



PUG PRESS

July 2016

EVENTS:

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Chugs 4 Pugs

July 23rd, 12-4pm
Flying Bison Brewery
840 Seneca Street,
Buffalo, NY 14210
Adults only

Fisher & Friends

Barks & Beer

July 29th, 6:30-8pm
2171 Kensington Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14226

Bark Bash

August 6th, 10am-3pm
Knox Farms
437 Buffalo Road
East Aurora, NY 14052

Painting w/ a Twist

August 15th, 1-3pm
6363 Transit Road,
Suite 550 (Tops Plaza)
Lancaster, NY 14043

Canalside Has Gone

To the Dogs

August 21st, 12-5 pm
44 Prime Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

Progressive

Adopt-a-thon

Sept. 10th, 10am -1pm
6699 Transit Road,
Williamsville, NY 14221

Furtastic

Adopt-a-thon

Sept. 17th, 10am-5pm
Great Pumpkin Farm
11199 Main Street,
Clarence, NY 14031

Hospice Fostering: A Tribute to Sweet Pea

Most people have heard of hospice care as it relates to people, providing care for the terminally ill whether it be at home or in a facility. Those of us who have had a senior or terminally ill pet near the end of life know that while the term "hospice" isn't as widely used for pets, we often provide the same level of care, allowing the pet to enjoy their final days surrounded by the family that they love.

However, there are many animals out there that don't have a loving family to spend their final days with. In some cases, these dogs are strays, having lived on their own for some time. Many have been surrendered to a shelter or dumped somewhere and left to fend for themselves because their owner chose not to provide care for their dying pet.

Hospice fostering has become more prevalent within rescues. Hospice fostering is where an animal is brought into a rescue knowing that they are unlikely to be adopted, whether it be due to age, illness, or both. In some cases, it may be known before the animal arrives that it will be in hospice care. In other situations, a terminal illness may not be discovered until after they are in their foster home.

Buffalo Pug has had many hospice fosters over the years, most coming from shelters. Careful consideration is given to each dog to be sure they have good quality of life and that fostering will not cause undue stress. While hospice fostering is often an expensive endeavor, we do not want to see these dogs die in a shelter, scared and alone. Whether they are with us for days, weeks, months, or in rare cases, years, we have amazing volunteers who open up their homes to these dogs to ensure they receive love and care until the very end.

Through the fosters and our veterinary partners, these dogs are regularly monitored to ensure they are not suffering. In some cases (particularly when hospice care is due to age), the dog may pass away on their own. In most cases, however, once the quality of life has declined, the decision is made to humanely euthanize and end their suffering. While it is a difficult decision in any situation, we can at least be sure that these dogs pass away with dignity, surrounded by those that love them, having had a chance to enjoy life in their final days.

Sweet Pea

A few months ago, out on a back road in Ohio, over 20 dogs were found deceased in garbage bags. Two were found alive and were brought to Buffalo Pug where they have since been adopted (Cleo and Noah were featured in last month's newsletter). After an investigation, several other dogs were found in the owner's house. They were taken to the Ashtabula County Animal Protective League.

Sweet Pea was one of those dogs. Unfortunately, we did not have a foster home available for her initially, so she remained at the shelter for several weeks, though we were determined to bring her to Buffalo. At long last, Cleo and Noah's foster mom, Amy, had room to take Sweet Pea as well.

However, in her time at the shelter, it had become apparent that something was very wrong with Sweet Pea. While she was eating, she was very underweight. In addition, her belly was as hard as a rock. We didn't know what was wrong with her, but we knew it wasn't good. She was brought to Buffalo where she was reunited with her siblings, everyone hoping that she'd pull through whatever was causing her medical issues.



June Adoptions:

Angus
English Bulldog, 11 yrs.

Bailey
English Bulldog, 1 yr.

Bowser
Chihuahua, 2 yrs.

Chocolate (Coco)
Mini Poodle/Yorkie, 7 yrs.

Darling
Dachshund, 1 1/2 yrs.

DJ
Chi/Dachshund, 1 1/2 yrs.

Ferran
Mix breed, 13 wks.

Gertie
English Bulldog, 5 yrs.

Jaxon (Nicky)
English Bulldog, 4 yrs.

Minnie
Mini Poodle, 2 yrs.

Ranger
Lab, 1 1/2 yrs.

Sampson
Rottweiler, 8 wks.

Scooter
Sheltie mix, 8-9 yrs.

Tillie
Jack Russel/Pug, 7 yrs.

Trigger
Lab, 1 yr.

Wesley
Terrier mix, 6 yrs.

Winston
Terrie mix, 2 yrs.

She was taken to the vet soon after arriving in Buffalo. The diagnosis was not good, Sweet Pea was terminally ill. She had hydronephrosis, a condition where her waste was collecting in a cyst in her kidney instead of being expelled from her body. Had this been caught early, it's possible that surgery could have corrected the issue. Unfortunately, Sweet Pea was at the late stages of the disease and nothing could be done to reverse its progression.

While the vet ultimately recommended euthanasia, Sweet Pea had that light in her eyes that told us she was still fighting. We knew that she had already suffered a lifetime of neglect, so as long as she wasn't suffering, we wanted her to experience the love of a family.

While she may have been sick, you wouldn't have known it from her personality. Sweet Pea was full of life from the day she arrived. She immediately recognized her siblings, even though they had been apart for several weeks. She spent lots of time cuddling with them, especially Noah. After learning of her diagnosis, we even arranged a family reunion with 3 of her other siblings, Pumpkin, Bonnie, and Clyde, who were also fostered by Buffalo Pug.

Sweet Pea's foster mom told us she lived her last couple weeks thoroughly enjoying life. She loved going for car rides. Her and her foster mom spent lots of time outside sitting by the water and taking in the sunshine. She loved to have the wind blowing in her fur. When the day was done, she'd cuddle up on the couch with her foster mom.

Unfortunately, these happy times did not last long and Sweet Pea let us know that it was her time. On July 13th, just 3 weeks after arriving in Buffalo, we said our final goodbyes. It was a very sad day, but we know that Sweet Pea left us happy and loved, not neglected.

Rest in peace Sweet Pea, you will forever be loved.



We also mourn the loss of all of Sweet Pea's siblings that were found deceased in Ohio. A memorial service was held for them at the Ashtabula County Animal Protective League. Click [here](#) to see the news story.

Our Other Hospice Fosters

Jolene (you can follow Jolene on Facebook at [Jolene's Grand Adventure](#))

Jolene is an 8 year old shih-tzu with a pink mohawk! She came from Ohio after spending a month and a half in a shelter. She has congestive heart failure, an enlarged heart, a stage 4 heart murmur, and syncope, a condition that could cause her to faint or pass out at any moment. She has also developed seizures and has mast cell tumors.

But if you meet Jolene, you wouldn't know there's anything wrong with her at first. She's a spunky little girl with the personality to fit a dog 10 times her size. She loves visiting people and has a stroller so she can go to events. She also goes to work with her foster mom. She loves car rides and sticking her head out the window. She also loves her morning eggs, playing with socks, and rolling her face in the grass.



Cubby

Cubby is a 12 year old pug. He came to Buffalo Pug about 2 and a half years ago as an owner surrender. He is both deaf and lame and can no longer control his bowel movements. He has survived both a stroke and seizures. At one point, we thought his time had come, but he bounced back to his old self and told us he wasn't ready to give up.

Cubby lives for his stuffies. His foster mom says, "Want to see him 'run'? Get out a new stuffie!" He loves all food, but he is particularly fond of bananas and blueberries. Cubby also enjoys his bubble baths (dog shampoo of course!).



Rex

Rex is a 15 year old pug. He came to Buffalo Pug about 2 years ago as an owner surrender after being used for breeding. He is blind, deaf, and arthritic.

As can be imagined at his age, Rex's favorite pastime is sleeping. He is the first one fed every morning and will let you know if you don't deliver his food fast enough. When he's not sleeping, Rex likes going to events and being a spokesdog for Buffalo Pug. He loves the attention and being petted.



A Special Thank You

We would like to send a heartfelt thank you to the family and friends of Elbert Babcock who donated to Buffalo Pug in Elbert's memory. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will help to provide care to our animals in need!

Update

We are happy to report that most of the dogs featured in last month's newsletter have since been adopted. With the exception of Jolene in hospice care, the only 3 still waiting for a forever home are:

Dorothy, Yorkie, 5 yrs.



Juno, Min Pin/Pug, 4 yrs



Winnie, Chi/Dachshund, 16 wks (special needs)



Congratulations to Bailey, Bowser, Chocolate (Coco), Cleo and Noah, DJ, Fireball, Minnie, Ranger, Rosie, Trigger, Wesley, and Willow for finding your forever homes, and to Wilma who is currently pending adoption.

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
Bruno	9 yrs.	French Bulldog	Suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease & fused discs	\$750, plus \$50/mo. (food)
Bonnie	7 yrs.	Terrier/Poodle mix	Heartworm treatment	\$500 - \$1,000

Featured Dog: Winnie



Breed: Chihuahua/Dachshund

Gender: Female

Age: 16 weeks

Weight: 5 lbs.

Arrived: May 2016

Winnie came from a puppy mill just 2 months ago. She is a "double dapple," the result of the breeding two dapple dogs together. This is not something a reputable breeder would do. Why? Because like many "double dapples," Winnie is deaf and partially blind.

The good thing is, having been born this way, Winnie knows no different. She is a loving, playful puppy, just like any other. She doesn't let her disability slow her down at all. If you didn't know she was blind and deaf, you would never even realize it!

Winnie LOVES playing with her siblings, both human and four-legged. Her foster parents bought her plenty of puppy toys, but Winnie much prefers the human ones! She has a favorite stuffed minion twice her size that she carries around everywhere.

Having her foster fur brothers has helped Winnie accomplish so much in a short time. Winnie loves to explore outside, so her foster siblings help her go out and lead her back in so she doesn't get lost or confused. They've also taught Winnie how to play and enjoy the finer things in life (like food!)

Because of her limitations, Winnie is looking for a very special home. She would do best in a home with other dogs who can continue to help her learn. She would love human siblings, but they need to be respectful of her small size and special needs. As can be expected, training a blind and deaf dog can be very challenging, so her new adopters must be very patient with her and must take proper precautions so she doesn't get hurt within the home or outside.

If you think you can provide the perfect home for Winnie, please apply at www.buffalopugs.org

Foster Spotlight

For this month's foster spotlight, we would like to recognize one of our very dedicated fosters, Michelle, who went above and beyond to provide love for a dog named Tootsie.

Tootsie was found as a stray in Ohio and ended up at the Ashtabula County Animal Protective League. No one ever came forward to claim her. After her stray hold was up, the shelter reached out to Buffalo Pug hoping that we could take her and find her a loving home.

Unfortunately, upon arrival at the shelter, it was visibly apparent that Tootsie's belly was very swollen. She was taken to the vet where fluid was drained. It was determined that Tootsie had a very advanced stage mast cell tumor that had spread. There was nothing that could be done to save her and with a tumor that large, she was likely in a lot of pain. Rather than selfishly prolong her life to bring her to Buffalo, it was decided that euthanasia was the best option.

But Michelle (and all those at the shelter) could not bear to think that she would die not knowing love. So Michelle drove the 2 hours from Buffalo to Ashtabula to make Tootsie's last day special. She spent the entire day with Tootsie, making sure she had every opportunity to enjoy life. There was car rides, bones to chew on, and lots of yummy food. When the time came, Tootsie left us having experienced probably her best day ever.

Unfortunately, though we may want to, we can't save every dog. But what we can do is provide love for those who don't have any. Thank you Michelle for stepping up and providing love to Tootsie on her final day!



Success Stories: The Perfect Retirement Home

Angus came to Buffalo Pug in January 2015. He was surrendered to a shelter in Ohio after numerous calls were made about him being chained up 24/7 for years. At 10 years old, he had severe arthritis, dry eyes, and mild entropion, a common condition in bulldogs where the eyelid rolls inward causing the eyelashes to continually irritate the eye. There was no way we would let him spend his days on the concrete floor of a shelter, so he became part of the Buffalo Pug family.

As with many senior dogs, there wasn't a lot of people interested in adopting Angus. He received a few applications, but they just weren't the right fit for him. He loved life in his foster home and his foster mom would have been happy to keep him, but still always wanted him to find a forever home of his very own. A year and a half later, fate stepped in and Angus's soon-to-be adopters were looking for a bulldog and fell in love with him.

"I had been looking on the Buffalo Pug Rescue site for an English bulldog because we love the breed. We had a great bulldog named Magnus for 13 years. Unfortunately, he passed away in 2008 of cancer. I got pretty excited when I saw Angus on the site. He was on a medical hold but I figured we should apply and see what happens. Ends up we are a pretty good match for Angus. We have a fenced yard, experience with the breed and are able to keep up with Angus' medical needs!

We thought it might take awhile, but lo and behold we got an e-mail describing his personality and his needs. My wife and I spoke about it and decided to meet Angus. When Chris brought him by we knew instantly he was the bully for us. I work at home and can spend a lot of time with Angus. He loves to hang out at my feet and go on car rides for possible snacks. He is as quiet as a church mouse but it was recently reported that he barked once at the neighbors dog. (Of course this was a friendly bark to introduce himself)

We love having him with us and he seems to be adjusting very well. Mostly we are happy for Angus that he can have some real comfort in his latter years. So that's Angus' success story. Thanks to Buffalo Pug rescue for the opportunity to help Angus."

It has only been a few weeks, but Angus is loving life in his new home. His new dad reports that he LOVES being outside. He's even gotten to go on a camping trip to Lime Lake. It's always sad to say goodbye, but everyone at Buffalo Pug is very excited that Angus finally found a great home to live out his senior years.

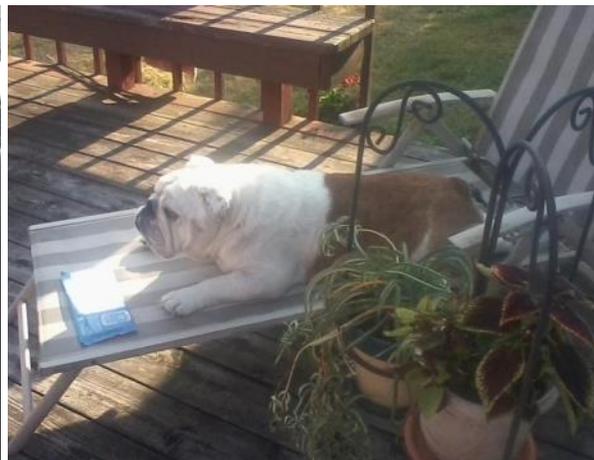
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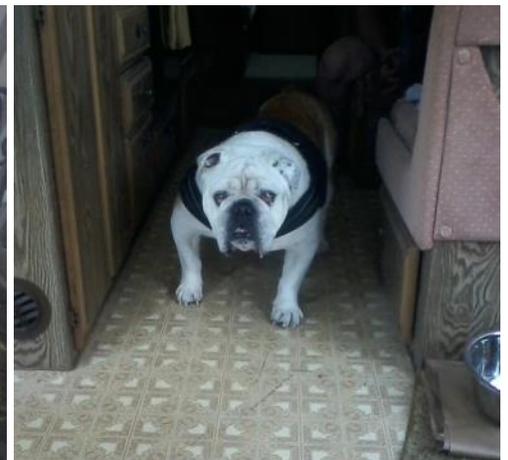
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Basking in the sunshine



Going camping



Dog Days of Kenmore

Dog Days of Kenmore is an annual event held at Mang Park in Kenmore, NY. This dog-friendly event is full of vendors, rescues, food trucks, entertainment, and more. All of our volunteers and fosters had a great time this year. Thank you to every that came out to support us. We hope to see everyone next year!





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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www.buffalopugs.org

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

www.buffalopugs.org

- Foster
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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