

THE BOXER BEAT

MEDICAL PLEA!

Please Help Junior!



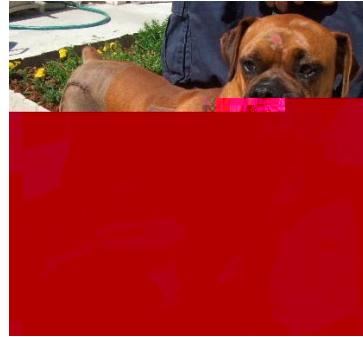
This is Junior. He was picked up from the Orange County Animal shelter. He had been hit by a car. When no owner stepped forward to claim this poor, sweet, beaten-down dog, Orange County Animal Shelter contacted Boxer Rescue LA in hopes that we could provide the medical care needed.

When Boxer Rescue volunteer Dana Ranslem picked him up, she knew right away it was bad. "The poor guy was in so much pain."



Dana immediately took him to Dr. Mohan's to review his x-rays. The poor pup had been hit hard! The blow went right thru his hipbone. Next, Dana

took the dog, now christened Junior, to Dr. Schulman's for surgery. The surgery was long and painstaking – piecing each splinter of bone back together. Luckily, it appeared that none of his



organs appeared punctured. Dr. Schulman did a fantastic job, keeping Junior through the weekend to monitor him. Junior needs to be confined for 6

weeks to help the bones to knit property. Junior, however, has some different ideas. In fact, Junior does not want to be confined at all. It is amazing how they seem to forget what they have been through, he wants to run and play! Don't worry, we are not letting him. His foster home is giving him the calming environment needed to speed his recovery.

Through it all, Junior was the sweetest boy - giving little kisses to friends and strangers alike. His wiggly boxer behind will be up and shaking again in no time.

He is now at the end of a very tragic and painful ordeal. We hope that someone is willing to give Junior a chance to walk down a new road to a new life.

Junior's surgery cost Boxer Rescue LA more than \$3,300. Donations for him should be mailed to

Junior

c/o BRLA

2554 Lincoln Blvd. #792

Venice Beach, CA 90291

All checks made out to BRLA. Donations are tax-deductible.

VOLUNTEERS SAY THANKS

The evening of Saturday, June 18th saw the annual BRLA volunteer appreciation party, hosted by George & Sharry Taylorson. The evening of great company, food, and spectacular views from the hosts' home were appreciated by all. Thank you. You are appreciated.

BEWARE OF OVER-VACCINATION

When Kris Christine took her yellow Lab, Meadow, for his biannual rabies booster she didn't think twice. She definitely didn't think that her dog's state required vaccination would start a crusade. But when the 6-year-old lab developed a mast cell tumor on the injection site a few months later, Christine started some eye-opening research.

Some immunologists say that pet vaccines can cause disorders such as allergies and cancer. In her residential state of Maine, law mandated that dogs be **over-vaccinated** to get a license. Maine's law required dogs to have rabies shots every two years, even though it is a three-year vaccine.

After Christine realized that her dog had been given vaccines he didn't need, she succeeded in having the law changed. In October 2004, Maine switched its requirement for rabies vaccination to every three years.

You would think that Christine would have logged this as a victory – but where the law had changed, some veterinarians' policies had not. Vets were still sending out two-year booster reminders. This "policy" could have resulted from the veterinarians' desire to maintain the income from over-vaccination, or could have resulted in ignorance of the changed policy. Either way, Christine was not finished. She pushed for legislation requiring vets to disclose the benefits and risks of vaccination, as well as the intervals of immunity. A bill mandating written disclosure was introduced this year but was tabled by Maine's Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee, which opted instead to see if vets would educate clients on their own.

As for Meadow, his tumor was removed and he is now on an organic diet, and - other than state-mandated rabies every three years - no more vaccines

10 TIPS FOR CAR TRIPS



Dogs make great traveling companions. But there are certain challenges that come with taking your canine with you on a road trip. Here are 10 tips to make your next long distance drive safe and fun for both of you.

1. **Bring ID.** Never leave home with out it. If he doesn't have an ID tag, get him one. You don't want your dog wandering off never to be heard from again – this occurs more often than you might imagine.
2. **Ease motion sickness.** It happens to humans - and to dogs. Most dogs can become desensitized to the motion of the car over time. Be sure your dog has been fed at least three hours before you set off, and consider using anti-motion sickness medication (see your vet). One more thing—bring a roll of paper towels.
3. **Calm hyperactivity.** Many dogs love going for a drive. Some so much so that they make driving unsafe for the other occupants. The solution is to crate your dog in the car or administer one of a number of safe medications that will calm your dog down for the road.
4. **Focus on the road.** Safe driving requires that you focus on the road, not on your dog. Never allow him to go near the driver side floor where the brake and gas pedals are located. A seat restraint or a gate-type barrier between the front and the back seats is a good idea to prevent an unexpected visit from your traveling companion.
5. **Consider a crate.** Many dogs actually feel happier and more comfortable traveling in a crate. However, make sure he's used to it before departure.
6. **Plan ahead.** If you're staying overnight make sure your dog will be welcome. Try www.petfriendly.com for a list of pet-friendly lodgings. Don't forget to bring along a dog dish, food and plenty of disposable baggies.
7. **Takes rests.** Take appropriate breaks on your travels. Both you and your dog will need to stretch your legs and relieve yourselves.
8. **Bring food & water.** Take along your dog's regular food, plenty of fresh water as well as something for him to eat out of. No restaurant or strange food for your dog – a car ride with a dig with diarrhea will not be fun..
9. **Don't leave him in the vehicle.** Heat stroke can kill. Pet theft is a reality. Don't leave your dog in the car. Period. Not even for a few minutes.
10. **Don't forget the toys.** Between his treats, toys and the occasional snooze your dog can become the ideal passenger on road trips both long and short.

SUCCESS STORY:

A couple of years ago Boxer Rescue LA pulled a dog from the shelter. We were pretty sure it was a boxer, although it was difficult to tell – the dog didn't have a single hair on his body. Demodex mange covered the dog from head to toe. Boxer Rescue founder and volunteer Ursula Sauthier named him "Otis".

The mange had made Otis's skin rough, dry and hard. More rhinoceros than dog, Otis' known history began.

He was kept in the medical van and given



ivamectrin shots daily. His hair started to return and he was placed on the BRLA website as a medical plea. Few sponsors stepped forward. Finally, Martina, a BRLA volunteer, offered

to foster Otis and continue his recovery.

Under Martina's diligent care, Otis blossomed from sick and hesitant into a handsome, outgoing dog – a little too outgoing at times.

On one of his adventures, Otis ate Martina's couch.

It was then we knew that only a SPECIAL family could be this boxer boy's forever home.

The perfect family came – referred to Boxer Rescue LA from Boxers without Borders in Canada.



Otis, now Ben, has started a new career. As soon as Ben arrived, they started

him in training and agility.

We're proud to announce that Ben placed 3rd in Advanced Gamblers (out of 11) and 4th in Starter Standard (out of 11). He did Great!!!

Congratulations to Ben and his family – keep up the good work!-

BOXER QUESTION CORNER:

Re-homing my Boxer:

Hi Sarah

I have a Boxer named Luke. He is 3 years old and I know that he is not getting enough attention from our part. We got him as a puppy before we had our first child. We both work and when we get home we don't spend enough time with him.

Now we are having our second child. We are thinking to try to find new home for him but before we do it I would like to know the consequences for him. Will he suffer. Will he be sad? Can you please answer these questions for me?

Thank you

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Boxer Rescue:

Of course the best place for Luke is in his home with you. He may be a little attention starved but as long as he is living in the house sleeping in the house at night and generally following you from room to room and curling up next to you he will be happier where he is.

However if he is living outside sleeping alone in the yard not getting to come in and spend time with the family he may be better off in a new home.

Boxers love their people very much. It is always traumatic and difficult for them to adjust to losing one family and finding another - yet they do it. Hundreds of boxers are re-homed through Boxer Rescue LA each year.

If you have a question to submit to "Question Corner" please e-mail sarah@boxer-rescue-la.com

SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENTS:

Congratulations to the June Boxers that found new homes:

Angela by Julie & Joe Weyers

Angie by Tom & Kim Jenkins

Audio/Whisper by Mindy Lymperis

Bosco/Clyde by Peggy & Paul Enriquez

Bree by John & Heidi Tovaas

Bruiser by Craig Price

Buddy Boy/Malcolm by Barry Sohl

Campbell by Peggy Wolf

Demmi by Pam & Shands McCoy

Doc by Anthony & Jennifer DeLuca
 Flora by Ruthie & Max Goldman
 Frisco by Kevin & Margie Pratt
 Galen by Gerrie Lundberg
 Gemini by Ignacio Hernandez
 Grant by Gregory & Diane Weber
 Hennessey by Steven Barag
 Jenna by Leah Howe
 Kobey by Peter Passalacqua
 Latte/Bonnie by Peggy & Paul Enriquez
 Lindsey by Mindy Apacible
 Marco by Aaron Semmel
 Maximus by Eric Scarlett
 Micky by Rod & Kelly Tilton
 Millie by Ron Carlson
 Murph by Larry Wilson
 Pablo by Ursula Sauthier
 Parker by Yoko Misawa
 Penny by Lillian Fredrics
 Phoenix by Sigal & Alon Levin
 Pogo/Grizwald by John Haggerty
 Polo by Amy Martinez
 Ramona by Lillian Fredrics
 Rio by Melissa & James Stinson
 Rocks by Laura & Jose Ros
 Rosalee by Cameron Reilly
 Roxy Jo by Adee & Eyal Drory
 Sheva by Brooke & Craig Legacy
 Sissy by Chad Hook Destiny Carey
 Snickers by Tammy Rey
 Suzie Q by Stephanie Shea
 Tiga by Lisa & Dylan Flores
 Tybo by David & Regina Cohn
 Zander by Erin Williams
 ZsaZsa by Brian & Nicole Smith

Also a special thanks to:

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

for finding loving homes for:

Bentley, Bourbon, Brad, Chandler, Cumin, Fiona,
 J. Crew, Kelly, Mason, Rustic, Sheba, Summer,
 and Tico

Boxers Without Borders

(www.boxerrescue-la2ca.com)

for finding loving Canadian homes for:

Blooper, May-May, and Cortez/Montez

PAST EVENTS:

June 24th 25th and 26th

America's Family Pet Expo LA County
 Fairgrounds Fairplex Pomona CA.

Well we made it through the Pomona Pet Expo. This was a bit more difficult for Sarah and I but thanks to Joni Yoko and Lillian for all their help making it happen. We can really use more help from the dedicated volunteers with these events.



Most of the folks that attended have other dogs so we hope to see some more applications as a result of us being there.

Look at our BOOTH! We look like the real deal! **THANK YOU JONI AND SUSAN FOR GIVING US A NEW UPDATED LOOK!** They donated and designed the new banner new kissing booth and the fun new Boxer flags that really make us stand out!

Bebe was so cute in the kissing booth but she did not find her new home. She is a wonderful dog. We placed little Snickers and big loveable Murph. These two just loved each other...it was really cute.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

JULY 31 — 8TH ANNUAL POOCH PARADE DOG WALK & PET EXPO ~ 9AM — 4PM

Pledge-type fundraiser for The Humane League's Project Second Chance Pet Adoption Program.

Camino Real Park, Ventura.

Charity Dog Walk Registration begins at 8:30AM, Enjoy pet-related demos, contests, vendors, a silent auction, and more. For more info or to register a team, call 805-652-1001, or visit www.carlvc.org — Volunteers needed.