

# PUC PRESS

# February 2017

## **EVENTS:**

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# 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\*\*

## **Pet Supplies Plus**

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

#### **Taste of Town Line**

April 9th, 12:15-2:30pm Town Line Lutheran 1159 Town Line Road, Alden, NY 14004

#### **Chugs 4 Pugs**

July 22nd
Flying Bison Brewery
840 Seneca Street,
Buffalo, NY 14210
\*\*Details will be
announced as event gets
closer\*\*

Stay tuned for more exciting events coming this spring and summer!!!

# **Duncan's Grand Adventure**

Domesticated dogs have been living with humans for thousands and thousands of years. They exist all over the world, yet somehow, their treatment varies greatly. Even here within the US, we have dogs that are loved as members of the family, equal to their humans, and then others used for fighting, high-quantity breeding, and flat out abuse.

Duncan, formerly known as Dung-i, is from South Korea, where the dog meat trade is prevalent. While some Koreans do have pets, they are generally toy breeds, or the revered Jindo, a breed valued for it's loyalty, intelligence, and gentle nature. Most other dogs, including mixed breeds, are often unwanted and disposable.

Shelters and rescues do exist in Korea, but they are few and far between. Strays are generally left on the streets and end up as part of the meat trade. Unfortunately, the same fate often arises for pets who are no longer wanted.

Duncan was one of these strays. He and his sister, Gwiyumi, wandered the streets of Korea when they were only a few months old. Not only did they have to fend for themselves, they were abused by people in the neighborhood who saw them as pests. It was only a matter of time before they died or ended up in the meat trade.



Duncan when he was first found



Starting to heal

Thankfully, in March 2016, someone found Duncan and his sister and rescued them. Their rescuer spent close to a year caring for them and helping teach them to trust again. Duncan had a raging skin infection and finally got the vet

care he needed. While there is no question she loved them both, their rescuer had to give them up in order to continue saving other dogs. So a plan was put in motion to bring them to the US.

Duncan's sister was the first to arrive and went to a foster home in Minnesota. Duncan also had a foster home set up, but at the last minute, it fell through. A local rescuer was contacted and shared the information with Buffalo Pug. We knew we couldn't say no after everything Duncan had been through. A foster home was found quickly (after all, how many of us can say we fostered an international dog?) and Duncan's trip was back in motion.

Duncan arrived in NYC on December 1st, spent a week with a rescue colleague there before coming to Buffalo. As could be expected after everything he had been through, including being taken away from the only



Getting ready to leave Korea



First night in Buffalo pretty scary

person he had ever trusted and then flown across the Atlantic Ocean, he was terrified. It took him over a week just to eat from his foster mom's hand.

But after several months, Duncan is making great strides. For the first two months, Duncan had his own enclosed space that was his safe space. He was slowly acclimated to the rest of the house, and just a few weeks ago, the pen finally came down permanently.

In the last couple weeks, Duncan has accomplished man milestones. He is now spending more time outside. He went for

his first car ride since the initial transport this past week. He's starting to meet new people and new dogs and had a wonderful play date with some other dogs where he got to run around in the mud. He's even scheduled for his first grooming appointment with one of our volunteers this weekend.

While there is still work to be done, seeing how much progress he has made and knowing how he was with his rescuer in Korea, we are sure he will continue to thrive and someday be a normal dog.

We are now starting to look for Duncan's forever home. He is going to need a patient, quiet home where he can continue to come out of his shell. He needs someone with dog experience, particularly experience with timid dogs, who will be able to understand his signals and allow him to adjust at his own pace. As he is still skittish, Duncan needs a home without children as their energy will likely spook him. A home

Starting to trust my foster family

with a fenced yard is also a plus to prevent any unintended escapes. Duncan has done very well with his foster siblings and other dogs he has met, so we'd love to see him go to a home with other dogs.

Many people may ask why we rescue dogs from other states, as well as other countries, when there are plenty of dogs in need in Buffalo. Duncan is the reason. Many of our dogs do come from Western New York, but when we find a dog in need that we can help, we do whatever we can to save them. When we can save a dog from certain death and give them a chance at a long, healthy life, location doesn't matter. Taking in dogs like Duncan, while not the norm, helps us bring awareness to the issues dogs face not only in the US, but worldwide. The more we can show the world how great these dogs are, the more lives we can change!





# January

**Adoptions:** 

## Albert

Maltese, 8 mos.

#### Carter

Boston Terrier, 1 1/2 yrs.

#### Clover

Chi/Dachshund, 6 mos.

## **George Michael**

Boston Terrier, 2 1/2 yrs.

# Gilbey

Cav. King Charles, puppy

#### Halo

Maltese/Pom., 7 mos.

# Hunny

Shih Tzu/Bichon, 4 yrs.

#### Kenzie

Cav. King Charles , puppy

## **Krissy Kringle**

Mini Schnauzer, 1 1/2 yrs.

#### Lola

French Bulldog, 4 yrs.

#### Nicki

Cav. King Chr/Bichon, 1 yr

#### Noel

French Bulldog, 5 yrs.

#### **Smalls**

Bernese Mntn. Dog, 2 yrs.

# **Featured Dog: Jeffrey**

Jeffrey is one of our newest arrivals. Sadly, his owner was very sick and recently passed away. He had been in boarding for a little while, but thankfully, one of our volunteers knew Jeffrey and was able to take him in as a foster to help him adjust to life without his owner.

Jeffrey is generally very quiet, he is not hyper like many poodles. He is starting to come out of his shell more and more and is looking to his foster parents for attention. While he is pretty shy and timid, we believe he will start to trust a new owner over time and will be a loving companion.

Jeffrey needs a quiet, adult-only home. He would make a great companion for a single person or a retired person/couple. He is good with other dogs and cats. As he is a bit older, his bladder is not as strong as it once was, so Jeffrey wears a belly band when he will be alone for extended periods of time, but he hasn't had any accidents in the house as long as someone lets him out regularly.



Breed: Mini Poodle Gender: Male Age: 10 yrs. Weight: 10 lbs.

Arrived: Feb. 2017

If you are interested in adopting Jeffrey, please apply online www.buffalopugs.org



# **Auction Items** Needed!!!

Our next Facebook auction is fast approaching and we need more items! This auction is being held by a volunteer group who helps with many pug rescue auctions. Most auctions have 200-300 items or more and we currently only have 100!

All sorts of items accepted—dog/rescue items. household items, jewelry, books. etc. If you something to donate, please send a picture and description to us on Facebook or email Landrew1@rochester.rr.com



# **Goodbye Rex**

Just a few weeks ago, we said goodbye to Rex, one of our hospice fosters. Rex had been with us almost 3 years and would have been 16 on Valentine's Day.

He was blind, deaf, and arthritic, but that didn't stop him from living life. He loved his food—he had to be fed first every morning and if you didn't deliver fast enough, he was sure to let you know.

As with any senior pug, napping was his favorite pastime. He could regularly be found in his man pants (belly band), chillin' with the lady pugs at his foster home, affectionately earning him the nickname Sexy Rexy.

Unfortunately, Rex started deteriorating very quickly and we knew it was time to let him go. Just a few days before Valentine's day, he peacefully crossed over the rainbow bridge.

We will miss you sweet boy!

# **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
Bruno	9 yrs.	French Bulldog	Suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease & fused discs	ongoing + \$50/mo. (food)
Carrie Fishe	r 5 yrs.	English Bulldog	Pyometra, Entropion, mammary and other masses,	TBD
			bacterial/fungal infections	



# **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.



## Donate:

#### Paypal:

Send to: 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

## Follow us online:

Website: www.buffalopugs.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BPSBR

Instagram: www.instagram.com/buffalopugsrescue

Twitter: 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

# Volunteer:

If you are interesting in volunteering for Buffalo Pug, please fill out our adoption application online <a href="https://www.buffalopugs.org">www.buffalopugs.org</a>

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

# 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.