

BOSTON TERRIER NEWS



CLUB AND RESCUE

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ARE YOU PREPARED?

Before bringing your puppy home, you'll need to "puppy proof" your house. Puppies are like babies: they want to explore every corner of your house, and they want to put everything into their mouths. Here's a simple checklist to make sure your home is safe before letting Rover run free: Make sure all poisonous household items are securely stored out of the puppy's reach

Did you put the household cleaners, laundry detergents, bleach, disinfectants, insecticides, cleaning fluid, fertilizers, mothballs, antifreeze, insect poisons, rat poisons and other items in cabinets or on high shelves? These items can

It's that time of year

be deadly to your puppy. As your new puppy grows, he will be able to explore higher places and be tempted to jump up on shelves.

Check your plants

Many plants in and around your house can be threatening to your pup. Did you know that the pits of apricots and peaches, as well as spinach and tomato vines, can make your puppy sick and, in large dosages, can even be fatal? For a more complete list of dangerous doggie plants, consult your vet.

Look at your house from your puppy's point of view

Get down on all fours and look around. Are there any dangling electric cords, loose nails, plastic bags or other tempting

objects that will be in puppy's reach? If there are, be sure to put them away immediately.

For more information go to www.purina.com



To find out more information on puppy care contact your veterinarian.

MONTHLY MEETING REMINDER

Don't forget our monthly meetings at The Metroplex Veterinary clinic in Irving Texas. The NTBTC meets on the first Sunday of every Month at 1:30. All members encouraged to attend.

**Metroplex Veterinary Clinic
700 Airport Freeway Irving Texas**

UPCOMING EVENTS



again. Time for our annual spring picnic. This years picnic will be held at Trinity Pavilion in Irving on Sunday, April 24th from 2pm to 5 pm. The meal will be pot luck as we did this last fall. Get those tricks perfected, we will be having best dog trick and a raffle for a gift basket.

Further information will be posted on the web and in our next newsletter.



2004 Halloween Picnic

2006 CALANDER



Get those cameras out and start taking pictures of your favorite four legged "Buddy". The club will be putting together another fabulous calendar for 2006. Last year we raised \$1,200 for the rescue part of our club. Every entry is a winning entry and will be placed in the calendar. There will be 13 (1 for the cover and 1 for each month) photos chosen. All entries will be placed on the last two pages of the calendar as we did for the 2005 calendar. There will be a \$5.00 entry free per photo. Send in photos as soon as possible as this is a large project. Deadline for photo entries is June 30th. You must be a club member to have your entry accepted.

Last year Kinko's was gracious in providing printing of the calendar at no charge. This year we are looking for another gracious volunteer for the printing. If you have any suggestions or would like to provide this services please contact the club at btrescue@texasbostons.com.



"What's inside your camera?"

BECOMING AN ACTIVE MEMBER

Would you like to become an active member of the North Texas Boston Terrier Club? It's easy! And a great way to make new friends.

Our club meets once a month

in Irving and we have activities throughout the year. Come join the fun.

Another way to participate, Submit an article for the newsletter. If you come across Me-

dia News that affects dogs, please send that information in through the web site. We are always looking for information in enhance the lives of our beloved four legged friends.

Foster Homes

BTRNT is in desperate need of foster homes for rescued dogs. Most dogs that are rescued need temporary foster homes to live in until they are adopted.

The length of time that a dog will stay in a foster home will vary between a day or two for a dog that is being transferred to several months for a dog that requires medical care or rehabilitation. **BTRNT pays for all vet bills to any of our approved veterinary clinics.**

The type of dog that you foster and the length of time you foster is up to you. BTRNT will be available at all times if you need direction or guidance in fostering.

Listed below are some duties of the foster volunteer:

1. *The Boston Terrier will be kept as an indoor pet, and will have identification on at all times (collar & tags). The dog will be kept under control at all times when off of the Fosters property.*
2. *Adequate veterinary care will be provided by the Foster, including annual vaccinations, boosters, monthly heartworm preventative, and any other care recommended by the veterinarian. The Foster volunteer will take the dog to the veterinarian if ill. If unable to do so, the Foster volunteer will notify his BT Rescue contact.*
3. *BTRNT rescue will be notified of any changes of address or telephone number of the Foster Volunteer.*
4. *If the dog being fostered is lost or stolen, the Foster volunteer will immediately notify his BT rescue contact.*
5. *The Foster volunteer will not sell, give or transfer the dog to anyone other than BTRNT rescue.*

6. THE FOSTER VOLUNTEER REPRESENTS THAT NO MEMBER OF HIS HOUSEHOLD HAS EVER BEEN CHARGED WITH CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

If you would like to foster a Boston Terrier, please fill out an application at www.texasbostons.com and follow the instructions for mailing the application. If your application is approved, a member of the BT Rescue will contact you to schedule a home visit.
Article by: Valerie Fontenot



DOGS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE



Buggy—He is about 4 years old. He came from a shelter along with Astro. He weights about 15lbs. and is neutered. He is also heart worm positive. He is a very sweet boy.



Ginger—She is a sweet girl with a little bit of arthritis. She is six and likes to be near you and pitted.



Millie— She is a 3 year old Boston Pug mix. She weights 22lbs. And is very sweet. She is has all her shots is spayed and heart worm negative. She is ready to go!



Precious— She is a very sweet girl and loves to play. She is about 13lbs.

No Picture Available

Thank You

*Thank You To: Dr
Timm England & Staff,
& Dr Kevin Stehn for
the emergency C-
Section*

*Thank your to foster
parents:*

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Marla Dallas & Jeanette
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Linda & Jean Tracy, Denise
Murphy, Lynn Miller, Betty
Taylor, Kathryn Barton,
Harvard Bryan, Stephanie
Day, Joe DeuPree, Gloria &
Barry Klunder, & one
anonymous donor.

*For the year 2004 we
successfully rescued 69
dogs & adopted out 65.*

We still desperately need
foster parents, It's really
not that much trouble to
foster one dog.

*Please see article on
page 3.*

Media News—FLEXIBLE NYLABONES

The Tale of the Flexi- ble Nylabone

Our first indication of problems occurred in December of 2000 when our 9 month old baby, Zack, began to be lethargic. This seemed impossible, to us, as Zack is one of those 110% go dogs all the time. I'm sure, as all of you are familiar with bostons, as to what I am referring to. Zack then started throwing up a lot and we decided to take him to the vet. X-rays were performed and he seemed to have a mass in his stomach that may have been causing the problem. This had all occurred on Friday.

Dr. Timm decided to wait the night after Zack had been treated with barium to see if there was any change in his condition. Saturday morning Zack's condition was worst so exploratory surgery was preformed.

What was found was a seven eights inch, round piece of flexible plastic. This foreign body also had small protuberances on it. Around this mass was a string that had become attached to it. The mass was in Zack's stomach and the string led down into his intestines. Every time he would move or do any digesting the string would act as a saw cutting his internal organs.

Dr. Timm told us that if we had not brought him in he would not have survived the weekend. Zack, now has a five and a half inch scar on his stomach where Dr. Timm had to incise in order to open up his stomach and small intestine. I must say that Dr. Timm England is a fine surgeon as our little guy came through with flying colors. He has had a complete recovery.

For a long time we have

given our dogs the flexible soft nylabone with the small protuberances on them as they were the absolute best at keeping our dog's teeth white as a newly washed sheet. These plastic bones also kept the dogs from chewing on other items around the house. All flexible nylabones were expelled from our house after this incident. Barbara and I both thought we had rid ourselves and our other three bostons of a threat to their lives.

An unfortunate reoccurrence

We had really thought we had gotten through this incident very luckily, but time would prove us wrong! Zack was fine, although not unscarred, we had our baby back, and we knew the demon and had rid ourselves of it.

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Zack today

We are on the web !
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The North Texas Boston Terrier Club, Inc. Rescue of today is one that is dedicated to educating the general public about making good choices when selecting a breed and, secondly, the right Boston for their situation. Over 600 Boston Terriers have been successfully adopted to loving homes since the mid 1990's. It is through hard work and dedication to this very active and amusing breed that this organization can contribute its successes. "Thank you" to all of you who believe in recycling

Media News—FLEXIBLE NYLABONES

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Dottie

Six months later, June, our ten year old Dottie dog became lethargic, started throwing up ?????? Does this sound familiar ????. We took her to, guess who, Dr. Timm, on Saturday and he manipulated her stomach to see if there was evidence of any thing. While he was out of the room she threw up a three quarter inch piece of plastic. We brought her home with some medication and were told to observe her to see if she would do better by the next day. The doctor preformed emergency surgery on Sunday and found two pieces of the afore mentioned material in her intestines. This material had been floating around in her system for six months because we had gotten rid of every thing

flexible six months previously. Now, Dottie, has a four-inch incision that Dr. Timm had to make so he could explore her small intestinal track. At the time I am writing this Dottie is doing fine and is expected to have a full recovery. We do however wonder about the other two bostons that lived with us at the time.

In our opinion, the softer nylabones should be removed from the market place. Through research on the internet we have also found that we were not alone in our experience. We both wonder how many dogs have died with no one the wiser.

A Must Say

After Zack's complications, Barbara, went on an "inform the world crusade". She talks to any one that

will listen to our story.

Surprisingly she called Nylabone, not to rage at them, but just to relate to them that she thought their product was a threat to dogs health and should be removed from shelves. Believe it or not, but Nylabone asked her to send the receipts and they would pay for Zack's medical bills. Within a week we received a check. Now, they plan to pay for Dottie's also.

Please-we believe these products are dangerous, especially to smaller dogs. They can be bitten off and swallowed. They have a tendency to attract hair and string. They do not digest.

Thanks for listening
Roy & Barbara Kimmons



Dottie Today.