a "Mama's Girl." But she welcomed her new brother right away. Now they do everything together and they even rhyme....Joey and Zoey! 🐾



Happy Joey has a new mom, dad and sister Zoey.

SCMR Wish List

Expenses are going up and up. Please help our foster homes make ends meet by donating any of the following items:

- Stamps
- Incontinence bed pads
- Seresto Collars
- Baby Wipes
- Paper towels
- Grocery Store Gift Cards
- Heartguard Plus/Interceptor Plus
- Life's Abundance food
- Disposable pee pads
- Doggie diapers
- The Honest Kitchen food
- Gas Gift Cards (for transports) 🐾

SCMR NEEDS FOSTER HOMES! PLEASE APPLY TO FOSTER TODAY. WE ARE TURNING DOGS AWAY FOR LACK OF FOSTER SPACE...PLEASE HELP!

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Enter SCMR as your charity of choice & SCMR earns money while you shop online!

Need to find a special gift for the person who has everything?
Your donation in honor of family or friends will not collect dust or have to be returned because it's the wrong color, size or style - it will be put to great use to save lives and re-home deserving Maltese dogs. And it's tax deductible!



Get Rid of Fleas With Essential Oils and Other Natural Fixes



They're baaaaaaack! Those pesky fleas are ready to cause as much trouble as possible. Here are some natural tips to keep them at bay.

Citronella Oil – You've probably used citronella candles to ward off mosquitos. Did you know it's effective against fleas and safe for dogs, as well? Citronella oil is best used in sprays with other ingredients. Try this recipe for a flea-repelling spray that can be used on your dog and around your home: Combine one gallon of hot water with 20 drops of citronella oil, 10 drops of tea tree oil, 10 drops of lemongrass oil, and 5 drops of geranium oil. Add this mixture to a spray bottle and spray your dog once a day, letting the spray dry naturally.

Lavender Oil – One study showed that diluted lavender, at rates of 10 to 20 percent lavender, was just as effective at repelling fleas as flea and tick sprays containing DEET. A few drops of lavender oil added to a homemade flea spray smells great and is an effective flea repellent.

Cedarwood Oil – There are many essential oils that can be diluted with a carrier oil like grapeseed oil or sweet almond oil at a ratio of one drop of essential oil to one milliliter of carrier oil. The resulting mixture can be applied to a bandana tied around your dog's neck. Cedarwood oil is one oil that works well like this.

Peppermint Oil – Peppermint oil can be diluted like the cedarwood oil and applied to a bandana.

Apple Cider Vinegar – Fleas prefer an alkaline environment, so making your dog's skin and coat more acidic with topical application of apple cider vinegar and balancing out the alkaline environment inside your dog by adding raw unfiltered apple cider vinegar (ACV) to their water bowl can both help repel fleas. Add up to two

teaspoons of apple cider vinegar to your dog's water bowl (less if he refuses to drink it that concentrated) to balance his alkalinity from the inside. Mix a combination of half apple cider vinegar and half water in a spray bottle to apply it topically, making sure to avoid spraying it into his eyes, ears, nose, genitals, or any open wounds. You can spray your dog up to twice a day to repel fleas.

Diatomaceous Earth – Food grade diatomaceous earth (DE) can be sprinkled on your dog and around your yard to help dry out flea eggs before they have a chance to hatch. DE is a non-toxic powder made from fossilized organisms called diatoms. Be sure to avoid industrial strength DE since it's chemically treated and used for pools and manufacturing. 🐾

Volunteers Are
From Venus!



Tyler Layne, Boomerboy's hero, brought Boomerboy to Chattanooga to start a new life.

There is hope for the future when concerned young people take the initiative and save a dog's life. That's what our volunteer of the month, Tyler Layne, did for Boomerboy! Tyler was troubled when he saw the conditions that Boomerboy had to endure. So he approached Boomerboy's owner and convinced him to surrender Boomerboy to SCMR. Then Tyler drove Boomerboy to Chattanooga and has continued to be concerned about Boomerboy's welfare. Way to go, Tyler! 🐾

We're Putting the Senior Spotlight on Boomerboy, Who Needs Some Angels!



Boomerboy says, "Let's Party!" Every day is a celebration for this spunky little Shih Tzu!

How 'bout those toofies?! Anyone want a kiss? Boomerboy is ready and willing! This sweet ten year old Shih Tzu is in renal failure due to severe neglect by his former owners. We couldn't turn him away even though he is suffering from a terminal condition.

Boomerboy was a sad little thing when he first arrived in rescue. Thanks to a caring young man, Tyler Layne, who convinced the owner to release Boomerboy, SCMR decided to give him a home for whatever time he has left. Boomerboy's wonderful foster family all say he is sweet and affectionate. And they are willing to love him till the end.

In the meantime, Boomerboy will get whatever he needs to give him a good quality of life. Treatment can be expensive. Are there any angels out there who would like to sponsor Boomerboy to help pay for his monthly meds? **All sponsor donations are tax deductible.** Let Boomerboy know that you want to help shower him with love before he leaves us.

Bubby's Sweet Potato Fries



Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 30 minutes

Total Time: 40 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 Sweet Potato
- 1 tbsp Coconut Oil (melted)
- Spices - Turmeric, Cinnamon

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F
2. Wash and peel the sweet potato
3. Cut the sweet potato into evenly sized long skinny (fry shaped) pieces
4. Coat with oil and spices - Mix in a large bowl or Ziploc bag
5. Place fries on baking sheet in one layer
6. Bake for 15 minutes
7. Flip over fries for even baking
8. Bake for another 10-15 minutes
9. Let cool before giving to your dog! 🐾



Thank you to our Angels! All donations no matter how large or small, are greatly appreciated and are **tax deductible!**



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