

Small Breed Rescue of East TN

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SBRET Update

It has been a difficult year for SBRET as we are still reeling from losing our founder Karen Houser. Please go to our website to read the complete memorial for Karen. We have tried to carry on as she would have wanted and we think she would be proud of all that has been accomplished this year. SBRET rescued over 60 dogs and participated in 16 different adoption events. Volunteers helped transport and get into other rescue groups over 50 dogs. We handled approximately 150 phone calls a month which frequently result in getting dogs in to other rescue organizations. SBRET representatives made over 100 veterinary visits this year. Wow - that is a lot of activity for such a small group. The reason we were able to do so much is due in large part to our dedicated volunteers and to the generous donations of concerned dog lovers. We look forward to the day when we are no longer necessary and every dog has a home.



A Foster Mom's Story

He was huddled in the back of his crate as far back into the corner as he could possibly go. He was shivering so hard the latch on the crate was vibrating. His eyes and hair were matted and a not so pleasant odor surrounded him. I just opened the door on the crate and sat down quietly across the room. After a few starts and stops, he ventured out but would not make eye contact with me. His little eyes were so cloudy that I thought he might not be able to see very well. He didn't eat or go to the bathroom for 2 days, he didn't let me touch him for 3 days, and he didn't make a sound for a week. When he decided to eat and drink, he would only do that at night, in the dark and all alone.

Let's fast forward to 2 weeks later. He is eating and drinking during the day, he is going to the

bathroom outside, and he jumps on me and wags his tail when I come in the room. Those eyes are now clear and sparkling and full of life. Fast forward to 2 months later and his coat is beautiful, he walks on a leash, he retrieves like a pro, and he gives kisses and adores everyone he meets. All I did was provide love, good food, a warm, safe home, and a little patience; and SBRET provided the veterinary care, moral support, and adoption application screening. Is it hard to let him go? Yes. Is it worth it? A thousand times yes! If you think you would like to help by being a foster family, we would love to hear from you. I can promise you that it will be one of the most rewarding experiences you will have when you are able to present a happy, healthy dog to his new forever family.

Spotlight on Kela

Sometimes we do not understand why we have a dog in foster care for so long without being adopted. Kela is such a wonderful, young, healthy, happy girl.



Ok, so she is not a Yorkie or some other little, tiny ball of fluff; but she is smart, housetrained, playful and loving. We know there is a family out there that will be so thrilled to have her as a member. Kela even participated in the HALT Program (Humans and Animals Learning Together) and does know some basic commands. You see what I mean about a real gem being overlooked! If you think you might be interested in adding a delightful companion to your household, please give us a call. Kela needs to find her forever home.

A Survival Story



She was brought into the vet's office barely clinging to life. Her owners could not afford treatment and our vet gave us a call to see if we could help. ChaCha weighed only 6 pounds and she had been shot with an air gun. The pellet went through her side and into her intestines and stomach. The surgery to remove the pellet and repair the damage left her in a very weakened state but she held on and slowly began to recover. After a lengthy hospital stay and recuperation time in her foster home, she was ready for adoption. Of course, her adoption fee did not cover all her expenses. That is where the donations from caring people make it possible for us to save dogs like ChaCha. Every year we have many dogs with medical expenses that far exceed the adoption donation. Thank you to everyone who donates to rescue!

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How Can You Help?

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Donations made via PayPal on our website or by check to our mailing address are always appreciated so that we can continue to help dogs like ChaCha.

Foster families are always needed too and if you think you might be interested you can submit an online foster application at our website.

If you cannot foster but would like to sponsor a dog by paying for its veterinary expenses, we can keep you updated so that you can be involved in that dog's progress.

Also, we always need donations of crates, beds, dog toys, grooming services and Frontline flea preventative. Thank you to everyone who has helped in the past and we look forward to your continuing support.

Small Dogs ... Big Hearts!

Cold Weather Tips

Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.

Never leave your dog alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing you dog to freeze to death.

Visit the ASPCA website (www.asPCA.com) for more pet care tips.

Senior Moment



Fred is our "not so senior" senior. He is only 7 years old but at this time he is the oldest dog we have. SBRET usually has lots of senior dogs, but we've been over run with young ones lately!

Fred is a Shih-Tzu from a puppy mill where he was made to live in a cage just making babies all the time. Lucky for him, he got out! Fred is the sweetest guy you'll ever meet. He's an "easy" dog - not too demanding, but you know he's there at all times because he's such a silly little clown. Fred had to have all of his teeth pulled but one because they were so rotten. But you wouldn't know it - he eats dry food with canned mixed in (don't ask us how) and will pull a towel off a shelf before you know it. His tongue doesn't even hang out of this mouth, although when sleeping it will poke out the front a bit. He also has dry eye (KCS) and gets eye drops twice a day. He sits as pretty as you please to get them put in. Fred is an awesome dog that anyone would be lucky to have. Please give this playful, loving, toothless guy a chance.