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Providing safety and healing for Maltese dogs in need

CHECK IT OUT!



Maya Angelou's signature is featured in this quilt square from SCMR's "Quilt of Stars." Also included are Shirley Jones, Christopher Plummer and Debbie Reynolds.

Maya Angelou's Signature Is Highlighted on TV Report

Early in June after Ms. Maya Angelou passed away, Channel 3 TV (WRCB) in Chattanooga, TN, featured a news story on SCMR's "Quilt of Stars" and Ms. Angelou's participation.

Many recognize Ms. Angelou as a humanitarian and poet. But she was also an animal lover and signed for our quilt which is in production. Several squares such as the one featured above have already been constructed as the quilt top is being built.

Individual signatures from a diverse group of celebrities like Tom Selleck, Dame Judi Dench and singer Sarah MacLachlan will go into the design. Only a few more are needed to reach the goal of 80 signatures. Keep watching our web site for updates on "The Quilt of Stars!" 🐾



Help Winston Work It Out!

Winston wants to work out for you! Right now he's making tracks on an underwater treadmill to strengthen his legs because he has knee problems and sometimes pain in his spine. But thanks to Cassie Englert, Certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner with Chattanooga Canine Rehabilitation and Wellness in Chattanooga, TN, who is directing Winston's physical therapy, Winston is making great progress!

Winston is one of many senior dogs who lose their homes each year because their elderly owners die. He knows what it means to be loved and just needs a place where he can retire in comfort and safety. For a thirteen year old fellow, he sees and hears really well and has beautiful white teeth. Winston is people oriented and just wants a human of his own again. He's most content when he is chilling with his best buddy.

With his legs and knees strengthened, Winston will get more pleasure out of taking walks on a leash with you. He will also get greater enjoyment out of playing with other dogs. He does require arthritis meds daily to help with his back issues.

Until his forever family comes forward, Winston will get the royal treatment with SCMR! Won't you consider becoming a sponsor angel for Winston and help offset his medical bills? *Your generous donation is tax deductible.* And Winston thanks you kindly and reminds you what the Beatles said, "We can work it out!" 🐾



Spanky , Lilli Belle and Banjo load up mom, Vickie Wirth, with lots of love!

The Wirths Celebrate Their Tiny Trio

by Vickie Wirth

So much happiness has come our way from your wonderful rescue! Lilli Belle, our princess, and Banjo, our prince, are both SCMR graduates. Spanky is our clown dog and is a puppy mill survivor we adopted ten years ago.

In April and May, Lilli Belle, Banjo, Don and I all had birthdays. It was a great time to celebrate. Lille Belle and Banjo are such happy dogs, and they spread that happiness around everywhere they go. Thank you, SCMR, for our little royal rascals! 🐾

Robyn Tauber Finds “Mr. Right” Riley!

by Robyn Tauber

I had been looking for Riley for one and a half years since I lost my precious little Maltese Carly at nearly fifteen years old. The instant I saw Riley’s picture on SCMR’s website, I fell in love and wrote before I took another breath! I am convinced Carly “sent” him to me. If she had a son, he would have looked just like Riley!

Not that he looked like he does today...he looked tiny, scared; and his hair had been chopped up because of being dirty and matted. He was discarded, although how anyone could have given him up was unimaginable! He is the cutest, smartest little boy ever! Thankfully, his foster mom and I communicated the very next day, bonded immediately; and after he was vetted, he was promised to me! I jumped on a plane at 6 a.m. Sunday morning, the day before Valentine’s Day (hence his name), and flew back with him the same day!

He is the poster boy for adoption and rescue....no one can believe that such a handsome, purebred, adorable and smart little boy like him could have been abandoned! Lucky us! He has caused so many people to switch to adoption/rescue instead of purchasing just because of who he is! No one has ever loved me as much as this amazing little boy, and we are madly in love!

As I always say, every time people tell me how lucky he is, that actually we rescued each other! So now his official name is.... Prince Riley Valentino, King of Cuteness! 🐾



(Above) Robyn and Riley snuggle. (Left) Howdy, Pardner!

Know How to Prevent Heat Stroke in Your Dog This Summer

Heat stroke in dogs can quickly turn deadly if not treated immediately and aggressively. Dogs can pant to help control their inner temperatures, but they can't sweat. In the case of a heat stroke, panting is not enough to cool their body down. Initial symptoms include physical signs such as excessive or fluctuating panting, excessive drooling (hypersalivation), foaming at the mouth, dry tacky



gums and labored breathing (dyspnea). Some common behavioral changes are agitation, whining, barking and other signs of anxiety.

As the dog's core body temperature becomes dangerously elevated (called hyperthermia), the initial signs normally progress to include vomiting, diarrhea, confusion, lack of muscular coordination (ataxia), very red gums and

uncontrolled tremors. In the end stages of heat stroke, a dog will become listless, dull, weak and recumbent. It may try to move to cool places but be unable to rise, will have increased difficulty breathing and ultimately will have seizures, collapse, lapse into a coma and die.

- ALWAYS make sure your dog has a fresh, clean water supply.
- Give them a "time out" from play. Allow your dog to rest for 20 minutes after 20 minutes of physical activity.
- Provide shade for your pooch if possible under a tree or even an umbrella.
- Never, ever, leave your dog locked up in a house or vehicle without a proper cooling method.

If you suspect your dog is suffering from heat stroke, the first thing to do is call your vet or a nearby animal hospital. Inform them of the situation and let them know when you will be arriving with your pet. Spray or pour cold water on your dog, specifically his/her belly. Dogs should not be immersed in ice or ice-cold water. You can also apply isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol on their foot pads, under their front armpits and on their groin or flank areas.

Remember that heat stroke in dogs can be prevented by you. 🐾

A Blessing Called Bella

by Pat Chesney

Thank you, SCMR, for saving Bella and letting me adopt her. I lost my best friend two days after I brought Bella home. Bella brought joy to my life every day at a time when I really needed it. It was wonderful to see her improve every day! I will always remember the first morning she felt well enough to stretch when she got out of bed...just like a "normal" dog! Every bit of progress that she made was so important to me. It made me proud to know that my love was helping her become a great little dog.

Bella taught me that you have to keep trying even when life gets hard. At her age, to be uprooted from her home...even an awful one...was hard. She endured a long surgery which was so painful, but she came out the other side. If you had not looked past her age and condition, she would not have had that chance to know that there are good people in the world. I am grateful that you saw her potential and let me be the person to help her heal. She came into my house with seven other dogs and wasn't scared of them at all!



Farewell, beautiful Bella!

Bella helped me realize that it was not the time we spend with each other that makes the difference but the quality of our actions with the time we have allotted to us that gives life so much meaning. She was with me a very short time, but I will never forget that beautiful spirit. I only wish I had gotten more time to show her a wonderful, loving life. 🐾

Fun in the Sun!



TREATS FOR TRICKS!

Frozen Banana Treats for Dogs!

Ingredients:

- 4 cups plain yogurt
- 2 tbs. peanut butter
- 3 ripe bananas, peeled and mashed
- whole blueberries

Directions

- Blend all the ingredients to a puree in a food processor.
- Pour into 4 ounce plastic cups.
- Pop a whole blueberry on top.
- Freeze until firm.
- Pop the treat out of the cup and watch your dog enjoy!
- Store the treats in the freezer for up to 2 weeks. 🐾

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.



Kiwi Rides in the Truck Pull With Daddy!

by Michelle Turner

It has been almost a year, and here's the latest on Kiwi. A few months ago, she stopped eating well. Our vet said she was a picky eater. Last week I took her to another vet because she is drinking a lot of water. He did blood and urine tests and found that she is borderline diabetic. She doesn't need shots yet... it can be controlled by diet. So now my little darling has homemade food every day!



She is still a very active little girl and gives us a lot of pleasure. As you can see from the picture, she attends every truck pull with us and loves riding in the pull truck with my husband. Thank you for her! 🐾

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 pads
- K9 Advantix II
- Heartguard
- Life's Abundance food
- Disposable pee pads