



BTPRSM News, Events & Fundraisers

February 2014

Good Morning Everyone,

We hope all of you are staying warm as we survive this cold winter we are currently having. It's been so cold, most of the dogs I know, have just enough time to do their business and be back in the warm and toasty house in 5 minutes or less. I am sure, many of you can agree to that. I can also guess some of you may be experiencing the odd indoor accident here and there because of the cold snap.

Supposedly, Winnipeg Willow (our local groundhog) has predicted that we will have an early Spring this year. So let's just hope she was correct and that we will be back at the dog parks with rubber boots and slush pants by the end of March.

Did you know February is National Pet Dental Health Month? Most vet clinics in Manitoba have specials on their dental cleanings this month. Some are also offering FREE dental exams to see if your pet requires a dental. Here is a great article about pet dental health. We suggest that if you are unsure if your dog needs a dental, to call your veterinarian and discuss your pet's oral health with them.

February is National Pet Dental Health Month

Ask Dr. Watts - Dr. Michael Watts

February is National Pet Dental Health Month. For nearly two decades, veterinarians around the country have been using this month as an extra opportunity to educate pet owners about the importance of dental health. According to the American Veterinary Dental Society, 80% of dogs and 70% of cats show signs of oral disease by age three. Is your pet one of them?

To find out, lift up your pet's lip and look at her teeth and gums. If the teeth are perfectly white, the gums are an even light pink, and the breath is fresh, your pet probably has good oral health. If not, you should ask your veterinarian if it's time for a cleaning.

Dental tartar is a yellow or brown mineralized material that accumulates on teeth. The mineral matrix traps harmful bacteria. Over time, these bacteria begin to cause inflammation along the gums and the ligaments that connect them to the teeth. This inflammation is known as periodontitis. It most often appears as dark pink or red patches between teeth, a red line along the gums, or bleeding gums. Many, many pets experience this common disease. While most owners do not think of periodontitis as a serious problem, veterinarians know the ugly truth.

The U.S. Surgeon General's Report on Oral Health states, "studies have demonstrated an association between periodontal diseases and diabetes, cardiovascular disease, stroke, and adverse pregnancy outcome." In veterinary patients we also see links between periodontal disease and damage to the kidneys and liver. In dogs and cats with gum inflammation, showers of bacteria frequently jet through

the blood stream. The average patient will have a positive blood culture every ten days. These bacterial showers have been definitively linked to reduced life span. Regular dental care may add anywhere from two to five years to the life of your family pet!

In clinical practice, I see pets without regular dental care getting “old” at much younger ages than in other pets. Owners just convince themselves that their twelve year old cat’s kidney failure is just a product of age or nature. In reality, many of these pets could have lived longer, happier lives with regular dental care.

Again quoting the U.S. Surgeon General, “oral health is related to well-being and quality of life... Oral and craniofacial diseases and conditions contribute to compromised ability to bite, chew, and swallow foods; limitations in food selection; and poor nutrition... Oral-facial pain, as a symptom of untreated dental and oral problems and as a condition in and of itself, is a major source of diminished quality of life.”

Yes, toothaches really hurt. Even for your pet. Of course, animals are programmed by nature to hide pain until it becomes extreme. We know that their nervous systems experience the same pain signals as our own. We also know that tooth pain is one of the most intense and significant types of pain that can be experienced. Be kind to your pet and take care of her teeth!

Part of your pet’s six month wellness visit should include a thorough oral examination. At the first sign of gum inflammation or other oral disease, you should schedule a dental cleaning. Using light anesthesia, your veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician will remove the tarter accumulation, evaluate the depth of gum pockets, examine the tooth surfaces for damage or decay, polish the enamel, and apply fluoride to strengthen the teeth. If any gum treatments or extractions are required to maintain your pet’s health and comfort, your veterinarian can perform them during the procedure.

Most routine dental procedures occur within your family veterinarian’s general practice. However, some dogs and cats visit board certified veterinary dentists for root canals or repair of fractured teeth. Most commonly, these procedures are used to avoid extractions in working dogs or show ring champions.

Past Event and Donation Updates

Thank you to everyone (including all the volunteers, foster families and guests) who came out this past Sunday (February 2nd) to the “Meet Your Match” Adoption & Fundraising Event at The Dog Loft on Marion. Manitoba Small Dog Rescue (MSDR) and BTPRSM received lots of interest in our adoptable dogs and we managed to raise a total \$964.40, which was divided equally between our two rescues.

We want to thank The Dog Loft’s Katie and staff for the use of their wonderful facility to hold this event, and for being so accommodating to us. We would like to send a huge shout out to Becky and Coralee from Red Photo Co. for taking the AMAZING “Love” photos of all the dogs...big and small. We would like to thank all the bakers and crafters that donated baking and items for us to sell. And lastly we want to thank all the people and businesses that donated items for the silent auction. THANK YOU!!

Fundraisers & Events

1) BTPRSM Annual Valentine's Playgroup & Party

Come on out on Sunday, February 16th from 1- 3 pm at Sprocketts Doggy Day Camp to our Annual Valentine's Party and enjoy some holiday fun!

As with other holiday parties, there will be some nibbles for the humans and for the furry friends! Tons of doggy fun for the pooches, a 50/50 draw and much more!

\$5/family and all socialized dogs are welcome.

All proceeds from this event support the Boston Terrier & Pug Rescue of Southern Manitoba directly. Hope to you see all there!

Meet Up Link: <http://www.meetup.com/Boston-Terrier-Pug-Rescue-Playgroup-of-Winnipeg/events/153875732/>

Facebook Event Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1403472329905016/>



2) Aunt Sarah's Chocolate Bar Fundraiser:

We are currently taking orders for the Aunt Sarah's Famous Chocolate Bars. To place your order, please email us at btprmb@gmail.com

Each bar sells for \$2.00. All orders to be in by **February 23rd**. We will collect the \$60/case upfront and each seller will collect the \$60 back when they sell their case.

There are now 7 flavors to choose from. Assorted cases are available upon request. You have the option to pick either 2 flavors (15 of each) or 3 flavors (10 of each). If you would like an assorted case, we will need each person to let us know which flavors they would like.

There are now 7 Flavors of bars to choose from:

Aunt Sarah's Simply Delicious - this wonderful, scrumptious delight of a bar is filled with smooth caramel and whole roasted almonds. It is then covered in the finest, melt in your mouth chocolate.

Aunt Sarah's Simply Caramel - has the traditional, classic caramel and chocolate that we enjoy in the Simply Delicious bar, but we have taken out the almonds!

Aunt Sarah's Simply Crispie - is a thick, chocolate, crunchy bar full of rice crisps that kids of all ages will love!

Aunt Sarah's Simply Mint - is an irresistible chocolate bar filled with a creamy mint green truffle centre.

Aunt Sarah's Dark & Delicious - is a dark chocolate bar filled with a creamy cocoa dark chocolate truffle center.

Aunt Sarah's Yogurt, Fruit & Nut - is a delicious vanilla yogurt bar filled with fresh, juicy raisins and crunchy peanuts. Sure to melt in your mouth and offer a tasty crunch at the same time!

Aunt Sarah's Simply Peanut Butter - is a rich and creamy taste sensation! Peanut butter at its best.

If anyone has any questions, please email us at btprmb@gmail.com



3) Kin Kar Raffle:

BTPRSM are selling Kin Kar raffle tickets. Tickets are \$10 each and with each ticket you get three entries into all the draws. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, we will have the books available at the upcoming playgroups, and the Bingo Bowl.

There will be 3 early bird draws for \$500 at 1:00 pm on the dates listed below:

- March 31
- April 30
- May 30

The grand prize is a choice of \$25,000 cash or a 2014 Chevy Camaro Convertible, or a 16 Pro Angler Boat and Maverick 1000R ATV or a Coachman Freedom Express 310 BHDS trailer.

Draw Date: June 22nd, 2014 at 11:59 pm at the Red River Ex, Kin Kar Booth.

Each Kin Kar ticket has the following extra coupons:

- Santa Lucia - \$5.00 off, \$25 or more purchase, pre-tax, Dine in or Pick up.
- \$20 Vickar Gift Card Free, \$20 gift card towards all goods or services.
- BOGO Admission to the Red River Ex

4) Vesey's Bulbs & Seeds Spring Fundraiser:

BTPRSM are selling the popular Vesey's Bulbs again. Order Deadline is ***Sunday, April 13th.***

BTPRSM received 50% of each package sold. If you are interested in placing an order, please email us at btprmb@gmail.com

Here is the link to the online brochure. If you would like to see a full color brochure, we will have them available at our playgroups on February 16, March 2 and March 30. We will also have the brochures available at the Bingo Bowl on March 15.

<http://www.veseys.com/ca/en/images/articles/fundraising/14SpringFRBrochure.pdf>



5) Lia Sophia February Fundraiser:

Get your Spring Bling and support the BTPRSM at the same time!! 100% of Jessica McEachern's commission will go directly to the rescue.

Customer special is buy 2 items, get up to 4 more at HALF price (YOU get to choose which items you pay half price for!!). If you spend \$100 before tax and shipping, you get the Vignette necklace (pictured below) for only \$20!!

To place an order, go to www.liasophia.ca/jessicam, select "browse our jewelry", look up your hostess and enter Jessica McEachern as the hostess.

Anyone who wants to book their own show with Jessica McEachern and get all the fabulous hostess perks will also be contributing to the rescue as she will donate a portion of her commission from each party booked.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jessica M. directly at 204-471-5406 or jessicam@mymts.net



6) BTPRSM St. Paddy's Day Bingo Bowl Fundraiser:



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St. Paddy's Bingo Bowl

Windsor Lanes - 678 Elizabeth Rd

Saturday, March 15, 2015 7:30 - 10 pm (Doors open at 7)

Door Prizes!
Silent Auction!
50/50 Draw!

Tickets can be purchased by email at
btprmb@gmail.com
or at our February & March Playgroups

Tickets \$15 each - Non-Bowler/Supporter Tickets \$5 each
(Includes Bowling Shoes, 3 games of Bingo Bowling & a Social Lunch with Unlimited Refills on Soft Drinks)

Bowling Night

Come out and support the Boston Terrier and Pug Rescue of Southern Manitoba, as we bowl the night away at our most popular Fundraiser. Doors open at 7 pm and bowling starts at 7:30pm.

Tickets are \$15.00 each for Bowlers. (Includes 3 Bingo Bowl Games, Shoe Rental, unlimited pop and social type lunch). Non-Bowlers/Supporter Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Bring your family and friends! There is fun for all ages, plus prizes for the team winners in each Bingo Bowl Game! There will be a Silent Auction, Door Prizes and a 50/50 Draw and more!!! All monies raised at this event support the Boston Terrier & Pug Rescue directly.

If you would like more information on how to purchase tickets or to book a lane, please send us an email to btprmb@gmail.com

Would you like to donate a Silent Auction Prize or help us collect donations?
There is a Silent Auction Donation Request letter attached with this newsletter. Feel free to print it out and ask for donations.

Facebook Event Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/262485120573211/>

7) BTPRSM 5th Anniversary, Rescue Reunion & Playgroup:

Come out to help us celebrate our 5th Anniversary, and meet some of the dogs who've found their forever homes with us in the past five years.

Our Reunion Party is always the most popular of the year with refreshments for the humans, 50/50 draws and more doggy fun than you can wag a tail at!

We plan on having a photographer available to take photos of all the attending families with their furry friends who they have adopted from BTPRSM.

\$5/family and all socialized dogs are welcome to attend. All monies raised from this event support the Boston Terrier & Pug Rescue of Southern Manitoba directly.

Hope to see you all there!!

Meet Up Link: <http://www.meetup.com/Boston-Terrier-Pug-Rescue-Playgroup-of-Winnipeg/events/153878552/>

Facebook Event Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/671388892911470/>

8) Manitoba Pet Expo 2014



Join us and many other animal rescues, advocacy groups and pet related exhibitors on Sunday, June 8th at the St. Norbert Community Centre Arena.

For more information about the event, to see which groups and exhibitors are attending check out the following links:

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ManitobaPetExpo>

Website: www.manitobapetexpo.com

9) Manitoba Pet Expo – New Logo Design Contest:

The Manitoba Pet Expo is pleased to announce the launch of its new logo contest!

The first Manitoba Pet Expo was created by the Boston Terrier and Pug Rescue of Southern Manitoba in 2010 and was a grassroots effort that started small, with the intention of growing larger each year, allowing us to raise funds to save more animals, and at the same time showing attendees all the opportunities there are to enhance their lives with their pets.

We would like to invite all artistic animal lovers to put their creative thinking caps on and design a new logo for the Manitoba Pet Expo.

This contest is open to adults and children so we encourage everyone to enter.

The winner of the best logo entry will receive a “pet themed” prize valued at \$100.

All entries must meet the following requirements to be eligible:

The logo design should incorporate the words “Manitoba Pet Expo”.

The design should be clear and simple for printing purposes as it is intended for use on the Expo’s website and may be used on correspondence such as letterhead and other print materials. The logo should be done in color and black & white as well as a vertical style and a horizontal style.

Logo entries should be submitted electronically in EPS or JPEG format to the email address: manitobapetexpo@gmail.com

All entries must include the contact information of the entrant: First name, last name, mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address. Only the winner will be contacted.

Contact information will not be sold or distributed to other rescue organizations or companies. Contact information of entries will not be used for fundraising or promotional purposes.

All entries become the property of the Manitoba Pet Expo and the Boston Terrier & Pug Rescue of Southern Manitoba (BTPRSM) and they may be used by the members of each group for identification and printing purposes. Credit to the creator of the chosen logo will be recognized on our websites and Facebook pages.

All entries must be received between 12:00 am on January 29, 2014 and 11:59 pm on April 1, 2014.

A panel of judges will deliberate on all entries and select the winner. The winner will be announced on April 6, 2014 on the Manitoba Pet Expo and BTPRSM websites:

www.manitobapetexpo.com; www.bostonpugrescuemb.com and Facebook pages.

PLEASE READ – Additional Contest Information:

- The winning design submitted for this contest becomes the property of the Manitoba Pet Expo and BTPRSM. By submitting the design the entrant guarantees that the work is original, theirs and free of all copyright or other encumbrances that would prevent its use by the Rescue and Manitoba Pet Expo Executive for any of its intended purposes.
- The Manitoba Pet Expo Executive and BTPRSM offers no other compensation for the use of the design other than the prize offered. Credit for the creator of the logo will be recognized on our websites and Facebook pages. Adjustments and modifications of the logo and its format may be necessary for clarity of printing and identification, but the original creator will be credited.
- Submissions are confidential until the completion of judging and until the announcement of the winner. Only the submission of the winner will be disclosed and published. The designs and all personal data of all other submissions will be kept confidential, other than announcing the total number of submissions received.

10) Bark Box Fundraiser:

Get \$5 off any BarkBox subscription and support our rescue! For every coupon used on www.BarkBox.com our rescue will get a \$15 donation from BarkBox. Be sure to use our special code BTPRBBX1

Help us meet our goal of 100 subscriptions and raise \$1,500!!

What is BarkBox? BarkBox is a New York City based dog-lovin' company that sends high quality dog products to your pup every month. Each box is full of 4-6 goodies like bones, bully sticks, toys, treats, gadgets, shampoos, hygiene products, and more.

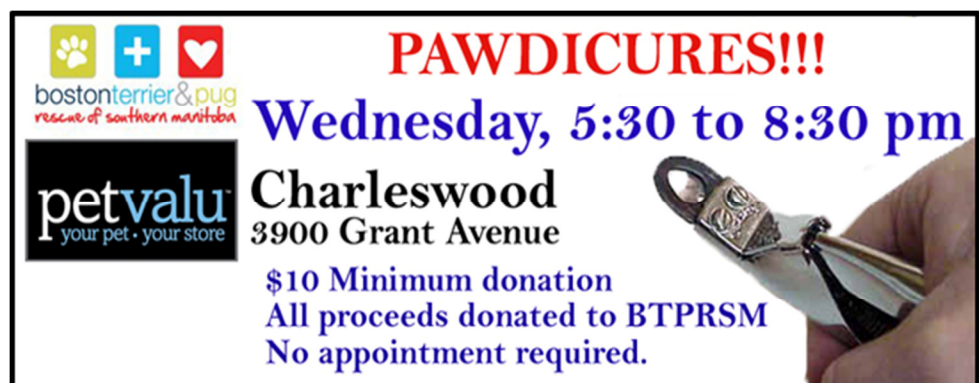
If you need help on how to subscribe for Bark Box, let us know at btprmb@gmail.com

11) Charleswood Pet Valu Nail Trims:

Nail Trims will be happening every Wednesday between 5:30 - 8:30 pm. The staff at Charleswood Pet Valu will be doing nail trims in support of BTPRSM!!! Only \$10 per dog.

Upcoming Dates:

- February 12th
- February 19th
- February 26th
- March 5th



PAWDICURES!!!

Wednesday, 5:30 to 8:30 pm

Charleswood
3900 Grant Avenue

\$10 Minimum donation
All proceeds donated to BTPRSM
No appointment required.

Rainbow Bridge:

It is with great sadness that we inform everyone that Hope the Basset Hound crossed over to Rainbow Bridge on January 10th. Below was the post we shared from our Facebook Page.



“It's with heavy hearts that we inform you all that Hope has crossed the Rainbow Bridge tonight, with her foster mom and foster dad by her side.

Hope took a turn for the worse today, she was struggling to breathe and her frail body was shutting down. Trina, her foster mom took her to the vet tonight because of her concerns of Hope's labored breathing. The vet informed her that she had fluid in her lungs and that her body was shutting down and that she wouldn't make it through the night.

We tried so hard to help this sweet soul live a long and happy life but in the end , as short as her life was, we know she had the best life possible with Trina, Matt, Buster and Baxter that any dog could ask for in the last bit of her precious life.

We would like to thank Trina and Matt for opening your hearts and your home to this sweet girl, to Southglen Vet Staff and Transcona Vet Staff for the amazing care you gave Hope. Last but not least, we would like to thank all of you who donated and who prayed for Hope during the time she was in our care.

We all wish there was a happier ending ...but for Hope, who was once cold and homeless, found happiness, love, warmth, and a family she got to call her own. May she now rest in peace.

Run free Hope! We all love you!!”

Current Adoptables, Recent Adoptions & Updates:

We have had a few adoptions and also few additions in the rescue.

Recently we completed Chewy's adoption on January 26th. Chewy now has a sister named Lucy and a brother named Nemo!! He loves his new home and family so much!! We couldn't be happier for all of them!!



Nemo (left), Lucy (middle) and Chewy (right)

On Sunday at the "Meet your Match" Adoption Event, we were finally able to catch up with Maya's new family and sign her adoption papers. Her new brother Wilbur and her play for hours. Her new family couldn't be happier.

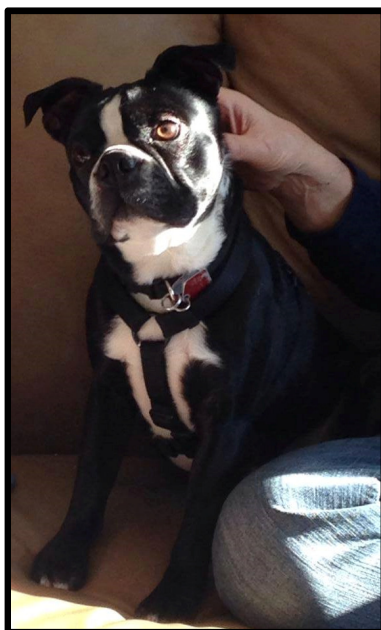
New additions to the rescue include owner surrenders, Bonkers the Pug, Pepper the Boston Terrier, Peggy Sue the Pug and coming in on Friday, February 7th, Cosmo the Bugg (Boston Terrier/Pug X).

Bonkers is a 5 year old fawn, male pug. He is currently on medical hold, while we try to help him with his back issues. Our vet has diagnosed Bonkers with Intervertebral Disk Disease (also known as IVDD). Bonkers is not in any pain, but does have a very wobbly walk in his back legs. He also has some control issues with his bladder and bowels. Part of this is also that he is not fully housetrained. His foster mom has been working with him and with much success there have been some days when he has not need to wear his belly band. Bonkers is on supplements to see if they will help him with his back and he has an appointment scheduled on February 12th to see if he would benefit from Acupuncture. We are really trying to avoid surgery if at all possible for Bonkers. We will keep everyone updated on his progress and when he will be ready for adoption. We would love to thank Anna A. who recommended some supplements to try with Bonkers and for getting a few companies to donate some of the supplements to the rescue for us to try.



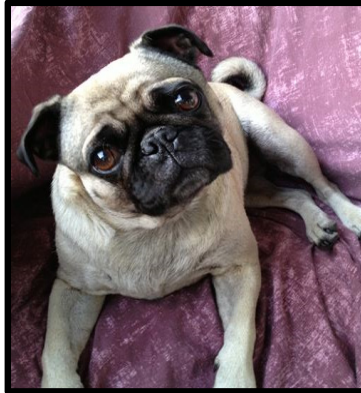
Bonkers giving his foster mom the pug stare.

Pepper is a 2 year old, male, Boston terrier who came to us all the way from The Pas. We sent up a kennel last week at Calm Air Cargo in Winnipeg and Pepper arrived into Winnipeg on Saturday, February 1st. Our first stop after picking him up at the airport was at PetSmart, where he had his photo taken and got super cute bandana. After the first shopping trip we stopped for an exam at Southglen Vet Clinic, where Pepper received a clean bill of health from Dr. Sra. Once we were done at the vet we went to Best West Pet Foods to pick up a donation and Pepper got meet the staff and do some shopping. We are happy to report that Pepper is doing well in his foster home. He has a family who has applied to adopt him and we have a home visit schedule for February 17th. We will keep everyone updated on his progress.



Pepper getting some ear scratches.

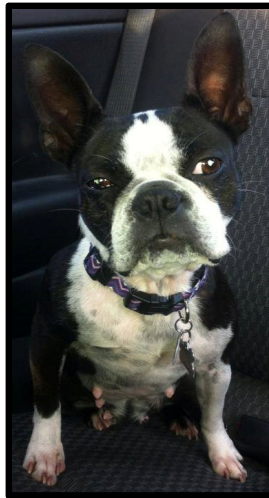
Peggy Sue is a 5 year old pug came into the rescue on Sunday, February 2nd. She is a very smart and sweet little pug. She went to the vet for an exam on Tuesday morning and had her vaccines updated. She will be getting a dental cleaning and our vet will be widening her narrow nostrils (Stenotic Nares) to help her breathe better. While she is under anesthetic our vet will see if she also needs her elongated palate trimmed. Peggy Sue is doing well in her foster home and loves to play with her foster siblings. She will be available for adoption once she has healed from her surgeries which are scheduled for February 11th.



Peggy Sue looking as sweet as can be.

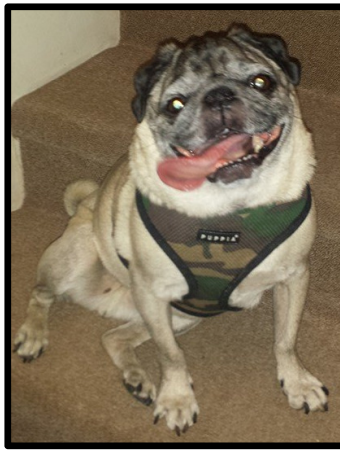
Rain and Eddy are still looking for their Forever Families.

Rain the Boston Terrier is all healed up from her surgeries and is now waiting to find her Forever Family. She has been working on her socialization with new dogs and new situations. Rain is also working on her housetraining and has almost mastered it. She will need a home that will be patient with her and help her learn what it's like to be a family pet and not to breed anymore. Rain would do best in a home without young children. If you are interested in meeting Rain or know someone who is, please email us at btprmb@gmail.com



Rain would really love to find a family of her own.

Eddy the Pug is also still waiting for his forever family. Eddy came into the rescue with his sister Maggie and would really like to find his forever family too. Eddy has come a long way with his training since coming into our care. Both Eddy and Maggie went through some extensive vetting to get them healthy. We have recently found out that Eddy has crystals in his urine and is currently on the Urinary SO dry food to help him with his condition. The crystals in his urine would have contributed to Eddy's housetraining issues. Eddy has a few interesting quirks that make him unique, but if you already know what pugs are like, this may not surprise you. If you are interested in meeting Eddy or know someone who is, please email us at btprmb@gmail.com



Eddy poses for Auntie Rena while visiting him at his foster home.

Foster Homes

Foster Homes are the back bone to any rescue. We are always looking for foster homes and temporary foster homes for when dogs come into our care. The more available foster homes we have, the more dogs we can rescue. Please email us at btprmb@gmail.com so we can send you a foster application.

Well that's all the news we have for you now. Check out our Facebook page and our Website for updates on the dogs needing surgeries and for new fundraisers.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email us at btprmb@gmail.com and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

See you all soon,

Jessica, Rena, Shaila
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