



April 2021 Newsletter

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Common Outdoor Plants Toxic to Pets

Now that the warmer weather has arrived, you may be spending more time outside tending your garden. Be sure you tend to your pets that may come into contact with your plants as well. Curious dogs, especially puppies, will often nibble or devour plant leaves, stems, and even roots. Most plants will only cause a brief bout of upset stomach, while others are toxic and fast-acting.

There are far too many plants to show the entire list in the newsletter. And it doesn't mean you can't enjoy these plants in your garden. Just keep your pets away or plant in such a way that your pet cannot access the garden area. Here are just a few of the popular Midwest plants that are toxic to pets.

- **Annuals:** Coleus, Geranium, Begonias
- **Shrubs:** Hydrangea, Yews, Oleander
- **Perennials:** Iris, Lily of the Valley, Nightshade, Tulip and Daffodil bulbs, Bleeding Heart, Clematis

- **Vegetables:** Onion, Mushrooms, Potato shoots

Don't get discouraged! There's an even bigger list of plants that are harmless to dogs. The ASPCA has an extensive list of toxic and non-toxic plants for dogs, cats, and even horses so you can be sure your furry friends are safe to roam and chew a little. Here is the link to the ASPCA Toxic and Non-Toxic Plants list: [Toxic and Non-Toxic Plant List](#)

If your pet eats a toxic plant even a little bite can lead to a severe emergency.

Have your local emergency vet number on hand or contact the **Animal Poison Control Center 24-hour emergency poison hotline at 1-888-426-4435.**



We're
Searching for
Volunteers

RCBR needs help with several positions within our Rescue organization. These positions are vitally important in allowing RCBR to continue helping more Boxers in need. Positions and general descriptions are listed below. All positions will receive the necessary training and documentation. All positions allow for working with a mentor until comfortable with the duties. Most positions can be done virtually.

Foster Coordinator/Co-Coordinator: Works closely with Adoption Coordinator(s) and Transport Coordinator. Maintains foster home spreadsheet, orders supplies for foster homes, requests updates and photos of foster dogs, etc. Communicates with Rescue's approved foster homes to place incoming dogs. Time is critical for placement of incoming dogs and the Foster Coordinator must be available to respond in a timely manner (most often within one day) to all inquiries about open foster homes, foster home concerns and/or issues.

Fundraiser Coordinator: Should be comfortable contacting corporations for monetary donations or sponsorships. Participation in fundraising events is needed, based upon location. Works closely with the Social Media Director and Events Coordinator to ensure successful fundraising goals are set and met. Guides the Rescue with new ways to garner much needed funds and coordinates with individuals wishing to host fundraising events.

Event Coordinator: Involvement in all Rescue events, i.e., scheduling dates, securing event locations, working with Social Media to promote event. Works with the Volunteer Coordinator to ensure necessary manpower for the event. Manages monthly Adoption Meet & Greet Events by contacting and working with existing locations and securing new locations as needed. Maintains master event spreadsheet.

Adoption Co-Coordinator: Works with President and Vice President to learn all aspects of the adoption process. Includes connecting with approved adopters regarding available dogs as well as maintaining spreadsheet of potential adopters and their criteria for adoption. Works closely with Foster Coordinator connecting foster homes and families interested in an available dog. Notifies Transport Coordinator when transport to another area is needed. The Co-coordinator also works with Social Media Director to help promote available dogs. Our goal is to have the Adoption Co-Coordinator assume the Adoption Coordinator role upon completion of training.

Pressed for time but still want to help RCBR?

We are *always* looking for help with processing adoption applications, e.g., calling veterinary offices, contacting personal references, and performing virtual home visits or in-home visits when possible. These tasks should be performed within a three day timeframe and are conducted under the guidance of the Application Processing Committee Lead. All training and documents provided.

Please [e-mail us here](#) for more detailed information regarding each position

Volunteer Spotlight

Jodi & Jim Wilder



My name is Jodi and I'm new to volunteering, but let me tell you how and why we got into this.

In 2003, my husband's (then fiancé) roommate had a Boxer boy named Odin. We instantly fell in love with the breed and loved their witty ways. When his roommate moved, naturally he took Odin. So we decided we were going to get a Boxer of our own.

How we got into Rescue: Back in April 2009, I saw an eight week old Boxer on Craigslist that needed to be rehomed. We immediately headed towards Rochester, Minnesota to get this little guy. We fell in love immediately and he became known as Thor. Our Thor was six months old when our local vet gave him a rabies shot with a dirty needle. He contracted streptococcus ... an instant death sentence.

In June 2009, a family friend saw a flyer for Boxer puppies and contacted my husband. I instantly said no, I couldn't do it again. But after several days of pushing, I gave in and we went to look at these four week old babies. We picked up Remington at seven weeks old. Then in 2012, a young stray Boxer mix was going to be put down. Naturally, I said no way that would happen. Off we went to save this one. She became known as Stella, as well as Jim's new truck companion until she decided to retire in 2016.

In late 2016, I came across an eight month old male brindle Boxer on Craigslist that needed a new home. This poor dog spent 20 hours a day in his kennel, had no shots, etc., and, I suspect, was abused. Enzo joined us and now, we were up to six dogs and a cat.


We decided no new additions to the family, but we wanted to get involved with Boxer rescue. What better way than to help with transport? Jim started doing transports in his semi about a year ago. He transports dogs from St. Louis to Minnesota. Transport helps RCBR, the dogs, and gives Jim company. A win-win-win!

I recently decided to help transport as well. I signed up for a transport and Dad, Mom, and I were off. A family affair! It was the best thing I've done, not only for Dad, but for my mom also. They ask weekly if we are taking a dog anywhere.

Online

AUCTION

Starts: Saturday, May 1 8am Central time
Ends: Saturday, May 8 4pm Central time
Where: RCBR's Facebook page
Why: All proceeds go to helping RCBR save more Boxers in need

Bid with your 

March 2021 Adoptions



Angel
Adopted 3/14/21

Our prayers were answered when we met this sweet Angel. She truly lives up to her name! We are so thankful to RCBR and all the volunteers that pulled Angel from her situation to give her a new life she so desperately deserved. We immediately learned that our sick frail girl can climb a fence! She likes to stand up on her hind legs to see what's on the counter. She is getting stronger every day. We are so in love with our sweet,



Billy
Adopted 3/6/21

After losing both of my Boxers last year, less than two months apart, I was so devastated I told myself that it might be a bad idea to get another one. But then I saw Bentley (f/k/a Billy) and that whole idea went flying out the window! Bentley is the sweetest, most adorable Boxer anyone could ask for. He is gentle, loving, obedient and has adjusted very quickly to my home. I knew this guy had some very big paws to fill, but so far, I can say

smart, snuggly, gentle lady.

he's well on his way to doing it. Thank you to our RCBR for trusting me to give this boy the life that he deserves. In this case, I can actually ask the question - who rescued who?



**Brodie (on the left)
Adopted 3/25/21**

Just before Thanksgiving 2020, I lost my mixed breed boy, Sanford, to cancer at 12 years old. I had Sanford since he was a pup and my heart ached. Hazel Grace (HG), my Boxer girl, was also sad. We were both heartbroken. I felt like she needed a companion again, but in my eyes she is perfect. It was going to be hard to find a good match that enjoyed doing everything we enjoyed. Car rides, walks, cuddling, etc. I knew I loved the Boxer breed (I had another prior to Hazel Grace) so I looked into rescues. I explored several sites but once I saw Brodie's adorable picture and read about him, I thought his temperament matched my HG and they had so much in common!

Felicia, Brodie's foster, was so great about communicating with me. The more I heard the more I loved! I decided to make the five hour drive to Minnesota with HG to meet this boy. I have to admit being a little nervous because I wanted it to work, but I didn't want it to disrupt what we already had. I'm so glad we took the risk!! Brodie is so worth it and what a great fit he has been!! Fits right into our routine, enjoys walks and car rides with us, as well as snuggling. Brodie is such a gentleman in every way! Brodie's previous owner passed away, and I pray that he knows Brodie is loved and will be well taken care of until he can run into his arms.

Thank you RCBR!!!
You all helped make a great match!!



**Gee
Adopted 3/18/21**

Gee is a very sweet and goofy boy who had been let down so many times in the last year (neglect and abuse). His heart had been broken far too many times. After fostering Gee for a few days and his immediate attachment/obsession with my husband, we decided he didn't need to have his heart broken again. We weren't going to send him to yet another home. We decided that our home will be his last home, and he will never be sent away again.

Welcome home and to the family, Gee!



Harley
Adopted 3/25/21

In our household there were five souls, and in a span of just 16 months (October 2019 - February 2021) there were only two. We lost my mom, our 11 year old Boxer, Luke, and our 12+ year old Bloodhound, Jake. Our hearts were broken, and our house too quiet. We reached out to a breeder for a male Boxer (he will be here later this month), and we were looking to adopt a younger Boxer (three year old male). In the meantime, we had this huge yard, a huge dog run, time, and open hearts, so we offered to foster.

Stacy asked us to foster Harley, this beautiful one year old white deaf Boxer. In his short life, he had been moved around too much. We knew we wanted to keep him, but wanted to make sure he felt this was his home. Well, we are certain he thinks he owns the place! And we agree!

Harley takes himself out to go potty in his huge dog run. We are so proud of his progress. We are learning sign language and sometimes he looks at us like, "what the heck are you saying?" LOL - until we figure out what sign he was taught for a command. He is super smart, super sweet, super loving, and super energetic. We are in love with him! Harley loves to watch the turkey and deer go through the yard. Oh and he is a digger ! I think he's trying to make his way to the center of the earth! He's going to be sad to discover we live on a rock ledge. He is so much fun to have around and has really filled our hearts again. Harley has a fan club at our vet's office because he has such a great personality, which we already know!

We look forward to his hearing brother joining the family in a few weeks and seeing what these two personalities together bring to the family. We are blessed and grateful to be first time foster failures!



Jana
Adopted 3/18/21

Jana came into our home as my mom's foster dog. She fit in so well right from the start. Her behavior with the family and with the resident Boxer boy, Rocky, was amazing. She knew she was home and that I was hers. However, it took *me* a while to figure that out. She started following me around in the house. I had a new shadow. Next thing I knew, she was sleeping in my room. When there was a place she could not follow me, she would sit there and wait for me. Watching out windows or sitting at doors, Jana showed this everlasting patience until I would return. After that, I took a couple of days of prayer and decided that she needed to become an official part of my family. As a single father, I was a little nervous for this added responsibility, yet I knew it was right. Once I made that decision, I felt I was more excited to see her than she was to see me. And she has a four-foot vertical jump! It is something you need to experience in person. Jana has become a daily joy to me and my son, Jayden. I want to thank everyone who was involved in making this possible for me.

God Bless you all!
Alan S, a Happy Doggy Adoption Daddy



**January
Adopted 3/18/21**

Frankie came to us as “January”, our new foster. This was the same date we picked up our forever boy, Braxton, as a foster four years ago. Frankie had a rough life.

Spending day after day in an outdoor pen with an unknown number of other dogs did nothing to prepare her for living the good life. She arrived in Minnesota and we brought her home to find that she had never been socialized. In addition, this sweet two year old girl needed to be spayed and have her tail docked, as it had broken at some point and was never treated.

Frankie came to us at the right time. While fostering her, our 12 year old Pug crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Now, we needed Frankie as much as she needed us.

You know that feeling when all of a sudden you are able to handle things that you never could before? Somehow, all of the challenges with Frankie have made us love her even more. Watching her learn to love, to trust, to know that we WILL feed her, we WILL come back, has been priceless. Our girl still has a lot to learn, including how to trust other dogs and how to meet new people without bulldozing them over. We are blessed to be the ones who get to help her through it!



**Leo and Major
Adopted 3/20/21**

What’s better than one boxer?

Two boxers!

Leo came to RCBR after spending the previous year of his life chained up outside. Major came to RCBR after the only owner he had ever known decided to drop him off at a shelter due to his many medical issues.

Both boys were fostered in separate homes.

Along came an adopter with lots of room in her house and even more room in her heart. She wanted to adopt two senior Boxers and let them live out their golden years on a ranch in Montana. Now both boys get to live their best lives together!

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**Hugo
Crossed the Bridge 3/21/21**

From surrendered to fostered to adopted. Hugo

**March
Rainbow Bridge**

... until we meet again

came to the rescue with his housemate, Happy. They were fostered separately and both flourished! Hugo's goofy faces and loving personality made him one of a kind! The cuddles, snuggles and occasional Boxer toots will never be forgotten.

Pain-free in a Heaven that has toys and blankets galore, #HugoHunk will be greatly missed in this household!



Upcoming Events

Meet & Greet

April

PetSmart

Faribo West Mall
200 Western Ave NW B-3
Faribault, MN 55021
Saturday, April 17
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

May

PetSmart

14290 Plymouth Ave.
Burnsville, MN 55337
Saturday, May 15
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

June

Happy Tails Pet Store

6750 W. Frontage Road
Suite 434
Medford, MN 55049
Saturday, June 19
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.



Warmer weather means Spring cleaning has begun!
Wondering what to do with your extra 'stuff'?

Look no further!

RCBR is holding a Spring Garage Sale and 100% of sales go to RCBR!

**May 12 - May 15 (hours TBD)
1470 Sage Lane NE
Owatonna, MN 55060**

Connect with **Stacy Burton** to drop off or for more info:

Call (952) 955-9112

OR

[Click here](#) to email RCBR with questions!

Online Events

**Watch our social media for the
Event and shopping links!**

Pampered Chef Fundraiser

Friday, April 16 - Sunday, April 25

[Click here](#) to shop!

Spring Online Auction

Saturday, May 1 - Saturday, May 8

See above for more information!

Events Calendar



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Something you wish we would include?

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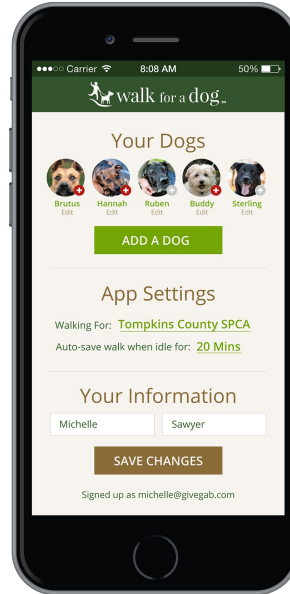
Links to help:

[Walk for a Dog / Wooftrax](#) - walk your dog and earn points that translate to donations for RCBR.

[Amazon Wishlist](#) - purchase from our wishlist and have it sent directly to us.

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Mission Statement

Rejection Collection Boxer Rescue (RCBR) is a non-profit, all-volunteer, foster-based organization dedicated to providing loving homes for Boxer dogs - especially seniors, medically challenged, and those needing to start over again in an unfamiliar world.

We offer quality care for whatever time is left; it is not about the quantity of days, but rather the quality and amount of love that can be shared during those days.

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