



January 2021 Newsletter

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Valentine's Day Safety Tips for your Pets



Each year poison control experts see a rise in cases around February 14, many involving chocolate or lilies, a flower potentially fatal to cats. Valentine's Day can be as much fun for pets as it is for humans — as long as dangerous items are kept out of paws' reach!

Pet-Safe Bouquets

When sending a floral arrangement to someone with a cat, specify that it must not contain lilies — and when receiving an arrangement, sift through and remove [all dangerous flora](#). If your pet is suffering from symptoms such as lethargy, vomiting, or diarrhea, he may have ingested an offending flower or plant. Here's an online [toxic and nontoxic plant](#) library with visual guides of what shouldn't be in your bouquets.

Forbidden Chocolate

Seasoned pet lovers know that all types of chocolate are potentially life-threatening when ingested by pets. Methylxanthines are caffeine-like stimulants that affect gastrointestinal, neurologic, and cardiac function — they can cause vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, seizures, and an abnormally elevated heart rate. The high-fat content in lighter chocolates can potentially lead to life-threatening inflammation of the pancreas. Go ahead and indulge, but don't leave chocolate out for chowhounds to find.

Careful with Cocktails

Spilled wine, half a glass of champagne, or some leftover liquor are nothing to cry over ... until a curious pet laps them up. Because animals are smaller than humans, a little bit of alcohol can do a lot of harm, causing vomiting, diarrhea, lack of coordination, central nervous system depression, tremors, difficulty breathing, metabolic disturbances, and even coma. Potentially fatal respiratory failure can also occur if a large amount is ingested.

Life Is Sweet

So don't let pets near treats sweetened with xylitol. If ingested, gum, candy, and other treats that include this sweetener can result in hypoglycemia (a sudden drop in blood sugar). This can cause your pet to suffer depression, loss of coordination, and seizures.

Every Rose Has Its Thorn

Don't let pets near roses or other thorny-stemmed flowers. Biting, stepping on, or swallowing their sharp, woody spines can cause serious infection if a puncture occurs. De-thorn your roses far away from pets.

Playing with Fire

It's nice to set your evening a-glow with candlelight, but put out the fire when you leave the room. Pawing kittens and nosy pooches can burn themselves or cause a fire by knocking over unattended candles.

Wrap It Up

Gather up the tape, ribbons, bows, wrapping paper, cellophane, and balloons after presents have been opened. If swallowed, these long, stringy, and "fun-to-chew" items can get lodged in your pet's throat or digestive tract, causing her to choke or vomit.

Don't forget to give your pets an unusually high amount of love and kisses on Valentine's Day!

Happy Tails

Have you checked out the Happy Tails section on our [webpage](#)? There you will find animal success stories and updates on RCBR adopted dogs from their forever families.

We love hearing how our alumni are doing with their forever families and think our supporters would as well. Adopters, send your updates with a photo to us [here](#) and we will get it posted.

[Read Happy Tails Now](#)

Volunteer Spotlight

**Heidi
Schlotzhauer**



Hello everyone, I'm Heidi. Compared to everyone else, I am a newbie to dog rescue.

- Seventeen years ago, I inherited an Italian Greyhound from a neighbor
- Ten years ago, I got my first Boxer puppy.
- In 2017, I rescued a Boxer mix through Northern Plains Boxer Rescue. I picked the white Boxer/Pittie that kept getting overlooked for obvious reasons.
- In October 2019, my two senior girls passed weeks apart and that led to my search for an older Boxer and how I came across RCBR.
- In January 2020, I adopted 11-year-old Cocoa, who has since passed.

- In February 2020, I took in my first foster.
- In April 2020, my second and current foster, Mina (pictured with me above), came in. Mina is a long-term temporary foster while her dad is serving in the military overseas. (Thank you for your service!)
- In November 2020, along came Molly, indirectly from RCBR. An RCBR volunteer sent me her pound picture. I just couldn't wait and went and adopted her.

I may be a newbie, but I jumped right in and am catching up fast!

Working, having three dogs at home, and a now 21-month old toddler, I try to help out when and where I can. Living in Nebraska, I have to be more creative with fundraising, like having a garage sale last summer, online pasta sales, or making collar bling to sell at adoption events. I also help with any transports that come my way. I look forward to being a part of saving many more senior Boxers.



Have An Idea?

Do you have suggestions for future newsletters?

Something you wish we would include?

We want to hear them!

[Submit Ideas Here](#)

December 2020 Adoptions

The newsletter publisher earlier this evening contained the wrong photo of Chance.

We sincerely apologize to Chance and his family for the error.



Addie Lou

Adopted 12/12/20

We are so thankful we were able to adopt Addie Lou. She's a perfect fit to our family. She is a gentle soul, who loves to cuddle. She is very protective of us and loves to be right by our side. She definitely has a silly



Angel

(Formerly Snow)
Adopted 12/31/20

We had to put down our 13 year old Basset hound who got very ill very quickly on the same day we were supposed to begin fostering Snow (now Angel). We had

side and makes us laugh, but she is also very well-mannered and polite. Addie Lou cuddles up and sleeps at the foot of our bed. She is so smart and knows non-verbal commands. She loves to go for walks around our neighborhood and gaze at the squirrels. We couldn't ask for a better dog. We absolutely love her. Her foster parents took amazing care of her before we brought her home. Thank you RCBR for letting us adopt her!



Chance

Adopted 12/16/20

The minute I saw his face, I knew it was going to be tough to let him go. When I picked up Chance, I wasn't even sure if he was going to make it through the night. He was incredibly weak and malnourished. After a few weeks, he was a completely new dog. He had the life back in his eyes and was ready to be adopted. Two days before he was supposed to leave, he took a turn for the worse - having seizures and unable to even get up to go outside without help. His adoption fell through, and I started the very long process of bringing him back, feeding him by the spoonful, giving him water with a syringe and carrying his 72 pound body outside so he could potty. That was when I realized he didn't need to go anywhere ... he was already home. Fast forward to today and he is doing great and fits right in with my little crazy family. We are glad we took a 'Chance' that day and brought him into our home.

already committed to fostering Angel coming from Texas, so knowing we were sad Stacy asked if we still wanted her to come. We said "yes." When they brought her over, Mariah and I both looked at each other when we saw her and said "Angel, her name is Angel." That night, she crawled into my lap and laid her head on my broken heart and I knew she was "home". We lost one Angel and gained another Angel on the very same day.



Hans

Adopted 12/27/20

We lost the original member of our pack in early December. Our second pack member, Louie, was pretty desperate for a buddy as he had never been alone. After seeing Hans, once I got my hands on his big, goobery face, it was love.

From Mr. Hans Gruber:

My mom has been learning ASL for 2 years and works in veterinary medicine. She says she isn't sure I'd listen any better even if I wasn't deaf but loves my antics. We snuggle a lot and that makes her very happy. My dad currently works from home and enjoys hearing happy derp wrestling between me and my brother. I love my brother a LOT and constantly want to play. He keeps telling me I'm a young whippersnapper but is happy to have a buddy.



Hogan

Adopted 12/14/20

Hogan came to Minnesota from Texas. He had a long journey from warm to cold climates, but very much worth it. When Hogan came to my house of Boxers as our newest foster, I had no idea how special he was! He was heartworm positive and had some physical scars from his past, but nothing stopped him from fitting in at my house! He loved the toys, tennis balls and playing with my two Boxers. He also loved going for short walks, even when it was cold. When I met Hogan's potential adopter, Bob and his Boxer, Maxine, I knew we were in the right spot! Hogan walked into Bob's house and into his heart! Maxine was introduced to Hogan outside and it brought tears to my eyes ... she loved him the minute she met him!!! She had lost her brother recently and needed Hogan as much as he needed her. They instantly connected and were running around the backyard together, being crazy Boxers! I will never forget the joy Hogan and I brought to Bob and Maxine, and I can't wait to do it again!!!!



Thor

Adopted 12/31/20

Thor is a big, strong, gentle giant. He came to us as a temporary foster situation. He was a bit leery at first and often times was a bit nervous. He was so alert, curious and totally engaged with everything happening in our home. Thor was really curious about what was happening outside as well. He would look out the windows at every noise



Maple

Adopted 12/8/20

Welcome Maple! She has been such a delight since losing Caesar in September. It took a bit of time to find my new best friend.

Maple loves her two walks a day and so does her mum. She is my Christmas blessing. Thank you, Rejection Collection Boxer Rescue for my new addition.

so my husband made him a window bench. Now Thor loves being the neighborhood watch. He knows when the mail carrier comes and prepares himself ahead of time, sitting up so proud on his bench. He is learning the routines and all of the sounds.

We can tell Thor has completely settled in. It has been so rewarding to see his transformation. Over just a short period of time, he has opened up, showing more and more of his charming personality. He loves to talk to us and the sounds he makes are adorable! He really enjoys chasing his HUGE frisbee in the back yard and his daily walks. Thor is doing very well and making great progress with his continued training. He reminds us each and every day that practice makes perfect and with plenty of love and stability anything is possible. We love him so much! Thor has found his forever home, and we are looking forward to our new journey together!



Trick

Adopted 12/30/20

When we met Trick (on the left), now known as Odie, we fell in love with his sweet and gentle demeanor. He fit right in his new crazy family of six humans and two doggie siblings. He trusted us like we had had him for years. He is learning to play with the help of his little sister, Shea, who we also adopted from RCBR. We can't wait to keep seeing his personality come out. Thank you RCBR for taking him in for adoption. We are so happy for him to be part of our family!



December Rainbow Bridge

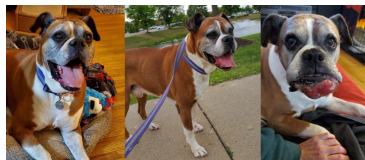
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Abe

Went to Bridge 10/16/20

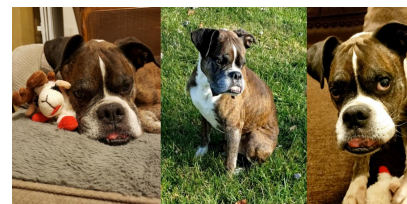
(We were unaware of Abe's crossing until recently)



Jax

Went to Bridge 12/24/20

Jax was truly a very good boy. Found as a stray in Texas before coming to Minnesota to join my family as my first foster-dog. Jax came in with a large mast cell tumor with an unknown growth history. He also had issues standing for long periods due to



Roscoe

Went to Bridge 12/21/20

Roscoe came into rescue after his owner passed away. He had the best personality and loved car rides. He settled into our home without any problems and loved all pack members - even the cats. Roscoe, with all his gumminess, was first in line for

He gave me that "help me" look early morning of the October 16, so I made the awful decision to let him go. I am a firm believer in quality over quantity and that look told me it was time. I had a hospice vet come to the ranch so his passing was not in an unfamiliar place. The hospice vet came immediately and checked him only to confirm my worst fears. Hospice was the most peaceful passing I have ever witnessed. He was eating pork chops in my lap when he crossed. She was also superb with the other rescues and let them say goodbye too. He was given a private cremation and his ashes returned to me to join the others on my nightstand.

I believe he must have been on his own for some time before he was rescued as he was never one to let me cuddle and love him -- until that day. At least I got my cuddles and kisses in before he passed. Very shortly after his passing, all the others started barking and carrying on. I believe it was Abe's spirit coming back to the ranch as I could see him strutting down the street with my service dog. Happy, bold, healthy with wings.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my life with him. Although it was only nine months, he made an incredible impression on my life.

old, untreated ACL injuries, though he was very happy to take short walks and stroll the backyard. Despite his medical issues, he was the kindest, best-behaved dog I could imagine. He was completely housetrained, walked nicely on a leash, waited for an invitation to attempt getting on any furniture, and would only bark - just once -when he wanted to be let back in from outside!

I fell hard and fast for him and was so very lucky to enjoy five months of his loving companionship, share a great friendship and take many local adventures. When it became apparent his tumor was going to cut his days shorter than hoped, it was my honor to help RCBR fulfill a bucket list for him. He was a star as a Salvation Army bell-ringer, a book-reader for a classroom full of grade-schoolers, an honorary fire station dog, had a photo taken with Santa & a unicorn, took a ride in a Mustang convertible and as a special guest at a Wisconsin brewery received his own beer label. He was such a trooper – never really showing significant discomfort or pain until the night before Christmas Eve. That whole night was uncomfortable for him as his cancer let us know he was ready for his journey to the Bridge. Mr. Jax, my handsome Jaxie-boy with huge, loving eyes and a classic, happy wiggle-butt, you are forever loved!

treats ... soft only please. He would often put them in his mouth only to drop them on the floor and walk away. I quietly prayed the dental would fix this while also fearing it would not.

He never let me out of his sight for more than a moment. If I left the room, he would get up from his bed and search for me. He would peek around each corner to find me. Once he laid eyes on me he would return to his soft bed with his squeaky reindeer and wait for me to reappear. After his dental, we were hopeful he would begin to eat without any issues. Sadly, that was not the case. There are some things that no amount of love and prayers can fix.

Roscoe was a loving and sweet soul. I believe he was searching for "his person" and was finally reunited with him at the Rainbow Bridge. We will be planting an American Persimmon in his honor come spring.

Upcoming Events

Meet & Greets

PetSmart

Burnsville, Minnesota
Saturday, February 20
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

March

date(s) and location(s) to be determined

Online Events

Watch our social media for the Event and shopping links!



Jana, above, sitting pretty at the January 9 Meet & Greet.

Beautycounter Fundraiser

Friday, January 22 - Sunday, January 31

Scentsy Fundraiser

Friday, February 5 - Sunday, February 14

Avon Fundraiser

Friday, February 19 - Sunday, February 28

Color Street Fundraiser

Friday, March 5 - Sunday, March 14

Rodan + Fields Fundraiser

Friday, March 19 - Monday, March 29

Farmasi Fundraiser

Friday, April 2 - Sunday, April 11

Events Calendar



Billy, above, and Guss, below, turning on the charm during the January 9 Meet & Greet.

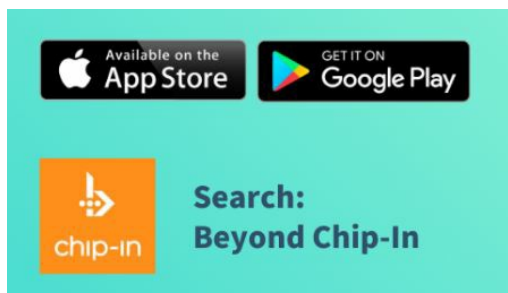


RCBR Swag

Have you checked out our [online store](#)?

Hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts, decals, and more!
We are always adding new items, so stop by often.

Chip-in Mobile App



Beyond Chip-In mobile app in another way RCBR can benefit when you shop. **Chip-In** connects non-profit supporters with local businesses to raise money. Supporters buy from participating **Chip-In** merchants that donate a portion of the purchase back to the supporter's group.

It's easy to get started:

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Use the **Chip-In** app to find businesses where you can get your oil changed, pick up pizza for the team, treat your kids to ice cream, and more! When you're ready to buy, simply use your linked card as you normally would (no need to use the app), but when using a debit card, be sure to select "Credit". You'll get a text confirming the amount you raised and prompting you to share on Facebook so you can ask friends to buy from **Chip-In** merchants too!

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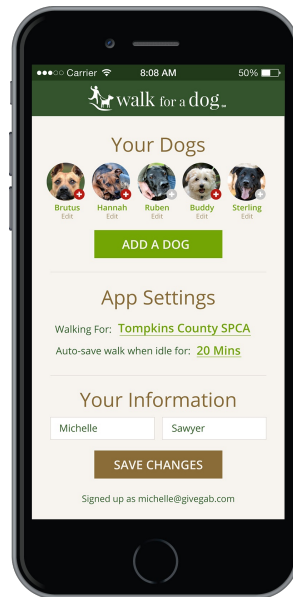
Links to help:

[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.

[Amazon Smiles](#) - select RCBR and Amazon will donate a percentage of your order total 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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