



I took over SSRR as President on November 26 2013, 2 days before Thanksgiving. Imagine taking over a rescue right smack in the middle of the holiday season. It was a lot of work but I wouldn't change a thing. When I took over, I told everyone at the time that I do this for the dogs. This has not changed. *Everything that we do is with the dog's best interest in mind.*

Prior to being elected President, I volunteered with SSRR, processing adoption applications, performing home checks, assisting with temperament tests, and transports. I also served as Lead Intake Coordinator before being nominated as President. I have made it a point of being able to do everything within SSRR. I also went through the same application process that our adopters and fosters go through today. I believe it's up to each and every one of us to speak up for and help those who cannot help themselves. *There is a person for every dog and it's our responsibility to find that person and pair them together.*

I am proud to be the President of such a great organization, with some of the greatest fosters and volunteers anyone could ever hope for. One thing I've always kept in mind and have been very aware of (whether it's running a business or a rescue) is that it takes more than 1 person to make any organization successful. I couldn't do this without the wonder team of SSRR volunteers that we have.

We have a great group of Board Members and Coordinators who work very hard to ensure this organization is the best it can be. All of our Board Members and Coordinators are volunteers and do not get paid for anything they do. They do this out of the love of the breed, with many of them working full-time jobs.

Our Foster families are some of the best in rescue. Without our Fosters, we wouldn't have a home for our dogs to go to. Without a home, we wouldn't be able to save as many Rotties as we have. Fostering is both rewarding and challenging at the same time.

We also have some of the best transporters who sacrifice their time and change their plans in order to help our dogs get to their foster or forever home.

Without the generosity of our supporters and contributors, there would not be a rescue and none of what we do would be possible. We are fortunate enough to have some of the most generous donors and supporters I've ever seen.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas (or Happy Holidays, if you prefer)! Thank you to all who have worked so hard this past year to save this beautiful, loving and amazing breed.

I would like to thank every one of our volunteers and our wonderful Foster group, along with all of our supporters and donors. It truly does take a village to save each and every Rottie that we save and I can't think of a better village than the one that SSRR has.

