



November 2022 Newsletter

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RCBR to participate in
Give to the Max Day
on November 17



on Thursday, November 17. **Give To The Max Day** is a statewide giving event that raises millions each year for more than 6,000 causes across the state of Minnesota and beyond. Considered Minnesota's holiday for generosity, donors have given nearly \$255 million since the inauguration of **Give To The Max Day** in 2009. Last year, RCBR received \$5,000 in gifts from donors across the state and extended our reach into other states as well.

Give to the Max's "Early Giving" period began November 1 and continues through **Give to the Max Day** on November 17. Random drawings are taking place throughout that time for prize grants totaling in excess of \$100,000 for Minnesota organizations.

Thanks to the continued generosity of the Bush Foundation, each donation made through GiveMN.org qualifies RCBR for *additional* grants from the **Give To The Max Day** prize pool. During **Give To The Max Day**, GiveMN will award:

Daily Early Giving Golden Tickets worth \$500 November 1 - 16
Golden Ticket prizes worth \$500 every 15 minutes on November 17
Hourly Golden Ticket prizes worth \$1,000 on November 17
The Super-Sized Golden Ticket grand prize of \$10,000

(Last year RCBR was a winner of a \$1,000 Hourly Golden Ticket!)

Since RCBR is a multi-state rescue and adoption organization, we ask our supporters nationwide to help us meet our goal of \$5,000 again this year. Please donate what you can to help our rescue achieve financial stability in order to bring in the senior Boxers and those needing medical attention for care and rehoming.

Many of the dogs we bring into the rescue need costly vet care such as heartworm treatment (\$800 to \$1,000) or dental work (\$350 to \$800). Most need basic medical care and vaccinations brought up to date, spay or neuter surgeries, and even lumpectomy surgery. Oftentimes we discover even more extensive medical care is needed. There is also an ongoing need for hospice care and those costs run in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 range.

RCBR also offers families facing extreme financial hardship the ability to keep their beloved Boxer at home instead of surrendering. "*Pyper's Promise - No Place Like Home*" is a scholarship program we offer to assist with the cost of food and medical treatment when a family is struggling to provide for their Boxer.

[Follow us on Facebook](#) for updates on donation updates and stories from our adopters and foster homes of Boxers we have been fortunate to help. **Give To The Max Day** will feature pop-up prizes and matching donations throughout the day for our followers and supporters.

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and search for Rejection Collection Boxer Rescue

**Thank you for
participating!**

Volunteer Spotlight

Judy Kirkpatrick

My name is Judy Kirkpatrick. My husband, Tom, and I have been married 44 years and have no human children. Our children always have furry legs. In other words, our pets are our children. We have always had a dog or cat and currently have two rescued mixed breeds and seven cats that adopted us.

I am retired but am a hospice volunteer, volunteer for Veterans Last Patrol, and help process adoption and foster applications for Rejection Collection Boxer Rescue.

I have been involved in animal rescue in every facet imaginable for about 25 years. One of my proudest accomplishments was founding **PAWS - Pushin' Another Waggin' to Safety**. I was finding good rescues to take dogs but having trouble finding transport coordinators to help me move the dogs. I had driven enough transports for others that I knew how to put a run sheet together. The only transporters I knew were others with whom I had driven. I started very small but for the last several years, PAWS has transported an average of 1,500 animals (dogs, puppies, cats, kittens, goats, pot belly pigs, etc.) per year. Transports run every other Saturday from Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Louisiana and Mississippi to Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, Michigan, Iowa, Nebraska, and Minnesota. I retired from PAWS a couple of years ago, but it continues to thrive and grow under the leadership of coordinators I trained.



Once I learned that Missouri has more puppy mills than any other state in the nation, helping those dogs get into rescues and adoptive homes became my passion.

That is how I became familiar with RCBR. My very first personal dog was a male Boxer who wandered up to our country home when I was 15. His feet were raw and bloody from traveling long distances, and he was skin and bones. I always took in stray animals, so he became my Duke. A few years ago, I adopted a 7-year-old female former puppy mill breeder named Faith. She was definitely named accurately. I have always said that you have not been kissed until a Boxer kisses you. One swipe of a tongue gets your whole face!

I love RCBR because they are willing to take in those dogs that are less than perfect--those in need of medical attention, former puppy mill dogs who need time to learn to be dogs, ones that have been abused and need to learn that there are kind, loving people in this world. They do not take only the ready to adopt dogs. RCBR is a very special rescue, and I am so proud to be a part of their organization.

Recent Adoptions

Frankie Magdalena Quinn

Adopted 10/5/22



In June, I saw a post about the incoming group dubbed The Divine 9. I followed their story and donated like usual. I was happy to see they all found great homes. I was just about to finish nursing school when I saw Sassy's surprise. I called Stacy and said, "I'm putting an application in for a puppy. I have had so much heartache and rescue is the only way I'll take a dog, so if an all-white girl is not claimed I would love to adopt her." A family member had been prescribed an emotional support animal, so we needed a puppy in order to have it properly trained. There were only supposed to be three puppies and they were all spoken for. And then ... surprise! There were five *and* an all-white little girl!

Frankie Magdalena Quinn Girton was born.

My son who had just battled a rare form of cancer chose the name Frankie, and Magdalena and Quinn after my white Boxer girls who crossed The Bridge. The minute I was approved to adopt, I

booked a flight from Pennsylvania to Minnesota. On October 5, I flew out and got to hug Stacy in person, Frankie's fabulous foster mom, Darlene (my grandmother who had recently passed was named Darlene, so it was just another sign for me that this was meant to be). Frankie is a spitfire! She is so loved and spoiled. She loves to dress up and wear her big pink bow and leopard coat. She goes everywhere with us. She is leader of the pack here at the Girton house. She sleeps like a human in our bed and snores louder than anyone in the house. She is a blessing, and we are so lucky we were chosen to be her family. She makes us smile daily. It has been so long since we had a puppy, and she is just what the doctor ordered.

Leroy & Lucy

Adopted 10/6/22 and 10/29/22



We lost our beloved Boxer, Gus Davis Adolphus, to a multitude of heart issues in April, just a couple months shy of his 7th birthday. We found RCBR and decided to give fostering a try.

Nine-and-a-half-year-old Lucy needed an immediate foster and the timing was perfect to bring her home on August 21st. Lucy got off to a rough start due to an encounter with a neighborhood dog wherein she displayed her "dog selective" qualities. Then only 12 days after we brought her home, she followed up that encounter by undergoing a radical mastectomy and requiring around-the-clock care. Despite all of that - or in spite of it - we fell in love with her and knew she needed to become a family member. She is gentle with all people, enjoys chasing our cat, and loves car rides and walks - we just do a LOT of redirecting when we see other dogs! We hope to have many more years with her to give her the great life she deserves!

But RCBR knew we were wanting to bring a puppy into our home, so when rescue dog, Sassy (a/k/a Sasparilla), had a surprise litter of five puppies on August 4th, we were thrilled! We were given the opportunity to adopt Leroy, the runt of her litter, weighing in at only 8 oz. at birth. I'm

happy to say Leroy is no longer a runt and he fills our house with complete joy and chaos. Lucy is learning how to play with Leroy, but his energy is usually too much for her, so she chooses instead to ignore him. Lucy is teaching Leroy what she will and will not tolerate and *usually* he gives her the respect that she deserves. They are so fun to watch together!

We are so happy to have *two* dogs in our house for the first time ever and I cannot imagine life any other way. Thank you so much to everyone at RCBR who has been involved in making this happen. We are so grateful to each of you and look forward to continuing to work with the rescue!

Reno

Adopted 9/20/22



When we first heard about Reno we knew we could give him a loving home. Our Charli (f/k/a Lila) and Reno instantly became best friends and are now inseparable! Reno is such a good boy and has stolen our hearts!

We are so very grateful that we were able to rescue another Boxer.
Our family is now complete!

Sasparilla (Mom) & Sundee Skye (Daughter)

Adopted 10/17/22



I first fostered to adopt Marley from RCBR in February 2020, so my little BooBoo would have someone to keep him company. When we lost him at the start of 2022, I told myself when it was time I would foster again, thinking I would get an older Boxer again.

In June, the call went out about 16 dogs coming up and the need for fosters ASAP. It was time. I became very excited about this and thought to myself, "Well Lord, if any of them are pregnant I would like to get her." I was at the first stop when the Divine 9 arrived June 19th. I had asked for Sasparilla thinking she was the same color as Marley. She hopped out and was almost *all* white and was small for a Boxer. We checked each other out and then I loaded her up for her very first ride ever, in the back seat of the truck. She was 4 1/2 years old and Marley 14 years old. They met and even though Marley was *not* impressed with what I had done, she has been a trooper!

I took Sassy to get spayed and to my surprise, found out she may be pregnant. Sure enough, on August 4th we welcomed five little hitchhikers all the way from Paris, Texas. My sweet little Sassy went from being very quiet and never barking to very protective in just one day's time. I knew I would want to keep one of the puppies if we could all get along - Marley, Sassy, and a baby. Sassy was very loving and giving towards her babies but was stressed out all over again. Once the other four puppies went to their new homes, I let Sassy see Sundee Skye, the puppy I wanted to keep, and Marley together. Sassy then started to mellow out again towards Marley. Sundee is a doll! She plays rough with her mom but has learned to not jump up on Marley. If she does, she gets that low growl to get down - and she does!

Sundee is teaching her mom how to play. They are learning a lot from each other and from watching Marley. In the last two weeks they all go out together and hang out in the same rooms together again. Marley runs around the back yard and Sundee loves to chase her. Sassy likes the back yard now and runs around like a wild child! Sassy is learning how to play for the first time in her life and her baby is teaching her. Sundee and Sassy both love to be loved on, get kisses, and snuggle on the couch with me. We are still working on the potty training with both girls, but it gets better each day. I am so happy and I loved every minute of taking care of all the babies!



The Rainbow Bridge

*... until we meet
again ♥*

Bocephus

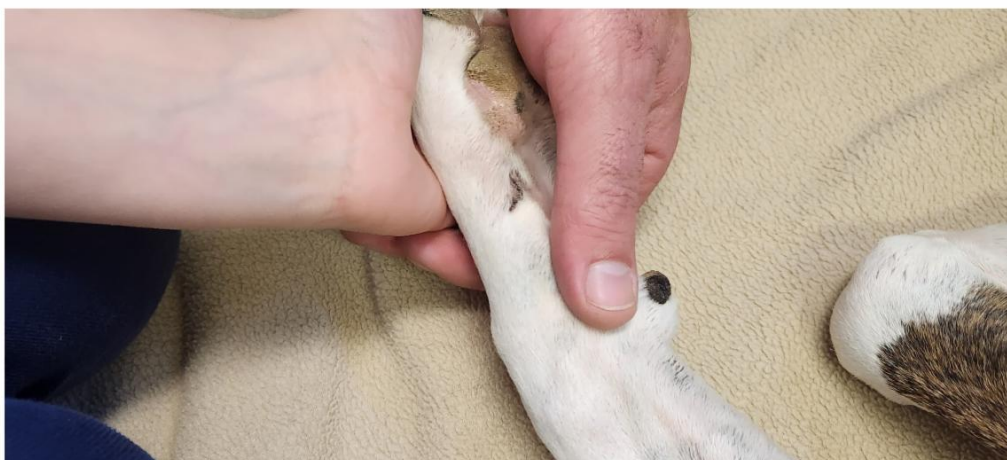
Crossed the Bridge 8/18/22



Bocephus (a/k/a Bo) was one of the "Divine 9" dogs that came to RCBR in June 2022. He was a beautiful dark brindle with a strong profile and striking pose. Bo spent a couple months in his foster home and was adopted in July 2022. Unfortunately, Bo met with an untimely accident and

Canelo

Crossed the Bridge 10/27/22



On February 23, 2022, there was a stray found weighing only 45 pounds. Canelo was given a slim chance of survival. We told Rejection Collection Boxer Rescue that if he could get from southern Texas to northern Minnesota, we would foster him. I met him in Duluth on March 27th. We helped him slowly heal; have a huge lump removed from his back; learn there would always be enough to eat; there would always be a soft, warm place to sleep. But most importantly, there would always be love.

He officially became a Turner on August 2nd. He was such a funny little old man. He would grumble, fart, scratch his ear and fart, give the *best* stink eye when we were too noisy, and let you know when it was time to eat. He reminded Bobby of Cleetus from *The Nutty Professor*. And you could just picture him commenting in that same voice. He always waited until I had picked up all the poop in the yard, then mosey out in the yard and poop, and look at me like, "You missed a pile, Lady." He was a healthy 77 pounds the day he passed away.

He managed to check off nearly everything on his bucket list. We had truly hoped to give him Thanksgiving and Christmas. But his little heart just could not hold out that long.

We have had dogs our entire lives and have loved them all. But there was something so very special about Canelo. He took a huge chunk of our hearts with him, and we will forever miss his grumpy face. We have no idea how old he was, but his best life began back on that fateful day in February. He was surrounded by love and tears when his soul gained wings on October 28th. We will love you forever Canelo Cleetus Turner.

Gabby

Crossed the Bridge 2/5/22



Gabby was a sweet senior lady that captured the heart of her foster mama, who eventually became her forever mama. RCBR was more than happy to give you a fantastic retirement home before you crossed over The Rainbow Bridge with your mama by your side.

Luna

Crossed the Bridge 10/11/22



Luna lived a life of making babies. She was not anyone's pet and did not even get to live inside a house. But once RCBR stepped in, all of that changed. We were privileged to have Luna live her last days inside a warm home, on a comfy bed, surrounded by nothing but love from all humans and animals. Rest easy, sweet sweet Luna.

Sasha

Crossed the Bridge 9/3/22



Back in May 2021 we fostered sweet Sasha for just a couple of weeks before she was adopted. When our 16-year-old dog, Penpo, passed away in November 2021 we were heartbroken. We said we would not get another dog for a long time. Well, that did not last long!! Sasha came back to the rescue, and we did not pass up the opportunity to foster her again. We picked her up on January 1, 2022, and she settled back in right away. This little girl had a mind of her own and knew we would do anything for her. She loved sleeping in our bed, cuddling, going for walks, and *especially* looked forward to car rides to get her pup cup! Wherever we went, she went with us. She loved seeing all the neighborhood dogs when they walked by and always went to greet them. She was perfect for our family, so in June, we made it official and adopted her. We did not have a lot of time with Sasha, but we know she was happy, and she filled our lives with a lot of love. In September she peacefully passed away licking a bowl of vanilla ice cream. Our house is again a quieter place, but the memories of her will always be with us! We love you Sasha!

Thanksgiving Pet Safety

Thanksgiving is a special holiday that brings together family and friends, but it also can carry some hazards for pets. Holiday foods and decorations need to be kept away from pets. Follow these tips to keep your pets healthy and safe during the holiday.

Poison risks

Fatty foods are hard for animals to digest. Poultry bones can damage your pet's digestive tract. And holiday sweets can contain ingredients that are poisonous to pets.

- **Keep the feast on the table**—not under it. Eating turkey or turkey skin – sometimes even a small amount – can cause a life-threatening condition in pets known as pancreatitis. Fatty foods are hard for animals to digest, and many foods that are healthy for people are poisonous to pets – including onions, raisins and grapes. If you want to share a Thanksgiving treat with your pet, make or buy a treat that is made just for them.
- **No pie or other desserts for your pooch.** Chocolate can be harmful for pets, even though many dogs find it tempting and will sniff it out and eat it. The artificial sweetener called xylitol – commonly used in gum and sugar-free baked goods – also can be deadly if consumed by dogs or cats.
- **Yeast dough can cause problems for pets**, including painful gas and potentially dangerous bloating.
- **Put the trash away where your pets can't find it.** A turkey carcass sitting out on the carving table or left in a trash container that is open or easily opened, could be deadly to your family pet. Dispose of turkey carcasses and bones – and anything used to wrap or tie the meat, such as strings, bags and packaging – in a covered, tightly secured trash bag placed in a closed trash container outdoors (or behind a closed, locked door).
- **Be careful with decorative plants.** Don't forget that some flowers and festive plants can be toxic to pets. These include amaryllis, Baby's Breath, Sweet William, some ferns, hydrangeas and more. The ASPCA has lists of plants that are toxic to both dogs and cats, but the safest route is simply to keep your pets away from all plants and table decorations.
- **Quick action can save lives.** If you believe your pet has been poisoned or has eaten something it shouldn't have, call your veterinarian or local veterinary emergency clinic immediately. You may also want to call the ASPCA Poison Control Hotline (888-426-4435) or the Pet Poison Helpline (855-764-7661). Signs of pet distress include sudden changes in behavior, depression, pain, vomiting, or diarrhea. Contact your veterinarian immediately.

Precautions for parties

If you're hosting a party or overnight visitors, plan ahead to keep your pets safe and make the experience less stressful for everyone.

- **Visitors can upset your pets.** Some pets are shy or excitable around new people or in crowds, and Thanksgiving often means many visitors at once and higher-than-usual noise and activity levels. If you know your dog or cat is nervous when people visit your home, put him/her in another room or a crate with a favorite toy. This will reduce the emotional stress on your pet and protect your guests from possible injury. If your pet is particularly upset by houseguests, talk to your veterinarian about possible solutions to this common problem.
 - **Watch the exits.** Even if your pets are comfortable around guests, make sure you watch them closely, especially when people are entering or leaving your home. While you're welcoming hungry guests and collecting coats, a four-legged family member may make a break for it out the door and become lost.
 - **Identification tags and microchips reunite families.** Make sure your pet has proper identification with your current contact information – particularly a microchip with up-to-date, registered information. That way, if they do sneak out, they're more likely to be returned to you. If your pet isn't already microchipped, talk to your veterinarian about the benefits of this simple procedure.
 - **Watch your pets around festive decorations.** Special holiday displays or candles are attractive to pets as well as people. Never leave a pet alone in an area with a lit candle; it could result in a fire. And pinecones, needles and other decorations can cause intestinal blockages or even perforate an animal's intestine if eaten.
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Upcoming Events

Pet Holidays

November

Month Long Observations

- [Adopt a Senior Pet Month](#)
- [Pet Diabetes Month](#)
- [National Pet Cancer Awareness Month](#)

Weeklong Observations

- November 6 - 12 - [National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week](#)

Holidays

- November 24 (Thanksgiving Day) - [National Dog Show](#) airing on NBC from Noon - 2 p.m. (all time zones)
- December 2 - National Mutt Day
- December 5 - International Volunteer Day
- December 9 - International Day of Veterinary Medicine
- December 10 - International Animal Rights Day

In Person

[Meet & Greet Events](#)

Will resume in January 2023

Online Events

[The Body Shop](#)

Facebook Fundraiser

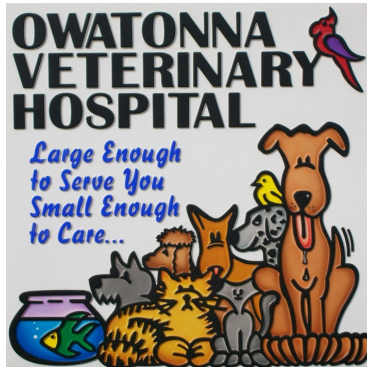
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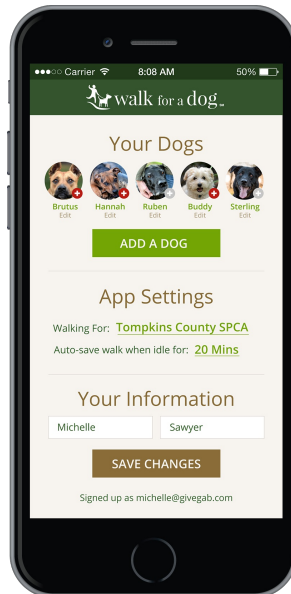
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Mission Statement

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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