



Tuxedo Times

Birmingham Boston Terrier Rescue
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ADOPTION STORY
Clara



Clara is a little Boston that came into rescue with a bad skin condition and emaciated from a puppy mill. After treatment, her hair started to grow back. She has found a home with a family of three with two other Bostons. She is learning the ropes from the alpha dog, Lily (also adopted from BBTR). She is fattening up and her hair is filling back in. After a hard life, Clara has struck gold!

FEATURED FOSTER
Boo Boo



Meet Boo Boo. She's had a rough life - 8 litters of puppies! But that has been FIXED! Spayed, up to date on vetting, tests negative on heartworms, and microchipped! This cute girl is good with other dogs and smallish (a chunky 16 pounds). Mostly Boston Terrier, but with a little other dog (brindle coat and slightly longer nose)! A very young 8 years old. Loves to curl up with you while you read - good time for a nap!

A Puppy Tail

FIVE BABY BOSTONS GET A GREAT START IN LIFE THROUGH BIRMINGHAM BOSTON TERRIER RESCUE

On November 12, 2009 a very pregnant female Boston Terrier was found abandoned on a lonely, country road. A local resident contacted BBTR about the dog and brought her to the rescue. The mom, later named Daffodil, delivered five baby girls that same day. Unhappily Daffodil was too young and inexperienced to care for her puppies. Fearful that Daffodil might harm her babies, Donna Farmer and Suzy Lavett took over the exhausting task of bottle-feeding and cleaning the newborns every two hours.

Fortunately BBTR soon found a Boston Terrier breeder, Linda Reaves, who graciously allowed three of her experienced canine moms to take over. Through the help of BT moms Paige, Win-dee, and Tay-rah, and Bama Hurricane Creek Kennels, Mabel, Esme, Olivia, Caledonia, and Alice became healthy, happy, and super-adorable puppies who were soon ready to go to their new homes.

BBTR member Nancy Whitt added baby Chloe (Esme) to her family. Young mom Daffodil also found a new home through BBTR where she can be the puppy-like girl she should have been all along! All five puppies are growing into strong, beautiful Bosties!



Newborn Mabel



Puppies with foster mom Paige



Daffodil



Puppies on adoption day

Can You Help Us Help Boston Terriers?



We are currently having financial difficulties. It's a universal cry right now, but we are in a very hard position. We are asking if you can make a monthly donation, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$30, etc. - whatever is a comfortable amount for you. This will greatly help us reduce our debt while still having the funds to continue to save Bostons in need!

You can make the donation at <http://www.bhambtr.org/html/guestdonation.html> or call 866-778-3705 or send an e-mail to support@bhambtr.org.

If you have dog lovers in your life, we'd love it if you could ask them if they can help - every penny counts!

Thanks for making this work possible!



Birmingham's First Dog Park



Is your dog pining for a safe place to play off leash and socialize with other dogs? Look no further than George Ward Park in Glen Iris, location of Birmingham's first dog park.

The dog park consists of 2.6 fenced in acres near the tennis courts (directly across from King Cotton). It is open between sunrise and sunset seven days a week.

The park provides separate areas for big dogs and small dogs, a double-gated entry with a holding area to prevent dogs from slipping out and pet-waste disposal stations. Other amenities could eventually include benches, watering stations, or an obstacle course for dogs.

No food -human or canine- is allowed in the park, and all dog owners must pick up pet waste. Dogs in heat, aggressive dogs and puppies less than 4 months old will not be allowed.

A nonprofit group called Bark for a Park worked for more than five years to bring the about the creation of the George Ward dog park, and they are currently lobbying for the creation of additional off-leash parks in Hoover, Gardendale, and several other cities in the Birmingham metro area. For more info, contact www.barkforapark.org.

Saving Sam

While driving down a rural highway in remote part of Alabama, BBTR member Mary Ann Couch spotted a Boston running across the road and into the woods. She pulled over and chased the Boston about a quarter of a mile into the deep woods. She could not find him anywhere, so she prayed for guidance to find him. Her prayer was answered just in the nick of time! She heard a number of dogs barking, ran toward the commotion, and discovered four big dogs attacking the Boston! Knowing that the big dogs would kill him, she began yelling at the dogs while praying for a little divine intervention! And sure enough, the big dogs scattered in all directions! The injured Boston was frightened and ran across a creek full of water. Not hesitating for a split second, she took off after him.



Muddy and soaked as she crawled up the creek bed, she again asked for God's help. Then she yelled at the injured and bloody Boston, "Lay down." And he did! Delicately picking him up, Mary Ann walked back to her car.

After trying local vets who wanted astronomical amounts of money, she brought him to Altadena Valley Animal Clinic. There, Dr. Julie Grimes stabilized him and treated his sad, skinny, wounded body. We named this boy Sam. Samuel means miracle of God, and while I am not a preachy sort, God was definitely working to save this little boy from certain death by bringing Mary Ann to save him! God loves his dogs!

He has since been healed up nicely. He'll always have scars on his back from the attack where big dogs tried to rip him apart, but the scars on his little psyche are healing well in his new home where he is adored and given the royal treatment.

Bham BTR Member Profile: **Vice President Amy Sanford**



Amy and Maude dress up for Halloween

Amy Sanford is the vice president of BBTR. She is the person in charge of applications, assists in vetting the dogs and assessing their personalities, she micro-chips them, helps coordinate fundraisers and events, transports dogs, fosters, and does post adoption follow up.

Her early years were in both Birmingham and Florida, though she has called Birmingham home for the last 14 years. Currently, she is the office manager for avac where she has worked for the last 12 years. It was from working there that she fell for Bostons. A client who couldn't care for his Boston, Toby, gave him to her. Then she fostered Murdock from a Florence shelter. She raises money for his cataract surgery to alleviate his blindness. He ended being adopted into her home. Now between 12-14, he has some health issues, but is still quite the man. Tater and Maude are her other adoptees. Maude enjoys prancing around in a host of cute clothes. She also has 2 fosters, Ludwig and Lucy.

Outside of the clinic, she enjoys time with friends and family, reading, and attending activities with the dogs!



Hot Weather Tips

Courtesy of the ASPCA and Dr. Julie Grimes, DMV, of Alhadena Valley Animal Clinic

Made in the Shade-Pets can get dehydrated quickly, so give them plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot outdoors. Make sure your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun, be careful to not over-exercise them, and keep them indoors when it's extremely hot.

Know the Warning Signs-Symptoms of overheating in pets include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse. They can also include seizures, bloody diarrhea and vomit along with an elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees." Animals with flat faces, like Boston Terriers, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively.

No Parking!-Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle. On a hot day, a parked car can become a furnace in no time—even with the windows open—which could lead to fatal heat stroke. Also, leaving pets unattended in cars in extreme weather is illegal in several states.

Make a Safe Splash-Do not leave pets unsupervised around a pool—not all dogs are good swimmers. Introduce your pets to water gradually and make sure they wear flotation devices when on boats. Rinse your dog off after swimming to remove chlorine or salt from his fur, and try to keep your dog from drinking pool water, which contains chlorine and other chemicals that could cause stomach upset

Street Smarts-When the temperature is very high, don't let your dog linger on hot asphalt. Being so close the ground, your pooch's body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn. Keep walks during these times to a minimum.

Healthy Canine Recipe: **Sweet Potato Chews for Dogs**

(Always Use Organic When You Can)

Wash a sweet potato (yam), the really orange variety. Cut down the middle lengthwise. Then cut long lengthwise slices about 1/3 of an inch wide and place them in a single layer on a cookie sheet.

Put in the oven at 250 degrees for about 3 hours. This leaves them kind of chewy, but you could also bake them a little longer to get them crunchy.

BBTR's Wish List

With the growing number of dogs under our care, BBTR is in desperate need of many basic items. Please help BBTR lower its rising expenses by donating one or more of the following items:

Dog Toys

Leashes

Collars

Harnesses

Towels

Blankets

Crates

Dog Bowls

Monthly Heartworm
Prevention (10-40
pounds)

Monthly Flea Preven-
tion (10-40 pounds)

Thank You!!!

The Faces of Birmingham Boston Terrier Rescue



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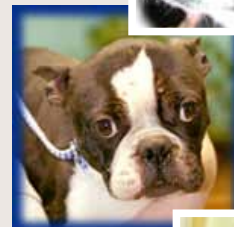
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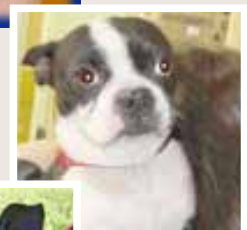
Miss Bee



Dixie
Rose



Ludwig



Topper



Johnny Boy



Gwinnie



Pawfriendly Landscapes

By Dana Spinoza

My job is pretty easy – I simply watch what dogs do in their backyard, create a landscape design based on their habits, and use indestructible material so my clients do not have to redo their yards every year.

Here are some tips for you and your critter:

- Let your dog run along the fence. No plant will withstand high food traffic or urine so create a “canine racetrack.”



The process is easy: Use a garden hose or flour to outline an area that is 3'-5' from your fence. It's prettier to create scalloped lines, like the letter “S.” Remove the sod and install landscape fabric and 1.5” round river rock. Do not install wood mulch – it migrates and dogs eat it – or pea gravel or sharp granite rocks – these hurt dogs' paws.

Do not install plants within 3' of your fence – dogs run around plants and we want to keep them running along the fence.



- If your dog is lifting his leg on a plant, remove the plant and put an object, like a boulder, container, birdbath, etc. in front of it. He will continue lifting his leg but nothing will die.
- If your dog is running through the yard to get to the fence, install flagstone into the sod – it's easy to mow over and you won't be fighting dead sod anymore.

Have fun and get dirty!

Resources: Elizabeth Bublitz • President • Pawfriendly Landscapes • www.pawfriendlylandscapes.com • 1-877-223-8744

BBTR EVENTS

Do Dah Day

www.dodahday.org

Sat., May 15, 11-5

Rhodes and Caldwell Parks

Monthly Doggie Meet Up

Sat., May 29, 1-3

Sat., June 25, 3-5

George Ward Park

[See website for details, updates, and more events!](#)

BBTR is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the welfare of the Boston Terrier breed and Boston Terrier mixes regardless of their age, sex, temperament or medical condition. Our goal is to rehabilitate rescued Bostons and get them adopted into loving, permanent homes.

We are an all volunteer organization that has been in existence since 2005. Our members care for and foster the rescued Bostons in their homes until they are adopted. Since 2005, we have had more than 40 Bostons adopted into new homes. Many of the Bostons that come into our care have some serious, but curable, medical conditions that can often take a long time to heal and are costly, though we work with veterinarians that give us a significant discount.

As you probably already know, the Birmingham Metro Area has no “no kill” shelters. This is one of the many sources that we rescue dogs from and we give them all a second chance for a good, long life. In addition to these activities, we are active in the community educating people about responsible animal ownership.

Boston Terriers Steal the Show



In the upcoming romantic comedy *The Back-up Plan*, Jennifer Lopez's character Zoe may be waiting on a little bundle of joy, but she already has one lovable fur baby – a Boston Terrier named Nuts. Portrayed by three tail-wagging thespians known as Nip, Tuck, and Nubbins (all real life rescues) the movie's charismatic, special-needs canine is the muse behind Hudson Mutts, a Greenwich Village pet boutique owned by Zoe.

The Bostons, who were coached over a number of weeks by Marley & Me trainer April Macklin, are experienced Hollywood performers having all appeared in the 2009 flick *Hotel for Dogs*.

And according to director Alan Poul, the canine character steals the show - just don't tell Ms Lopez.

He said: 'Nuts provides a lot of comedy in the film. He has a big role - he's one of the go-to characters for funny!'

In anticipation of *The Back-up Plan*'s April 23rd release, CBS Films has joined with the American Humane Society to host a nationwide pet adoption event.