



BTPRSM News, Events & Fundraisers

September 2013

Good Afternoon BTPRSM Supporters,

How to Occupy (and Tire Out) a Dog Who's Bored and Restless

This behavior quagmire is easier to solve than you might think, even if it's late and you're indoors.

By: Sassafras Lowrey

Anyone who has lived with a dog knows that moment where you're lying on the couch enjoying a movie and suddenly there is a wet nose poking at your elbow. Or you're taking a nap and then a soggy tennis ball appears on your lap, and you ignore that and next you're treated with a soggy decapitated purple rabbit, and finally if you've managed to ignore all that you are treated to a musical performance of a squeaky toy on repeat in your ear.

You've got a bored dog. Now what do you do about it? It's a training and behavior quagmire.

An easy answer is a long walk, or a run in the park, but sometimes that isn't possible or doesn't sound particularly exciting -- like when it's late at night, or raining, or there's a street festival, or a block party (I live in New York City, and these things happen all the time). As I've talked about in past columns, I love our trips to the park, but I'm a big fan of activities I can do inside the apartment to burn off energy and keep my dogs mentally stimulated. What always amazes me is how a bit of mental stimulation can tire my dogs out for the rest of the afternoon.

As I talked about a few weeks ago, trick training is a great way to bond with your dogs and keep their brain muscles exercised. If tricks aren't your thing, or you're looking for something a little different, here are a couple fun ideas for interactive play:

Dogs have an incredible sense of smell, there's even a competitive dog sport that's focused on the impressive ways you can teach your dog to find and alert to certain smells. Dogs "see" so much of their world through smells, it can be fun to see what your dog can do. For this game take some treats -- the smellier the better -- then hide the treats and encourage your dog to search for them. When you are first getting started let your dog watch you hide the treat somewhere relatively easy like under a chair, or behind a partially closed door. As your dog catches on make the hiding spots increasingly tricky, and don't let puppy watch you hide them!

Last year for Christmas, Santa Paws brought Charlotte a Kyjen Dog Games Treat Wheel puzzle. I like this one because there are ways to increase the difficulty of the game. She mastered it the first time in about a minute, and now she can do the puzzle in seconds. We don't pull this one out too frequently because I like to give her a little time to keep things fresh. A dog buddy and I have joked about setting

up a regular rotation of canine puzzle swap with other dog buddies, because the puzzles aren't cheap and it would be fun to have a regular supply of new challenges for our canine kids. Because I'm a constant doggie window shopper -- I know that I would really like to try any of the Nina Ottosson Wooden Dog Puzzles but especially Treat Fighter and Tornado. I'm also curious about Linkables. A fast DIY puzzle toy, to see if this type of thing is something your dog would like, is to put tennis balls over the openings of a muffin tin, with treats under some of the balls.

No matter how much we love our dogs, sometimes we all need a break and want to see our dogs entertain themselves for a little while. I really appreciate that our dogs are quite skilled at finding ways to entertain themselves, and it's definitely something I like to encourage. One of my favorite strategies is to turn dinner into a puzzle. The Omega Paw Tricky Treat Ball is a favorite around our house. I remember the first generation of treat balls that I had in the 1990s and the telltale sound that the hard plastic made as it rammed into every wall or piece of furniture. This toy is made of a much softer material and quiet even on our hardwood floors. I don't actually use it for treats, instead when Charlotte is particularly rambunctious and a long walk isn't possible I'll feed her breakfast or dinner in the ball. Suddenly mealtime (which she finds fairly boring half the time) is a fun game that keeps her engaged for at least the next 20 minutes and usually leaves her much calmer.

Like many dog folks I'm pretty evangelical about the benefits of stuffed Kongs. They are practically indestructible and have so many possibilities of things to stuff into them. Charlotte and Mercury are usually crated when I'm away from the house, and they both run to their crates when they hear us say "kennel up" because they know a peanut butter stuffed kong is waiting for them. Soaked kibble, peanut butter, frozen wet food -- these are all great stuffers, and much less expressive than the commercially sold kong stuffer.

I believe that every moment we spent with our dogs we are teaching them something, whether during an intentional training session for working on a particular skill, or a relaxed afternoon in the living room where you've given her a tasty bone or other safe chew and she's learning how to self-soothe and relax without your constant attention. Make sure that whenever possible you are teaching your dogs what you want them to be doing. Bored dogs quickly have the potential to become destructive dogs so let's keep those fuzzy paws busy!

What are your favorite ways to entertain your dogs inside? What are your favorite games or toys for solo play?

About the author: Sassafras Lowrey is a dog-obsessed author based in Brooklyn. She is the winner of the 2013 Berzon Emerging Writer Award from the Lambda Literary Foundation, and the editor of two anthologies and one novel. Sassafras is a Certified Trick Dog Instructor, and she assists with dog agility classes. She lives with her partner, two dogs of dramatically different sizes, and two bossy cats. She is always on the lookout for adventures with her canine pack.

Past Event and Donation Updates

50/50 Winner: Our 50/50 Draw was held on August 25th. The lucky winner was Maggie S., who took home \$1955. Congratulations Maggie and THANK YOU to everyone who supported BTPRSM by purchasing a ticket or two!



BTPRSM Executive Member Shaila W. and 50/50 Raffle Winner Maggie S.

Yard Sale Profits: We held our last fundraising yard sale on Saturday, August 31st. We are happy to say we received just over \$ 965 from all the sales that day! Thank you to EVERYONE who came out to lend a hand with set up and take down!

Silent Auction Donations: Recently some BTPRSM supporters have been donating items to our future fundraisers. We would like to thank Jenn L., Teresa A., and Susan D. for the donations to our rescue. If you ever have an brand new item or a hand crafted item you would like to donate to the rescue for our fundraisers, please let us know. We can arrange to pick up the item from you or collect it at an upcoming event. We are looking at planning either an Online Auction soon or another exciting BTPRSM event. Stay tuned for more details...

Rainbow Bridge

It is with great sadness, another angel has crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Saturday, September 17th, BTPRSM Alumni, Sniffles passed away. Sniffles was adopted by amazing pug parents and his pug sister, Puggy. Anyone who ever met Sniffles knew what a truly amazing Pug he was. He was goofy, a cuddle bug, smart, lovable, and the list goes on. Words cannot express the sadness we are feeling with the sudden passing of such a great Pug! Lori, Larry and Puggy please accept our deepest condolences. RIP Sniffles, you will always be in our hearts

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge.

There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together.

There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by.

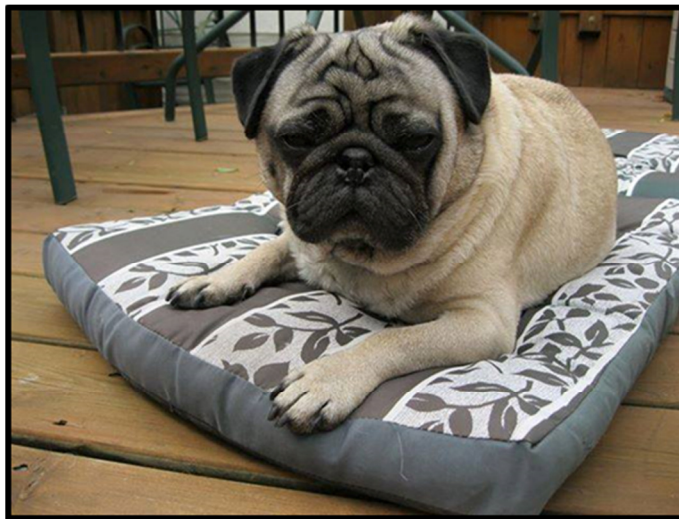
The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....

Author unknown...



Sniffles (8 years old)

Fundraisers & Events

1) Canvasback Adoption Event:

BTPRSM will be attending the famous Annual Canvasback Adoption Event. This year the event is two days instead of one. This is always a fun time for BTPRSM and other local rescues. The amazing people at Canvasback put on a great event and donate the money they raise from the two days back to the rescues who attended. Join us on September 21st (11:00- 4:00) or September 22nd (12:00 – 4:00) and possibly meet your new best friend. See the poster below.

Canvasback Pet Supplies 4TH Annual ADOPTION DAYS

SATURDAY SEPT 21ST 11:00-4:00
SUNDAY SEPT 22ND 12:00-4:00

16 KIRKNESS ROAD LOCKPORT 204-757-2701

FUNDRAISING DAY FOR LOCAL ANIMAL RESCUES
HELP US RAISE \$5,000
100% FUNDS RAISED ARE DONATED TO ATTENDING ANIMAL RESCUES

FUNDRAISING INCLUDES:
BBQ - DUCK POND - FACE PAINTING
SILENT AUCTION - 50/50 DRAW
FREE FOOD FOR A YEAR DRAW
\$20 EXPRESS DOG WASH

13 ANIMAL RESCUES ORGANIZATIONS ON SITE!

CANVASBACK PET SUPPLIES

204-757-2701

40% OFF Unleashed Relax Dog Beds
20% OFF Bue Buffalo Treats & Cans
40% OFF Zeta Waterproof Dog Collars
20% OFF Northern Pet Biscuits
25% OFF Wire Crates & Exercise Pens

TOONIE SPECIALS
\$2 Earth Rated
Poop Bag Dispenser (\$3.95reg)
\$4 Skineez Stuffing Free
Dog Toys (\$9.96-12.95reg)
\$6 Select Bagged Biscuits (\$9.95reg)
\$2 Think Dog Toys (\$4.95reg)

2 DAY SALE
Sept 21st & 22nd
see store for details

YOUR CHOICE
\$5.00 OFF
LARGE BAGS OF
PRO PLAN, NOW
OR GO
DOG FOOD

\$10 OFF
NUTRO
DOG FOOD
30LB BAGS
OR LARGER

www.canvasbackpets.com

2) Charleswood Pet Valu Nail Trims:

Every second 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.

September 25th is the next Nail Trim Day!

Upcoming Dates:

- October 9th
- October 23rd
- November 6th
- November 20th
- December 4th
- December 18th

PAWDICURES!!!

Wednesday, 5:30 to 8:30 pm

Charleswood
3900 Grant Avenue

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

3) Bling for BTPRSM:

Time to get your Bling on in support of Boston Terrier & Pug Rescue of Southern Manitoba (BTPRSM)!!

It's a great way to shop for yourself, others or both!! (Christmas is only a few months away!!) Liasophia is high quality fashion jewelry that is a favorite among stylists and fashionistas. We offer a lifetime replacement warranty, so if ANYTHING happens to your piece at any time, you can replace it with a new one or a credit note (Make sure to keep your warranty!!). We have fabulous specials for customers and hostesses EVERY month! I'd like to be able to keep this fundraiser going as long as possible, so to start it off, I will donate 100% of my commission from this party to BTPRSM. Anyone who would like to reap the rewards of being a hostess can book a show with me and half of my commission from your show will go towards the rescue. Let's see how long we can keep the money rolling in!!

This month's customer special is: Buy 2 items and get up to 4 more at half price (YOU get to choose which items you pay half price for so make your full price items your cheapest!!!) If you like to look at the catalogue online, click on the link below and select 'Browse our Jewelry'. If you'd like to place an order, enter BTPRSM Fundraiser under the hostess lookup or, contact me for other ways.

www.liasophia.ca/jessicam

Happy Shopping!!!

ORDER DEADLINE is September 28. You can contact me at jessicam@mts.net or 204-471-5406 if you have any questions!

4) 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 and yard sales **OR** you can contact us for pick-up or delivery

Papa Murphy's Winnipeg East,

31B-1530 Regent Ave. East, Winnipeg, MB

-Any Large 1-Topping Pizza \$6

-Hawaiian or 2-Topping Large Pizza \$8

-Any Gourmet deLITE Large Pizza \$12

-Any Stuffed Large Pizza \$16

-Get a Large 1 topping FREE with the purchase

of any Family size Combination Pizza

-Any Family sized Pizza \$3 off

-Any 2 family sized Pizzas \$5 off

-Cheesy bread OR Cookie dough FREE with the

purchase of any regular priced Family sized Pizza

Lovey's BBQ,

Unit 2 -208 Marion Street, Winnipeg, MB

-Any BBQ Sandwich & 1 side \$5

-Lovey's Mixer (perfect for two) Save \$10

-Voyageur Platter (perfect for four) Save \$10

-BBQ Poutine \$6

-Carry Out for 6 \$10 OFF

-FREE Garlic Fries (with purchase of any burger)

-FREE ½ LB Wings (with purchase of any dinner entrée)

-Any Rib Dinner \$5 OFF

5) **SAVE THE DATES for Playgroups:**

Oct 27 – 5th Annual Howl-o-Ween Party & Playgroup

Join us with for our 5th Annual Howl-O-Ween Party.

Dogs are welcome to dress up in costumes. There will be prizes (for best costume), a 50/50 draw and refreshments will be served for both humans and furry friends.

Price is \$5 per family, dogs are free :)

All socialized dogs are welcome.

Proceeds from this event go towards the Boston Terrier and Pug Rescue of Southern Manitoba. Please see the attached poster and the link to the event on our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/665678746777984/>



The poster is framed by a decorative border of black and orange leaves. At the top left, there are three cartoon pumpkins with faces. To the right of the pumpkins, the text "5th ANNUAL" is written in a large, bold, black font. Below this, "HOWL-O-WEEN PARTY" is written in a very large, bold, black font. To the right of the main title, there are three icons: a green paw print, a blue plus sign, and a red heart, followed by the text "bostonterrier & pug rescue of southern manitoba" in a smaller font. Below the main title, the date and time "Sunday, October 27 1-3 pm" are written in a large, red, cursive font. In the center, there is a logo for "SPROCKETT'S DOGGY DAY CAMP" featuring a small dog's head and the tagline "Because Your Best Friend Deserves The Best Care". To the right of the logo is a photo of a dog with a blue mustache. Below the logo and photo, the address "UNIT 7- 975 THOMAS AVE" is written in a bold, black font. Below the address, the price "\$5 per family dogs are free" is written in a large, red, cursive font. At the bottom left, there is a photo of a dog wearing a red cape. To the right of the photo, the text "Dogs are welcome to dress up in costumes. There will be prizes (for best costume), a 50/50 draw and refreshments will be served for both humans and furry friends." is written in a black font.

5th ANNUAL

HOWL-O-WEEN PARTY

Sunday, October 27
1-3 pm

SPROCKETT'S
DOGGY DAY CAMP
Because Your Best Friend Deserves The Best Care

UNIT 7- 975 THOMAS AVE

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dogs are free

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Nov 17 – BTPRSM Holiday Photos & Playgroup

This year we are planning to have two different days for Holiday Photos. This meet up event and another event at Vada's Club K9.

The photos through meet up at Sprocketts will not have a Santa, but will have some Holiday Themes. Items like a red sled, large empty gift wrapped boxes for your dogs to pose in and more... Photos will be \$10 and they will be emailed to everyone for their convenience.

And of course the best reason to come - playtime and socialization for your furry friend!

Playgroup fees are \$5/family. Dogs are FREE! :)

All socialized dogs are welcome.

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<https://www.facebook.com/events/551117551602348/>

bostonterrier&pug
rescue of southern manitoba



Holidays Photos & Playgroup

Sunday, November 17
1 to 3 pm

\$5 per family
Dogs are free



SPROCKETT'S
DOGGY DAY CAMP
Because Your Best Friend Deserves The Best Care

Unit 7- 975 Thomas Ave





To change things up, this year we are going with a Holiday Theme and will include items like a red sled and large empty gift wrapped boxes for your dogs to pose in and more...

Photos will be \$10 and they will be emailed to everyone for their convenience.

And of course the best reason to come - playtime and socialization for your furry friend!

All socialized dogs are welcome.

Proceeds from this event go towards the Boston Terrier and Pug Rescue of Southern Manitoba.

Dec 8 - BTPRSM Christmas Party & Playgroup

Join us for our Christmas Party!

We'll have snacks for everyone, some items from our craft sales table for your last minute shopping needs and maybe a little something from Santa Paws himself.

And of course the best reason to come - playtime and socialization for your furry friend!

\$5.00/family, and Dogs are FREE!

All socialized dogs are welcome.

Proceeds from this event go towards the Boston Terrier and Pug Rescue of Southern Manitoba. *Poster will be available soon.* Please see the attached link to the event posted on our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/events/431289943650418/>

6) Upcoming Craft Sales where you can find BTPRSM:

BTPRSM will be at the following craft sales this fall:

November 2nd and 3rd – Dakota Community Centre Annual Craft Sale

November 16th – Kinette Christmas Craft Sale

November 17th – Crescentwood Community Craft Sale

November 23rd – St. Francois Xavier Community Craft Sale

December 1st – Holiday Mall in the Hall – Craft Sale

December 7th – Miles Mac Craft Sale

Possibly more to come...

Current Adoptables, Recent Adoptions & Updates:

Since our last newsletter, we thought that things were going to slow down a bit going into the Fall while we recovered from a busy but fun Summer...

Lots of emails have been received this year, asking about Boston Terriers of any age and when there would be some arriving into the rescue.

Our response would be, "Well we will add you to our waiting list for a Boston Terrier and when comes into the rescue that matches your adoption application, we will send you an email. But if you see another dog in our website that interests you, please let us know."

On Sunday, September 8th, late in the evening, we got an email that changed everything. A friend of a local Boston Terrier breeder, informed us that there was an emergency situation, and the breeder needed us to take their dogs into our care.

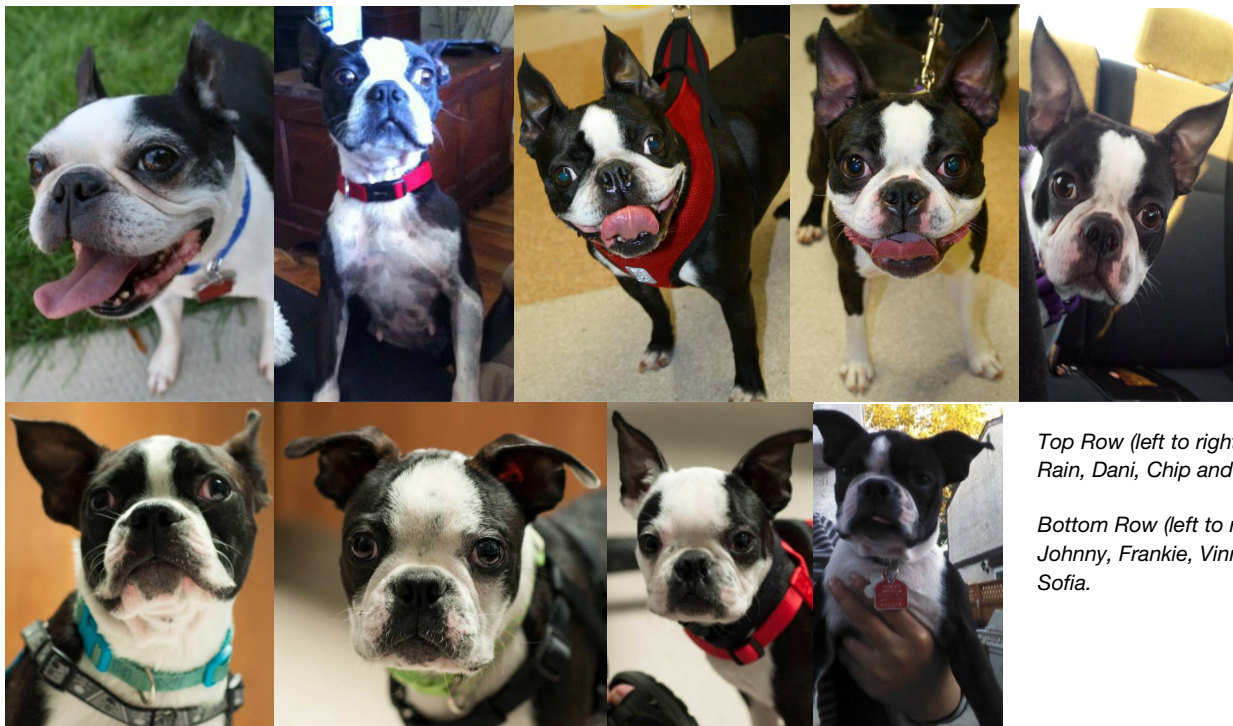
Rena emailed and talked with the friend to get all the details, and arranged to pick up to seven Boston Terriers, of all ages on Monday evening. We arrived and picked up five adult Boston Terriers on Monday night. We took them straight to Southglen Vet and met with Dr. Singh, who said their health was pretty

good. For only a few minor issues, such as a Urinary Tract Infection, a case of vomiting/stomach issues, and some badly infected teeth which were easily treatable with antibiotics and specialized food. They all got their vaccines updated and all the foster families met us at the vet.

We are happy to report that Benny (10), Rain (9), Autumn (2), Dani (7) and Chip (5) are all doing very well in their foster homes and are learning how to socialize with other dogs and how to play with toys and go for walks on a leash. Lots of new beginnings for these five newbies.

Then on Wednesday, September 11th, Rena received a call early in the morning, letting her know we would also be getting three Boston Terrier puppies. Arrangements were made to pick up the puppies in Morris, MB, where they had been moved to from the breeders home. That night three sweet little babies arrived in Winnipeg at the vet to be health checked and moved into their new foster homes. Johnny (5 months), Frankie (4 months) and Vinnie (4 months) are doing well and learning proper puppy play and basic housetraining.

By Wednesday evening, we had gone from no Boston Terriers in our adoption program to eight Boston Terriers of various ages. Then one last phone call to Rena happened on Thursday morning asking if we could take the last 4 month old female Boston Terrier puppy, which the breeder decided to release into our care. So Thursday afternoon, Rena picked up the last Boston Terrier puppy and arrived at Southglen Vet with Sofia (4 months). Sofia had an exam, her vaccines updated and move to the same foster home as Frankie. Both Sofia and Frankie are doing well together.

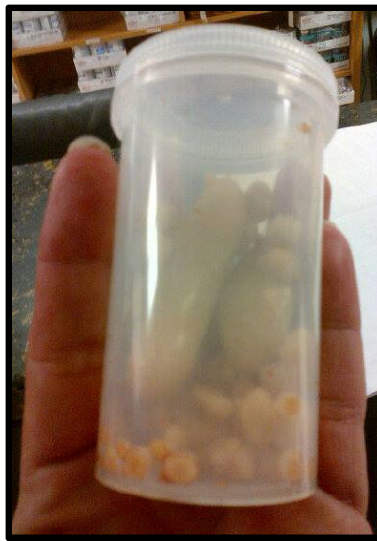


Top Row (left to right): Ben, Rain, Dani, Chip and Autumn.

Bottom Row (left to right): Johnny, Frankie, Vinnie and Sofia.

In other news... prior to the nine new Boston Terriers coming into our care, we also took into pair of pugs on Sunday, September 1st.

Maggie (8) and Eddy (9) came to us as an owner surrenders. We also took Maggie and Eddy straight to the vet after picking them up from their old home. We noticed that Maggie was straining while urinating and our worse fear was confirmed during the vet exam. Dr. Drain informed us that Maggie was full of bladder stones and she could feel them in her bladder like a bag or marbles. An x-ray confirmed that she had many of them, and we decided that she would have surgery the next day after the holiday on Monday. Tuesday morning Maggie was dropped off for a Cystectomy, dental cleaning w/ a few extractions, nares surgery and elongated palate surgery. Maggie is already feeling like a million bucks. She can breathe so much better now and is no longer having accidents due to the bladder stones causing her pain and discomfort.



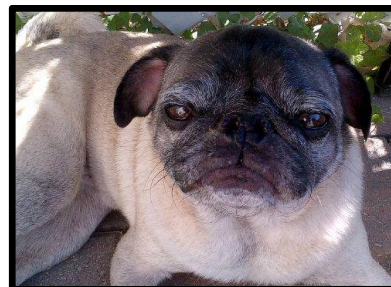
Maggie's bladder stones.

Eddy's vet exam was a little better. He received all his vaccines up to date and it was determined that he needed a dental cleaning w/ a few extractions, nares surgery and elongated palate surgery. Eddy had his surgery on Tuesday, September 10th and is on the road to recovery.

Both Eddy and Maggie are looking for their forever homes. They did come into the rescue together from the same home, and are currently being fostered in the same home, but after seeing how each of them did while they were away from each other during their surgeries we feel that they can be separated into different forever homes. Maggie has a family interested in meeting her this week. ☺



Maggie (8 years old)



Eddy (9 years old)

Also, coming into our care at the end of August was Lily the Puggle. Lily is 10 months old, and a super sweet girl. Her family was experiencing some medical emergencies and were no longer able to give Lily the attention she needed. Lily had a vet exam, all her vaccines up dated and settled into a foster home where she learned to play with children and dogs.

Lily started adoption trial on Sunday, September 15th with a wonderful, young family who have been looking for a dog since they moved into their new home.

Good Luck on your adoption trial, Lily. We know they will fall in love with you.



Lily the Puggle.

A quick update on Whitney: Whitney had her bi-lateral luxating patella surgery on August 28th. Everything went well, but there was only enough time for Dr. Sra to fix up her knees.

She had her 2 week follow up appointment on Friday, September 13th, and Dr. Sra is very happy with how she is healing and the progress she is making with walking on her new knees. Whitney will have a few more follow ups and is scheduled for her spay, dental cleaning w/extractions, nares and elongated palate surgery for October 26th. Good Luck Whitney! We know you will do just fine!

With the 9 new Boston Terriers coming into our rescue's care and Eddy and Maggie's surgeries we will be doing lots of fundraisers to help us pay for the vetting. Six of the Nine Boston Terriers have been scheduled for their spays, neuters. A few of them will need dental cleanings, nares and elongated palate surgeries too.

If you would like to make a donation to the rescue to help our adorable adoptables, we accept donations through the mail, on our account at Southglen Veterinary Hospital or on our website using PayPal. Our website is www.bostonpugrescuemb.com

THANK YOU to EVERYONE who have already helped us with the new Boston Terriers and Maggie, Eddy and Whitney. WE couldn't do it without all of you stepping up to Foster and Volunteer your time to help these dogs when they needed us the most.

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:

We will be winding down our outdoor walks as we move into the Fall. Our next scheduled walk is Thursday, September 19th at Charleswood Dog Park at 7 pm.

Keep checking back at our meet-up website below as we may add a few more walks on Sunday afternoons while it's daylight and warmer out.

<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 Manitoba