

## MALTESE RESCUE CALIFORNIA

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### NEW MALTESE RESCUE IN CALIFORNIA!

Greetings to all of our friends, adoptive families, foster care providers, supporters and donors. This is our first newsletter. Maltese Rescue California was formed early this fall by a group of dedicated and experienced rescuers in Southern California. With the large population of disadvantaged Maltese in Southern California, our group felt that the homeless Maltese would be better served by a rescue group focusing on this geographical area. In the past two years, our group of dedicated workers facilitated over 200 adoptions in Southern California for a national dog rescue group. Our goal is to continue helping Maltese and Maltese mix dogs in shelters and those surrendered by their owners.

During our first three months of operation, the number of dogs accepted exceeded our expectations with numerous requests for our help from shelters, other rescue groups, and families unable to care for their Maltese



### THANK YOU DONORS

Our success in helping homeless Maltese was made possible by your generous financial contributions. MRC has several ways to receive finanial assistance.



### THE RESULTS ARE IN...

At the end of 2013, Maltese Rescue California had accepted 63 homeless dogs and facilitated 32 adoptions. Some of 63 dogs required extensive veterinary care with two undergoing a rear leg amputation, one rescue required major chest and abdominal surgery to repair an injury, and several needed prolonged boarding due to contagious diseases. Maltese Rescue California remains committed to provide outstanding service to our dogs, foster care providers, and adoptive families. Please stop by one of our adoption events to visit. Maltese Rescue is here to help so please contact us for questions and concerns.



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### BELLA - IT'S HER SECOND CHANCE

Bella a 6 year old Maltipoo was rescued by Maltese Rescue California in early November. Her owner took her to the shelter with the request to "put her down" since she was having trouble walking. MRC was at the shelter rescuing another Maltese and asked the owner if she would surrender Bella to our rescue so we could have Bella evaluated by our veterinarian. It is the belief of several veterinarians that Bella was confined to a small space over a long period of time where she was unable to use her legs. Through love, devotion, and physical therapy; Bella has surprised us all with her determination to learn to walk again using all four legs. Bella is so proud that she can now freely walk throughout her foster home and yard. She can now follow Dawn Lierman and her dog friends from room to room.







### JASPER THREE LEGS OF JOY ...

Jasper is one special, very sweet  $1\frac{1}{2}$  year old that was rescued by Maltese Rescue California in October from a Southern CA shelter. Jasper sustained multiple fractures of his right rear leg and pelvis while living on the streets of Los Angeles. After amputation of his leg, a shelter volunteer contacted Maltese Rescue California with the request to accept Jasper and provide him a second chance at a better life. Jasper was cared for and fostered by Judy Crowe. His recovery was amazing as within a week he was running in the yard and chasing other dogs. Although Jasper attended several adoption events, no one sought to adopt him until Tom and Peggy Dudek in Pennsylvania heard about Jasper from their close friends in California. After they saw Jasper on our website and watched his video, they were determined to adopt him. In the middle of December, Bob Peterson was so kind to fly with Jasper to the East Coast to meet his new adoptive family. Jasper is thoroughly enjoying life with his new family and loves running in the snow with his dog sister and brother.



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### DOLLARS FOR THE CAUSE

Only with your help is it possible for us to help the homeless Maltese of California. We depend entirely on donations to provide medical care for our rescue Maltese. This care includes spaying and neutering, vaccines, insertion of microchip, dental care, and treatment for medical problems.

Many of our rescued dogs come into our care with severe medical problems and as a result, vet bills can become overwhelming. All donations go directly to provide food, shelter and medical treatment. Your loving charitable (& tax deductible) gift gives us the power to provide a second chance for these dogs to find their forever home.



Here are a few examples of where your donation dollars can go to help our homeless and neglected Maltese.

\$15 - One vaccine or a leash and harness

\$25 - Microchip inserted

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\$40 - Complete set of annual vaccines

\$160 - Veterinary Dental Cleaning or a Spay or Neuter

\$350 - Veterinary exam, dental cleaning, complete set of vaccines, spay or neuter

\$500 - A cardiac ultrasound to diagnose the cause of significant heart murmur

\$1000 or more provides surgery to repair broken bones, heart surgery, eye surgery

Without your help, the less fortunate Maltese would not get the care and support needed for a successful journey toward a new forever home and their Second Chance.

"THE WORLD WILL NOT CHANGE IF YOU RESCUE ONE DOG, BUT THE WORLD WILL SURELY CHANGE FOR THAT DOG"

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### EVENTS AND PLANNING AHEAD

Maltese Rescue California has monthly adoption events at selected Petco Stores and Unleashed by Petco stores in several areas of Southern California. Here you can meet our available dogs and the people behind MRC. Tami Karlsson - President, Judy Crowe - Vice President, Ron Karlsson -Treasurer, Richard Crowe - Secretary, Dawn Lierman - San Diego Co Coordinator, Dawn Isley - Orange Co Coordinator, Terri Farrell - Los Angeles Coordinator, Suzuanne Dunbar - San Bernardino/Riverside Co Coordinator and the many other volunteers that help in so many ways. Mark your calendar for some of our scheduled events in 2014.

February 15th - Cupids & Canines Adoption Event, San Diego CA

August - Dogs Day of Summer, Cardiff CA

September - Grand Woofstock, Escondido CA

November - Loving All Animals Super Adoption Event, Rancho Mirage CA

Fundraising events are in the planning stage. Visit our website for the latest event information.



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"A DOG IS THE ONLY THING ON EARTH THAT LOVES YOU MORE THAN HE LOVES HIMSELF."