



November/December 2011

Providing safety and healing for Maltese dogs in need

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An SCMR Gift Donation Makes a Great Christmas Gift and Helps Save Lives

Instead of the same old stuff, this year surprise those you love with a Gift Donation to SCMR in his/her name! Provide us with an address, and SCMR will send a Christmas notification to your recipient or to you, if you prefer, to wrap and give.

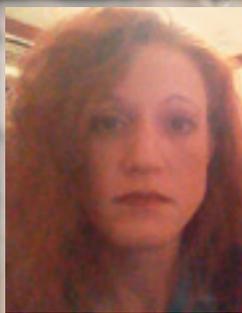
Just go to www.scmradoption.com, scroll down and click on "Make a Donation." You will be taken to PayPal where you can fill out a donation form and note special instructions. And remember, these Gift Donations are always tax deductible! 🐾



SCMR Attends Paws in the Park 2011

In October Willie, Precious, Bonnie and a few other SCMR dogs greeted the public for SCMR at the annual Paws in the Park in Chattanooga, Tennessee. That's Brad Pitt in the e-collar in the background. Precious and Brad Pitt found their Forever Homes! Your donations help Bonnie, Willie and all the others to find loving families! 🐾

Minerva's sweet face will always be a precious memory for her foster mom, Cheryl DeRasmo (inset).



A Rescuer Reflects

by Cheryl DeRasmo

Being an animal rescuer is hard work. Fostering these abused, neglected, sick ones is one of the most rewarding things I could ever do with my life... to see these babies grow and blossom into what a real dog should be. It may take days, weeks, months, years, or maybe even never, but knowing that they had the best possible life after everything they went through gives me such warm feelings. From the moment they step into my life, I love them. Then there are the ones that just aren't going to make it. For them, the best I can do is give them all the love they can handle until their time is up.

One such dog recently came into my life. Her name was Minerva. A big-eyed, large-bellied girl (originally thought to be pregnant) who looked at you with what I can only describe as a loneliness. I wasn't sure if this place was going to be good for her. She was one of four that I received. Each had a very different personality. Each one was unique in their own way; and each one I loved with all my heart. Strange to say you love something with all your heart, because it seems like each one has my whole heart. That must mean I have hundreds of hearts in me; because when she passed, Minerva took that heart with her. She never seemed quite right when I got her, so I watched her closely. Ulcerated cysts popped up on her feet. She drank excessively and tried to eat everybody's food, so I would have to watch her carefully. She had a dry-eye that had to be cleaned and medicated several times a day. All this lead to me thinking she had thyroid disease. Unfortunately, she took a turn for the worse the last few days.

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Mike Biter spends a relaxing day at home with Candy supervising his web searches and Jazz at his side enjoying the fun!

The Biters are "Bitten" by the Rescue Bug!

by Pat and Mike Biter

Pat and I had two Maltese and decided we would add another dog. But this time it had to be a rescue dog. We came across Southern Comfort Maltese Rescue, picked a dog name Cecelia and applied. A short time later Mary Dube called to tell me we had been approved to adopt but that Cecelia had already been adopted - would we take Lucy.

When we first saw Lucy, we were quickly taken back by her appearance. Her hair was thin. She had a stiff walk, and she was short and pudgy. We didn't know what we had gotten into! Lucy was not the pretty young dog that our other two Maltese were. But never did we consider taking her back to SCMR. What happened was, we all fell in love with Lucy! Our daughter Jacque found an "I Love Lucy" sign somewhere and bought it for her bedroom. Lucy had so much personality, you could not resist her! She was a hit with everyone who came over. And she was always extra beautiful when she came from her monthly grooming. Lucy, the dog found wondering in the streets in Atlanta, came home with us and gave us five awesome years.

And Cecelia, the beautiful Maltese we originally requested, came home with us too about three weeks after Lucy! Apparently her adoption did not work out, and we took her in as well.

This past March Mary emailed me about a beautiful tea cup female Maltese and wanted to know if I was interested in her. We had decided after Lucy and Cecelia had passed, that we would get back to just two dogs. But Candy was too much to resist! And two weeks after that, Jazz came along needing a rescue too! So now we are back to five dogs again!!!

Since that first day, SCMR has asked me to do some home visits. Recently I've been asked to do rescue transports. It's always awesome to see and know that the dogs are finally going to their forever homes.

One last thing, in addition to supporting SCMR with home visits and rescues, we support them financially as well and challenge you to put them at the top of your charitable donations list as well. We try to remember SCMR every Valentines Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas and any special requests that we receive an email. We hope you read this and decide to match us as well. Mary and the other SCMR staff and volunteers do an awesome job with these animals and need our help and support. Thanks SCMR for featuring us this month in your news letter. 🐾

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
- Harnesses & leashes
- Baby Wipes
- Paper towels
- Sweaters
- Interceptor & K9 Advantix
- Life's Abundance food
- Disposable pee pads
- Doggie diapers
- Little Caesar's food
- Gas Gift Cards (transports)



Did you know...

According to the U.S. Humane Society, about 6-8 million dogs and cats are brought into shelters every year, and about half (3-4 million) are euthanized. 🐾



Don't forget to get in those end-of-year donations for matching funds! They're tax deductible!

Frazier Finds a Family

by Trish Werkmeister

Domique, my dog of seventeen years, passed away in July 2011. The house was pretty lonesome, so I decided to look for a rescue dog on Petfinder. I came across Frazier, and he looked like he could use some tender loving care and a good permanent home. I applied and was contacted by his foster mom Jane. They came to visit, and I was so excited when I saw him prancing up the drive! Jane said Frazier didn't take to humans well, but he walked around the room a couple of times and sniffed my foot...unusual for him. I knew I wanted

him! So Frazier moved in on October 4, 2011, making that his birthday from now on! Frazier has come a long way...has even learned to stay while I take his leash and belly band off. We all love him and are glad to have him as a member of our family for years to come! 🐾

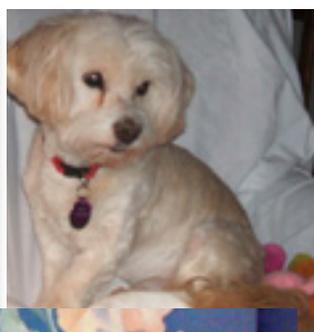


Nuri Loves Being an SCMR Sponsor Angel

Nuri was ready for a sister to play with. As expats, Nuri and her mom, Patricia Gonzalez-Powell, travel between Houston, Texas and Santiago, Chile, on a regular basis. A girl gets to see the world! But Nuri and her mom wanted to find a rescue dog to expand their family. Their search brought them to SCMR and several possible candidates. But in checking with the airlines, Patricia discovered she would not be allowed to carry-on more than one dog in the cabin. Traveling in cargo was not an option for Nuri or her new sister! It was very disappointing. But Nuri and Patricia decided to become sponsor angels for Clipper and SweetPea, so Nuri could be a heart-sister to one SCMR maltese at a time. For anyone who can't adopt, Nuri would like to encourage you to become a sponsor angel. A monthly donation can provide needed medications or special diets for a foster dog in need. 🐾



Nuri gets kisses from mom Patricia.



(Left to Right) Lacey, Missy and Dino brought joy and happiness to their families and all who knew them.



SCMR Bids Farewell to Three Angels

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Bob and Jennifer Oliver over the recent passing of their dearly loved Lacey. They took in an old, hard-of-hearing Maltipoo and made her a queen!

Missy was a very special maltipoo that was dearly loved by her forever family, Bill and Judy Shuman. They loved her for who she was. She crossed the rainbow bridge on October 24 with her little heart failing.

Everyone tried so hard to save Dino. Thank you all who contributed to his medical care! His little body just couldn't take it any longer, and he passed away in the arms of his loving foster mom knowing he was loved. 🐾

Fa la la!



TREATS FOR TRICKS!

Chicken Ginger Biscuits*

2 c. whole wheat flour 1/2 c. chicken broth
1/2 c. wheat germ (can omit) 1 egg, beaten
1 Tablespoon ground ginger 1/4 c. vegetable oil

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
- Combine flour, wheat germ and ginger in a bowl.
- In a 2nd bowl, combine chicken broth, egg and oil.
- Add dry ingredients to wet ingredients, mix to blend.
- On lightly floured surface, knead dough and roll out to 1/4 inch thick.
- Can cut into strips with pizza cutter, approx. 3/4 inch by 1 1/2 - 2 inches long or cut with cookie cutters.
- Place biscuits on greased cookie sheet.
- Bake 25 minutes, until lightly browned on top. Will puff up during baking.
- Cool on rack before serving. Store biscuits in a sealed container. Makes about 36 large or 60 small. Ginger can be helpful in aiding digestion. It will relieve an upset tummy and ease motion sickness.

* from book *The Good Treats Cookbook for Dogs* by Barbara Burg 🐾



Volunteers Are
From Venus!



Two thumbs up and three snaps for Dorothy Edwards! Dorothy is holding a special harness she made for two dogs who attended the Atlanta Pet Expo in October. At the last minute, Dorothy whipped up these little Adopt Me harnesses! Thanks for all you do for SCMR, Dorothy! 🐾

A Rescuer Reflects

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I started thinking maybe her thyroid problem was auto-immune related, and something else was going on. I took her to the vet. Turns out she had pancreatitis. It was too late to save her. She was in a lot of pain. So Minerva travelled to the Rainbow Bridge that morning. I know it was the right thing to do in my head, but my heart tells another story. As much as this hurts, I will never stop doing animal rescue. For even if they only have a short time left, that time needs to be their very best. And I will do anything in my power to make sure that is what they get. 🐾