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### McKamey Center Opens July 1st

**Exciting news in Chattanooga!** SCMR has been very involved and supportive of a great new animal care facility that is opening July 1 in Chattanooga. Check out Chattanooga's new animal adoption center at [www.mckameyanimalcenter.org](http://www.mckameyanimalcenter.org). This new state of the art facility will be open 7 days a week and will elevate the level of care for homeless pets in Chattanooga!



### Another success story!

### Christmas came early for Sherry and Wendy!

Once upon a time, two little diabetic rescue girls, Wendy and Sherry, went to Paws in the Park. SCMR was there with a few of our rescue dogs to mingle with the public and hopefully snare a heart or two. Both girls had come into rescue in very bad condition with untreated diabetes. SCMR called them our "Sugar Babies." After 14 months in rescue, Sherry had filled out and was learning to trust. And Wendy had turned into a silky-haired beauty after only nine months of love and care! With a collapsed left eye and with a severe cataract in the right, Wendy was virtually blind. Both girls had been passed over time and again.

Enter...Liz Duncan-Duffy! She had seen Wendy's picture in "Critter" magazine and was there to meet Wendy in person. Talk about love at first sight, Liz wanted to take Wendy home right then! But we still needed paperwork and a home visit, the usual procedures. And Liz was happy to comply. She proved to be a perfect candidate to adopt Wendy. But by the time all formalities were concluded, Liz had fallen in love with Sherry too! Now Sherry and Wendy are together in their new home with a mom who spoils them...and they are living happily ever after!

## Beware! Death Cap Mushrooms Could Be Growing in Your Yard!

*The following account is painful to read but contains important information about safeguarding your dogs when they are outside. This could happen to any of us!*

I'm not sure how I should start this off, but suffice to say that I hope that everyone learns from it, and that it NEVER happens to them.

On Thursday this week, I came home as usual, put the 3 puppies I have here (Trace/Hannah/Smartie) into their puppy pen so I could let the big dogs out to do their thing. As usual, after the big dogs were done, they all came into the house and I let the puppies out into the big yard to play and explore with me as I go around picking up poopies and sticks and stones before the lawn got cut.

At 5:30pm as usual, I tell the puppies that it's supper time, and in I go to make up their dinner and they all follow me to the gate. I quickly answered (an OK typed) email to a prospective puppy client while the dinner is warming up, look out to the side yard, rap on the window and tell them to leave it (I thought it was white plastic) and come for dinner. This was a space in time of under 10 minutes.

I go out to the gate, and as usual, Trace is sitting at the top of the stairs waiting for me and Smartie comes along staggering and whimpering and can't get up the stairs. I'm thinking sh\*t, what is going on here, grab the 'phone, call my veterinarian, screaming at the gals that it was me and I was coming in, that I have a puppy crashing and putting Smartie into one kennel and Trace (who's fine by the way) into the other. I'm running around looking and calling for Hannah and I can't find her and not thinking that she was in trouble, I kept thinking she's

escaped (although there are no open holes or anywhere to escape from).

My clinic phones to tell me that the phones are being put onto pager, and I'm just screaming that I can't find the bitch and ask (I think it should be I told her) to get Gwynne, my vet tech friend to wait by her cell and I'll phone when I hit the road. It took me what seem like hours, but only minutes to find Hannah, under the porch in a very dark place behind the lattice work and I just ripped the lattice work off, pulled her out and put her on the bed inside my truck, and hit the road. What usually takes me 40-45 minutes to drive, took me 16 minutes with my flashers on, high beams blinking at those stupid people that insist on driving in the passing lane, and horn blaring.

I hit the back door of the clinic with a seizing Hannah and Gwynne grabbed Smartie and we (I was helper only) prepped them for IV's with a quick assessment by my beloved veterinarian Al. This clinic is emergency trained and there was 3 techs, 1 runner, Al, and myself scrambling to get these puppies stabilized. They were crashing and crashing fast. Protocol warrants Valium for seizing dogs, so after a quick weigh on them, Valium was given to Hannah through the IV and whatever the prescribed amount was for her weight, a lesser amount of 0.5mgs (?) was given, and as they are working on Smartie. I'm with Hannah & Cathy (vet tech), and IMMEDIATELY she stops seizing and her heartrate is going down fast and stops. Out comes the emerg kit, she's tubed and atrophine is administered to bring her back and after a few minutes she comes back and appears to stabilize again. It is a given that her stomach needs



pumping, however at that moment in time it was impossible as they were trying to keep her alive.

Smartie at that moment, is still with us and then I bring Trace in for assessment and he is fine (thank god for his food hound attributes, cause food is his life and thanks to his sire is probably why he is still alive).....and then .....Smartie crashes.....

When it finally appeared that things were settling down (a matter of minutes, not hours), Al wanted us (Gwynne & me) to go home, look for the cause and of course, Gwynne was to monitor the other dogs vitals, just in case. We looked around in the area where I had seen them playing for that brief moment and found mushrooms....Gwynne called Al..... The pieces we found explained the small piece (the size of an eraser on the top of your pencil) that was pumped from Hannah's stomach. At that time, they were being monitored and appeared stable and much the same as when we left them. Within the hour (although my sense of timing by this time was

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## Heartworm Prevention: An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure!

Meet Gucci. One little pill once a month would have kept him free of heartworms. Now, because nobody cared enough to prevent it, Gucci has heartworms. Lucky for him, he will get treatment. And hopefully he will live.

Not all dogs survive treatment. The medicine used to treat heartworm are Immiticide® and Caparsolate®, both arsenic based drugs. The procedure is quite painful. Immiticide is injected intramuscularly deeply into the lower back muscles. The injection site can be very sore and even leave a firm lump. Two injections are given one month apart and the third, 24 hours after the second injection. The patient is to be kept quiet for a month after the last injection. Caparsolate is administered intravenously. No strenuous activity is allowed in order to reduce embolism related problems. The heart needs to rest.

New protocols are making the procedures less risky, and more dogs are surviving. But all of this expensive and risky treatment could be avoided by simply giving one little pill once a month. Research suggests that heartworm disease could be virtually eradicated using available preventives. Only 55% of the dogs in the United States get some kind of heartworm preventive, leaving 27 million dogs at risk.

And treatment is expensive. SCMR is gratefully accepting donations for Gucci and others like him who need treatment too. We have three dogs undergoing treatment at this time. **You can mail a check to SCMR, P.O. Box 355, Hixson, TN 37343 or go to [www.scmradoption.com](http://www.scmradoption.com) to donate via PayPal.**



## Death Cap Mushrooms (continued)

gone), Al phoned and told me what was going on and that all his training, all his experience, all his energy, could not save these puppies and that the best thing would be to let them go. The decision was made to let them go as they were in a coma and being kept alive by machines and human hands. There was nothing else that could be done...they were just 4 months old...and so I let them go.

So, from my tragedy, I hope you learn about these mushrooms. Of course, we can't have our dogs living in glass houses and not be allowed to be just.....dogs.

When Gwynne and I were searching for the cause, we found more mushrooms and they were taken to the clinic for evaluation. They are not dangerous in their button stage as juveniles. They haven't developed the spores to reproduce, but they will kill if ingested! Mushroom fanatics have died simply by touching them, cross contaminating them to their edible mushrooms and cooking those. When in the juvenile stage, they are pretty much white and level with the ground and they hide under vegetation which makes it difficult to find them. Every one I have found, save one, since the incident has been in it's juvenile stage so they won't be reproducing. Given time, they will be gone, but they could crop up again from the adults that had spores that I did find or that the puppies had eaten. When the Summer hits, they will go dormant and sometimes not always, reappear in the Fall.

I have been in contact with a mushroom expert and I am awaiting his instructions. The pictures I have sent to him appear to be of one species and their odor is nauseating. The link I am

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## Dogs Like Mandy are What Rescue is all About!

After 12 years of devotion, Mandy suddenly found herself dumped at a shelter because she was having trouble with her housetraining. Instead of having a vet look into what was happening with Mandy, she got the boot because she was old and too much trouble.

Fortunately, Mandy did not have Diabetes. But she does have Cushings Disease. Several tests are required in between periods of dosing with Lysodren to monitor her cortisol levels. Mandy is lucky that she found her way to SCMR where she is receiving the medical help she needs. And she is being loved and cared for in a foster home.

SCMR is always pleased to take in the cute, young dogs that make everyone smile. They are not in rescue long because they get

adopted quickly. It's the old-timers who have the toughest time. They still have a lot of love to give. But often they are passed up even by rescues because their chances of being adopted are slimmer than a younger dog's. And, like Mandy, many have been abandoned because of expensive medical issues.

There is no age limit on love. Just look at Mandy. She may not be as swift as the younger ones or as pretty because her hair is thin. But her need is just as great...the need for a loving home. These unwanted unfortunates like Mandy become transformed through the power of love and dedicated medical care. Won't you please help Mandy and all the many dogs like her in SCMR foster homes? **Tell them they are worth rescuing by making a donation today at SCMR,**



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## 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 small!

Mrs. Bobbye F. Harris, Petco, Riverview Animal Hospital, Animal Clinic East, Shonda Lee, the Olon family, Lois Stephens, Dorothy Edwards, Unum Corporation, Loralyn Edwards, Sheila Guadagnino, Marti Todd, Gay Roberts, Victoria Wirth, Linda Sasser, Barbara Lutes, Mike & Pat Biter, Margaret Coleman, and our fabulous foster homes!

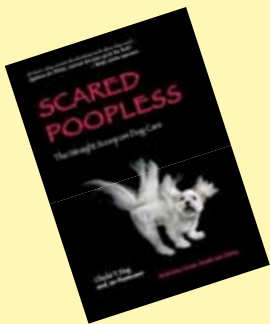


## Memorial Gifts

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## TREATS FOR TRICKS!

### Cheese and Garlic Dog Cookies

- 1-1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup corn oil margarine, softened
- pinch of salt
- 1-1/4 cup grated cheddar cheese, room temperature
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1/4 cup milk or enough to form into a ball



Cream the cheese with the softened margarine, garlic, salt, and flour. Add enough milk, chill for 1/2 hour.

Roll onto floured board.

Cut into squares, bake at 375 degrees on ungreased cookie sheet for 15 minutes or until slightly brown and firm.

Makes approximately 2 to 3 dozen, depending on size.

### Liver Brownies

- 1 pound beef liver liquified in food processor or blender ( I use a bit of water or beef broth to help this liquefy)
- 1 box Jiffy corn muffin mix
- 1 teaspoons garlic salt
- 1 vitamin E capsule (open and squeeze into the mix )

Mix well spread into cookie sheet sprayed with Pam. Bake 350 degrees for 18-20 minutes.

Cool and cut into squares, refrigerate. Will keep for about 2 weeks (if they last that long) or you can freeze them.



## 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
- Baby onesies (0-3 mo.)
- Fleece blankets
- Frontline Plus
- Diapers (newborn, #1, #2, #3)





## Happy Toby!

Life is certainly sweet these days for Toby! Suffering from bladder stones, Toby was surrendered to rescue by his owner who could not afford to treat him medically. Thanks to so many generous friends who sent in donations to help this little guy, Toby received life-saving surgery. Check out this amazing stone that was removed from Toby's tiny body! Looks like something from outer space!



Toby is an active little guy now, happy and safe in his forever home with his new mom, Linda Wilson. Thank you to all who helped save Toby's life!



## Lilac Is Looking For Love

Lilac has been in rescue a long time! The younger dogs keep getting all the attention! But seniors have a lot to give too... even when they are missing an eye and the other has a cataract. Lilac can still see. She learns her way around and does well on house manners. At 10 years young, Lilac still has a lot of bounce and a lot of love to give. She wiggles with happiness when people give her attention!

## Shy Katie Will Steal Your Heart Away!

*Don't overlook Katie!* She's come a long way in just a few short months! She didn't know anything about being housetrained

but she wants to please so much that she's learned to use a potty pad and can manage a doggy door! Steps are still a challenge for Katie. But love and patience go a long way with this girl! If you'll work with her, she'll figure it out! She loves to run in the yard so will need a fenced in yard. Katie isn't leash trained. But she rides well in the car and gets along with her foster siblings.



Katie has been in rescue several months and nobody has noticed her yet...what a shame! Although she's still a little frightened of people, she is learning to enjoy attention. She is 7 years old and weighs 7 pounds 12 ounces. Katie is in early stage renal disease and will need periodic blood/urine checks. With good care, she still has lots of years to give you lots of love.



## Hope Springs Eternal!

Hope is loving life with her new family and her doggie siblings. Her very favorite doggie buddy is Annie, a little Yorkie. Annie & Hope play into the wee hours of the morning chasing each other through the house. Hope loves her mommy & daddy and absolutely adores her gramma (feeling is mutual for all!)

Hope weighs about 6 pounds and will be a year old June 13. She had stopped chewing wood as a hobby and moved on to slippers and rugs. As you can guess this little girl keeps everyone on their toes!

Speaking of toes, Hope is having her second wheel chair completed. She is in a prototype device to give her a chance to use it and see what adjustments need to be made.

Hope loves to go outside and be a normal dog, she loves to sniff the air and the fragrant flowers blooming in Arizona where she happily resides. We miss that cutie, and thank everyone who helped us help her.

After all, what would life be, without a little Hope!

## How 'Bout Murphy?

At only one year old, Murphy has a lot of years to give you as your best friend. Yep! He's a poodle... smart as a whip! But he wants to be your only boy! Murphy gets jealous of other dogs in the house.

This guy's a real lover!

He weighs about 11 pounds,

eats his food well, is

almost housetrained, comes when he is called and is a clown! How 'bout giving Murphy a chance?



## Please Help Sugar!

Sugar is two years old and has a liver shunt which will require surgery. She will be going to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville for her surgery. Please help us help Sugar. Your donation is tax deductible!

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providing [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amanita\\_phalloides](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amanita_phalloides) is one of many. You may cross post to any dog lists or friends that you think may benefit from this or if any of you are involved in a dog magazine, you have permission to use this article along with my name.

Finally, I would like to send out a HUGE THANKYOU to my clinic, Prevost Veterinary Clinic in Duncan, B.C. Canada, specifically Dr. Allan Longair, Cathy, Gwynne, & Erin (all 3 are Veterinary Techs) and Karen who was a big help in trying to keep me calm. They went above and beyond to save Hannah and Smartie.

May the shamrocks fall softly on you two.....Darkenwald's Lit'l Miss Sunshine (Hannah) and Darkenwald's Smartie Jones (Smartie); January 4th, 2008 to May 8th, 2008, exactly 4 months and almost to the hour when they came into this world, they left it. Someone said, "God musta wanted Hannah & Smartie back." When I figure out the reason why, I'll let you all know.....

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