



Monthly Newsletter of Boxer Rescue LA
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**AN EMERGENCY TIP TO
 BAY AREA BOXER RESCUE**

or may not be a Boxer, but if you have a dog, you should know the following information. The Bay Area Boxer Rescue Fund (B.A.B.R.F.) is a non-profit organization that rescues and rehomes Boxers and other breeds in the San Francisco Bay Area. We are currently accepting donations of any amount to help us continue our rescue efforts. If you are interested in donating, please contact us at (415) 499-1111 or visit our website at www.bayareaboxerrescue.com. We would love to hear from you and help you find a home for your dog. Thank you for your support and contribution to our cause.



1. Keep your dog somewhere safe and secure. If you are going to work, school, or the store, please make sure your dog is safe. Do not leave your dog in a car, even for a short time. The temperature can rise very quickly and it can be fatal. If you are going to work, school, or the store, please make sure your dog is safe. Do not leave your dog in a car, even for a short time. The temperature can rise very quickly and it can be fatal. If you are going to work, school, or the store, please make sure your dog is safe. Do not leave your dog in a car, even for a short time. The temperature can rise very quickly and it can be fatal.

Every day, thousands of dogs are abandoned or lost. Many of these dogs are Boxers. If you have a dog, please make sure you have a plan in place in case of an emergency. This 4-step guide will help you prepare your dog for any situation.

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2. Check your dog's collar, make sure it is secure and won't pull off your dog's head.
3. Verify that your dog has tags on its collar.
4. Consider getting your dog micro-chipped. This is a permanent form of identification that can be used to identify your dog if it is lost. It is invaluable for the recovery of lost pets.

IF YOU LOSE YOUR DOG

Most dogs are afraid of loud noises and other loud sounds. This fear can be very overwhelming for many dogs. If you lose your dog, please act quickly. Contact your local police department and the animal control agency in your area. If you have a dog that is afraid of loud noises, please try to keep your dog calm and well-behaved. You can help your dog by providing a safe and secure environment. If you are going to work, school, or the store, please make sure your dog is safe. Do not leave your dog in a car, even for a short time. The temperature can rise very quickly and it can be fatal. If you are going to work, school, or the store, please make sure your dog is safe. Do not leave your dog in a car, even for a short time. The temperature can rise very quickly and it can be fatal.

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OUR JUNE BRLA ANGELS!

General Dog and Cat Hospital!



Dr. Z. treats a boxer puppy.

I have had Boxers in my life since 1969 when I found my first Boxer. At that time it was hard to find a Boxer. I had been looking for one for over a year. While

riding on a bus in Glen Avon area, I spotted a female with milk sacks. I made the driver stop and I got off and picked out my first female. She was three weeks old, and I had to wait five more weeks to get her. But a strange thing happened, I left with a cute little male instead that I had neutered later (this puppy would not leave me alone, so I left with him). Then I met a breeder and I got my first female.

I started working for Dr. Zielinski on August 12, 1992 as a Groomer. I found out that he helped a



Marilyn, ready to help!

Boxer Rescuer (Ursula) by housing, spaying, neutering and giving the Boxers what ever they needed at a discounted rate. He has continued doing so to this date.

We see and treat around 100 to 150 boxers a year from Boxer Rescue alone. If I had to pick my favorite dog, all I can say is that "They all are in their own way."

We also have about twelve other rescuers that we work with. We also work with San Bernardino city shelter, San Bernardino county shelter that's Devore and Rancho, also Redlands shelter and Arrowhead shelter

I am trying to make a change in the Boxer world by helping Boxer Rescue in any way that I can. I

have picked up and delivered dogs, and own rescues of my own.

You can see that the Boxer Bug bit me long ago.



These days, my life is filled with "Buck" the old man, who could be around ten or eleven

years old. I rescued him about nine years ago. The kennel was too full and could not take him and could not let him be put to sleep, so I took him in. I tried to find him a home but no one wanted him - You see he had a penis problem (probably from running round romancing the girls) so I kept him. He is the best thing. He gets along with everything.



Buck has his rescue dog "Lollipop" and there is my one year old female "Babs". What we think of Ursula is hard to put into the right words. She is the greatest and the Boxer World would be lost without her and all of the other

rescuers out there.

If I had some advice to give all Boxer Owners, it would be to ***Please Spay and Neuter your dogs!*** Overpopulation is what causes so many Boxers to be seeking homes; out on the streets or needing medical treatment. Please be part of the solution. To meet Dr. Dr. Robert Zielinski and Marilyn, or to have them treat your boxer, contact: General Veterinary Center, 456 S. Arrowhead, San Bernardino (909) 888-9188.

RALPHS CLUB AND BRLA!

By registering your Ralphs Club Card with BRLA, then scanning it every time you shop, Ralphs will donate 5% of your monthly purchases to BRLA.

Go to _____ and click on the Ralph's logo at the bottom of the page

<http://www.boxer-rescue-la.com/pages/ralphs/RalphsCommunityProgram.htm>



FEATURED BOXERS IN NEED:

Varekai:

Varekai means "wanderer" in the Romany language of the gypsies. Varekai is just that, a wanderer found in the streets of south central Los Angeles. Some rescues only save the youngest, the

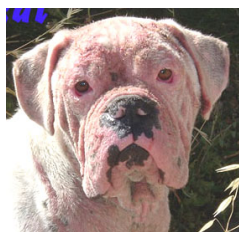


healthiest, the prettiest and the most "adoptable" dogs for adoption. Varekai is just one dog that proves Boxer Rescue L.A.

saves EVERYONE!

He's not the youngest, although he is only about 2 or 3 years old. He's not the healthiest, severe mange covers a third of his body. He is REALLY not the prettiest, but you can see the handsome face behind the mange, just waiting for a chance. As for most adoptable... we aren't going there...

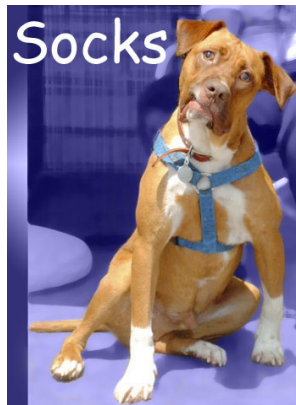
It appears that Varekai lost his hair from the mange, got sunburned from having no hair, then the sunburn blistered, peeled and burned again. His feet are so sore from a combination of the mange and wandering the blistering hot pavement that they are cracked and bleeding. By looking into his soulful eyes you can almost see the pain of neglect that this poor soul has suffered. His eyes beg, "Please help me!" Can you give this boy a quiet, safe place to recover from his tragic past?



Socks:

By: Haze

I took Socks to the vet, but my visit was not so wonderful. Socks was AMAZING!! He was so lovable and well behaved. I am in love with him and he is better behaved than my own three maniacs!! He was great in the car. He totally settles down and acts like a normal dog. He wants to meet every person and other dogs with such a playful heart.



His heart stayed playful, but mine grew heavy as the vet told me the news. Basically, his retinas are detached. There was a small window of time where this can be fixed. Unfortunately, we got him too late. He has the beginning stage of Glaucoma. This

condition is painful for dogs. The vet gave us medication to see if it will keep the pressure in his eyes down. If it works he won't be in pain. If it doesn't work, well, Socks will have to have his eyes removed. All it takes is being careful and making sure he gets his ONE pill TWICE a day. The veterinarian said that we cannot miss even one pill. He is pulling for Socks too; he wants to see if this will work.

I am hoping and praying that we could just find him a foster home. I know they would LOVE him. It is easy to forget he is blind- (that is until he bumps into something...

Please let's all make sure he gets his medication. He has such pretty green eyes and I hope he can keep them. I find that I am crying my eyes out. I wish I could have helped him see again.

HELP VAREKAI AND SOCKS:

BE A BOXER ANGEL!

Help support dogs like Varekai and Socks by becoming a Boxer Angel.



We are proud to offer our *Angel Tags* to our supporters! These custom designed wallet-sized cards feature photos of Boxer Rescue Dogs in need, and your name as a supporter on the dog's web page! They are a great way to show your support for rescue and they make wonderful gifts! BRLA Angel Tags are available with any donation of \$50 or more. If you are interested in becoming an angel, please send a check to "BRLA", with the name of the dog you'd like to help to:

BRLA
17514 Ventura Blvd
Suite #201
Encino, CA 91316-5914
Allow 4 - 6 weeks for tag delivery.

HAPPY ENDINGS!

“White Boxers are Boxers Too!”

By Jennifer MacWilliams

I grew up with a white boxer who was the love of my life. My Dad named her Swede (pronounced “Sweetie”). She was a huge, white girl with cropped ears, a brown spot on top of her head, and one black eye. For my 3 sisters and myself, she was always with us; when we played, were sick, or lounged on the floor. She was so patient as we dressed her up or lay on her like a big pillow. She was the nanny we couldn’t afford. In her 11 years with us she never complained. She was our only dog.

I waited 35 years to have another dog; my choice was a Boxer. For me there is no other breed. My husband and I adopted our first girl from Ursula at Boxer Rescue LA; a brindle named “Fairfax”.

During our 13 years with her we got another Boxer, a silly fawn clown, “Melrose” who is now 7. Another boy from Ursula, “Jack” now 9: he shows the unmistakable trait of a rescued Boxer: the look of love in his eyes.

A few months ago it struck me that we needed another dog - so to Boxer Rescue again. I was about to leave when I saw “Basil”:



a white Boxer with a brown spot on his head; sweet and playful - I was in love. As soon as I took him home the other 2 dogs accepted him. I knew he was here to stay.

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in engineering. While visiting my parents, Patch watched us try again and again to mend the fence to keep him in the yard during the day. Each time, he found a new way out, proudly marching around to the front door and knocking to come in. He has

quite an ego now.
Patch has camped
in the snow and
hiked all over the
California
Mountains. He can
boulder-hop and
lick rocks with the
best geologists.
He's an excellent

research partner (although he cries when carried over any stream that might wet his little toes).

I get made fun of for having such a spoiled dog, but it's not my fault. Patch's trainer gave him free treats just for being cute (he's supposed to work for them). My friend tells me to toughen Patch up (but lets Patch curl up in his lap for a doggie-massage). My mom never allows dogs in her house (but makes me fetch a blanket so her "grand-dog" doesn't get cold).

I hear a lot of comments about my white boxer. People are curious if he really is a boxer. Some try to convince me he's albino. People tell me white boxers are more prone to health problems. (The only truth is that they are prone to sunburn and deafness). Sunscreen on his nose and ears takes care of the sunburn. As for the deafness, I don't know how people can handle a hearing dog! Patch watches me for commands. He "listens" to me

SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENTS:

Congratulations to the May dogs that found new homes:

Ace with Lenny Goldman
Addie with Mario Forni Donna Emmanuel
Allie with Katrina Morris
Aveena with Lise Buranen
Bambina with Steven Wagner
Beau with Dr Murray Weiss
Bitsy with Andrew Abaya
Chewbacca* with Giovenni Portillo
Chocolate with Nedy Williams
Connie with Ryan Morad
Felon with Elizabeth Lynch
Harley 2 with Craig Contreras
Hogan with Lori & Michael Solomon
Ivory with Scott VanDe Kreeke
Joker with Christy Playter
Kayna with Patrick Sween
Kendall with Tim & Theresa Maier
Koa with Adam Busch
Lance with Warren Sever
Lilly with Debbie & Tony Pepe
Loryn with Barbara Rasmussen
Mindy with Brian Booth
Morgan with Francesca Lombardo
Oscar with Desiree Plunkett
Pascal* with Fred Burke
Pumpkin with Ryan & Jamie Luithly
Rebecca with Katrina Morriss
Reckless with Jenny Huang Eric Dibella
Rocky with William Kitchin
Roxy with Jule Bayer
Sabrina with Kelsy Anderson
Sandy* with Jessica Dixon
Sasha with Randy Osherow
Scarlett with Alice Pacheco
Shiska with Mangus Antonson
Spinx* with Frank Lynch Michelle Stanley
Tigger with Janelle Briggs
Tonka with Jay & Brenda Hawver
Tippy and Tramp with John & Kathy Myers
Trigger with Russ
Trivesa with Sue Tyszkiewicz
Tyson with Geoffrey Rineberg
Willy with Al Ventura
Xena with Jody Creekmore
Zero with Phil Sykes

Also a special thanks to:

Bay Area Boxer Rescue

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for finding loving homes for:

Cole, Goofy, Holly, Junior, Missy Jo, Myra, Ollie,
and Rory

BOXER QUESTION CORNER:

WE adopted a boxer earlier in the year from the BRLA. She has been great, except for her random digging/chewing. We have tried all sprays and corrections to no avail. Do you have any advice or tips?

Thanks,
Name Withheld

Boxer Rescue:

Digging and chewing in Boxers is very common, and can be the reason the dogs end up in rescue. These behaviors usually take place for one or more of the following reasons:

1. Your boxer isn't getting enough exercise - Boxers need between 1.5 and 2 hours of exercise a day. Exercise means time you or your family spend with the dog - walking, running, obedience training, or playing fetch in the yard. Boxers have a lot of energy and need outlets for it. Time spent alone in the yard or house does not count as exercise – no matter how much they run around.
2. Your boxer is spending too much time alone. Boxers are terrible "yard dogs". If your dog is being left in the yard unattended for more than an hour or two at a time, you are leaving yourself open for destruction. After a sufficient amount of exercise, you may want to crate or kennel your boxer when you're gone. You can get our crate document at www.boxer-rescue-la.com (click on [Ask The Trainer](#)).
3. If you're home, your dog is trying to tell you that it wants to spend time with you – not in the yard alone, or with other dogs – but with his or her humans.
4. If your boxer is alone, he may be exhibiting signs of separation anxiety. Because boxers are so attuned to their people, they can feel abandoned and distressed when their people leave.
5. Make sure you have taken your dog to a group obedience class – this will help your dog understand and respond to you better, as well as form a closer bond between you and your boxer.

If you don't see improvement within the 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.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Boxer Rescue LA is a non-profit 501 3(c) organization. Donations of amount are welcome. 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. These funds are needed to cover the cost of rescuing dogs from death row, provide a safe kennel environment, feed up to 80 dogs at a time, spay and neuter all animals who cross our door and most importantly, provide medical attention.. We can only do this with your help. 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 [_____](#)

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 Jourdan Conrad (jourdanc@mac.com) our volunteer coordinator.

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.

To find out how to deliver donations to BRLA, contact Joni at jeproline@comcast.net

PAST EVENTS:

June 5 & 6

Animal Wellness Expo

Saturday June 5 – Sunday June 6

Thank you to everyone that braved the 90° heat to visit us!

June 13

Best Friends Adoption Fair

11am – 4pm

Another great best friend event as we had the most dogs and volunteers ever at a remote event! Thank you to all who sacrificed their Saturday to help!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 23

Legendary Bingo at Hamburger Mary's

www.Legendarybingo.com

8288 Santa Monica Blvd

8:00 p.m.

Parking at WeHo City Hall on Sweetzer or valet at restaurant

June 27

3rd Annual Dog Party

Sunday, June 27th 12pm – 3pm

Crescenta Valley Park

210 Freeway (W) to La Crescenta Ave (S). Turn right on Montrose Ave (turns into Honolulu.) park is on the S/W corner of New York and Honolulu.