



October 2022 Newsletter

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



One of the primary reasons that raising awareness about breast cancer is so vitally important is that breast cancer is the **most commonly diagnosed** cancer in women

~ and ~

it is the **second leading cause of death** among women.

Every October, people all over the world show their support for everyone affected by breast cancer.

Stay up-to-date on your mammograms for early detection.

What Do Dogs *Really* Think About Halloween?



Humans in costumes. Dogs in costumes. New decorations around the house. Doorbells ringing throughout the night. Going trick-or-treating. All the tempting smells of Halloween candy.

It is a lot for a dog to take in. But what do they think of all the rituals and routines of the holiday?

For humans, the spooky atmosphere is what makes this time of year special and fun. But the out-of-the-ordinary rituals of Halloween are not always safe, inviting, or exciting for our pets.

Luckily, there are precautions you can take to make your pets feel more comfortable during the festivities and there are easy ways to keep your dog(s) safe and secure.

Keep the following in mind if you are planning on dressing up your dog for Halloween:

- **Shop around for a safe outfit:** Be sure your pet can breathe easily and move about freely when in the costume.
- **Give your pet a chance to become familiar with their costume over time:** Put it on for short periods leading up to Halloween so that they are accustomed to and comfortable with it.
- **Do not leave your pet unattended in a costume:** This is particularly true if costumes have parts that can be easily ingested by curious pets or obstruct your pet's breathing and movements.

It is not unusual for cats or dogs to feel frightened by the doorbell ringing and strangers streaming in and out. And because those people are dressed in costumes, even pets that are not normally fearful of unknown humans visiting may react differently.

Remember the following to keep your pup calm and safe:

- **Make sure your dog is secure to prevent scared pets from running away:** Keep them on a leash or away from the door.
- **Do not allow neighbors to give your dog human treats:** Human candy should be off-limits for pets.
- **Keep frightened pets in a separate room for their comfort and safety:** When dogs are scared, threatened, or territorial, they may be more likely to bite without warning.

Humans can have a sweet tooth, but what about our pets? Science shows that while dogs may not be big fans of salty foods, they *do* like sweets.

When families leave candy out in easily accessible locations, pets may be tempted to help themselves. They may, inadvertently, consume candy wrappers or the artificial sweetener xylitol.

Chocolate is probably the most common danger pets encounter on Halloween. Stay mindful of the following:

- The darker the chocolate, the greater the toxicity level.
- The smaller the dog, the greater the chance for concern.
- If you suspect your pet has consumed chocolate, reach out to your veterinarian, a veterinary emergency center, or a poison control hotline immediately.
- You can help your dog by inducing vomiting to help get the chocolate out of your pet's system. This can be helpful for up to six hours after the chocolate has been consumed.
- Signs of chocolate poisoning include:
 - Hyperactivity (although some dogs may act depressed);
 - Drooling;
 - Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea; or
 - Tremors and possibly seizures (which can lead to death).

The main thing to remember is that Halloween can be more stressful and dangerous for your dog than fun, so keep this in mind when you are planning your festivities.

(Excerpts from AKC.org/Mary Keegri/September 13, 2021)

Volunteer Spotlight

Trent Sklena



I have always loved animals. As I have gotten older, I have also gotten more empathetic. I have met a lot of dogs since I began transporting, and I know they all have feelings. I can see when they are afraid of the strange things going on around them. My wife Tanya and I try really hard to make our charges feel safe and loved while we drive them. In the end, we do it for the furbabies. And I do it in memory of my beloved Harley.

~ Trent

Special note from Lucy:

Thank you, Trent and Tanya, for following Sweet Pea on her final journey. You gave her a very special day to remember.

In Loving
Memory of
Harley



Upcoming Events

Pet Holidays

October

- October 31 - Halloween. Fun costumes for everyone!

November:

- [Adopt a Senior Pet Month](#)
 - [Pet Diabetes Month](#)
 - November 4 - 10 - National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week by The Humane Society of the United States. (First full week of November)
 - November 7 - National Canine Lymphoma Awareness Day
 - November 24 (Thanksgiving Day) - [National Dog Show](#) on NBC from Noon - 2 p.m. (all time zones)
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In Person

Meet & Greet

Saturday, October 29

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Luther Westside Volkswagon

2370 Hwy 100

St. Louis Park, MN 55416

[Click here for more info!](#)

Online Events

Online Fall Auction

8 a.m. Central

Friday, November 4

through

8 p.m. Central

Thursday, November 13

[Auction Link](#)

RCBR Event Calendar

Recent Adoptions

Dixie Kaye

Adopted 8/25/22



Dixie is doing well as our second resident dog. She has found her bark, although when she *does* bark, it takes her whole body and sometimes she knocks herself flat on the ground doing it. Zoomies are becoming more common after her morning business. Putting on the brakes for zoomies is still being developed so right now we are happy for the fence and walls as she uses those as bumpers. Dixie has not developed an affinity for toys (yet), but she loves going for walks - provided there are no dogs, squirrels, or bunnies that she must protect us from! Dixie is very, very strong and fast. It is hard to capture her zoomies because she is all over the place like Dash from "The Incredibles." She has several nicknames: Dixie Dasher, Dizzy, Dipsy, and her favorite name is Dixie Lou Who. Her favorite pastime is soul gazing with the kids. You always know she loves you because before you leave the house, she smooches you - presses her nose on your clothes so you carry her with you all day.

Dottie

Adopted 9/25/22



Miss Dottie, or Dottie NO, or Lottie Dottie is a wonderful addition to our family. We were very nervous bringing her home to our other four boxers. Turns out we were nervous for no reason.

Bailey (4), Daffy (3), Addie (2) and Kahlua (1) *all* fell in love with her.

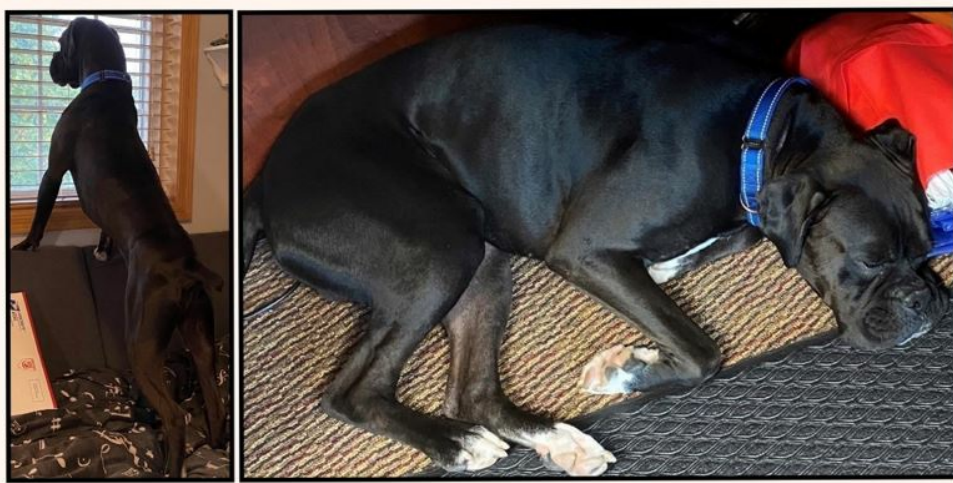
Dottie's favorite sibling is her big brother Kahlua. He protects her from the other dogs playing too rough and is always ready to play when everyone else is sleeping. If she goes outside, he is right there with her.

Dottie is sleeping through the night in bed with ALL OF US! She can go up and down a flight of stairs, uses the doggie door, and her favorite chore is loading the dishwasher!

We have learned *real* quick what a challenge it is to keep a white puppy clean!

Hot Rod

Adopted 7/31/22



Hot Rod has made a great addition to our home. He is learning to be a dog and has learned to sit and come. He has come into his Boxer bean and is excited when we come home. He loves car rides and chilling out. He can be a very lazy co-worker. He also just realized we have a bearded dragon and is *extremely* fascinated with it. We lost our resident dog and his companion, Bizzie, in September so Hot Rod is our only pup now

Judge

Adopted 9/9/22



“ALL RISE! The Court of Humble Beginning’s First (and only) Forever Home is now in session! The Honorable Judge is presiding!”

Judge is more than just the ruler of our home, he is also the ruler of our hearts!!

"There's no place like home ... there's no place like home ... there's no place like home ...". This is Judge's personal mantra! However, home does not just mean being in a house, it means being with his people all the time. Anywhere they are, he is. Anything they do, he does. Home is a feeling Judge did not even know existed but has always longed for. And guess what? That is *exactly* what he has!

We have discovered one quirk about Judge. If his fur were mint green, and he had a pointy nose and carried a broomstick, he *might* be mistaken for the Wicked Witch of the West. You can almost hear him screaming, "*I'm melting! I'm melting!*" Rain seems to be the tormentor of this poor guy's soul! One can wonder how he will react to snow!

However, do not let our comparison to the Wicked Witch confuse you. To those who know Judge, know he has come a **long** way since his early days with RCBR. We owe a lot of that progress to Judge's foster parents, Andrea and Bobby Turner. Judge progresses every day and is starting to really understand how to be a dog. A dog who is adored and loved. He absolutely LOVES his little 11-month-old baby brother, Emilio. We know we have filled that lonely spot in his heart with love; it shows every day. He has filled that spot in our hearts, too!

Knox Monroe

Adopted 9/25/22



Knox Monroe has been nothing but an amazing addition to my life. He is the world's best cuddler and kisser and never wants to leave my side. Knox enjoys running around and playing with his Boxer buddies, Journey and Jax (both RCBR alumni), out at my parent's place. Knox sure knows how to bring the spunk out in them! Knox has been doing great with potty training and manners around the house most days. Even though he is currently in the chewing/biting stage, he keeps busy with his mini tennis balls and chew toys. Knox enjoys going on walks around the block and on warmer days, running around in the grass.

He is still getting the hang of his collar and leash, but his newest thing is leading himself on walks with his leash proudly in his mouth. Knox has overall been an amazing addition to both my life and the lives of all my friends and family by whom he is surrounded. He even got to come to the brewery with the family the other day! I could not be any happier with my decision to bring this little man into my life. I cannot wait to see what his potential brings in the near future!

Lady Bella

Adopted 7/6/22



Lady Bella was one of the "Tremendous 12" rescued back in December 2021. Lady Bella was terrified of everything when first entering her foster home. Her foster family wanted so badly to adopt her, but they were not sure they would be able to give her the calm, quiet environment she needed. With time and patience, and a move to a farm, Lady Bella has transformed into a more confident dog. Lady Bella is living the good life where she gets all the treats she deserves.

The Rainbow Bridge

... until we meet
again ♥



Benny

Crossed the Bridge 9/11/22



Benny went by many names: Benjamin, Buttons, Burgers, Bouncy Boy. He was the gentlest, sweetest soul and he will forever be missed. We adopted Benny on January 25, 2020. We already had three rescue boxers and we were not sure about adding a fourth, but when we saw a video of Benny running in the snow, we knew we had to give it a try. It must have been meant to be because when we were waiting to pick him up Elton John's song "Bennie and the Jets" came on the radio. He jumped up into our Suburban immediately without a bit of hesitation. We had a little rocky start getting him and Gunner, our other boy, to get along but it worked out and they eventually would snuggle together. He showed us just how sweet he was when he had to have surgery for an eye ulcer and never messed with his eye or fought us about putting the drops in his eyes every few hours. He eventually became head of the neighborhood watch and would announce his tour of duty with barks when outside. Oddly enough, he rarely barked in the house; I can count on one hand how many times he barked inside! He was my workout buddy, though truth be told, he mostly just napped while I worked out. Occasionally he would wake up

and give me a little kiss to make sure I was ok and then go right back to sleep until I was done. He was my co-worker when I began working from home. Curling up next to me on the couch where I worked. If I got up to get a drink or go to the bathroom, he would often steal my spot. Of course I could not (would not) move him because he would look at me with those big soulful eyes. He loved to sleep right up next to us. We would spend our nights uncomfortable just to make sure that he was sleeping peacefully. Benny passed away in his sleep on September 10, 2022. We only had him for two and a half short years. We are forever grateful that we got to know him in all his silly, sweet, and gentle ways and got to spoil him in the last few years of his life

Brodie

Crossed the Bridge 8/25/22



I don't even know how to put into words how much Brodie meant to me. I was so nervous about adopting him not knowing much about him. I only knew that his previous owner had passed away. I drove 5.5 hours to meet this guy and bring him home. He had a hold of my heart so quickly. He was my third Boxer and truly the best dog I have ever had. He was such a gentle soul that loved to play and get pets. He always welcomed everyone he encountered. He never really met a stranger.

It was so difficult to watch him pace and pant, and then develop a cough. The vet revealed that he had an enlarged heart (which I already knew he had a huge heart), an enlarged liver, and a mass in his abdomen. Bless his heart, he *still* wanted to play with his rope even though he would tire out so quickly. I know he is now free and running around but I miss him terribly. Eighteen months was not long enough. I just **know** his original owner is so thrilled to see him! Brodie left a big paw print on my heart and life.

I will love him forever.

Liu Kang (f/k/a Rudy)

Crossed the Bridge 9/8/22



In July 2020, Liu Kang came into our lives. We have been Boxer owners and lovers for many years and decided it was time to add to our pack. Formerly known as Rudy, the first thing anyone noticed about Liu was how big he was. His personality was at least as big as his physical being. He would knock you down with exuberance. He was also extremely gentle with our young daughter. Found as a stray, we knew nothing about his background. But he was fully house trained, initially would not get on the furniture (but my husband changed that), and decided he liked it with us **so** much that he refused to ever leave the yard - even when we wanted to go for a hike! Unfortunately, soon after he came to us, we noticed his gait was off in his hind end. That turned out to be degenerative myelopathy. He deteriorated over the next two years to the point where his quality of life was such that humane euthanasia was the best option. He was very loved in his short two years with us and is dearly missed.

Sweet Pea

Crossed the Bridge 9/18/22

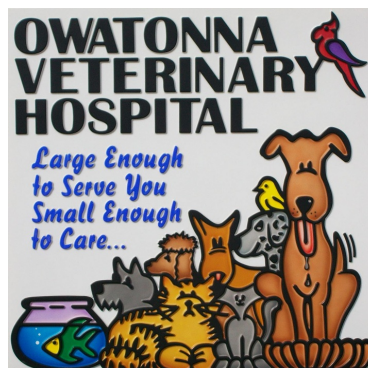


Sweet Pea was a lovely old Boxer lady who loved life and enjoyed every second of her time left here on earth. She came to me with a mammary tumor. But I am so grateful it could be removed so she could live comfortably until the end. Sweet Pea reminded me daily to live life to the fullest and be silly up until that very last breath. I would have loved more time with her. Sweet Pea passed away on her own terms in her own home with those that loved her.

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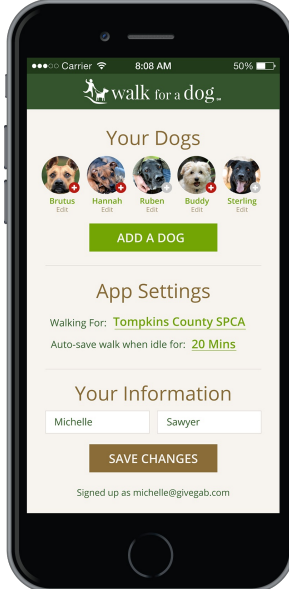
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Mission Statement

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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