



April 2023 Newsletter

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The World of Dog Auctions

RCBR was asked recently to absorb an overflow of Boxers picked up by another rescue through a dog auction.

What is a dog auction, you ask?

Most people have never heard of a dog auction, let alone attended one. People picture either buying a dog from a respected breeder or adopting one from a local humane society or animal rescue. Yet, there exists a market where large-scale brokers of dogs go to sell off the dogs they no longer have use for or think they will get better money for than at retail stores.

The millers and breeders looking to get rid of their stock will head to the site early in the morning with trucks that are filled with cages of their unwanted puppies and dogs. The practice began by these breeders looking to dump their worthless stock - older females who could no longer be used as breeding stock, puppies with deformities, or any other older dog. Auctions are a way commercial breeders refresh their stock as well as bring in new bloodlines.

These auctions are hard on the dogs. They travel long hours in small cages to be left at an auction warehouse. Conditions are often filthy, and the dogs are not cared for properly during their wait for the auction to begin.

Large amounts of money are spent on puppies, young breeding females, and high-quality males. Sometimes the dogs are sold in lots and a new breeder will purchase the entire stock of dogs from another breeder. Oftentimes “deals” are made between commercial breeders before the auction begins on the available dogs.

Rescue groups have been involved in auctions for decades. Dog auctions were a place where these millers and breeders could go to sell off their unwanted stock of dogs and equipment to others in the field, and also to rescuers who would pay pennies for what the sellers had determined were worthless baggage or get the “leftovers” at no cost. Historically, the rescuers would often pay very low prices, as they were often considered to be taking the dogs off the millers’ hands and all would continue on their way.

In the last decade or so, with the rise of animal welfare campaigns and social media, the model of these dog auctions has revamped itself. Today, it is not uncommon for the dog auctions to be filled with rescuers who are paying top dollar for purebred puppies. In fact, some rescue groups are spending as much money as breeders. It starts with the good intention of getting dogs out of the breeding cycle, but if prices are high, the rescue in turn is helping support the breeders and millers. It’s a very fine line to walk.

(Information provided by Univ. of Michigan, Animal Legal and Historical Center)

PLEASE NOTE: Rejection Collection Boxer Rescue does not bid on dogs or attend auctions. Several Midwest rescues participate in the Missouri auctions hoping to get the older dogs left behind after bidding ends. RCBR has been contacted a few times and we have helped the other rescues that acquired more dogs than they had room for by taking the excess into our rescue for foster and adoption.

We do not support giving one dime to the breeders at the auctions.

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Recent Adoptions

Angel Heart

Adopted 2/13/23



I am a sucker for the old ones, that is for sure. After my Ritzy Roo passed, I took a little break for several reasons, but when I saw this girl I knew it was time! Such a horrible sad situation in her past that I just *knew* I had to give her a lot of TLC. She came into rescue with her share of physical and emotional problems. She hated Rick with a passion but thanks to his patience, they are buddies! She still does not like any strange man walking into the house or anywhere, really. Happily I think her physical issues are doing well. She did have a couple syncope episodes at first, but once her medication was started, she has not had one since.

I, of course, fell so in love with her, but because of her fears I knew she was better off staying put with us. At 10 1/2 years she is more spry than some 2-year-olds! She does like to sleep in, though, like her mom. :-) I soon discovered her passion for balls - just about any ball will do - but she does have a few favorites! So many kind people have sent her gifts and balls and we are so appreciative! We sure hope we have some years ahead yet!

Cara
Adopted 1/29/23



When Cara arrived at my house as a foster, I knew almost immediately she was going to become a permanent resident. She came from a breeder release situation and knew little of what being a “real” dog was like. Cara was skittish, scared, kept low to the ground, and if she could help it, she would not look at a human. She would scamper away at every movement or noise, and thus she became our Minnie Mouse, or Lil’ Mouse, or just Mousy.

Our resident dog Rose took right to helping Minnie Mouse learn about being inside a house, in a home with people who would never hurt her. Minnie followed Rose everywhere. Rose helped potty train her and got Minnie to like her crate — especially when it was feeding time.

Minnie Mouse is still a work in progress and has a ways to go before she becomes a true companion and house pet. She is still afraid of a lot of things, but she has found that both the couch and the bed in the guest room are wonderful spots to lay down. She continues to constantly follow her best friend, Rose. The other day we actually saw her play bow to Rose. And Rose is starting to paw at Minnie to get her to play.

It will be a truly amazing journey to follow as Minnie Mouse becomes a happy Boxer girl content in her environment.

Otis (f/k/a Nugget)

Adopted 3/19/23



Hi my name is Otis! Some *really* nice people adopted me in March from RCBR! I am a 4.5 month old pure bred Boxer, and full of Boxer antics! Mom says I have a great temperament which helps me listen well, learn commands, and even play nicely with my human toddler grand-sister. I have two brothers: Rogue, who is a Great Pyrenees/Lab and he is teaching me good manners with a lot of patience; and Chief who is a Boxer/Pit and also an RCBR alum. Chief and I do typical Boxer play all day long! I have five wonderful acres in the country to enjoy, along with lots of wooded walking trails right on the property. I am almost done with potty training, and I have mastered, sit, heel, off, and leave it. I am working hard on learning stay and come as well! Mom says I am very smart and very well behaved and that I am very loved in my new home. I was originally diagnosed with a grade II heart murmur, but fortunately it has already been downgraded to a grade I. When I am a little older, I will get to help Rogue and Chief take care of the ducks and chickens, but for now, I wait patiently outside their range area while everyone does the chores in there. I am so happy to have found such a great place to call my forever home!

Rocco (n/k/a Roscoe P. Coltrane)

Adopted 1/29/23

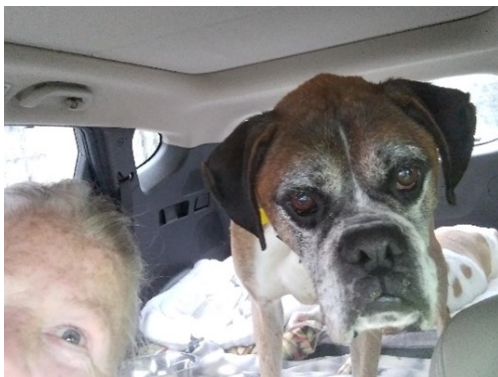
It did not take long after Joel and I moved south in May 2022 for rescue friends to start tagging us in posts of Boxers in need of saving. Rocco was one of those Boxers. His owners surrendered him to the Hall County Shelter in Georgia at the age of 9 years old because

they had a baby, and he was high heartworm positive. When we saw his face and those eyes, we just *knew* that we had to try and help him.

So, I called Lucy at Rejection Collection Boxer Rescue and said if they were willing to take him under the wing of RCBR, we would drive the 2.5 hours each way to pull him and we would foster him here in Georgia. After a few emails with the shelter, we got the OK from Lucy and we were off to pick him up, with Lilly in tow to make sure they got along. That was August 20, 2022.



They sent me back to get him out of the kennel and this guy *wasoutta* his mind excited! He could not wait to get outside. He ran around in the outdoor kennel and was *so* happy. It was then I learned that the dogs only get out to run two maybe three times a week! After the meeting with Lilly went well, there was no way we were going to leave without him, and he was *more* than happy to not go back into that kennel!



As soon as we got him home it was into the tub for a much-needed bath! When he got out, he was given his new name, Roscoe P. Coltrane.

We learned very early on that he likes to RUN!! You would never guess he is a 9+ year old dog with heartworm. To see him at full speed is a beautiful thing – but super scary when you don't have a fenced in yard!! We learned very quickly how we had to do things differently with him around here.

Thanks to RCBR Roscoe received heartworm treatment and after his follow-up appointment he will get his teeth cleaned. I think you cannot help but build a close bond with a dog when it is sick or does not feel well. It was during that time that Roscoe crawled up on the couch and on my lap so I would comfort him.



Heartworm Treatment

We *really* had no intention of keeping him ... but you just cannot help falling in love with this goober. He is the opposite of Lilly in so many ways. She is refined and he is a goofball. He wants her attention, but never goes too far with her. Lilly really does not seem to mind him at all and has even started to use him as a pillow. And on occasion they can even be caught snuggling, but if there was not a photo to prove it, Lilly would deny it! 😊

Goober



Snuggles



Outside snuggles



Roscoe proved what a great dog he was right away by showing he was crate and house trained, and friendly with Lilly and respectful of her space. He picked up on her cues very quickly and listened well to us too. He sits for us to put on his harness before going outside and picks up on routines so quickly! Since Lilly has had a rough couple of weeks and was diagnosed with Vertigo, he seems to pay a lot of attention to her ears. He keeps licking them, especially her right ear. He just seems to know. Now that she needs help down the stairs, Roscoe has learned that he must wait until she is helped downstairs first and let outside before he can come down. He now waits at the top of the stairs or lays on the floor in the living room until he is called. We did not set out to train him to do this, he just started doing it. He is so smart!!

It does not seem that he received much socialization out of the house in his past life. He **LOVES** going for car rides and hanging his head out of the window. We are taking him to more places so he can learn the world is not a scary place when your people love you. When he gets scared, we leave so he knows he is not being forced into an uncomfortable environment. He is also getting better with people. He is not as afraid and we cue everyone to let him come to them, not them to him. He is approaching more people and is much less nervous and accepts attention from them. We are working on getting part of the yard fenced off for him to be able to run. We cannot wait to see him enjoy that.

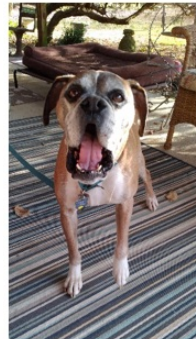
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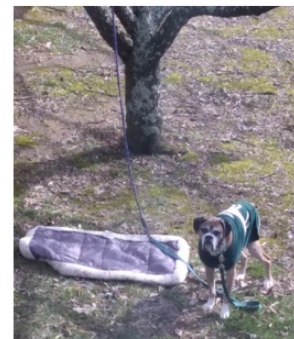
My 1st frozen Custard



I got sumthin' to say!



I wanna run!



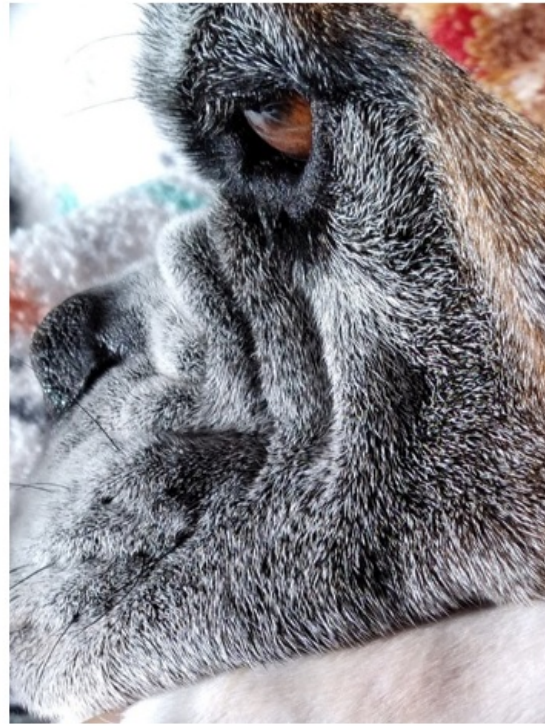
Roscoe is a lovely, sweet, gentle dog. We cannot imagine why he was given up. He has the most soulful, big round expressive eyes and a face full of sugar to show age. He is eager to please you and craves your attention and touch. When he is happy his butt wiggles so much, I think it levitates. You can just look at him and it wiggles. He is the type of dog that loves his people so very much. He became very attached to us and we thought another change might break his heart, or maybe it would be the other way around. So, with Lilly's approval – which is hard to get – we decided Roscoe P. Coltrane was not going anywhere! We announced his adoption on Valentines Day – a day all about LOVE!

Lilly, Joel and I love him soooooooooo much!! And we are sure he feels the same about us!!

1st Christmas



Sugar Face!



Ross (n/k/a Roscoe)

Adopted 3/11/23



Our adoption story took a few twists and turns prior to seeing Roscoe (f/k/a Ross). Upon seeing his picture, we knew we had to do everything we could to meet him. It took a great amount of patience, and the wonderful effort by RCBR, but our fortitude paid off. His amazing foster did a *fantastic* job describing Roscoe's personality, so we knew we were going to meet a great dog. Our meeting finally arrived, and we were thoroughly impressed with his easy going demeanor and striking looks. All 85 pounds of him are pure love and joy, mixed with intermittent sleepiness! Roscoe fits in our family of five just as though he has always been here. He likes to play with the children and take his power naps, complete with massive snoring. He also enjoys trying on hats and other accessories! He will literally walk around with just about anything on, and then take a nap. We do not know much about his history as a stray from Texas, although we have tried to imagine what his life might have been like, or how he even came to be on his own to begin with. What we are certain of, is that our family has been immensely blessed to have such a goofy and protective companion. He will truly be cared for by each of us, for all of his remaining days. We

are so glad he came to the home in which he has always belonged. We are very grateful to the individuals at RCBR for uniting us with Roscoe!

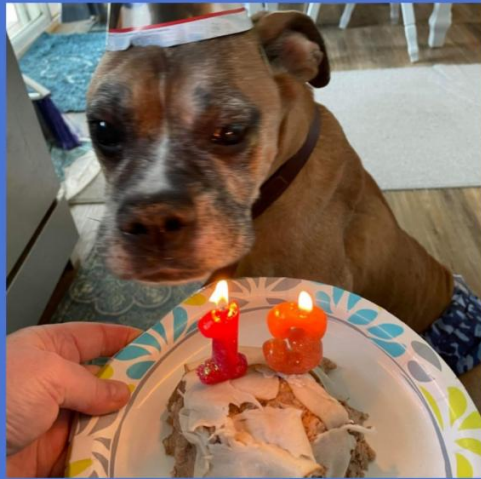


The Rainbow Bridge

*... until we meet
again ♥*

Duke

Crossed the Bridge 3/20/23



Sweet Duke only got to spend ten short days in Minnesota. He arrived here having no use of his back legs at all. He was still a happy and loving boy. In those ten days he was loved so very much. He cuddled with former RCBR alum/foster fail Angel. They were like an old married couple. She was so smitten with him. He had the best soft and loving eyes and would curl up in my lap and quickly fall fast asleep. It was evident he was in pain and would not get any better. On his last day, he let me know it was time for his transition. We had a Birthday PAWty for him and he gobbled down his Meat Cake. He left a big impact on my heart in the short time he was here. Fly High Sweet Boy – I'll catch you at the Rainbow Bridge. You were so very loved.

Jana

Crossed the Bridge 11/30/22



It was a sad day in November when I had to let my best friend go. My first dog of my very own. She came into the house as just another foster my mom brought in. She knew that I needed her before I knew it. It was at a time in my life when I was just starting my recovery from a life of addiction. She became my best friend and my sober companion, who had no judgment, just total unconditional love. In the two short years she was with me, we had many adventures, including several camping trips along with countless miles walking the disc golf courses. She was the best-worst dog ever as my mom would say. She was so well-behaved and also terrible at the same time. I think it is the kind of thing only a Boxer can do. Such a lovely dork. She had the best vertical I have ever seen. She would jump what seemed like five feet straight up from a stand when it was time to go out. She was always waiting at the door, overjoyed when I came home from work. Then in only a few short days her body just gave up. She looked at me and said she needed to go but she would be waiting for me at the Bridge. My very own Janna Banana Nanner Beans. I will miss you forever and then even more. Thank you my Father of Heaven for sending her to me at exactly the right time.

I am sorry for avoiding this for so long. Thank you for being patient and continuing to ask my mother about it. And thank you RCBR for allowing her into my house. She was a miracle and a blessing to me and my family.

Alan

Leo

Crossed the Bridge 1/5/23

I was saddened to hear one of my fosters passed. It is always a hard thing to hear but I know Leo had a few wonderful years with his adoptive mom and fur brothers.

His adopter described him as her snuggle buddy and I would have to agree. He loved his snuggles and always enjoyed being with his person. Being a senior, he was not as active and his teeth were mostly gone, but he still enjoyed life.

He is greatly missed by his family and foster.



TYPES OF BOXER DOGS

(AZ Animals, written by Heather Ross, updated 2/23/2023)

- 1. GERMAN BOXER** — This type of Boxer was the first, oldest, and what some say is the only “official” Boxer dog. It is the largest and stockiest of the three breeds. Originally bred as a guard dog and bull-baiting dog in the 19th century, it later became butcher’s helpers to control cattle in slaughterhouses. It is descended from the English Bulldog, Mastiff, the now-extinct Bullenbeisser or German bulldog, which was a hunting dog, and probably also Great Dane and a terrier. The length between its snout and skull has a ratio of 1:2, which is wider than the English Boxer. Fawn and Brindle are the breed standard’s acceptable colors.
- 2. AMERICAN BOXER** — The American Boxer was registered in 1904. When the American Boxer Club was formed in 1935, the original American Boxer had German basic stock with additional German and Austrian imports to create a unique breed standard. It is smaller and leaner than the German Boxer and has a snout-to-skull ratio of 1:3, with a snout that is larger than the German Boxer. Fawn, Brindle, and Reverse Brindle (Black) are the breed standard’s acceptable colors.
- 3. ENGLISH BOXER** — The English Boxer is the smallest of the Boxer breeds and is considered to be the most elegant. Its body is slender, graceful, and athletic, with thinner and shorter legs. It has a snout-to-skull ratio of 1:3 and its snout is thinner than that of the German Boxer.
- 4. BRINDLE BOXER** — Brindle is considered to be one of two original standard colors besides the Fawn. It is a subtle color striping, typically of very dark brown or black on a red base, although purebred Boxers can’t produce truly black fur. The brindle-colored dog may have a blue hue or be reddish-brown, similar to the Fawn shade. Brindle Boxers can be classified based on shade and the coat color. The stripes may also be dark or light. Tiger brindle, mahogany brindle, and reverse brindle – these are the three types. Some brindles even have white markings, which are deemed “flashy” brindles.
- 5. FAWN BOXER** — Fawn is one of the other original standard colors besides Brindle. Fawn is a reddish-brown color. Some fawn-colored Boxers have white markings on their chest and paws so they are known as fawn and white Boxers or “flashy” fawns.
- 6. BLACK or REVERSE BRINDLE BOXER** — This color of the Boxer is advertised as rare. Black is not one of the standard acceptable colors, but it does appear among all three breeds. It is the appearance of a black color, such as a very dark brown rather than being a true black for Boxers.

Also called reverse brindle, it is a heavy, dark brindle of very dark brown or fawn brindle on a very dark brown base. The coloring is lighter and more pronounced against the base as opposed to a traditional brindle.

7. **WHITE BOXER** — White is not one of the standard acceptable colors, but it does appear among all three breeds. Although some breeders think white Boxers have more health problems and are inferior to brindle and fawn Boxers, it is a purebred color and might one day be accepted in the AKC.

Upcoming Dates

April Meet & Greet

April 22, 2023

11 am - 2 pm

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RCBR Spring Online Auction

Beginning at 7 p.m. CDT on **Friday, April 21st**
running through
7 p.m. CDT on **Sunday, April 30th**

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[Pet First Aid Awareness Month](#)
[Heartworm Awareness Month](#)
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[Prevention of Cruelty To Animals Month](#)

April 22 – [Earth Day](#)
April 24 – National Pet Parents Day
April 25 – [International Guide Dog Day](#)
April 26 – National Kids and Pets Day
April 27 – World Veterinary Day
April 30 – [National Therapy Animal Day](#)
April 30 – [Adopt a Shelter Pet Day](#)

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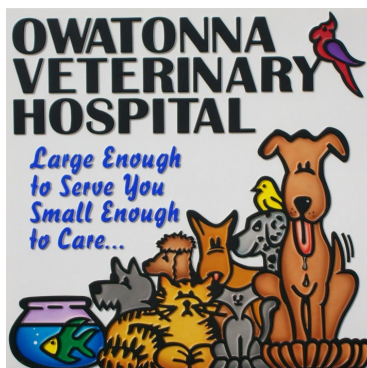
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May 1 – [National Purebred Dog Day®](#)
May 3 – [National Specially-Abled Pets Day](#)
May 4 -10 – Puppy Mill Action Week
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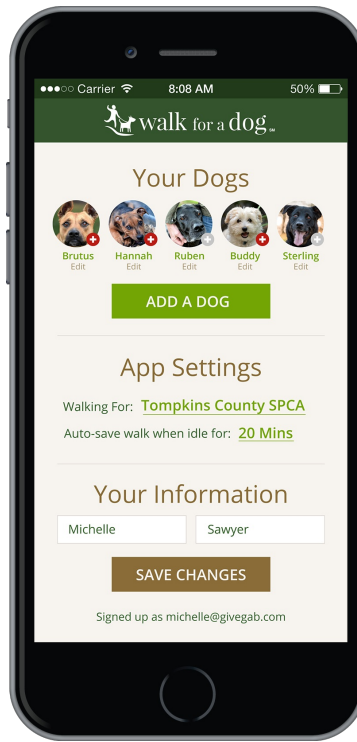
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Mission Statement

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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