



# September 2023 Newsletter

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*RCBR would like to give a shout out to Nicole Dick and Frankies House of Dog. Nicole has been a part of RCBR since day one and is an active volunteer. She is a great foster home, has helped with transports, and updates our Facebook and Instagram pages. Nicole makes wonderful videos of our dogs to showcase*

*those needing a home.*

## The place for spoiled dogs and their humans!

### Visit Frankies on the Web

What started with a love for dogs, turned into a way of life. After spending the last decade fostering and adopting multiple dogs, I learned that dogs give *far* more than they take from humans.

Frankies House of Dog (FHOD) is named for the wild, unruly, neglected American Bulldog who came into my life, challenged me, and saved me during one of my lowest points. Frankie now lives her best life with me, my husband and our other two dogs, Braxton and Bobo Cheese.

Frankie came to us through Rejection Collection Boxer Rescue (RCBR) and as a way of sharing our gratitude, we carry RCBR swag for purchase. All proceeds from RCBR gear and 3% of all other sale profits go to RCBR.

At FHOD, we prioritize carrying products that are vetted by us or our trusted dog community.

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Thank you,  
Nicole Dick

Owner, Frankies House of Dog



**RCBR wear**



**A peek inside the store**

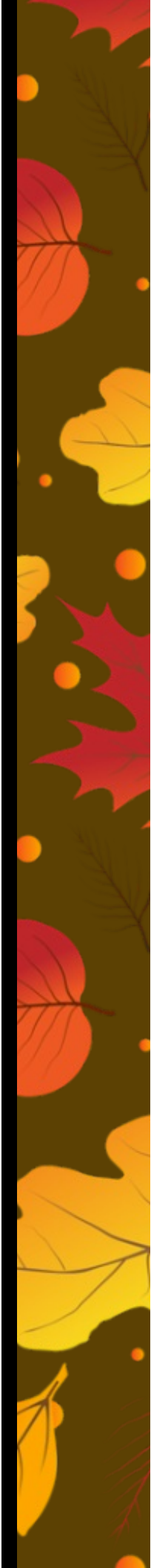


**Dog clothes**





In the  
**Spotlight**





**Ragnar  
at the Fair**



# ***Ragnar Went to the Fair!***

For the second year Ragnar joined a team from Rio Gran Training at the fair on Labor Day showing off his obedience skills.

At three years old he is a great example of what consistent training, consistency with rules, and lots of love can do for a dog. He can be off leash in many situations and have great recall. He can walk with the leash over the shoulder and has minimum pull at times. Ragnar looks to me to ensure he is paying attention and will touch me to let me know he is there.

Trained as a service dog and in scent work, Ragnar shows such promise to be a well-behaved dog all his life. The fair demo is great for him, as it allows us to get out in a different setting and re-enforce his training while a large group of people watch.

His first year at the fair was lots of work for both of us since Ragnar was still young and learning and I brought my other dog along to demo agility. This year it was just Ragnar heeling, turning circles, and doing stays with a group of dogs and handlers that only get together once a year for this great opportunity.

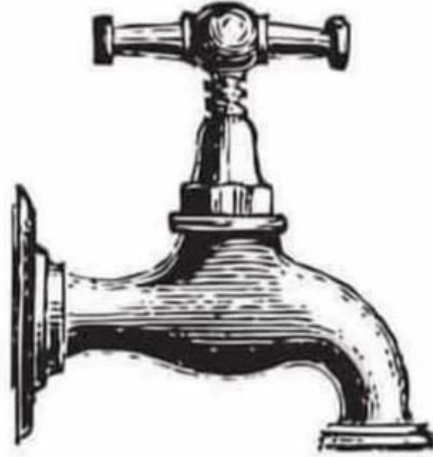
This year was a challenge as it was *really* hot, and he had to wear a cooling coat when not out in the ring. However, I did pull him from the rest of the day at noon as it was too hot for any boxer to be out there.

If you are at the fair next year on Labor Day come see us.

**Stephanie and Ragnar**

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# Turn Off the Breeding Faucet...



*pet stores*  
*puppy mills*  
*show breeders*  
*hobby breeders*  
*on line brokers*  
*accidental litters*  
*backyard breeders*

**Rescue. Foster. Adopt. Love.**

## ***What Are Seasonal Allergies in Dogs?***

Dogs can be allergic to various things in the environment, such as pollen from trees and grass. If a dog displays allergy symptoms only during certain seasons, such as spring and fall, a seasonal allergy rather than a year-round allergy is suspected. This means that the dog is allergic to allergens that are in the environment only during certain times of the year. Dogs with seasonal allergies can be itchy in specific areas, such as their paws, or be itchy all over. They can also have recurring ear infections and skin infections when they are exposed to various environmental allergens at certain times during the year.

Seasonal allergies are different from year-round environmental allergies and food allergies because symptoms are observed only during specific times of the year, depending on what the dog is allergic to and when the specific allergens are prevalent in the environment.

Most dogs with seasonal allergies have symptoms during the spring (March through May) and fall (September through November), but this can vary based on weather and location.

## ***Types of Seasonal Allergies in Dogs***

The following allergens commonly cause seasonal allergies in dogs:

- [Grass pollen](#)
- Tree pollen
- Weed pollen
- Molds and yeasts
- Dust mites and storage mites
- [Fleas, causing flea bite dermatitis](#)

## ***Symptoms of Seasonal Allergies in Dogs***

Symptoms will vary depending upon the dog, but may include:

- [Excessive licking](#), usually of the paws
- Saliva staining of the fur where the dog is licking the skin excessively
- Chewing/gnawing
- Scratching
- Hair loss
- Redness of the skin
- Crusts
- Moist skin
- Darkening of the skin (black pigmented skin)
- Thickening of the skin (elephant skin)
- Odor to the skin or ears
- [Head shaking](#)
- Pawing at the ears, eyes, or face
- Watery eyes
- [Reverse sneezing](#)

The most common areas of a dog's body that are affected by seasonal allergies are the paws (especially between the digits), limbs, mouth, ears, abdomen, groin, armpits, tail, and around the eyes.

## ***Management of Seasonal Allergies in Dogs***

Seasonal allergies are not only frustrating for dogs but also for pet parents, because they are not curable. Fortunately, though, with seasonal allergies, symptoms can be managed by knowing what seasons trigger a dog's symptoms and initiating treatment prior to the start of each allergy season. Anti-itch medication should manage the itch throughout each season so that the dog is not scratching, licking, or chewing at the skin, which can lead to secondary skin infections.

Cleaning your dog's ears every two to three weeks year-round with a routine ear cleaner is important to minimize the risk of an ear infection to develop. The ears should also be cleaned after your dog has a bath or partakes in a water activity, such as swimming, to remove any water from within the ear canals. Giving an omega-3 fatty acid supplement daily year-round can provide skin support as well. Management of seasonal allergies is usually lifelong unless a dog is able to move to an area where the allergen that is causing the reaction is no longer present.

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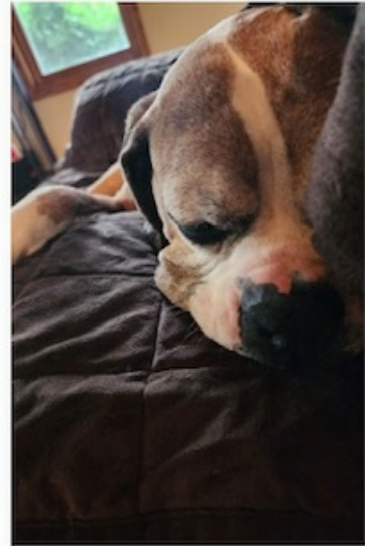
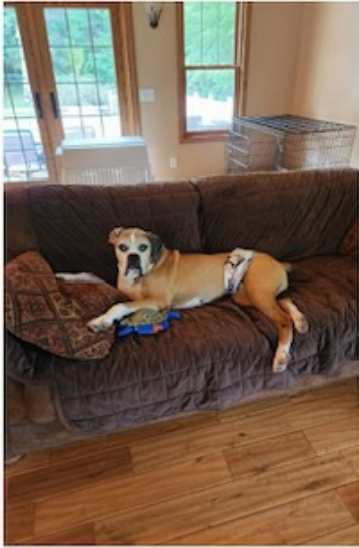
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# Recent

# Adoptions

**Champ (f/k/a Gramps)**

Adopted 8/5/23



We have had Champ, formerly known as Gramps, with us now for a few weeks. He is such a lovey guy. He just wants to be where you are. He has fit in so smoothly.

Even at 12, he still has a bunch of personality and spunk. We feel we have hit the jackpot!! Thank you RCBR for making the adoption process so comfortable and easy.

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**The  
Rainbow**





# Bridge

*... until we meet again ♥*

## Bugsy

Crossed the Bridge 9/6/23



Bugsy was a wonderful boy. When he first came home, unlike the other Boxers we have had in the past, he did not attach himself to either myself or my husband. He loved us and we loved him, but it became clear when our daughter came home that he was meant to be hers. They have been glued together since.

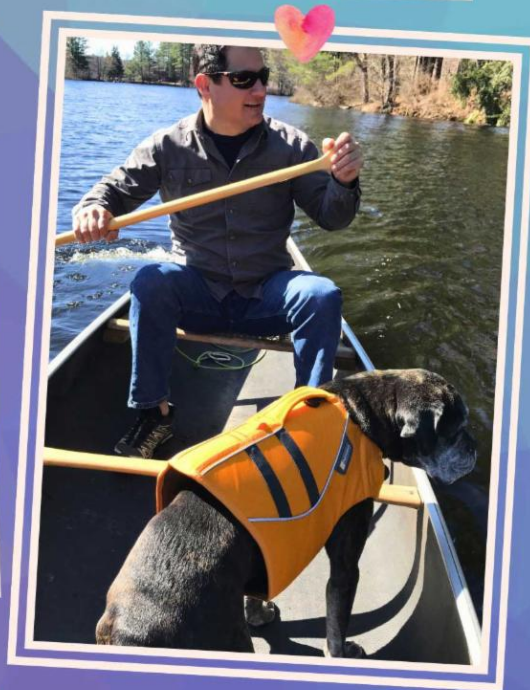
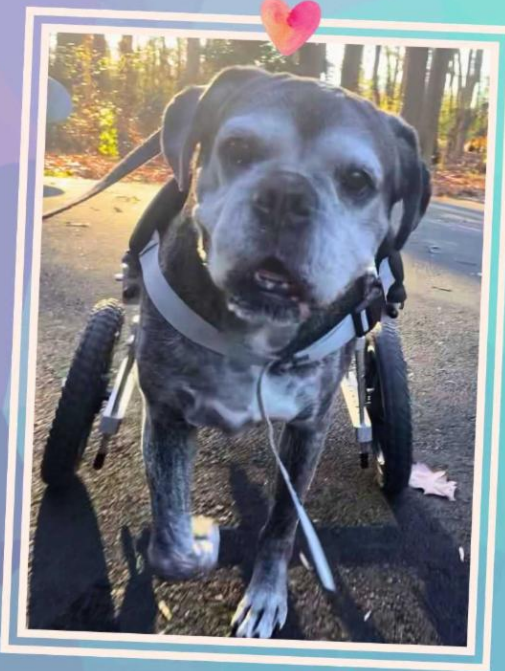
I could not have asked for a better dog to be my daughter's first dog. He was so loving and patient with her, even when she would accidentally be too rough or fall on him when she was learning to walk. He was her protector and her best friend.

We grieve the loss of Bugsy for ourselves, but even more so for the loss of the beautiful friendship he and my daughter had together. We'll miss you so much sweet boy.

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# Goof (f/k/a Diesel)

Crossed the Bridge 7/24/23



Goof

Goof was the sweetest dog I have ever owned. Shortly after I adopted him, I found out I was pregnant. We spent 2020 on walks and hikes through the woods near our home in Connecticut and on a road trip to visit my family in Utah. If you asked if he wanted to go for a walk, you **had** to be ready. Even just walking near or touching the leash would result in "boings". He would leap straight up in the air and continue with as many high jumps as he could - his record was eight in a row! Goof was never far away. He followed me *everywhere*. We ran every errand together, snuggled, cooked together, ran, walked, and played. When the baby came, he was *so* eager to be the "big brother". He was so gentle and loving. He spent the long nights awake with me and the baby, readily participated in "tummy time" and seemed very happy to be a part of a family that loved and wanted him. We took him on many trips in the northeast so he could see the world and

expand his horizons beyond the broken-down car he lived in while in Ohio.

He loved the ocean, sleeping outside during a nice sunset or on fall day with a light breeze, and car rides. His favorite food was freshly grilled steak and the Babybel cheese in the red wax. He hated getting his nails done and it cost 1/4 of a Babybel wheel per nail in the beginning. LOL!

I loved walking Goof. I loved that he was happy, even when he started needing his wheelchair. I would carry him around the house. He was a big rag doll, happy to just go limp and let me care for him.

Everyone loved Goof. He was a regular at the local coffee shop. He declined the Milk Bone but liked the whipped cream. He came to work with me, snoozed by my desk and accepted scratches from all the employees.

It is hard to write this bio and express everything Goof truly was. There is just such a big hole in my heart and life right now.

Goof was a pretty happy and healthy boy when we adopted him. He gained weight and was very active for about two years. He became progressively weaker in his rear legs and after some testing we learned he had DM. I wanted to give him the best prognosis possible, so we did physical therapy and laser therapy for another six months until it became apparent that he was losing the ability to walk without assistance. We got him his wheelchair and continued our two walks a day plus his therapies. His favorite thing in life was going on walks and I was going to make sure that part of his life never changed. He did really well for another 12 months with the wheelchair. But he began losing weight rapidly ~ 10 pounds in two months. All his testing (bloodwork, ultrasound, x-rays) were normal. His appetite was finicky, but he was hand fed all his meals for over a year and would eat if you sat with him and fed him. As you can probably imagine, with the loss of his legs he was fecal and urinary incontinent and needed bladder expression 4-6 times each day. He developed frequent bladder infections the last three months which I managed, but towards the end I could not control it. The cultures showed resistance to most antibiotics. It was hard medicating him because the medicine upset his stomach and he would not eat. I gave him 2-4 baths a day to keep him fresh and clean, and washed his beds twice daily to keep them rotated.

Goof's legs began to fail in the front, and he was getting weaker and tired. I knew at this point that it was getting unfair and only a large dosage of meds was keeping him comfortable. I reached out to Tracy (foster mom) and she helped me understand the hard choice I had been contemplating was the right choice. She said, "The most loving choice we ever get to make is letting them go with dignity, knowing how much our hearts will break." My heart *is* broken, but I could not be selfish, especially to such a selfless and kind friend.

He passed peacefully, full of beef brisket and cheese, on July 24, 2023.

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# Lexi

## Crossed the Bridge 7/28/23



After we lost our first Boxer in March 2022, my daughter and I knew we would get another one someday, but I was not sure how soon was too soon. I looked online here and there but no one stuck out until Lexi. Exactly three months to the day after our first Boxer passed, we found ourselves driving a few hours away to meet Lexi. I was nervous how she would be with us and Thor. **She was perfect!!!** She walked up to Thor, and they acted like they had been together forever. No new dog barking, just walked with each other. She was loving on my daughter and the rest is history. When she first walked in the house, she walked straight to my bedroom and jumped on my bed and laid down. She knew she found her forever home.

On her second day, she and Thor walked perfectly on the double leash. She loved to snuggle up to us. She did not like being kissed on the snout but loved forehead kisses. If you made the kissing sound, she would come running and put her forehead up to your lips. She loved every person and every dog. She loved all the mini road trips we took. We did some fostering and she loved to snuggle with those dogs too. She used to run wild and play rough in the yard with her fur siblings.

Sadly, Thor passed away in April 2023 and Lexi had a rough time. We took her to doggy daycare and had dog play dates but she never "played and ran" with another dog after Thor passed. We bought our first pop-up camper in May and Lexi was in Heaven. We set it up in our backyard, and just left the camper door open for her. She would run in and lie on the bed and people watch. Of all the time we had Lexi, I think she was the happiest in the camper. We slept in the camper for three weeks straight because otherwise she would cry at the door to go outside.

We made the decision to get a puppy and let Lexi help pick out which one. She loved her new sister Rory. We went to visit the new puppy every week to let them get to know each other. She ran and played with her a little. On August 3, Lexi had her first seizure. The vet started her on seizure medication, but about a week later she ended up having eight in one day. She passed away at home August 11 at the young age of 6. We were blessed to spend 431 days with her.

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# Upcoming Events

## Meet & Greet Adoption Event

September 30

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

[Luther Westside Volkswagen](#)

[2370 HWY 100](#)

[St Louis Park, MN 55416](#)

## [RCBR Event Calendar](#)

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# 2023 National Pet Days



**September**

[National Service Dog Month](#)

National Pet Insurance Month

Responsible Dog Ownership Month

[Pet Sitter Education Month™](#)

September 20 – 26: National Dog Week.

September 20 – 26: Deaf Dog Awareness Week.

September 23 – [Dogs in Politics Day](#)

Also known as Checkers Day, recognizing the dogs of politicians.

September 24 – [World's Largest Pet Walk](#)

September 28 – [Remember Me Thursday®](#)

An international social media awareness day that brings attention to the millions of adoptable pets waiting in shelters and remembers those pets who never got a second chance. Share your rescue pet using



[Adopt-A-Dog Month](#)

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National Animal Safety and Protection Month

National Pet Wellness Month

October 1 – 7: [National Walk Your Dog Week](#)

October 1 – National Fire Pup Day

October 1 – National Black Dog Day

October 4 – [World Animal Day](#)

October 10 – [National Pet Obesity Awareness Day](#)

October 11 – 17: [National Veterinary Technician Week.](#)

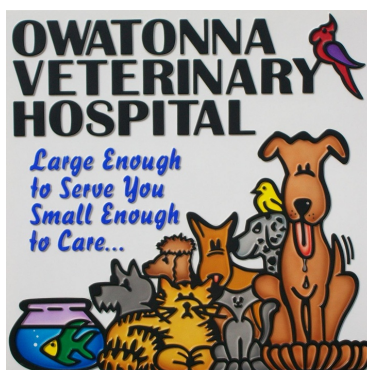
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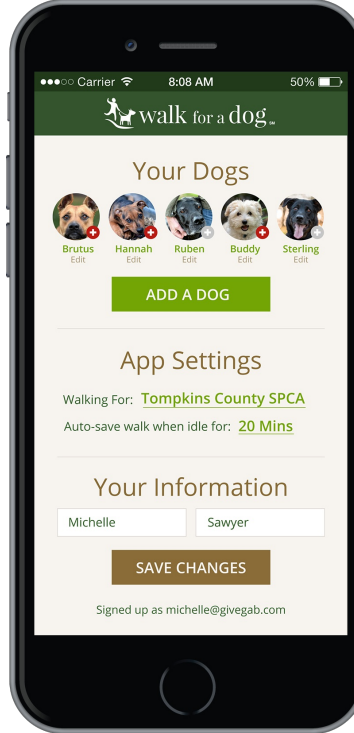
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## Mission Statement

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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