



# PUG PRESS

January 2017

## EVENTS:

"Like" us on Facebook  
for more info

### Super Bowl Squares

Now until sold out  
There are two options:  
**\$10/square** (payout:  
\$50/\$100/\$50/\$250)  
**\$25/square** (payout:  
\$150/\$300/\$150/\$650)

Purchase squares [here](#)

### Wag the Nub

#### Online Fundraiser

Jan. 15th -29th  
Polartec Fleece dog  
sweaters  
A portion from all sales  
is being donated to  
Buffalo Pug!

[wagthenub.com](http://wagthenub.com)  
[wagthenub.etsy.com](http://wagthenub.etsy.com)

### Pet Supplies Plus

Feb. 19th 11am-3pm  
3733 Union Road,  
Cheektowaga, NY 14225  
(across from Galleria  
Mall)

### Raising Funds for Rescues Facebook

#### Auction

March 18th -25th  
Click [here](#) to join the  
Facebook group  
All money raised goes  
directly to Buffalo Pug!  
*\*\*currently accepting  
item donations\*\**

## New Year's Resolution: Save Lives

What are your New Year's resolutions? Losing weight? Saving money? Spending time with family?

What if you could save lives? Sounds pretty good, doesn't it?

Fostering is a wonderful gift you can give to an animal in need. Whether keeping an owner surrender from ending up in a shelter, taking a scared, "unadoptable" shelter dog and giving them a comfortable place to stay, or saving a breeder dog from being put to sleep, becoming a foster parent really does save lives.

Fostering is a fun, rewarding experience. Not only can you that say you are saving a life, but it is an amazing experience to watch your foster pet grow and flourish after being pulled away from the life they have known. Nothing beats that first time they crawl into your lap after days/weeks of hiding or when they discover how to play with a toy. You get to teach them new things, including how to love again. And then, even though it's tough to say goodbye, it's an incredible feeling to know that you were able to help make someone else's family complete.

You don't have to be a dog expert to foster. One of the great things about fostering for an established rescue is that it comes with a built-in network. Not sure how to handle a particular problem or need advice? Just ask, you will likely find several other people who went through the same thing. While every dog is different, each one challenges you in a new way. Not only do you help them learn and grow, but the foster dogs (and other foster parents) also help you learn and grow.

While not always deliberate, fosters also help to educate others about the importance of rescue. Friends, neighbors, and coworkers take interest what you are doing, and later on, they may choose adoption and share their experience with even more people.

For most people, fostering is an easy transition, especially for those who already have pets and are just adding one more to the daily routine. But let's face it, fostering might seem scary at first, so let's address some concerns:

"I can't afford another dog."—While the foster family is responsible for any day-to-day costs, such as food, Buffalo Pug covers all medical/veterinary costs (with prior approval). Foster families are welcome to use any items that are donated to the adoption center. Collars and toys are usually available in plenty. Some items may or may not be available at the center, but should they need to be purchased, they can often be used for multiple foster dogs (such as dog bowls, beds, and leashes). Crates are available to borrow, however, many fosters find it easier to have their own at home.

"I work full time."—No problem. Just like with adopters, we understand that many people work during the day. In fact, many of our current fosters have full time jobs. As long as your foster dog is not being left alone for extreme amounts of time (8-9 hours is considered acceptable), then your job should not interfere with fostering. We do ask that dogs are crated while you are away—this helps acclimate them to a crate for their future adoptive home, as well as keeps them from getting into trouble.

"How much time do I need to commit?"—Every dog is different, so it's hard to say how much time is

needed. Some dogs come to rescue with no prior social skills and will need a lot of work to train them and teach them to trust. On the other hand, dogs that have lived in a home before may settle right in without a lot of effort. Outside of time spent at home, we encourage fosters to bring their foster dogs to the adoption center or to our events at least 1-2 times per month, typically about 2-4 hours per visit. Bringing your foster dog to public events helps socialize them and introduces them to potential adopters.

“Is my family right for fostering?”—Fostering can be a great option for any type of family. For a single person or couple with no other pets, it provides companionship without the long term commitment and costs of adoption. It also provides a great environment for dogs that are wary of children or other pets. For families with children, fostering provides great life lessons about how every dog is different and the importance of taking responsibility and caring for all animals. For families with other dogs, fostering is a great way for your dog to always have a playmate and companion. It teaches them how to behave around different dog personalities, and for the foster dogs who have not been socialized before, your dog provides comfort to them and teaches them how to trust humans.

“Which dogs am I required to take?”—When new dogs are waiting for a foster home, Buffalo Pug board members will send a group email asking someone to foster. Which dogs you choose to foster is completely up to you. Can you only take female dogs or dogs under 20 lbs? No problem. If you are available and a dog fits your home, then you can offer to foster. This is why we have a variety of foster homes!

“What if the foster dog doesn’t get along with my other pets?”—It is important that everyone in the foster home is 100% safe. If a dog comes in that doesn’t work out, we will find another foster home that is more suitable for that dog’s personality and needs. In the meantime, we will provide guidance on how to care for the foster dog while keeping everyone safe until the dog can be moved to a new foster home.

“I’ll never be able to give them up!”—Without question, the hardest part about fostering is sending your foster dog to their new home, but we promise, it does get easier over time. As the foster parent, you will play an active role in choosing the adopter. You get to review applications, meet and talk with potential adopters, and see how they interact with your foster dog. If you choose, you can also do the home visit yourself. Being involved in all these steps helps foster parents feel more confident in where the dog is going, which makes saying goodbye a little easier. Many of our foster parents also stay in touch with their adopters and receive regular updates on how the dog is doing.

One of the best things about fostering is that it’s very flexible. Which dogs you choose to foster is completely up to you. You can foster one at a time or multiples, though we recommend no more than 2-3 at a time so you have appropriate time to work with each of them. If you foster a few and decide you need a break, you are welcome to take time off. If you are going on vacation, we have other fosters that may be able to temporarily house your foster dog. If you’ve always wanted a dog but know you can’t afford it, fostering is the best of both worlds.

Try as we might, there is no way to truly explain how rewarding fostering can be—you just have to jump in and give it a try. Worst case, you decide fostering isn’t for you and don’t do it again. Best case, you find a lifelong passion and will help many dogs in the years ahead.

But, of course, fostering is not for everyone. Be sure to do your research before volunteering. You can also stop by our adoption center on the weekends to discuss more specifics. Foster application can be found online at [www.buffalopugs.org](http://www.buffalopugs.org)

## December Adoptions:



**Bailey**  
Pug, 10 yrs.

**Bella**  
Havanese, 5 yrs.

**Duke**  
Mix breed, 5-6 yrs.

**Gracie**  
Great Dane, 7 yrs.

**Elijah**  
Hound/Pit bull, 4 yrs.

**Edelweiss**  
French Bulldog, 4 yrs.

**Frankie**  
Yorkie, 5 yrs.

**Juniper**  
Cocker Spaniel, 6 yrs.

**Lucy**  
Boston Terrier, 4 yrs.

**Peri Pineapple**  
English Bulldog, 5 yrs.

**Phoebe**  
Pug, 7 yrs.

**Rex**  
Pomeranian, 7 yrs.

**Ron**  
Dachshund, 6 yrs.

**Winnie**  
Pomsky, puppy

**Ziva**  
Chihuahua mix, 9 yrs.

**Zoe**  
Shih Tzu, 9 yrs.

## Protect those paws!

Winter time is here! Whether your dog loves the snow or hates it, chances are they will be outside at some point. Any time your dog is on pavement be sure to wipe their paws, legs, and belly when they come inside. Even though the sidewalk may look clear, your dog could pick up salt, de-icers, antifreeze, and other chemicals which can make them sick. You may also discover their paws are cracked or dry from exposure to the cold.

Paw wax is a great way to protect your dog's paws and slow down the absorption of any chemicals. For dogs that will wear them, dog boots are another great option to keep the snow and chemicals off their paws all together.

## 2016 Adoptions

2016 proved to be a very successful year for us. We had over 250 intakes and adoptions during the year! July was our busiest months with over 30 adoptions!

No surprise, Pugs were our top breed adoption in 2016:

1. Pug/Puggles
2. Shih Tzu and Shih Tzu mixes
3. Hound & beagle mixes (remember all those red heeler pups?)
4. Poodle and poodle mixes
5. English Bulldogs

Odd as it may sound, we also adopted out 8 cats during the year. And in true "small breed" style, we even had a Great Dane.

We hope 2017 is just as successful!

## Did you know...



Those Christmas rawhide treats that your dog LOVES can be deadly for your beloved friend. First of all, rawhides are not digestible. In their eagerness, dogs often swallow large pieces which cannot pass through their digestive system. Second, rawhides are often not made in the US, so ingredients are questionable at best. Even high quality, made in America chews are made using many chemicals which are dangerous to pets. Replace those rawhide chews with safer options, such as bully sticks. And always do your research to find out where your dog's treats/chews are made and sourced.

## Featured Dog: Bruno



**Breed:** French Bulldog

**Gender:** Male

**Age:** 9 yrs

**Weight:** 25 lbs

**Arrived:** May 2016



Bruno is a special dog that needs a special home. He came to us last year after his owner passed away and there was no one else to take care of him.

Bruno is the epitome of a grumpy old man, but that's what makes you fall in love with him. But he can also be very sweet and docile. He loves to be cuddled and get his belly rubbed. He also loves to spend time outside. He definitely does not let you miss when someone arrives - he has a very deep bark and is not afraid to use it! While Bruno gets along with his foster siblings, we suspect he would also enjoy being king of the castle.

Unfortunately, life hasn't always been easy for Bruno. He has digestive issues that we believe to be IBD (inflammatory bowel disease). Through a lot of trial and error, we've found a combination of food that is working for him. Bruno's new family will need to work closely with their vet to ensure his food regimen continues to work.

In addition, he has limited mobility in his hind legs from a disc injury many years ago, which has also left him incontinent. While a cart may be an option, the one we have is not customized for him and he doesn't like using it. However, he has gained some strength and is now able to roam around a little on his own.

While these may seem like big issues to take on, they are manageable issues and don't seem nearly as scary once a routine is established. Bruno has proven to be very resilient, adapting well to his surroundings. We know his perfect forever home is out there somewhere!

## Auction Items Needed!!!

Cleaning out the house to start the new year? We are looking for new or gently used items for our week-long Facebook auction starting March 18th.

We accept all sorts of items. Pug and other dog/rescue themed items always do well. Other ideas include household items, jewelry, collectibles, children's items, books, etc.

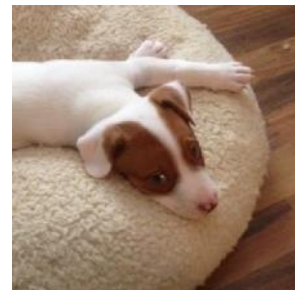
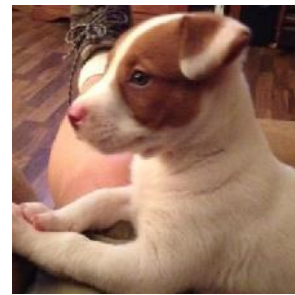
If you have something to donate, send us a picture of the item with a description. You can either choose to ship the items to the winners yourself, or you send all items to the auction coordinator who will then mail to the winners.

To submit your items, contact us on [Facebook](#) or email Leslie at [Landrew1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:Landrew1@rochester.rr.com)

## Success Stories: Eli has found his calling

Sometimes a foster comes along that changes your life forever and you know there is no way you can let them go. Four years ago, at just 3 weeks of age, Elijah (Eli for short) was found on the side of a country road. As if that isn't sad enough, someone had tied two of his legs together, causing the circulation to be completely cut off. His hind leg was severed and his front leg was severely swollen. His front leg recovered, but his back leg had to be amputated at the hip.

Eli then came to Buffalo Pug and was adopted. He had a wonderful life with his new dad. Unfortunately, 3 years later, Eli's dad had a job change that required him to be away from home for long hours. While Eli's dad wanted to make it work, this change was very tough on Eli. He became very anxious and stopped eating. We know it was an extremely hard decision to make, but Eli's dad decided the best thing for Eli was to have Buffalo Pug find him a new home with someone that could be with him more. We never expected it to happen so fast!



Eli's foster family picked him up and knew right away he wasn't leaving:



"Buffalo Pug put out an email looking for a foster for Eli. Eli is part pit bull, and I'd be lying if I said that didn't concern me a bit. We didn't know a lot about the breed but we'd heard the stereotypes and the stories that make the news. My husband and I decided to do our own research. We soon realized these poor babies were given a bad rap. Sure there are some nasty ones out there, but is that the dogs fault or the owners? Any dog can be nasty in the right situation. Our guts said foster him. He needs us.

I picked Eli up from his owner. I wasn't sure how large or strong he was, I'd never met him; so I brought my 20 year old son with me to help. Eli looked so frightened when we came in. The man looked so sad; he was giving up his friend. The paperwork was filled out and we loaded up Eli and his things. He sat in the back seat with my son for the ride home.

What you need to know at this point is that my son, Teddy, has lived with mental illness since he was a teenager. He suffers from severe anxiety and panic disorders. He see doctors, counselors and has been on medication to help keep it in check for years. Sometimes that's enough. Often times it isn't. He has times where he is crippled with panic and anxiety. It's hard to explain if you haven't seen it, but as a parent it breaks your heart to know your child needs help that you can't give him.

Back to Eli. I looked in the rear view mirror a few times on the way home to check on them. I saw that Eli was remarkably calm. What really caught my attention was the look on my son's face. I hadn't seen it in quite a long time. He was relaxed and at peace. We brought Eli into the house. There was the usual sniffing with the other dogs as they got to know each other. What was unusual was that Eli never let my son out of his sight. He had almost attached to himself to his hip. Teddy continued to stay relaxed. It was as if Eli knew Teddy needed him to be more than our current foster dog. He needed him to be extraordinary. Over the next few days I watched as the bond grew stronger between Teddy and Eli. When Teddy's anxiety levels went up, Eli seemed to know and would go sit with him. Teddy would begin to relax. It was amazing. This 3 legged rescue dog can give my son what no doctor, medication or even I could give him. I can't explain how he does it or how he knows when to. All I



know is they were meant to find each other. Eli became my first “foster fail”.”

We adopted him and he started to go everywhere with Teddy. The doctors suggested we have Eli registered as an Emotional Support Animal for Teddy and filled out the necessary paperwork for certification. Teddy and Eli are now protected under the Americans with Disabilities Act and can go many places together where other dogs can't. He's not a “service dog” because he has no special training to do what he does. It's instinctual. If you ask me, it's magic.

So you can see, adopting a rescue isn't necessarily simply saving an animal. It's saving someone who was lost and out of options. It's giving someone the confidence to live life and be happy. It's bringing two beings together who were always meant to find each other. It's magic.”



## Congratulations Ziva!

We'd like to send out a big congratulations to our long-term foster, Ziva.

Ziva has been available for adoption with Buffalo Pug for YEARS. While we could never figure out why, in all that time, she had very few interested applicants.

In December, Ziva's foster family decided that she had been home all along and they officially adopted her.

Congratulations Papp family and Ziva (far right)!!!



## Dogs Currently Under Medical Care:

Name	Age	Breed	Medical Issue	Est. Total Expenses
Thor	6 mo.	Newfoundland	Congenital deformities	>\$20,000
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+
Billy	8 yrs.	Xolo/Chinese Crested	Inoperable herniated disc	\$4,000(past), plus \$30/mo
Maybull	5 yrs.	French Bulldog	Mammary masses & extractions	\$3,000
Enzo	5 yrs.	Boston Terrier	Teeth extractions	\$1,500
Bruno	9 yrs.	French Bulldog	Suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease & fused discs	ongoing + \$50/mo. (food)
Carrie Fisher	5 yrs.	English Bulldog	Pyometra, Entropion, mammary and other masses, bacterial/fungal infections	TBD



## 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.



## Follow us online:

Website: [www.buffalopugs.org](http://www.buffalopugs.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/BPSBR](http://www.facebook.com/BPSBR)

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/buffalopugsrescue](http://www.instagram.com/buffalopugsrescue)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/bpsbr](http://www.twitter.com/bpsbr)

## 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](http://www.buffalopugs.org)

## Volunteer:

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

[www.buffalopugs.org](http://www.buffalopugs.org)

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

## Donate:

### Paypal:

Send to: [rescue@buffalopugs.org](mailto:rescue@buffalopugs.org)

Please use Send Money to Friends and Family

### Mail/In Person:

Buffalo Pug & Small Breed Rescue, Inc.

775 Niagara Falls Blvd

Amherst, NY 14226

## 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