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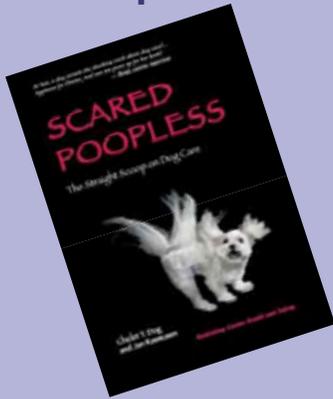
Providing safety and healing for Maltese dogs in need

## CHECK IT OUT!

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**\$27.35**

Learn the truth about pet food, vaccinations, parasite control and more! Buy your copy now in our store at [www.scmradoption.com](http://www.scmradoption.com).



### Another success story!

#### Hannah Hits the Jackpot!

Most girls just get to be a daddy's girl once...but Hannah is a daddy's girl times two these days! That means double the spoiling and double the fun!

Ray Pepitone and Rick Vicenty already had rescued Sam, a Maltese mix, whose owner had died last summer. They were looking to round out their family with a little female Maltese. Originally they had applied to Metropolitan Maltese Rescue. But Metropolitan had no females at the time and recommended Southern Comfort Maltese Rescue.

As soon as Ray and Rick saw Hannah's picture on Petfinder, it was love at first sight! They wanted to meet Hannah right away and contacted Dawn Peleskey, Hannah's foster mom, to arrange a visit that weekend. Once everybody met, Rick and Ray knew she was their little girl. Hannah still needed her dental, so it was decided that they would pick her up in two weeks. In the meantime, Rick and Ray were scheduled to go on vacation to their home in Florida. But they called Dawn the next day too excited about Hannah to go! They wanted to adopt her as soon as possible. So the dental was done that week. And that weekend, Hannah got two dads!

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## SCMR Wish List

Expenses are going up and up. Please help our foster homes make ends meet by donating any of the following items:

- Pee pads
- Interceptor (up to 10 lb. size)
- Angel's Eyes
- Dog beds
- Baby receiving blankets
- Harnesses & leashes
- Paper towels
- Little Caesar's food
- Food bowls
- Baby wipes
- Crates
- Fleece blankets
- Frontline Plus
- Diapers (newborn, #1, #2, #3)





## If I Didn't Have Dogs

I could walk around the yard barefoot in safety.  
My house could be carpeted instead of tiled and laminated.  
All flat surfaces, clothing, furniture, and cars would be free of hair.  
When the doorbell rings, it wouldn't sound like a kennel.

*If I Didn't Have Dogs...*

When the doorbell rings, I could get to the door without wading through fuzzy bodies who beat me there.

I could sit on the couch and my bed the way I wanted, without taking into consideration how much space several furry bodies would need to get comfortable.

I would have money.....and no guilt to go on a real vacation.

I would not be on a first-name basis with 6 veterinarians, as I put their yet unborn grandkids through college.

*If I Didn't Have Dogs...*

The most used words in my vocabulary would not be: out, sit, down, come, no, stay, and leave him/her/it *ALONE*.

My house would not be cordoned off into zones with baby gates or barriers.

My house would not look like a day care center, toys everywhere.

My pockets would not contain things like poop bags, treats and an extra leash.

*If I Didn't Have Dogs...*

I would no longer have to spell the words B-A-L-L, F-R-I-S-B-E-E, W-A-L-K, T-R-E-A-T, B-I-K-E, G-O, R-I-D-E.

I would not have as many leaves *INSIDE* my house as outside.

I would not look strangely at people who think having *ONE* dog/cat ties them down too much.

I'd look forward to spring and the rainy season instead of dreading 'mud' season.

*If I Didn't Have Dogs...*

I would not have to answer the question 'Why do you have so many animals?' from people who will never have the joy in their lives of knowing they are loved unconditionally by someone as close to an angel as they will ever get.

*How EMPTY my life would be!* 🐾



## Angels Among Us

Thank you to our Angels! This list is by no means complete.

We appreciate every kindness,

whether it be a donation of

Frontline, towels or assistance with

a transport. Any and all monetary

donations are greatly appreciated,

no matter how large or small!

From the last quarter of 2008:

### **Possum's Sponsor Angels -**

Sandra Harris - Riva, MD

Rose McAllister - Etowah, TN

Crystal King (Baby's Promise) -  
Plano, TX

Lara Taylor - Ringgold, GA

Sally Reagan - Houston, TX

### **Lark's Sponsor Angel -**

Cathy Williams - Caledonia, MS

### **Snow's Sponsor Angels -**

Kathy Kaye (and Erica)

- New York, NY

### **Cassie's Sponsor Angel -**

Robert Barbeau Jr.

Special thanks to Crystal King (Baby's Promise) and **ALL** who regularly send generous donations to help our special needs babies!





## Angel is Heaven Sent

Angel is certainly deserving of her name! After enduring unthinkable neglect, she is still anxious to give kisses and ask for chin scratches. Someone just let her eat until she became obese while giving her no grooming care for at least six months. She was turned into the East Ridge, TN shelter.

Angel has an ulcer on her left eye that went untreated until it ruptured. Her skin was crusty, ears were infected, nails overgrown curling into circles; but the topper is the wound on her head. It was a big scab which hid a nightmare. A fly had laid its larva on her. The larva burrowed into Angel's head. It hatched into a worm which died under the scab for lack of air. Now that mess is all scraped off and being treated with antibiotics.

Now that she is clean, Angel likes to hop around like a puppy even though she's pretty fat. Twirling is fun! She loves to follow her foster mom. Her sweetness and gentleness never left her throughout the ordeal of getting cleaned up. Won't you help Angel continue to heal with a donation today? 🐾



Angel before she was cleaned up.



Angel after her wound was cleaned.

## TREATS FOR TRICKS!

### An Apple a Day Dog Treat



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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2 cups whole wheat flour     | 1 egg -- beaten                  |
| 1/2 cup unbleached flour     | 1/3 cup vegetable oil            |
| 1/2 cup cornmeal             | 1 tablespoon brown sugar, packed |
| 1 apple -- chopped or grated | 3/8 cup water                    |

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Spray cookie sheet with vegetable oil spray. Lightly dust work surface with flour.
- Blend flours and cornmeal in large mixing bowl. Add apple, egg, oil, brown sugar and water; mix until well blended.
- On floured surface, roll dough out to 7/8-inch thickness. Cut with cookie cutters of desired shape and size.
- Place treats on prepared sheet.
- Bake in preheated oven 35 to 40 minutes.
- Turn off oven. Leave door closed 1 hour to crisp treats.
- Remove treats from oven.
- Store baked treats in airtight container or plastic bag and place in refrigerator or freezer



## Memorial Gifts

If you wish to honor a friend or recognize the passing of a family member, consider a donation in 'honor of' or 'in memory of'. SCMR will send a card acknowledging your donation to the family you indicate. Your money will help keep our dogs alive and healthy, instead of buying flowers which will quickly fade and be discarded.





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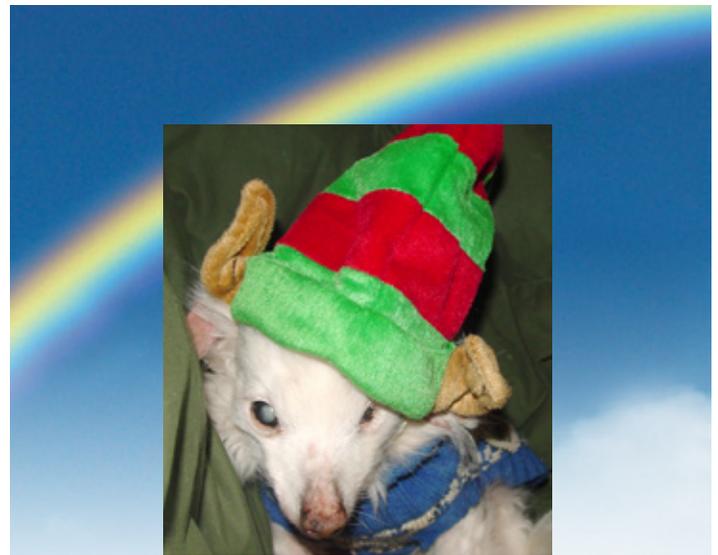
### **Hannah Hits the Jackpot!** *(continued from page 1)*

To celebrate Hannah's inclusion in their family, Rick and Ray brought Dawn a dozen beautiful long stemmed roses and a box of chocolates wrapped in gold paper with a bow. Talk about a class act! Hannah happily went home with her new dads. And since Hannah enjoys flying, she gets to jet back and forth from New York to Florida several times a year. Poor Sam doesn't like to fly and has to have a sedative!

It's rags to riches for Miss Hannah...you go, girl! 🐾

#### **Quick Links...**

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### **Possum** 2000-2009

Our precious Possum went to the Rainbow Bridge Monday, March 2, 2009. Thank you to all the kind hearted and generous supporters who sent donations at Christmas to help this boy and others like him. His little body just gave out. He touched many hearts and was greatly loved. We miss you, Possum. 🐾