



MIDWEST BOSTON TERRIER RESCUE HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER 2012

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OUR HOLIDAY FACEBOOK AUCTION STARTS BLACK FRIDAY!

November 23rd-December 8th

Lots of handmade items from our wonderful volunteers.





DOG SAFETY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Many holiday plants can lead to health problems in dogs and cats. Among the plants to keep out of reach are holly, mistletoe, poinsettias and lilies.

Snow globes often contain antifreeze, which is poisonous to pets.

Pine needles, when ingested, can puncture holes in a pet's intestine. So keep pet areas clear of pine needles.

The extra cords and plugs of holiday lights and other fixtures can look like chew toys to pets. Tape down or cover cords to help avoid shocks, burns or other serious injuries. Unplug lights when you are not home.

Anchor Christmas trees to the ceiling with a string to keep it from falling on pets.

Do not let pets drink the holiday tree water. Some may contain fertilizers, and stagnant tree water can harbor bacteria. Very important: do not put aspirin in the water (some folks do this thinking it will keep the tree or plant more vigorous). If a pet ingests the aspirin-laced water, his health or even life can be at risk.

Keep other ornaments out of reach of pets. Ingestion of any ornament, which might look like toys to pets, can result in life-threatening emergencies.

Put away toys after children open their gifts. Small plastic pieces and rubber balls are common causes of choking and intestinal blockage in dogs.

Keep candles on high shelves. Use fireplace screens to avoid burns.

Holiday guests and other activity can be very stressful and even frightening to pets. Make sure pets have a safe place to retreat in your house. And make sure they are wearing current I.D. in case they escape out a door when guests come and go.

Do not let guests feed your pets human food. There are many holiday foods, including fatty meats, gravies, poultry skin, bones, chocolate and alcohol, that can cause illnesses. In addition, candy wrappers, aluminum foil pieces and ribbons can choke pets.

Keep pets away from gift packages as well as your gift wrapping area. Ingested string, plastic, cloth and even wrapping paper can lead to intestinal blockage and require surgical removal. And pets have been severely injured by scissors and other items left on floors and tables.

If you suspect that your pet has eaten something toxic, call your veterinarian and/or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center's 24-hour emergency hotline at 1-888-4-ANI-HELP.

2012 HAS BEEN BUSY FOR MIDWEST (AND EXPENSIVE!)



Maxwell
Shelter Pull
Perennial Hernia



Princess
Shelter Pull
Eye Removal



Missy Mae
Shelter Pull
Heartworm



Rocky
Shelter Pull
Patella Correction



Remey
Puppy Mill Pull



Fibi and Bosco
Owner Surrender
Bonded pair adoption



Harley
Owner Passed Away
Bilateral Eye Removal



Ben
Owner Passed Away
Slightly blind



Lipton
Juvenile Bilateral
Cataracts

These are just a few of the many saves
and successes we have had this year with your help.
Donations and loving volunteers are the life blood of our rescue.

Please know how much we appreciate you and that the dogs can't live without you.



HOW MANY HAVE WE HELPED?

We all know the good work our volunteers do on a one dog basis, but how often do we know the big picture? We are an organization grown out of an idea to help BT's in need and have helped so many. 2012 has been a busy time like all the other years. Here's what we have accomplished together.

Dogs saved from shelters, puppy mills, and owner surrenders: 210*

Dogs adopted to loving families: 198*

Without loving foster homes, we could never have brought 210 dogs in to rescue. This number does not include the foster homes providing love to hospice dogs or dogs still waiting for a home from other years.

All our volunteers work hard all year long to help finance the veterinary needs of our dogs. While many dogs we get are healthy and happy, we also take in the dogs that need extreme help. We have had lots of big surgeries this year! Our vet bill between January and June this year was \$49,000. Some example of our fundraising efforts, in all four states, have been selling and raffling goods at Pet Expos; our 2013 calendars and cards; our holiday auction, dinner events; Santa pictures and other photo events; our Kentucky Derby face book fundraiser; creating our own brand of wine to sell; Yankee candle sales; opening an online store for shirts and other goods; on and on. There are so many efforts; we can't possible name them all. Without these events, we could not come close to meeting the financial needs of our dogs.

We also want to acknowledge the volunteers behind the scene who contribute their time helping to organize intake, rides, calling references, reviewing adoption applications, helping people find a dog to fit their families, folks that handle our donations and expense payments, and our board of directors.

* These numbers are January – October 2012.



Midwest would like to wish all our volunteers and supporters a happy holiday season and a healthy new year. We are thrilled with all we could accomplish together this year for so many needy Boston's. Midwest will continue our mission in 2013 with your continued help and financial support. We will work towards and hope for a day when our time, talent, and treasure are no longer needed and every Boston Terrier has a safe and loving place to call home. On behalf of all the dogs we have saved, THANK YOU.



SANTA LETTERS FROM THE DOG(S)

(Published by MWBTR 2007-so funny we have reprinted some)

Dear Santa,

I've been a very, very good girl. Just ask anyone. For Christmas this year could you do something special for me? I'm getting a little older and the cold is so hard for me...so could you hold the snow? I don't like getting my tiny feet cold and I HATE the little coats Mom insists I wear. Oh! And one other little thing; please tell Mom to keep my brothers, Cosmo and Coach, out of our bed. It's OUR bed and they don't belong there, and they are bed hogs. Thanks Santa! You're the best!

Love, Maggie

Dear Santa

This year, I have not been so good. I am trying. I am really, really trying. For some reason, the cat yells when I am within 100 ft of him. Ok, well, maybe I am within 1 inch of him, but come on! He cries and yells as IF I am going to maul him! He is fluffy and soft and really, really wants me to play with him, I just know it. Another thing. I prefer that my family speak to me in French. They don't seem to want to make the effort to even learn French. So, until they will accept that I am an individual, I will continue to ignore them and their commands. You might want to put French lessons on THEIR Santa list.

Among the usual NylaBones, Milk Bone Gravy Biscuits, wadded Kleenex in the trash, loose Lego pieces, mittens, children's Wrestling Guys, pens, shoes and socks that I normally find attractive and fun... could you please, please consider bringing me new a soccer ball? With all the foam now chewed off, it just does not have the same 'bounce' that is used to.

I know your a very busy guy. There are many others with more pressing needs. I have food, love, a family that tolerates me, brothers to play with and lots of exercise. I am thankful that I was adopted from Midwest.

Hope to see you slide down that chimney Dec. 25th!!

Love, Pugsley R. Marchek

PS that "R" does NOT stand for Rotten.

Dear Santa,

First, thank you for my brother Cosmo! He's the best! He really rocks to play with, I'm lucky to have him! I don't want much for Christmas, just some new stuffies and maybe some treats. Oh, no! I know what I want...hearing aids for Maggie. Poor thing is stone deaf and if I have to listen to mom whistle for her very much longer I'll be deaf too. I don't want to be deaf. I watch out the window for you all year...you don't disguise yourself as a squirrel in the summer do you? I promise not to eat your cookies this year.

Love Coach

Dear Santa.

For Christmas, I'd really like my own room. I have to share a room with two foster brothers. One poops in his crate a lot and it really stinks. It's enough to gag a maggot. The other foster brother pees all over because he can't hold his bladder for more than a half hour. When mom leaves and crates us all, I have stink in stereo. It comes at me from both sides and quite frankly, I'm more refined than this. I am a gentleman and I should not have to put up with "Poop machine" and "Pee Diddy." So my own room would be nice.

With a soft doggie bed and a fireplace.

Your good little doggie friend,

Smudge

PS. Can you throw in a stinky dead bird?

Dear Santa,

I hope I'm not too late for you to get this. I am hoping for my forever home for Christmas. I have been waiting for you, Santa, to come get me and take me to my forever home. I am sending you a picture so you can show my prospective forever parents I am all dressed and ready to go!

Thank you, Santa.

Love, Gracie



HOLIDAY EVENTS THAT SUPPORT MIDWEST



OHIO

- Dec 2* Pet pictures with Santa
Petsmart, Sawmill Rd, Columbus
- Dec 15* Pet pictures with Santa
Polaris Petsmart, Dublin
- Dec 15* Holiday Makeovers for people, not dogs 12 pm-4pm
Blush Studios, 120 North St. Clair Street, Dayton

<http://lavogueidea.blogspot.com/2012/11/charity-makeover-event-benefiting.html>

ILLINOIS

- Dec 1* Pet pictures with Santa
Petsmart, 6405 Grand Ave, Gurnee
- Dec 2 Gift Wrapping Session for Charity
Barnes and Noble, Oakbrook, 11 am to 3 pm
- Dec 8* Pet pictures with Santa
Petsmart, 6405 Grand Ave, Gurnee
- Dec 14 Gift Wrapping Session for Charity
Barnes and Noble, Oakbrook 3pm to 9pm

*Times to be announced soon

MIDWEST 2013 CALENDARS

As in years past, we will again have our calendar fund raiser. Pictures have already been submitted and the voting will begin soon (if not already out by the time of this newsletter). Calendars can be pre-ordered and shipped for the holidays.

•**Pre-Order Calendar:** \$15.50 each (includes shipping) **Pre-Order Note cards:** \$8.50 pack of 24 cards and envelopes (includes shipping)

•Pre-ordered calendars and note cards will be mailed no later than **December 15, 2012**. Please pre-order to ensure delivery for the December holidays.

Please see our webpage for complete details on how to order calendars or note cards.

Midwestbtrescue.org -- on the right hand side you will see the calendar contest/page.

Just click there, read the info, and order away!