



American Maltese Association Rescue

Please Donate



IT'S WONDERFUL! We have more dedicated fosters in more areas of the country than ever before; as a result we have found loving homes for 30 dogs so far this year with 52 more in foster homes!

"Help AMA Rescue in any way you can. Last week they approved a CT scan on Cupcake, a senior Malt mix from the shelter they took in as a permanent foster after a member of the public pulled her from death row not understanding the many health issues Cupcake had after her many years as a backyard breeding dog. Cupcake's care takes pure heart and devotion and donations - just one of many dogs in medical care across America. AMA Rescue are all volunteer, no overheads, all the money goes to vet bills. Help fuel the passion we have to give comfort to dogs that are hurting because humans let them down." -Bronwyne Smith Mirkovich

Please open your hearts and pockets by contributing what you can to help our rescue efforts. We're growing rapidly but the need for rescue continues to increase. We are more able to respond because of the dedicated volunteers who seem to be coming out of the woodwork! We're so lucky, but costs have exceeded \$18,000 so far this year.

Your donations enable us to first rescue a Maltese from euthanasia, a puppy mill or to accept owner-surrenders to our care. Then your donation really goes to work. AMAR depends on its supporters! Without you, we could not save the lives of our homeless dogs. Thank you for your generous donation and remember that all donations are tax deductible.



AMAR Foster Mom
Monica Woodhead and white fluffs

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When found as a stray Penny was so matted and coated in dried manure she could hardly see or move. She had to be shaved to the skin to free her from her "prison."

Every Dog Deserves a Second Chance



Penny is now available for adoption

Dogs WIN when shelters and rescue groups work together. Petaluma Animal Services recently rescued this little Maltese mix, an abuse/neglect case. Penny was in horrible condition. AMAR was notified and Gayle Lash, AMAR coordinator, swooped in to help this sweet girl. She's safe in in her foster home and recovering from her ordeal. And, she's filling out nicely. Penny's life is all good.

Love Maltese and want to help? Please consider donating. In 2014 we have 30 adoptions, 52 fosters and \$18,000 in expenses (and counting).



Rescued but scared and exhausted

The Trio was found by the side of the road in Pennsylvania, terrified and cold. The hair on one of Adira's feet was so badly matted it cut off the circulation and her toes were eventually amputated.

The Pennsylvania Trio



Snug as a bug

Transported from PA to New Jersey, foster mom Stephanie Smaltz gave them the care they desperately needed and organized their medical treatments which began with Adira's amputations.



Adoption day

Although still a little frightened Cara, Adira and Casper began to see life could be good and filled with love and care. Stephanie worked very hard to find them the perfect home to take all three of them.

*"Cost for Adira, Cara and Casper:
\$1300"*



ADOPTED!
Wonderful new mom, Laura (right) is ready to take her babies home. Also pictured is Stephanie, their foster mom.



The three Texas puppies on a shopping spree



Texans Lexi and Buddy with their new family



Puppy Lola, new brother Louie and Mommy.

Puppy Rosie in her Mommy's arms

The Texas Rescues

AMAR recently rescued three 11-week-old puppies, and six other dogs between nine and 27 months.

Texas Animal Control visited a backyard breeder and found inhumane conditions and a lack of vaccinations. The breeder was ordered to reduce the number of dogs he owned. Fortunately he contacted AMAR and our team went to work on the logistics of saving the nine dogs he needed to surrender. One of our fantastic Foster moms, Dawn Isley, our Southern California coordinator, was going to Texas to visit relatives so the arrangements were quickly made for Dawn to fly to Texas and later drive an SUV with the dogs back to California.

The dogs needed to be examined by a vet immediately. Dawn said, "The Texas vet and his entire staff were absolutely amazing! We were greeted at the front door with several staff members to welcome us, help us unload and carry crates into their office. They made arrangements to see each and every one of our nine rescued dogs for vaccines, heartworm and fecal tests and complete exams. I was extremely impressed by their professionalism, organization and kindness." We can't say enough about Texoma Veterinary Hospital for the service and care for these darling little fluffs.

We also want to give big THANK YOUs to the some of the groups in our wonderful rescue community that have contributed to the success of this effort.

#1 - Northcentral Maltese Rescue, Inc. referred the backyard breeder to AMAR. This is a perfect example of rescue groups working together to save lives.

#2 - 1 Tail 4 Paws Grooming & Boarding cleaned up all the dogs and provided temporary boarding for them at a hugely discounted price. These people went above and beyond to help.

#3 - Angels of Grace Rescue took on the additional three dogs surrendered by the backyard breeder.

#4 - AMAR volunteers who worked behind the scenes to solicit donations, arrange vehicles, identify foster homes, coordinate transportation to all the foster homes, the foster homes who cared for them, and so much more.

#5 - The very special people who donated the funds to make this rescue a reality!!!

#6 - Dawn Isley and her family for the time and effort devoted to this project. To top it all off, Dawn handled the coordination while sick with the flu. THAT'S dedication.

LEFT: *Lexi and Buddy* have started their new lives with a great family! Two of our Texas puppies, *Lola and Rosie*, have mommies who are related and will spend their lives living just a few miles from each other with plenty of play dates together. Hooray!!!! We couldn't be happier for everyone!!!

**"Cost for Texas rescues:
\$3,000"**



Safe! Buttercup



Whew! Feeling better

Buttercup at shelter

For those of you who haven't met Buttercup yet, she is a 10 year old senior, a mere three pounds of love. AMAR pulled her from a shelter; she has chosen her forever home and is headed for happily-ever-after very soon.

"You saved my life and changed my world. You gave me hope where there was none and allowed me to love again.

You were able to see what lay beneath the matted, feces covered hair. You were able to see behind the clouded eyes into my beautiful soul. When the rest of the world was ready to let me die, you rushed to the shelter to save me. You hugged me and held me close, even though I smelled so terribly bad, and promised me that everything would be okay.

You brought me into your home...now my home too. You cleaned me and made me feel so much better. For the first time in so very long my tummy was full and I slept in peace feeling safe again. And still you haven't left my side and you have not stopped letting me know that I am loved.

My eternal and loving thanks go to each and every one of you who DONATE, FOSTER AND VOLUNTEER to AMAR.

Thank you all for the precious gift of Life that you have given me."

All of my love to each of you,
Buttercup

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ADOPTED!



Thank You Donors!

*"Rescuing animals rescues
the human spirit."*

Please click on one of the links below to help save more Maltese.



**AMAZON'S ASSOCIATES PROGRAM FOR
NON-PROFITS**

Click on the Amazon button on the front page of our website to donate to AMAR.

<http://www.americanmalteserescue.com>



Shiloh: The Power of Love



A huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported Shiloh in his road to recovery

Keep up with Shiloh and our latest rescues.

Like us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/americanmalteseassociationrescue>

Recently a vet on Long Island called AMAR about a woman who wanted to euthanize her Maltese because she had moved to a no-pet apartment. The vet refused and contacted our NE coordinator Monica Woodhead; a few phone calls later Monica discovered that for the past six months Shiloh had been living in the basement of the owner's friend. Their plan was to euthanize Shiloh - or leave him on a street corner for "someone" to pick up - or put him on Craigslist.



March 8: Desperate, Monica asked the owner's friend to promise she would keep him until she got there. She hurried to start the three hour drive because she found out that Shiloh was sick and had quit eating. When she returned home with Shiloh she realized he was horribly sick and rushed him to her vet who opened her office that evening just for Shiloh.

Monica's fears were realized. Shiloh's condition was critical - he was malnourished, had pneumonia, could not stand, and had pus oozing from his mouth and eyes with a 1/2 inch of it crusted in the corners. His broken tail had not healed correctly and had a pronounced lump on his head. Monica's vet said Shiloh was surrendered to AMAR just in time but Shiloh seemed to have given up and wanted to be done with people. It was heartbreaking.

Monica visited Shiloh twice a day; he was inwardly stretching for her love, trying to lift his head and eating a little from her hand. His desire for love and attention was palpable. This little guy had been deprived of it for a long time and love was the only way to reach him. Monica and the vet's staff had plenty of it to give him.

But Shiloh was far from being out of the woods. Although being aggressively treated, he did not respond well. He was still so sick he could die at any time and his every movement was cause for hope that he would make it. Then he began to turn around! After two long weeks at the vet, Monica got the green light to take him home.



Update from Monica on March 21: "This evening's visit brought me a well needed smile! Shiloh eating on his own! He ate about 3/4 of his meal by himself! Although he still has a long road to recovery he's coming home tomorrow morning!!!

He'll be able to get off his IV meds and begin liquid meds. He is a fighter and I'm hoping and praying he will get through this. He'll continue to see the vet every couple days."



Update from Monica on March 24: Shiloh has gained 2 ounces since Friday. Yahoo!!! You keep fighting little man! After returning from the vet Shiloh did a little dance, tail wag and even a small jump to get his treat.



You can help Shiloh and other Maltese by donating to our AMAR rescues.

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When:
Tuesday, April 15, 2014

Time: 12 to 10 P.M.
Live Events Starting at 5pm.

The Oregon Public House will donate a percentage of each order to our rescue.

Come have some food, perhaps a pint, support rescue and help save a life.

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503-828-0884



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BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!!



[ParkerPup](#), the professional model, certified therapy dog, professional actor, AKC Agility Competitor, Canine Cancer Awareness Advocate, and Facebook Celebrity, will be in attendance and signing pawtographs at our upcoming fund-raising event on April 15, in Portland, OR!!!

As will our own little AMAR Spokesdog, Chip - The Maltese Farm Dog, who has his own following on Facebook.

Chip says, "OK. ParkerPup's not a Maltese, but he really supports rescue dogs!!!"

Please support AMA Rescue Raffle at the

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Wednesday, June 4, 2014 - 05:48 to Saturday,
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our AMAR Volunteer program has launched with Gayle Lash as Volunteer coordinator. Volunteers will help with home inspections, donation solicitations, organizing fundraisers, researching articles, transportation, and activities that fosters don't have time for. Volunteer by completing the Application, http://www.americanmalteserescue.org/volunteer_application.html.