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Squirt

Wow what a journey for me so far!

I was found wandering downtown by the light rail on December 11, 2011. That would be dangerous enough for my sighted friends, but I have mature cataracts due to my diabetes that was raging out of control so I would have never seen anything coming. I was a scrawny 9 pounds when I was found and brought to the MaxFund. I have always had the greatest spirit from the beginning. I have always been ready and willing to trust and to accept the love that has been showered upon me here.

I am now 20 pounds and am just right! My diabetes is almost controlled too! I get two insulin shots and have no problem with them. I love my special diabetic diet too! The super eye specialist at VRCC, Dr. Nuhsbaum, said I am now ready for cataract surgery!

I need to get it in the next three months is possible. I need your help. MaxFund needs your help to make this dream come true for me. Since I am a dog, I get along just fine with the minimal sight I have, but it really would be great to not bump into things when I get excited, or to see the faces of everyone that loves me. I feel the love, I would like to see the faces that go along with it. I hear them talk about me at the clinic where I am living and sleeping on my back at the moment (see pictures). They say that I am a SUPER smart boy already, and if given sight, I could probably balance the county's budget. Whatever that means. I love toys and love people. If you are interested in donating to the MaxFund for the gift of my sight, please let them know that you want your donation to go to Squirt's cataract surgery.

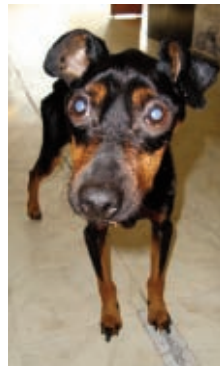
Just like the kids in your home I have a TON of nicknames. AKA at the clinic as: Squirtle The Turtle, Squirtington, and Peabody to name a few. I think they are all grand.

Just to give you an idea, the surgery is around \$3300! And that is with a generous discount from our friends at VRCC! That is what the MaxFund does though. They will get me taken care of, but that is \$3300 that will need to cover one of my other friends that live here at some point too.

Even though I love my home at the MaxFund, if anyone is interested in adopting me that would be the icing on my lucky cake. The little trouble that I am is worth it. Call the clinic if you are ready for me at 303-595-0532.

Thanks for anything you can do to help! And thank you for your love and support of this very special place to me.

With love and thanks,
Squirt (Est DOB 1/2007) Manchester Terrier



Me on the lucky day I was brought to the MaxFund 12/11/11. I looked a fright but I consider this the best Christmas present ever. I call these "Safe at MaxFund".



Me laying on my back on 6/1/12. This is the position that you will normally see me sleeping in the clinic office. They like to cover me and "play baby". I totally dig it!



Me with my diaper on 6/3/12 playing with my toys. The clinic puts me in a diaper until they can get my diabetes totally managed. See I sometimes

drink a lot of water (a sign of diabetes) and in turn pee a lot. Since they want me in the office with them, this is a perfect solution! You can see my nubby tail work the diaper when I am excited. The clinic could also use diaper donations for me too. I must have Depends, (the pull up kind) S/M MEN'S version. I find the gray to be very big boy and stylish.



FROM THE WORLD OF GUS

TICK TOCK

Get up now; forget the clock

TICK TOCK

It's time to walk and talk

TICK TOCK

Get them up and then the big walk

Early morning and it's oh so quiet. The night shift of owls and foxes, skunks and coyotes, and bull frogs and crickets have all bedded down. The morning crew of a mockingbird and his songbird chorus are waiting for the dawn. It seems the whole world is asleep, except for me.

No, I want to get up, start the day, eat breakfast and get ready for our walk. So I start walking from room to room clacking my toenails on the hardwood floors, pausing frequently to shake my head to make my collar tags rattle. Work the whole house. Wake everyone up.

Mom gets restless first so concentrate efforts there. Jump on the bed, nose-poke and lick. If she covers her head I start to talk. My voice sounds like a soprano singer slurring her words through a mouth full of gargle.

It works! She's getting up. Mom is trying to be mad at me but I can tell that I also made her smile. Now I've got the other dogs and cats into the act. There is no more sleeping going on. It won't be long before the BIG WALK of the day.

What a wonderful world.

Volunteers of the Month...

ROBIN STEINBERG

Robin is a long-term volunteer who is a huge asset to the MaxFund. She specializes in walking larger dogs and she always tries to get the dogs out of their cages for visitors, so they will show better. She enjoys taking them outside so they can be seen. Even when her knees are killing her, she still walks the dogs! She has a huge heart, and there's a special place in her heart for the special needs dogs which have come through MaxFund; she sometimes takes these dogs to mobile events.

Dog walking is not the only thing she does. She has participated in special events like the Lucky Mutt Strut, and she can be counted on to help out at mobile adoptions. In fact, according to the MaxFund staff, she is always there for them. If they need her to give a dog a bath, she does it. She always does what the staff asks of her, and she does it willingly and with a smile.

Thank you, Robin, for your dedication and willingness to help. The dogs thank you too.





A CAT'S UNIVERSE

by Snoopy & Gizmo

“Hot Diggity Dog”

I know this would normally be Gizmo’s turn to write but we are in a place called Wyoming and he is at home with Loki. Neither of them enjoy a car ride, in fact Loki gets physically ill and Gizmo just yeowls a lot. One is very smelly and the other, very annoying. I, on the other hand, being a well mannered and handsome cat, enjoy the travel.

I am really enjoying the trip so far. We have had 2 days of driving (4 hours each) and that means lots of LAP time. Not the running kind, but the “lie in Mom’s lap and get lots of love kind”. There has been a lot to see as well. For one thing, I noticed many people walking their dogs on leashes, but since we are staying in a park I thought the dogs could run free. That must be a different kind of park.

When we arrive in Yellowstone National Park I am going to look for something called bears. Mom says they are big and furry, kind of a cross between a giant dog and a teddy bear (like she has on the shelf), only these bears are alive. She says if I ever got out they might eat me as a snack because they are that large and I am that small in comparison.

We will be staying in a campground that is supposed to have bears come through on occasion so I am going to keep a lookout for them. Mom says you have to be extra careful to clean up if you cook outside and you must always put your food away in a safe place so the bears can’t get to it. I sure hope she keeps my food inside. I don’t think I have enough to share if they are as big as she says.

I’ll let you know next month if I see any bears and what I think of them.

Your Cat Reporter, Snoopy

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- 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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TIMMY

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MONET

Monet is a pretty girl with a cute face and a loving personality. Loves people and attention.



SAMMY

Sammy is a handsome and sweet boy. Loves being petted and getting lots of attention.



FAULKNER

Faulkner is a wonderful lovebug! She loves kisses and is a talkative gal. Declawed.



MAYA

Maya is a very sweet lady and she enjoys being petted. Likes lots of attention. Ok with other kitties.



FIN

Fin is fun, friendly and humorous. He is easy-going, friendly, quiet and playful.

FOSTER OF THE MONTH

DIANE STEWART

Diane has fostered three cats for the MaxFund over the past four years, including two cats who had extensive medical issues and were in need of a lot of additional compassion and assistance. She started fostering for MaxFund shortly after she became a volunteer and realized that some cats really struggled at the shelter and need a home – either to live in until they pass or to have a home where they can release their fears, frustrations, and anger, and feel loved unconditionally.

Diane's first foster was Tiki, a beautiful Maine Coon Cat who was angry and took it out on volunteers and visitors. Diane brought her home because she wanted to help a "troubled" cat. Diane wasn't afraid of Tiki's nasty behavior; in fact, she actually bonded with Tiki when everyone else was afraid of her and had given up on her. Tiki didn't play well with other cats, so she had to be caged. The longer she was caged, the angrier she got, and she became hard to handle and put back in her cage. Diane decided to take the risk that Tiki wasn't truly like that. She wanted to see if Tiki would change in a home. It took roughly 6-8 months for Tiki to work out all her anger issues, but now she is a very affectionate lap cat. With Tiki, Diane became a "failed foster" because she saw Tiki's potential and was afraid people wouldn't understand Tiki's "personality." So she adopted her.

Diane's next foster was Diego, an older grey tabby who was nearly impossible to handle at the MaxFund. Diego was supposed to stay with Diane for only four weeks while he transitioned from another foster home into an adopter's home. Unfortunately, the adoption fell through, but Diane knew that Diego did very poorly at the shelter and would have to be caged permanently. She had not intended to keep Diego as a foster, but when his adoption plans fell through, there was no choice. The new plan was to try to adopt Diego out of Diane's home (*after people saw him on the MaxFund website*). However, the MaxFund vets discovered Diego had cancer. His adoption chances were slim; Diane decided to keep him until he was ready to pass. Over 1.5 years, his health declined, but for Diane it was amazing to know the cat was loved and died in his own home. While living with her, Diego went from being a poor-behavior, scary cat to quite the lover and lap cat.

Diane's current foster is Aspen. Aspen stopped eating at the shelter and had to get a feeding tube. Realizing

Aspen's chance of survival would be significantly higher in a home than at the shelter, Diane took her home until Aspen's planned fosters returned from vacation. Currently, Diane has to force-feed Aspen, give her daily subQ fluids, and administer daily medications and topical steroid ointments. Thanks to Diane, Aspen is still alive despite her lack of eating and nasty allergies.

WHY DOES SHE FOSTER?

Diane fosters purely for the cat who is in need. As a volunteer, she enjoys working with the troubled, the old, the sick, and the ones that are harder to adopt. She brings that same attitude into her fostering. She gives these cats a space of love and understanding. Even though sometimes it's very daunting, it is so amazingly rewarding to know she did everything she could to help that cat, love that cat, and let him die in her home. She doesn't go for the medically challenged cats on purpose. But, according to her, the "cards are dealt and the cat got a bad hand. I just do everything in my power to help them be well, happy, and feel loved. I don't give up on them because they are sick."

What stands out for her most is the love she gets back from these furry babies. These rough, tough, scared, and sometimes scary cats shower her with love and gratitude. To see them blossom into loving lap cats is amazing! She can't help every cat as much as she would like. But the few she does help makes a huge difference in the cat's life and in hers.

Thank you, Diane, for all you do for these cats so desperately in need!

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

Dear MaxFund,

Hi! Isis here, but I am not called that! I am either Missy, Sissy, Jessie (sob), but mostly pretty girl! Doesn't make any difference because I am not going to answer, after all I am a cat and have to protect my reputation by not answering any call.

I really am happy here. They are good to me and make me feel that I am number one!

My lady and I go outside to work in her flower garden. She digs while I chase bugs and stalk birds. While I know I can't catch one, it is fun to pretend I am a big game hunter. I have several nice places to sleep and one they can't find. After all a lady has to have some privacy. One of my favorites is under a bed spread but that makes a lump so I am not really hidden. But I can't see so I feel safe!

They feed me well with food my own private Vet said I should eat. Dr. Mary gave me my last shot, didn't hurt and then she checked me over good. While I didn't like that, I was happy to hear her say that I am just fine and a good looking cat.

Thanks for letting me move here. Be sure I am very happy and well cared for.

Love,
Formerly known as Isis

P.S. Such a fun cat – love her. She has such good manners!
Thank you,
Gene Barnes



LuLu L'Orange

Dear MaxFund,

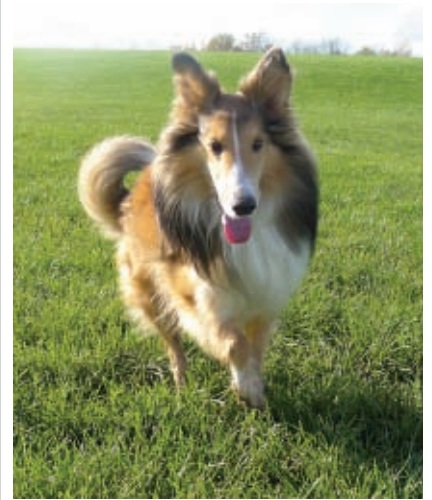
We are grateful to one of your best volunteers, our daughter Jennifer Terry for telling us, her father and mother, about the sweetest cat ever, Lulu L'Orange, formerly known as Cheena. We had lost our beloved Bengal cat, Smokey and were suffering very broken hearts. Jennifer told us about Lulu. We met her, fell in love and brought her to her forever home with us. She is the sweetest natured cat ever. So full of love and purrs.

This picture is her on top of the couch. A favorite spot when there isn't a lap available.

Thank you, MaxFund, for rescuing this wonderful fur person.

Bob and Joan Tinnin

Laura McGaughey, ABCDT is a certified dog trainer and a MaxFund volunteer who is offering free assistance and training to anyone who adopts a dog from the MaxFund. If you would like to take advantage of this great opportunity, please contact Laura at Delightful Doggies, 303-550-5652 or you can email her at laura@delightfuldoggies.com.



PUTTIN' ON THE MAX VACATION 2011

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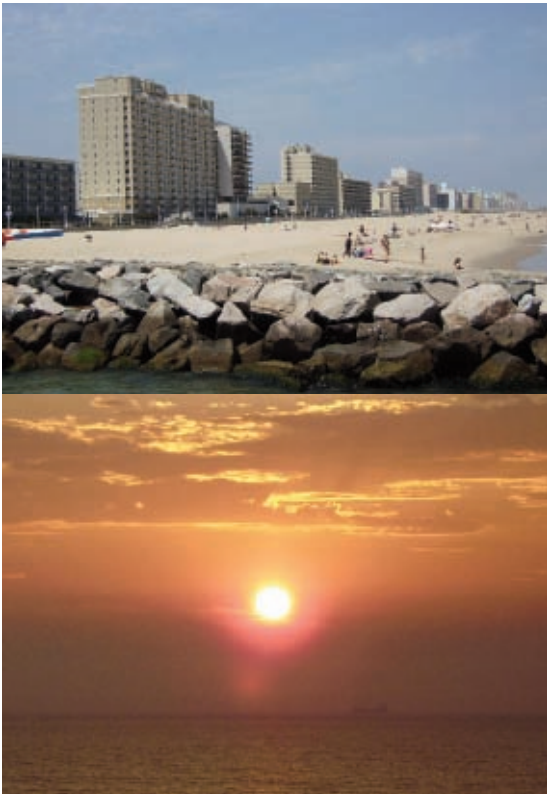
Hi Guys,

Much thanks for such a great vacation. Virginia Beach was lots of fun, sea food and drinks on the beach!

Suzanne and I appreciate your efforts with your RCI connection. The Barclay Towers is a very nice resort right on the beach boardwalk. We did a Dolphin boat tour and really enjoyed Colonial Williamsburg.

Thanks again,
Craig & Suzanne Becker

Pawnote: The Becker's won this trip at last year's Puttin' on the Max.



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THE NEWLY ADOPTED DOG AND THE RUNAWAY SYNDROME

By Tami Tanoue

You may remember the news stories from a few months ago about reporter Cokie Roberts's newly adopted Black Lab, Katie. Katie went missing on the very day she was adopted from a shelter. Tragically, despite an immediate search effort, Katie was found dead after being struck by a car.

It's not uncommon for a newly adopted dog to run away during his first hours, days, or weeks in a new home. This has happened with a number of newly-adopted MaxFund dogs. This phenomenon occurs frequently enough that it deserves a name: we'll call it the Runaway Syndrome. Why does this happen, and what can be done about it?

From a human-centric standpoint, we think that a dog should be delighted to be out of the shelter and in the lovely home of his forever family. Now, the dog has his own comfy bed, furniture to loll on, yummy food, fun toys, loving attention, and maybe even a luxurious backyard to romp in! What's not to love?

But it's important to look at this change in circumstances from the dog's standpoint. As far as the dog is concerned, this new place is not "home"! "Home" is where he's been sleeping and eating for the past days, weeks or months. In other words, the animal shelter is "home"; this new place is scary, unfamiliar, and decidedly not "home." So the dog's impulse may be to run away and get back home...to the shelter!

It may take days or even weeks for a dog to get over the Runaway Syndrome. It's critical, during this time, to take special precautions to ensure the dog doesn't escape. Even the act of opening your door may give the dog a chance to run away. Some MaxFund dogs have escaped during their first hour at home when the front door was opened. So make sure everyone in the family is extra-careful to ensure, when opening the door, that the dog isn't in a position to squeeze through and take off.

Inspect your backyard before bringing a dog home, and don't ever leave the dog unattended in the backyard. An agile dog may be able to jump any fence lower than 6 feet, and some dogs can jump even higher fences (especially if waste receptacles or other items can be used as "steps"). Dogs can easily dig their way out from under a fence, and some dogs have an instinct for finding a loose or broken fence slat. Chain link fences can be climbed easily, and some gate latches are no match for a smart dog.

Be very careful on walks. If a leash will be attached to the dog's collar, make sure the collar is tight enough that it won't slip off. Consider using a Martingale-style collar that tightens when the dog tries to pull. If using a harness, or a head collar (such as a Halti or Gentle Leader), use a back-up clip that attaches to the collar. Don't use a rigid handle leash (such as a Flexi) with a large dog, especially one who pulls. A traditional loop-handle leash is more likely to stay in your grasp, especially if you put your wrist all the way through the handle first before grasping the leash.

Take the dog on a tour when he arrives at his new home. Keep him on leash and walk around with him so that he can sniff and explore the house. You can gradually take the dog off the leash as he learns about house rules and boundaries.

If possible, you should remain at home with the dog as much as possible during the first few days. One dog was adopted from MaxFund right before his new dad had to take a rare week-long trip away from home, and his new mom worked full-time. Although she went home every day at mid-day, she found that the poor dog was so anxious about being left alone that he tried to chew his way out of his new home (as attested by tooth marks on the drywall and door frames). After that unfortunate start, the dog never showed any other signs of separation anxiety. So the lesson learned was that the humans should have been smarter about the timing of their absences following the adoption!

See if the shelter knows whether the dog has been crate-trained. A dog who's been properly introduced to the crate will view it as a relaxing haven, and you'll have the peace of mind of knowing that he won't be wreaking havoc around the house (and possibly hurting himself). Don't crate a dog for more than a few hours at a time, and don't use a crate until and unless you know the dog is crate-trained. A dog who's not crate-trained may be traumatized by the confinement, and may injure himself trying to get out.

Get help! A trainer may be able to give you behavioral suggestions for easing the transition to a new and happy life together. Training classes can help both of you brush up on the skills needed to form a lasting bond of mutual trust. MaxFund's volunteers include some great trainers who will be happy to consult with you.

In conclusion, if a dog's lucky enough to be adopted by you (and vice versa), don't let the Runaway Syndrome cause a reversal of fortune that could be tragic. By understanding the dog's perspective, and by taking extra precautions to prevent the dog from escaping, you can ensure a long and happy life together.

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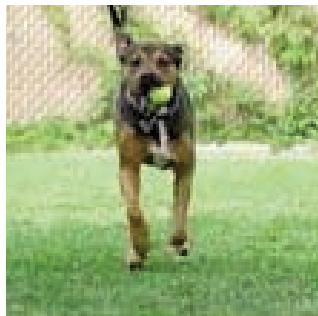
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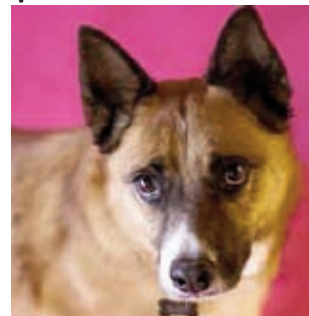
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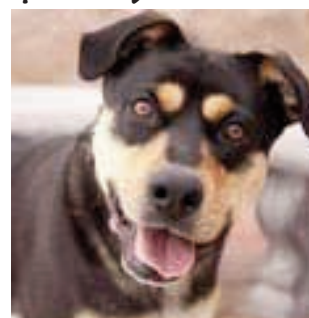
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