



## **Pug Rescue of North Carolina Newsletter December 2017**



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# **PRONC NEWS**

## **Pug Rescue of North Carolina December 2017**



### **Letter from the President**

In December, we all think about giving gifts. Sometimes it's super hard to think of a great gift. Why not consider making a donation to Pug Rescue of NC in someone's name, for their Christmas gift? We'll send them a Christmas card and let them know that you made a donation in their name, and we'll send you a donation letter for your taxes. What better way to show a pug lover that you love them, by giving a gift to help the needy pugs in rescue!

This year, an 8-year-old boy named Rice decided that, instead of receiving presents on his birthday, he wanted everyone to donate money to PRONC. He wanted to help the pugs. What a wonderful thing he did!

Pug Rescue of NC has no paid employees; donations are our sole source of funds, so every penny counts! As we all know, pets' vet bills can add up quickly. We really appreciate all the donations that people send in; these enable us to continue our mission of saving needy pugs.

Also, remember that December 31 is the cut-off date for this year's donations for tax purposes. Please send your monetary donation to PRONC so that we can send your donation letter early. And no amount is too small!

Happy Holidays to all, and thank you for all you do to help Pug Rescue of NC. Please do consider giving a gift that keeps on giving. Let's all help the pugs!

Cathleen Codling  
President, Pug Rescue of North Carolina

# Fundraisers for PRONC



## Amazon Smile

When shopping on Amazon.com, use Amazon Smile. PRONC can get 0.5% of sales each time you shop on Amazon! It works even if you are an Amazon Prime Member.

To sign up, when you open Amazon, do a search for Amazon Smile. It will ask you for your organization. Type in Pug Rescue of North Carolina and start shopping!

## Wooftrax Walk & Win Challenge

Some of you use the **free** WoofTrax smartphone app to **track how far you walk with your dog**. Each time you use it to walk at least 1/4 mile, you may **help win up to \$500 for Pug Rescue of North Carolina**. First, check with WoofTrax (<http://www.wooftrax.com/walkandwin>) to make sure you have the most recent version of the app; you may need to download the newest one. Be sure your email address on the app is correct; then check it regularly (you'll get an email if you've won for PRONC). Wooftrax says: "The more people actively walking with the free Walk for a Dog app, the greater the donation to your selected animal organization! Use the app each time you grab for the leash."

## We Need Your Used (But Usable) SHOES!

PRONC collects used men's, women's, and children's shoes to raise funds. We earn 50 cents per pound of shoes from ShoeBoxRecycling.com, which sells the shoes worldwide at locally affordable prices. ShoeBox takes casual or dress shoes, heels, flats, loafers, sneakers, sandals, work boots, and even soccer cleats, but **no** slippers, flip-flops or plastic shoes, metal spikes, dress boots, ski or winter boots, skates/blades, or single shoes.

Shoes must be in usable condition, undamaged, without holes, and not wet or mildewed.

## Kroger Community Rewards

If you shop at Kroger, sign up for the Community Rewards program and choose Pug Rescue of NC as your charity. Then just swipe your Kroger Plus card whenever you check out, and PRONC will get a donation from Kroger! You can sign up at the store or online at <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>.

## Fundraisers for PRONC, Continued

**30% of the profits now go to PRONC every time you order  
Landshark & Bubba's coffee — no deadline for ordering!**

To order:

Go to [Landsharkandbubbass.com](http://Landsharkandbubbass.com) (note: there is no apostrophe in the address)

Order the coffee you prefer.



**Coffee to the Rescue!!!**

Drink Coffee ☕ Save Lives  
Order Now!





## **Help PRONC: Shop for the Holidays!**

PRONC President Cathleen Codling and Secretary Debbie Sorensen are earning money to help fund the needy pugs at Pug Rescue of NC! These busy women have over 150 items for sale. Items include scarves for dogs (bandannas that slip over the collar) in holiday designs as well as in numerous NFL team logos and some baseball and college team logos; t-shirts for dogs and humans; humans' sweatshirts; dog harnesses; collars; leashes; and car magnets. They sell these at bargain prices! If you have questions or would like to order any of these, please email [cathleen@pugrescuenc.org](mailto:cathleen@pugrescuenc.org).

## **Free SmartPhone App: Finding Rover**



**Finding Rover** is a *free* smartphone app for finding a lost dog! It works with an iPhone or an Android phone. After you download the app, you will be asked to take a front-facing photo of your dog. The photo is stored by Finding Rover. If the dog gets lost, the app alerts local dog organizations, nearby members of Finding Rover, and social media. When the dog is found, the finder snaps a photo of the found dog. The app does a facial recognition search, comparing the finder's photo with others in the Finding Rover files. When it finds a match, the owner's contact information comes up, and the owner is alerted so the dog and owner can be reunited. To enroll, go to [www.FindingRover.com](http://www.FindingRover.com).



## **Requests from Newsletter Editor**

To those of you who have adopted a pug (or more!) from PRONC:

Thank you for providing updates on our rescued pugs! Please continue to do so; it means very much to us and to those who support our mission. You may email the PRONC representative who fostered your pug before adoption, or email the Newsletter editor: [maijaharrington@gmail.com](mailto:maijaharrington@gmail.com).

To PRONC foster parents: When your foster pug is adopted and whenever you receive updates on former foster pugs, please email your updates to the same address above.

# Available Pugs



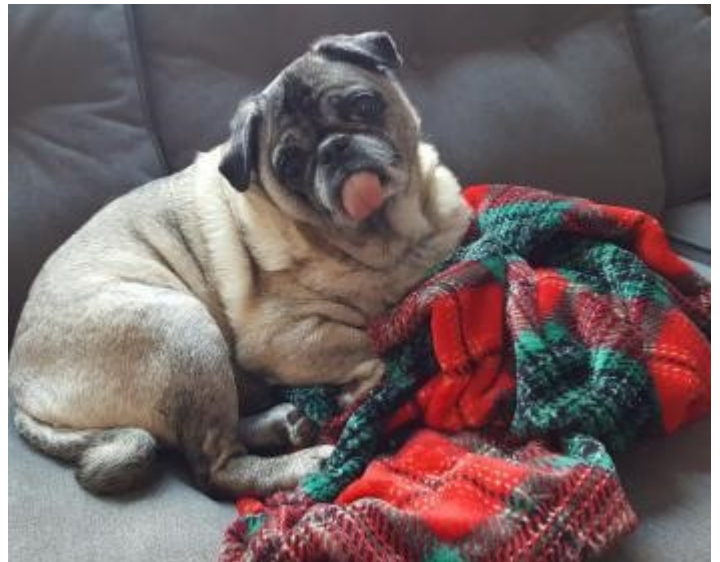
## Snort

Snort is a handsome 11-year-old fawn neutered male pug who was surrendered by his owner. A benign fatty tumor was removed from between his front legs; it is healing well.

Snort is good with the other dogs and cats. He tolerant of **older** children. Like many older pugs, he has dry eyes; he must be on eye drops for life.

We are already looking for a great forever home for Snort. If you think he might be the pug for you, please put in your application on the website [www.pugrescuenc.org](http://www.pugrescuenc.org), **now**. That way, when he is ready, he can go to his new forever home right away.

Snort is fostered in Mocksville, NC. His adoption fee is \$100.00.



## Available Pugs, Continued



### Popeye

**Popeye** is a young-looking 10-year-old fawn male pug. He was rescued from a shelter, where he was relinquished because his owner was unable to afford to care for him. Popeye is good with other pugs, but we don't know about cats. He's neutered, up to date on shots, microchipped, and heartworm negative. He does have limited vision and, like many older pugs, he needs daily eye drops. Popeye is fostered in Monroe NC. His adoption fee is \$100.

### Baby



**Baby** is a 9-year-old fawn female pug who has very recently come into Rescue. She'll soon become available for adoption. Please check [www.pugrescuenc.org](http://www.pugrescuenc.org) to learn more about Baby, and put in your application if you'd like to provide her with her forever home! She is being fostered in Mocksville NC. Her adoption fee will be \$250.

## Available Pugs, Continued



### Chopper: A Special Needs Pug

**Chopper**, a handsome fawn male pug, is about 12 years old and has been in his PRONC foster home for nearly 4 years. Because of hip and back problems, he uses a doggie wheelchair to get around, and he needs help using the bathroom: that is, a human must express his bladder and anal glands.

Chopper also has severe separation anxiety, so he also needs a human who can stay at home with him throughout the day.

He is terribly allergic to fleas, so flea prevention medication is a must for him. He also has some food allergies which are readily manageable.

Chopper gets along well with other dogs; he would enjoy having a canine housemate. He also gets along well with children.

Despite having a number of challenges, Chopper is a super-lovable and loving pug! If you're able to handle his needs, please put in an application to adopt him. He is a quite a love-bug-pug! And, of course, he is neutered, microchipped, up to date on shots, and heart-worm negative.





## Available Pugs, Continued

### A Very “Special Needs” Pug: Emma

**Emma**, a 9-year-old fawn pug in foster care, has exceedingly dry eyes; her eye medicines currently cost about \$200 per month. She still has some vision and will be on eye meds for the rest of her life to preserve what sight she does have. She had surgery to correct her “entropion,” a condition in which the eyelashes grow toward (instead of away from) her eye-balls, scratching the eyes and causing ulcers. Emma’s ulcers have healed, but surgery could not cure her dry eyes; her lacrimal glands don’t function, so she cannot make tears.

Emma also had 3 mast cell cancer masses removed successfully. She needs to be followed in case more masses develop, and she’ll be on Benadryl and Pepcid for life.

We hope to find a loving home for Emma, but she needs someone who can deal with her many needs. She can’t make tears, so she must have eye drops and/or ointment every 2 hours around the clock! She also has severe separation anxiety; she needs to live with a human who works from home and stays close to her. Even though she has other pugs in her foster home, Emma gets frantic if she can’t see that there is a human close by. She is fine with kids and other dogs, but being around cats would be dangerous for her if a cat were to claw her eyes.

If you can manage Emma’s needs, please apply to adopt her at [www.pugrescuenc.org](http://www.pugrescuenc.org).

**If you cannot adopt her, please consider making a donation to help PRONC help her.** (As you can see, just her eye meds cost a lot!)

Photo on left, below, shows Emma when she first came to PRONC. Middle photo shows her after entropion surgery, and last photo is with Santa this year.

More info at <https://www.facebook.com/pugrescuenc>.





## Recent Adoptions

### Izzy and Rascal



**Foster Mom Pat wrote us:** We brought Izzy and Rascal home as fosters from the PRONC Pugs & Pals Picnic in October. Izzy is a fawn female [in front of bulldog in photo] and Rascal is a black male [on left]. There was a lot of interest in them. They were adopted by a lovely family in Georgia. They now have a pug brother Leo (front) and a bulldog brother Churchill. They also have two human sisters. They have settled in well.



### Chloe & Frank

Here's a photo of Chloe and Frank, a bonded pair of black pugs who were fortunate to be adopted together in Fred's home. Fred wrote to say, "I have been celebrating with the new family members. You can tell they are very anxious."





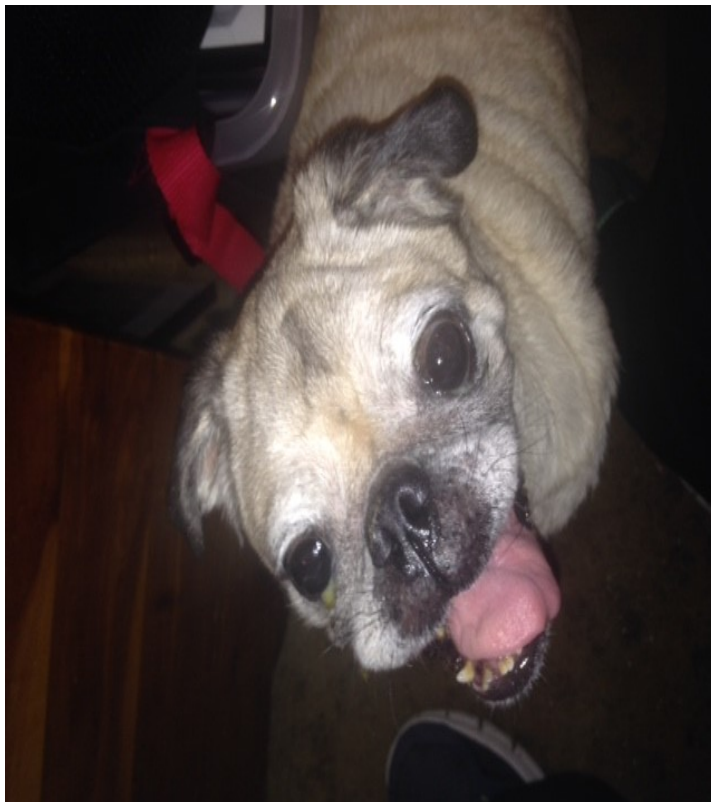
## Recent Adoptions, Continued

### Dolly

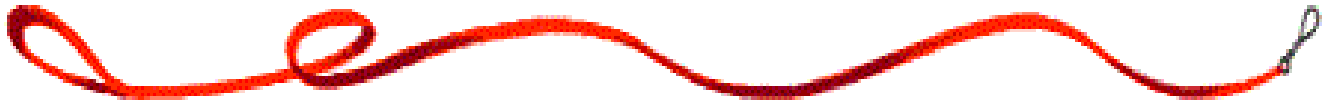
Alicia sent Dolly's photo and wrote to let PRONC know that the 13-year-old pug, whom Alicia adopted in October, is doing fine in her Forever Home.

**Here is Alicia's sweet note:**

I have had the honor of being a pug mom twice before. One I saved from an animal shelter, the other I adopted from NC Pug Rescue. When they passed away from old age, something was missing from my home as well as my heart. It was that huge goofball pug personality. I even missed the snort! I had been looking for another pug, not to replace the ones we lost because they can never be replaced. But to honor their memories and all the joy they brought to my life. I saw Dolly and even though she is an older girl with some issues, I knew she was meant to live the rest of her life with my family. She still has so much love to give and shows us every day just how much with butt wiggles and kisses. She is my feisty little girl who I am going to make sure is happy for the rest of her life.



## Recent Adoptions, Continued



Just in time for the holidays, Coco,, the fawn pug in the photo below, was adopted to live with Zeus, the little black pug he's pictured with.

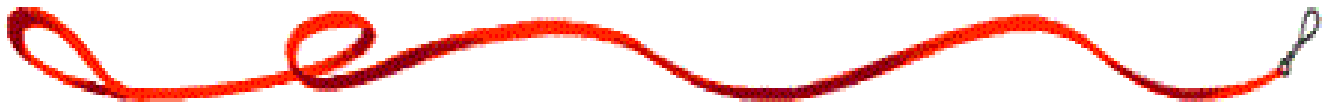


With his new mom's help (we think), Coco wrote to us:

Hi, my name is Coco and I love my new furever home. This is a photograph of my new, younger brother, Zeus and I. My mom gives me lots of belly rubs, kisses and even lets me sleep in the bed. I'm teaching my little brother my favorite games on how to wrestle and play tug of war! I'm loving riding in the car in my mom's lap along with Zeus and bite at the air! lol My mom is spoiling me with lots of attention, healthy treats, toys and training (I'm learning to share and my mom thinks I jump to much on my brother). lol MERRY PUGMAS EVERYONE! XOXO



## Recent Adoptions, Continued



### Gypsy

Gypsy, a 9-year-old fawn female pug, came into PRONC recently and was adopted right away!



# Alumni Updates

## Dusty (AKA Riley)

**Ann wrote us** back in April to say: Hi!! I am updating y'all on Dusty (aka Riley), gotcha day 5/23/2014. He is doing absolutely wonderful. He still has bladder issues, urine pH is wrong, 2 types of crystals in his urine -- and you would never know it. Rx food and 2 supplements are controlling things. He is much less anxious and easier to manage. He is a HAPPY pug. And he loves me and wants to please me. And I just love him to death. His older brother has finally accepted him.



# Alumni Updates, Continued

## Lucy



**Lucy's "daddy" Ben wrote:**

Lucy says "Good Morning."

She's been in 10 states so far.



**Ben also said:** This is Lucy's ride. It's easier on her and me when we go in places. I also got her a set of steps and put them on my side of the bed, As soon as I go to bed, she comes in and right up the steps for bed. I only had to show her once; she's very intelligent. She may be spoiled just a little bit. I put a hassock at the foot of the bed at home; she just hops right up.

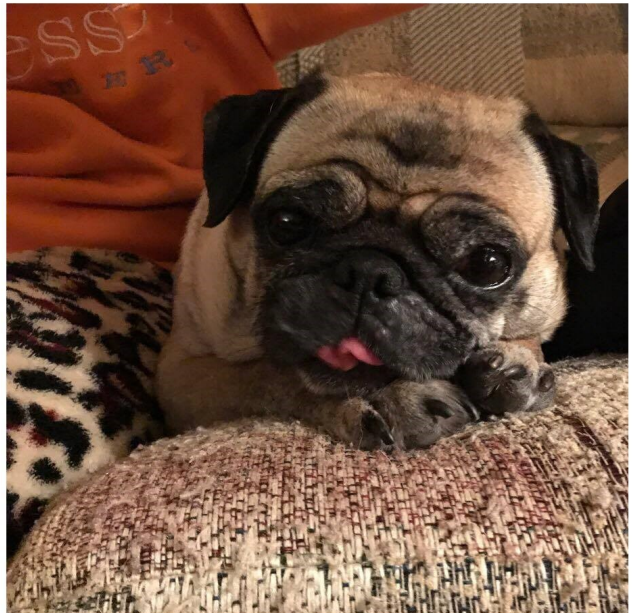


## Alumni Updates, Continued



### Sadie May (AKA Bubbles)

**The Steadmans wrote:** This is Sadie Mae (formerly known as Bubbles), an adoptee from PRONC. She became a Steadman a little over a year ago, and Sadie is our second pug from your rescue. She is so happy and energetic. She loves food, treats, soft squeaky toys, naps, belly rubs, and chasing her feline brother. She is cherished by our family, and we are so thankful to have her. She is an amazing addition to our family. Thank you for entrusting her with us and for the terrific work you do.





# Dangerous Products!



## Dangers of Commercial “Bone Treats”

On November 28, 2017, the Federal Drug Administration warned against offering “bone treats” to dogs. (<http://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2017/11/28/no-bone-treats-for-your-dog>)

These days, most of us are aware that dogs should not be allowed to eat bones that are left over from the humans’ dinner table. The bones can splinter or lodge in a dog’s throat. Now, we’ve learned that “bone treats” – commercially processed bone products for sale in pet stores, grocery stores, and variety stores – also present serious dangers to dogs. The FDA reports that they’ve had 68 reports of serious illness, as well as 15 deaths of dogs who consumed bone treats. Commercially made bone treats can cause “intestinal blockage, choking, internal cuts, vomiting, diarrhea, rectal bleeding or even death.”

The new bottom line: No bones or commercial bone treats for our dogs!

## Wintertime Danger: Engine Coolants

Dr. Karen Becker’s article “Fall Hazards to Steer Your Pets Clear Of,” October 07, 2017, reminds us that antifreeze is highly toxic to pets. )

The following advice is copied from her article:

“Look for antifreeze products containing the **safer propylene glycol** rather than **highly toxic ethylene glycol**.”

“Keep antifreeze containers tightly closed and stored out of reach of your pets.”

“Dispose of empty or used antifreeze containers properly.”

“Be careful not to spill antifreeze, and if you do, clean it up immediately; check your car radiator regularly and repair leaks right away.”

“Don’t let your pet roam unsupervised where he may have access to antifreeze.”

For further information, see [http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2017/10/07/tips-to-keep-dog-safe-this-fall.aspx?utm\\_source=petsnl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=art1&utm\\_campaign=20171007Z1&et\\_cid=DM163690&et\\_rid=75880708](http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2017/10/07/tips-to-keep-dog-safe-this-fall.aspx?utm_source=petsnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20171007Z1&et_cid=DM163690&et_rid=75880708)

# FDA Animal Drug Safety Communication: FDA warns of eye injuries reported with the use of certain ear medications for dogs: (Copy of December 6, 2017 FDA notice)

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is alerting pet owners and veterinary professionals about reports of eye injury and irritation in both people and dogs following application of the canine ear medications [Osumnia®](#) or [Claro®](#) to dogs.

Osumnia® and Claro® are FDA-approved prescription drugs that are used to treat ear infections in dogs and are intended to be administered by veterinary medical professionals. Osumnia® and Claro® each contain the antibacterial drug florfenicol and the antifungal drug terbinafine, coupled with different steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.

Most reports in people describe the eye exposures as occurring during or closely following application of these medications to the dog's ear(s). In some reports, the eye injuries occurred after the medication was applied to the ear(s) and the dog shook its head. Other reports simply state that medication splashed into the eyes of the person.

As of October 17, 2017, the FDA has received two reports of corneal ulcers in people, both veterinary technicians, following accidental eye exposure to Osumnia®. To date, no reports of corneal ulcers have been reported in people associated with the use of Claro®. However, other injuries, such as eye irritation, redness, burning, stinging, and itchiness, have been reported in veterinary personnel, pet owners, or others who were near the dog during or after application of Osumnia® or Claro® to the dog's ear(s).

As of October 17, 2017, the FDA has received 10 reports of corneal ulcers in dogs associated with the use of Osumnia®, and 10 reports associated with the use of Claro®. Other clinical signs reported in dogs include eye irritation, conjunctivitis, squinting and eye pain after application of Osumnia® or Claro® to their ears.

The FDA advises people administering Osumnia® and Claro® to take care to prevent these medications from contacting their eyes, or the eyes of other people nearby. Precautions should also be taken to prevent medication getting in the eyes of the dog being treated. If accidental exposure to the eyes of people or dogs occurs, seek medical care.

The FDA continues to monitor these reports and encourages veterinary professionals and pet owners to report adverse drug events to the manufacturer of the drug. The manufacturer is in turn required to report this information to the FDA.

To report suspected adverse drug events for Osumnia®, contact Elanco US Inc. at 1-888-545-5973. To report suspected adverse drug events for Claro®, contact Bayer HealthCare at 1-800-422-9874. For additional information about adverse drug experience reporting for animal drugs, see [How to Report Animal Drug Side Effects and Product Problems](#).



## Holiday Dangers

Around the holidays, our counters and tabletops hold wonderful items to tempt our four-legged furry friends. Below is a **PARTIAL LIST** of foods and plants that should be kept away from pets. For more complete lists, see the websites below. If a link doesn't work, highlight it with your cursor, copy it by clicking Ctrl C [hold both keys down at the same time]; then move cursor to address part of your browser, and paste it by clicking Ctrl V.]

<https://pethelpful.com/dogs/Dangerous-foods-that-can-sicken-or-kill-your-dog-cat-or-other-pet>

<https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control>

<http://www.akc.org/content/health/articles/human-foods-dogs-can-and-cant-eat/>

[https://www.fda.gov/forconsumers/consumerupdates/ucm477092.htm?  
utm\\_campaign=CU%20Holiday%20Hazards%20for%  
20Pets&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Eloqua](https://www.fda.gov/forconsumers/consumerupdates/ucm477092.htm?utm_campaign=CU%20Holiday%20Hazards%20for%20Pets&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua)

Starred (\*) items, if consumed in sufficient quantities, could be lethal!

\***Grapes, raisins, and currants** can cause kidney failure.

\***Fatty foods** can cause pancreatitis. It's safest to throw out your leftovers — where pets cannot get to them.

\***Chocolate** can cause vomiting and diarrhea, as well as severe problems with the heart and nervous system. Keep these dangerous yummys away from your pets, please!

\***Mushrooms** contain toxins that can cause severe shock.

\***Onions and garlic** can damage red blood cells, resulting in anemia.

\***Yeast dough** expands and produces gas in the digestive system. Besides causing pain, it can result in rupture of the stomach or intestines.

\***Xylitol**, an artificial sweetener, can cause very low blood sugar (hypoglycemia) and liver failure. It's in some candies, baked goods, gum, other sweets, mouthwash, toothpaste, and more. Read labels, please!

**Poinsettias, Mistletoe, and Holly**, if ingested, can cause oral irritation, diarrhea and vomiting.



# Pug Rescue of North Carolina

## *Donation Coupon*

In Honor of:

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I wish to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your donation! All donations are Tax Deductible.

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