



## CHECK IT OUT!

### Xylitol is Toxic for Dogs!

Does your dog have a sweet tooth? Beware of products containing **xylitol**. It is toxic to dogs. It can cause hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) in dogs, but recent discoveries show that it can cause acute liver disease and a coagulopathy (inability to clot the blood). A study found that 0.5g/kg or more of ingested xylitol can cause liver failure.

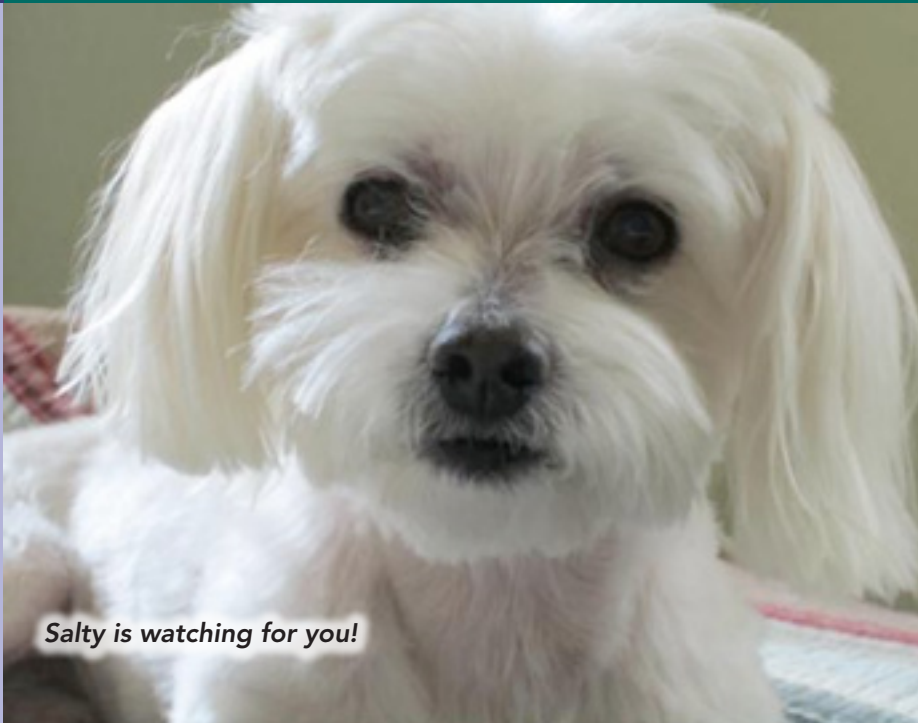
#### What are the signs of xylitol toxicity?

Vomiting is usually the first sign of toxicity and then in 30-60 minutes hypoglycemia can occur. The signs of hypoglycemia can be lethargy, ataxia (stumbling around), collapse, and seizure. In cases where gum with xylitol was ingested, the hypoglycemia may be delayed for up to 12 hours. In severe over doses, some dogs do not display the signs of hypoglycemia prior to the onset of liver failure. Instead lethargy and vomiting occurred 9-72 hours after exposure. They developed petechia (small spots of bleeding on the skin and mucus membranes like gums), echymosis (larger spots of bleeding seen on the skin and mucus membranes), and gastric hemorrhage (bleeding in the stomach).

#### What can you do if your dog does ingest xylitol?

Immediately bring him into your veterinarian and let him/her know which items contained xylitol. Remember how much your pet consumed (always estimate on the high side because it is always better to be overly cautious when it comes to the health and wellbeing of your faithful friend). Your veterinarian will want to treat your dog with dextrose (a type of sugar) so that they do not go into hypoglycemic shock. They will also treat the pet for liver disease if enough xylitol is ingested.

Xylitol may help you watch your waist line, but it can be deadly to your furry friend. 🐾

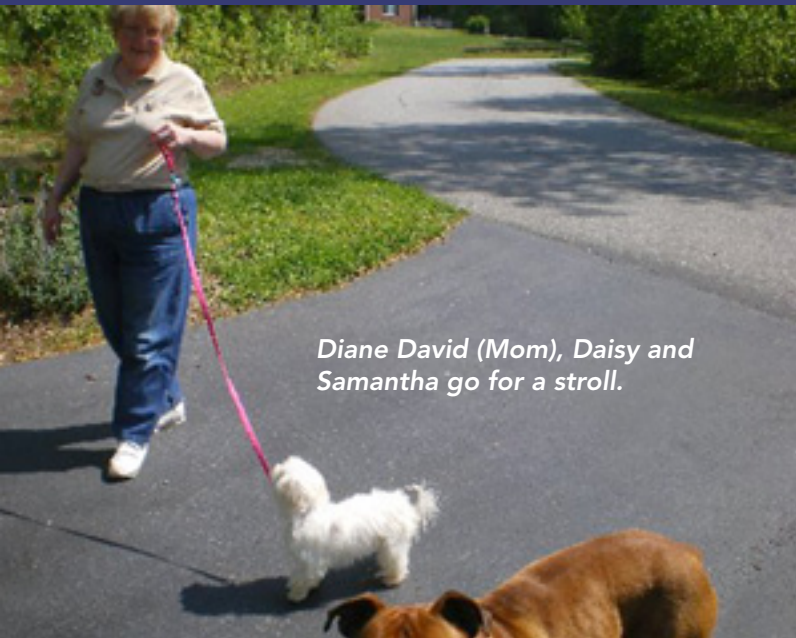


*Salty is watching for you!*

### Honey, Let Me Be Your Salty Dog!

Salty will make your heart sing because he's such a sweet boy and loves to be loved. If you sing "Salty Dog" to him, he may watch you closely; but he won't hear you because he is deaf. Deaf dogs are just as loving and can be just as active as hearing dogs, but they depend on you a little more for visual direction. He just wants to please. Salty can be easily startled because of his hearing impairment. So he needs a family who will work with him to give him cues and signs to communicate. He will do best with a family where there is at least one adult who will have time to work with him and teach him.

Sometimes Salty can be a bit protective of his food and toys because he doesn't understand what is going on. But lots of TLC and consistency will help Salty feel confident. He's only six years old and weighs nine pounds...a nice, little lapful! If you are Salty's family, please fill out an application on our web site: [www.scmradoption.com](http://www.scmradoption.com). If you can't adopt, please consider becoming one of Salty's angels and sponsor him with a donation. **All donations are always tax deductible!** 🐾



*Diane David (Mom), Daisy and Samantha go for a stroll.*

## Flora's Surgery is Successful!

Thanks to your support, Flora was able to go to the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (UTK) to have surgery for patent ductus arteriosus (PDA). Surgical treatment consisted of tying off the patent ductus and was quite successful. Flora was a real trouper, and everyone fell in love with her at UTK.

Since surgery was performed as soon as possible - before changes have occurred as the heart tries to compensate for the defect - Flora's prognosis for a normal life is very good. Without everyone's support, this would not have been possible.

SCMR wishes to thank each and everyone of our loyal supporters for everything you do help us accomplish our mission of saving as many Maltese as possible. **Please know that 100% of your donations go toward helping the animals.**

Your continued support is needed. As you can imagine because of the economy, there are more maltese in shelters and owner turn-ins. The good news is that puppymillers are also releasing more dogs because of the economy. But that means more maltese in rescue. Please consider making monthly donations to help these maltese. **Your donations are tax deductible.** 🐾

## Daisy Gives Thanks!

Dear SCMR,  
Things are going good here at my new home. I get lots of cuddling with my new mom and dad and am constantly following my big sister, Samantha, around when we go outside. I get taken outside a lot so I end up doing most of my "business" out there. Samantha and I usually walk around the block once or twice a day with dad and/or mom, and I drag a small rope behind me. I usually won't let mom or dad pick up the leash until we get within sight of home. Then it's OK!

Yesterday I met another of Samantha's friends, a 9.5 pound Schnoodle named Sadie. She kept wanting to play. Her mom, Karen, is nice and liked holding me. She's a pretty good cuddler too.

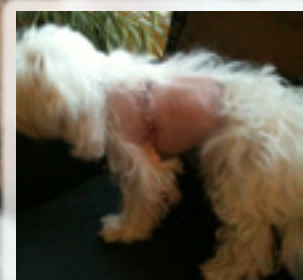
At night I usually curl up between mom & dad's pillows to sleep and am very comfortable. I'm not crazy about going out first thing in the morning since the grass is wet, and my paws get cold; but mom tries to dry them off with a towel and then sometimes the hair dryer. That feels good.

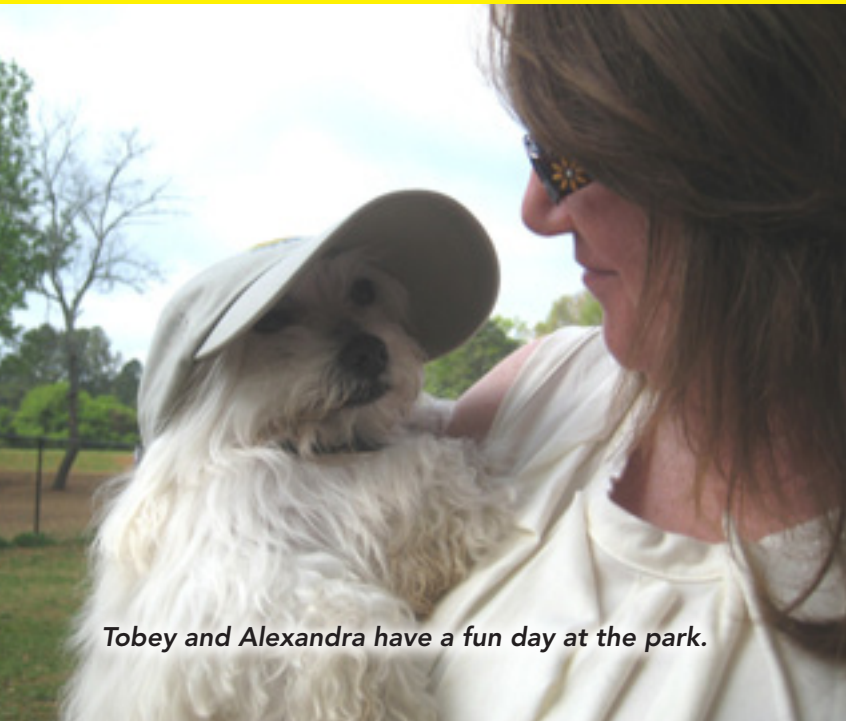
Well, I'm off for more cuddling and tv watching. I just wanted to say thank you to my Foster Mom and Dad for taking such good care of me. I know I was a challenge, but you didn't give up on me. Thank you for all you did and for finding me a forever home where I am really, really loved.

Love & Doggie Kisses,  
Daisy 🐾



*Flora takes it easy after her surgery at UTK.*





*Tobey and Alexandra have a fun day at the park.*

## Tobey Wears Many Hats!

by Alexandra Frank

In my work as a counselor, I have Tobey in every session. The majority of my clients have told me how he enables them to feel safer, more comfortable and more childlike. As they are leaving, they'll often ask if they can say goodbye to him. He is irresistible! I am planning on having him certified for animal visitations at hospices and nursing homes, to share his loving heart.

Everyone loves Tobey! He goes to the park, gets treats at my local bank branch and even attends Bible class where he is quiet and respectful! Tobey even enjoys the knitting circle, and they love him. I will forever be grateful to SCMR for bringing this sweet, loving special little boy from his former life to freedom. He has enhanced my life beyond measure. 🐾

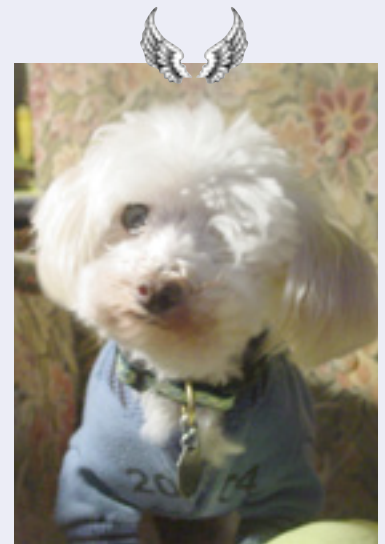
## Quick Tips for Flea Control

- Spray microscopic nematodes in moist, shady spots outside — even in flower and vegetable gardens. The worms eat flea larvae and can reduce populations by 90 percent within 24 hours.
- Set eucalyptus leaves inside and out because fleas can't stand the smell. Buy bunches at a craft store, cut them up and place leaves and stems in open glass jars. Set one or two in each room of the house. Also, hang pod-filled socks from branches around the yard.
- Create a specific pet sleeping area that's easy to clean often.
- Vacuum carpeting, furniture and floors weekly. When fleas are present, put a flea collar in the vacuum bag to kill vacuumed up fleas.
- Regularly wash all bedding and rugs that your pet has contact with.
- Sprinkle Diatomaceous Earth around your yard, in pet bedding, under furniture cushions, etc. It is a natural mineral that kills fleas. It can even be dusted on your pets with no harm to them! 🐾

## Farewell, Stevie Wonder

Beloved companion of Kathleen Bense, Stevie Wonder went to the Rainbow Bridge on June 6th. After fighting eye cancer and going into remission, Stevie was an inspiration as he blossomed into a loving and funny fellow who exuded joi d'vive.

He charmed all who came to know him. Sadly, the cancer came back aggressively. He had many loving nick-names. His foster family and his forever family will miss Stevie PopPop. He was our Cherie Amour! 🐾



## 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
- Little Caesar's food
- Gas Gift Cards (transports)

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



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



## TREATS FOR TRICKS!

### Chicken Jerky for Dogs



#### Ingredients:

1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breasts    1/4 cup olive oil  
Juice of 1 lemon  
Optional (to taste): peppermint, rosemary, parsley, turmeric, cinnamon

#### Directions:

1. Trim away any excess fat and cut chicken into strips, keeping thin and even. 1/8 to 1/4 inches thick;
2. Combine remaining ingredients into a resealing bag such as a Ziploc and add chicken strips;
3. Seal bag, making sure that most of the air is out and rub/mix items in bag to make sure that all of the chicken strips are coated.  
Marinate overnight;
4. Preheat oven to 300°. Remove chicken from marinade and place evenly into a glass baking dish and bake for 30 minutes. Let chicken cool;
5. Preheat oven to 145°. Transfer cool chicken to a wire rack that is over a baking sheet that has been lined with foil. Place into oven and cook four to six hours until chicken is leathery.
6. Allow chicken to fully cool before giving to your dog.  
Slice with the grain of the chicken as this will make the final product chewier for your pet. Jerky must be stored in the refrigerator and will last up to three weeks; however, it can be frozen and stored for up to eight months. 🐾



## Volunteers Are From Venus!



Time and again when SCMR has been in a pinch for transport help to Nashville and other locations, Kevin Smith has literally come to the rescue! With gas prices going up and up, our transporters are more valuable than gold. Three big snaps and two thumbs up for Kevin and his devotion to our rescues! 🐾