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Foundation under limits

REGARDING Karen Bester's letter to the Editor, and her direct reference to The Keri Chase Foundation not supporting her Northern Dog Project, I feel I had to reply for all the people who support us ("Plight of northern dogs slowly gets attention," Apr. 30).

Let me first say that we are a registered charity, and under Revenue Canada's rules, we must donate our registered receipted donations only to an approved registered charity. We cannot support any direct assistance with these funds to anything but another numbered charitable organization. This government rule was specifically outlined to Ms. Bester in person. We further stated to her that if she wished, we would assist her in applying for registration of her organization

and assisting in the ongoing administration. She declined to accept.

We do have some non-registered funds raised from other endeavors, and donate small amounts to people involved in non-personal animal projects, and have assisted Ms. Bester in a small way a couple of times. These funds are ear-marked for an endowment fund that will continue our support for other charitable organizations in the future, forever and a day. Further to this, all our funds are raised in close proximity to Thunder Bay, and we feel that our donations should be returned to assist these areas that directly support us, along with the local registered charities that operate here.

I felt that singling out The Keri Chase Foundation was somewhat unfair and I hope this clarifies our position.

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