



# American Maltese Association Rescue

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## NEWSLETTER

Half Maltese/Half Fruit Bat

"I think I'll just hang upside down to take a nap."



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## We Need Immediate Foster or Permanent Homes.



We're asking for your help.

The five tiny Maltese shown here were confiscated and held as evidence until the Court released them on March 8th to Orange County Animal Control.

AMA Rescue volunteers picked up the four-pound Maltese and took them immediately to the vet where they are receiving dentals and blood panels as well as any other necessary medical treatments



We have four girls and one boy, ages four to eight years.

The vet's staff gives the dogs plenty of love and attention - they love to be held and cuddled. They're wonderful, sweet bundles of fluff!

We need help with:

- Donations for veterinarian costs.
- Offering a warm place in your heart and home for teeny tiny vulnerable Maltese.



To donate, click now on the PayPal icon on the right side of this page.



To foster or adopt, call/text  
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## Thank You Donors!

Our success in helping so many homeless Maltese last year was made possible thanks to your financial contributions.

AMA Rescue now has several ways for our rescue Maltese to receive financial assistance. Please click on one of the links below to help.



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Check out one of the best reads on Amazon on page 4!



This is a typical story of what happens beginning to end – from the first call about a dog in distress to the moment when the rescue finds his forever home - and the army of volunteers who make it happen.

## Murphy's Journey Home

It was an ordinary day for Tami Karlsson, AMAR southwest coordinator, when she went to the Inland Valley Humane Society to pick up two dogs.

While there she spotted a lonely Maltese in a cage with a sign marked "Vet Only." She asked the manager about him and discovered he had been exposed to Parvo. Murphy was to be euthanized that afternoon.

But Tami wasn't going to let that happen. No way. She put a hold on him.

"In a panic, I called Judy Crowe, AMAR national coordinator, for her expert advice. Judy is not only experienced in rescue; she is also a nurse, knowledge that comes in handy with all AMAR's dogs."

Judy felt his chances were good, most seven month old puppies have some immunity from the mother or a prior shot and that Parvo treatment can be quite effective when diagnosed early. She told Tami to call AMAR's veterinary partner for help.



This looked promising for Murphy.

Dr. Swindall at Cypress Animal Hospital said most dogs can be healed from Parvo and told Tami to bring him to be boarded and quarantined there while his immunity was determined.

He got a clean bill of health after two weeks at the vet's office

Murphy was safe. The process of finding his new home had begun.

Murphy went to Cindy and Fred Hitchman's home. First-time fosters, they are experienced in the ways of love and potty training, essential for Murphy who hadn't quite gotten the hang of it yet.

A video and photos were put on PetFinder, but after two weeks poor Murphy had not received even a nibble for a forever home.

It was decided to send him to the Northwest where people were begging for rescues to adopt. He was flown to another first-time foster in Seattle.

Murphy had survived his near demise at the shelter, spent two weeks at a compassionate vet's office, was whisked off to a soothing foster home for two more weeks and now.... the dreaded Plane Ride.

Oh dear.

Angela is a business woman with a big heart who volunteers to take AMAR dogs from LAX to Seattle.

Murphy started out brave and friendly when he was handed off from his sweet foster dad to Tami, then to Angela, a total stranger, who was just entering airport security.

Angela said, "He put up with me juggling him in one hand, taking my shoes off with the other, getting the liquids and computer out. He was antsy but happy by the time we got to the gate. He wanted to get down, walk around and check everything out."

Too soon, the boarding call came and it was time to get back in the carrier. Murphy didn't like that idea, dug his heels in and refused.

Angela's asked the client traveling with her to go to McDonalds to get a plain hamburger patty. Murphy was lured into the carrier by tossing bits of hamburger into it. But once the door closed he started to cry - loudly. He was not happy.

"He fought like a Tasmanian devil to get out! He cried until takeoff even though I was bent in half with my hand in the carrier petting him like mad."

Angela held the carrier between her feet to offer what comfort she could. The engines geared up for takeoff.

Silence.

"I could feel him moving around a bit, so I knew he was okay, but I didn't want to bother him when he seemed so contented."



Finally at their destination, Angela took him out of the carrier. Murphy was fine but his brand new lovely harness was not. During his silence Murphy had chewed right through it!

His new foster family, Ronda and her daughter Cassie, had driven 1-1/2 hours from Cle Elum to meet Angela at a restaurant close to the airport.

He was a scared little boy so Ronda let Murphy snuggle against her neck during the drive back to her home.

The next morning Murphy was anxious and couldn't settle down. Ronda said, "My little dog Conky was his saving grace. They raced through the house together, played constantly, bit each other's tails and napped together. This is when I discovered "Murph the Smurf," loves toys - not just one, but all 50 of them!"

"I tried from the beginning not to get attached. I couldn't help it. I treated him as my own, and for a while he was, but I am clear that I have to let each one go to allow room for the next. Still, I cried when I drove him to his permanent home."

Murph is happily at home with his forever mom Rhonda. He made her promise he will never fly again.

There were 15 loving and committed people involved in Murphy's rescue and adoption.

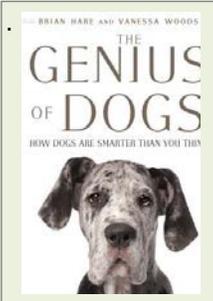
Special kudos to Angela's client who went for the hamburger patty!



Daughter Jonelle, Rhonda, Murph the Smurf and Simba..



Murphy and his mom Rhonda



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## Giselle's Rescue



What a rescue. A trail of wonderful people advocating for one neglected little dog.

Experienced AMAR volunteer, Bronwyne Mirkovich, said she had never seen a dog so terrified of humans. Giselle was kept in a cage with children tormenting her since she was a puppy. On the rare occasion when she was let out she was so scared she ran for cover.



It was heartbreaking to see the despair in her eyes. She had given up.

Just a little over a week later and Giselle was running free. This photo says so much about her precious spirit.



American Maltese Association Rescue is starting our second year as a non-profit 501C3 organization. In 2012 we grew by leaps and bounds and far surpassed our hopes and dreams for the number of Maltese that we were able to save and place in their new forever homes. We are hoping 2013 will be just, if not more, successful!

We couldn't do what we do without the support of all of you that have adopted, donated and volunteered to help us! We still need a lot of support! We need more foster homes in CA, OR and WA, as well as throughout the United States. We also need volunteers that can donate services, transportation and of course, monetary help is always needed!

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