



January 2022 Newsletter

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It is time!



We have set a \$1,000 goal for the **#BettyWhiteChallenge**.

If each of our supporters donates just \$5 ... we will FAR exceed that goal.

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We will run this challenge from now until midnight (central time)
on January 17, the day Betty would have turned 100!



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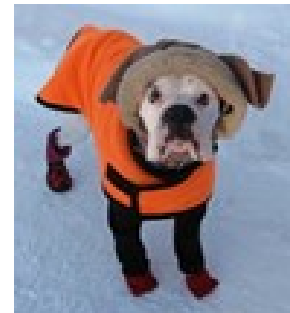


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Winter Weather Care Tips for Your Dog



Does your dog love the winter or would he/she rather cuddle up on the couch under a cozy blanket? Either way, you should be prepared to protect your dog when venturing out into the elements. Winter care tips for your dogs are important to keep them safe this season.

Many dog owners live with the misconception that because their pets have a coat of fur, they can tolerate the cold better than humans. This is not necessarily the case. Like us, these fur-coated creatures are used to the warmth of indoor shelter and cold weather can be as hard on them as it is on us humans. Whatever your viewpoint on winter, one thing remains certain: it is a time when our beloved pets need a little extra care.

**If it is too cold for you to stand at the door without a coat,
it is probably too cold for your dog also.**

1. Boxers do not have the luxury of thick fur or an undercoat to keep them warm in cold temperatures. A good coat will help — look for a coat that covers the belly and reaches from the neck to the base of the tail. But remember, coats will not prevent frostbite on the ears, feet, or tail. So even *with* a cozy coat, do not keep your short-haired dog out too long in freezing temperatures.
2. If your dog feels the cold, try to walk in the late morning or early afternoon hours when temperatures are a little warmer, and avoid early morning or late evening walks. Spend time playing outdoors while it is sunny; sunshine brings the added benefit of providing both you and your pet with Vitamin D.

3. Limit outdoor time when temperatures are low. Multiple walks and playtime are better than extended times outdoors.
4. Give your pooch cozy bedding for inside the house. Do not let your best friend sleep on a cold floor in winter. Warm blankets can create a snug environment, raised beds can keep your dog off cold tiles or concrete, and heated pet beds can help keep the stiffness out of aging joints. Place your dog's bed in a warm spot away from drafts.
5. Dogs will often seek heat during cold winter weather by snuggling too close to heating sources. Avoid space heaters and install baseboard radiator covers to avoid your pet getting burned. Fireplaces also pose a major threat so please make sure you have a pet-proof system to keep your heat-seeking pal out of harm's way!
6. Just as we tend to develop foot cracks in winter, dogs can also suffer from cracked pads. If your dog has furry feet, trim the hair that grows between the pads to prevent ice buildup between the pads. Winter salt on city sidewalks can also burn your dog's pads but it is also toxic, so after walks around the neighborhood, rinse or wipe your dog's paws to remove any salt – you do not want the dog licking it off. If your dog shows signs of discomfort when walking outside on frozen or salted surfaces, consider using dog booties or protective gel to protect the paws.
7. Snow can be a lot of fun but it can also be dangerous for your dog. Snow piled near fences offers your dog escape routes that even well-trained dogs often cannot resist. When you clear snow in your yard, pile it away from fences to prevent your dog from climbing over. Snow and ice often accumulate on rooftops and if the sun is out or as temperatures rise, this accumulation can slide off and injure your dog. If you cannot clear the snow from the roof, keep your dog away from the roof overhang to prevent injury.
8. Just as cars can get dangerously hot in summer, freezing cold temperatures are equally dangerous for your dog in winter. Leaving the car running involves additional risks, including carbon monoxide poisoning if the car is parked in a garage. If the weather is bitterly cold, leave your dog at home when you go out to run errands.
9. Cold weather will often aggravate existing medical conditions in dogs, particularly arthritis. It is very important to maintain an exercise regimen with your arthritic dog, but be mindful of slippery surfaces and make sure your dog has a warm soft rest area to recuperate after activity. If you do not already give your senior dog a natural joint supplement to lubricate the joints and ease the discomfort of arthritis, you may want to consider adding one in winter.

So remember — harsh winter weather brings a wide variety of concerns to responsible dog owners. Bitter cold, numbing wetness, or biting winds can cause discomfort for that special dog in your life. Paying special attention to your loyal friend's wellbeing during the winter season will ensure that you both enjoy the season to the fullest.

Calling All Creatives! And Not So Creatives!

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BENEFITING REJECTION COLLECTION BOXER RESCUE

REGISTRATION DEADLINE **February 13, 2022, 11:59 p.m.**

Join RCBR for another fun-filled evening at
Paint Your Pet Project at Nokomis Tattoo!

Enjoy a no-experience-required art class — all supplies included — directed by trained, local artists, who will guide guests step-by-step through a featured painting.

The more the merrier, **INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**

We ask that you arrive 30 minutes prior to the start time of this class so that you can order food and drinks and get comfortable prior to our class start time. Doors close 20 minutes after the class start time.

Reservation fee is non-refundable.

Our events often sell out, so please register early to ensure you get a spot.

This is a family-friendly class. Your registration includes one seat and one 16x20" printed pet canvas.

Thank you for supporting us in making our class experience fun and relaxing for all!

Learn more about the venue: [Nokomis Tattoo](#)

For more information, tickets, and all the other details, click either link below:

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Volunteer Spotlight

Alicia Bell



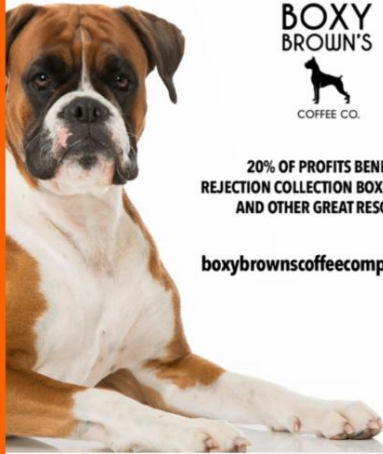
I had always loved the look of the Boxer breed. About 10 years ago, a friend of a friend was needing to rehome their Boxer and I talked my husband into giving it a try. This was the first dog we had together. We immediately fell in love with Mugsy. (He is the brindle in our family picture.) He was the best dog, and we fell in love with the breed. They are such amazing family dogs! Thinking Mugsy was getting lonely being home alone while we worked, my husband and I discussed fostering. We were not very good at fostering. It has become a running joke with all of our friends because each time we fostered, we ended up as 'foster failures' and adopting. Sammy was our first foster. She was nine and was diagnosed with cancer after only having her for a short two and a half years. Then was our mill girl, Mila, who due to her hard mill life, got cancer at such a young age and passed at only six years old. Our hearts were shattered and decided to take a break from fostering for a while. Our beloved Mugsy passed in December 2020. Nothing could have prepared us for losing him, and no dog will be able to replace him!

I wanted to honor Mugsy by giving back to Boxers. I reached out to Rejection Collection Boxer Rescue in the fall. I like that RCBR helps those Boxers that are often overlooked. I am now one of RCBR's Adoption Coordinators and love the rewarding experience of helping in the placement of Boxers into new homes. Through the experience, we also started fostering again, taking in Max with DM. I am grateful to have a career that allows for a little extra time to give back to Boxers and will appreciate the extra distraction as my daughter goes off to college in the fall.

New Product Alert!

It's true, Boxy Brown's Coffee Company helps RCBR, but not just with coffee

Check out their new **Boxer Hot Sauces**



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December Adoptions



Charli (f/k/a Lila)
Adopted 11/7/2021

Our hearts were broken in September



Charlie
Adopted 12/8/2021

In July 2021, we lost our sweet rescue,

2021, with the loss of our 11-year-old Boxer. Our house was so empty and way too quiet. It did not take long for us to make the decision to get another Boxer. We began applying with rescues, however, we were so disappointed that we were always "in-line" but never chosen. Our luck changed when we got the phone call from RCBR about Lila! We have been absolutely blessed with the BEST young lady! We changed her name to Charli and it did not take her long at all to answer. She brings us such great joy and is a big goofball when playing with her toys. Charli loves to talk to us and is not afraid to give us a piece of her mind! LOL She is always ready for a cuddle as well as lots of licking. We are so very fortunate that we were chosen to be her new parents and will give her the best lifelong home possible!

Daisy. Our family was crushed. The only thing that helped our sadness was knowing we helped save her. She was old and she was sick. We gave her medical care and more love than she had ever had. We were so thankful to have been given that opportunity.

Well, we made it to October before a house without a dog was more than we could take. Stacy texted me on October 15 saying she had a couple of Boxers that needed a foster home. On October 16, we met Charlie. We knew nothing about her except that she was a young stray from Texas, and heartworm positive. We picked her up and my youngest daughter was immediately in love. We took her home and never looked back. She is sweet and loving. She would try and climb in your pocket if she could. She loves everyone. She just wants to be by her people all the time. When you pet her, she makes a low snorting sound, and we joke that she's purring. She is smart and eager to please. You can tell that she has been through a lot. She is a bit skittish yet and goes in her crate and shakes anytime someone raises their voice. With three kids we have plenty of that. But we are working with her so she knows she is safe. The kids do not think she knows she is a dog. She is young but does not know how to play, does not like toys, and does not chase balls. We love having our little shadow dog following us everywhere, always ready for affection. In time, we will teach her how to play, trust and live the happy carefree life she deserves. We are so lucky. In the rescue world, we are two for two and hope to keep adding to that.

Many thanks to RCBR for changing our lives. Twice.

Sara Kloes and family



Jasper
Adopted 12/20/2021

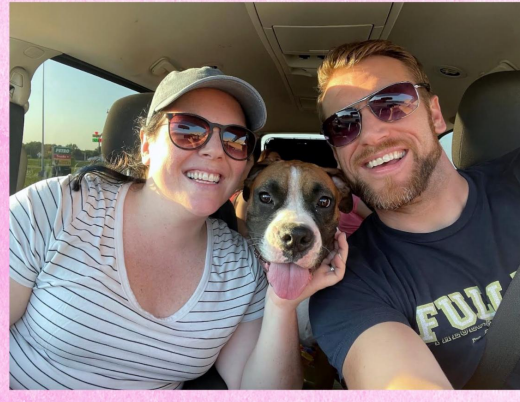
We are so blessed to have Jasper in our home. He is such a good dog. We have had him for three weeks now and so far, he and my other dog, Casper, are getting along pretty good. Jasper starts his heartworm treatment this week.

Maisie

Adopted 11/13/2021

Maisie's story really starts with Bruno, the Bestest Boy we had ever met. Bruno came to us after a long journey, trying unsuccessfully with a few different rescues, looking for that perfect fit for our young family.

But this past summer, our dear Bruno began to show signs of spreading Mast Cell Tumors. We knew things were changing, but it was so hard to imagine life without him. An early September vet visit brought the devastating news that he likely only had a couple of weeks left. I left the vet that day just numb. I could not imagine how we were going to tell our three kids.



In my sadness, I reached out to the one person I knew in the Boxer-rescue world, the magical matchmaker who found us Bruno nearly four years earlier, the amazing Lucy Blake-Larsen. I wanted to share the news with her. And a part of me hoped she could help us in finding another dog - whenever that time came.

Amazingly, that time came within 24 hours. Lucy sent me a text the very next night. She texted me about a young female Boxer in Alabama - found as a stray with a heart-shaped nose. She was one of the prettiest girls we had ever seen! It was an immediate "YES!" from my husband and me.

Although breaking Bruno's news to our kids felt like the worst task ever, we were relieved to have a silver lining to share with them as well. After saying the most tearful goodbye to our Bruno on September 9, it was time. He was such a good boy and gave our family so much joy and love in the more than three years we had him. He was an older boy and cancer won.

As we walked through the sorrows and memories in the days that followed, we had glimpses of joy as things started to fall into place for Maisie's arrival. Text after text showed amazing people all across the U.S. stepping up to help transport our new girl. I was absolutely overwhelmed with gratitude at the kindness and caring these total strangers had - what a gift and sign of hope!

Through the wheels and hands of several volunteers trekking from Alabama through Kentucky, Tennessee, and Missouri, Maisie made it to her final volunteer: Trucker Jim! She rode in style in his swanky cab from St. Louis to Southern Minnesota. We got our girl, all the kisses anyone could ever want, and headed home.

Maisie has been a dream come true. After sorting out some initial medical challenges and a refresher guide through house training, she has come full circle has brought us endless laughter and joy. She has the liveliness of a puppy and is of the 'flying variety' of the Boxer breed. She loves her toys, loves playing with our three kids, and **LOVES** to be on my lap whenever possible. We are one grateful family - the connections with others, the care of perfect strangers, the second 'jackpot' kind of Boxer. From the bottom of our hearts, **THANK YOU to RCBR** and its amazing volunteers & supporters.

December

Rainbow Bridge

... until we meet again♥



Daisy

Crossed the Bridge 12/6/2021

Daisy had a hard life from what I understood. She had heart issues when we adopted her from RCBR in the Summer of 2020. When I saw her picture, I fell in love with her. I told my husband I could not, in good conscience, leave her with RCBR as not many people would step up to the plate and pay for her heart treatments. Medications alone were \$100/month plus frequent holter monitors through ISU.

She was an absolute joy! She got along with our 4 cats and our Min Pin. Daisy became a daddy's girl, following my husband everywhere and laying beside him on the couch. She still snuggled with me in bed though. Daisy loved chasing rabbits and squirrels in the backyard or just relaxing by dad's chair. She loved playing with her toys, enjoyed her puppy treats and sharing breakfast with me - bananas and grapes.



Ivy

Crossed the Bridge 11/16/21

We got Ms. Ivy the first week in March 2021, and she was in rough shape. Despite fur missing from mange, heartworm and hookworms, she was a happy 7 yr old girl from the start, and loved to play and snuggle! Our happy days were cut short 8 months later. In November it was discovered Ivy had two large brain tumors, and we had to say goodbye.

Our hearts were broken as we were looking forward to spending a lot more time with her. We were very blessed that we got to love Ivy for the short time we had this silly girl. We miss the sideways glances from her big brown eyes before she would attack us with kisses, the way she would grab her toys and throw them around when she played, her zoomies after a bath and especially the snuggles at bedtime.

The first sign of her brain tumor was seizures. They were controlled very well on phenobarbital for about 7 months. Another medication was added at that time that stopped the seizures but other symptoms of a brain tumor became noticeable, i.e., constant pacing especially in circles and new incontinence. A big "Thank You" to Dr. Mike at the Sheffield Veterinary clinic for everything he did to keep Daisy's quality of life at the highest level possible while keeping her as pain-free as possible. Also for making her transition to the Rainbow Bridge as peaceful as possible.



Lucy

Crossed the Bridge 11/23/2021

My time with Lucy was way too short. She really wanted nothing to do with us the first couple of weeks. We gave her the time and space she needed and let her come to us on her own terms. Once she trusted us, Lucy just wanted to be held and loved.

My very last night with Lucy I played relaxing dog music as she lay on my chest.

I think she knew the end was near. Run free baby girl until we meet again. You will always have a special place in my

Vanilla Cupcake's Stillborn Puppy 12/8/2021

"Sometimes the smallest things take up the most space in your heart."

- Pooh Bear



Punkin Pie

Crossed the Bridge 12/2/2021

There have been many rescue pups that have come through our home. Punkin Pie was our first senior gal. When she arrived, there were medical needs that required surgery. She went through them like a champ. Punkin hated to be alone or in a kennel. So, of course, we didn't put her in one. After her surgery, she ran around like a pup again. Punkin was almost 12 years old; quite an achievement for a Boxer. The middle of November, we decided she would be our forever gal. Not knowing at the time we would only have her for a few more weeks as our very own. We adopted Punkin; we could not let her cross the Bridge as simply a foster dog. She has left a huge hole in our hearts. We miss her daily. We had her buried and placed a headstone for her – Punkin Caton

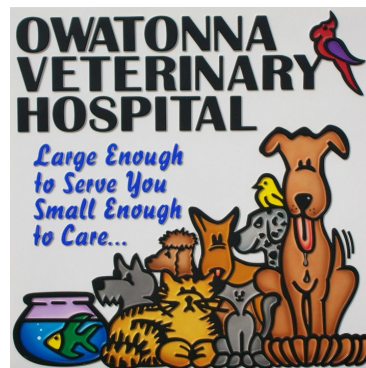
You were born silent, perfect, and beautiful. You never had the chance to snuggle your siblings, nurse from your momma, feel life run through your body, and participate in the joy of being someone's special pet. But we miss you just the same as if you had been born with a beating heart. You have left a huge hole in our rescue hearts. We will never forget you, sweet little puppy girl.



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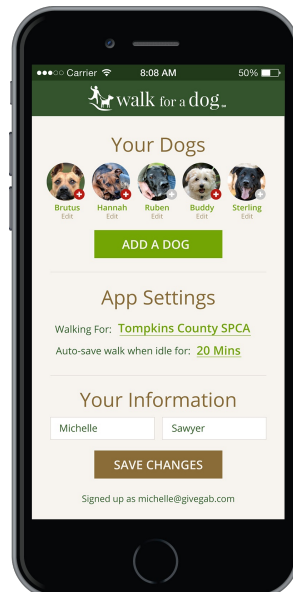
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Rejection Collection Boxer Rescue (RCBR) is a non-profit, all-volunteer, foster-based organization dedicated to providing loving homes for Boxer dogs - especially seniors, medically challenged, and those needing to start over again in an unfamiliar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