

# The RSVP Newsletter

March 2010

RSVP would like to thank everyone for their past support. Whether you've adopted a dog, fostered a special needs animal, volunteered your time, attended an event or offered a donation - it is appreciated more than words can say and enables RSVP to assist those dogs with no where else to turn. In an effort to keep all informed of the work that is made possible with your help, we will be publishing a newsletter periodically. So, here is an update on what's been happening! And thank you again for all you do!

## Community Outreach A Harsh Winter



This winter has been especially harsh with unusual amounts of snow, freezing and sub-freezing temperatures. As part of RSVP's Community Outreach program, volunteers Kelly, Ray, Judy, Linda, Deborah and Sue D have been caring for "outside" dogs living in some of Long Island's lower income neighborhoods. Often the dogs are with their owners for protection and remain outdoors 24/7. With the cooperation and approval of the owners, this dedicated group of volunteers will visit homes and provide dog houses, straw, blankets, food and basic comforts for the animals. They have shoveled paths in deep snow to enable access for food and water. In many instances they have persuaded owners to take the dogs indoors during especially inclement weather. They also provide dog crates since many of these animals are not house trained. The volunteers have even taken the dogs into their own homes for temporary relief!

The Community Outreach program also encourages owners to spay/neuter their pets and offers veterinary services to those needing financial assistance. While Long Island is home to many animal rescue organizations, RSVP operates this unique and vital program to help fill a very real need. These passionate volunteers are truly hands-on and have made a vast difference in the lives of many animals. And your support helps to make it possible!

## The Independent: Letter to Editor Special Recognition for RSVP



The following letter appeared in The Independent, a local Long Island newspaper, on Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Dear Rick, This letter is long overdue as I have wanted to let your readers know about the great work that RSVP (which usually has the Dog of the Week column) does. After my beloved Puli died about 2 years ago at 16, I decided that if I ever got another dog, it would be a hard to place dog from a shelter, and finally contacted RSVP about adopting an American Staffordshire Terrier, otherwise know as a pit bull. Pit bulls have a dreadful reputation because of the bad publicity due to criminals using them in dogfights, crime, etc. Believe me, they can be the sweetest dogs ever. RSVP has a wonderful trainer who makes sure that every dog up for adoption is well trained and ready for a good home. Linda, who handles the adoptions also makes sure that an adoption is well matched for your temperament, home and environment before allowing the adoption to go ahead. And she also told me that if I ever needed the help of the trainer, it is readily available. My Jayne is the most lovable, well behaved and may I say, grateful dog you could imagine. RSVP does not know about my writing this letter, so I would like to publicize the great work they are doing – with very little money, Their phone number is (631) 728-3524 and website is [www.rsvpinc.org](http://www.rsvpinc.org). If you cannot adopt a dog please believe me when I say that it is a wonderful cause to contribute to. -Eva M. Fabo

### Volunteers Needed!

**RSVP is always seeking new volunteers to help find "Responsible Solutions For Valued Pets." If you would like to join us and offer some of your time, MANY diverse talents are needed. Call (631) 219-8529 to find out how you can help.**

## “Tiny Tim”



Before



After

You could count the ribs under his small 20 lb frame. He stood on three legs, favoring the crooked one that never healed properly. His head tilted to one side, another permanent reminder of a traumatic injury. "Tiny Tim" seemed an appropriate name. He is one of the special cases, offered exclusively to rescue organizations by Animal Care & Control of New York City. RSVP found him a foster home.

Tim has been thriving with his temporary family and enjoying the company of 3 other companion dogs. Even with his apparent disabilities, he runs circles around them and playfully steals their toys.

One look is all it takes. You will want to cradle him in your arms and keep him safe forever more. Tim has a puppy-like appearance, is approx. 2 years young, resembles a beagle/daschund mix and is available for adoption. Call (516) 426-7081 or visit [www.rsvpinc.org](http://www.rsvpinc.org) for more info.

## Martha Clara Vineyards Come Join Us!



RSVP will be hosting a fundraiser at

### Martha Clara Vineyards Jamesport Friday March 26<sup>th</sup>

Please join us for an evening of music, food, wine and friendship. The proceeds will be used to provide veterinary care, spay/neutering, food, boarding and other services for dogs in need.

If you would like to contribute any items for the Chinese Auction, donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Call (631) 219-8529 or visit our website [www.rsvpinc.org](http://www.rsvpinc.org). Click on Events for details.

**Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to RSVP to assist in their efforts to save more deserving dogs who wait patiently in shelters for so long. Visit [www.rsvpinc.org](http://www.rsvpinc.org) or call us at (631) 219-8529.**

Favorite Dog Quote: If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then giving Fido only two of them. ~Phil Pastoret

Yes! I would like to support the work of RSVP, Inc with the following tax-deductible donation:

\$15    \$25    \$50    \$100   \$\_\_\_\_\_ other

Secure, on-line **Credit Card** or **PayPal** donations are now available on our website [www.rsvpinc.org](http://www.rsvpinc.org). Click on Donations.

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