



# BOXER BEAT

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## WANT TO BREED YOUR BOXER?

Editorial: Sarah Anderson

Here are some points to consider before you breed your dog: **AKC REGISTRATION IS NOT AN INDICATION OF QUALITY!**

Most dogs, even purebreds, **should not be bred**. Many dogs, though wonderful pets, have defects of structure, personality or health that should not be reproduced. If you do not know what defects we are talking about, you should not be breeding. Breeding should only be done with the goal of improvement - an honest attempt to create puppies better than their parents. Once you have created a life, you can't take it back, even if blind, crippled, deaf, or canine psychopath!

### COST

Dog breeding is not a moneymaking proposition if done correctly. Health care and shots, diagnosis of problems and proof of quality, extra food, facilities, stud fees, advertising, etc. are all costly and must be paid before the pups can be sold.

### SALES

First time breeders have no reputation and no referrals to help them find buyers. Previous promises of "I want a puppy" evaporate. Consider the time and expense of caring for pups that may not sell until four months, eight months or older! What would you do if your pups did not sell? Send them to the pound? Dump them in the country? Sell them cheap to a dog broker who may resell them to labs to be experimented on or other unsavory buyers?

### JOY OF BIRTH

If this is for your children's education, remember the birth may be at three a.m. at the vet's. Even if the kids are there, they may get a chance to see the birth of a deformed or dead puppy, or watch the bitch scream and bite you as you attempt to deliver a pup that is half out and too large. Some bitches are not natural mothers and kill their puppies. Dogs

can even die in whelp; pups can be born dead or with deformities that require euthanasia. *You want your kids to see that?*

### TIME

Veteran breeders of quality dogs spend well over **130 hours of labor in raising an average litter**. That is over two hours per day, every day! Be prepared for days off work and sleepless nights. Mom needs care and feeding, puppies need daily checking, weighing, socialization, grooming, training and the whelping box needs lots of cleaning. If you can't provide the time, you will either have dead pups or poor ones that are bad tempered, antisocial, dirty and/or sickly - not a pup that will be attractive to a buyer- at any price.

### HUMANE RESPONSIBILITIES

There are **THREE-AND-A HALF MILLION UNWANTED DOGS** put to death in the USA each year, with millions more dying homeless and unwanted through starvation, disease, traffic, abuse, etc. Over 25% are purebred dogs with AKC papers. **The breeder who creates life is responsible for that life.**

- Will you carefully screen potential buyers?
- Will you take the money even if the puppy is chained up all of its life, or runs the streets and killed?
- Will you turn down irresponsible owners?
- Will you say "yes" and not think about the puppy you held and loved having a litter of mutts every time she comes in heat, filling the pounds with more statistics - your dog's grand-pups?
- Would you be prepared to take back a grown puppy if the owners can no longer care for it?

**Each puppy being born means a boxer rescue dog will die – cold, homeless, and alone.**

**Each boxer in L.A. that comes from an owner wanting to have one litter has a better than 80% chance of ending up on our website or dead.**

**DON'T BREED OR BUY WHILE RESCUE DOGS DIE.**

## THINK PET IDENTIFICATION: TAG DAY - APRIL 5 ID WEEK APRIL 20-26

Millions of companion animals enter animal shelters nationwide every year. Of these, only 2% of cats and 18% of dogs are reunited with their owners.

Responsible pet owners need to use one or more of the following pet identification methods to ensure the safe return of their pets should they become lost:

### Collars and Identification (ID) Tags

Collars and tags are a reliable way to identify your pet should they become lost. Make sure your dog or cat always wears a collar with a current identification tag. The tag should include:

- **Owner's name:** You don't want people to know your dog's name, they may want to keep it.
- **Telephone numbers with area code ONLY** (day and evening): Don't forget the area code. Some dogs walk and walk and end up in different cities. You don't want people to know where you live and that your house isn't being watched by your dog.
- **Medical problem requiring medication:** It is unlikely for someone who finds your dog to decide to keep it if it needs vet care. They won't want their kids to become attached to a sick dog, keep it as a watchdog, or want a sick pet associating with their pets.
- **Reward offer:** Some people need an incentive to take the extra steps to give a dog back.

Steps to take to ensure identification tags are functional:

1. The collar bearing the identification should be fastened snugly enough that it does not slip off over the dog's head. Do not use a chain choke collar as the identification collar.
2. Check your pet's tags regularly. They can become lost or unreadable with wear.
3. Many animals are lost when owners move. Use masking tape over the current tag or consider purchasing an instant tag, available at most pet supply stores.

### Microchip Identification System

Microchipping involves implanting a tiny capsule about the size of a grain of rice under the pet's skin.

The owner then sends the registering agency current and alternate contact information. When a pet is found, any agency with a scanner, including animal care and control agencies, vet clinics, and research labs, can quickly identify a code that links the animal to its owner.

### Tattoo Identification System

Tattooing is a permanent ID system that involves marking a code on the skin of the pet. A tattoo is placed in the pet's ear, abdomen, or on the inside of the pet's thigh. The finder of the lost pet calls a national database that uses the code to obtain the owner's current address and phone number. Each registry has its own coding system. This is an invaluable form of identification should a pet be stolen for research, since laboratories will instantly know the animal is not abandoned but a beloved pet.

### Other recommendations

- All cats and dogs need to wear collars with city or county licenses where required by law, and personal ID tags are essential backups.
- Keep an up-to-date file with a written description of your pet that includes their size, markings, weight, and unusual features. Keep a current photo on file to use for posters or to take to the animal shelter should your pet become lost.

## WHAT IS DOGSTER?:

Is your dog just the cutest little wiggle-butt? Do you love your dog so much you wish you could show the whole world?

Well now you can. Enter Dogster, or more specifically [www.dogster.com](http://www.dogster.com). Dogster is a small, free website where you can post your dog's pictures, bio, and even a daily journal of your dog's life. You can browse the site for other dogs you think are almost as cute as yours. You can even give each dog a "bone" or ask him or her to be your "pup pal". It's cute and it's an easy way to share your dog with other dog lovers.

Think it's stupid? Well according to Dogster stats, there are 71,926 dogs registered as of April 2, 2005, and they're adding an average of 185 new dogs a day. It may be kind of corny, but my dogs are there...



## FEATURED VOLUNTEERS: BRLA SPAY/NEUTER TEAM



Dr. Lara again paid a visit to Boxer Rescue LA to help with dogs needing spays, neuters and other medical procedures. Dr. Lara started helping Boxer

Rescue several years ago at the Pomona Inland Valley Humane Society and continues to be a blessing to Boxer Rescue in a new surgical van.

It was a busy and rainy Tuesday when the medical van dropped by the Boxer Rescue Kennel, but the work started long before that. Ursula, our fearless leader, lined up the van for another visit several weeks prior. Boxer rescue volunteers scoured the kennel – searching for every dog that needed a procedure done: soft palette, spay/neuter, tumor removal – anything thing that would help make these dogs more adoptable.



Boxers were lined up in crates in the front of the kennel. Students and volunteers alike were taking temperatures making sure the dogs were

okay for surgery. Then the rain started.

A tarp was set up to help keep the area dry, but it didn't help much. By the end of the day, all volunteers were drenched to the bone. All the rain and wet couldn't stop them – well over 10 surgeries got done and Dr. Lara with her assistant Eva finally closed the "hospital" door at 7pm!

A SINCERE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THIS DAY POSSIBLE.

## SHOW OFF YOUR BOXER!

Boxer Rescue LA is looking for photos of past-adopted dogs. We have numerous calls and e-mails every month asking, "What ever happened to..."

So, by popular demand, we have started an on-line photo album of our past adoptions. Please log on to <http://boxerrescuela.myphotoalbum.com/> and view our adopted boxers. If you'd like to add your dog, log on to the site and upload a picture of your dog. Include your boxer's name, your boxer's name when adopted from BRLA, date of adoption. Or you can e-mail the same information to [sarah@boxer-rescue-la.com](mailto:sarah@boxer-rescue-la.com).

## ADOPTION OF THE MONTH: FLOWER



Flower came to boxer rescue as a special needs dog. She has kidney failure, needs subcutaneous fluids every day, and was only give 6 months to live by a vet.

Needless to say, Flower was not a very "adoptable" dog. So at the kennel she sat. A sweet girl, she made friends with everyone – human and dog alike. Lillian, her boxer nurse, took care of her medical needs. We were waiting for her to die. Then a miracle happened.

A family called Boxer Rescue looking for a dog just like Flower. See, this family also has a special needs boy, another Boxer Rescue LA dog "Lennon"(formerly Danny). Lennon also has bad kidneys.

Lillian and Joni met Stephanie & Eddie and their dogs: Lennon and two Chihuahuas, Penny and Tutu. The Chihuahuas were greeted without incident and Flower fell in love with Eddie, the husband. Lillian taught Stephanie & Eddie how to administer Flowers IV drips and explained all of her medical needs.

On her second day, the family had other friends over that, "couldn't believe that she had just come home with us the day before... She has fit flawlessly into our family."

We can finally breath a sigh of relief as Flower, our kidney girl on borrowed time, has a home for the rest of her life.

Stephanie wrote "I cannot tell you how happy and thankful I am that we were able to take her into our house. We feel honored knowing that even with the bond that Lillian has with her, that you would put your trust in us to care for her."

All we can say is thank you and your family for allowing this girl a chance at a real family and real life. Thank you Stephanie and Eddie for opening your hearts and your home to this wonderful, deserving dog.

## BRADY'S SURGERY A SUCCESS:



When Joy and Ginger (BRLA rescue, formerly Reva) Brady, they knew he

was meant to be a part of their family. Ginger had fallen into a depression because of the loss of her doggy friend, and Brady (now Beau) breathed new life into her.

Although the new family was happy together, Brady (Beau) had some health problems, and needed surgery. A wonderful woman put her wedding jewelry up for auction on ebay (see March Issue of Boxer Beat) to help raise money for the procedure. Tazzyfund ([www.tazzyfund.org](http://www.tazzyfund.org)) jumped into action and immediately sponsored his surgery. He is shown here with his new sister Ginger, who, after only four days, is completely in love with him.

Beau's surgery was a complete success and he's now back home with his sister. He had several tumors removed, and a hernia repaired. He's never been happier, and neither has his family.

**Thank you Joy and special thanks to Tazzy Fund and Jennifer for donating the money so another healthy boxer in his forever home!**

## RUMMAGE SALE 2005



Well, we made it through another one...and, despite the weather, we had a successful rummage sale raising

\$1075! Boxer Rescue LA would like to thank our volunteers: Mary, Joni, and Dana, everyone who came out to help, and for all the donations. We



had a ton of stuff, and even with the rain people came out and we managed to sell a lot. The Dorothy Brown School for handicapped children, picked up what was left. It was very appreciated. BRLA thanks everyone for his or her support with our Boxer Rescue Spring Rummage Sale. Despite the rain, we raised over \$1000 from all of your donations. A special thanks goes out to the wonderful volunteers from Lincoln Middle School.

## EFFORTLESS WAYS TO HELP: BEQUESTS & ENDOWMENTS

For over twenty-eight years Boxer Rescue Los Angeles (BRLA) has worked to help lessen the suffering and provide homes for Boxers in the Southern California area. If you are interested in helping BRLA continue its valuable work, currently or in the years to come, you can make a lasting contribution through the following vehicles:

- **PROVIDE FOR YOUR PET**  
What happens to your pet(s) when you become incapacitated or pass away? For a bequest of \$5,000 per pet through your Trust or Will, BRLA will take your healthy adoptable dog or cat into our kennel or approved foster home until a suitable adoption can be arranged with a loving family.
- **CURRENT GIFTS**  
All gifts to BRLA qualify you to an income tax deduction for the fair market value of the gift, and provide necessary current operating funds.
- **WILL**  
A gift through a Will goes through the Superior Probate Court and takes about a year before BRLA receives the gift. Because BRLA is a tax-exempt charity, the gift is not subject to inheritance taxes.
- **REVOCABLE TRUST**  
A gift through a Trust allows BRLA to receive your gift immediately upon your death, and the gift is not subject to inheritance taxes.
- **CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST**  
This concept allows an individual to transfer an asset to BRLA and (1) not pay capital gains taxes, (2) receive lifetime income from the gift and (3) realize an income tax deduction. The gift would be made at full market value and become irrevocable. BRLA would then sell the asset and purchase an annuity based on the asset value providing a lifetime income to the donor and upon death of the donor the principal of the annuity would revert to BRLA.

- **OTHER GIFTING IDEAS**  
Gifts can also be left through a Life Insurance Policy, Pension or Retirement Plan, a Charitable Trust or even by giving art, automobiles or stocks

## NEED TO MOVE?

Every year, BRLA receives dozens of boxers from families that are moving and cannot find pet-friendly housing. Here are a few resources to help:

- **California Apartment Dog**
  - <http://www.california-aptdog.com/>
- **People with Pets**
  - <http://www.peoplewithpets.com/>
- **Pets and People Homefinders**
  - <http://www.pets-people.com/>
- **Westside Rentals**
  - <http://www.westsiderentals.com/>
- **Apartment Guide**
  - <http://www.apartmentguide.com/>
- **Apartment Hunterz**
  - <http://www.apartmenthunterz.com>

## SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENTS:

### Congratulations to the March Boxers that found new homes:

Alec by Anna Shinoda  
 Barkley\* by Joseph & Michelle Garcia  
 Bishop\* by Daniel Field  
 Blooper/Darla by Barbara Anderson  
 Brady by Joy Lesser  
 Brutus by Louise Ramirez  
 Buba Bulldog/Tank by Geoff & Jill Malone  
 Callie by Sarah Morris  
 Chiquito by Colleen Hall-Johnson  
 Chocolate by Sarah Kelley  
 Cochise by Glen Westberg  
 Dotti by Rebecca Seal John Weisgerber  
 Ebony by April Lisonbee  
 Escape by Jerry & Elenore Hierro  
 Flower\* by Stephanie Bowden Eddie Frescas  
 Guinness by Monique Adams  
 Harley\* by Mike & Carrie Jackson  
 Hunter by Marc Winters  
 Kahlua by Alyse Plotkin  
 Karol by Trevor Baumgartner  
 King/Buddy by Christa Stafford  
 Kristy by Annalisa & Eric Davenport  
 Lady by Christiane Fuller  
 Lennox by Jason & Melinda Helschar  
 Little Hilga by Frank Ramos

Max\* by Sigrid Propper  
 Monet by Dianna Elliott  
 Nala by Paul & Dana Mckenzie  
 Nutmeg by Janet & John Clark  
 Oden by Richard Bane  
 Oren by Bruce Ivens  
 Pa by Terry Martinez  
 Peyton by V.W. Caiozzo  
 Pippin by Deborah Manseau  
 Possum/Darby by Cristina Costa  
 Princess by Melinda & Patrick Florio  
 Puppy by Dawn Rose  
 Queen Elizabeth by Veronica & David Alt  
 Ring by Seth Soloway & Maya Tsuchida  
 Rock by Steve & Meredith Kavovit  
 Rocky by Rick & Angie Garcia  
 Skipper by Janet & John Dregne  
 Snowy by Sam & Emily Caloroso  
 Spatz by Jerry & Tiffanie Nine  
 Stanford by Ben & Kelly McArthur  
 Star by Charles Randall  
 Storm/Deceased by Brooke Preston  
 Strauss by Ken & Isabella Fisher  
 Theodore by John Reeser  
 Zimba by Gary Pratt

.Also a special thanks to:

### Bay Area Boxer Rescue

(<http://www.boxer-rescue.org/>)

for finding loving homes for:

Mya, Beauty, Molly, Sammy, Robbie, and Pichiriza

### Boxers Without Borders

([www.boxerrescue-la2ca.com](http://www.boxerrescue-la2ca.com))

for finding a loving Canadian home for:

Sanbuca and Samantha

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### April 15th - April 17th:

Pet Expo - Orange County Fairgrounds, Orange, CA. Go to [www.afpe.net](http://www.afpe.net) for more info

### April 23<sup>rd</sup>

8th Annual Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park Pet Adoption 17550 Victory Boulevard Encino, Ca 91316

### May 7th

Lawndale Pet Fair, Lawndale, CA Contact: (310) 970-2120 for more information.

### May 8th

5K run at Griffith Park (Boxer Rescue has a booth) Los Angeles, CA