

# Boston Terrier News

## Club News:

November/December 2005

### Fall Picnic a Success!

Thank you to all the devoted Boston lovers who, despite the cold weather, attended our Fall Picnic & helped to make it a success. We raised \$484 and had lots of fun doing it.

As always, the costume parade & contest was the highlight of the event. We had a long line of contestants including Darth Vader, Yoda, a lion king, a basketball player, and my personal favorites, 2 prima ballerinas.



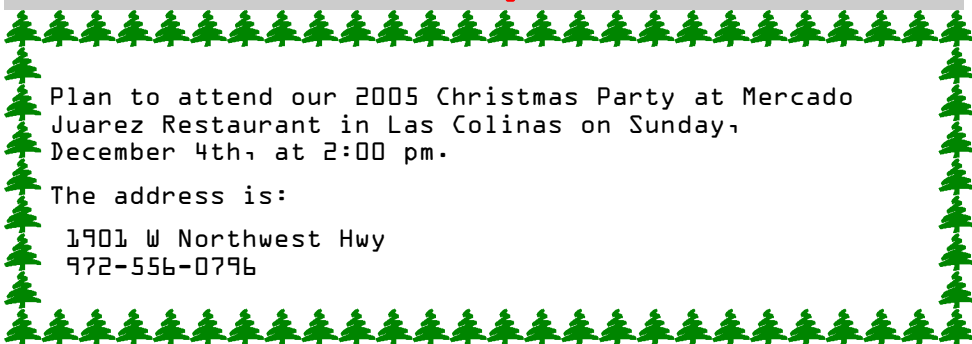
Ballerinas, Dawn & Freida Fontenot

Choosing a winner wasn't an easy task, but after multiple votes, the prize was awarded to not 1, but 3 young ladies from the same family, all dressed up in the cutest little dresses (1 in a poodle skirt).

Everyone loved the Brisket that Terry Bowling graciously donated & cooked and we had lots of delicious side dishes. Thank you Terry & Glenda Bowling for the brisket & everyone who brought food & drinks.

We didn't sell as many calendars as anticipated, so please plan to purchase one or more as soon as possible. You may make your purchase on the website, or call the club at 214-746-7913. Don't forget that they make excellent Christmas & Birthday gifts and the purchase price goes to a great cause.

## 2005 Christmas Party December 4th



Plan to attend our 2005 Christmas Party at Mercado Juarez Restaurant in Las Colinas on Sunday, December 4th, at 2:00 pm.

The address is:

1901 W Northwest Hwy  
972-556-0796

### MEMBERS !

Don't forget to pay your annual dues by **December 31st**  
\$15.00 for individual or \$20.00 for family.

Mail to:

**Sandy Linsen**  
810 Little Creek Dr.  
Euless, TX 76039



**Barkley, BTRNT Mascot**

read his story at [www.texasbostons.com](http://www.texasbostons.com)

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### Success Stories








**Dogs Adopted:**

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Phoebe  
Joey

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## Dogs Currently Available For Adoption

	<p><b>Owen</b> is ten months old. He came to Boston Rescue because his owners could not care for him. Owen is a high energy dog who enjoys going for long walks and playing fetch.</p>
	<p><b>Jake</b> Is a 24 lb 2 yr old that is current on everything &amp; is ready to go. He is very friendly &amp; loves attention</p>
	<p><b>Virgil</b> is a great boy. He gets along with everyone, &amp; has a great personality. He is about 3yrs old &amp; weighs about 12 lbs.</p>
	<p><b>Special</b> is a 1 yr old neutered male &amp; current on shots &amp; heartworm preventative. Special does well with dogs that aren't terribly submissive. He is, however, a great people dog. He has never shown any aggression to people or children.</p>
	<p><b>Jasmine</b> is a six yr old spayed female. She is current on everything &amp; ready for adoption. Her previous home was divorced &amp; her playmate died a few days ago so she is grieving. She is a sweet girl &amp; likes to be petted. She will need some time to get adjusted to a new home.</p>
	<p><b>Bindle</b> is a neutered male that is current on shots &amp; is going to start heartworm treatment Aug 8th. He's approximately 3 years old. He was picked up off of a highway and brought to the vet clinic where his foster mom works. Bindle is a very loving dog who enjoys being with people.</p>
	<p><b>Jack:</b> I was told that Jack is a Boston Terrier/Chihuahua mix. He is full of energy and gets along well with other dogs. However, because he was shifted around so much before I rescued him, he is a little nervous and I would not recommend him to a family with children. Even though Jack has some issues, I really don't feel that they are severe. His little life has been full of disappointment and abandonment. He will be fine once he finds that perfect person to show him that humans can be trusted.</p>
	<p><b>Bojangles</b> is about 2 yrs old &amp; 17 lbs. He is good with dogs, cats &amp; everyone. He can sit &amp; stay. . His foster mom says he is the greatest dog.</p>
	<p><b>Chewy</b> is a wonderful little guy. Very friendly &amp; about 15 lbs. He is 2 yrs old &amp; is current on shots &amp; Heartworm Preventative.</p>
	<p><b>Hannah</b> came to Boston Rescue from east of Dallas. She came to us scared, with fleas, hookworms, kennel cough and heart worm positive. Once Hannah is well she will be spayed and thirty days later treated for heart worms. After that she will be ready to be adopted. She is getting along fine with other dogs, cats, and children.</p>
	<p><b>Daisy</b> is about 8 yrs old &amp; a real sweetheart. She gets along well with everyone including cats. She weighs 17 lbs</p>
	<p><b>Zorro</b> is a 1 yr old male that will be neutered &amp; then will undergo heartworm treatment. Zorro is a sweet and loving boy who seems to get along with every size dog. He is active, loves to give kisses, he is also an attention hog.</p>
	<p><b>Baxter</b> Is a 10 yr old neutered male. His foster mom say's he is great. He gets along well with there other dogs &amp; just loves to be in your lap &amp; be petted.</p>

	<u>Sarafina</u> Is a 7/8 yr old spayed female. She came from a puppy mill & has been producing puppy's all her life. She needs a loving home to live out the rest of her life, someone that has time to give to this deserving girl.
	<u>Sam</u> : Short for Samantha I think came from the shelter after her human died. She gets along with other dogs & is good with children.
	<u>Raphael</u> : is a high energy dog that loves to play & get attention. He is current on everything & weighs about 20 lbs.
	<u>Mick</u> : This guy is a big lover. He wants love & attention but he can also lay on the couch by himself. He gets along well with the other dogs & would make anyone a wonderful pet.
	<u>Cookie</u> : is a 8 month old female. She is a high energy dog that loves to play & loves to snuggle & she gets along with most dogs. She weighs about 13 lbs.
	<u>Macy</u> : is beautiful 5 year old spayed brindle who needs to be an only dog. At just 16 pounds, she fits perfectly in your lap - where she likes to spend a lot of time snuggling.
	<u>Mercedes</u> has demodex & her previous owner could not afford to treat her. She tried over the counter medications & this is the condition she got in before she called us. She is seven months old now & has had one neg scrape so she will get one more dip then be spayed & will be ready for adoption about the first of Dec.

## Thank You!!

### Thank You to Our Foster Parents:

Fred & Sarah Krimmelbein

Kelly & Casey Bassett

Denise Bell

Yvette Dobbins

Neisha Maraffi

Gwen Vandervort



Become a Foster Parent,  
Its Rewarding!

### Thank You For Monetary Donations:

Denise Murphy  
Linda & Jean Tracy  
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Shirley & Philip Gilchrest  
Patti Parnell  
Lisa Murphy

### Thank You

Dr. Timm England, Dr. Kevin Stehn & staff at  
the Cedar Hill Vet Clinic  
Dr. Anna Marie Gardner  
Carrollton Animal Clinic

#### 2005 Officers

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## Eye Problems in Boston Terriers

There are almost 20 different eye diseases known to be hereditary that occur in the Boston Terrier (Dr. George Padgett's "Control of Genetic Disease").

The Boston Terrier Club of America recommends that CERF (Canine Eye Registration Foundation) exams be given every year.



CERF is an organization that was founded by a group of concerned, purebred owner/breeders who recognized that the quality of their dog's lives were being affected by heritable eye disease.

CERF was then established in conjunction with cooperating, board certified, veterinary ophthalmologists, as a means to accomplish the goal of elimination of heritable eye disease in all purebred dogs by forming a centralized, national registry. (taken from the CERF website at <http://www.vmdb.org/history.html>)

If you don't want to have CERF exams every year, do it before every breeding or in any year you breed your Boston Terrier. This should ensure that you don't pass a serious eye disease on to the puppies. Also make sure that all puppies are

CERFed before they go to their new homes. This practice will help reduce the number of genetic eye diseases in the breed.

Below are some eye problems in the Boston Terrier according to the 2000 Health Survey of 1,903 dogs. This information was obtained from an article on the Boston Terrier Club of America Health website.

### Corneal Ulcers

Corneal Ulcers are the #1 eye problem in Boston Terriers. According to the 2000 Boston Terrier Health Survey consisting of 1,903 dogs 1 in 10 dogs will develop a corneal ulcer during its lifetime. Corneal ulcers are caused by injury to the eye that doesn't heal. Irritation from eyelashes or facial hair, infection, dry eyes, & glaucoma can prevent an eye injury from healing.

Corneal ulcers can be difficult & very expensive to treat & often result in the loss of the eye.

### Early Onset Cataracts

Early onset cataracts appear at a young age & can lead to blindness in both eyes. They can be surgically removed, but the operation is expensive. Appx 2.4% of Boston Terriers have early onset cataracts & as many as 2.6% could be carriers of this trait, however, no genetic test is available so true numbers are not known.

### Late Onset Cataracts

Appx 9% of Boston Terriers are affected. Breeding older dogs with clear eyes is the

best way to avoid passing this to puppy.

### Cherry Eye

Cherry Eye occurs in about 6% of Boston Terriers. It is a congenital defect that has breed disposition. Cause is unknown.

### Corneal Dystrophy

Caused by a fluid build-up that causes the cornea to appear white. May spread to the entire cornea. Can cause a corneal ulcer that is hard to treat.

### Glaucoma

Affects about 1% of Boston Terriers. Caused by pressure build-up in the eyes & can result in blindness.

### Distichiasis

Condition where hairs are abnormally placed on the inner surface of the eye lid. Can cause eye irritation & corneal ulcers. Solution is usually removal of hairs.

### Entropion

Less than 1% of Boston Terriers are affected by this condition in which the lower lid margins roll inward causing hair to rub against the eyeball. Can cause a reddened irritated eyes, severe infections & deep corneal ulcers. Believed to be an inherited condition. Simple surgery can remedy the problem.

### Keratitis Sicca

Another name for "dry eye" & occurs in 1 of 50 Bostons. It results in painful eye infections. Believed to be inherited.

**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.**

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## Braggs

Our club secretary, Sandy Linsen, has a new champion, Julie. Julie is Sandy's 15th champion, her full name being, Champion Sandy Rae's Jewel by Wynd-song. At one show, Julie won over the top Boston in the country for Best of Breed.

Julie's half sister, Bonnie (Sandy Rae's Texas Bluebonnet) just needs 1 major win in order to become a champion. Bonnie's next show is in Garland on December 2nd-5th.

Good Luck to you Bonnie & Sandy!

points by defeating other dogs of the same breed and sex. Also, the dog has to have at least two majors. Majors are obtained by again, defeating other dogs, but it takes a larger entry of dogs that they must defeat to obtain a 3, 4, or 5 point major. The other points are earned 1 or 2 at a time.

Then, some of the Champions are entered to try to win Best of Breed & placement in the Groups. Bostons are part of the Non Sporting Group. There are 7 groups.

A dog show is a process of elimination. The show ends up with one dog of any breed getting Best in Show.

Many people make their living by being professional handlers. They show numerous dogs of any AKC breeds all day long.

Each breed has a breed standard. Dogs are judged as to how well they compare to the standard for their breed.

**FYI: What it takes to become a**

**Champion:** It takes 15 points to become a Champion. A dog gets its

## Responsible Breeding

Before you breed your dog, please consider the following, taken from the North Texas Boston Terrier Club website:

No human should ever breed any dog without veterinary/laboratory testing and pedigree research to be sure that dog is free of (and not a carrier of) genetic defects.

**FAILURE TO TEST/SEARCH FOR INHERITABLE HEALTH**

**PROBLEMS IS THE NUMBER ONE MARK OF A BACKYARD BREEDER.**

**IT IS ALSO THE MOST DAMAGING TO CANINES, AND THE MOST HEARTBREAKING TO PUPPY-BUYERS, WHO END UP WITH YET ANOTHER GENERATION OF POOR-QUALITY DOGS WHO TOO OFTEN DEVELOP EXPENSIVE, EARLY HEALTH PROBLEMS AND OFTEN DIE PREMATURELY.**

Many people don't consider this

before breeding & honestly are not aware of the harm they are causing. Others, unfortunately do and breed only to make money from puppies sold, regardless of the puppy's health & ultimate fate.

The poem below gives a good illustration of the mind-set of a responsible breeder. If you are not ready for this level of commitment, please don't breed!

Visit the North Texas Boston Terrier Club website to read more

about breeding responsibly & finding a responsible breeder.

<http://www.texasbostons.com/pages/A%20COMPARISON%20OF.htm>



## Dog Show

**December 2nd through 5th  
Garland, TX**

For more information, contact North Texas Boston Terrier Club at 214-746-7913

## A Breeder

- A Breeder (with a capital B) is one who thirsts for knowledge and never really knows it all, one who wrestles with decisions of conscience, convenience, and commitment.
- A Breeder is one who sacrifices personal interests, finances, time, friendships, fancy furniture, and deep pile carpeting! She gives up the dreams of a long, luxurious cruise in favor of turning that all important Show into this years "vacation".
- The Breeder goes without sleep (but never without coffee or hot tea!) in hours spent planning a breeding or watching anxiously over the birth process, and afterwards, over every little sneeze, wiggle or cry.
- The Breeder skips dinner parties because that litter is due or the babies have to be fed at eight.
- She disregards birth fluids and puts mouth to mouth to save a gasping newborn, literally blowing life into a tiny, helpless creature that may be the culmination of a lifetime of dreams.
- A Breeders lap is a marvelous place where generations of proud and noble champions once snoozed.
- A Breeders hands are strong and firm and often soiled, but ever so gentle and sensitive to the thrusts of a puppy's wet nose.
- A Breeders back and knees are usually arthritic from stooping, bending, and sitting in the birthing box, but are strong enough to enable the breeder to Show the next choice pup to a Championship.
- A Breeders shoulders are stooped and often heaped with abuse from competitors, but they're wide enough to support the weight of a thousand defeats and frustrations.
- A Breeders arms are always able to wield a mop, support an armful of puppies, or lend a helping hand to a newcomer.
- A Breeders ears are wondrous things, sometimes red (from being talked about) or strangely shaped (from being pressed against a phone receiver), often deaf to criticism, yet always fine-tuned to the whimper of a sick puppy.
- A Breeders eyes are blurred from pedigree research and sometimes blind to her own dog's faults, but they are ever so keen to the competitions faults and are always searching for the perfect specimen.
- A Breeders brain is foggy on faces, but it can recall pedigrees faster than an IBM computer. It's so full of knowledge that sometimes it blows a fuse: it catalogues thousands of good boning, fine ears, and perfect heads... and buries in the soul the failures and the ones that didn't turn out.
- The Breeders heart is often broken, but it beats strongly with hope everlasting... and it's always in the right place !
- Oh, yes, there are breeders, and then, there are ... BREEDERS !...