



June 2023 Newsletter

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What are Puppy Mills?

Last month we talked about dog auctions. In that article, it mentioned that some of the dogs found in auctions come from “puppy mill” facilities.

But ... what *is* a “puppy mill”?

A puppy mill is a "factory farm" for dogs, where profit takes priority over the health, comfort, and welfare of the dogs. It is a term used for large-scale and irresponsible dog breeding operations.

In these puppy mills, female dogs are often forced to breed multiple times a year with

insufficient time to recover between pregnancies to maximize the number of puppies available for sale.

Reputable breeders will screen the parent dogs for hereditary diseases to try and limit the prevalence of these types of diseases in the breed. They will also ensure puppies receive good nutrition, appropriate veterinary care, and essential vaccinations to ensure that they thrive in life.

Puppy mill dogs generally receive minimal, if any, health screening or medical vaccinations. Puppy mills are also responsible for introducing unhealthy dogs (often either inbred or with hereditary health issues) into the general community.

Lots of puppies, from multiple mothers, may be kept together in cages that can quickly become extremely filthy and unhygienic. Puppies are separated from mothers before the recommended 8-week mark and receive poor-quality food with little nutritional value.

Many puppy mill dogs are also raised with minimal human socialization or, worse yet, negative human interactions that can instill a fear of humans. This can lead to major behavioral issues that can become problems later in a home. Oftentimes, we then see these dogs in shelters as the new owners were unable to handle them as a result of those behavioral issues.

Life in a puppy mill is no life for our best friends.

Next month, we will look at ways to identify and avoid puppy mill breeders. Also, what you can do to ultimately help put puppy mills out of business.

4th of July Pet Safety



More pets run away on the Fourth of July than on any other day of the year.

JULY 5TH is the busiest day of the year for animal shelters nationwide.

30% The increase in the number of lost pets between July 4th and 6th.



7.6 million animals are lost each year



Only 26% of dogs are returned to their owners



Over 35% of lost pets are euthanized annually

Tips to Keep Your Pet Safe on the Fourth:

The Fourth of July is a scary time for our furry friends. The high-pitched squeals, thundering booms and bright flashing lights of the fireworks can send even the bravest dog running. On the Fourth, pets need their master's help and reassurance to keep them safe and at ease.



Ensure your dog gets plenty of exercise during the day before the fireworks begin.



Provide a safe place for them to retreat like their crate or bed and check on them every few hours.



Make sure your dog has a collar and ID tag, and make sure their Tagg GPS Pet Tracker is fully charged.



Keep your pets indoors, lower blinds and close the windows so they won't be frightened by the noise and bright lights.

What Do Dogs Want?

Can we please stop expecting that **every** dog wants to go to dog parks, daycares, patio parties, and have birthday parties with other dogs?! Nobody loves dogs more than me, but I'm here to tell you that dogs *aren't* human children. They **don't** want to do everything a human child does. Breed can matter when deciding what is fun for your best friend. Your Husky may have the energy to run, your Retriever may want to retrieve, and your terrier may want to chase and grab. So yes, raising them with kindness is paramount, but paying attention to their needs is too. I said it.

This mentality that every dog has to be sociable with other people and dogs is keeping my shelter full, my days long, and my heart broken, because I see the best dogs passed over because they wouldn't do well at a dog park or daycare. Not every dog needs to like your friends. I keep my dog in his room when people come over because he isn't comfortable around everyone, and I don't want to set him up for failure. Love your dog enough to respect her boundaries.

Your dog doesn't want to meet every dog. The reality show you watched about dog training and dog adoption is fake. I've worked in television. It's edited to create a *good* story, not necessarily a *real* story. Let's stop these narratives on dog ownership that are SOLD to us and based on making money. Dogs aren't a business. They are our best friends. Remember that.

Your dog can be perfectly safe and happy without overstimulating daycare or doggy birthday parties. Those things are fun for some dogs, but not for all. I *want* to take my dog everywhere. I *want* to give my dog the things I would want, *but for the love of dogs in shelters everywhere*, let's ask dogs what do they REALLY want?

Dogs want more sniffs, waterlogged sticks, a quiet place to decompress, a space to stretch their legs, and for you to respect their body language and boundaries. They are talking to you ... listen.

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Fur Cool Pet Beds



Fur Cool Pet Beds offers custom and pre-made fleece pet beds. They are machine washable and really comfortable for your pet.

During the Covid pandemic, Fur Cool Pet Beds focused on making masks for humans. Thank goodness *that* is over and you can once again buy these wonderful pet beds.

Highly recommended by Lucy Blake-Larsen,
RCBR Co-founder and Vice President, and personal owner of two Fur Cool Pet Beds.

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Fur Cool Pet Beds supports Rejection Collection Boxer Rescue!



Recent Adoptions

Bruno (f/k/a Buster)

Adopted 4/7/23

My boy, Bruno (formerly Buster), is our newest family member.

So sweet, patient, and lovable. He fits right in. The best thing I ever did was adopt this guy.

He's mellow, funny, and smart. He gets along with everyone! I just love

him. I wish everyone would rescue.

Sandy, Bruno, and family



Harley

Adopted 4/5/23



After losing Thunder at the start of the year, we were ready to take a break. That is, until Harley's eyes caught me on Deaf Dogs Rock.

It had been a long time since I introduced a new dog to the house, but when Harley walked in it seemed like he was meant to be here. He is so amazing with his hand signals and is the most loving boy. He reminds us every day why we love Boxers so much while managing to remind us of our past Boxers all the time. He is such a special character, and we are so glad to be part of his forever life.

Thanks to everyone that helped him into our lives! I like to think Thunder had a hand in helping us get Harley too.

Thanks, Rejection Collection Boxer Rescue for all you do.

~ Rich

Upcoming Dates

June Meet & Greet

June 24, 2023

11 am - 2 pm

Luther Westside Volkswagen

(Click address below for map)

[2370 Highway 100](#)

[St. Louis Park, MN](#)

Come join us and visit with our Boxers available for adoption.

*Are you an alumnus?
Stop by with your Boxer and say, "Hi!"*

*Or just want to hear more about RCBR?
We look forward to talking to you!*

[2023 National Pet Days](#)

June

[National Pet Preparedness Month](#)

June 19 – 23: [Take Your Pet to Work Week®](#)

June 23: [Take Your Dog to Work Day®](#)

July

[National Lost Pet Prevention Month](#)

[National Pet Hydration Awareness Month](#)

July 4: Independence Day - A ruff day for pets!!!

The loud noise of fireworks can cause dogs to panic and sometimes run away. Keep your pets calm and safe!

July 5: Pet Remembrance Day

July 11: All-American Pet Photo Day

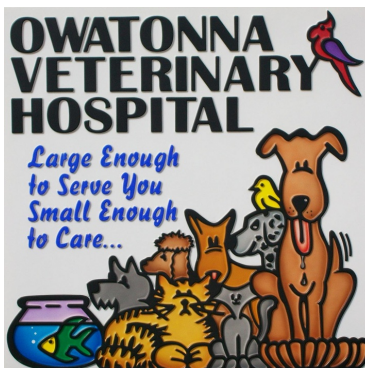
July 18: [National Pet Fire Safety Day](#)

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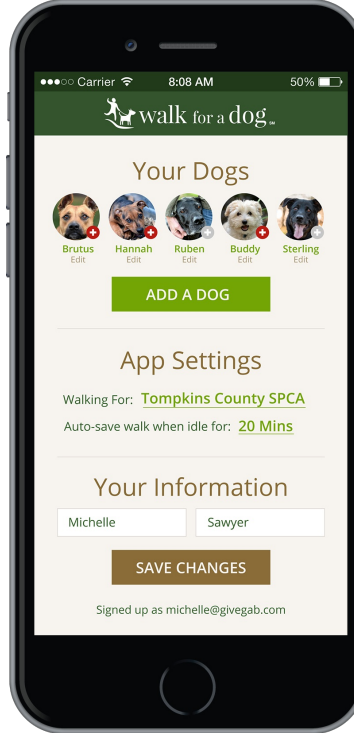
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Chewy Gives Back - purchase from our wishlist and have it sent directly to us.

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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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