



# THE BOXER BEAT

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## Medical Needs Dogs in Crisis!

One of the primary costs associated with Boxer Rescue Los Angeles are medical expenses. In the last few months, we have been seeing more and more boxers with medical problems. We are asking for any donation that you can bear to part with – every dollar counts. Here are some of our current emergency medical needs dogs:



### Paul :

On Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, Boxer Rescue LA got a call from the Lancaster shelter. It was Lt. Flores. The Department had picked up an injured male boxer the previous day. The dog was in great discomfort, unable to walk and on morphine to help ease the pain. The shelter had no one to take this stray boxer with no tags, no collar and no microchip. Lt. Flores wanted to know if there was anything Boxer Rescue LA could do.

Ursula immediately got on the phone and began her search for a volunteer driver. Ed Snell agreed to make that long drive to Lancaster and then to General Vet Hospital in San Bernardino. Paul arrived at General already heavily sedated. Once a vet got a chance to look at him, they found out what a mess he was in. One volunteer described the damage by saying “He must’ve been hit by a moving van.”

He was so heavily medicated that the vet was unable to check for neurological damage. As the

exam progressed, the medical fees shot through the roof. Even with the discount given to Boxer Rescue, the estimate to repair the damage came to



over \$5,000!

A plea went out to all the volunteers – Did we think we would be able to raise the money for the surgery? We hoped so as the green light

to operate was given.

On July third the doctor began the painstaking work of putting Paul’s pelvis back together. With the multiple fractures sustained, it was still unclear if BRLA would be able to find the monetary resources to save Paul’s injured leg. He went into surgery again on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Luck was with him. Paul went for a check up on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. everything looked GREAT - better than expected considering he had a crushed pelvis and two broken legs (one of the femurs was shattered into so many pieces that the x-ray looked like a jigsaw puzzle). He will stay confined for many weeks to come, but can now go for short slow walks. He has another check up around mid-August.

Everyone was concerned about the personality of this un-neutered male roaming around Lancaster. We needn’t have worried– He is just a cuddle bunny. He’s the most affectionate boxer ever - he just wants to kiss everyone! His contact with other dogs has to be limited because of his condition, but so far he’s been just wonderful. No aggression whatsoever, he just wants to play. He’s met the cat a few times and even that has gone well.

We would like to thank Ron Edwards, who oversees the county shelters, and Lt. Flores of the Lancaster Shelter for giving this boxer a chance to be released into our medical foster program.

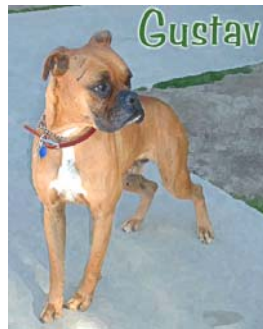
# Medical Miracles:

## Elvis:

By: Dana Ranslom

Our boy was  
found on the  
side of a  
freeway hit  
by a car two  
summers  
ago. A  
fellow boxer  
lover had  
picked him

up and took him to a local vet to be treated. She called BRLA right away. He stayed there and was stabilized until we could locate a surgeon that could help. 'Elvis the Pelvis' was so lucky that day and I thank the stars for this lady's act of goodness! Both sides of his pelvis were smashed. BRLA raised the \$5000 to have his pelvis surgery, done by the amazing Dr. Tony Cambridge in Tustin. We were short on medical fosters and I was volunteering to transport him. When I saw him, I had to take him home. He was suffering from bad kennel cough and colitis. Little did I know that we were able to give him the best life to recover in....and he got well fast! He was crated with just some therapy at first. Many nights my husband and I would take turns with our heads in the crate, next to his, on his pillow. He loved the care and attention and





Rigby and new friend

If you think a special needs dog, or a dog in bad shape will be too much work, let me tell you: IT'S WORTH IT! They may not be the picture of obedience and restraint when you visit them at the kennel, but they can become your best friends and true members of the family!

PS. After we got home on Rigby's adoption day, we looked his paperwork. He was brought to BRLA January 27th (the same day we lost our beloved Fruvus)

### Nike

After a while volunteering at Boxer Rescue, you think you have seen it all. At least, we had until we met "Nike".



Nike came to us missing his right hind foot. There was much speculation as to what happened, everything from it being chewed off to

Nike getting caught in a bear trap. In the end, we settled on just an odd birth defect.

Missing a limb doesn't really affect dogs, but missing *part* of the limb was causing Nike pain and discomfort. The end of his stump was a bloody mess from trying to walk on the foot that wasn't

there. Specialists were consulted and foster homes searched for. Who would want to help us with this poor dog? We needed a solution. Our last resort was amputation of Nike's whole leg. Then the heavens opened and dropped angels into our laps: Ortho Engineering, Inc. and M.S. Engineer Reza Afzali sized, created, and attached a new prosthetic foot for Nike.

Nike (now Niki) with his new foot



The foot is great, however Niki is still getting used to it...

He is trying to chew the foot off when he is home alone! In the words of his foster mom, "The first day I

was so thrilled and left him and when I got home at night asking my hubby about Niki's new wonderful foot, he said what foot? So I searched and searched and found it, with little damage but now I need to train him to "leave it" (on!)" As Niki adjusts our hearts are light, knowing this boy has a chance to run and play and kidney bean with the best of them.

## Want to help a needy Boxer?:

### Become a Boxer Rescue Angel!

We are proud to offer our *Angel Tags* to our supporters!

These custom-designed identification cards feature photos of Boxer Rescue Dogs in need. Its a new fashion apparel... hey who needs a string of pearls when you can wear an Angel Tag? What a great way to show your support! Angel Tags also make wonderful gifts any animal lover! BRLA Angel Tags are available whenever you pick a special boxer buddy to sponsor. To get your angel tag, send a check with the name of the dog you'd like to help to:

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Suite #201  
Encino, CA 91316-5914  
Allow 4 - 6 weeks for tag delivery.



## In Loving Memory:

These are medical dogs that wiggled their way into our hearts, but sometimes no matter what we do, it isn't enough to save them from their horrible pasts.

### Twiggy:

BRLA volunteer Jan Edwards pulled this precious soul from the Riverside Shelter. Twiggy was rushed immediately to General Vet Hospital in San



Bernardino. We all crossed our fingers and hoped she would pull through. She was so weak when she

arrived she couldn't even stand on her own! We didn't know if her condition was a result of a medical problem or starvation. Jan went during her lunch hour to bring her human food. She ate some of it.

We tried, General tried, but Twiggy was past the point of salvation. She passed away at General.

### Chatto:

By: Ursula Sauthier

Chatto was the dog that everyone wants but they don't know it. People who came looking for a puppy were really looking for Chatto. People who wanted to adopt a calm, small female wouldn't look twice at him, blinded by their preconceptions. But Chatto was



everything: He was unassuming, loveable, even tempered, and cuddly. He wanted nothing more than a pat on the head or a scratch behind an ear. Is with great sadness that we lost this precious soul today (July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004). He went for cancer surgery in mid-June and then into a foster home.

Around early July, I checked to see how he was doing and was told he was doing fine. This a.m. I got a 911 page from the foster that Chatto did not want to get up and was drooling excessively. It was decided to get him into the clinic (Dr. Lori) as soon as possible.

He died on the way to the vet. He will be remembered by all of us and greatly missed....

## How You Can Help!

Boxer Rescue LA is a non-profit 501 3(c) organization. Your generosity is what keeps BRLA able to rescue abandoned Boxers and provide them with a second chance at life. We are funded solely by private donation. Please give what you can to save a Boxers life. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

### Make a donation

Checks made payable to and mailed to:

Boxer Rescue LA  
17514 Ventura Blvd. Suite 201  
Encino, CA 91316

Visit our donation page: <http://www.boxer-rescue-la.com/pages/donations.htm>

### Donate Your Time

Become a BRLA volunteer. We have numerous opportunities for volunteer work. You can come to the kennel and work hands on with our orphans: walking, bathing and socializing. There are even ways for you to help from the comfort of your home, with email follow up, database work, etc. Please contact our volunteer coordinator, Jourdan Conrad ([jourdanc@mac.com](mailto:jourdanc@mac.com)).

### Foster a dog

You can open your heart and home to help a needy orphan regain their strength. For more information visit: <http://www.boxer-rescue-la.com/Adoption/fostering.htm>

## Boxer Rescue Wish List!

Boxer Rescue is always in need of the following items.

- Wire Crates size 36x24x28 or larger
- Nutra Nuggets Lamb & Rice (Costco)
- 21"-22" choke chains
- Leashes
- Nylabones
- Towels
- Blankets
- Laundry soap
- Bleach
- Window cleaner
- Disinfectant
- Spray bottles
- Paper towels
- Polaroid film (600)
- Xerox paper
- Natural treats
- Any service like printing, etc.

For more info, contact Joni [jcproline@comcast.net](mailto:jcproline@comcast.net)

## Successful Placements:

### Congratulations to the June and July Boxers that found new homes:

Annie by Jennifer Lin  
Astrid\* by David Martinez  
Bambi by Lance Fisher  
Baxter by April Boose  
Beanie by Cruz Toro Gutierrez  
Beth by R Emmons  
Betty by Joanne Bacon  
Billion Brown by Richardo Felix  
Boo Bear by Jonathan Yaker and Joanne Smith  
Browley by Jason Taylor  
Bruce by William Chang  
Buster by Jeff Wells  
Canyon by Colin & Janet Kateley  
Carson by Greg Smith  
Charlie by Sarah Altman  
Chester by Aline Schaum  
Chubby by John Lyons  
Clair by Donna Baker  
Coca\* by Annette Wilson  
Copper by Aaron Sanchez  
Cubby by David & Regina Cohn  
Daisy by Steven Duffield  
Dakota by Louis & Denise Johec  
Daphne by Kathy & Duane Gardner  
Destiny by Fran Owens  
Dutch by Katsiaryna Kryvaruchka  
Fabio by Cesar Esparza  
Fargo by Rob & Amber Verdi  
Fiona by Alicia Rainot-Gaballa  
Flash by David & Allyson Oestmann  
Gaby by George Burdess  
Gracey by Guadalupe Garcia  
Honey by Jaye & Joe Gressis  
Jep by Lucinda Bailey  
Jewel by Christopher & Maribel Pineda  
Jill by Rosemary Yankovich  
Joe Boxer by Fred Burke  
Johnny by Ashley & Ryan Beard  
Juicy by Frank Hannah  
Kenya by Rebecka Bernards  
Kimba by Jason Fontaine  
Lenny by Stephanie Morales  
Lola-mastiff mix by Leticia Vialobos  
Lucy by Gregory Harford  
Maddie by Leila Reynolds  
Mandrake by Adam Foley  
Mark by Laura Slater  
Mick by Jeff & Jenny Kreil

Miles by Tatsuro Ogisu  
Mimi/Cinnamon by Andie & Mark Miller  
Miss America by Jeannette Siegal  
Misty by Dianne Reilly  
Molly by Jason Kirk  
Monica by Marcie & Don Havran  
Morgan\* by Katrina Morriss  
Nevada by Kyle Lanier  
Oscar by Tanya Bolotina  
Oscar by Tom Fahrenholz  
Pancho by Anthony Morena  
Pascal\* by Scott McLean  
Paws by Kathie & Sal Tardibuono  
Phoebe by Lucinda Bailey  
Polly by Joseph & Chereece Parker  
Reiner by Mindy Selby  
Reva by Joy Lesser  
Rocket by Amy Cullem  
Roman by Elizabeth Delgadillo-Shiota  
Roscoe by Ana Sudolsky  
Roscoe by Randy Osherow  
Sadie by Randy Osherow  
Sage by Erwin & Kristina Balingit  
Sarah by Erwin & Kristina Balingit  
Simon\* by Larry & Debra Hartsell  
Simon/Otis by Alison Lerer  
Sirius by Damien & Michelle Sanchez  
Sparrow by Sean Ginnever  
Stacy by Ric Munoz Molly White  
Starr by Lisa Pulver  
Stitch by William Rinehart  
Sugar Baby by Cesar Martinez  
Suki by Jaime Cardwell  
Summer by John Lyons  
Sydney by Edie Krupnick  
Tank by Paul Adams  
Taz by Vivian Dominguez Danielle Portillo  
Timon by Joe Paxton  
Toby by Frank Rivera  
Trinity by Mike Patterson  
Ulla by April Van Wie  
Venus by K. Janelle Clark  
Viejito by Amy & Todd Templeton  
Whitney by Brian Hay  
Wilbur by Barbara Poland  
Woody by Matt Cleaver

### New Foster homes for needy dogs:

Sheri Snyder fostering Cody and Rocky  
Jill McGrath fostering ET  
Chelsea Perry fostering Socks  
Adrienne Nelson fostering Bruno

Also a special thanks to:  
**Bay Area Boxer Rescue**  
(<http://www.boxer-rescue.org/>)

for finding loving homes for:  
Woody, Noah, Cutie Pie, Candy, Stacks, Chula,  
Sadie, Tiger, Murphy, Chata Sue, Lila, Tania,  
Thor, Doreen, Cesar, Cody, Dexter, Hazel, Kayla,  
Noah, Sheila, Sienna, Spencer, Sulton, and Tyson

## July Boxer Rescue Poll I :

### What kind of Boxer do you own?

Brindle	29.41%
White	17.65%
Boxer Mix	5.88%
Fawn	47.06%

Want your opinion to count? Join us at:  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/boxerbeat/join>

## Boxer Question Corner:

### Digging and Chewing:

Hi, I'm hoping you can help me. I'm having a very difficult time with my little boxer. I recently adopted a 9-month-old boxer from someone that couldn't keep her any more. I have tried working with Molly and am losing my patience. She is very destructive. I don't know what to do. What can I do to stop her bad behavior?

Thank you,  
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### **Boxer Rescue:**

Two things could cause Molly's problems; the first is teething. Dogs go through three teething stages, the first stage from about 4 weeks to 12 weeks old, the second from 12 weeks old to 6 months old, and the last stage runs from about 8 months old to 1 year old. Many owners get frustrated because the dogs exit the second stage of teething and the owners think the chewing is gone for good. When the third stage starts, they just have had enough, and want to get rid of the dog. For more information on chewing, please visit our website [www.boxer-rescue-la.com](http://www.boxer-rescue-la.com) and click on "Ask The Trainer"

The second problem could be that Molly is suffering from Separation Anxiety. Dogs that develop this disorder are mostly female. It usually begins to manifest itself between the ages of 10 months and 2 years old. It is the dog's fear of being without you.

So what can you do? First you need to do is spay her if she isn't already. Next enroll her in a basic obedience class, if you already have, practice her commands every day. Finally start crate training your dog.

I think this story will sound familiar. Dodger's owners contacted me when she was 10 months old. It seems that she started destroying things in the house when they weren't home. I gave them this same advice. They didn't like it, thinking that crating their dog during the day was cruel. They locked her in the backyard instead. Then their dog started systematically destroying the yard. She dug holes, chewed up the hose, chewed down some trees, and then chewed a hole through their hot tub. The people had come to the end of their rope. At my insistence they gave the dog to Boxer Rescue as an alternative to taking her to the pound. I decided to foster her to work on her anxiety. She got spayed and began crate training. She went through basic obedience. And I have never, since the day I got her, experienced the destruction and anxiety she previously demonstrated. Most of this was because she lacked the opportunity to misbehave. The rest was because she was being trained out of it. I wanted to share this with you because there is no "easy way" to solve this problem.

If you don't see improvement within two weeks, contact a trainer familiar with boxers. You'll find a list of these trainers in the back of your Boxer Rescue Adoption Guide or e-mail us and we'll refer you.

**If you have a question to submit to "Question Corner", please e-mail [newsletter@boxer-rescue-la.com](mailto:newsletter@boxer-rescue-la.com)**

## Upcoming Events:

### August 14<sup>th</sup>

#### Long Beach Dog Park Pet Fair

Recreation Dog Park, 7th Street & Federation Blvd., Long Beach  
Registration starts at 9:00am, booths and Dog Walk starts at 10:00am

### August 21st

#### Wrightwood Mountain Classic Car Show

11:00am – 4:00pm  
Wrightwood Village located along scenic Highway 2 in the Angeles National Forest.



Removing leg and  
from pellet gun:



injuries



Curing severe mange due to  
owner neglect: **\$600**



Repairing shattered  
broken legs after b  
car: **\$5,000**



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Removing a tumor the size of  
the dog's head: **\$1,200**

# Saving the life of a boxer in need: **Priceless**

## DONATION

### BOXER RESCUE LA DONATION FORM

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