



THE BOXER BEAT

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FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BRLA

As 2004 comes to a close, we would like to thank all of those individuals who contributed to our efforts this year. We would like to express our appreciation to the more than 40 volunteers who have devoted so much time and attention to our boxer charges. The volunteers pick up dogs from shelters in 5 counties, come each week to walk dogs, work with difficult dogs, clean kennels, keep our dogs healthy and help with placements.

We would also like to give special thanks to the following:

Cindy Seminatore of Boxer Rescue in San Jose took and placed over 140 BRLA boxers

Lillian Fredrics oversees all the medical dogs

Lynn Edelman monitors the shelter boards daily for available dogs

Dr. Laura Birr and Western University Vet School came with 2 students and spay/neuter mobile to perform 12 surgeries for our kennel boxers

Marilyn Lilla with General Dog and Cat Hospital in San Bernardino works diligently to give medical care and socialize new arrivals from the Inland Empire.

Toni Faraggalli, Haze and Janet Wozny for placement follow-ups

Derek Dickerson maintains our website

Sarah Anderson edits the "Boxer Beat" newsletter provides training and tips, and organized the "Dog-Tober Fest" Fundraiser

Linda and Jim Magglos donated a new Boxer Rescue Van and funds for part of the new wall extension at the kennel

Wayne and Claudia Gordon for their Silent Auction fundraising efforts this year

Dorothy Metros for making the necessary donations so we can groom our kennel dogs

A special thanks to our "monthly" Boxer Rescue Contributors:

Jane and Jim Clinkenbeard also donated wonderful Christmas Gifts to all the kennel dogs!

George and Sharry Taylorsen also gave an appreciation party for Boxer Rescue volunteers!

Diana Baker, Lucinda Carey, Steven Schechter, Michelle Edelman, William McSwain, Robert Johnson, Bernice Hugh, Kelli Humfeld, Taylor Wright, Petco Foundation, Aaroe Assoc Charitable Foundation, Kim Dienstmann, Patricia Kirsch, Stephanie Price, Lee Ann Harris, Connie Quickle

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And for being not only Boxer Rescue Volunteers, but also for going the extra mile and sponsoring or fostering medical needs dogs, Boxer Rescue LA would like to recognize:

- Tamara and Ned
- Janet McBurney Freed
- Bob and Leslie Rush
- Toni Faragalli
- Wayne and Claudia Gordon
- Dana Ranslom Gordon
- Haze and her family
- Kathy Combs
- Martina McGaugh
- Jourdan Conrad

All of our efforts would be in vain if it were not for the literally hundreds of California families who each year decide to take a chance on a rescue boxer. A special few have returned to BRLA several times in the past 28 years for a second, third and occasionally a fourth BRLA boxer. Each of these families offer forever homes to dogs in need and we are grateful to each family for their loving support.

Over the past few years BRLA has grown rapidly. We now support two kennels and have a number of dedicated paid employees. With this growth has come a need to strengthen the internal organization and we are in the process of developing new and, we hope, stronger policies and procedures for our organization.

To anyone we missed, our deepest and sincere apologies. Please e-mail us as soon as possible and we will make sure you are recognized!

As we move forward into 2005 we look forward to sharing some exciting new plans with you and we are gratified by your continued support.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

Ursula Sauthier
BRLA Founder and President

MIX IT UP BOXER RESCUE LA!

Come and start the New Year on the right PAW!!!! Saturday January 22 and Saturday February 19, BRLA will feature beautiful Boxer Mixes for adoption with a special minimum donation of \$100 to help you find the right dog for your family. Please fill out an application today! Don't miss out! Come and pick out your next best friend!!!!

PLEASE CONSIDER:

Shaska



Shaska came to Boxer Rescue LA in **2001!** He has been patiently waiting for his "forever home" for 4 long, lonely years.

Shaska's good points: Do you want an agility dog? A great smart dog that will learn every command, run 10 miles a day and still

want to go swimming at night?

Shaska's needy areas: Shaska would be best as an only dog in an adult home. He is VERY strong and needs obedience training.

Zipper

Zipper came to Boxer Rescue in 2002- for **three years** Zipper has been waiting for a home he can call his own.



Zipper's good points:

Zipper is a pint-sized, interesting-looking guy. He is a rare English bulldog/boxer mix

Zipper's needy areas: He needs obedience and a strong leader experienced with dogs. He needs to be the only pet in a quiet,

structured, adults only home.

Midge

Midge came to Boxer Rescue LA in May of 2003. She is the sweetest, easiest to love dog. Don't let her waste all the love she has to give another day – take Midge home!



Midge's good points:

EVERYTHING! She is

very sweet and is very easy going. She loves kids and most other dogs.

Midge's needy areas: Midge has recovered from Colitis. She is on a diet of Duck and Potato kibble that can be bought at any PETCO. This is a **lifetime** diet to keep her off medication

Plato



Plato came to us in June of 2003. This big, handsome boy loves people.

Plato's good points:

Plato LOVES water and likes to swim. He is very easy to handle, eager to learn and intelligent.

Plato's needy areas: Plato would be best as an only dog in a home with older children and a pool!

Cinder

Since Cinder came to us in August of 2003, she has been waiting for the right family.



Cinder's good points: Cinder loves attention and is very quick to learn. She is very energetic and loves to run!

Cinder's needy areas: Cinder would be best as an only dog in a family with older children.

“LUCY” MIXES WITH SUCCESS!

Words are not enough to describe how lucky we feel to have found our little girl, a Boxer mix named Lucy (used to be Snickers). We came to Boxer Rescue in the hopes of being

able to find a female boxer with the same temperament as another dog that my family rescued, a brindle male named Kahuna. He was by far the best dog my family ever owned, and we were heartbroken when he died of cancer. I warned my fiancé before arriving that we might not be able to find a dog that day. Then we met Lucy, and fell in love.

Lucy was very shy when we first brought her home. She didn't know how to walk on a leash, and was of scared of people, including us! She had a bit of kennel cough at first. Thankfully, now she is as healthy as ever. She's definitely grown up - she's got very long legs and walks like a supermodel! Lucy is still a puppy, and has tons of puppy energy. Her favorite pastimes include digging holes, chewing on furniture, eating (yes, eating) clothes and shoes of all kinds, and learning to be housetrained. She's still got a lot of learning to do, but we know she can do it, because she is a very smart girl.

Raising a puppy is frustrating at times. But all that stress seems to disappear when we walk in the door at the end of the day to a wiggling, jumping, happy-to-see-you Lucy, ready to give both of us lots of love and kisses. She is one of the most independent dogs we have ever met, so when she makes the decision to climb up and lay on you to give kisses and fall asleep, you know that she must really like you.

Thank you so much for helping bring Lucy into our lives. We are eternally grateful to Boxer Rescue, and look forward to being able to adopt another Boxer soon.

Nicole and Geoff

HAUTE DOG! SANTA PAWS TO THE RESCUE

OPERATION SANTA PAWS is part of the Haute (pronounced HOT) Dog organization www.hautedogs.org -- a diverse network of dog owners, lovers, educators, rescuers and supporters. The event, organized by Haute Dogs founder Justin Rudd, invited Boxer Rescue LA down to the Long Beach Shelter where

Operation Santa Paws delivered food, treats, and toys to local shelters and rescues. The donation program attrac(r)--2.3(am)51.2(at)7.7(t0.4(a)E(1o)25.6(sc))448E(

THE TRUE STORY OF BOXIE THE BOXER

This is the story of a gorgeous brindle boxer formerly named Boxie. On the 11th of November 2004, animal control license checkers were going door to door to see if dogs were licensed. They stopped at one house and heard what sounded like an animal in pain. Following their ears led them to the side of the house. Peeking over the fence, they saw a dog so tangled up in a tie out and in such obvious pain that they called the shelter. The animal shelter arrived and cut the dog loose, but the tie-out cord was buried so deeply into the dog's leg, all they could do was cut the



wire. Once he realized he was free, Boxie ran to his previously out of reach, almost empty water bucket and drank as fast as he could. The trauma was overwhelming, and Boxie threw up.

The animal control officers, concerned about the dog's leg, dehydration, and overall health, left a note for the owners and rushed Boxie to General Animal Hospital, a close associate of Boxer Rescue LA. General cut the cable from the dog's leg and slowly, carefully massaged the leg to restore circulation.

With daily calls and messages, five days later on November 16, Boxie's owner finally came in to General to pick up her "beloved" dog. Both the shelter and General urged her to turn the dog over to Boxer Rescue, but she started crying big crocodile tears at the thought of giving up her precious Boxie the boxer. She blamed the neglect on her son, saying it was his dog and his fault that this had happened.

The owner was given strict care information. She was told that she would have to massage the leg as much as possible in order to save the leg from amputation. She further informed to bring Boxie

back on the 18th for a follow-up visit. As the criticalness of the situation was stressed to her, she relented to allow her outside only dog garage access while he was ill.

The 18th came and went and no Boxie showed up for his follow up care. The animal hospital and shelter tried in vain to contact the owner several times. They left messages, but got no response. The animal hospital continued to call and leave messages for the next two days. Not twenty minutes after their last attempt at contact, General Animal hospital got a call from the Devore shelter. "Would Boxer Rescue LA take in Boxie the Boxer?" Of course we would.

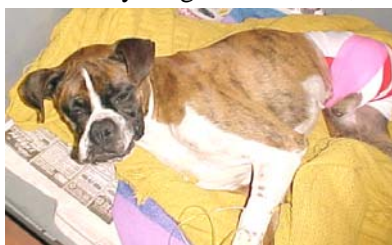
From the time the owner had picked up her dog to the time her relinquished him to the shelter, she had ignored all advice given. She did not allow Boxie to sleep in the garage. She did not massage the leg, or provide follow-up care. She had, upon arriving home from the animal shelter four days previous, left her "beloved" injured and scared Boxie unattended in the backyard for three days. Uncomfortable, cold, and in extreme pain, Boxie chewed off his foot.

BRLA was forced to amputate the remaining leg.

Up to now, Boxie has not have a good life. Due to the history attached to the name

"Boxie", he has been renamed "Keeper." A

beautiful young brindle male, Keeper loves other



dogs, kids and cats. As he recovers in a foster home he is looking for a family that truly feels like we

feel, he is a KEEPER! If you or anyone you know can help Keeper, please donate to:

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Remember: NEVER leave your dog unattended on a leash, rope or other tie-out!

OTHER BOXERS THAT NEED YOUR SUPPORT:

Galen:

Galen came to Boxer Rescue with a list of serious medical needs. The first thing on his list was a knee surgery. **Special thanks to Tamara McDonald-Freed and her husband for sponsoring the two thousand dollar surgery!**



Galen isn't out of the woods yet; He is not able to retract his penis and needs reduction surgery. The current quote is \$1,085.00. Poor Galen deserves the best life he can have. Can you help? Galen needs to be in foster as well, so maybe if you can't help him financially, you can give him a safe, quiet place to recover. If you are interested in fostering Galen, please e-mail Joni at jcproline@comcast.net.

We are proud to offer our *Angel Tags* to our supporters! Donate any amount over \$50 to help Galen's treatment and

receive a custom-designed identification card, featuring Galen's photo. What a great way to show your support! Angel Tags also make wonderful gifts any animal lover. To get your angel tag, send a check with the name of the dog you'd like to help to:

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Hilga:

Hilga is a very sweet and young white and fawn boxer female. She was brought into the rescue with SEVERE TRAUMA to her knee. Her patella (kneecap) was cracked and the ligaments were disconnected and

severed. The injuries were consistent with those sustained by a severe blow to the knee. Who would want to hurt this loving and wonderful dog is beyond our reasoning. However, Hilga's surgery is estimated at \$1,461.00...

Donate any amount over \$50 to help Hilga's treatment and receive a custom-designed identification card, featuring Hilga's photo. What a great way to show your support! Angel Tags also make wonderful gifts any animal lover. To get your angel tag, send a check with the name of the dog you'd like to help to:

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CURRENT BOXER ANGELS:

Boxer Rescue LA would like to recognize the following Boxer Angels that gave Cosmo a new chance at life:



Diana Fair and Louise Coda

BOXER QUESTION CORNER:

Housebreaking Regression:

I have a 6-year-old boxer I rescued named Maddy. All of the sudden, after 6 years she is peeing in the garage in the same spots everyday instead of just going out one more door a foot away to go in her run. I punish her and it lasts about a week before she does it again. What can I do? Do I revert back to the old crate? She is not doing it in the house, but goes out the dog door from the kitchen to the garage and instead of going out the door to the yard just does her business right there by the washing machine!!

D.Z.

Boxer Rescue:

The first thing I would do is take Maddy in to the vet for a physical exam. Often dogs that regress in their housebreaking are suffering a medical condition. It could be anything from kidney stones to a bladder infection. Before we try any training interventions, we must rule out a medical condition.

The second thing I would check is the weather – if it has been raining, snowing or unusually cold in your area, your boxer’s regression may be due to that. We know our boxer babies are “sensitive”, so make sure she has a little jacket or sweater for



when she goes out, or has a covered area to potty in, and you may see an immediate improvement. If Maddy is healthy and there has been no aberration in the weather, then and only then would I revert back to crate training.

No matter what the cause, you cannot punish her unless you catch her in the act. Punishing her after the fact will only scare and confuse her and may in fact make her regressions more common.

For more information on prey drive, please visit our website www.boxer-rescue-la.com and click on “Ask The Trainer”

If you have a question for “Question Corner”, please e-mail newsletter@boxer-rescue-la.com

SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENTS:

Congratulations to the December Boxers that found new homes:

Angela by Joni Staple
Bogart by Kim & Ed Rock
Brownie by Christine Buckley
Cabo by Benoit Pecquer
Caleb by Diana Rodriguez
Felicia by Matt & Cyndi Steuben
Gwendolyn by Paula Cummings-Valentine
Hope by Mike Pearson
Jules by Julie & Eric Argatto
Kip by Keith & Pam Pokracki
Lady Chance by Lee & Christine Strollo
Leon by Darryl & Michelle Olinick
Maggie by Jan Hobson Linda King
Mariposa by Monica Saile
Martha by Dave & Becky McKnight
Mary Kay by Adi Weinberg
Mike Mulligan by Ronn Potter
Mookie/Noel by Andre Andresian
Moses by Andrea Picone
Odin by Mike & Cecilia Combe
Olivia by Ellen Hollman James Peragine
Orbit by Rachel Kirshenbaum Michael Motta
Paul by Victor Puglisi Jr
Pinkey by Ivan Johnston
Sampson by Sheila & Lonny Lopez
Sheldon by Harold Periaza
Simon by Miles Watson
Snickers by Charles & Laurie Bryant
Snoopy by Adolf Krumer
Sophie by W DeGeorgio
Spanky by Russ Bogda
Sparkle by Jeff and Christy Mallard
Sweety by Charles Lewis
Theodore by Melissa Fanfassian
Turk by DeeDee Castro

The editor would like to apologize to Jeff and Christy Mallard. They were accidentally left off the October Adoptions list when they adopted Sparkle, now Baily.

Also a special thanks to:

Bay Area Boxer Rescue
(<http://www.boxer-rescue.org/>)

for finding loving homes for:

Yosemite Sam, Tolani, Shane, Eric, Pebbles, Hank, Cee, Jenna, Bebe, Papa Dog, Mama Dog, and Brindle Boy

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
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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).

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

PAST EVENTS:

November 20th

Boxer Rescue silent auction – was a huge success - raising over \$18,000 for Boxer Rescue LA.

November 20th

Microchipping event – all past adopted dogs were invited to have a free Microchip implanted in them. It was wonderful to see familiar faces in their forever homes!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 16th

Free AVID Micro-Chipping Clinic

Do you have a Boxer you have adopted from Boxer Rescue LA? If so, you are entitled to have your dog microchipped for FREE at this event. Do you have other dogs that need chips? Microchipping will only be \$20 for all other dogs! Please call (310) 519-8221 or e-mail sarah@boxer-rescue-la.com for more information.

Boxer Rescue LA Kennels

1pm – 4pm

If you know of a dog-friendly event in your area, or an event that you'd like to have Boxer Rescue LA attend, please send the information to Sarah@Boxer-Rescue-LA.com - Remember, the more people that hear about us, the more dogs' lives can be saved!

DOG PROPERTY LAWS:

- ✦ If I like it, it's mine
- ✦ If it's in my paws, it's mine
- ✦ If I can take it from you, it's mine
- ✦ If I had it a little while ago, it's mine
- ✦ If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way
- ✦ If I'm taking something apart, all the pieces are mine
- ✦ If I think it's mine, it's mine
- ✦ If it's yours and I steal it, it's mine