



Small Breed Rescue of East Tennessee, Inc.

Small Breed Rescue of East Tennessee is Going Strong!

Well, it's official. Small Breed Rescue of East Tennessee, Inc. (SBRET) has submitted its proposed charter to the state and is awaiting confirmation of incorporation!

Previously recognized as Small Breed and Retriever Rescue, we decided it best to dedicate our efforts toward the smaller pups, not because we care any less for the big guys, but because we don't have the facilities to house larger dogs.

SBRET is dedicated to finding forever homes for displaced or abandoned small breed dogs. We are also dedicated to educating the public about pet overpopulation, the benefits of spaying/neutering, and the horrors of puppy mills.

If you want to learn more about our group or the educational initiatives we support, please check out our new website! It is located at www.sbret.com. Did we for-

get to mention the website? Well, it's great and it's brand new. There are parts of it still under construction, but we're so excited about it we just had to tell everyone about it! Please take the time to go check it out. Our friend Pam, who has spent countless hours setting our new site up, has created something quite wonderful for us and for our pups. Thank you Pam for all you do!

Have we enticed you? Would you like to join us? There are countless ways you can help us out !!! Contact SBRET to help!



Joining SBRET is COOL !!!

FOSTER HOMES DESPERATELY NEEDED !!

SBRET is in desperate need of foster homes! A lack of foster homes prevents us from rescuing additional dogs. Won't you consider fostering one of our little guys?

The most frequent comment we get in regard to fostering is that "I couldn't bear to let the dog go - I would get too attached to it." It is true, it is always a bit

sad to see our rescues go. But, the SBRET adoption process is so strict, that by the time the dog is adopted out, we know it's going to a great place!

If you are interested in fostering, please contact one of our representatives or visit our website at www.sbret.com for more information!

"Small Dogs ... Big Hearts"

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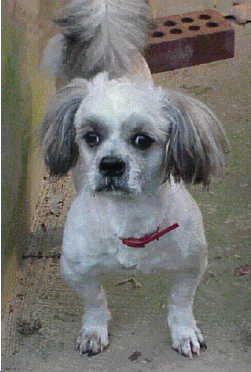
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Rescue Story of the Month—Gabby

We received an email this month from a concerned couple who saw a matted, wet Lhasa Apso tied to a cinder block.



**Gabby, 5 Year Old
Male Lhasa Apso**

They spoke with the owners, who agreed to surrender the dog to SBRET.

We were warned by these owners that the dog may have to be sedated if we messed with his hair, because (a direct quote) “dogs feel pain through their hair.” They further told us that “if your neighbors were to come over and hit him, he would probably bite them.”

These statements alone should illustrate the situation the dog came from.

Not only was Gabby Cold, wet, matted - he was starving!! He was terribly thin!

Well, much to our delight, he started wagging his tail the minute we had him away from there! After we got him home, several baths later, and after clipping his poor hair down to the skin, he looked like a new boy! We named him Gabby, short for Gabriel, because he rubs against your leg and “talks”, as if to say THANKS!

Gabby is adjusting amazingly well to being an inside dog, and gets along well with other animals. Although he is a friendly boy, we recommend that he be adopted by a family with no young children, as he is a bit nervous around sudden movements, especially around his face. Please note that given time, Gabby will have beautiful long, flowing hair he was meant to have— which will require regular grooming.

SBRET Adoption Process

SBRET rescue animals are fully vaccinated, treated for any illnesses, heartworm negative, on heartworm preventative, and spayed/neutered prior to adoption.

Prior to adoption, SBRET rescue animals are placed in approved foster homes in order to evaluate temperament. A potential foster home is fully evaluated, and a foster contract is required, prior to placing the animals in the foster home.

An application is required prior to meeting any of our rescue dogs. This allows us to evaluate your needs, make sure

you can properly care for the dog, and ensure that the dog will possess those qualities you desire in a companion.

Once an application is approved, you will meet the dog and we will jointly determine if this is the dog for you.

At time of adoption we require you to sign an adoption contract, and pay an adoption fee (typically \$150) to help defer veterinary and other expenses.

**PLEASE DON'T
SHOP -
ADOPT !!!**

Available for Adoption—Sparky

My name is Sparky. I am a 12 year old male toy poodle that was rescued from an area shelter. My former parents could no longer care for me.

If my previous family hadn't told the shelter how old I am, no one would ever have believed I am 12. I am quite feisty, and I LOVE being with my doggie friends at my foster mommie's house. I kinda have a crush on Angel, another rescue available from SBRET, but don't tell her!

I've been told I have excellent house man-



**Sparky, 12 Year Old
Male Toy Poodle**

ners and I love to ride in the car. In other words, wherever YOU go, I expect to go! I love to be loved!

If you are interested in adopting me, or any other adoptable from SBRET, please contact any of the contacts listed and they will get an application to you. An online application is

also available at www.sbret.com. You can also see other adoptables online!

What is a Puppy Mill?

One of SBRET's primary educational initiatives is to educate the public about the horrors of puppy mills. Don't know what a puppy mill is? You're not alone. Although awareness is increasing, a depressingly small amount of people are aware of what a puppy mill is.

A puppy mill is a mass breeding facility (often hundreds of dogs are kept at a facility at any given time). Breeding dogs are kept in small cages, treated inhumanely, and bred every breeding cycle. Often, the dogs are kept in these cages their entire lives—never allowed to touch the grass, much less run and play.

Where do the puppies from these puppy mills go? Research has shown that 98% of the puppies sold in pet stores come from facili-



ties that we consider to be puppy mills. Pet stores often tell customers that their puppies come from local breeders or quality breeders. Don't believe them, ask to see the paperwork and find out where the puppies really come from.

Please boycott all stores that sell puppies for profit!

For more information on puppy mills, please see the following websites:

Prisoners of Greed www.prisonersofgreed.org

NoPuppymills www.nopuppymills.com

Puppymills.Com www.puppymills.com

Puppy Mill Rescue www.puppy millrescue.com

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

SBRET is a newly formed rescue organization. As such we are in great need for LOTS of things and LOTS of help!

Foster homes are our number one need.

Monetary Donations to help cover veterinary expenses are always appreciated. Donation checks should be written to **SBRET; P.O. Box 4661; Oak Ridge, TN 37831**. If you prefer to send your donation directly to our veterinarian so that it can be credited to our account, please

contact an SBRET representative and we will get you the information to do so.

We are also in great need of **supplies**, including dog crates (wire and airline), dog beds, dog toys, dog collars, dog leashes, dog gates, long distance calling cards, Heartgard Plus, Frontline flea preventative, and office and computer supplies.

If you can't afford to make a donation—donate your time!

Available for Adoption—Tippy

Hi! My name is Tippy. I am a female Border Collie mix puppy. My previous family was unable to care for me. The bad news was that I was sick and had to spend more than a week at the doctor. The good news is now I'm home with the best foster mommie in the world! My foster mommie has other dogs and I have quickly learned which ones have the patience to deal with a feisty little girl like me. I've been around children too—I LOVE them!

In regard to my house manners, I am learning about sleeping in my own special place called a crate, which is teaching

me not to go potty inside. Everyone says I'm doing great with this, but I don't understand all the excitement! **HOW EMBARRASSING!** That's my private business, you know.

If you are interested in adopting me or any other SBRET dog, please contact SBRET for an application. An on-line application is also available at

www.sbret.com.



Tippy, Female Border Collie Mix Puppy

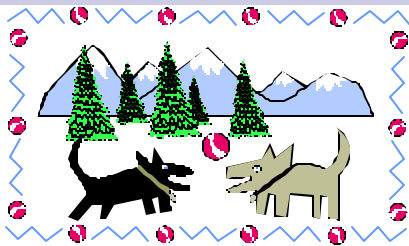
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Happy Holidays from SBRET



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Special Thanks !!

There are some very special people we wish to thank! First of all, we would like to thank **Dr. Barbara Reeve and staff of the Jackson Square Animal Clinic** in Oak Ridge, TN. Without their support we could not afford to rescue the number of dogs we have.

Next, we would like to thank **Pam** for spending countless hours creating a website (www.sbret.com) for us. Unfortunately, the founders of SBRET are technologically challenged. Without Pam's help, there would be no website—period. Words cannot express our gratitude—and relief—that we no longer have to worry about this aspect of our rescue!

We would like to offer a very special thanks to **Carmen Trammel of Peaceful Kingdom** for allowing us to attend adopt-a-thons, as well as post our rescues on their website (www.peacefulkingdom.org) and in **Critter Magazine**. There truly is no one with a bigger heart or a more sincere love of animals than Carmen!

We would like to thank **Linda**, for working countless hours posting our rescues as well as others in **Critter Magazine!**

We would like to thank **Pam from Second Chance K-9 Rescue** for her continuing support and constant encouragement.

Thanks to **Karen's mom, Margaret**, for helping us work hours on cutting matts out of Gabby's hair—NOT a fun process!!!

Thanks to **Dr. Paul, Rhonda, and staff at the Oak Ridge, TN animal shelter.**

Thanks also to **Dr. Michelle, Karen, Randy, and staff from the Knoxville-Knox County Animal Welfare Center.**

Finally, we would like to offer a very special thanks to **Angela of TN Valley All Breed Rescue**. We couldn't have done it without you!



GREAT FRIENDS!