

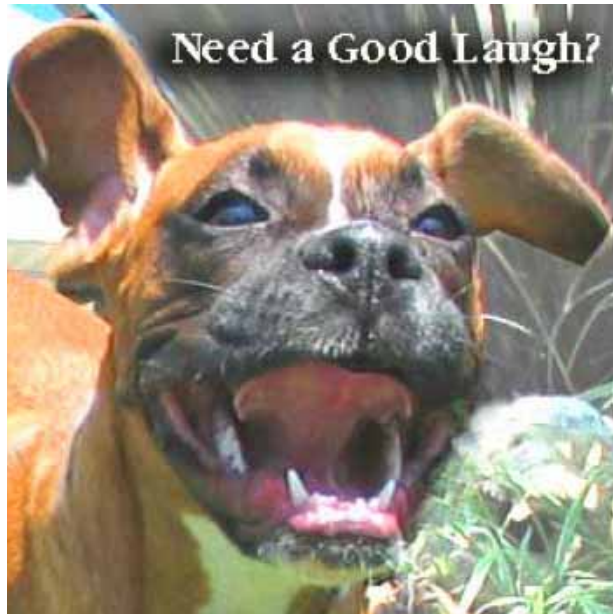


# THE BOXER BEAT

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## Yuks for Bucks!

Boxer Rescue LA Fundraiser  
Comedy Night and Silent Auction  
Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>  
4:30pm – 7:00pm



Come help BRLA raise some desperately needed funds while enjoying some of Los Angeles' top comedians!

The event will take place at the Laugh Factory at 8001 Sunset Blvd in Hollywood.

To buy tickets, please call (714) 228-1133 or visit [www.boxer-rescue-la.com](http://www.boxer-rescue-la.com)

Tickets are \$50 per person and include the comedy show, delicious food, two (2) drinks, and admission to an amazing silent auction.



For more information, or to donate to the silent auction, please contact Wayne Gordon at [WayneAGordon@aol.com](mailto:WayneAGordon@aol.com) or call 714-228-1133.

## Spatz's new family holds a BRLA Birthday Bash

Spatz, now Chula, was adopted from Boxer Rescue LA in March of 2005. Her adopter, Tiffanie Nine and her family had an idea for their daughter's upcoming birthday party. "We told Haze, our helpful volunteer, that our daughter was having her birthday party soon and wanted to collect items to donate to your shelter

instead of receiving gifts." Along with the invitations, the Nine family sent out lists of things needed at the Boxer Rescue Kennels. Guests coming to the party brought



many much-needed items to make the lives of the kennel dogs easier and happier. The family then shipped the box to the kennel. We at boxer rescue wanted to send our appreciation and gratitude to this family for taking the time and effort to give love to dogs that have no families of their own. "By the way, Chula is doing VERY well, and we are so blessed to have her in our family."

**Have a donation for the silent auction?**

**Please contact Wayne at [WayneAGordon@aol.com](mailto:WayneAGordon@aol.com) or call 714-228-1133**

**Remember: All donations are tax deductible!**

## Letter to the Editor: Dog Shooting in Long Beach, California.

My name is John Donahue. My girlfriend's name is Jennie Ullrich. We have lived together in the Daisy Artist's studios in the Wilmore section of Long Beach for over three years. We have two mutts we rescued from the pound when they were pups. We love them like children. We invested a lot of time socializing them to be non-aggressive. We invested a lot of time training them at dog school. They are great dogs. We are responsible owners.

At six am on the morning of March 23rd, Long Beach Police shot one of our family dogs by the children's playground in Drake Park. The dog's name is Bazoo. We have played fetch with our dogs in the early morning in Drake Park every day since we got them.



Jennie with Bazoo and Dozer

Jennie and Bazoo were playing fetch at 6 AM in Drake Park. Bazoo had just chased down her favorite ball.

Sgt. Steve Lauricella

stepped out from behind a car and crossed her path. Bazoo stopped to look at him, curious, ball in her mouth. Then Lauricella pulled his gun and shot her in the head. Bazoo went down. Officer never issued a word of warning. He didn't say stop. He didn't tell Bazoo no. He didn't even look at her owner standing 20 feet away. He just pulled his gun and opened fire.

Of course, Lauricella claims Bazoo "attacked" or "charged" him. I'd really like to know just how, exactly, a dog attacks with a tennis ball in its mouth? It can't bite. And just how does a dog show aggression with a ball in its mouth? It can't growl or even bare its teeth. If the officer had noticed any of these things, he would have seen Bazoo was not charging anything but her ball. She was playing fetch and she was stopped when he pulled the trigger.

Despite these obvious facts, The Lauricella shot Bazoo anyway. To make matters worse, the first

shot wasn't enough for him. Jennie screamed and pleaded for him to stop. She told him the dog wouldn't hurt him. He told her to stand back and then he shot Bazoo again on the ground.

Apparently he felt that a dog shot in the head and bleeding on the ground with a ball in its mouth was still in "attack mode" or "charging".

Somehow Bazoo jumped up and ran away, scared to death and in shock. Jennie tried to catch her.

Bazoo was too scared. She ran all the way home and scratched at the door, leaving bloody paw prints. But no one could hear her. She finally hid in an alley afraid, traumatized, badly wounded, and confused by the horrible thing that had happened to her. That's where Jennie finally found Bazoo, with her ball still in her mouth.

Through it all Jennie was right there. She watched it all happen, powerless to stop it. When I finally got to the scene all I could do was hold her in my arms while she balled and screamed over and over "Why'd you shoot my dog!?! Why!"

-Bazoo could not have attacked him or demonstrated aggression with a ball in her mouth.

-Bazoo never charged him. She was retrieving a ball and he crossed into her running path. She was stopped when he pulled the trigger.

-Bazoo's owner was right there waiting for Bazoo to bring back her ball. If Lauricella was paying attention to his surroundings, he would've observed them playing fetch. He would've known Bazoo wasn't a threat.

- Lauricella could've asked Jennie to call her dog. Bazoo's been to dog school. She comes when called.

- Lauricella was standing by his patrol car when it happened. If he really thought he was in danger, he could've simply got in and shut the door.

- Lauricella could have chosen to use non-lethal force. I know Patrol carries Tasers and mace.

Police should be trained to use non-lethal force. Guns are a last resort.

- Lauricella could have stopped shooting once Bazoo was on the ground. The fact that he didn't is pathetic, mean, and inexcusable.

-If Lauricella knew anything about the neighborhood he was working in, he would've known that Jennie, myself, and our dogs have played fetch in Drake Park every morning for years. In that time, Bazoo has never attacked anyone and not one LBPD Officer has ever asked that they be put on a leash. Jennie, myself, and our dogs are fixtures in the neighborhood and everyone

who lives there or knows the neighborhood knows that Bazoo is not and never has been a threat to anyone.

Lauricella completely failed to correctly assess the situation and chose not to use any of the non-lethal options available to him. His first reaction was to pull his gun and use deadly force. What's going to happen when he comes up against a teenager with a cell phone in his hand? Will he fail to observe the facts, think its a gun, and open fire? Will he keep firing once the suspect is on the ground? Is this the kind of person we want roaming our streets with a gun? I don't think so. We must hold the people we trust to keep us all safe to a higher standard than this. Yesterday it was my dog. Tomorrow it could be your son.

To add insult to injury, the aftermath of the shooting was handled in an exceedingly poor fashion by the Department:

-Bazoo was bleeding to death on the pavement for close to an hour before she received any medical attention. We begged for the police to let us take her to the hospital but were refused permission to do so. We were held in "custody" like criminals while our dog was bleeding to death waiting for animal control to pick her up.

-We were told we had to remain in custody until the Watch Commander showed up. This took another hour. When he finally did make his appearance, he was aggressive, confrontational, and insistent that the dog attacked his Officer despite the fact that he wasn't there. We politely tried to engage him in dialogue about the incident. He puffed up his chest and said, confrontationally: "You calling me a liar!?" He didn't want to know the facts. He just wanted to intimidate us, cover his ass, and protect his man.

-After the Watch Commander fiasco, we were forced to remain in custody for another hour which prevented us from going to the hospital to see our wounded dog. When homicide finally showed up for the OIS investigation, they tried to Mirandize Jennie like a criminal and get her statement on tape. When she invoked her Sixth Amendment right to council, they kept pressing. Finally, when they realized she wouldn't talk to them, they wrote her a misdemeanor ticket for having a dog off leash and left.

Bazoo was admitted to Lakewood Animal Hospital on the morning she was shot. She was released that evening but the following day was stricken with life threatening Grand Mal Seizures from the bullet

wound to her head. She was rushed to Advanced Critical Care in Tustin for more treatment and observation. We don't know if she will live. If she does live, she may never be the same fun loving, fetch playing dog we raised.

She is at home now, but gets really tired easily> She was wagging her tail and so sweet despite her bandaged, stumpy little foot and her head wounds. What has happened is a gross injustice and cannot stand. We will not let it stand. Please help us set this right any way you can.

Thank you,  
JP Donahue and Jennie Ullrich

### Editors Note:

To quote the OC Weekly article on Bazoo <http://www.ocweekly.com/ink/05/31/news-schou.php> "Long Beach is a city on the edge: rising racial tensions between blacks and Latinos, rival gangs gunning down teenagers in front of police substations—even junior high school students are being arrested for massacring defenseless sharks in the city aquarium. But at least local residents can sleep at night knowing the Long Beach Police Department is enforcing the city's dog-leash laws."

Ullrich and Donahue are holding accepting donations to help pay for medical and legal expenses, e-mail JP [mcjpd3@yahoo.com](mailto:mcjpd3@yahoo.com) or visit <http://s1.amazon.com/exec/varzea/pay/T3LLJJ58TZ96V3/103-3041877-1524605>



## Girl Scout earns Badge and Boxer Love!



My name is Crystal Herrera and I am a 13-year-old Cadette Girl Scout from La Habra, California. I have two boxers of my own, Idgie, who is three years old and her puppy Shelby, who is 11

months old. Idgie only had one puppy in her litter, so I just had to keep her.

I decided to do a dog treat/biscuit/food collection for my Girl Scout Silver Award Project. The

Silver Award is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn at the Cadette level. I had heard of the Boxer Rescue from a friend, and decided that it would be great if I could collect some treats and food and donate them to the Boxer Rescue. I know my dogs love treats, and thought the dogs at the rescue should have some too.

Over a three-week period, I collected over 700 pounds of treats, biscuits and dog food. I collected from my church, from other Girl Scouts, from friends and family and from donations that people gave me after shopping at Pet Smart in Brea. I handed them a flyer and asked them to pick up an extra bag or can of food or treats while they were shopping, and to drop it off at my table outside the store on their way out. The response was tremendous!

I'm really glad my collection was a success, and I hope all the boxers at the Boxer Rescue can benefit and enjoy a treat or two on me!

## Kennel Improvement Project:

A few years ago, a very generous grant allowed us to redo and remodel the back of our main kennel. New, state-of-the-art runs allow the boxers safety, security, cleanliness and warmth. However, the front of our kennel looks even worse now, in stark contrast to the back.

The kennels here are chain link – allowing many of the dogs the opportunity to “fence fight” with their neighbor and build aggression. The area is brick and gravel and houses 8 dogs in their independent runs.

The gravel can't be cleaned or scrubbed, only what the hose can wash down. This area needs to be concreted not only for sanitation reasons but for better control over the fly population and the mosquito problem that all of the health authorities are telling us they are expecting a very bad mosquito problem this year.

We are collecting fund to make this project a reality. It is estimated that we need a total of \$7,000.

This area has never had proper drainage and the dogs have to endure dirt, mud, gnats, unsanitary conditions, flies and mosquitoes.

If you feel that you can donate ANY amount, please send a check **made payable to Boxer Rescue** to:

Toni Faragalli  
24008 Welby Way

West Hills, CA. 91307

YOUR donation WILL ONLY go for this project. If you need a tax receipt please include a note with the check and one will be sent out to you right away. Thanks for helping.

## Successful Placements:

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

Alec/Bruce\* by Christine & Gary King  
Athena by Brandi Wilson  
Bandit by Steve Zayac  
Benny by Jaime & Cheryl Hase  
Blaze by David Mallon Davidson  
Britta by Nancy Domino  
Brock by Melissa & James Creacy  
Brootis by Kyle & Erica Zuniga  
Bruno by Jeff Tung  
Buddy by Brenda Perez-abdella  
Buddy Boy by James Bau  
Bunny by Mark & Carla Rae  
Buster by Rick & Angie Neilon  
Buster by Geraldina Garcia  
Buttons by Griffin Herrera Curtis Cherrington  
Casey by Sean Green  
Cedar by Patricia Trytten  
Cee/Zack by Maurice Bikzer  
Charlotte by Credeve Sol  
Cherry by Alex Fleming  
Cinna by Nevrik Satamian  
Cocoa by Nevrik Satamian  
Cruise by Greg Gibson  
Cuddles by Keith Horikawa  
Dora by Crystal & Kevin Miller  
Duke by Jeff Johnson  
Floyd by Shane Gilpin  
Gina by Haig Alltounian  
Ginger Snap by Julie Ocheltree  
Hugo by Sandy Treherne  
Johnnie by Ruth Duer  
Kate by Robyn & Yaron Levi  
Keith by Mollie Dennehy  
Lady by Orla Kavanagh  
Little Bear by Sara Nouri  
Lucky by Jason & Jennifer Rezell  
Lulu by Michael Jackson  
Luther by Linda & Ernest Zoumot  
Macho Man\* by Chris Skough  
Max/Beau by Carlos Mata  
Otto/Winston by Jeff Douglas  
Patton by Grant Nellesen  
Paula by Sandy Treherne

Pippin\* by Jodie & John Carroll  
Popeye by Henry Perez  
Pretty Girl by Tanya Sweet  
Raymond by Michael Jamgochian  
Remax by Fred Armijo  
Remi by Christopher Wellmerling  
Rexy by Jenece Tagg  
Riley by Willie Jones III  
Roman by JoJo Halberstadt  
Roxie by Keith Renno  
Sara by Wido Schaefer  
Shady by Kay & Gary Hunter  
Solo by Andy & Chelsey Jones  
Sugar by Russ & Dawn Kotzen  
Thomas/Punch by Gail Berk  
Wilton by Lindell & Ken Zieg  
ZsaZsa by David Mallon Armbruster

Also a special thanks to:

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

for finding loving homes for:  
Cartman, Friday, Jazz, Tyra, Bree, and Portia

**Boxers Without Borders**  
([www.boxerrescue-la2ca.com](http://www.boxerrescue-la2ca.com))

for finding loving Canadian homes for:  
Samantha, Sambucca, Merry, Timmy, and JP

## Boxer Question Corner:

### Snapping at Children:

Hello,

I have a 2 year old Boxer mix named Mila that we have had since she was 6 weeks old. She is aggressive towards mine and other children and has snapped and growled at children many times. Please advise me! Is there hope in finding her a new home or is her fate euthanasia?

Thank you for any help in this matter

Warmest regards,

J C

### **Boxer Rescue:**

There is defiantly some things you can do to help this behavior. I do not believe that your dog needs to be euthanized. If you're willing to put some time and effort into your dog's training, you can teach her to behave well around all people, not just adults.

Dogs live in a social structure called a "pack". This pack formation, ordered like the rungs on a ladder, represent power and structure to your dog. All dog

behavior problems can be traced back to some misinterpretation in the pack order.

Dogs, like children, need boundaries. They see the world the same way we do. They aren't fuzzy, four-legged people. They are social, curious intelligent animals quite capable of controlling humans. Many things that dogs need are viewed by humans to be "mean" or "cruel." Dogs are not humans, trying to make your dog human is ultimately going to harm your dog.

Even if you aren't aware that you're supposed to be the "pack leader" the "big boss", your dog is. If you aren't comfortable in this position, if you hesitate, feel bad when you reprimand your dog, or don't have the time or energy, your dog will pick up on your weaknesses and take advantage of them. If your dog thinks that he or she is in charge, that gives them the RIGHT to bite you or anyone else they do not respect!

Because of the nature of your problem, please e-mail me directly at [sarah@boxer-rescue-la.com](mailto:sarah@boxer-rescue-la.com) or call me at (310) 519-8221.

**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:

### **May 15th:**

Walk for the Underdog  
Santa Monica Pier, CA

Please join us for the walk and help us raise money by getting people to sponsor you. Remember, every \$75 you raise gets a dog out of a shelter. To participate you must raise or donate \$25, but we are hoping each walker will raise at least \$100.

<http://www.walkfortheunderdog.com/register.htm>

### **June 12th**

BRLA Comedy Show and Silent Auction  
Laugh Factory  
8001 Sunset Blvd

To buy tickets, please call (714) 228-1133 or visit [www.boxer-rescue-la.com](http://www.boxer-rescue-la.com)

### **June 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26th**

America's Family Pet Expo, LA County Fairgrounds, Fairplex, Pomona, CA. Go to [www.afpe.net](http://www.afpe.net) for more info.

### **July 10th**

Best Friends Super Adoption - Westchester