



# THE BOXER BEAT

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## KENNEL RUNS GET NEW LOOK!

**Volunteers bond together to give dogs new home!**

When the back of our Boxer Rescue Kennel was redone 5 years ago, it gave the dogs much needed space, cleanliness and protection from the elements. However, the remodel left our front runs untouched.



In response to our Boxer Beat plea (see May 2005) Enough money was raised to re-do the front kennels as well.

No more will these dogs have to stand in puddle, hiding from the elements and battling mosquitoes and

mice.

Several dedicated BRLA volunteers can together and with your donations and a LOT of elbow grease, prentented the dogs with new concrete runs, new fencing new drains and a brand new roof over their heads!



The new , improved kennels give each dog a safe, secure and dry footing with easy drainage and shelter from the elements. Thank you to everyone who donated the



time, capital, knowledge and efforts to make this dream a reality.

It is easy to see why the dogs are so much happier in their new homes!



## Need to Move?

Every year, BRLA receives dozens of boxers from families that are moving and cannot find pet-friendly housing. Here are a few resources to help:

- **California Apartment Dog**  
○ <http://www.california-aptdog.com/>
- **People with Pets**  
○ <http://www.peoplewithpets.com/>
- **Pets and People Homefinders**  
○ <http://www.pets-people.com/>
- **Westside Rentals**  
○ <http://www.westsiderentals.com/>
- **Apartment Guide**  
○ <http://www.apartmentguide.com/>
- **Apartment Hunterz**  
○ <http://www.apartmenthunterz.com>

**Remember: Your dog is a commitment for LIFE – you would move if you couldn't take your children – Don't move if you can't take your dog!**

## HEROIC BOXERS BATTLE RATTLER

By: Carol LaRiviere

Yesterday - in our backyard - our two Boxers Max & Molly were bitten by a rattlesnake. I was in the master bathroom brushing my teeth ( the window was all the way open). I heard a disturbance with the dogs - a different kind of bark and I clearly heard a rattler rattling. I tore down 2 flights of stairs screaming all the way for them (the dogs) to get out of there. Then I was in the backyard, still screaming for them to get out of there. Max was at the retaining wall standing on his back feet looking over the wall. Molly was on the wall, wanting to kill the stupid snake. I tore to where they were and dragged them both at the same time by the collar into the house closing the door behind me. When I saw blood all over Molly's face I knew she had probably been bitten. At that time, I thought that Max had *not* been bitten.



I called Pet ER in AG telling them we were coming and on our way. I called my neighbor as we drove out of the garage, asking them to get the snake and telling them where it was. I never saw the snake, only heard it. I firmly believe that had I seen it, that might have prevented me from getting them to the ER as quickly as I did. I am sorely afraid of snakes.

We arrived at the ER in about 20-25 minutes. They took them both immediately and then realized that Max had been bitten as well. Fortunately, they had recently received a 'new' rattlesnake vaccination.(see Boxer Beat June 2005)

The ER vet said the vaccination saved them. Without it, they would have easily had to have 3-4 vials of anti venom at \$500 a pop, and that would not have insured that their lives would be spared. The vaccination made it not so life threatening. They each had only 1 vial of anti venom and are recovering really well.

By the time we arrived at the PET ER Molly was acting so sick and so severely swollen from the bite (right below her left eye - near the tear duct) that she was unable to get out of the car. They had to carry her out of the car. She was really sick. She

obviously received the brunt of the venom. Max looked like he was ready to go for a walk, he didn't appear as bad. But I am so thankful I brought him as well, and that they had received that rattlesnake vaccination. Whew!! We had an angel over us that day, they are doing well ...

The danger is over now and we were very lucky! But this happened *in our very own back yard*. We have actually spent a lot of money to ensure that there are no snakes in our yard, but they can still get in. We live in a state where they are everywhere. Max and Molly are going to be okay - thank God! - so I urge everyone to vaccinate your pets against these predators. It was a very traumatic experience, but at least my dogs are alive and well. If they had not had this vaccination, they might not be here with us anymore.

### SUCCESS STORY:

#### Verakai gets his chance



Many of you have been following the story and updates about Verakai – our white boxer boy with severe mange.

Verakai came to boxer rescue when a volunteer saw him trying to curl in the shade of her truck in a

McDonand's parking lot on 106 day in South Central Los Angeles. Verakai (which means wanderer) knew what he was doing – he saw the Boxer Rescue bumper sticker and lay down. At first, the volunteer couldn't tell if it was a boxer or not through the severe mange that covered 90% of his body. His skin was broken, cracked and bleeding. Malnourished and exhausted, the dog wouldn't budge. Finally it was into the truck he went.

Although he arrived in May of 2004, it took until this month for Verakai to have his shot at a forever home. The man that adopted him has an 18-month-old female boxer and a home with a yard.

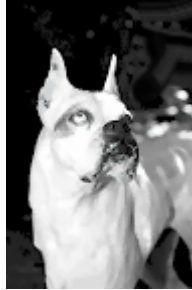
Verakai looked about the best he has since coming to the kennel, he was given a bath and greeted the man with two paws to the chest and a big slobbery hug.

It amazes us, considering where he came from, that he went home today in a Mercedes SUV! The kennel felt empty that first night, without the presence of the great Verakai. But an empty kennel means a full heart. Good luck Verakai!

## IN LOVING MEMORY:

### Petey

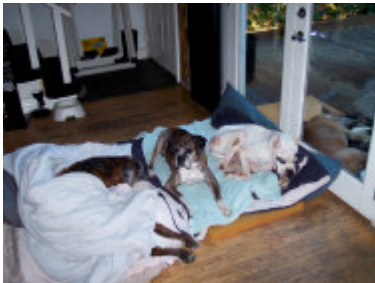
by Martina McGaugh



Petey came to BRLA in early December of 2003 after spending some time at General Animal Hospital where his owner surrendered him. He had a big open chest wound; he was skinny and had a few open wounds on his legs. He was also not very friendly towards people. It broke my heart to see this tall white Boxer boy with a blue eye and a brown eye stuck in a crate.

On December 30th of 2003 my husband and I picked up Petey to treat him in a home environment for a week or two. On his first evening in my care, Petey bit the sales person during a shopping trip to PetsMart (rookie mistake - you don't take a new dog to public places) I took him straight back to Boxer Rescue to talk to the trainer about his aggression.

A couple of months later a BRLA volunteer came by. Petey did not like it - at all and bit his hand. It was time to do something about this serious issue. Joe, the BRLA Dog Whisperer (see Boxer Beat



March 2005 ) worked with him and turned Petey into a new dog. He was HAPPY to see people, licked their faces and loved it when people talked to him.

Luckily, Petey is VERY dog and cat friendly. During our time together Petey was always the perfect host to all of the foster pets!

Everything was perfect until we noticed a slight limp on his right front leg. X-rays and a bone scan revealed that our beloved Petey suffered from Osteosarcoma [bone cancer]. Our vet suggested we put him down to eliminate the pain and suffering

of an amputation on an older dog. But I thought, 'Petey came such a long way just to die now?' I could not do it and consulted with Dr Schulman. I ended up leaving Petey there for the amputation. I



had some doubts. How will he be able walk, will the other dogs pick on him, and how will I get him in

the SUV after the operation? When I picked him up Petey came RUNNING up to me, JUMPED up, and licked my face. When we got to the garage I tried to figure out how I would lift him up into the car. Petey simply JUMPED in the SUV. I could not believe it!

Petey continued his carefree happy life for another 11 months, when he started to limp on his left hind leg. X-rays revealed today that the cancer came back -his hip was eaten away. We decided to give Petey one last gift. He died at 2PM on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Petey, we miss you!

## BOXER QUESTION CORNER:

### Not Coming When Called:

Hi Sarah

I have a 5 month old boxer puppy but at the moment she doesn't want to come back to me when she is off her lead. I am running out of ideas on what to do with her. Please help!

Thank you

**SCG**

### **Boxer Rescue:**

Developmentally, puppies go through different stages. The stage you're puppy has just entered is: 4 to 8 Months - Play Instinct Period / Flight Instinct Period: In this stage, the puppy may wander and ignore you. It is very important that you keep the puppy on a leash at this time! The way that you handle now determines if she will come to you when called when she grows up. E-mail me directly for an article on how to teach your dog to come.

It is also the perfect time to start an obedience class- I would enroll her as soon as possible.

**If you have a question to submit to "Question Corner" please e-mail:**

[sarah@boxer-rescue-la.com](mailto:sarah@boxer-rescue-la.com)

## SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENTS:

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

Ambrose by Jerry Butcher  
Apollo by Kathryn Tull  
Bebe by Colleen Cofield  
Brandy by Kelli Villasenor  
Brownie by Karen & Jay Barnes  
Buddy by Margo Brokop  
Campiona by Dean & Kristen Edwards  
Chato by Robert Goes  
Coco by Gary Wexler  
Daisy by Daniel & Kimberly Johns  
Dino by Becky Howery  
Emma by Kyla & Bob Blackford  
Gidget by Wendy & Brian Schofield  
Ginger by Phil & Judy Armstrong  
Hogan by Mickey & Jack St Clair  
Iris by Anthony & Kristel Kimball  
Joey by Alberto Barbe  
Jolie by Dax Gulje  
Jonni by Steve DiCorpo  
Kelsey by Claudia & Tony Batson  
Lorenzo by Tracey Morin  
Maggie by Andrea Sheridan Teri Moore  
Marco by Staci Tosh  
Mark by Rebecca & Michael Fairbanks  
Martina by Nichole & Joshua Arnold  
Max by Carol & Bob LaRiviere  
Olivia by Kathy Gulje  
Princess Ann by Dafna Kaiserman  
Princess Dorrie by David & Joyce Hubbard  
Regina by Sandra O'Brian Gerald Lunn  
Roberto/Mobey by David Ursutia  
Sassy by Marcos Solorzano  
Sneezy by Andrew & Kimberly Doerfer  
Sonic by Kevin & Dawn Foutz  
Topher by Judy & Bert Wells  
Trixie by Jennifer & Tom Friedman  
Tyra by Brahm Goodis

Also a special thanks to:

#### **Bay Area Boxer Rescue**

[\(http://www.boxer-rescue.org/\)](http://www.boxer-rescue.org/)

for finding loving homes for:

Bacall, Ben, Bogey, Chula, Cognac, Coriander, Ferare, Gill, Jenny, Lola, Loretta, Mopar, Murphy, Neptune, Opal, Shaggy, Snow White, Sophie, Vincent, and Yukon,

#### **Boxers Without Borders,**

[www.boxerrescue-la2ca.com](http://www.boxerrescue-la2ca.com)

for finding loving Canadian homes for:  
Dax and Sienna

## HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Boxer Rescue LA is a non-profit 501 3(c) organization. Donations of **any** 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

### **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.

### **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  
Paper towels  
Xerox paper  
Natural treats  
Any service like printing, etc