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Providing safety and healing for Maltese dogs in need

## CHECK IT OUT!

### SCMR Has a New Mailing Address!

SCMR has a new mailing address! Please make a note.

SCMR  
P.O. Box 2005  
Chattanooga, TN 37409 🐾

### 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)
- Dog beds
- Baby receiving blankets
- Harnesses & leashes
- Paper towels
- Life's Abundance food
- Food bowls
- Baby wipes
- Crates
- Fleece blankets
- Frontline Plus 🐾



*Katherine, Joanie, a Cross Creek clinician and Joanie's horse friend enjoy a day on the farm.*

### Another success story!

## Joanie Baloney: From Heart Patient to Farm Gal, Life is Good!

To look at Joanie now, one would never know she started out in a filthy puppy mill in Bartow County, Georgia. After the breeder died in 2006, the stock of small dogs was sold off at auction. Joanie was one of several lucky dogs that SCMR was able to rescue.

At four pounds, Joanie was a little underweight and had a serious heart murmur. But that didn't stop her from sparkling! Katherine Pfaff of Cross Creek Farms saw Joanie's picture on our web site and wanted to help her. With Katherine's financial assistance, Joanie was treated at the University of Tennessee's veterinary clinic. Dr. Karen Tobias performed Joanie's heart murmur surgery. And to the astonishment of the whole staff, Joanie was up and sparkling less than 24 hours later! Her effervescent spirit captivated all who came in contact with her.

One month later and one pound heavier, Joanie was well enough to complete her vetting. So Katherine drove to

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### Quick Links...

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Gail and Don Megna welcome their new boy Benny.

## TREATS FOR TRICKS!

### Tail Waggers Dog Biscuits *by Susan Morin*

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| 4 1/2 cups whole wheat flour               | 2 Tbsp garlic powder  |
| 3 cups all purpose flour                   | 2 tsp salt            |
| 3 cups cornmeal                            | 3 1/2 cups beef broth |
| 1 1/2 cups oats                            | 1 cup vegetable oil   |
| 2/3 cup bonemeal powder or nonfat dry milk | 2 large eggs          |

Position oven racks to divide oven in thirds. Heat oven to 300 deg. Use 2 cookie sheets. Mix flours, cornmeal, oats, dry milk, garlic and salt in large bowl. Whisk broth, oil and eggs in medium size bowl. Stir broth mixture into flour - mix until blended and soft dough forms. Roll out dough on floured surface with rolling pin to 1/2 inch thickness. Cut into desired shapes with floured cutter. Place 1/2 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Reroll and cut scraps. With toothpick prick a line of dots down the centers. Bake at 350 for about 35 minutes. Store in tight container for up to 3 months. Makes about 80, 4 inch biscuits.



### Seniors Rock...BFFs for Benny!

Eighteen years ago I visited a friend in Florida who had a Maltese dog. She told me that Muffin was a non-allergic Breed. With some trepidation I stayed for two weeks. Surprisingly, my allergies were okay. And that was with Muffin sleeping on my head every night!

When I got back to New York, I realized how much I wanted a Malt puppy. However it had to be a girl. I always wanted a daughter.

I was so blessed. Chloe was with me for nearly 17 years and was a joy to me and my husband. She passed away December 2008; and we were inconsolable.


Two months ago I started to miss having that extra life energy in our house. Chloe was telling me it was time. I went on line and found the Southern Comfort Maltese Rescue site. We decided to put in an application even though there weren't any female Malts (the only type of dog I wanted) currently available. Okay. We weren't in a rush.

Cynthia, Benny's foster mom, got our application and wrote back asking me to please take a look at Benny; don't just pass him by. I saw his picture and read his blurb. I emailed it to my husband, and we said, "Well okay."

Benny's picture became the wallpaper on my computer and while waiting for him, we fell in love. We couldn't wait.

He is the most affectionate, endearing animal! He's a poodle, and a boy; and he is ten years old with only one tooth. Not one quality I had on my original list! Except that he needed us. Not the other way around.

The universe gave Benny to Cynthia, so she could get him ready for us. We usually think we know what is best for us, but sometimes, the universe has a better idea.

Thank you so much Cynthia and SCMR,  
Gail and Don Megna 



## Sweet Senior Passes...Goodbye, Lacey *by Debi Mishoe*

SCMR has had to say goodbye to a little hospice foster, Lacey. She crossed the bridge on January 9, 2010, after almost two years of kidney and heart disease. Her little body could no longer keep her kidneys functioning and finally failed.

Lacey came to us from Mississippi. She was tossed out on the side of a busy highway. Then Lacey was taken to a shelter where a local volunteer fell in love with her. She contacted Southern Comfort Maltese Rescue asking if we could help. At the time, SCMR thought Lacey's time in rescue would be limited. Love and good care gave her two more years!

I was Lacey's foster mom almost two years. She brought so much love and laughter to our home, and we miss that a lot. Lacey was a feisty little thing, but that's what made her Lacey! I was honored to have Lacey in my home. Thank you, Lacey! 🐾

## Elly May's Golden Years Now Shine Brighter Than Any Before!

*by Edith Lightfoot*

Belle, our precious maltese died two years ago from kidney failure. We were so heart broken as she had been the center of our lives for 14 years. The house sure seemed empty. Anyone who has lost a pet knows exactly what I am talking about.

For some reason later that same year, my husband felt compelled to check the maltese rescue sites. We had no desire for another dog, but he saw Elly May's picture on Southern Comfort Maltese Rescue's site and fell in love with that little face. After talking it over we decided we needed her as much as she needed us and that a senior dog was the ideal answer.

Elly May is a joy. At first she was reserved, and considering what her prior life may have been like, who can blame her. We have watched her true personality unfold and see the happiness in her face as she trots through the house. At first she wouldn't sleep with us but now she hogs the bed. Yes, a senior dog can have health issues but Elly's have been mostly maintenance and check ups. She is very healthy for her age and we hope to have her for a long time to come.

These little senior gems are often passed over for puppies and younger dogs. Some are given up just because they committed the unpardonable sin of



**Todd and Edith Lightfoot enjoy showing off Elly May, the diva of Marietta!**

growing old. If you are empty nesters or a senior yourself, one of these little dogs could be the perfect companion for you. I hate to think of all the love we would have missed, if Todd had not clicked on Elly's picture. 🐾



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Chattanooga to claim her baby! Now Joanie is a farm gal helping to keep Katherine's rescued Hanoverian and thoroughbred horses in line. Joanie travels all over the country with Katherine and is a frequent flyer!

Free of ever being in a cage again, Joanie loves to run. She and Katherine have a game called "Go Go Go" where Joanie runs rings around Katherine. Joanie's best friend is Garbo, the farm cat, also a rescue. Joanie has also learned how much fun toys can be. Of Joanie, Katherine says, "She's a boisterous jokester, intelligent and adorable, and she brightens every day! I'm so lucky to have her in my life!"

It's a wonderful life now for Joanie Baloney; and hopefully the puppy mill is only a faded memory to her. She can sparkle and shine like the jewel she is! Sparkle, Joanie, Sparkle! 🐾



## Angels Among Us

Thank you to our Angels! We appreciate every kindness, whether it be a donation of Frontline, pee pads or assistance with a transport. Any and all monetary donations are greatly appreciated, no matter how large or small! 🐾