



WAGS— SBRET HAPPENINGS

Help Us End Puppy Mills— Email Your Legislators!

State lawmakers are trying diligently to curb bad breeding operations by regulating breeders and creating an inspection process. H.B. 386 (Sontany & Maggart)/S.B. 258 (Jackson) are bills intended to put an end to what many call puppy mills.

The proposed legislation would require any breeder with more than 20 animals to pay a \$500 licensing fee to the state. If you have more than 40, it goes up to \$1,000.

Commercial breeders would be required to comply with a mandatory inspection and licensing program administered by the Dept. of Agriculture and meet a minimum standard of care and housing.

For more information, we invite you to view the article, “Senator Hopes Legislation Ends Puppy Mills” at:

[Http://www.wsmv.com/video/18661052/index.html](http://www.wsmv.com/video/18661052/index.html)

Also, H.B. 1433 (Sontany)/S.B. 1322 (Berke) would prohibit public animal

sales (parking lots and roadside sales) and provide restrictions on companion animals sold at flea markets. The proposed legislation would also prohibit the use of any live animal as a prize in a contest, raffle, or promotion.

Please help us put an end to the horrible conditions of puppy mills—please email or write the following legislators and let them know that you support these bills.

H.B. 386

S.B. 258

H.B. 1433

S.B. 1322

Legislators:

Sen.doug.jackson@capitol.tn.gov

Rep.debra.maggart@capitol.tn.gov

Rep.janis.sontany@capitol.tn.gov

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR: Charity Sale to Benefit SBRET and Cocker Rescue!

It’s time for our annual fundraising sale! This year’s Charity Sale will benefit Small Breed Rescue of East TN and Cocker Companions Rescue (CCR). We welcome donations of any household items, tools, books, baby items, exercise equipment, sporting goods, etc. — basically anything except clothing.

The sale will be held on Saturday, April 4th,

from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you have any items you would like to donate, please contact Karen at 966-6597 or Candy at 524-5234. Items can be dropped off Friday, April 3rd, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the sale location. If you need to get items to us before then, we can make arrangements. The location of the sale will be 11921 Kingston Pike, next to Walgreens at Smith Road.

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SBRET Statistics:

- 2008 TOTAL SBRET Dog Intake: 164
- 2008 TOTAL SBRET Dog Adoptions: 149
- 2009 YTD SBRET Dog Intake: 54
- 2009 YTD SBRET Dog Adoptions: 28

*Your support helps make this possible!
Thank you from SBRET!!*

RESCUES HIGHLIGHTED: Yoda, the Chinese Crested!

Hi! My name is Yoda and I am a 10 month old male Chinese Crested. I guess you can tell that I am the hairless variety! I only have hair on my head, feet and tail. I weight about 8 lbs., and my foster mom says that she thinks I am very elegant and beautiful in my own unique way!



Just because I am hairless, it sure doesn't mean that I do not require daily grooming. I need to be moisturized to keep my skin soft and have frequent baths to keep my skin from breaking out. During the summer I need to wear sunscreen if I am out for any length of time. In the cold months, I need a jacket. I seem to prefer to have a sweater on even in the house as I get chilly. You could have a lot of fun outfitting me!

I have led a pretty sheltered life so lots of things frighten me. Therefore, I need an adult-only home please. Right now I am enjoying being part of a family and playing with my toys and my dog friends. I have really bonded to my foster mom and put my paws on her to be picked up. I love to cuddle and snuggle!

Leash walks are a new experience and we are working on that. Lots of things do scare me along my walks, so I need someone willing to be really patient with me. I also would like someone home at least part of the day—I will howl when I get lonely. Another dog buddy for companionship would be great too—just not too rowdy, please!



DIARY OF A RESCUE TRANSPORT VOLUNTEER—by Debbie Clark

Although my husband and I have adopted several dogs of our own and take in fosters, we still wanted to do more. Quite by accident, we stumbled into the world of rescue transport. It is one of the most fun and fulfilling things we do for homeless dogs.

Rescue transport moves dogs from high kill shelters in one part of the country to dog rescues that have a better chance of finding a home for them. Transporters also deliver dogs from rescues to the loving arms of a forever family, hundreds of miles away.

Across the country, there are angels who refer to themselves as transport coordinators. They get requests from high kill shelters or rescues to move dogs from one part of the country to another. They spend hours coordinating the journeys for these lucky dogs. They don't get paid for what they do.

But they couldn't accomplish anything without the help of volunteer transporters. Every journey is broken down into "legs" of 50-80 miles. The coordinators send out emails to the volunteers on their list, asking for help with each leg.

It is Monday. In our email inbox is a request for help. Sam, the coonhound, needs to be pulled from a high kill shelter in middle Tennessee and taken to a rescue in Connecticut. There will also be another dog traveling with Sam, who will be going onto Maine. We sign up for the Knoxville to Morristown leg on Saturday.

It is 2 p.m. on Saturday and we are pulling into the parking lot of the Cracker Barrel off of Cedar Bluff Road. We are meeting the transporter who brought the dogs from Cookeville to Knoxville. It is easy to pick her out: She is the lady standing under a tree with a big dog on a leash.

We give Sam and his friend time to drink some water and relieve themselves, then load them into our car. I enjoy petting and talking to the dogs while my husband drives. When we transport smaller dogs, I hold them on my lap—what fun!

Soon, we are in Morristown and handing the dogs off to the next volunteer. We give the dogs one last hug and wish them a safe trip. Then, we drive home with happy hearts, knowing that we have made a difference and it didn't cost us more

than a few hours of our time and a few gallons of gas.

Several weeks later, we get an email from the transport coordinator. She tells us that Sam got adopted by some people who live in the country and have lots of land—perfect for a coonhound. And plans are in the works to adopt a playmate for Sam. Sam is one lucky dog!

If you think you might be interested in trying rescue transport, here are the email addresses of some of the coordinators that we drive for:

1. Mdgrrrl@msn.com
2. K9pathways@earthlink.net
3. Nwalker@capecod.net

Rescue transport is a very rewarding experience. Knowing that we are helping other dogs find their forever homes and that they will be provided the love and care they deserve is an awesome feeling.

Adopter's Feedback

"My little yorkies are angels from heaven."

"For the record, Peaches has settled in nicely. She has this very distinctive bark, something like a howl at the end when she is playing, cracks us all up. She loves to run through the house and slide on our wood floors...that is too funny to watch. She has stolen all of our hearts. Thank you for allowing her to enter our family!"

"I call her my "precious little angel baby Tequila" at least a 100 times a day. I LOVE HER SO MUCH. She has really filled a part of my life with something I have been missing."

"We love him! You couldn't get him back now if you tried! LOL He fits in perfectly. He and Reese have become big buddies. Thanks for all you guys do for animals."

"She is already spoiled and has the family well trained, at bedtime she has to fall

asleep in our bed before she will "quietly" go in her crate for the night. We love her to death, she is a great little dog, more updates to come!"

"I can't explain how much I love my Riley and he loves me. He is the sweetest thing ever."

"I want to thank you for this little bundle of joy. He has provided so much love and comfort and humor to so many people besides me."

"Did I happen to mention how much I love this little dog???? He has fit so well into the pack and work."

"She likes to sit on the back of the sofa so she can see all through the house. You wouldn't believe how pretty and brave she is now. We really appreciate SBRET and hope you folks and animals have a great holiday."

"I just wanted to take a few minutes and tell you how well Bebe is doing. She is such a sweet little dog. She is a Daddy's girl and a little lap dog. She gets along well with cats and Lexie, too."



Photo: Two SBRET Pups with their siblings.

SBRET partners with GIVEBACKAMERICA.ORG!!!

We would like to formally announce our partnership with:

www.GiveBackAmerica.org. GiveBackAmerica.org is an online shopping mall created to raise money for local charities. The concept is simple: every time you shop online from your favorite online retailer (such as Target, Borders, Expedia and Amazon), a percentage of each purchase goes to your favorite charity.

There is no additional cost to the shopper (YOU!). The retailers have agreed to pay GBA a commission for every customer and, in turn, GPA passes along that commission to your selected charity (US!).

GiveBackAmerica.org was created to raise money for charities at no additional cost to their volunteers and supporters.

The website and concept was created to make a difference in people's lives.

The founders of GBA were troubled to hear of charities who had wonderful motives but had trouble reaching their goals because of financial struggles. To quote their mission: "We live in an expensive society where money is tight and it is no longer feasible for charities to just ask for donations. We needed to be creative and developed GiveBackAmerica.org."

Here's how it works:

1. Start your shopping by going to the GBA website—do not go directly to the retailer's website. www.GiveBackAmerica.org
2. At the bottom of the GBA homepage, follow the instructions to

search for your charity. We are listed as "Small Breed Rescue of East Tennessee."

3. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and you will see the statement "click here to shop & support this cause."
4. On the next page, you will find listed all the participating retailers listed by category—it will even tell you the % of your purchase that will be given to SBRET!

Please consider using the GBA website every time you shop on-line—and make a donation to Small Breed Rescue! Thank you!

SBRET—Fosters needed!!!!

SBRET is in DESPERATE need of foster homes! We have been inundated with requests to take in wonderful dogs, but we cannot take many of them in—simply because of a lack of foster homes! Won't you please consider fostering a

dog? It's a short-term commitment with long-term results—you end up knowing that a simple action on your part has saved a life. We'll make it as easy as we can for you. We provide all needed medical care and even loan you a crate if needed. All

you must provide is a safe place to live, food and water; and, of course, lots of love! We are very flexible and will work with you based on your availability and capability. Won't you please call us today?



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Small Dogs.....Big Hearts

Please email us if your
address or contact
information has changed!

An SBRET Volunteer Speaks Out—by Tami Greene

I have been asked by several people why I go to the trouble of fostering dogs. Simply, I love dogs. I have since I was able to walk. I was always the dog savvy person in my circle of friends and I learned that I was woefully uninformed. As I learned about training, body language and such, I realized that I could help by providing a short-term, safe place for a homeless dog.

For the next 5 years, we opened our home to literally dozens of large breed dogs. However, as I was getting older and family obligations increased, I realized I needed to slow down and officially retired from rescue, though I still supported my dog friends and rescue whenever possible.

In 2008, Tennessee made national news with one of the largest puppy mill seizures in history. A private breeder in middle Tennessee had over 700 animals confiscated; most of them small breed dogs in horrific condition. Not only did I

know the area, but I was in Hickman County that day. It is my hometown, though I haven't lived there since childhood.

My heart broke and I was angry and frustrated because there was nothing I could do. On the drive home, I realized there was something I could do — I could provide a short-term, safe place for a homeless dog. My family agreed and we were back in the saddle again. Only this time, our guests weighed less than 20 lbs.! Not all of our fosters have been easy, but they have all been worth it. So much so, we don't plan on retiring again!

SBRET WISH LIST:

BLANKETS

NEW OR USED DOG TOYS

CRATES

DOG BEDS



Tami decorating the Christmas Angel Tree at Agri-Feed Pet Supply with Paris, her SBRET foster dog.

HARNESSES

LEASHES

FRONTLINE PLUS

DOG FOOD