



April 2010

Providing safety and healing for Maltese dogs in need



Savannah forms an instant crush on Dr. Caleb Hudson, her surgeon.



Savannah receives her initial exam from Dr. Mandi Schmidt.

CHECK IT OUT!

SCMR Alum Hits the Big Time on the Tube

Saturday, April 3rd at 8 p.m., Pumpkin, formerly Tilly of SCMR, debuted on "It's Me or the Dog" on Animal Planet! See page 2 for more on Pumpkin! And watch for reruns if you missed this episode. 🐾

Souled on Savannah!

She looks the picture of health...just twenty weeks old and full of "joie de vivre." One look in those soulful little eyes, and you're a goner! Sadly, Savannah was born with a life-threatening birth defect, patent ductus arteriosus.

Before birth, the two major arteries—the aorta and the pulmonary artery—are connected by a blood vessel called the ductus arteriosus. If this vessel does not close at birth and remains open (patent), this opening allows oxygen-rich blood from the aorta to mix with oxygen-poor blood from the pulmonary artery and put strain on the heart and increase blood pressure in the lung arteries.

SCMR wants Savannah to have a chance at a life without struggle. She successfully underwent surgery at the University of Florida Veterinary School and will be ready for adoption as soon as she has recovered. Savannah's expenses exceed \$2500, so SCMR gratefully accepts any donations to cover these costs. You can mail a check or send a donation via PayPal. **All donations are 100% tax deductible!** 🐾

Pumpkin Pumps Up the Volume! *by Heidi Vogelhuber*

It's hard to imagine that it is only just now one year that Pumpkin has been with us because it truly feels like she has been part of the family forever.

In the year that Pumpkin has been with us we have discovered from our frequent trips down to Florida that she is quite the beach bunny. She loves having her *Baywatch* moment running down the beach with her hair blowing in the wind.

We have nicknamed her "Pumpy" because she jumps or "pumps" up waist high on us whenever her dinner is being prepared. For a while there we thought she might be part jack russell!

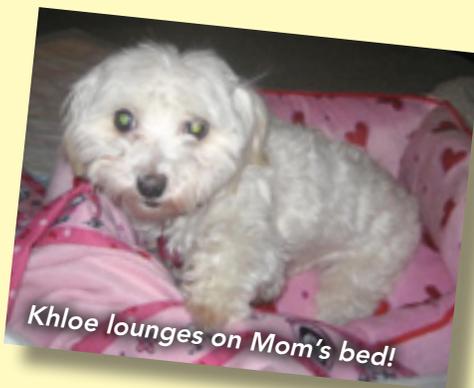
Best of all Pumpkin is the most amazing snuggler. She curls up tight against me when we go to bed and doesn't move an inch!

What a blessing Pumpkin has been and I cannot imagine life now without her. She had my heart from day one. Love you Pumpkin!!! 🐾



Happy Days for Khloe! *by Kristin Tocci*

I have always grown up having a dog in the family, so when I was ready to have one of my own, I knew I wanted to rescue a senior dog. Once I came across Khloe's picture, her little face instantly melted my heart.



When I first brought Khloe home, she was reserved and nervous, which was to be expected. My family has another dog at home, MacKenzie. She and Khloe instantly became attached. Khloe has quickly learned many things from MacKenzie, from running up and down the stairs to barking when we come home from work. Khloe also sleeps sprawled out on my bed every night!

I do feel truly blessed that I was able to give Khloe a new home where she can feel safe. I believe that everything happens for a reason, and that I will be the person to take care of her throughout her senior years. Every day with Khloe is truly a miracle and I am so happy to have her! 🐾

Volunteers Are From Venus!



Every now and then, someone really goes above and beyond for SCMR, and we want to recognize them.

Special thanks go out to Beth Smith and Kelley Brundage of Marietta, Georgia! When Noah had an emergency, they dropped everything to help our boy!

Also, special thanks to Stacia Bearden (not pictured) of Red Bank, Tennessee. One phone call and Stacia sprang into action without a second thought to help little Noah! Three snaps and thumbs up for Kelley, Beth and Stacia, our super volunteers for April! 🐾



Hope and Luther share a cuddle and a laugh!

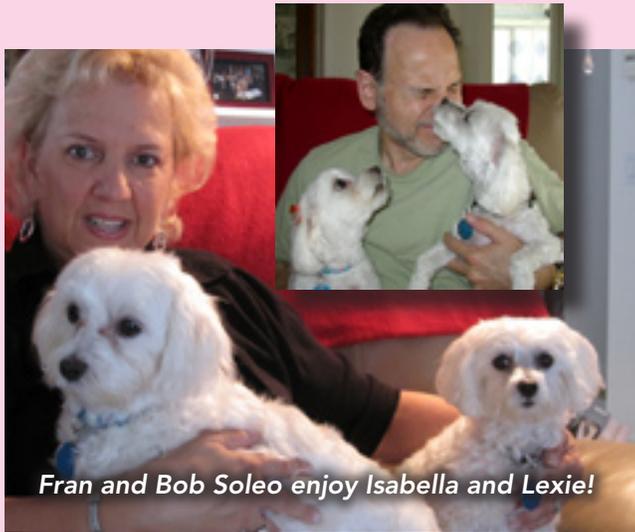
The Adventures of Luther, Your Growl on the Prowl *by Hope Gibson*

Hi, everybody! It's Luther reporting in from Harriman, TN, to let you know about some of my latest escapades.

My skin mom, Hope, often takes me with her in the car. I love road trips, and when she told me we were going to North Carolina back in December, I got all excited! It turns out that our trip plans fell on the day we had that big snow. Well, mom is one brave woman. She said that a little old snow was not going to keep her from traveling to see her best friend, Sherry. Turns out that Sherry lives in Charlotte, NC. The girls had planned an overnight trip to Black Mountain to spend the night in a pet friendly (yeah, right) B & B.

That day was sure a cold one. When we arrived at

(continued on page 4)



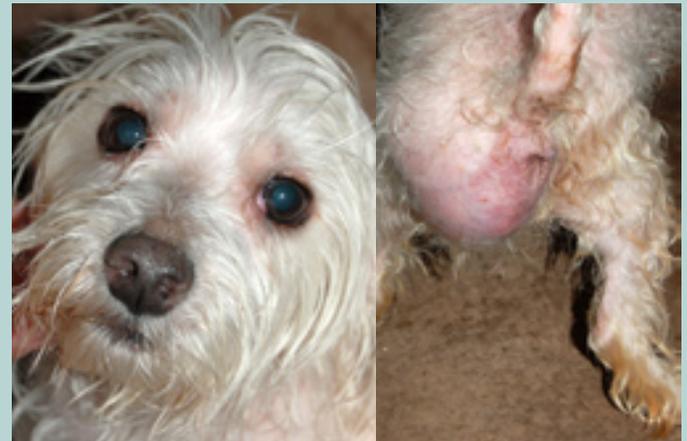
Fran and Bob Soleo enjoy Isabella and Lexie!

Summer Search Pays Off *by Fran & Bob Soleo*

Over the summer, our search for 2 wonderful girls somehow began in Oklahoma City and ended with a plane trip to Gainesville and a car ride home to Trinity, Florida. It didn't start out that way, but I'm a firm believer that some things are just meant to be.

Through some wonderful people at SCMR, along with a very caring pilot, we became proud parents of Isabella and Lexie, two of the sweetest girls we've ever met. It didn't take long to fall in love.

(continued on page 4)



Max Abandoned in Shocking Condition

Sorry...no way to sugar-coat this one. Poor Max was abandoned by his owners at the vet's office in eastern Kentucky. Then he was sent to the local ASPCA who contacted SCMR to see if we could help him. He has a very large perianal hernia. We couldn't turn aside from his compelling need.

Most likely Max will require a specialist. He will also need to have his regular vetting: dental, shots, heartworm test, and neutering. His treatment will run around \$1500. Please find a way to contribute to Max's care and show a deserving dog that he is not something to be thrown away. Once Max's treatment is completed, he will be available for adoption. **All donations are tax deductible!** 🐾



P.O. Box 2005
Chattanooga, TN 37409

The Adventures of Luther

(continued from page 3)

the B & B, it was closed, but the sign said they would be open within 30 minutes. Mom's friend, Sherry, had recently been diagnosed with Lupus. I don't know what that is, but it must be yucky stuff. Sherry's fingers were turning purple and getting numb from the cold, so when they found an open door, they went inside to wait by the check-in counter. Since Mom wasn't about to leave me in the car to freeze my you-know-what off, she brought me inside, too. Big mistake! When the clerk came in, she was totally upset to find all of us inside.

The kicker was that I had to sneak through the closed dining area to get to the check-in desk. We thought it was no big deal, but we were wrong! The next morning at breakfast, Mom got a good chewing out by the mother of the owner. She said that had the alarm gone off, the police would have come, and Mom, Sherry, and me would have been taken to jail. Jail! I don't know what that is either, but Mom said I did not ever want to go there!

I'm glad we didn't go to jail, because that really would have ruined my first big road trip with Mom!

This is Luther, saying, "Keep your tail wagging until we meet again." 🐾



Thank you to our Angels! Any and all donations are greatly appreciated, no matter how large or small!

Summer Search Pays Off

(continued from page 3)

The girls quickly adjusted to their new forever home and family, and we all enjoyed a wonderful holiday season from Halloween through Thanksgiving and Christmas. They have quickly taken over our home and hearts, and these girls now have a loving forever home. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all the wonderful people involved in the care and rescue of these beautiful girls. You really do make a difference! 🐾