

Boston Terrier News

May/June 2006

Club News:

Rescue Crisis!

Our Rescue group is danger of being shut down due to the lack of Foster homes. At this time, we only have 1 Foster parent, and she will not be accepting any more dogs after the one she has is adopted.

As many of you know, Foster homes are the backbone of any rescue group. All dogs that are rescued need to spend some time in a foster home until they are adopted.

If you have ever considered fostering, why don't you give it a try by taking on 1 dog. Our club will provide you with support & guidance in all aspects of the fostering process.

Contact Barbara Kimmons at btrescue@texasbostons.com if you would like to become a foster parent.



Barkley, BTRNT Mascot

July 30th Deadline for Submitting Photos for 2007 Calendar

The July 30th deadline for submitting your favorite photos for the 2007 Rescue calendar is fast approaching. You may submit photos by US Mail or by email.



Mail your entry the old fashioned way, photo size 4 x 6 or larger, along with a \$5.00 entry fee to :

NTBTC Rescue
P.O. Box 381974
Duncanville, TX 75138-1974

Or, you can email a photo, not under 100 kb in size to:

btrescue
@texasbostons.com.

You may also pay your \$5.00 entry fee via Pay Pal on the website and don't forget to include a brief caption for your photo.

No hard copy photos will be returned unless you provide a SASE.

Last year's calendar was beautiful and we expect this year's to be even better so send your photo's today. And remember that all proceeds go directly toward the rescue & care of needy Boston's in the

North Texas area.

Special thanks to Chip Chebuhar and David Torok at **Padgett Printing Company** for volunteering to print our calendar free of charge.

Club members, please support the wonderful people at Padgett by referring them to anyone you know who might need their services.

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Success Stories

Dogs Adopted:

Special

Chewy

Daisy





Gabbi

Foster Homes Needed!

Can You Help?



Dogs Currently Available For Adoption

	<p>Chase is a one & a half yr old male that has had to live outside all his life. He is a sweet boy that needs someone to give him lots of love & attention that he has never had. He loves to run & play. He is current on shots & heartworm preventative & is neutered & ready to go to his new home.</p>
	<p>Leo is about 9 mos old & 17 lbs. He was surrendered because his owners couldn't afford to treat his eye that had an ulceration on it. He is current on shots, Heartworm neg & ready for adoption.</p>
	<p>Baxter is a 10 yr old neutered male. His foster mom say's he is great. He gets along well with there other dogs & just loves to be in your lap & be petted.. He weighs about 19 lbs & is current on shots & heartworm preventative.</p>
	<p>April is a two yr old female that has Demodex Mange. She has no hair except a little on her head. She will need several dips to get her over it before she can be spayed so she isn't available right now. She will be with us for a while under going all that needs to be done to her.</p>
<p>Also available: Spike</p>	

We would like to invite all members and non-members to join us at our monthly meeting. It is held on every first Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm.

The location is:

**Metroplex Veterinary Clinic,
700 Airport Freeway,
Irving, TX
Tel: 972-438-7113 or
Metro: 972-445-1520**



The North Texas Boston Terrier Club, Inc & Boston Terrier Rescue of North Texas are dedicated to educating the general public about making good choices when selecting a breed, and secondly selecting 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 success.

Thank you to all of you who believe in "Recycling Love."

Rescue Committee

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Barbara Kimmons
Joan Pasek

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Sharon Hass
Lynn Russell

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Terry Russell: President
Barbara kimmons: Vice President
Valerie Fontenot: Treasurer
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Spring Fling Fundraiser a Success!

A big Thank You to all who attended our Spring Fling fundraiser. We raised just under \$600 for Rescue.

We had a few minor disagreements, but all in all everyone had a good time. It



was fun seeing so many spoiled rotten Boston's and their humans in one place. See below for a great example of a Spoiled

Rotten Boston:



Spoiled Rotten!!

Terry and Glenda provided the brisket again and as



usual it was delicious as were the side items furnished by atten-

dees. Thank you Terry & Glenda and all who brought food

Thanks to those who stayed afterwards for clean up. After all the hard work & fun, we all just wanted to collapse on a



Collapsed on Table



Laura Chebuhar & Bandit

Chip and Laura Chebuhar made a donation to Rescue in memory of Buster and Bandit



Chip Chebuhar & Buster

Adopt a Senior Dog

Adopt a Senior Dog

"Old dogs, like old shoes, are comfortable.

They might be a bit out of shape and a little worn around the edges, but they fit well."

Who should adopt a senior dog?

- Anyone who doesn't feel they are ready for the challenges of raising a puppy
- Anyone who just wants a companion dog
- Anyone who has a schedule that would not accommodate a puppy

Senior dogs can make great "first dogs"

Anyone who is willing to give the care necessary for owing a senior dog

Anyone who is willing to give and receive unconditional devotion and love!

Vaccine Frequency

Controversy surrounds the subject of how often to vaccinate our pets, even among vets. Below is one opinion.

CANINE VACCINATION PROTOCOL – 2005 MINIMAL VACCINE USE

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The following vaccine protocol is offered for those dogs where minimal vaccinations are advisable or desirable. The schedule is one I recommend and should not be interpreted to mean that other protocols recommended by a veterinarian would be less satisfactory. It's a matter of professional judgment and choice.

Age of Pups	Vaccine Type
9 - 10 weeks	Distemper + Parvovirus, MLV (e.g. Intervet Progard Puppy DPV)
14 weeks	Same as above
16 -18 weeks (optional)	Same as above
20 weeks or older, if allowable by law	Rabies
1 year	Distemper + Parvovirus, MLV
1 year	Rabies, killed 3-year product (give 3-4 weeks <i>apart</i> from distemper/parvovirus booster)

Perform vaccine antibody titers for distemper and parvovirus annually thereafter. Vaccinate for rabies virus according to the law, except where circumstances indicate that a written waiver needs to be obtained from the primary care veterinarian. In that case, a rabies antibody titer can also be performed to accompany the waiver request.

W. Jean Dodds, DVM

Vaccinations—Another Opinion

I found the following information on the Internet at <http://www.vetinfo4dogs.com/dogvacc.html>. Dr Mike Richards, DVM does a very good job of describing 4 views on the frequency of vaccination for dogs. Go to the address above to read Dr. Richards vaccination methodology.

At the present time there is no universally accepted vaccination protocol for dogs or cats. Veterinarians are really divided over the best way to vaccinate. These are the main camps:

1) Vets who think that vaccinations should be given every year. Their logic:

- a) The labels say to do that and following label directions lessens liability.
- b) There isn't much published information in refereed (scientifically reviewed) journals that refutes the once yearly vaccination schedule.
- c) It is the way things have always been done and there is an obvious decrease in distemper, parvovirus, etc, so why stop something that is working?
- d) Bacterial vaccines (leptospirosis, Bordetellosis, possibly Lyme disease) are not noted for long term protection – they may not even provide a year's protection – so these vaccines may be necessary yearly or more often if they are necessary in a particular area.

2) Vets who think that vaccines should be extended to every three years. Their logic:

- a) It is obvious that some dogs react badly to vaccinations, either at the time they are given or several weeks later by experiencing immune mediated hemolytic anemia (IMHA). There is a documented rise in the cases of IMHA for the month following vaccination in dogs but it is a slight rise – just barely enough to be statistically significant. Therefore, it seems important to give vaccinations only as often as is necessary.
- b) There isn't enough information to tell how long vaccines really last (see b above) BUT it seems pretty obvious they last longer than one year – so every three years seems like a reasonable bet. It is likely the vaccines last that long just based on clinical experience alone and it cuts down some on the reactions to extend the interval to every three years.
- c) The veterinary schools and organizations have settled on every three years as a good compromise between what is known and not known, for the most part, so there is support for this approach in the literature, making it fairly safe from a liability standpoint.
- d) The duration of immunity provided by vaccinations probably varies from one vaccine to the next, depending on the strain of virus/bacteria used, the adjuvants used in the vaccine and the production methods – therefore, until each vaccine is tested for duration of action, it will be hard to make blanket judgments about how long vaccine intervals should be.

3) Vets who think that it is OK to go to much longer vaccination intervals based on the available information which is primarily derived from unpublished studies that have been widely publicized at meetings and other information sources, but who believe strongly in the value of vaccination. Their logic:

- a) This information can be found despite its non-published status. The researchers are respectable within the profession.
- b) It is highly likely that parvovirus vaccine provides lifelong immunity and that distemper vaccine provides protection for more 5 to 7 years. It is reasonable to assume that other vaccinations for viral illnesses work as well.
- c) Vaccines can cause harm. Therefore, the individual risk to a particular illness AND of the vaccine should be compared for each individual patient and a vaccine schedule designed to fit the patient's needs. By doing this, the veterinarian is serving the best interest of the patient. With this in mind – there will always be room for controversy about vaccine intervals if the logic of this argument is persuasive – but it still could work out to be the best approach for most patients.
- d) Liability arguments don't seem to have much effect on this group of vets but that might change if pets are accorded a status somewhere between property and humans and things like "pain and suffering" are allowed in law suits concerning pets. Currently, this isn't the case in most states but is being considered in several localities.

4) **Vets who think that all vaccines are bad.** I have to admit that I can't come up with any good logical reasons for vets to think this way, so it is hard for me to provide the logic that these vets use, unless it is simply that they have experienced some bad reactions and haven't been through a parvovirus, distemper, leptospirosis, etc. epidemic in their practice area.

Mike Richards, DVM
8/6/2003

Foster Parents Needed!

Please consider becoming a foster parent. We only have one foster home and are unable to accept any more dogs.

Thank You for Services

Dr. Timm England, Dr. Kevin Stehn & staff at the Cedar Hill Vet Clinic

Dr. Anna Marie Gardner

Carrollton Animal Clinic

Thank You For Monetary Donations:

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