



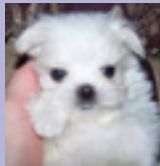
## CHECK IT OUT!

### Still Time for Christmas Gift Donations

Every year there is that one person on your gift list who already has everything...what to do?! SCMR has the solution...make a gift donation in his/her honor and SCMR will send a card acknowledging your gift! PLUS it's tax deductible! 🐾

### 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?! 🐾



### Dear Santa, Can You Make my Ears Well for Christmas? Love, Mason

At two years old, Mason has hardly known a day without pain. Chronic ear infections have caused build up in his ear canal that may require surgery. If Mason has to have ablations in both ears, he will lose his hearing altogether. But he will finally experience some relief. Our veterinarian says there is a possibility Mason will not need this radical procedure. But he has other hurdles to jump before planning ear surgery. Currently this sweet boy is fighting pneumonia. His x-rays show a suspicious area over his lung. Our veterinarian says it could be something that will also require surgery.

Through it all, Mason is loving and grateful for any help he receives. Sometimes he coughs all night long making it difficult for anyone to get any sleep. And you can tell he feels badly about

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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:

- 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)



Beautiful Mira strikes a pose as she surveys her new kingdom!

## Mira's Mom Drove All Night to Fetch Her New Beauty!

For Vicki Sattler, it was love at first sight when she spotted Mira on SCMR's web site. You might say Mira was a victim of the economy...parents moving for financial reasons and Mira couldn't go along. Vicki was so excited about Mira that she drove all night long from Ft. Meyers, FL, to Chattanooga to claim her new baby! Princess Mira will never be a damsel in distress again! 🐾



Hayley makes a cute elf for Santa!

## Hayley Tops Santa's "Nice" List!

by Sheila Sanderson

Hayley has come a long way since being found in the trailer of a back-yard breeder in Chattanooga, TN! I adopted her from SCMR in the fall of 2006 when she was around seven months old. She was intended to be a breeder. Hayley was spared that horror...now she will always be the Baby! She's the sweetest little dog and the love of my life! I volunteer and foster for a dog rescue group in Memphis, TN, so Hayley always has lots of foster brothers and sisters to train. She's bound to get lots of goodies from Santa this year! 🐾

## The Saga of Abby Gail & Emmy Lou

by Belinda Adcock

Meet Emmie Lou (Yorkie) and Abby Gail (Maltese). I adopted the "girls" (never call them dogs) June 2005 from Southern Comfort Maltese Rescue. What a wonderful day that was!



Abby Gail was rescued by a wonderful lady in Alabama. She was wandering a country road when found. Abby has had all four legs broken and both ears chewed off...tell-tale signs of being used as a "bait dog" for dog fighting. She walks stiff legged; and when she gets too excited or scared, she falls over on her side with all four legs straight. I always run to her, pick her up, kiss her and tell her she's ok. Many times, she gets back up on her own, and off she goes. She NEVER allows this handicap get her down! She loves life and everyone.

Emmie Lou was rescued in Tennessee minutes away from being euthanized just because she was no longer wanted. Hint, she cannot allow one flea on her due to allergies, and she STILL hates cats but does allow them to live (if they don't smack her on her way into another room). Ha!Ha!

Thanks to the many volunteers connected with Southern Comfort Maltese Rescue. You saved two precious lives, and they are the LOVES OF MY LIFE! They want for nothing. They are the queens of the house (just ask the cats). 🐾

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## Your Dog Vs. The Christmas Tree

Christmas is an exciting time for the family, but it always pays to take some extra precautions with our pets. Here are some suggestions on how to ensure your dog stays safe during the Christmas period.

The only fool proof way to keep your dog away from your Christmas tree is to put the tree in a room the dog can't access. Unfortunately, this is often not practical. So the next best solution is to make the tree as safe as possible.

Real Christmas trees are more dangerous to dogs than fake plastic ones. Pine needles can puncture internal organs if eaten. They are also toxic to dogs. If you do have a real tree, make sure the drink stand has plenty of water to prevent the tree drying out and losing needles. It is important that your dog isn't able to get to this water and drink it as it could result in poisoning. Make sure the tree has a good solid base so it won't easily be knocked over by your dog. Try not to have the tree near furniture and/or shelves which the dogs could use to jump onto the tree.

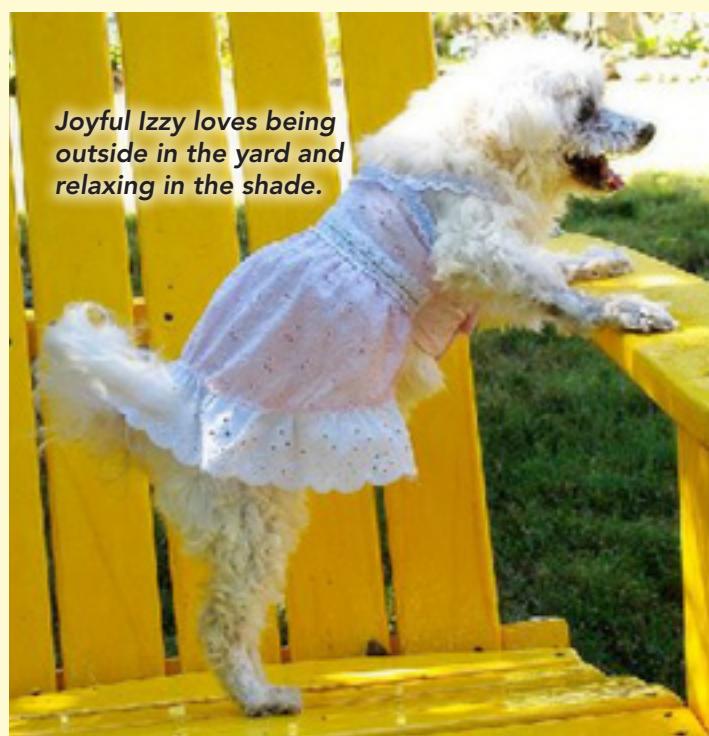
Be careful with tinsel. If you must have it on your tree, place it at the top of the tree where the dog is less likely to be able to get at it. Tinsel can be ingested and move down to the intestines and cause a blockage. The result is emergency (and costly) surgery to remove it! A safer alternative is the strands of beads.



Ornaments should be securely attached to the tree to prevent them being knocked off. Also place delicate ornaments up high where they are less likely to be knocked off and broken. Unplug Christmas lights when nobody will be around the tree. You may want to try applying a dog repellent such as bitter apple to the lights to deter your dog from chewing the wires. Chewing the wires could cause a fatal electric shock.

Artificial snow is toxic to dogs, so it is best avoided. Candles are especially popular over the Christmas holiday period. Be careful to make sure your dog can't get close to lit candles.

**Please note:** your dog isn't a novelty item. It is dangerous to try and decorate your dog with ribbons and Christmas ornaments. 🐾



*Joyful Izzy loves being outside in the yard and relaxing in the shade.*

## Izzy Gives Joy to the World & Proves Seniors Rule!

*by Glenda Palmer*

Our Izzy was a rescue dog from SCMR. I was fostering for them at the time. I picked Izzy up in Franklin, TN, where she had been confiscated from a woman in Columbia, TN, who was indicted for cruelty to animals. Izzy is twelve years old now and in very, very poor health. She had been bred to pieces. Izzy has congestive heart failure and a leaking heart valve. But she gets an echocardiogram every other year...only royal treatment will do!

Even though she is deaf and nearly toothless, she is the light of our eyes. Her every move is catered too. This little scrapper was born with a crooked neck, but she does not let that get in her way. She is fearless! She is now an only child; and when someone comes in her territory, she lets them know that she is the Queen and rules the roost! 🐾

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## TREATS FOR TRICKS!

### Gingerbread Dog Bones

Since dogs don't usually chew their food...they gobble...they're likely to get bloating stomach. Very common on larger breeds when they're given one large portion of food at one go. One of the ways to combat this is to have ginger in their diet. This recipe is so delicious, you may want to steal your dogs' cookies when they aren't looking! :o)

Servings: 2 to 3 dozens Ginger Bread Bones

#### Ingredients:

- 2 cups of all purpose flour
- 1 cup of whole wheat flour
- ½ cup of molasses
- ½ cup of water
- A quarter cup of canola oil
- 2 tablespoons of ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon of ground cloves



#### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°.
2. Mix all the ingredients thoroughly in a large bowl.
3. Roll out dough on floured baking board to about 5mm thick.

4. Use a dog bone shaped cookie cutter to cut as many shapes until the dough is all used up.
5. Place cut dough on ungreased foiled baking sheets.
6. Bake the cookies for 30 minutes and allow them to cool for at least 2 hours before serving. 🐾



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

### Dear Santa, Can You Make my Ears Well for Christmas? Love, Mason *(continued from page 1)*

being so much trouble. But we want Mason to know he is worth whatever it takes to get him well.

Mason is beginning to show small signs of improvement. He is eating and showing interest in some toys...big achievements for a little guy who could barely breathe a few weeks ago! His ongoing treatment and possible surgeries will be expensive. If you want to be one of Mason's angels and contribute to his recovery, please send a check today or go to PayPal and make Mason's Christmas wishes come true! **Your donations are tax deductible.** And you can make a donation for Mason in a loved one's name as a wonderful gift for Christmas! 🐾