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Providing safety and healing for Maltese dogs in need

CHECK IT OUT!

Provide Monthly Heartworm Preventive for Your Pet

Heartworm is a condition in dogs caused by a parasite which is transmitted to your dog through mosquitoes. If you are living in an area with a lot of mosquitoes, it is very important that you employ heartworm preventive measures for your dog.

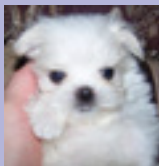
Heartworm disease is dangerous. It can kill your dog if you don't do something about it. This disease is very prevalent in the US, particularly in the South.

The moment heartworm-transmitting mosquitoes bite your dog, the larvae will be transferred into its bloodstream. The larvae will incubate there for several days. That's the on-start of the disease. It can easily be prevented. But it can be very challenging to treat. And many dogs do not survive the treatment.

Why take chances? One little heartworm chew or pill will protect your dog for a whole month. Don't delay. Put your dog on heartworm preventive today! 🐾

SCMR Needs Foster Homes

Help us save more dogs! We are receiving more requests for help than we can accommodate. If you have room for one extra little sweetheart, please consider fostering for SCMR. Please go to our web site and fill out a foster application! If you have adopted from SCMR within the past year, you are already approved to foster. How easy is that?! 🐾



Stevie Wonder Has a Lot of Soul!

SCMR was contacted about a tiny boy with a "cherry eye." When he arrived, Stevie Wonder's eye was obviously more than was expected. Anti-biotics ruled out a possible nasal infection which could have caused his eye to swell. We didn't want to remove the eye unless necessary. But once our vet began the operation, she found a tumor in the eye and extensive spread of the cancer down the optic nerve and into the tissue of the orbital socket. She wasn't able to remove all of the affected tissue. So Stevie's prognosis was not good.



Once the eye was removed and Stevie had a little time to recover, he perked up. Before the eye was gone, he must have felt like he had a headache all the time. Now that headache is gone! Stevie is being treated with some alternative therapies at this time in hopes of stopping the spread of the cancer. He enjoys life and thinks he's just as big as the rest of his foster family! He's only about six pounds! But when it's supptime, you would think he was sixty! He loves to cuddle and hide in the sofa pillows. At eight years old, Stevie is finding out how "wonder"ful life can be outside the puppymill. Please donate today to help cover Stevie's medical bills and ongoing treatment. And help us keep him barking out "songs in the key of life!" 🐾



Lois has a lapfull of Angels!

Lois Stephens is a Special Angel Behind the Scenes at SCMR

Lois Stephens has been an SCMR adopter and supporter from early in our organization's inception. She adopted one of our first Maltese dogs (he has since passed). She offers an excellent home and adores her babies. Lois adopted Mitsy and Max (pictured with brothers and sisters) from SCMR. Lois believes in giving the older special needs dogs a chance to have a wonderful life. Max had a very large hernia on his bottom & a tendency to have rectal prolapse. SCMR got him vetted (multiple surgeries) so he is doing well now. Lois's vet loves her (just like we do!) because she is vigilant about her dogs' health care. 🐾

Lots of Love for Lacey! by Bob Oliver

Over the past forty odd years we have had seven poodles or poodle mix dogs. Two were twelve years old when we adopted them. When we adopted our first oldtimer, Pierre, we were very concerned if such an old gentleman would adapt or just be a lonesome old nuisance. We wasted a good worry - he became an instant member of the family, grateful to be saved, alive and just full of love. He lived to be 16 and was a well behaved joy. We became believers!

When we had to put our sweetheart Gabbie down five months ago, it was the end of the world. After a couple of months of mourning, we got our act together and said, "Let's go find us an old girl that needs a home and lots of love." So off to the internet...and Lacey.

Up she popped; a beautiful Maltese poodle mix with a face that defies description and old as we are (dog years). Hard of hearing, she talks with her ear motions. Smart as a whip, she exudes love and does her best to adapt to a new home and life style. She has made getting up in the morning worthwhile again (and a necessity). 🐾



Lacey loves her new mom and dad!

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
- Dog beds
- Paper towels
- Interceptor & Advantix
- Life's Abundance food
- Disposable pee pads
- Doggie diapers
- Towels & blankets

GoodSearch
www.goodsearch.com

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

BringFido: PET FRIENDLY VACATIONS

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.

Try Music Therapy for Overanxious Dogs

If you're searching for a way to calm an overly anxious dog, harp music may be the answer. Sue Raimond plucks harp strings for a living. She has successfully tested the effects of the vibrations and blended tones on wolves, dogs, cats, monkeys, goats, sheep, donkeys and gorillas. Her harp therapy has drawn the interest of leading veterinarians and animal behaviorists who regard harp music as a complementary tool in modifying undesired behavior in family pets.

How does it work? Raimond, who's studied its effects for nine years, believes that vibrations of the strings send out overtones -- some of which are inaudible to the human ear. She believes, although it has not been scientifically proven, that the harmonic overtones work at a cellular level and reduce stress levels.

Scientific studies indicate the benefits of music therapy for humans: slowing the heart rate, lowering blood pressure, speeding post-surgery recovery, elevating endorphin levels, bolstering immune function, decreasing stress related hormones.

Raimond believes that her live harp music is 95 percent effective in calming animals, including deaf ones who appear to relax when they feel the vibrations. Playing the music on CDs or audiotapes yields about an 87 percent rate. Dogs must hear at least three minutes of music for it to take effect. Generally at this point, most dogs will start to sit down. Within 10 to 20 minutes, most lie in a resting state with some sleeping soundly.

Clients of Raimond's report that her music seems to have also helped canine cancer patients to relax.

Raimond recommends playing music as needed -- not continuously -- because some animals can become desensitized to it. 🐾



Zorro Has the Heart of a Hero!

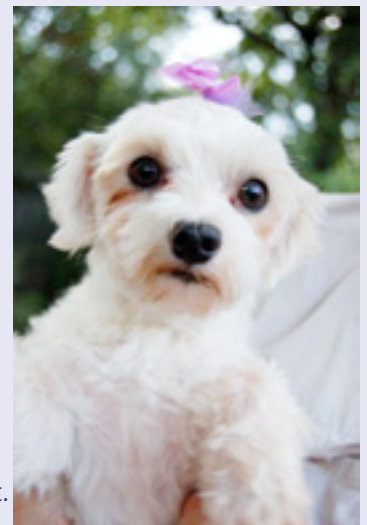
You might say Zorro sees more with his one good eye than most see with two! He can spot an opportunity for fun in nothing flat! Zorro loves to run around in his fenced in yard with his foster brothers and sisters. At four years old, he's playful, loving and energetic...just like a hero should be!

At seven pounds, Zorro is a little underweight. He could probably gain another pound. He's still a handsome little pocket rocket, though. He's just itching for fun! Don't you need a little Zorro zooming around? He's fully vetted and waiting for you in Chattanooga, TN. 🐾

Take a Look at Lizzie!

Look at that precious face...could you say no? Lizzie is very sweet...just wants to be held close and loved on! She'd be great to tuck in a pet pouch and go out and about!

Lizzie is completing heartworm treatment. Then she will be spayed and ready for her forever home. She's only four years old and around seven pounds... just the right amount to cuddle. Apply for Lizzie today and you could be snuggling close soon!



BOO!



TREATS FOR TRICKS!

Pumpkin & Peanutbutter Treats

Ingredients

- 🐾 2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour (can use other kinds)
- 🐾 2 eggs
- 🐾 1/2 cup canned pumpkin
- 🐾 2 tablespoons peanut butter
- 🐾 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 🐾 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Whisk together the flour, eggs, pumpkin, peanut butter, salt, and cinnamon in a bowl. Add water as needed to help make the dough workable, but the dough should be dry and stiff. Roll the dough into a 1/2-inch-thick roll. Cut into 1/2-inch pieces.
3. Bake in preheated oven until hard, about 40 minutes. 🐾

Volunteers Are
From Venus!



Many thanks to Charlene Cantrel who brought Butterbean to our attention and took charge of getting him out of the Fulton County shelter in Georgia. He's a loving ten year old boy who just needs a second chance. Charlene even drove him to Chattanooga where he is loved by his foster family while waiting for his forever home. 🐾



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