



### **Maddie's<sup>®</sup> Matchmaker Adoptathon Special Houses for Special Dogs**

When Workday employee Josephine Greer heard about Maddie's<sup>®</sup> Matchmaker Adoptathon, she wanted to help out. Josephine thought that a great way to do so was to donate a few of her amazing Ooboo Pet Houses for some dogs that deserve a little extra love in their new homes. Josephine passed the great houses on to Maddie's Fund<sup>®</sup>, knowing that we would put them in the right hands – and paws. Though we could never pick favorites, Milton, Penelope, and Meep Meep are pooches that we knew would really enjoy this big treat! All three of these dogs have been through a lot, but at the Maddie's<sup>®</sup> Matchmaker Adoptathon they finally found forever homes where they have been receiving exorbitant amounts of much needed love and TLC. Now they're even more comfortable and spoiled, thanks to their fancy new doggie houses.

Milton, an 8-year-old Chihuahua mix, was found wandering the streets of San Francisco with a broken jaw in two places. He was transferred from San



Francisco Animal Care and Control to Pets Unlimited, and on to specialists at UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine where he had several reconstructive surgeries that allowed him to finally close his mouth, eat solid



food, and bark. Nicholas saw Milton at the Maddie's<sup>®</sup> Matchmaker Adoptathon and fell in love. The two have changed each others' lives. Instead of looking for shelter on the cold streets, Milton spends his day curled up in blankets at Nicholas' feet and lovingly looking up at him while he works. Whenever Nicholas comes home, Milton gets so excited that he starts running in tiny little circles so fast that you can only make out the white tip of his wagging tail. Nicholas said that "to have that companionship and unconditional love from a dog again, especially and particularly from Milton, fills a huge void." Milton' Pets Unlimited profile read, "Find your

paradise with Milton,” and according to his new best friend, that’s exactly what they found with each other.

Debbie saw a video of a blind and deaf poodle being rescued from a garbage dump truck and thought she would like to save an animal’s life like that. Very soon after, she met Victory, a 14-year-old Toy Poodle who had been transferred from Martinez Animal Services to East Bay Animal Rescue and Refuge (EBARR). Right away, EBARR had to pull about 13 of her teeth. Next, they discovered that she had cataracts in both eyes, bad hearing, and skin issues from chewing at her arthritis pain. When Debbie heard Victory’s story, she knew she had to help. She told EBARR that she would “foster, adopt, or do anything to give Victory a nice place to live out the rest of her life.” Debbie started fostering Victory



and looking for a permanent home for her with no luck. At the Adoptathon, Debbie realized that Victory had already found her forever home. Debbie says that Victory, now named Penelope, “really has changed my life. I can’t even explain it. I just wanted to make her happy and I really think she is.” She dresses up Penelope in floral doggie vests to cover the spots where she’s missing hair, and takes her to the dog park where she loves to “prance” around before checking in with Mom, then going to prance some more. Penelope is as happy as can be and spoiled like crazy.

You would never guess that Meep Meep, named after the noise from the Road Runner cartoon, was missing a leg and a toe if you saw him run around the dog park faster than the road runner.



The 2-year-old Chihuahua mix was transferred from Contra Costa County Animal Services to EBARR. He had been hit by a car and had a leg and a toe amputated at the shelter. By the time Maddie’s<sup>®</sup> Matchmaker Adoptathon rolled around, he was doing well, but still eight pounds underweight. However, when Analia saw him, she knew he would be the perfect addition to her family. She said that the reasons why most people were nervous to adopt him were the things that drew her to Meep Meep. “He was so playful and happy and didn’t realize that there was anything wrong with him,” said Analia. He is finally comfortable jumping up on the couch after a few attempts, and he loves curling up in Analia’s and her husband’s bed to take naps. Analia says that he does everything a four-legged dog does, but that she thinks his big kisses are better than most.

“They told us he would need a lot of attention and love, but since we brought him home, *he* has been the one giving *us* so much love.”