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Providing safety and healing for Maltese dogs in need

CHECK IT OUT!

Special Needs Issue!

An Urgent Call to Action

SCMR provides medical care, healthy food, a loving foster home, and hope to homeless Maltese. With help from generous folks like you, we've been able to save hundreds of Maltese from abandonment, puppy-millers and certain death since we opened our doors. This newsletter tells the stories of just a few of the *special needs* Maltese that have recently arrived.



So many people give up on these babies – they're damaged goods and will cost more than replacing them or paying for their special needs. But over the years many of you have opened your homes and hearts to these cast-aside dogs knowing that given a chance these little ones make wonderful family members. SCMR brings our resources, foster homes, love and hard work to transform each hopeless, little refugee into a happy, loving dog.

We can only accomplish our mission with your support. A lot of people think why give? What difference will \$10 or \$20 make? You won't believe how far we can stretch a ten dollar bill! We know that if you could give hope to just one Maltese, you would. Please, won't you take a minute to write a **tax deductible** donation? There is no better way to say that life will get better.



Flora charms her angels, Melissa Tups, Buck Foley and Robert Lewis!

Baby Flora Gets Three Guardian Angels!

Thanks to the efforts of three angels, baby Flora arrived safe and sound in Chattanooga recently. Hats off to Robert Lewis of Longwood, FL, who drove the lion's share to South Carolina to pick up Flora and then handed her off to Buck Foley of SCMR. Melissa met Buck and drove Flora the rest of the way to Chattanooga, TN.

Flora is a sweet 14-week old baby with Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA). PDA is the most commonly diagnosed congenital heart defect in dogs. Without surgery, premature death for this little girl is likely. Since the chance of a dog developing heart failure or suffering irreversible damage to the heart muscles only increases with passing time, we need to provide this little girl with life-saving surgery as soon as possible. This surgery will cost around \$2,000 and will be performed at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Please help us save this little girl's life by making a donation to her surgery. No amount is too small. As soon as the funds have been raised, the surgery will be performed. We will provide updates once she has had surgery. **And as always, all donations are tax deductible!** 🐾



Kenya Gets Life Saving Liver Shunt Surgery at the University of Tennessee

On March 1, 2011, Kenya, a little seven month old Maltese puppy, went to the University of Tennessee veterinary teaching hospital to determine if he was a candidate for liver shunt surgery. Good news! Kenya had only one large extra-hepatic liver shunt that should respond well to liver shunt surgery.

Kenya received the life saving surgery on March 2, 2011, and is doing very well. We are hoping that he will have a wonderful long healthy life. Please donate to help us pay his bill which totalled approximately \$2000 for his diagnostic tests and surgery. Kenya is bouncing around the house. He is a lively, happy puppy who is ready to go to his new home. Your **tax deductible donation** will make it possible for SCMR to keep offering life-saving veterinary care to dogs who would not survive otherwise! 🐾



Peyton is looking forward to the future!



Peyton's surgery will restore mobility and eliminate pain.

Dumpster Dog Goes From Rags to Riches

SCMR was contacted about Peyton and only given a few hours to rescue him before he was going to be put to sleep. He had been left by the dumpster at a PetSmart in Atlanta, GA. Peyton had a severe injury to his right hip. SCMR arranged to have Peyton temporarily sheltered by another rescuer. Wonderful SCMR adopters, the Lightfoots, agreed to pick him up and bring him to Chattanooga!

Peyton was immediately taken to Dr. Craven of Animal Clinic East for an examination. X-rays revealed that Peyton's right hip was dislocated. This injury was not new, so this little boy had been in extreme pain for quite some time. Since Peyton's injury was older, Dr. Craven felt that just putting it back into the socket would be unsuccessful. He recommended that a Femoral Head Ostectomy (FHO) be performed, a surgical procedure that removes the femoral head and neck from the femur.

Peyton's prognosis is very good! He is young, and his ragged existence will now change to a future rich with possibilities! It will take him about month to heal, and he will then need physical therapy. Peyton's expenses came to just over a thousand dollars.

With all the other special needs babies we have recently helped, we desperately need your support to continue to help Maltese in peril. Please consider making a donation toward this life saving work. 🐾

SCMR Gives Safe Harbor to Marshall County Puppymill Bust Survivors!



Led by the Humane Society of the United States, state, county, business and animal rights authorities raided a puppy mill Wednesday, February 2, 2011, to rescue ninety-seven dogs and a cat from inhumane conditions on property in Marshall County, Tennessee.

All of the animals were ultimately surrendered by the owner to the custody of the Marshall County Sheriff's Department.

The dogs were housed in unsanitary conditions in total darkness, lacked proper socialization and medical care, authorities said. Many of the dogs were so filthy and uncared for that it was difficult to even tell what breed they were.

The animals were cared for by expert staff from the Humane Society of the United States and United Animal Nations and were taken to an emergency shelter where they were evaluated by a veterinarian and received medical attention.

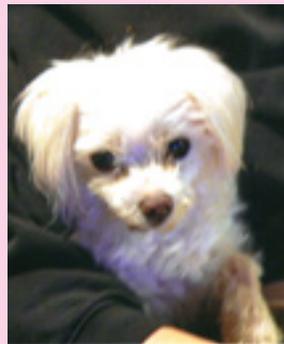
The Humane Education Society in Chattanooga received several Maltese and immediately contacted SCMR. All of the little refugees SCMR received have

been completely vetted. And many have already found loving homes. SCMR gives a big thumb's up to the Marshall County authorities for investigating and following through on suspected animal abuse.

Thank you to our generous supporters who donate and make it possible for SCMR to make a difference in these precious lives. *All donations are tax deductible!* 🐾



Farewell, Elly May



Beloved companion of Edith and Todd Lightfoot, Elly May went to the Rainbow Bridge on March 15th. An elderly stray from Sevierville, TN, Elly May was an SCMR foster until she won the hearts of Todd and Edith. She was greatly loved and is greatly missed. 🐾

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BringFido.com has dog friendly city guides that rank more than 10,000 cities worldwide for dog friendliness. SCMR receives \$5 for each reservation made through BF.

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
- Cloth incontinence pads
- Harnesses & leashes
- Baby Wipes
- Paper towels
- Nature's Miracle
- Interceptor & K9 Advantix
- Life's Abundance food
- Disposable pee pads
- Doggie diapers
- Small & Med. Sweaters
- Gas Gift Cards (transports)



Volunteers Are From Venus!



Clippers at the ready, Norma Belford of House of Pets on Dayton Boulevard in Red Bank, TN, is a volunteer extraordinaire! No matter how filthy, new arrivals are always given the "works" by Miss Norma who generously donates her time. Like magic, matted fleaballs are transformed by Norma's expertise into darling, Maltese "schmoos!" For many of these dogs, it's the first time in their lives they have been clean! It's a crucial first step in rehoming deserving dogs! 🐾



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



Baha'i Center Kids Day Teaches Children to be Kind to Animals

SCMR was invited to participate in this year's Kids Day at the Baha'i Center in Chattanooga, TN, on February 26th. SCMR brought some adoptables for the kids to play with. And we were treated to wonderful picnic foods and generous donations. Thank you so much to our Bahai friends for your support! 🐾