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## SANCTUARY HIRES IMPORTANT STAR

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Hello my name is Ma'Petite Anjou. Or as they call me Anjou. That's French for My little Angel. I came all the way from Oklahoma to work here. You see the woman that runs this place has rescued many Frenchies. She rescued my grandmother a while ago. I look just like her. That is why I am so beautiful. Ms. K. the woman that bred my grandmother and me loves what my new mom does with dogs and sent me to her. She had fallen in love with my grandmother but had already found her a home and could not keep her. So here I am. But I did not come here to just be a spoiled baby, I came her to be the Ambassador for the Sanctuary Animal Refuge. I get to go to the adoption classes and show people how smart I am and to help educate that not all breeding dogs are like what they show on television and the internet. My new mom showed me some of those things and I have to tell you I did not come from a place like that, although I know that some dogs do.

I also get to meet with people and show them how to train a puppy. I can be headstrong but I went to my first class today and I did my name proud. My mommy said that I was a perfect little angel. My mommy shows people how to get us little ones to walk on a leash and how to discipline us. She does not like people to be negative with dogs but to love us through it all and it works. I like my own way but my mommy shows me so much love that I like to please her. Its a pretty important job I have here and I hope that I don't let anyone down. In reality at the end of the day I am just the normal puppy who loves her mommy and who likes to lay in bed with her - wash her face then cuddle deep down in the security of her arms. Wouldn't you like to have a little one like me?



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# Paco's Tales



Hi everyone, look at the letter we got from one of my friends and the fantastic family that gave her a forever home.

It's me! Daisy! I just asked Mommy to type this up for me and send it to you. I get the keys all mixed up. I'd rather eat them! Make sure you pass this on to Palena, Kathy and all my other friends at the Sanctuary. I hope they've all found wonderful homes, too, just like I did! I really love my Mommy & Daddy. They are so good to me and I am definitely spoiled and sometimes even take advantage of that a little bit. But they tell me that's ok since I didn't have a good start on life at first – they have to make up for it they said.

We had a wonderful, wonderful trip!!!! And I've met sooooo many family members – humans and doggies, too! – and friends! I just can't keep up with it all. But we are now back home and I'm trying to be good. Still having a little trouble tee-teeing on the floor. I can manage to let Mommy & Daddy know when I have to go out most of the time now, but sometimes just get a little too excited. I'm learning though!!!

Back to the trip --- first of all, we went on a loooooong car ride – 7 ½ whole hours!!! – to Panama City, FL to meet Granny. She's so sweet and loves me and I love her, too, but I'm just a little bit busy for her. But I really liked staying at her house because she has lots of clocks and things that make noises like birds, dogs and other animals – even a pig!!! And she played something called an organ for me, too! Wow! That was fun to hear! I didn't get to go to the real beach with Mommy & Daddy because the place they stayed wouldn't let me stay so I stayed and took care of Granny for them for a couple of days.....uh, maybe she took care of me..yeah, that's how it was. But I was a handful for her.

Then Mommy & Daddy got back and took me to meet one of my human sisters, Michelle and her family. They live in a big house with a huge fenced in yard in Dothan, AL. There was Michelle, her husband Trip and their sons, Landon and Chase. They also have two biggggg dogs – Golden Retrievers! But they were soooo nice to me. Pete's the Daddy and Molly is his little girl. She's only a few months older than me but she's really big but very very gentle and we had lots of fun! We even went to their other house on a big lake and met more family and friends and more doggies. I ran, played, got dirty, got wet and explored everything!!! I even learned how to jump on and off the deck. Boy! Was I ever tired when we left and went back to Granny's. We stayed there another nite or two then came home. I even met a cat at my Aunt Sarah's house – Bailey – but he's a lot older and doesn't play much. I found his food though and it tasted pretty good – till Mommy took it away from me – oops!

Sorry we don't have any pictures of all that I saw to show you. We might have some later, but Mommy dropped her camera and it wasn't working right. Michelle took some at the lake and is supposed to send us some of them. Anyway, I just wanted to say hello to all of you and tell you that I am so happy to have found my Mommy and Daddy and they say they know that God sent me to them and that I'm a little angel – well, sometimes I'm an angel – sometimes I'm.....well I'm a good girl anyway!!!!

Love to you all! God Bless!

Daisy and her Mommy & Daddy

(Patti & Dave Newman)



# In The Kitchen With Olive



**Try one of these easy dog food recipes and watch your pup smile.**

## **Doggy Hamburger Helper**

1 cup hamburger meat, stir-fried in 1 tbsp canola oil

2 boiled eggs, chopped

½ cup cooked plain oatmeal

1 jar baby food green beans

1 jar baby food carrots

2 Tbsp cottage cheese

Combine all ingredients and serve at room temperature. A good doggy multivitamin/mineral supplement may be added for good measure. Be sure to store unused portions in a covered container in the refrigerator and discard any remains after 3 days.

## **Doggy Casserole**

1 cup boiled poultry, chopped

½ cup cooked brown rice

½ cup boiled mixed vegetables

3 to 4 Tbsp unsalted chicken broth

(Note: Salmon may occasionally be substituted for boiled poultry, with chicken broth omitted.)

Stir together and serve at room temperature. A good doggy multivitamin/mineral supplement may be added for good measure. Be sure to store unused portions in a covered container in the refrigerator and discard remains after 3 days.



## Diku's Angels:

Our shelter animals truly are in need in today's times. With so many new foreclosures each and every day we received so many calls we cannot keep up with them. As always we also try to take in animals that no one else will. This month we took in four of them.

Two came the first part of the month. Sisters who were born to a mother that had too many pups and the pups were too crowded in her womb. This syndrome causes pressure on the brain and Vanna and Tanya are the result of what can happen. Neither could walk - yet both had a zest for life and enjoyed swimming in the doggie pools and playing with each other and their new friends here at the Sanctuary. Sadly, as we



were preparing this for the newsletter, Tanya began to experience small seizures which began to get worse and worse. She passed this past Friday, and we are all very upset. This is the hardest part of what we do. They both deserved a chance

To live and we were hoping to help them as they began treatment and therapy. We now will need all the prayers and positive thoughts to focus on Vanna and to give her the strength and desire to walk. She



tells me she wants to for Tanya and I do believe she can do it! We are hoping for enough donations to send her to the University of Florida so that she can be tested to see just what can be done for her. We are also hoping to have carts donated to help her walk as she begins to grow and get stronger.



Our next special needs baby is Brigit. She is a chow mix. She was scheduled to be euthanized, and the freezer broke down that day, so there wasn't any place to store the body. She was spared. She is older - has severe skin issues but is really a love - she soaks up attention and loves to be hand fed. She is a senior, yet deserves the right to live out the rest of her life in peace and knowing she is loved. She gets on well with all the dogs in the house, but has found a special spot in the kitchen where she likes to lay and watch the goings on! Mostly I think she likes to keep her eye on the refrigerator and stove. She has severe arthritis and needs daily medication and treatment.

Then there is Monet. He came from the same shelter that Brigit did. His owners decided he was too much bother and drop him off regardless of what fate might be fall him. He had a stroke a while back and could not walk right. His back legs twist and drag but he has a great zest for life. He also suffers from ear infections, so after many years of service and devotion, he was just dumped at a shelter. He was one of the lucky ones; he did not get put down and is happy here. He has made many friends including our

special girl Mercy, who has taken him under her wings and shown him the ropes around here. We want



to raise funds to have tests done on him to see if there is anything we can do for his back legs. He is a good guy, who really wants to love and be loved, and deserves that chance. His blue eyes totally captivate a person - he is stunning both in personality and in looks!



Finally there is one of our "sister rescues" little girls. Scottie Rescue of Missouri took in a little girl that also has neurological issues. As Kathy stated in an email: These are pictures of Missy my crippled 2 yr old Scottie girl. When she walks, she gets going sideways and falls over. Sometimes she can run a little bit, but she will fall. Her back hunches up and her body twists and she falls. The breeder said that after she had her last litter something happened. She needs to see a specialist with neurology and we need help raising funds. If you would like more info on this little girl you can email Kathy at [Kathyarocha@comcast.net](mailto:Kathyarocha@comcast.net)

If you would like to help any of the above babies please do!! They need all the help we can get for them. It has always been with the support of the community that we have taken in the worst cases to help them and you always have.

This time though we have a gift to send back to you. As Rally to Rescue Ambassadors we will send the following back to you for your donation:

For a \$10 donation - Each set includes a decorative collar for your dog and a matching wristband for you.



Wear them and show you're proud to support pet rescue - the Rally to Rescue decorative collar and wrist band showing your support.

For a 30.00 donation - The Rally to Rescue T-shirt on the back is the saying by Gandhi, "The character of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated".

For a \$50.00 donation we will send you both!!

# Training Your Dog to Sit

## Timothy Robinson

Training your dog to sit is probably the first thing you will train your puppy to do. I write puppy because you can start the training as soon as the puppy has settled in his new home. You might think this isn't that important, a dog knows how to sit. Well, I think it is very important. Read on and you will find out why and how to train your dog to sit.



1. This first one is easy. You just start by saying "sit" every time the puppy sits itself. He learns to associate the word sit with the action. This is a tip you can use in all training.
2. Take out his favorite treat and keep it in your hand. Sausage usually works well but remember to cut it in small pieces so the puppy can swallow it fast.
3. Sit down on the floor so you get to the same level as the dog. You are less threatening when you sit. More important is that you are close to the dog so you can reward him faster. More about this soon.
4. Slowly move the treat over your puppy's head. The intention is to get the puppy to smell the treat (he will) and follow it with his nose. He has two options. Either back still standing or sit down. It's easier to sit down.
5. Immediately as he sits you say "sit" and give him the piece of sausage. This is the key factor to all training. The reward has to be exact in the same moment as the dog does the right thing.
6. Praise the dog. Show your joy with your voice as well as with your body language.
7. Repeat these steps 3-5 times. Not more than that though, as it has to be fun! On the other hand you can repeat the steps several times during the day.
8. In the next step you should try these steps while standing up. You can try to see if the dog reacts only to the word "sit" without your hand and the treat. If he sits down you obviously should praise him and if he doesn't don't care. You should never show your disappointment to your dog when you are training.

This is pretty easy for the puppy. In a day or two you will get him to sit with your "sit" command. Now you can try to make him sit down beside you. This is actually a preparation for the heel training. There you want him to sit as soon as you stop walking. If you have thoughts about obedience competitions with your dog you should consider the exact position where he sits and also how fast he sits. That is however off topic in this article.

The next level is to strengthen the word so you get the dog to sit in every situation no matter what's going on around him. This is an ongoing process and you should never stop training. Use every new situation to train him. Make him sit with new people, new dogs and new surroundings.

It's quite easy to train your dog to sit. If you consider not training your dog my advice is, think again. When you start training with your new puppy you get much more than the sitting part. The puppy loves to do things with you. He learns to listen to his name. He gets used to training and doing things with you and on your initiative. This all together strengthens your position as the leader, and the puppy feels secure. When the puppy falls asleep in the evening his last thoughts should be: "This is really a great pack!"

# From The Desk of The Director



This month's thoughts are simple. They are not sweet in the economic environment we currently find ourselves in, but they are needed. ALL SHELTERS and RESCUES need the help of their community. We often hear people telling us how wonderful it is that we do what we do! They wish they could help, but can't because they would be too emotional. Well, there are a lot of different ways people can help. Helping is not limited to working with the animals, or fostering. It can also be in the form of donations, both monetary, and in daily needed items such as food, bedding, medicines etc. I am not asking you to donate to only the Sanctuary. I am not the only one in need. There are many good rescues out there and your local shelters truly need your help as well. I am not even asking for just monetary donations. Every shelter and every rescue needs many things. A bag of food, a collar and leash, a spay certificate, a box of flea and tick treatment, a dog pen, food dishes, blankets, towels, even your items that you have in your house that can be auctioned for

donations to the shelter or rescue. Many rescues have nonprofit sites on auction sites such as e-bay to raise funds for their animals. Yes the monetary donations are nice, but just as nice are the donations of goods. All shelters and all rescues need them. Look in your cabinets, I bet everyone has some towels, shampoos, paper towels, bleach, laundry detergent and other items that they have no use for. Many things that are just laying around that you keep saying you need to get rid of. The daily cost to run a shelter, even as small as ours with about 150-175 animals is over 500 a day. A simple bag of food, a kiddie pool, a box of treats, old baby blankets etc. is a cost we do not have to expend and allows us to do more with the animals. I thank you in advance for helping the rescue community in 2008. We need everyone's help to make it, and to continue doing what we do. Hold a yard sale in your neighborhood, or have a bake sale at your school, how about a car wash? All of these are activities that anyone can do, but for us, it takes time away from caring for the animals, reviewing adoption applications and all the other activities that need to be addressed on a daily basis. So when you say, you wish you could help, remember you really can if you really want to.



We all love what we do, but we all need the support of our communities to do it. It's rough times for everyone, that I know, but when you can and if you can't afford a monetary donation look around your house, call us or your local rescue or shelter and see what they need. You would be surprised at how thankful we all are for the smallest things. Help us, to help them! *Palena Dorsey*

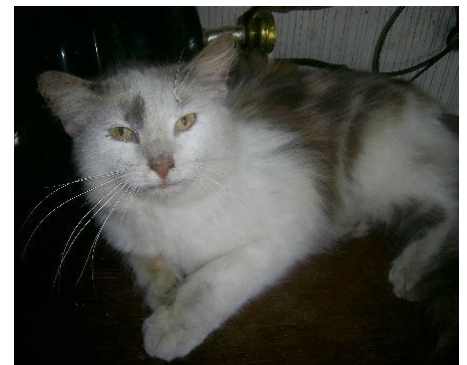
# New Mom

We never like to forget our cats. We keep only 12 here as that is the space we are limited to but we could not say no to this mama and babies that were doomed to be put down in a shelter. Mystique and her babies are now safe, comfy and growing. They are all adorable and will soon be looking for homes. The kittens are all unusually marked, mostly males as close as we can tell and darling as all get out. Their eyes are opening and they are roaming all over the place. Mystique is a very good mother and is very friendly. She is a young cat and very laid back. She will be spayed before going to a home. The kittens are about two weeks old and darling.



## Tiny Angel in a Tree:

Being the owner of a Sanctuary, you would think I have seen it all .... Well, boy did I recently get a big scare! It was a typical day at the Sanctuary with feedings, watering, baths and dips when I went out into the way back kennels where the pitt bulls and huge dogs are. I was moving an aggressive rottie back there, so I could put Diesel, who has recovered enough now, to be in the fresh air. While back there I kept swearing I heard a kitten, but thought it had to be a bird, no one in their right mind cat or human would be back there with these dogs!! I went to see my dogo, and sure enough there was a kitten in a tree!! I about panicked, because I knew if it came down it was a goner! So, I went over the kennel to the other side of the tree, and then the kitten caught the dog's attention - oh my goodness he went crazy - but I began to climb up the tree (shoot I could have won \$25,000 on America's Funniest Videos), and did manage to get the kitten, a few scratches and bites later, but I did get the kitten .



She is beautiful! A long haired calico below - a female of course! She will be heading to the vet in the next few days, to get a look at her swollen infected eyes. God only knows how long she has lived out in the bushes! She is skinny but super cute and friendly - too pretty to be out there - no idea where she came from and could find no other kittens or cats back there! I decided to name her Mirage, as I really felt I was seeing one, when I saw her in the tree! She up for adoption, if anyone would love to give her a good home!

**Maria Brito is an acclaimed award winning photographer. She has often photographed our animals and her work captures the heart and soul of the individual or pet. Maria is a huge supporter of our rescue and has donated her time and services by donating a sitting and free picture to a winning adopter every two months. Those who adopt from us will have their names put in a hat. Maria will draw one every two months and set an appointment to photograph the winning family. To see her work please visit [www.photographybybrito.com](http://www.photographybybrito.com), <<http://www.photographybybrito.com/>> .**

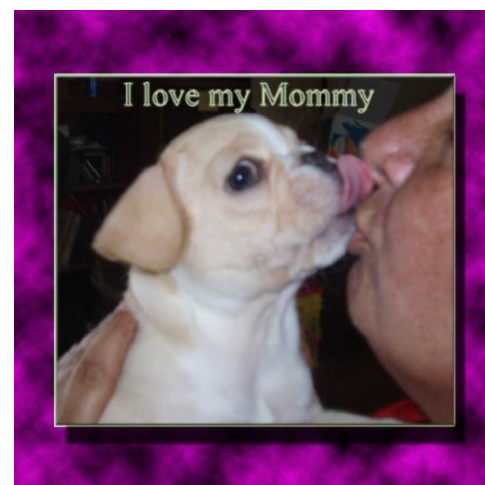


**You will be glad you did. Maria lives in the Miami area and would love to photograph your special event.**



## **A Mothers Day Wish**

Being a mother does not mean having a human child. This is for all of you who tend to the four legged babies that need care - that give them homes - love - proper care - for all of you who have adopted from the Sanctuary, who have helped at the Sanctuary and who have raised your four legged babies - for all who sit up at night holding a baby in need - get up every three hours to bottle feed motherless babies - who drive all over with love in your heart to transport animals - for all who live to help a baby in need - for those who financially support us - for those who pray daily for what we are trying to do - for those who post the needs of those so badly abused babies - for the shelter workers who do the best they can to save as many as they can - to our breeders who call us with the babies they need to get into rescue then help us get them here - for everyone who loves an animal - gives for animals - and works with out judgement—prejudice or greed we wish you a Happy Mothers Day!



# Products

There are few products that we believe in and fewer that I would ever endorse. One product that was introduced to me by another rescue I truly stand by. I started taking Mona Vie because I have arthritis and the pain at times gets unbearable. I also have asthma that at times causes sleepless nights. With my work and rescue schedule I never get enough sleep etc. Another rescue told me about Mona Vie and I began to take it. Am I ever glad I did. Both of us also started giving it to our older dogs, those with allergies, arthritis etc. We have seen wonders with them as well. This product is one that I would recommend to any person no matter the age. It truly has worked miracles. Visit [www.mymonavie.com/palena](http://www.mymonavie.com/palena) to learn more about this product, read the science on this product and then try it yourself to feel younger, have more energy and have a healthier system.



The other product that I truly believe in and recommend to others is NuVet. This product has worked miracles on many of our cats and dogs and has truly helped some of our animals that were suffering from skin allergies, immune deficiencies, anemia etc. have healthier systems and longer lives. I have used this product for about 5 years now and am always impressed with the way it works and how much it can do. We use these products on a daily basis and feel that both are great and helpful products for the dogs we get in. If you have questions on either product please contact me at [pdorsey@sanctuaryanimalrefuge.org](mailto:pdorsey@sanctuaryanimalrefuge.org) or visit the websites listed.



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# BULLIES BULLIES

# AND MORE BULLIES

**MAY 24, 2008**

On May 24, 2008 we will be attending the annual Bullie auction.

There are over 60 French Bulldogs at this auction and over 80 English Bulldogs. We are working with several rescues to save as many as we can. We are of course seeking donations to do this.

We are doing this as a collective group, our intent is to get out the oldest dogs first and those with health issues. If you would like to be a part of this we ask you to donate to the cause.

We will be working in a coalition with other groups to pull out as many as we can. We will not have preset ideas or certain numbers that we will or will not take. We simply are going to get the ones that need us the most.

All dogs brought will go into the rescues that are working together for this event. They will be vetted, taken care of and placed for adoption. Everyone will have to go through the adoption process.

We hope that you will join us in our efforts. We understand that not everyone agrees with this and some do. To all of us its everyone's right to do what their heart tells them is right with no right or wrong.

We will also need fosters should we be able to bring many back both for the Sanctuary and the other rescues.

You can paypal donations to [SAREFUGE@AOL.com](mailto:SAREFUGE@AOL.com) – Be sure to mark it MAY 24, 2008

**SAVE THE BULLIES**

