



# February 2022 Newsletter

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## Pet Dental Health Month

# fresh facts about PET DENTAL HEALTH

PERIODONTAL DISEASE IS THE MOST COMMON CLINICAL CONDITION AMONG DOGS AND CATS

8/10 pets have oral issues by age 3



Bacteria is the **#1** cause of bad breath in pets



<1% of dogs receive daily tooth brushings  
Cat owners brush their cat's teeth **EVEN LESS**

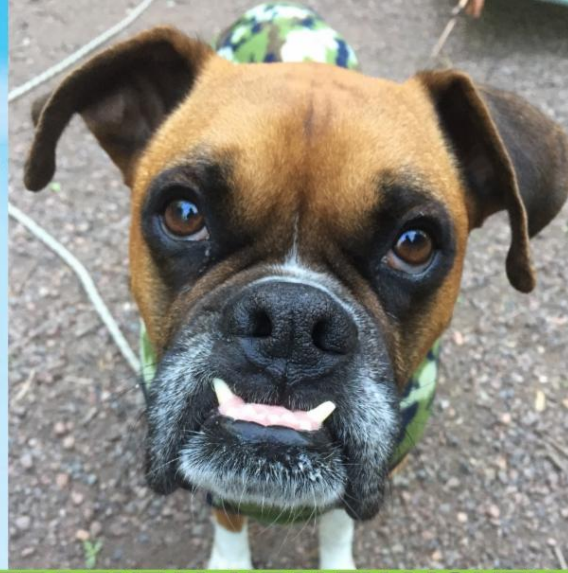
## MYTH:

Doggy breath is common and unavoidable



## FACT:

Even senior dogs shouldn't have bad breath



**FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL PET DENTAL HEALTH MONTH**



## Dog Days of ... February?!?

February might be best known for **Valentine's Day**, but there are some other great opportunities to show your pets some love with all these great holidays!

- Pet Dental Health Month
- Dog Training Education Month
- National Cat Health Month
- National Prevent a Litter Month
- Adopt a Rescued Rabbit Month
- Responsible Pet Owners Month
- February 2nd - Hedgehog Day (and Groundhog Day)
- February 2nd - National Golden Retriever Day
- February 7th -14th - Have a Heart for Chained Dogs Week
- February 10th -11th - Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show
- February 14th - Pet Theft Awareness Day
- February 20th - National Love Your Pet Day
- February 22nd - National Walk Your Dog Day
- February 22nd - National Wildlife Day
- February 23rd - International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day
- February 23rd -29th - National Justice for Animals Week
- February 25th - World Spay Day
- February 27th - Polar Bear Day

# Dog Rescue T-shirt

Rejection Collection Boxer Rescue is the



Featured Rescue for February !



**Black t-shirt with  
white & gray**

**Unisex  
SM to 3XL  
Women's cut  
SM to 2XL**

Sign-up here [signup.dogrescueshirtclub.com](http://signup.dogrescueshirtclub.com) / Full details [www.dogrescueshirtclub.com](http://www.dogrescueshirtclub.com)

**Deadline to sign-up to receive RCBR's one-of-a-kind shirt  
is February 17** ➡ Don't miss out, RCBR's shirt will not be available after this date ⬅

**Dog Rescue Shirt Club has designed a  
one-of-a-kind shirt for RCBR which is available  
ONLY through this Fundraiser**

As a member of Dog Rescue Shirt Club, you'll receive a unique t-shirt from a different dog rescue each month with 100% of the profits from your membership going directly back to the featured rescue. It's a great way to show your support for only \$20/month and Free Shipping

#### **The Basics**

For dog owners, dog rescue advocates and t-shirt connoisseurs, Dog Rescue Shirt Club™ is the monthly membership club for you.

Each month, Dog Rescue Shirt Club ships a new, high quality "T-Shirt of the Month" featuring a unique dog rescue from across the country. The cost to members is just \$20 per month (including shipping) with no obligation or commitment.

***You may cancel your membership at any time***

***YES, you may become a member to get the RCBR shirt and then cancel your membership. Or continue to support a different Rescue group every month. Completely up to you***

100% of the profits from membership goes directly back to the featured rescue each month to help with day-to-day operations and to help more dogs find their new family

For more info: [Dog Rescue Shirt Club](#)

Signup here: [Get my shirt!](#)

**News from Boxy Brown's**

You probably recognize the name **BOXY BROWN'S Coffee Company** because they donate 20% of their coffee, hot sauce and apparel back to dog rescue organizations, including RCBR! Great news below.....

January 25, 2022 – Hello Rescue Friends,

*BIG NEWS from Boxy Brown's Company! We're making national news today as we have consolidated all of our coffee brands in support of your dog rescue organization and others under a single brand: **Better Place Brands**.*

*Nothing will change for RCBR, but I thought you should know in case you hear about it.*

*We're excited about consolidating our companies under the umbrella of our new company, Better Place Brands. We think having Boxy Brown's Coffee Company under the umbrella of a larger company will open up new opportunities, help us grow, and — ultimately — **increase the size of our donations to you, eventually.***

"Better Place Brands combines our first dozen coffee and apparel companies aimed at supporting the dog rescue community, all under one roof," Carson continued. "Last year, these twelve companies contributed more than \$10,000 to dog shelters, foster organizations, service dog training charities, educational organizations, and even a bunny rescue."

Each Better Place Brands company promises to donate "twenty percent" of its profit to a specific group of rescues, but the real percentage donated is much higher.

**"Yes. It's twenty percent of our margin... before payroll... before advertising... before taxes... before quite a few expenses, actually...."**

"Plus, we donate products and merchandise to the fundraising efforts of the rescue organizations we support. The need is incredible. Every day we hear stories from the rescues we support about another dog. It feels good to support a cause so many others are working so hard to benefit. We're grateful to our customers for the opportunity to collaborate with them."



**Keep buying the delish coffee, hot sauce & merchandise and support RCBR at the same time**

Boxy Brown's is one of twelve companies that have come together under one parent company that will be known as Better Place Brands.

"Better Place Brands creates products people love to benefit causes our customers adore," explained founder Oliver Carson. "Twenty percent of the profit margin in every product we sell benefits a specific group of dog rescue and foster care organizations. We'll be adding new and different types of hyper-focused charities as we grow."

"There are a number of organizations out there that advertise donations to charity," Carson remarked, "but it's often difficult to tell precisely where those funds are going. We're very specific about it. And we have plans to grow each brand so we can include even more organizations in the very near future."

For the complete press release, click [here](#).

**Shop Boxy Brown's**

**Spring is Right Around the Corner!**

## Seeking Donations for Our April Online Auction



Did you know our online auctions are one of our best fundraisers each year?



Donations needed no later than April 1  
(auction starts April 19)



A few Boxers helped by our auctions

### Donation drop-offs in Minnesota

- ❖ Stacy – Owatonna  
RejectionCollectionBoxerRescue@gmail.com
- ❖ Duraye – Bloomington  
dmarshelle@gmail.com
- ❖ Lucy – possibly pick-up only, email her for info  
rcbr.lucyblake@gmail.com

**Not local but have donations?  
Email Duraye for more info**



## Calendar Special!



**BUY ONE calendar  
GET ONE entry**



to win this  
this gift basket  
includes 1 'Rescued'  
t-shirt in your choice  
of size and color  
*(based upon availability)*



For each calendar purchased between now and the end of February, your name will be entered into a drawing for the gift basket shown above  
1 calendar = 1 entry, 2 calendars = 2 entries and so on

Winner will be drawn randomly on March 1. Watch our Facebook page for more details.

**Purchase calendar/s in the Store on our website**

gift basket ships to continental U.S. / not valid on previous purchases

**Click Here to Shop!**

## Upcoming events

Drink for Dogs

March 3, 2022

Meet & Greet

March 5, 2022

Online Spring  
Auction

4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

on Facebook

Unleashed  
Hounds and Hops  
200 Lyndale Ave. North  
Minneapolis, MN 55405

PetSmart  
Faribo West Mall  
Faribault, MN 55021

8 a.m. April 19, 2022  
through  
8 p.m. April 30, 2022

## RCBR Event Calendar

# Volunteer Spotlight

## *Delaine Cassier*



I have been with RCBR for a few years now, primarily doing transports, and I have had two foster fails. I have been involved with animal rescue since high school when I met my first Boxer and fell in love with the breed. There is nothing quite like coming home to a wigglybutt Boxer, and of course, my Great Pyrenees/Lab mix (Rogue) who always has a toy for me! I have had four Boxers: Hank, Bruiser, Buddy, and now Chief. Hank was a puppy when I got him and the only non-rescue I have had. Rogue and Chief are my current pups and get along incredibly well.

I enjoy off-roading in my Jeep Wrangler, weight lifting, boulder scrambling, rock climbing, hiking, kayaking, and taking care of my granddaughter. I also do much of the mechanical work on my two Jeeps and my son's off-road Jeep. I have driven to amazing parts of our country for off-road adventures, including Moab, Colorado, and Drummond Island, Michigan.

I work for a powder coating/sandblasting company where I am a forklift operator, bookkeeper, and in charge of all the powder we use. I recently moved from the hectic Chicago suburban life to a home on five acres near Winnebago, Illinois. Since I have full

Agricultural zoning now, I am already setting plans for numerous animals including chickens and goats. The dogs love the expanded space, easier pace of life, and enjoy daily walks on the heavily-forested property.

## January Adoptions

### Gramps Adopted 11/7/21



Well, first off he has a real name now, Fritz or Fritzie depending on who is calling him. A friend of mine sent me his picture early last year. I had just lost my old Boxer whose nickname was Grandpa. Fritz looked so much like him - all gray and needy. I immediately fell in love. It was a very long road to recovery as he had a terrible broken leg, a hernia, fleas, and heartworm. He came from Texas, so I had to teach him how we yanks call a dog. Fritz came to me in November, very fearful of men, but immediately bonded with me and his four sisters. He even lets my bossy Frenchie, Tubby, push him around! He ignores my parrots ... who shout out "GRANPA" to him when he goes by. Apparently, they cannot tell the difference between him and my other dog who passed. He follows me to the barn regardless of the frigid temperatures and whines and cries when I leave his sight.

I *like* to think that it is because of me, but in reality, I think the truth is he just wants a chance to grab a "horse apple."

Fritz is a very young 7-ish and is halfway through his heartworm treatment. He is doing well, although I am worried that his liver has been overloaded due to the months of recovery from surgeries, etc. He has eagerly accepted his new homemade diet of fresh raw meat, cooked vegetables/fruits, oatmeal, and rice. He loves his chicken necks!

He is still fearful of certain men but has come a long way. Fritz loved my nephew when he visited at Christmas. He has a heated bed, a Ralph Lauren quilt, and the zebra throw he came with. I think he is happy. I love him. I believe he loves me.

### Haven Adopted 1/6/22





“Let’s just put in an application and see what happens. It will probably take a long time anyway, so let’s start now.” Well, fortunately for us, it moved faster than that.

Ever since we became a couple, we knew we wanted a Boxer. Rob grew up with Boxers and had one special rescue, Minnie, at the time we met. Mike fell in love with the cute faces and personalities of Boxers and had grown up with dogs surrounding him and his family. Now it was time for us to raise a dog together, and we knew it would be a rescue Boxer.

Within a few weeks of submitting our application, to our delight, we were sent names and pictures of potential new family members. All were adorable. Some had some personalities that would not work well with our household, specifically the fact that there are only males in our house, and we have three other dogs, too. But one Boxer, this gorgeous baby named “Haven”, spoke to our hearts immediately. It was noted she was “a good mom”, she got along with men, and she had a good relationship with other dogs around her.

And now, she is here with her forever family. In honor of Ms. Betty White, and the fact that we got our pup on her 100th birthday, Haven has been re-named Betty! Betty is getting more and more comfortable with us but is still hesitant. It makes us angry to think about how she was treated by humans before us. She will always let us love her, but she plays even more with her new brothers, Lab Brutus and Shih Tzus Peanut and Benji. We are noticing small steps of improvement every day. She is taking her place on one of the living room chairs. She is taking treats as offered. She is playing with several toys when Brutus does not take them first. She is making great strides in potty training. She is climbing stairs. She is beginning to enjoy life. We are so glad she is home and we could not love her more! Thank you Rejection Collection Boxer Rescue!

~ Rob and Mike

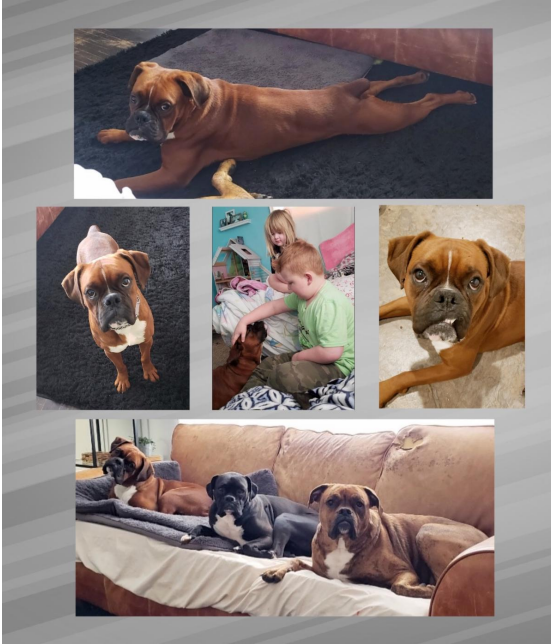
### **Maggie** **Adopted 1/2/22**

Maggie the Boxer. I have had many dogs over my lifetime and have loved them all. I have raised four Boxers over the past 12 years. The first two were brother and sister, both were brindle. Then a white deaf girl that we rescued about 10 years ago. Four years ago I fostered and adopted Annie, a sealed brindle and white Boxer. She died in May from a heart condition. I was totally devastated and have been searching for a new girlfriend since that time. I applied with a couple of rescue groups. On December 3, I was contacted about RCBR receiving several rescues and wondering if I was interested. I said definitely and two days later I had Maggie in my arms. She is a gorgeous fawn and white girl. She is a rescue from a breeding farm and not used to people, but in the past six weeks she has warmed up to me very well. Thank you so much RCBR.



### **Mike (n/k/a Noveske)** **Adopted 1/29/22**

Noveske came to us as just a message from Stacy asking if I could help one of 12 breeder farm release dogs that were set to come in on an emergency pull. Other than a number, we knew nothing about any of



these dogs.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with what a "mill/breeder release dog" is, their situation can best be explained as overbred and forgotten.

Their situations range anywhere from a backyard breeder who simply does not spay or neuter their animals, to literally sitting in a cage and never seeing humans or daylight ... other than to be bred. Most are terrified of human touch. Some are so severely neglected and/or abused they may never be someone's idea of a "normal" dog.

Noveske was no exception. When he arrived after his two-day transport, he was stuck to the back of his kennel. He tried his hardest to make himself as small as he possibly could, in hopes we would just forget that he was there. I had to carry him in the house and quickly realized that he was covered, and I mean COVERED, in fleas. He was absolutely filthy! I doubt he had ever had a bath in his entire life.

Due to his flea infestation, he spent three days in the "puppy room" in our basement. He literally did not leave that room, except for flea baths. The best thing I could do for him right away was to basically ignore him and let him acclimate on his own time. Less was more!

On day four, I started the rotation of slowly introducing him to my dogs. He eventually ended up with the baby gate between them all and that was when I **finally** saw him trying to be a dog. He **loves** my dogs, they are his comfort. He needed them to help him learn how to dog and that is what they continue to do.

He has been here about a month and has come **so** far. He now sleeps with us, is 92% potty trained, loves to play and even gives me wiggle butt when I come home after being gone. He is fascinated by my children and is now letting me pet him randomly without fear.

The smallest changes still rock his world and sometimes cause him to revert back to that feral stage, but he is continuously reassured that this can be his safe place.

I have had close to 20 fosters and this one just hit differently. I have a three rule limit or I would become a hoarder (it is easy to do with Boxers) and that would defeat my purpose in rescue.

So, with this adoption, my foster (not rescue) career is on hold for the time being. I cannot thank Rejection Collection Boxer Rescue enough for helping save these dogs. Our village is the best, and I am honored to be a part of all of this!

#160 now has a name - Noveske.

## Oakley Adopted 1/3/22

This is our beautiful boy, Oakley. We knew the minute we laid eyes on him that we wanted to be his forever home. Oakley has brought us so much joy already. We cannot

thank RCBR enough for giving us a chance to love him.



**Ringo**  
**Adopted 12/31/21**



Rejection Collection Boxer Rescue matched me with my perfect dog, Ringo. After going through the vetting process, it was determined that Ringo was the perfect dog for me and they were not wrong!. We have had Ringo, now known as Louie, for 14 days and he is a true love. Every day is a new venture for Louie. Changing his name was not traumatic for him because he did not answer to Ringo ... or anything else. He is beginning to understand that Louie is his name. He wags his tail now when he sees me and my wife, has started licking us, and howls when I leave the room (just like a human baby when their parent out of sight). Louie loves the attention our two grandchildren give him, especially the ear rubs. Every day he goes for a nice long walk, and we think he knows when it is walk time because he starts whining. He **loves** his naps. He curls up on one of his four beds throughout the house and snores away.

We are working on the basic commands with him - sit, stay, and paw, while also working on him playing with his toys. He loves to play with our fur granddogs, but he does not quite get the game of tug-o-war! We have had many Boxers over the years and love the breed. We are starting to see some of the silly Boxer personality coming out in Louie. We are happy that we are able to give a 6-year-old dog from a puppy mill a second chance. Thank you to everyone who assisted with getting Louie to us - the coordinator, vetting team, fosters, and transport team. You are truly special people and the dogs are lucky to have you looking out for them. Thank you.

**White Thor**  
**Adopted 1/10/22**

When THOR THE GREAT WHITE BOXER came to me via Lucy Blake on December 6, he was a very anxious, excitable, and hyperactive bundle of Boxer. He was on two different medications to calm him



down. Fortunately, I live alone, have a big fenced-in backyard, and I am retired and able to devote a lot of time to my new companion. Thor has been decompressing since his arrival. He is now off his meds **entirely**. We really do not do much during the course of the day.

I try to give him his space and a limited run of the house. We are slowly working on crate training. He hates being left alone but is slowly getting used to it. Thor has slowed down and his restless spirit has calmed. He is still a bit nervous, but I am confident he is on the road to recovery. He is a charming boy, such a lover - and what a goof! I have become very devoted and attached to this handsome and charming new canine friend. I am confident he will be settled down and enjoying just being a dog at the end of another 30 days or so. Thank you, Lucy Blake and RCBR for all you do to rehome these fine canines and for placing Thor with me.

### Zane Adopted 12/21/21

We adopted Zane from RCBC just before Christmas. He is the best Christmas present we could have ever asked for! He is the sweetest Boxer boy! He greeted us at his foster mom's house by sprawling across us, all 80 pounds, when we sat down on the couch. He loves his snacks, and I have never seen a dog eat with such fervor! He struggles with weight issues and still has a few to go to meet his goal, but his foster mom did an amazing job with his diet! Zane loves walks when it is not too cold, and we love walking him. He is a dream on the leash - zero pulling! He looks handsome in the new jacket Mommy bought him, too. Zane likes his naps during the day. He sleeps on the chair in my office while I work, as I try to hear my podcasts over his snoring. Zane has recently discovered the deer that pass through our backyard and seems quite excited to meet them. Unfortunately, I gently told him that is not in the best interest of anyone, so he is going to have to admire them quietly from the living room window, which he seems ok with.

We are so happy we found Zane. Or was it the other way around? He is the sweetest dog I have ever met, and we are so happy to have him as our family member. Thank you RCBC for all the amazing work you do and the dogs you save!





# December Rainbow Bridge

*... until we meet again♥*

## Guss Crossed the Bridge 1/17/22



You may be gone but you will always be remembered. We were privileged to love you for just over a year. Always silently watching us, we knew you were happy just being able to be around. We know Reese was at the Rainbow Bridge to greet you, and you are together once again cuddling as you sleep.

## Hans Crossed the Bridge 1/21/22

Sometimes a special dog comes along, bonds fast and furious to you, and leaves too soon. That was the case with Hans, a young white deaf Boxer boy with a heart condition. Hans had gorgeous brown eyes that burrowed into my heart and soul and will stay there forever. He was a goofball most of the time, caused trouble half the time, and loved and trusted me all the time. Hans *thought* he was a lap dog and cuddled up with me on the recliner every night to watch TV before bedtime. When bedtime came, he would rush to my bed to hog most of it for himself. In the morning I would wake up to Hans' head on my pillow and his hot breath in my ear. I was Hans' forever foster. We both knew he would never leave my home. Thank you, Hans, for entertaining me with your antics, keeping me on my toes with your naughtiness, and providing love and

comfort to me with your sweetness. Hans, you hold a special place in my heart for all you gave to me while teaching me about unconditional love and acceptance. I miss you so much. Love you forever, big white boy with the broken heart

~ Lucy Blake-Larsen



### **Molly (f/k/a Poppy) Crossed the Bridge 1/7/22**

Our Molly girl is gone. She got sick and after having seizures, we decided the best thing for her would be to pass comfortably. We are heartbroken. I, Courtney, am admittedly a cat person, but due to various factors, we are a dog family. So a year and a half ago we adopted Molly. I thought she was an awesome family dog but was not expecting her to capture *my* heart in a way that had previously been reserved for my cat, Mufasa, whom I had since childhood.

I am so grateful for Molly and how she impacted our family. She loved on me right after we got her and made me believe she knew I needed her ... **w e** needed her. It has been a few weeks, and I still cry almost daily. I do not want to grieve her passing because she should not have had to pass, she should be here, loving us just as much as we love her.



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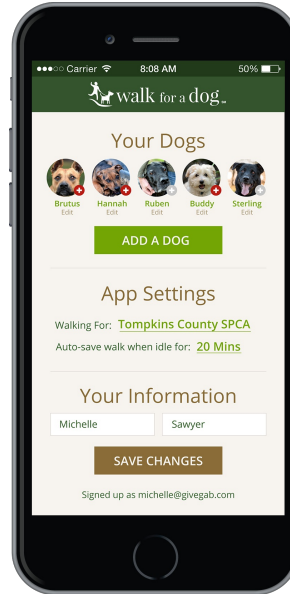
## Links to help:

[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.

[PayPal Giving Fund](#) - if you prefer to just donate cash, we're set up through this fund.



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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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