



BTPRSM News, Events & Fundraisers

January 2014

Good Morning Everyone,

We would like to start off my wishing you all a Happy New Year!! We apologize for not getting out a December Newsletter. It was a busy month for us and with the holidays before we knew it December was over. We hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday and stayed as warm as possible.

Let's start of the Newsletter with some Training Tips for your dog. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, January is "National Train your Dog Month" brought to you by The Association of Professional Dog Trainers.

"Real Life" Training

One of the mistakes we often make with our dogs is thinking that dogs see training classes in the same way that we often see being in school—in other words, that learning is reserved for the classroom! In truth, dogs (and people) are constantly learning every second of every day. To have a truly well-mannered dog, you need to reinforce the behaviors that you want during the course of your daily life. "Use It or Lose It!" is a good maxim to follow when teaching your dog new behaviors. Here are some ideas on how you can involve "real life" in your training practice:

Take your dog with you when you go shopping. There are many stores that allow dogs. Always call first to make sure of their dog-friendly policies. Examples of stores that allow dogs in are garden/nursery stores, camping/outdoor gear stores, home improvement stores, pet supply stores, some restaurants and coffee shops with outdoor eating areas, and "specialty" pet food stores such as dog treat bakeries. Once you are in the store, you can practice walking nicely on leash, sitting politely for petting and no jumping, and even stays in the aisles or under your chair or table if you are sitting and having a cup of coffee. You can also practice having the dog stay before getting into your car and before jumping out, and while you are loading any goodies you've purchased from the shopping cart into your car.

Take your dog on car rides. Even if you have a quick errand to run, such as to the bank or to a drive thru restaurant for food, take your dog along! You can practice stays with the dog getting in and out of your car, and going out is always a good socialization opportunity for the dog. Some drive thru establishments even keep jars of dog treats on hand to say "hello!" to new canine visitors.

Practice sitting politely when guests come over every time a friend or relative visits. Practice sit stays when the mailman drops off your daily mail, when the garbage collection truck comes by, and when the newspaper deliveryman drops off your paper.

Practice sit and down stays while you are watching TV, on the phone, cooking, eating dinner, working at home on your computer, or while your children are doing their homework. The dog learns to be quiet and relaxed during times that you are busy and need to work, and it doesn't require much extra effort on your part to train the dog while you are doing other things.

Practice stays when you go to pick your children up from school or from extracurricular activities. Arrive a few minutes early and take your dog out on leash and have them stay while watching the busy parking lot full of children. This is a highly distracting atmosphere for the dog and it's great practice for stays, as well as walking nicely on leash.

Use the recall command in your house in the course of your daily activities, such as when you want the dog to come to eat his or her dinner, or when your dog runs to the front door or a window to bark at a squirrel or the mailman.

Use all of your dog's behaviors to earn him "what he wants." Make getting anything that your dog desires a learning opportunity! If your dog wants to go out, he has to sit for his leash to be put on, or lay down at the door, or do a trick instead. Do the same when your dog wants his dinner, or to play or be petted or get attention. It doesn't really matter what behavior you ask for, as long as you ask the dog to do "something" in exchange for a valuable "life" reward.

Here is the website with some really great information: <http://www.trainyourdogmonth.com>

Past Event and Donation Updates

We would like to send a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone to who attended our 2nd Annual Holiday Fun Dog Day and Pet Photos with Santa. A fun time was had by all who attended! Even the staff at Vada's Club K9 had a great time!! We would also like to thank all the people who donated items for the Silent Auction. Together we raised just over \$1626.00 to put towards on our account at Southglen Veterinary Hospital.

Also another Thank You to Shannon Bochinski. Shannon made some amazing wreaths for our rescue as a fundraiser and managed to raise \$500.00 for the rescue!! She applied the money directly to our account at Southglen Vet. We will definitely be doing this fundraiser again in November/December!!

Lastly, another huge donation of \$500.00 on our account at Southglen Vet was from the Calgary Basset Hound Rescue towards Hope's medical expenses. Here is their website link:
<http://www.bassetrescuecalgary.com/>

Fundraisers & Events

1) "Meet your Match" Adoption & Fundraising Event in support of the BTPRSM and MSDR

Join us on Sunday, February 2nd at The Dog Loft Inc. and "Meet your Match" at a joint adoption and fundraising event co-hosted by the Manitoba Small Dog Rescue and the Boston Terrier & Pug Rescue of Southern Manitoba.

This is the month of Love and we hope you can fall in love with one of our adoptable dogs. Nothing says... 'I love you' like genuine fur! Fur is available in all sizes from petite to husky! ;)

There will be adoptable dogs from each rescue available to meet and greet. You are welcome to bring your current furry family members for a "Love Photo" in our photo booth! Photos will be taken by the talented Rebecca and Coralee of Red Photo Co. Photos will be \$10 for each pose and will be emailed out.

We will also have a bake sale, craft sale, 50/50 draw, silent auction and much, much more. All monies raised from the bake sale, craft sale, 50/50 draw and silent auction will be split equally between MSDR and BTPRSM.

For more information or if you would like to donate to our bake sale, craft sale or silent auction please contact either:

MSDR: Val Pankhurst - vpankhurst@shaw.ca

BTPRSM: Jessica, Rena or Shaila - btprmb@gmail.com

Facebook Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/194098954128397/>

Look forward to seeing you and your furry friends all there!!

Attached to this newsletter is the Donation Request Letter for this event. Feel free to share it with your favorite local businesses, family and friends.

Meet Your Match
Adoption & Fundraising Event
Bring your furry friend for a "Love Photo" - \$10
Sunday February 2
11 am - 3 pm
the dog loft
245 Marion Street
Meet Adorable Adoptables...plus
bake sale, craft sale, 50/50 draw, silent auction & much more
In support of
manitoba small dog rescue inc.
boston terrier & pug rescue of southern manitoba
red photo co. documentary style photography

2) **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!

Here is the link to sign up for the event through our meet up page: <http://www.meetup.com/Boston-Terrier-Pug-Rescue-Playgroup-of-Winnipeg/events/153875732/>

Event Poster will be available soon...

3) **Save the Date: BTPRSM St. Paddy's Bingo Bowl Fundraiser**

Date: Saturday, March 15th, 2014

Time: Evening Event – Actual Time TBD

Location: TBD

4) **Save the Date: Manitoba Pet Expo 2014**

Date: Sunday, June 8th, 2014

Time: 10am - 4pm

Location: St. Norbert Community Centre Arena and Grounds

Here is the link to the Manitoba Pet Expo Facebook Page where you can follow what's happening, who's attending and more. Watch for updates!!

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

Website: www.manitobapetexpo.com

5) **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.

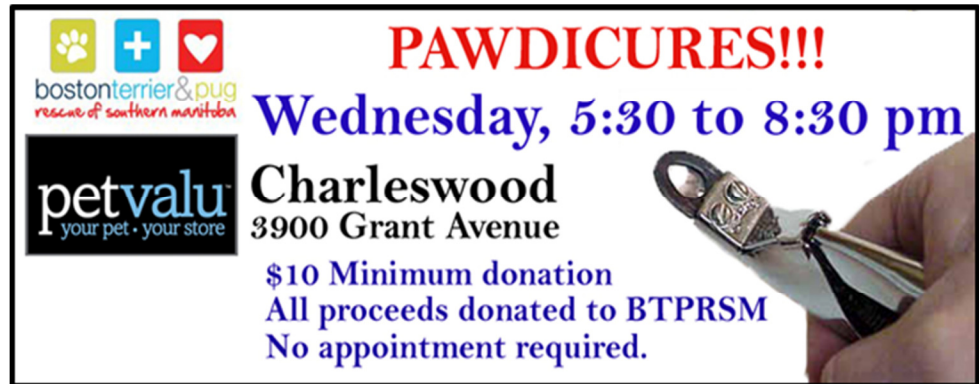
If you need help on how to subscribe for Bark Box, let us know at btprmb@gmail.com

6) 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:

- January 8th
- January 15th
- January 22nd
- January 29th



A promotional poster for 'PAWDICURES!!!' (pet nail trims) at Charleswood Pet Valu. The poster features logos for 'boston terrier & pug rescue of southern manitoba' and 'petvalu your pet · your store'. It specifies the event is on 'Wednesday, 5:30 to 8:30 pm' at 'Charleswood 3900 Grant Avenue'. The cost is '\$10 Minimum donation' and 'All proceeds donated to BTPRSM'. It also states 'No appointment required.' and includes an image of a hand using nail clippers on a paw.

7) Peel ~ A ~ Deal:

BTPRSM is selling Papa Murphy's and Lovey's BBQ Peel ~ A ~ Deal Fundraising Cards. Only \$5 per card with over \$55 in savings on each card.

BTPRSM gets the whole \$5 for each card sold!!!

We will have them available at all of our events **OR** you can contact us at btprmb@gmail.com for pick-up or delivery.

8) BTPRSM Quilt Raffle Update:

Congratulations to Larry and Lori Martin who won the beautiful quilt that was donated by Susan Dagg.



Caspar enjoys his new blanket on the bed!

Current Adoptables, Recent Adoptions & Updates:

It's been awhile since our last newsletter back in November. We have had a few dogs come into our care. A few dogs were adopted or had their adoptions finalized, and we still have a few dogs available for adoption.

Completed adoptions include Maggie (now known as Hooch). Hooch has a pug sister named Maggie who is also a BTPRSM alumni. Congratulations to Hooch on finding the perfect family!



Hooch and Maggie sitting pretty for a picture

Chip the Boston Terrier adoption was also completed at the end of November. He now has two big brothers name Tillman and Milo and all three boys love playing together and going for walks. Congratulations Chip, you have come such a long way!



Tillman, Chip and Milo soaking up the sunshine on a cold day

Cookie (now known as Lily) also finalized her adoption into her new forever family. Lily now has a brother named Brody who she loves more than anything. She gets to go to her mom's store every day and greet customers when they arrive. Congratulations Lily!



Brody and Lily snuggling in the dog bed

Maya the Boston Terrier came back to the rescue's care at the end of November. Unfortunately it wasn't working out in her home and the family had to surrender her back. Maya is such a little jumping bean. She loves to play with her toys and especially her toy balls. She can fetch for hours. We took Maya on a few adoption home visits but it wasn't until the third visit that we found a perfect match! Maya is going to be adopted by a wonderful young family who have a male Boston Terrier named Wilbur. We will be finalizing her adoption in the next few weeks. Congratulations Maya!!!



Maya and Wilbur take an afternoon nap after playing for hours

One of the new dogs who came into care since our last newsletter was Chewy the Pug X. Chewy came to us all the way from Rankin Inlet, NU. It is believed Chewy is possibly crossed with American Eskimo. Chewy is going on an adoption home visit this Saturday, January 11th. Fingers crossed Chewy!!



Chewy (middle) with his foster siblings Peanut (left) and Remi (right)

Lastly, we have Hope the Basset Hound. Hope came into our care on Saturday, November 16th. She was originally picked up as a stray found near Petersfield Hotel in St. Andrews. She was extremely emaciated and lethargic. She was brought into the city by the local Animal Control Officer for the area and was being held until someone was to claim her. No one came forward and our rescue was asked to help Hope. We offered to take her into our rescue and help her best we can.

Well it's been quite a journey with this girl. We are still unsure of what exactly is going with Hope's body. She has had exploratory surgery, two very long stays at the vet clinic, as well she was also sedated to aspirate one of her lymph nodes. She has many blood tests, urine tests and fecal tests.

We are currently treating Hope for Lymphangiectasia, IBS/IBD, and some possible pancreas issues. We are trying different medications to see if they help, as well Hope is getting B12 injections to help give her an extra boost where she may not be getting the nutrients from food. This girl is one picky eater. We have tried all kinds of dog foods (dry and wet), as well as ground beef, ground lamb, pork, tripe and much more. She has her on and off days, but eventually she gives in and eats. Here is the link to Hope's photo album on our rescue's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.700584516633543.1073741873.193798940645439&type=3>

We would love to THANK EVERYONE who has donated to Hope's medical expenses. Hope's medical expenses total over \$5300 total. (still need to update the FB album). There were many kind people who donated to help Hope and we truly appreciate it and we know she is very thankful as well. I would also like to thank Hope's foster family. Trina and Matt have been amazing with Hope. Trina is determined to help Hope find a forever family and get her medical issues under control. Foster brothers Buster and

Baxter have accepted Hope into their pack and don't mind when she cuddles with them on the couch. Even Sebastian the cat has enjoyed having Hope around. He preferred it when she was upstairs and not kenneled so he could steal her uneaten food, but now he will just play with the toys we dropped off for her.

If you would like to make a donation to Hope's care you can do so in one of two ways. In person at Southglen Veterinary Hospital (V-730 St. Anne's Road) they will take your donation and apply it to our account under Hope's name. Or you can use this link to our website and PayPal account. Click on the donate button and it will take you directly to our PayPal page.(<http://bostonpugrescuemb.com/donate/>) Please leave us your mailing address if you make a donation so we can get you a Thank You card.



Here are a few photos of Hope and her foster brothers.

Rain and Eddy are still looking for their Forever Families. Please feel free to share their stories with Family and Friends so we can find each of them a wonderful loving home for the Holidays.

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. We have recently learned that Rain likes to groom cats. First she chases them, then once she has a chance she will lick and clean them. If you are interested in meeting Rain or know someone who is, please email us at btprmb@gmail.com



Rain cuddling with her foster sister Bella. These two are best buddies.

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. We are taking him for an x-ray this coming weekend to see if he has stones that will need to be removed. The crystals in his urine would have contributed to Eddy's housetraining issues. And we have started him on a new food that is supplied by the vet clinic. It helps break up the crystals in Eddy's urine and we should see a difference in his frequent urination soon. 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 told Santa that he wanted a family of his own for Christmas.

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.

Other Outings

1) Boston Terrier & Pug Rescue Playgroup of Winnipeg:

Our First Indoor Playgroup of 2014 is this coming Sunday, January 12th at Sprocketts Doggy Day Camp. We know our dogs have been less than impressed with these chilly temperatures so it will be nice to get our furry friends out for some much needed playtime. If you have not signed up yet, use the link below.

<http://www.meetup.com/Boston-Terrier-Pug-Rescue-Playgroup-of-Winnipeg/>

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
Executive Committee
Boston Terrier & Pug Rescue of Southern Mantioba