



PUG PRESS

April 2017

EVENTS:

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Fred Astaire

Fundraiser

May 7th, 3-6pm
3450 Winton Place
Rochester, NY 14623
(more info on page 3)

Panera Bread

Fundraiser

May 25th, 4-8pm
2013 Walden Avenue,
Cheektowaga, NY 14225
*You must print the [flyer](#)
or show on your phone
when ordering. Our % of
profits is based on the
number of flyers, so have
each person print and
order separately.*

Clarence Hollow Farmers Market

June 3rd, 8am-1pm
10717 Main Street,
Clarence, NY 14031

Tattoo Fundraiser

June 4th, 12-7pm
7 Seas Tattoo
3187 Abbott Road,
Orchard Park, NY 14127
*Your choice of several
designs, \$40 each
*First come, first served**

Pride Festival

June 4th, 11am-7pm
Downtown Buffalo
*Look for our tent!
(unfortunately dogs are
not allowed at the event)*

Introducing another dog into your family

It's hard to believe, but summer is right around the corner. Summer is a popular time of year for adoptions. People have time off work and kids are out of school. It's a great time to introduce a new dog into your family when you have the extra time to spend with them. But whether it's your second, third, or fourth, introducing a new dog isn't always easy. Here are some things to consider.

Is adopting another dog the right choice?

Before adopting another dog, it is important to consider everyone in the family, including your four-legged friends. Will your current pet(s) thrive with another companion? Can you afford care for another dog? Do you have the appropriate space in your home?

Especially when adopting in the summer, you should also consider any vacation plans. You should not adopt a dog if you will be going on vacation within the next month. When bringing a new dog into your home, your entire family needs time to bond with the dog as well as establish a routine. Leaving for an extended period shortly after adoption can cause strain and make it all the more difficult to build a relationship with the new dog.

Choosing a new family member

Don't get too caught up in looks when adopting another dog. It is important to consider your current dog's behavioral traits to make sure you find a suitable match. For example, if your dog is dominant/bossy, you will need to find a dog that is submissive so they aren't competing to be the alpha. Size is also an important consideration. Large and small breeds live together often, however, if you have a wild-child Great Dane, a toy breed might not be the best option as they could get hurt.

Puppies are a common choice for a second dog, but may not always be the best choice. Many people believe a puppy is best because it will learn from the current dog and does not have pre-established tendencies. While this is true, don't forget to consider whether your current dog(s) can handle a puppy. If you have an active dog that wants to play 24/7, a puppy may make a great companion. However, for a laid back dog, a puppy can cause a lot of stress which can have negative results.

First introductions

Having a proper introduction is an important step to bringing a new dog into your home. This is not a play date at the dog park where everyone gets to go home after an hour. Starting off on the wrong foot could lead to long-term problems. Even if the dogs have met before (rescues will typically require a meet and greet before adoption), it was likely on neutral territory. You are now bringing a new dog onto the current one's "turf"—be prepared that it may not go as well as it did at the meet and greet. Always be patient and calm during introductions as dogs will feed off your energy.

When introducing a new dog, always be sure there is at least one adult present for each dog in case there is an altercation. If you have more than one dog already in your home, it is best to introduce each dog separately so the current dogs don't gang up on the new one. If possible, place the new dog in an area away from your current dog(s). Remember, the new dog is in a completely new place and is probably nervous. Allow the new dog some time to settle in before making introductions. Putting up a baby gate between rooms is a great way for the dogs to meet while still being separated (still use caution as dogs can jump over gates). If gating is not an option, both dogs

should be leashed, keeping the leash as loose as possible (a tight leash can create stress).

When introducing dogs, pay attention to warning signs. Staring, stiff posture, hair standing on end, a rigid tail, and growling/showing teeth are all signs that the dog is not happy. Tail wagging can also be a sign of stress—don't be fooled into thinking the dog is happy just because it's wagging its tail, always look at the overall body language. However, signs of stress does not mean the dogs will never get along, it just means they need more time to adjust. Don't force the issue—put the dogs back in separate spaces and try again later. It often takes several slow introductions before the dogs are comfortable with each other.

Do not leave the dogs unsupervised

When introducing a new dog, be sure they are supervised at all times, especially for the first 24-48 hours, and up to a week or more if necessary. You are learning the new dog's tendencies as much as the dogs are learning each other. You never know what triggers could provoke an incident.

It is especially critical to maintain supervision during mealtime as food is a common trigger for dogs. Place food bowls in opposite corners and monitor until all dogs have finished and the bowls are removed. If one dog tries to steal food from another, it could provoke a fight, or even just one dog not getting the appropriate amount of food.

When you are not going to be home, make sure the dogs are separated. While crating is a great training method, if you don't want to crate, be sure the dogs are placed in separate rooms. And don't forget the new dog may not be as well behaved as your current one(s), so make sure anything they can ingest or destroy is put away.

Make sure all dogs get human-only time

For the first few weeks, it is important to make sure each dog gets enough one-on-one attention. Your dog(s) is used to your attention and may get jealous if you spend all your time with the new dog. Set aside play time and/or snuggle time with your current dog(s) that is just for them. Make sure they know you haven't replaced them. Just as important, the new dog needs time with you to bond as well as to work on training.

Not spending enough time with a new dog and failure to establish yourself as the pack leader could have long-term consequences. It may be a lot of work to give all this one-on-one time initially, but as the dogs get more comfortable with each other, the pack/family dynamic will emerge and everyone will be happy being together.

Remember, it may not work out and that's ok

When adopting a dog, you have to be willing to put in effort to make it work. However, there is a difference between putting in effort and forcing the situation. Some dogs simply do not get along and trying to force a relationship will just make an unhappy environment for everyone involved.

If you feel the dynamic is not working, it is important to let the rescue know right away. In some cases, the rescue may be able to provide advice to overcome certain obstacles. In other cases, it may be best to return the dog so that it can find a better suited home.

While upsetting this should be a learning experience. It may be that your dog(s) simply will not tolerate another and you should end your search. However, you may also learn that there are certain behavioral traits that aren't a good match and you can use that knowledge when continuing your search for another dog.

As long as you are being honest and upfront, any good rescue will understand that placements don't always work out and will work with you to find the right match.

March Adoptions:



Amelie
Pug, 3 yrs.

Betty
Aussie/Heeler, 18 mos.

Bevin
Chihuahua/Pug, 4 yrs.

Bianca
Pug, 4 yrs.

Carrie Fisher
English Bulldog, 5 yrs.

Jeffrey
Mini Poodle, 10 yrs.

Margo
Pug, 4 yrs.

Minnie Mae
Cav. King Char/Bichon, 6 yrs.

Rascal
Westie, 4 yrs.

Roonie
French Bulldog, 8 yrs.

Teddy
Sheltie/Aussie, 3 yrs.

Thank you!!!

We would like to send a big thank you to everyone that participated in our March Facebook auction. With your support, we raised well over \$4,000. This money was well spent paying off some of the many vet bills that have accumulated over the past year from our numerous medical needs dogs.

Featured Dog: Bishop

Bishop came to us a few months ago with his sister, Angel. Unfortunately, age was against these two as Angel is 12 and Bishop is 13. However, Angel just recently found her forever home, and now we want to make sure Bishop finds his as well.

Don't let his age fool you, Bishop still has a lot of spunk left in him—after all, he is mixed with Jack Russell! Being a senior, he loves to snuggle with his people, but when the time comes, he is right there playing with his foster siblings and chasing the wildlife outside. He also loves to go for walks.

Bishop loves his people and will give lots of kisses. He has also done very well with both kids and other dogs. He has always lived in a home, so he is well acclimated to family life.

If you can give this lovable senior a good home, please apply at www.buffalopugs.org



Breed: Pug/Jack Russell
Gender: Male
Age: 13 yrs
Weight: 26 lbs
Arrived: Dec 2016



Fred Astaire

Fundraiser May 7th

Don't forget about our Fred Astaire fundraiser in Rochester next Sunday, May 7th, from 3-6pm.

This is the second year of this fundraiser and last year was a blast! There will be performances from both student and professional dancers of all ages. There will also be food, a silent auction, and a chance to have a fun photo taken at the photo booth.

Admission is \$25 and kids under 12 are free. 100% of the proceeds are donated back to Buffalo Pug. Last year the event raised over \$4,000!!!

We know this is a bit of a drive for those in Buffalo, but if you love dancing, this event is well worth the trip!

We Love You, Miss Tallulah

Unfortunately, the first few months of 2017 have left us saying a lot of goodbyes.

Tallulah (or Miss T) was one of our hospice fosters. She had been hit by a car and was never treated. This left her partially paralyzed, and as a result, her bladder no longer functioned, so someone had to help her go every few hours.

Even though she was special needs, Tallulah had quite the transformation. When she was found, she was matted, discolored, and underweight. As you can see from her picture, she became quite the pampered princess in her foster home. She loved every person she met and everyone loved her.

We love you Miss T and will see you someday on the other side of the bridge.



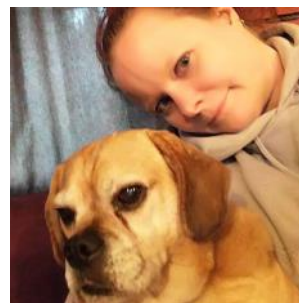
Dogs Currently Under Medical Care:

Name	Age	Breed	Medical Issue	Est. Total Expenses
Booda	6 mo.	English Bulldog	Congenital spinal defect/Spina Bifida	\$5,000 - \$10,000
Chova	1 yr.	French Bulldog	Patent ductus arteriosus/severe aortic regurgitation	\$5,000+
Bruno	9 yrs.	French Bulldog	Suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease & fused discs	\$300/mo for food/meds
Billy	8 yrs.	Xolo/Chinese Crested	Inoperable herniated disc	\$30/mo for medication
Indy	1 yr.	Pug	Possible hermaphrodite surgery (pending tests)	\$500 (estimated)
Bubbles	6 yrs.	English Bulldog	Skin infections	\$500
Gladys	puppy	English Bulldog	Congenital defects/inability to straighten front legs	TBD
Anastasia	puppy	Poodle	Severe UTI or possible other urinary problems	TBD

Success Stories: Sometimes, it's just meant to be



Buddy is a 10-year old puggle. The last year and a half has been very rough for Buddy and his brother, Bruno (still in foster care). They originally lived in New Jersey, where, sadly, their owner died in January 2016. The owner's daughter took them in, but she did not have the time nor resources to care for them properly. Through the power of rescue, Buffalo Pug learned about them and they were transported in May 2016.



While Bruno has medical issues that will require him to find a very special home, Buddy (then Bailey) was in good health and placed up for adoption right away. Only a month after arrival, he was adopted by a veteran and was going to become a service dog. Unfortunately, just days after adoption, his new owner had to have unexpected surgery and was no longer able to care for Buddy, so Buddy was returned to the rescue.

Later in the year, Buddy was adopted alongside another Buffalo Pug foster. We thought this was meant to be. However, Buddy is a puller and is sometimes reactive to larger dogs. After his new dad also had surgery, Buddy's second family decided he was too much for them and feared he would pull them over.

As if that wasn't enough, Buddy's original foster mom had also had surgery and was unable to take him back for 2 months, so Buffalo Pug put out a request for a temporary foster home for Buddy and one of our newest foster families stepped up to the plate.

Little did they know, Buddy would fit in perfectly and would never leave. Buddy's new family has officially become Buffalo Pug VIPs! They had one pug that they took in from a friend that could no longer care for her. They became involved with Buffalo Pug when they adopted a pug mix last July, another puggle in November, and now Buddy this past month. Their four-legged family has grown from 1 to 4 in just 9 months and we couldn't be happier for them!



Buddy with pug sister, Cammie

We have no doubt that this will be Buddy's best (and last) home!

"We agreed to temporarily foster Buddy almost two months ago. He fit in at our home and got along great with our three dogs right away. He is truly the sweetest dog. He loves to cuddle with you anywhere but especially at bedtime. He's a bit older so he really enjoys his down time but that doesn't mean he's not still an active guy. He absolutely loves being outside taking walks or simply hanging out in the backyard lying in the grass and soaking up the sunshine. He will also mix it up with our younger dogs when they're playing if the mood strikes him. He is very affectionate and lets the beagle show when he howls as if sounding an alarm of joy when you return home.

Learning more about his story was heartbreaking. Due to unforeseen circumstances and through no fault of his own Buddy has been shuffled to no less than seven homes since his original owner passed away. He's such a good dog and



Left to Right: Buddy, Karma, Dillinger, Cammie

kept getting rejected. We knew going into the foster program that the point is to care for your foster dog until a great permanent home is found. After talking with my wife Shannon, we decided he was already in a great home, ours. Neither of us could bear the thought of it not working out for Buddy yet again. So although we failed as a foster family we are overjoyed to announce that we have added another permanent resident to our home. Buddy will never again have to worry about being moved around and we all couldn't be happier. "



Our Location:

775 Niagara Falls Blvd
Amherst, NY 14226

Our Hours:

Saturday/Sunday 12-4 PM

**subject to change due to holidays, events, etc.*

About Us:

Buffalo Pug & Small Breed Rescue, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to rescuing homeless and abandoned dogs through owner surrender or shelter overpopulation. By working with committed volunteers, foster homes, local veterinarians, trainers, and boarding facilities, we are able to rescue hundreds of animals every year. We provide them with medical care, loving temporary care, and find them well-matched, carefully screened forever homes. We also serve as a resource to our community and all pet owners by providing education and information on responsible pet ownership, including the importance of spay/neuter, positive behavior training, and good nutrition.



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Adopt:

If you live within 200 miles of Buffalo, NY and are interested in adopting, you can see a list of all available dogs as well as fill out an adoption application online at:

www.buffalopugs.org

Volunteer:

If you are interesting in volunteering for Buffalo Pug, please fill out our adoption application online

www.buffalopugs.org

- Foster
- Adoption Center
- Events
- Home Visits
- Fundraising
- Transports

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Wish List:

- Puppy pads
- Paper towels
- Harnesses/collars
- Lysol floor cleaner
- Leashes
- Gas cards
- Belly bands
- High-quality, grain-free dog food
- Crates
- Dog beds/blankets
- Gift cards to pet supply stores, Tractor Supply, etc.
- Flea preventative