



MAX Youth

Teens: Unleash Your MAXimum Potential

By Rocco Williams

Greetings! If you're a teenager dedicated to MaxFund's mission of helping animals, this column, and our program, MAX Youth, is for you. My name is Rocco Williams, and I'm a 14 year-old freshman at Denver School of the Arts. My goal in writing this column is to reach teens who are interested in helping out with different activities at MaxFund and/or teens who want to put together programs in their communities or schools that can benefit MaxFund.

What MAX Youth Can Do

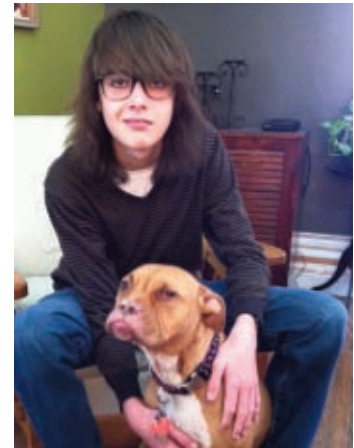
MAX Youth is going to promote ways for teens to learn about animal welfare issues while developing leadership and community service skills. In addition to giving the teen community ideas about how to help MaxFund at your school or in your community, we also hope to hold a session at the shelter once per month.

The session might be an opportunity to make toys for the cat shelter and spend an hour with the cats, socializing them and acting as a teen ambassador for visitors to the shelter, or we might have a subject matter expert in animal welfare come in and make a presentation to us...it will vary each month. Finally, we want to build a MAX Youth group that can go out to MaxFund events in the community and assist MaxFund staff and volunteers. Send us your ideas for MAX Youth: email me, Rocco, at Goodvibes345@gmail.com. Look for info on our first MAX Youth session in next month's newsletter!

MAX Youth February FUNdraiser Ideas

Our feature fundraiser for February is to use Valentine's Day as a way to collect needed items for the shelter. . .here's an idea: "**Paper Towel Valentine**": Create a promotion at your school to have kids bring in a roll of paper towels as a "valentine" to MaxFund; paper towels are always in high demand at the shelter, and donating paper towels means that MaxFund can use more resources on the animals and less on purchasing paper towels! Set a goal of collecting 100 rolls of paper towels by February 14!

Don't forget to coordinate these kinds of efforts with a teacher who can "sponsor" the event for you and perhaps allow you to use his or her classroom



Rocco with his dog, Squeakers Louise

for storage of the items you collect until you transport them to MaxFund. Another idea is to organize a Valentine's Day "**Animal Cookie Party**" with your friends. Get together and bake home-made treats for the dogs at MaxFund, or bake these treats to sell and have the proceeds benefit MaxFund! You can use the recipe here or look up others online.

Dog Cookies

2 cups whole wheat flour
1/2 cup cornmeal
6 tablespoons oil
2/3 cup water
1/4 cup peanut butter
Mix all ingredients in a bowl. Roll dough to about 1/4" thick, then use a cookie cutter for fun shapes. Bake for 35-40 minutes at 350° F.

We hope your New Year's resolution is to work with us as part of MAX Youth and make a difference for the animals at MaxFund. Thanks!





FROM THE WORLD OF GUS

The world of Gus? My world is all topsy-turvy these days. One day that seems like many days ago, Mom and Dad got out these blue boxes with handles, put a lot of their clothes in the boxes, got in the car, and left us. Real nice people took care of us. They took care of every need and took the extra step to make all of us pets feel loved. They gave each of us some individual loving every day.

The only thing they couldn't do was to give Gypsy and me our long walk through the woods each day. And, at the time I felt that those daily walks were the most important things in my day. Actually, I thought they were the most important things in my whole world.

The funny thing is that when Mom and Dad came back from Denver, they were both sick. They said that they got the "airplane flu" on the way to Denver and spent most of their time in Denver feeling sick. First one got really bad and then the other. They thought they were getting better when they got back to South Carolina.

They were half right. Mom got better. Dad got worse. He tried to do our walks for a couple days, and then became too sick and weak to take us. They say that I was hit by a car when I was a puppy and was seriously hurt. I don't remember that. I'm pretty sure I have never been sick. I can't imagine lying around weak and coughing all the time like Dad does now.

You know what the funny part is? Right now I don't think that going on walks is the most important thing in the world. Don't get me wrong, I would LOVE to go on a walk tomorrow. But – the MOST wonderful thing would be if Dad would be well enough to do it. Tomorrow or the next day. He will be well again. I just know it. And soon.

Volunteer of the Month...

CHRIS WEBER

Chris has been volunteering at MaxFund for over three years and is a dedicated volunteer who works with the cats. She mostly stays in the background and quietly goes about her business. But her continued love and presence have made a world of difference for the cats.

Chris has a great sense of humor and enjoys the "quirky" cats in particular. But she plays with all of them, loves them and often helps socialize the "difficult" ones. She also helps other volunteers understand the nuisances of some of the cats. She is even the foster mom of one of our really shy cats, Bobbi.

Chris is friendly not only with the cats, but with people. It is always enjoyable to see her at the shelter and to chat with her.

Thank you, Chris, for all you have done and continue to do for our feline friends!

THANK YOU...

Dear MaxFund,

I received a wonderful award from my nephew Chris Potter, he and Shellie nominated me a Hometown Hero through Modern Woodmen this is the company that Chris works for. The award was a thank you for all the things I have done and Chris & Shellie wanted me to know how much they appreciated everything I do for my family, the Soule Family Foundation and the community. I was really touched that they would do this for me, part of the award is I receive \$100 and I can give the \$100 to any charity of my choice and I have chosen The MaxFund.

Hope it helps out!!!
Judi





A CAT'S UNIVERSE

by Snoopy & Gizmo

Hello Everyone!

Snow... It is my entertainment for the winter. Not because of anything I do, but because Loki and Lexi are just so much fun to watch when they go outside. Loki is not wild about the snow as frozen water is still water and he avoids water when at all possible. I keep waiting for him to stop and shake each leg like a cat. Lexi just tries to make sure it never touches her tummy, which means a dusting of snow is about all that can be on the ground. She looks for a spot where the wind has blown the ground clean so she can go potty without the snow touching her private places. Now that I can understand, after all cold is colder in some places.

Wow, can you believe it is February already. Mom says February means Valentine's Day and that means flowers, dinner, maybe even candy and a movie. Now, I am not sure about candy and a movie but I understand flowers and dinner. Some plants that flower taste good; especially cat nip and dinner can mean canned cat food instead of the dry. If that is what she means I like the sounds of Valentine's Day.

I have noticed that Snoopy seems to be getting old. He is a lot grumpier lately and he sure sleeps more than he used to. He also appears to be losing some weight. I could stand to lose a little weight but I don't want to get old to do it. Mom says to be careful what I say because I am only a year younger than Snoopy. Maybe he is just having a bad week, after all if I am only one year younger, how old can he be feeling. I am still a kitten (I am only 12 years old).

Enjoy the weather and I hope you have some funny dogs to watch as they play in the snow and you stay inside where it is warm.

Your Cat Reporter, Gizmo

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The MaxFund is committed to the following goals:

- Develop and implement educational programs pertaining to animal care, with emphasis on the importance of spay/neutering.
- Disseminate information on spay/neuter facilities and conduct

spay/neuter clinics for low-income families.

-Be a spokesperson for the animals on issues of animal welfare.

-Cooperate with other animal facilities/shelters in the accomplishment of the above goals.

Contributions for this newsletter are welcome. Please check the back page of newsletter for each month's deadline. We especially enjoy letters and photos from animals adopted from our shelter.

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Adopt a Lifelong Companion and a Friend Forever



HARRY

Harry is a Belgian Malinois mix. He is a little shy when meeting new people but is also playful.



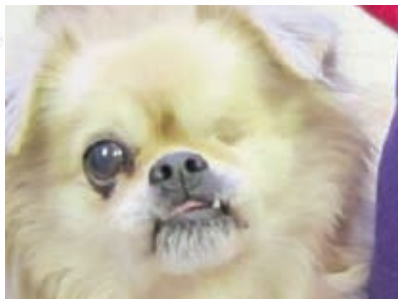
BO

Bo is a 2 year old male Australian Shepherd mix. He is young, smart and obedient. Willing to learn.



TARYN

Taryn is an adorable 3 year old female Terrier mix. Gets along with adults, dogs, kids and cats.



CHICO

Chico is a lovely 8 year old male Pekingese mix. He is easy-going, and he loves to be petted.



CHARLIE

Charlie is a 4 year old male DLH mix. He's not a big fan of other cats. Might do well with dogs.



DAFFODIL

Daffodil is almost 2 years old and is a DSH. She is elegant and beautiful. Enjoys pets and attention.



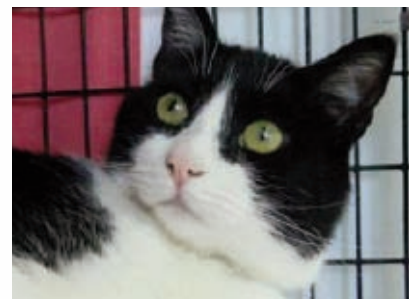
HONEY

Honey is a sweet boy that gets along well with dogs. Would do well with a good-natured cat or dog.



LUCIA

Lucia is a sweet lady with a lot of love in her heart. Would prefer to be an only pet.



LUKE

Luke is a handsome tuxedo cat. He would like to be an only pet.

FOSTER OF THE MONTH

ANNE SVEC

Anne is an amazing MaxFund foster mom who has been fostering for five years. In that time, she has fostered dogs and puppies (82 of them!). Imagine trying to potty train and deal with the energy of one puppy. Now imagine doing it with 42 puppies and seven moms!! That is what Anne has done for MaxFund!!

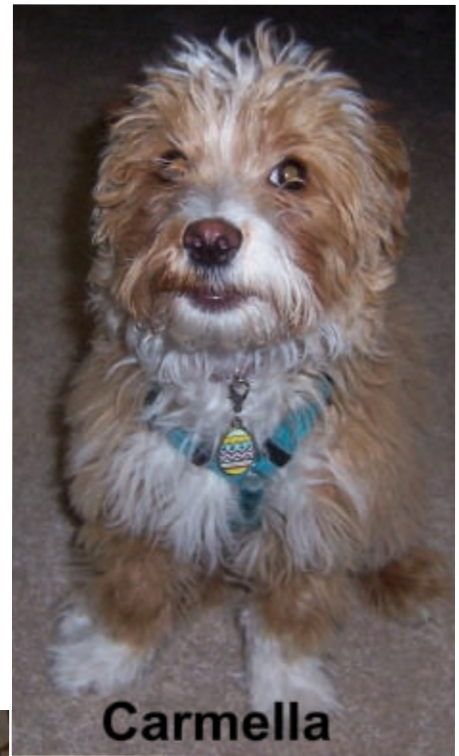
People often ask Anne how she can give up the puppies after only eight weeks. For her, that is easy – she is done with dealing with the poop! After she has cleaned them up for five of the eight weeks, she is ready for them to find their forever homes. All of her momma dogs have been special to her. They have to bond closely with Anne to trust her with her pups, so Anne feels a special closeness to them. Three of the dogs—Tillie, Twila and Trixie—needed help giving birth to their pups, so they hold an especially special place in Anne’s heart. She has one “failed” foster, Allie, who was left on the steps of MaxFund in 2009. She was only three months old and badly needed a brush and bath. Anne took her home to groom her, and Allie never left.

Why Does She Foster

Anne loves fostering the young pups because to her, it is so important for them to learn from interaction with people and with other dogs. Anne believes it is important for the pups to start training right away. Being in a cage without knowing the feel of petting and cuddling can make it so hard for them to trust people later in life. Anne gives them the opportunity to learn trust and love. The momma dogs are her favorites. She has learned so much from each one and feels good knowing that they don’t have to be on the street or in the shelter alone while having the pups.

Thank you, Anne, for giving these dogs and puppies a home and for giving them a head start so they can get adopted. You are wonderful!

Pawnote: You, too, can experience the joys of fostering. MaxFund is always in desperate need of foster homes, especially cat foster homes. Please contact the shelter today to find out how you can foster.





MAXFUND'S MAILBAG



Millie

Dear MaxFund,

Thank you for all the wonderful work you all do for the lost, homeless and/or injured animals. I would adopt all of them if I could. Since that would be impossible, please utilize our gift to continue your work helping the animals. So, on behalf of my three doggy girls, Suze, JuJu, and Clare, Merry Christmas.

Dena & Greg Schultz

Dear MaxFund,

The article about Daisy Mae really touched my heart.

I got my first Dachshund puppy for my 24th birthday. Dachshunds are fun dogs and so entertaining.

My third Dachshund, Willie Wiener dog, was my Christmas gift in December, 1977. He had disk hernia in December, 1982. By then I was recently divorced and had very little money. I borrowed money for his surgery from the credit union. He lived a happy life after successful surgery and died in April, 1995. Daisy Mae can look forward to many years, in a loving home.

Thank you for all you do to give homeless dogs a second chance in life.

Sincerely,
Storme H. Rose

Dear MaxFund Friends,

Always wanting to wish your group well, most especially at Christmas time.

May your holidays be filled with good cheer, much good news, plenty of fortunate adoptions, and many like me who just might want to send a little help and pray that your good purposes might make the holidays happy for many pets as well as people.

Merry Christmas can bring great joy to all and may the New Year be better than you ever hoped for. God Bless each and every one of you!

Carole Baer

Dear MaxFund,

I am pleased to make a donation to Daisy Mae's surgery fund. Dr. Lane is truly exceptional. He performed surgery on my paralyzed dog, Rowdy, in June of 2007. Rowdy had had a phenomenal recovery, and I know that Daisy Mae in his very capable hands will experience the same success.

Thank you so very much for giving Daisy Mae this chance.

Sincerely,
Sarah L. Smaha

Dear MaxFund,

Today I've had "Little Miss" aka "Millie" for one year. She is absolutely adorable. She loves people, the car is the best, and any food that is not dog food. She has slowly gained a couple of pounds and is very, very happy and healthy.

She's the best present I've ever given myself.

Thanks,
Carol & Millie



Shiva

To All at MaxFund,

Shiva, formerly Osa, thanks you for your care and wishes you a Merry Christmas. Shiva loves her new home on Cheesman Park – she's adopted well and is a delight.

Happy New Year!
Betty Caruso

Valentine's Day Dos and Don'ts for Pet Lovers

By Dr. Becker

<http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2012/02/13/valentines-day-dos-and-donts-for-pet-lovers.aspx>

Many pet owners include their furry loved ones in Valentine's Day celebrations.

And who better to celebrate on St. Valentine's Day than the one devoted soul in your life who offers true unconditional love?

Valentine's Day Dos

If you'd like to do something special for your four-legged companion on February 14th, here are a few neat ideas:

- Make an appointment to have professional photos taken of your pet, or hire an artist to paint a portrait of your dog, cat, or other favorite critter.
- Make a permanent clay print of your pet's paw with a [special kit](#).
- If your dog has a favorite activity like riding in the car, hiking a trail with you, or retrieving a tennis ball over and over and over (and over), carve out a couple hours on or around Valentine's Day and indulge him.
- Skip the heart-shaped carb-heavy pet treats and invest the money instead in a small amount of an excellent quality raw, canned or dehydrated dog or cat food.
- Set aside 15 minutes to a half hour and give your animal companion your undivided attention. Don't multi-task during this small window of time. Allow no interruptions. Do nothing but focus on your pet. Soak up her animal energy.

You can spend the time just petting or massaging your pet, bathing or grooming her, or doing an [at-home wellness exam](#). You can take your dog for a short, invigorating walk. Engage your kitty with her favorite toy. Chat with your bird. Set your pocket pet free to investigate a bit of the world outside her cage.

...and a Few Don'ts

Human celebrations of Valentine's Day tend to involve things that can be harmful to pets, including potentially toxic flower and plant arrangements, chocolate, wine or other adult beverages, and candlelit dinners.

- If you're thinking of buying a plant or flower arrangement for your pet-owning sweetie, visit the ASPCA.org for a [list of both toxic and non-toxic plants](#).
- If candy is on your V Day shopping list, keep in mind chocolate is toxic to both cats and dogs. And the darker the chocolate, the more toxic.

Chocolate contains a caffeine-like stimulant substance that when ingested by your pet can cause vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, racing pulse and seizures. Also, the fat content in chocolate can wreak havoc with a pet's pancreas.

- Needless to say, any sort of alcoholic beverage is dangerous for pets. And it doesn't take more than a tiny bit to bring on vomiting, diarrhea, loss of coordination, central nervous system depression, tremors, breathing difficulties and coma.
- If dinner by candlelight is on the agenda for Valentine's Day, be sure to keep the flames well out of the reach of curious pets. And safely extinguish burning candles before you leave a room.

Here's wishing you and your loved one (on two legs or four), a warm, safe and wonderful Valentine's Day!



MAXFUND
Animal Adoption
Center



MaxFund Animal Adoption Center
and Celtic Tavern/Delaney's Bar
invite you to join us for the

19th Annual Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser

WHEN: Sunday, February 24th, 2013

Chili Judging/Tasting from 1pm to 4pm and Chili winners
announced at 5:00pm

WHERE: Celtic Tavern/Delaney's Bar in historic LoDo

1801 Blake Street, Denver, CO 80202 | 303.308.1795

HOW MUCH: \$15 @ the door** or pre-purchase at maxfund.org using the link
for \$10 before February 23rd at 5 pm

HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILI: Click the chili cook off link at maxfund.org
For more details go to maxfund.org.

CHILI CATEGORIES: Red, Green, Vegetarian and Celebrity Chef

** 100% of the proceeds from this event are graciously donated to the animals at MaxFund **

**The MaxFund mobile adoption van will be parked out front of
Delaney's Bar with many adoptable pets to meet during the event.**

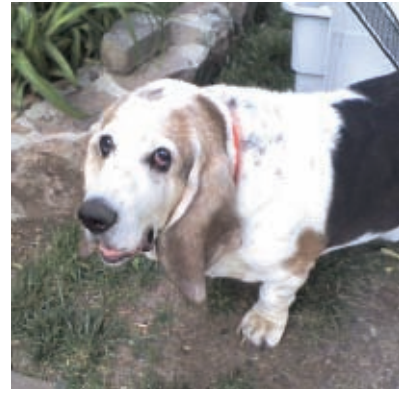
- ✦ The winning chilis in each category will win a prize and there will be a Grand Prize for the chili that has the most overall votes from all categories.
- ✦ The event is family friendly. MaxFund merchandise and fun goodies for pets will also be available for sale, and there will be a small silent auction. All proceeds will benefit MaxFund.
- ✦ We will also be collecting any donated items from the MaxFund wishlist (on maxfund.org) during the event for the shelter (including dog food, beds, toys).



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PRAYER FOR BAGEL

*Dear God thank you for the gift of Bagel,
Your humble creature with a spot on his head,
a gentle voice,
and a tender nature,
Who was a source of love and friendship to all
he met,
Who loved the sun and snow and the smell of
green grasses in the Spring,
Who lived his life with patience and grace,
Please now take him back into your Heart,
the Source of All Creation,
Let him know that he was loved,
Let him know happiness and joy,
Let him be free from suffering,
And let him know peace.
Guide him on his journey and us on ours.
Help us to remember the gifts that he gave,
to love as simply, to live as humbly,
to be a source of goodwill and comfort
to our fellow creatures, to our sisters and brothers,
to everybody we meet.*

~Amen

Dear MaxFund,

In January, we adopted our dog, Cody from MaxFund. He has been a wonderful addition to our family, bringing lots of smiles each day.

We are so thankful for the work that you do. Hopefully, our donation can help join another dog or cat with a loving family.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year!
Melissa, David, Cody, and Oscar Bloom

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In memory of **Bo** - Joseph Davis | To my sweet **Princess** - we miss you so much. You were my precious lap baby. To my boys, **Norman & John**-John. You're always in my heart. Mom (Cindy) and Dad (Kirk) | In honor of **Betty Boop**, our smallest rescue dog to bring so much love & joy into our lives. She was one of a kind & will be missed forever...Howard & Loretta Jeross | In memory of **Patches** - Marilyn Hall | In memory of Paris & Don Heinen's beloved dog, **Sugar** - Glenadelle Downer | In memory of **Cinnamon** - Helen Burnett | In memory of **Buddy**, owned and loved by Shanti Chacko and Graig Weisbart - Marla Pellish & Len Vonder Here | In memory of **Missy** - Diana Purtz | In memory of the Neena Ballard and Family's beloved, **Speeder**, he was a sweet heart. He will be missed - Char Cygnar | In Memory of my sweet Corgi, the love of my life, **Dude**, Merry Christmas! - Felicia Armstrong Simmons | In honor of the 2nd Birthday of **Tinkerbelle Scherlong Porrecca**, who passed just a few days ago due to coyote attack on 12/10/12. SHE WAS AN ANGEL AMONG US... NOW SHE WATCHES OVER US IN HEAVEN! - Carla Kotrc | In memory of the Bolins beloved **Cozmo** - Audrey Simpson | In memory of **Beakley** - Paul Jed Villanueva | In memory of **Dylan**, Lisa & Steve's buddy for 17 years - Erich Magruder | In memory of **Roxanna**, a 16 year old little pug who lived with Cinda Lundine - Patricia Cleavenger | In memory of Peggy & Fritz's beloved, **Annie** - Chris Beal | In memory of Libby & Mary's beloved, **Bailey** - Chris Beal | In memory of **Gwenie & Spirit** - Katheen Winters | In memory of **Annie** - Holly Corwin | In memory of **Bagel** - James Roper | In memory of **Max Boy** - Barbara Anshutz | In memory of **Molly** - Jason Page | In memory of MaxFund's, **Millie** - Sharon Balzano | In memory of **Biggie** - Deanna & Sean Burnett | In memory of **Kwai Chang, Snowy & Lassie** - Karen Chandler | In memory of **Cookie Cram** - Jon & Kathleen Cram | In memory of **Alli** - Suzanne Crawford | In memory of **Nipper** - Paula Espinoza | In memory of **Griffen** - Heather Garner | In memory of **Sugar Bean** - Kristin Giovanini | In memory of **Jackson** - Sharon Gottesfeld | In memory of **Pumpkin, Sakari, Tubby, Mimi, Kidder, Gray, Purschia** - Valerie Hill | In memory of **Barkley & Maird** - Beverley Hissett | In memory of **Digby Leon** - Celia Leon | In memory of **Daisy** - Maureen Lienau | In memory of my beautiful girl, **Buffy** - Donna Ludwig | In memory of **Bailey** - Dann Milne | In memory of **Max, Daisy, and Brody** - Jodi L Music & Darren Scott | In memory of **Sardini Payne** - Donna M. Payne | In memory of **Kita Pierce** - Rebecca Pierce | In memory of **Darryl** - Linda Pihlak | In memory of **Dagwood** - Katie Flanagan | In memory of **Django** - Jenna Pratt | In memory of **Cisco & Mickey** - Britta Rodie | In memory of **Tiandra & Ariel** - Charles Rose | In memory of **Stonewall** - Thomas Stephens & Todd Enders | In memory of **Taylor** - Lee Trujillo-Lopez | In memory of **Big Boy and Chloe** - Cathy & Stan White | In memory of **Bohdi Matisse** - Janalynn Wong | In memory of our beloved **Dagwood**...and because our daughter has a heart as big as all outdoors - Cheryl Lightholder | For **Zoey Weller**, who loved her Mom, Barb, and who reigned over all the other dogs and cats in the house. You are missed - Cathy Barnes | In Loving Memory of **Jake Rooney**. Merry Christmas to Beth Rooney - Jeanne Rooney | In memory of **Ike Hunter Kopecky** - Samantha Steiner | In memory of Cinda Lundine's beloved, **Roxy** - Betty & Bob Shallcross | In memory of my cat, **Memphis** - Isabell Potter | In memory of Jasper, best buddy to **Michael, Kyle & Fiona** - John & Judy Cheyney | In memory of **Angel Love** - Vicki Hall | In memory of **Kyle Wechter's** beloved, **Chelsea** - Art Wechter | In memory of **Regal**, owned and loved by Mr. & Mrs. Chris Gale & boys - Linda Ehlers | In memory of **Buff**, A wonderful companion and protector! - William Coleman

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In memory of my daughter, **Susan Unger** - Joseph Davis | In loving memory of **Lyla McKay** - Ashley Chavez | In memory of **Sunny** - Kathy Lenahan | In memory of my beloved husband, **Donald Stensrud** - Mary C. Stensrud | In memory of **Virginia Sanchez** - Jo Ann, Jay, Lois, Linda, and Stewart O'Neil | In memory of **John E. Larsen** - Dale & Carey Palese, Michelle & Dan Finerty, | Luann Heltemes, Faye M. Heins | For **Daisy Mae** in memory of **Dolores (Debby) Furman** - Estelle R. Wolf | In memory of **Jim Daugherty & Pretty Girl** - Phounglan Thi Nguyen | In loving memory of **Eric Thomas Eide** - Karen Larson | In memory of **LuLu**, owned and loved by Mike Flynn - Dana Menzel | In memory of **Joe Gates** - Fran & Dan Chapman | In memory of **Catherine Christenson** - Mary Christenson | In memory of **Ann Motjoy** - Chris & Stefan Geissbuhler | In memory of **Janet Hind** - Jeanne Hind | In memory of **Patrick Kelly** - Debra Kelly | In memory of **Patricia L. Lee** - Warren Lee | In memory of **Harold Loos** - Jacquelyn Loos | In memory of **Sammy Josephson** - Ellen Premack | In memory of **Jim Eaton** - Toni Rautus | In memory of **Marcy Kelly** - Gary Robinson | In memory of **Robert & Toma Boudreau** - Sharon Shin | In memory of **Mimi Siegel** - Amy Siegel | In memory of **Jeb Thompson** - Rebecca Thompson | In memory of **Joyce Beachy**, a wonderful lady who loved animals with all her heart and who was the one who told me about MaxFund many, many years ago. I adopted my dog Rocky from MaxFund so Rocky would also like to say thanks to Joyce for all the dogs she helped! - Susan Lyons | On behalf of **Joyce Beachy**, a wonderful, funky, fun and amazing person. I miss you much! - Laura Bullock | For **Joyce Beachy** whose strength I admired very much - Bonnie Warnock | In memory of **Joyce Beachy** - Erin Dornaier, Suzi Shada, Mary Wolf | In memory of **Maxine Morgan** - Sue Sheldon | In memory of **Marsha Druker** - Norman Chandler | In memory of **Hal**, I know how much you loved him - Jessica Johnson | In memory of **Greg Stanley** - Debbie & Skip Waugh | In memory of my father, **Sam**...who loved his dog "Lucky" - Wendy Busch

Honorable Mentions

Happy Birthday and Merry Christmas, **Sandy Scherer**, because you care - Jo Ann Tresch | On behalf of **Betty Adler** - Todd Adler | In honor of **Anne Dutka, Ginger Ketz, & Walter Chartier** - Gloria Talberg | In honor of **Sundance & Freedom** - Nancy Driver | In honor of **Anita Zonker & Michael Klee** - Beatrice Caruso | In honor of **Judi Cantrell** who has been awarded Hometown Hero through Modern Woodmen, in appreciation for everything she does for us - Chris & Shellie Potter | In honor of **Yuki** - Helen Burnett | Merry Christmas, **Gloria Talberg** - Anne Dutka | In the name of **Dixie Vice** - Patricia Kennedy | In the name of **Aunt Rachel** - Spicer Landscape & Maintenance | In honor of **Freddy**, a fabulous kitty that we adopted from you - Jay & Nancy Kreider | In honor of **Karen**

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Wishing you both happy holidays! - Jordan Smith | In honor of animal lovers, **Paxton & Bruin** - Staci Mefford | In honor of **Molly and Oz** on Molly's birthday - Janet Livaudais | In honor of **Jose Quinones** - Rochelle De Mills | In honor of **Sammy Woodring** - Brandon Daniel | In honor of **Kristen & Bobby Joosten** - Jennifer & Blake Parsons | For **Christmas** - Peggy Petre | Donating birthday money sent to me from my brother, **John Kirkpatrick** - Diane Kirkpatrick | In honor of all the **poor doggies** - Shon Simpson | For **Douglas Scott Biggs** - Stephen & Lola | In honor of **Emma** - Decker Swann | In honor of **Dean Myerson** - Myerson/Dove Family | On behalf of my brother **Geoff Renaud** for Christmas - Ann Renaud | A Christmas donation on behalf of **Eric and Sarah Armstrong and Judy Myers** - Bette Bushell | In celebration of **Lauren, Megan and Becca** - Robert Fischer | In honor of **Lorin Harik**. Merry Christmas! - Ramzi Harik | Merry Christmas! This donation is being made as a 'Christmas gift' request from my mom, **Betty Adler**. Thank you for taking such great care of the animals! God bless you! -Debbie Goldbarth | Merry Christmas from **Peanut and the Benesky's** | In honor of **Robin Dove**. She wanted something special for Christmas and helping animals was the best way to accomplish this. She is an animal lover and wants all to be taken care of and to have a Merry Christmas - Mary Merritt | On behalf of **Alan & Claudia Bourks** - Patricia Bauernfeind | Merry Christmas, **Brandon Daniel** - Staci Daniel | This is our first holiday season without our mom, and aunt, **Diane Scott** who had a big heart for animals in need. 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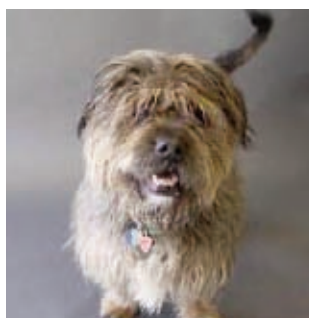
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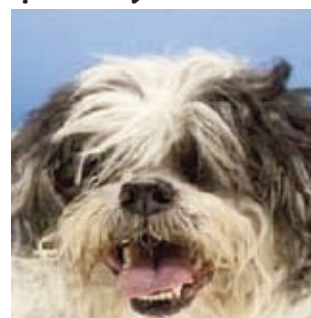
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