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Providing safety and healing for Maltese dogs in need

Check It Out!

Look for Upcoming Details of our Special Event with Author Rhonda Nelson & Wayne Nelson of Little River Band!

This summer we'll be welcoming author Rhonda Nelson and her husband Wayne Nelson, lead singer of Little River Band, for a special fundraising event in Chattanooga! Find out more about Rhonda and her new book, "A Different Life", at RhondaRaves.com. Proceeds will benefit Southern Comfort Maltese Rescue. More details soon! 🐾



Author Rhonda Nelson has written "A Different Life" and will be coming to Chattanooga...stay tuned for details.



Sandra Lovasco and Maggie Mae check out the selections on the pooch menu at "The Living Room."

Maggie Mae Goes Out to Lunch With Mom

Maggie Mae (formerly Margaret O'Brien) and her mom, Sandra Lovasco, celebrated a "girl's day out" recently when they dined together al fresco at "The Living Room" in downtown Dunedin, Florida. On the "Pampered Pooch" lunch menu are selections such as salmon, chicken or vegetarian meals. Maggie Mae chose the chicken, and it came with green beans too!

Little senior dogs like Maggie Mae still have a lot of love to give. They are often overlooked when people are choosing a new family member. But Maggie shows us how much gumption some of these wonderful seniors still have. Please consider one of our senior dogs listed on our web site, scmr-adoption.com. 🐾

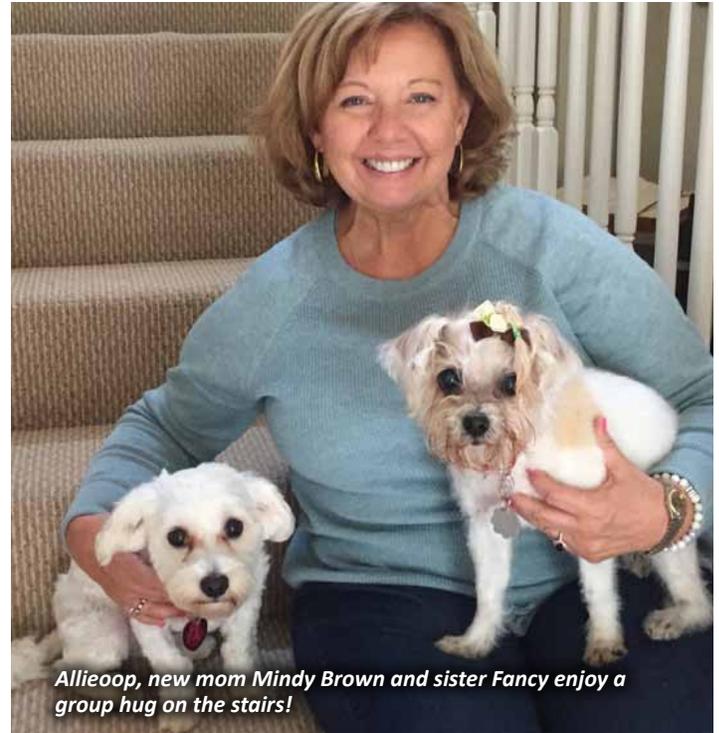
Bella Rose and Her New Mom Can't Stop Smiling!

Tiny Bella Rose suddenly found herself in need of a forever home. April 18, 2017, she found just the ticket! Lavonna Lee of Ridgeland, South Carolina, was waiting for just such a girl!

Lavonna had applied for another dog who found a forever home before her application could be processed. After being approved to adopt, Lavonna decided to wait and see who would arrive. Bella Rose is a perfect example of how the unexpected can happen! And Lavonna found, like many other applicants have found, that their second choice proved to be the *perfect* choice! Happy days are ahead for these two! 🐾



Lavonna Lee shows off her new girl, Bella Rose.



Allieoop, new mom Mindy Brown and sister Fancy enjoy a group hug on the stairs!

Second Choice Allieoop Turns Out to be the Best Possible Choice

The dog for whom Mindy Brown originally applied was adopted out before her application could be processed. But she too opted to complete the approval process and wait for another dog to come into rescue.

Suddenly little Allieoop arrived in SCMR. Her first owner didn't want to keep her and adopted her to another family. Allieoop had only been with them for twentyfour hours when her new owner decided Allieoop wasn't going to work out. At one year old, Allieoop had already struck out twice!

Since Mindy was approved to adopt, she was contacted about this sweet puppy in need. And her response was, "That's my girl!" Allieoop fit right in, made best friends with her new sister Fancy right away, and is off and running on a happy new life! Congratulations to Mindy and her girls! Their story is another success story about keeping your heart open to giving another choice a chance. Allieoop is another second choice who proved to be the best choice! 🐾

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 bed pads
- K9 Advantix II
- Baby Wipes
- Paper towels
- Grocery Store Gift Cards
- Heartguard Plus
- Life's Abundance food
- Disposable pee pads
- Doggie diapers
- The Honest Kitchen food
- Gas Gift Cards (for transports) 🐾

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

Need to find a special gift for the person who has everything?

Your donation in honor of family or friends will not collect dust or have to be returned because it's the wrong color, size or style - it will be put to great use to save lives and re-home deserving Maltese dogs. And it's tax deductible!

Your Dog Deserves Better...Don't Chain Your Dog Outside



Don't tie your dog outside! Whatever the reasons, thankfully fewer dog owners seem to be keeping their dogs tied up outside. And many communities have passed laws against long-term chaining of dogs.

There are two major reasons. First, more people are learning that continuous tethering is bad for dogs. As pack animals,

dogs have been bred for thousands of years to form a strong attachment to a human family. An otherwise friendly and happy dog, when kept continually chained and isolated, often becomes neurotic, unhappy, anxious, and aggressive. In fact, studies show that chained dogs are much more likely to bite than unchained dogs.

In addition, chained dogs may unintentionally hang themselves if they are tethered too close to a fence and attempt to jump it. Chained dogs are also subject to attacks by other animals and cruel humans.

The second reason for the tougher stance on chaining is that many dog owners have learned to solve the problems that caused them to tie their dogs outside in the first place. Consider these alternative to chaining:

- Install a fence if your property does not already have one. If you have a fence and your dog can jump over it, install a 45-degree inward extension to the top of your existing fence.
- If your dog digs under the fence to escape your yard, bury chicken wire to a depth of one foot below where the fence meets the ground (be sure to bend in the sharp edges). Or place large rocks at the base of the fence.
- If your dog digs where you don't want him to (such as in a garden or flower bed), consider putting plastic garden fencing or a similar barrier around the area. Or provide your dog with his own sandbox. Bury toys in the sandbox and use positive reinforcement to teach your dog that it is okay to dig there.
- Enroll your dog in an obedience class especially if his behavior is the main reason you keep your dog outside. Spay or neuter your dog if you haven't already done so. A neutered dog is less likely to roam and more content to stay at home.
- Remember that behavior problems such as barking, chewing, and digging are often the result of a lack of stimulation. Also, a dog who is inside the house is much more likely to deter an intruder than a dog in the yard. 🐾

Volunteers Are
From Venus!



SCMR owes a debt of gratitude to Lola Antun, shown here with her SCMR adopted pooch, Nala. Recently our puppymill survivor Ruthie needed to get from Chattanooga, TN, to East Brunswick, NJ, where her forever home awaited her. A ground transport would have been too stressful for Ruthie. Lola works for an airline, so she volunteered a whole day of her time to fly Ruthie in-cabin! Thank you, Lola, for helping a deserving dog reach her forever home! 🐾

We're Putting the Spotlight on Sugarpie

How 'bout those Yoda ears? Now you know they're cute! Fourteen year old Sugarpie is a diva who loves to dance when it's chow time. There is plenty of life in this eight pound senior darling! She's so sweet, she makes you want to break into a chorus of "Sugarpie Honeybun!"

Sugarpie is very little work. She is house trained and will use pee pads if she doesn't get outside quickly enough. She had been badly neglected when she first arrived in rescue and had very little hair. So she has a wardrobe of little tops to help hold in her body heat. But her coat has grown in nicely and she's covered now with downy, silky hair. Just need to work on that tail!

A fenced yard is a must. Sugarpie is not fond of walking on a leash. She gets along with her fellow foster and is very easy going. And adopting a senior dog brings special blessings. If you can't adopt, won't you consider sponsoring Sugarpie to help defray the costs of her upkeep? **All donations to SCMR are tax deductible!** 🐾



Sugarpie hangs out on the patio catching some rays!

Treats for Tricks!

Diabetic Dog Treats



½ cup whole wheat flour
2 eggs
1 ½ lbs. beef liver cut into pieces

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Line a 10x15 inch jellyroll pan with parchment paper.
2. Place the liver into a food processor. Pulse until finely chopped. If you have room, add the flour and eggs, and process until smooth. Otherwise, transfer to a bowl, and stir in the flour and eggs using a wooden spoon. Spread evenly in the prepared pan.
3. Bake for 15 minutes in the preheated oven, or until the center is firm. Cool, and cut into squares using a pizza cutter. The treats will have a consistency similar to a sponge. Store in a sealed container in the refrigerator. 🐾



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