

Maltese Brighten Your Life



American Maltese Association Rescue

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Hello friends of AMARescue,

March 2015

We hope you will enjoy our new format for our newsletter. Our coordinators are sharing some of the updates on the dogs you have donated to help, or new ones that need our help. Please let us know if this is the kind of letter you are interested in receiving and reading. Email me at ponylady@mcn.org and voice your opinions.

Happy Spring to all and Rescue On,

Edie Gobbi, AMARescue National Coordinator

2014 was a banner year for AMAR. We saved 152 dogs and adopted 119 of them to loving homes so far.

A very important and necessary component of keeping AMAR functioning is asking for donations. We've been trying different ways to raise funds for our rescues. This past year we had a Pampered Chef Party to benefit AMAR. Some online stores donated a portion of purchases to AMAR, including the AmazonSmile project. We have donations coming in from Apps like Good Search and WoofTrax. We are always looking for innovative ways to bring in the funds it takes to support rescued Maltese.

We rarely get the easy dogs. AMAR takes in Maltese who have been neglected, abused, and abandoned. They come to us from shelters, owner surrenders, lost dogs found on city streets or busy highways, hoarder situations, or puppy mills. They come to us with broken bones, infected eyes, dangerous heart conditions, severe emotional issues, teeth so rotten their jaw bones are deteriorating, emaciation or excessive weight, nervous system disorders, cancer, other horrible diseases and more. What should be a beautiful white flowing coat has turned into a filthy mess, often with matting so bad that it is cutting off their circulations or bodily functions. Some have died in our arms. Many, many more have been saved.

Our goal is to get these dogs healthy and happy so they can be placed in a Forever Home that is an ideal match for their personality and circumstance. A few are unadoptable due to severe physical problems. We call these Forever Fosters; dogs who will live out their lives in foster care due to problems like blindness, CCD (doggie dementia) or debilitating diseases.

AMAR doesn't have a sanctuary. We operate entirely with foster homes, where these dogs are welcomed, cleaned-up, treated for their medical conditions, trained, and most of all loved until they are healthy enough to find their forever homes.

Everyone at AMAR is a volunteer. We have no paid employees. Our wonderful volunteers donate their time, homes, and love. It takes an army to save the number of dogs we helped in 2014, and we have a team of the best.

The more funds we have the more dogs we can save. Donated funds are the life blood that allows AMAR to function. ALL donated funds go to support the rescue dogs in our care. Medical expenses alone are rarely, if ever, covered by the Adoption Fee.

Bottom Line -- Donations save these unfortunate Maltese. With your donations we can save even more in 2015. Won't you consider donating now?

Thank You! Gayle Lash, AMAR President



A Letter from Dixie

From Dixie Guthrie to her Foster Mom, Dawn Isley

Dear Aunt Dawn,

My Mommy told me that it would be OK if I wrote a letter to you. I do not know how to write so Mommy helped me to write this letter on her computer.

I wanted to say thank you so much for rescuing me and letting me be a part of your club that Mommy calls a rescue. I am

not sure what that means, but Mommy tells me that the three best words in the world are "rescued", "saved", and "home". I never had a real home of my own and if this is what a real home is like, then I really like it a lot. Every time my Mommy snuggles with me and tells me about how I was "saved" she starts to cry. I don't like it when my new Mommy cries so I think that I will need to stay here with her so she does not cry anymore.

My brothers and sister and I all got together and broke into our piggy banks and are sending you some money. My Mommy says that when you saved me you paid for my doctor bill and we want to send you money so that you can use it to teach other doggies like me what "rescued" and "saved" and "home" mean. Would you please do that and please let me stay here with my new Mommy? I really like it here.

My brother Zippy is a bit crazy but I am getting used to him. My sister Rosalee tells me that she is part of your rescue club too. I really like her a lot. My oldest sister, Muffin, is a bit of a princess, but she is pretty nice too. Can I please stay with my Mommy and make her mine forever?

I love you Aunt Dawn. Mommy says that maybe I will get to meet you at a thing called a show in a place called Chicago. I do not know what that is or where that is, but as long as my Mommy is with me I know I am going to like it. I will snuggle with you too when I meet you there. But can I please stay here with Mommy in Kansas? I really love her.

Raffle Items Needed - Get Visibility for Your Company!

Did you know that every year our Parent club, American Maltese Association, has a National Specialty? Each year it is in a different area of the US, moving from East Coast to West Coast on a 4 year rotation.

This year is the 50th Anniversary for the American Maltese Association Specialty Show, so there will be a larger crowd than normal attendance. Everyone is welcome! And so are your little white fluffs! The Specialty Show is being held in Chicago, IL this year. For more information visit the [AMA Website](#).

We need quality unique items to raffle at the Maltese Specialty show in May, 2015. This is our largest fundraiser for the year, so if you make handcrafted items, or would like to help by donating products that would be used by dog lovers or humans, please contact us, or send your donations to the address in the flyer on the left. The Show Bulletin will list all donated items along with the party who donated them. If you are a business, you will get recognition, and we will promote the item you donate, along with your business information on our AMAR Facebook page.

Don't miss out on this special way to help Maltese Rescue and get some additional visibility for your company! And if you don't know what to donate, gift cards for national organizations are always a big hit.

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Adopt one

Please support the
2015 AMA Rescue Raffle

Mark your donations "Rescue"
and send raffle items to:

Lisa Caudill

**5408 Burgundy Place
Fairfield, OH 45014**

For more information or to confirm that your name
is included on the catalog list of donors,
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Eddie Gobbi

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Wrigley

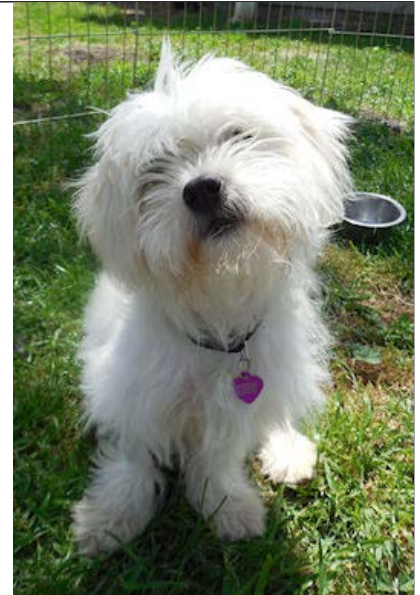
By Gayle Lash, AMAR President & NV/NO. CA Coordinator

Social media is one of the best things to happen to rescue in the history of rescue dogs. Wrigley is a prime example of that wonderful community.

Last year, people on Facebook fell in love with a young puppy that was turned in at a High Kill shelter in LA, because he had a broken palate. AMAR saved that puppy, and he lived and healed in one of our loving foster homes.

As we learned, it is not possible to X-ray a palate, so our Vets only had visual inspections to determine when the fracture was healed. During that time Wrigley suffered through a bout of aspirated pneumonia. After Vets thought he was healed he was ready for adoption and he chose his Forever Home. A final Vet inspection discovered that his mouth had not healed and there was a fistula, a hole between the roof of his mouth and his sinus cavity above.

UC Davis took over his medical care and deemed that he needed 2 surgeries to resolve the fistula; one to remove some of his teeth and a second one to stretch soft tissue to cover the hole in the roof of his mouth.



Our wonderful online community rallied and donated almost \$3000 to help cover his medical costs. That, along with a \$2000 grant through UC Davis, and his first 2 surgeries were scheduled. He was 8 months old by that time.

After the surgeries it was discovered that the large hole had been reduced, but it would take a 3rd



surgery to completely close the hole. With careful monitoring, the 3rd surgery healed, but yet a tiny pinhole remained, so he had to go back for a 4th surgery in February this year.

Wrigley just passed his first birthday. He is one happy-go-lucky guy whose personality belies the terrible medical issues he's faced. We are currently waiting for the results of this 4th surgery. His Forever Home is still waiting for him.

The donated funds and grant did not completely cover all of Wrigley's medical expenses, but they were a huge help. We couldn't have saved Wrigley without the help of the generous people online. To them we shout a big, "THANK YOU!!!"

The Massachusetts 4

By Monica Woodhead, AMA Rescue NE/Mid-Atlantic Coordinator

In late February, I was contacted by a shelter in Cape Code. They had taken in 4 Maltese of different ages (7, 6, 3 & 3 years old). The owner surrendered them to the shelter stating she was too ill and too many dogs. Our original intent was to keep them in the area. Unfortunately, our one foster in MA, had commitments. Our foster in CT, was full. We reached out for volunteers on a rescue social media page. Not one volunteer to foster. We received several offers to help transport.

When the post went up looking for foster volunteers in MA and/or RI, I was immediately contacted by Stephanie Smaltz, Meliza Moran and Matt Smith offering their assistance to foster, all of whom live in PA. I then heard from Susan Leavitt with an AMA member offering to pull and help transport. So the planning began. A few snags were quickly overcome and everything was in place.

AMA and AMA Rescue working together to save lives.

Leg 1: Mary Harrigan, AMA, pulls the MA 4 from the shelter:



Some fresh air and sunshine before meeting Cindy Fern-King, AMA, and beginning Leg 2:



Cindy meets Meliza Moran, AMA Rescue, in CT to begin the final leg of their trip:



All four are presently in their foster homes and receiving the love and medical care they need. Once they are checked out and get any medical care needed taken care of, these 4 little cuties will be available for adoption.

Thank you to all the AMA and AMA Rescue members involved with saving the MA 4.



Nemo

By Dawn Isley, Coordinator So CA, AZ, NM, UT

Nemo was born with a very short and nonfunctional front left leg. It is actually missing some of the bones and twists out to the side, making it non-weight bearing and useless to him. Having been this way since birth, Nemo has adapted and, for the most part, is able to get around and even play. He has some obvious challenges such as stairs, certain terrain, and can not go on very long walks.

What we have discovered since bringing Nemo into AMARescue is that his "good leg" also has a deformity. The shoulder socket did not completely form and he has very limited motion. He is compensating by bowing the leg outward to be able to use that leg to take a step - putting extra stress on his joints in the elbow and wrist.

After consulting with our Orthopedic Surgeon and 2 Orthotics specialists, we have decided that surgery would be unpredictable at best and therefore not an option. At this point, we are still exploring options but it looks like any type of a leg brace or support could possibly cause more damage than good. Our decision is leaning towards having a custom Front Leg Wheelchair made. This will allow Nemo to go out on walks and exercise. He is still a pup (we think approx. 1 - 1 1/2 yr old) and has a tremendous amount of puppy energy that he needs to expend. He is very strong in his rear legs, and we all feel he is a good candidate for using this type of cart successfully.

Our team of doctors are all working together to put together a solid plan to keep Nemo healthy, happy, and to give him the mobility to run & play with his pals!



Please donate towards Nemo's ongoing medical needs.

Our Foster dog Shiloh is in the Petplan Tournament of Tails contest for 2015. American Maltese Association Rescue has



a chance of getting up to \$5000 if Shiloh wins the contest. His first Match Up is on March 21st. You can only vote 1 time on **Saturday, March 21st, from 12:00 a.m to 11:59 p.m.** The winner of round 1 will then move on to the next round. If Shiloh moves on to the second matchup we will send out an announcement with the date and times. Click on the banner above to take you to the Tournament of Tails website.

There are many ways that you can help AMARescue as you go about your everyday activities without costing you a penny.

- Going for a walk either with or without your dog and have a smartphone? Sign up for WoofTrax. Don't just take your dog for a walk... Take your Walk for a Dog! Go to WoofTrax.com, download the app, and support your local animal shelter every time you walk your dog.
- Browsing the web? Sign up for Goodsearch.com. We get a small donation everytime you use it to search the web.
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