



PUG PRESS

April 2016

EVENTS:

*"Like" us on Facebook
for more info*

Alex & Ani

April 17th, 3-5 pm
5429 Main St.

Williamsville, NY

in store only

*15% of proceeds
donated to Buffalo
Pug*

Tractor Supply

April 17th, 12-3 pm
205 S. Cascade Dr.

Springville, NY

*Come meet some of
our adoptable dogs*

Fred Astaire Dance Studio Fundraiser

May 1st, 2-6 pm
3450 Winton Pl.

Rochester, NY

Tickets: \$20

*Silent auction,
student performances,
& refreshments*

Shoe Drive

Ends May 14th

*Donate new or used
(good condition)
shoes. Drop off at
adoption center
Sats/Suns 12-4pm*

Facebook Auction

May 6th—May 13th

*Click [here](#) to join the
Facebook Auction
Group (must log in)*

From Sick Shelter Dog to Pampered Pet

Illness is a common theme in animal shelters across the country. Airborne illnesses, such as kennel cough, spread rapidly in these small, overcrowded spaces. Unfortunately, shelters often lack the necessary resources to treat sick animals.

To make matters worse, shelters are the worst place for a sick dog. Most of these dogs have had their entire lives uprooted. They were either lost or abandoned by their owners. They are scared, confused, and lonely. And now they don't feel well. They don't get the vet care they desperately need. They don't get the love and attention they crave. And so they get worse.

Brinx was one of these dogs. On a trip to the Ashtabula County Animal Protective League in Ohio, Buffalo Pug found Brinx underweight and severely ill. He had been in and out of the shelter several times due to a neglectful owner. It was here that he developed kennel cough. He refused to eat and his condition was going rapidly downhill.

Ashtabula, being a no-kill shelter, can have upwards of 200 dogs to care for at any given time. Their time and resources are stretched thin. While they did what they could for Brinx, it was clear he was only getting worse.

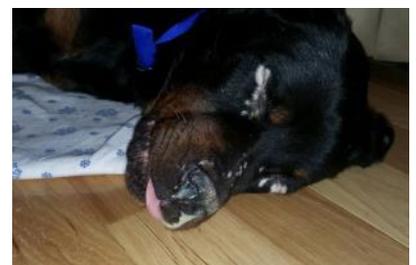


While Brinx may not be your typical small breed, Buffalo Pug stepped up and brought him to safety, along with 5 other dogs, another of which also required expensive medical care. They shared Brinx's story and through the power of social media, Brinx's foster mom, Crystal, saw him and stepped up to bring him into her home. Unknown to Brinx, his life was about to change.

Upon arriving in Buffalo, Brinx was taken to Millersport Small Animal Clinic. He was given medication not only for kennel cough, but for an ear infection as well as an infection on his right front foot. Weighing in at only 71 pounds, it was also visually apparent that he needed lots of extra meals. Armed with medication and instructions, Crystal took him home where he would be able to recover.

But it wasn't that easy. Brinx continued to get worse. He had never-ending discharge coming from his nose. He was too weak to do anything other than lay on the floor. While he was finally eating, he would only eat cooked meat, a difficult feat for his vegetarian foster mom.

After continuing to get worse, he was taken back to Millersport where he received fluids and additional care. After staying for a few days, he was finally released. But soon after, he started sneezing blood. Another trip back to Millersport, this time for a more costly after-hours emergency visit. X-rays were done and it was determined Brinx had pneumonia. He was put on different medication and sent home.



As they say, the third time is the charm. With these new meds, Brinx finally started to recover. He was finally getting the medicine, nourishment, love, and attention he needed to get better. He started eating kibble again, 6 cups a day of it, and was slowly getting his energy back.



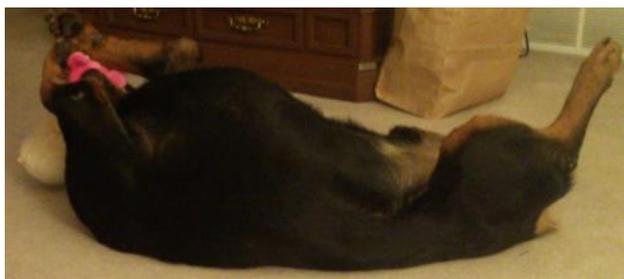
Today, Brinx is a healthy 105 pounds. He was recently adopted. He has settled right in and is loving his new life. While he has a dad all to himself, he gets to see his foster mom and foster siblings regularly. He loves going for walks twice a day and playing with his toys. His dad says his training is going well, he wants to listen and please. They are working on sit/stay for feeding and putting on his leash.



This is what rescue is all about. Buffalo Pug has amazing resources all over the area. Volunteers are always willing to step up at a moment's notice to help dogs like Brinx. Amazing vets like Millersport Small Animal Clinic provide substantial discounts that allow Buffalo Pug to continue to save these dogs.

But nothing in life is free and these medical expenses add up very quickly. Buffalo Pug has had more medical cases in the last year than ever before. On top of this, there are often more than 30 dogs in foster care, needing vaccinations, flea and heartworm preventatives, and spay/neuter operations. The medical fund is dangerously low, which means without additional support, Buffalo Pug may need to turn away dogs in need.

Please consider donating so that we can continue our mission. Donations can be made at the adoption center or through PayPal. See the last page of this newsletter for more information. Donations over \$50 are also accepted directly through Millersport Small Animal Clinic.



To learn more about the Ashtabula Animal Protective League, visit their website: www.acapl.org

Thank you

Drs. Mendolera and Malo

at Millersport Small Animal Clinic

for your continued support and

willingness to help all of our animals

Welcome to the family

Drs. Ross and Hill

at True Care Veterinary Hospital

we look forward to working

with you

March

Adoptions:



Brinx
Rottweiler, 3 yrs

Brolin
English Bulldog, 4 yrs

Butterscotch
Terrier mix, 3 yrs

Flynn
Sheltie mix, 8+ yrs

Frank
Japanese Chin, 6 1/2 yrs

George
Beagle, 8 yrs

Heidi
Miniature Schnauzer, 5 yrs

Ivan
English Bulldog mix, 1 1/2 yrs

Lilli
Pug, 7 yrs

Lucy
Maltese, 1 1/2 yrs

Lulu
Maltese, 1 1/2 yrs

Katsu
Japanese Chin, 4 yrs

Max
Shih Poo, 4 yrs

Myla
Shih Tzu, 5 years

Prim
Pit Bull, 4 yrs

Sadie
Pug/Chinese Crested, 11 mo

Suzu & Fez (bonded pair)
Japanese Chins, 7 yrs & 4 yrs

Violet
Pug, 5 yrs

Did you know...?

The average Buffalo Pug foster dog requires **between \$200 and \$500** in vet bills before they are ready to be adopted. These costs include spay/neuter, vaccinations, preventatives, etc.

Currently, there are over **30** dogs in rescue, with more coming in all the time.

That's up to **\$15,000** at any point in time. Plus additional expenses for dogs with specific medical issues!

We need auction items!!!

Spring cleaning? We are looking for new or gently used items for our week-long Facebook auction starting May 6th. All money raised goes directly to Buffalo Pug! Dog and rescue themed items bring in the most money, but other items are welcome as well.

If you have something to donate, send us a picture of the item with a description and let us know if you will pay to ship the item to the winner, or if the winner should pay for shipping.

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

Anyone participate! Join our [Facebook auction group](#)

SOLD!

Featured Dog: Billy



Breed: Chinese Crested / Xolo Mexican Hairless

Gender: Male

Age: 8 Years

Weight: 12 lbs

Arrived: August 2014



Billy is one of our medical needs dogs. Upon arriving, it was immediately apparent that something was wrong—he was dragging his back legs and could barely walk. After many trips to the vet, a visit to Cornell, and an MRI, it was determined that Billy has an inoperable herniated disc.

Billy is now on medication that has helped him tremendously. He has some restrictions (no jumping, etc.), but he no longer drags his feet and can get around just fine. He can even run around—a huge change from a dog that could barely walk! Due to his injury, he does have some incontinence issues, but a belly band and a few paper towels solve that problem. It's a small price to pay for him to live a happy life.

Billy absolutely loves people. He will follow his person wherever they go. He loves to be on your lap. He always wants to please. While he is being fostered with other small dogs, and could be adopted into the right small or docile pack, he would be equally happy with a family all to himself.

Don't let Billy's age or medical issues get in your way—he certainly doesn't! Billy's medication costs less than \$50 a month and allows him to live a relatively normal life with little other intervention. A fluffy bed, a T-shirt in the summer and a jacket in the winter, and he is ready to go. He still has many years left in him and would love a forever family of his own.

Foster Spotlight Amie Burnett

Location:
Corning

Fostering:
5 years



"In November 2011, I became a foster mom for the first time to a blind Pug named Ping Pong. Since then, each and every one of my fosters have taught me more about myself than I ever expected anything or anyone could. I've learned a new level of patience. I've witnessed what unconditional love can do for broken hearts and empty souls. I've witnessed the effects of neglect and abuse first hand. I have felt both accomplished and defeated—and sometimes at the very same time. I've shown mercy and have held an ailing body as it left this earth. There are sleepless nights and days spent traveling to and from veterinary appointments and home visits. I've conquered skin issues and have trained some of the most seemingly impossible cases. I've saved lives. I've changed lives. I've screamed. I've laughed. I've cried.

Through this journey, I have met some of my now closest friends—my rescue family. Every day I am thankful for my adoptive parents and could not continue on without their support. Most of all, I am grateful that I have a partner who welcomes each and every one of our fosters with open arms. He is my rock and I couldn't be a successful foster without him. If there's anything I've learned, it is that some days are incredibly more difficult than others, but in the end it is ALWAYS worth it. So, to all of my fosters, I thank you. Without you, I wouldn't have found myself or my true passion in RESCUE."

Success Stories: A Tale of Two Pugs

Rescues, shelters, breeders, pet stores, online. There are so many places where a family can find a new furry friend, some options better than others. Many people believe that by purchasing a puppy from a breeder, they are getting a “better,” healthier dog. But the truth is, any dog, whether they are young or old, purebred or mix breed, small or large, has the potential to develop medical issues. It takes a special person to adopt a medical needs dog, but the reward and love you get from that dog can never be replaced.

Boba was found on Craigslist in very poor condition. He was taken in by Buffalo Pug, skin issues and all, in October 2014. This is what his adoptive mom had to say about Boba and his brother, Prince Charming:

“Prince Charming was delivered from the breeder with his AKC papers at 12 weeks of age. A fuzzy, fawn wild boy in perfect health. Over the past 14 years, he developed nasal fold dermatitis, an entropion in both eyes that requires daily eye ointment that costs \$70 for a 3 ounce tube, two expensive rounds of dental surgery and a year of persistent ear infections revealing bad food allergies. An allergy to every single protein from raw rabbit to bison, he is now on a vet-prescribed hypoallergenic diet.

When Charm was 13, we adopted Boba from Buffalo Pug and Small Breed Rescue who was probably 5 or 6, covered with crusty, weeping sores and missing patches of coarse, wiry fur. He itched, scratched and shook near constantly. Underweight and probably left outside in neglect, he started to do much better in foster care. He visited the vet who was perplexed about his extensive skin condition, all blood and stool tests were normal. He went onto a raw diet, and his skin issues persisted. The happiest, most cuddly of pugs, he settled into his new home rather gleefully. After a dental procedure, he saw the holistic vet who really helped get his skin issues straightened out. Diet allergies, just like Charm.

A year and a half later, Boba is still doing very well, his skin is making a comeback and patches of new fur are coming in soft and fuzzy. He might have medical needs, but these were about as expensive as his AKC-registered brother, and we love them both just as much.”



Boba at his foster home



Look at all that fur!



Charm and Boba

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+
Remington	7 mo.	French Bulldog	Heart murmur/pulmonary stenosis	\$5,000+
Billy	8 yrs.	Xolo/Chinese Crested	Inoperable herniated disc	\$4,000(past), plus \$30/mo
Sissy	5 yrs.	Lab/Staffordshire	Pneumonia/skin issues/boarding	\$3,000+
Angus	11 yrs.	English Bulldog	Entropion/arthritis/senior care	\$3,000+
Tempest	8 yrs.	Lab/Chow	Mammary tumors	\$2,500
Diamond	6 yrs.	English Bulldog	Entropion	\$1,500



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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BPSBR

Instagram: www.instagram.com/buffalopugsrescue

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

Donate:

Paypal:

Send to: rescue@buffalopugs.org

Please use Send Money to Friends and Family

Mail/In Person:

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Wish List:

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