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Dear SBRET friend,

As the holiday season draws near, we want to take the time to thank you for your support of Small Breed Rescue of East Tennessee (SBRET), and to ask that you help us keep the momentum going by making a year-end gift.

SBRET is proud to announce that we are now a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, which means that any donations you make are tax deductible. A donation to SBRET would make a thoughtful and unique Christmas gift for a special friend or family member.

In 2007 we have placed nearly 100 dogs in loving, forever homes and hope that we can continue to help local shelters in 2008. Since the medical expenses for each dog are rarely covered by the adoption fee, your continued support is vital to our success. For example, we have had 3 expensive leg surgeries over the past 2 months. Tiegan, a 2 year old spaniel mix, was brought to a local shelter by her owners in the trunk of their car with an injured leg. After x-rays by our vet it was determined that there was no way to save the leg and Tiegan became our first amputee. She now outruns all of her foster brothers and is patiently waiting for her forever home. Also, we have been inundated with Chihuahuas and Chihuahua mixes this year. Three of them have been with us for several months and really need to find their forever families. Please check out Tequila, Jason, and Rocky (Tequila and Jason do need to be only dogs).

The support of local veterinarians is vital to any rescue group, and we are very fortunate to work with two clinics that offer us a discount on services; however, veterinary care for our foster dogs is still extremely expensive. Rarely does the adoption fee for a dog cover the expenses that have been incurred. If you are considering making a financial contribution to SBRET, any amount is welcome, or you might wish to make a specific donation to cover any of the following expenses:

Donation Menu

\$140 Spay/neuter/inoculations/microchip/heartworm and fecal check for one dog

\$50 Gas card to defray a small part of the transportation expenses: rescuing dogs from surrounding counties, transporting dogs to the vets, home visits, or transporting dogs to other rescue groups

\$75 Dental cleaning for one dog

\$15 Heartworm and flea preventative for one dog for one month

\$5 New collar and leash for one dog

\$30 Worming one dog with appropriate medication

\$30 Grooming (usually total shave down) for one dog who comes to us severely matted.

These are routine expenses for most dogs that come into SBRET. Many of our dogs need further care which might include surgery, x-rays, blood work, and/or medication for specific health conditions. When SBRET rescues a dog we make a commitment to that dog and will provide whatever appropriate care is required in order to improve their quality of life.

If a monetary contribution is not possible, please consider becoming a volunteer and providing foster care in your home for one of our dogs. Some of our best volunteers have been past adopters!

Thank you to everyone who has adopted from us and who has expressed their continued support by making donations to the rescue group. Please be sure to follow our web site and keep up with all the activities and stories. We consider you part of the SBRET family and sincerely hope you have a wonderful Holiday season.

Sincerely,

Tyrine & Karen