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The B.T. Barker

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Letter From The President

Hi Everyone. I would like to thank everyone for the great turn out at the picnic this year, and all the great help we got. It was a fun event and it was great to put names to faces. I look forward to doing this again next year and hope to get more doggie games and just have a ton of people and dogs there.

It is getting close to Halloween and there are a lot of things to be careful of. Make sure to keep track of all the candy especially the chocolate because that can be deadly to dogs of all sizes. With all the activity, dogs can get out and get lost and that would be very scary for them. Also when you have a lot of activity at the door it can set a little terrier dog off and bad things can happen. I always crate my dogs until all the small children have stopped ringing the door bell and it is safe for them to come out. If a child gets bit, you have a huge problem on your hands and no one wants that to happen. Have a fun and safe Halloween.

There has been a change on the board. I would like to announce that Cain Bautista has agreed to join the board and has taken the VP spot. Cain comes to us with a lot of shelter experience, holds our values high and is always willing to go the extra mile. Cain will hopefully bring new ideas to the board and help keep us fresh and up to date with the younger people that are coming into the rescue now. Cain and his wife Tammy have always helped make sure that dogs got moved and events got taken care of on the "dark" side of the state of Michigan (ha-ha). Tammy has also been taking some foster photos and has a great eye for excellent photography. I hope you all join me in giving Cain a warm welcome to the board of directors.

Midwest has had over 250 bostons adopted this year and it is giving no indication of slowing down. It is a constant struggle to keep up with the demand of dogs needing homes and the applications. People that do not

think that things move fast enough have to understand that there is only so much time in a day and everyone is doing the best that they can. It is not easy, trying to match up the dogs with the right families and all the work in-between. It is in everyone's best interest to adopt the dogs out as fast as we can but it is not in the dogs best interest to not do it right, because they will come back. We always have room for volunteers that have extra time to make phone calls - just email one of us on the board to express your interest.

I hope everyone had a great summer and will have a great fall. I love the fall colors and love to take my bostons on rides to sightsee. Remember that crating or securing your dogs in some way is the safest way for them to travel and that way everyone arrives safely. Hope to see you soon. Thank you all!

Gwen Eder
MWBTR President & Founder





Raymond's Top Ten Reasons to Attend the MWBTR Picnic Next Time

1. Get to know all these great folks that help us dogs out. There's bound to be some sucker there feeding us hot dogs... gotta watch for the softies...

2. Food. Oh my goodness. Food everywhere... on the tables for those that counter surf... on the floor (little kids dropping stuff...)... in the trash can for those of you that like to dine a la carte...

3. Photos. Undoubtedly there will be SOMEONE there taking pics of us cute dogs. Even oldies like me can be made to look noble and handsome... Tammy's really good at it... chicks dig pictures...

4. The smells... OH, the smells... other dogs' butts, food, fresh air with the smell of the grills and fire pits wafting over your nose... just heavenly...

5. Dead things. This year we had it at a campground. You can ALWAYS find something dead to roll in... or eat...

6. Did I mention the food??????????

7. Laughing at silly humans. OH my, they oogle us and "oooooh" and "aaahhhh" over every cute little black and white face there... OH, the faces they make... never hold up a mirror or they might quit. It really is rather funny. Bust a gut laughing at these folks... heehee...

8. Showing off. Hey, these other mutts roaming around this campground... well, they can't hold a CANDLE to us smush faced BTs. If you need an ego boost, you can get it here.

9. Training. OH yeah. Teach your master how to be a "good boy." Oh wait, the training was to teach US how to be good boys... well... maybe next year we can put a new spin on THAT one.

10. Last but not least... the food.

- Pat Parker



BE RESPONSIBLE -
SPAY OR NEUTER
YOUR PET!

Editor's Note

I was unable to participate in the picnic this year (sad), but I heard that everyone had a blast! I hope that next year I will be able to attend and get to know people more and more.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter. We are highlighting Bert in our foster spotlight section, so be sure to check them out. We also have the Profit and Loss statement for the first half of this year (interesting!).

Please forward any questions or comments to mwbtr_newsletter@yahoo.com.

- Kristin Kolenko

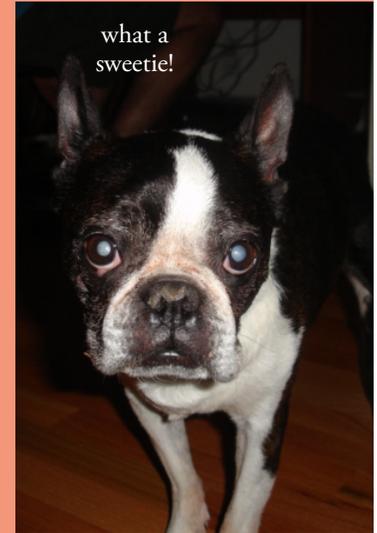
Remembering A Friend - Duke



IN MEMORY: Duke came to us as our very first foster dog. He came from a house where his owner was old with dementia, and had not had proper care. He walked right in to our house and our hearts with a big old smile. I spent the first two nights with him on the floor holding him as he was shaking. He was mostly blind, and did not know where he was. He was underweight, had floating patellas with very weak back legs.

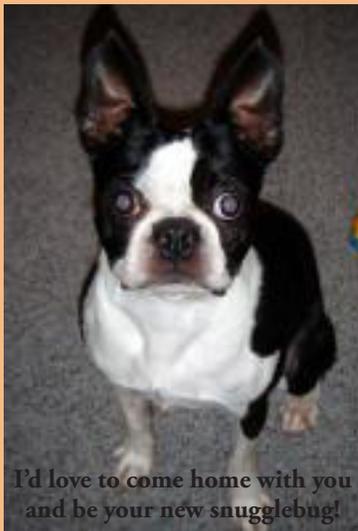
His nose fell off in pieces from time to time. But, he did not seem to care. He enjoyed every moment of his life. He was in love with our old beagle; he sat next to her and licked her all day. He would stand guard while you were in the shower. When our beloved Maggy was put to sleep, Duke lay next to her and gave her kisses as she passed over the rainbow bridge. He would fall down, hurt or not, get back up and live. In the end, he

had seizures, had pain, and could not control his bowels/bladder. But, he still was happy and joyous to us. He taught my husband who suffers with severe sarcoidosis in his lungs how to be strong when you are disabled. In the end, we are not sure if we needed him more than he needed us. It was an honor to have him as part of our family.



- Theresa Lambert

Foster Spotlight



Shining the light on: Bert

Age: Not completely sure, but around 6

Location: West Michigan

Likes: Ropes, Tug of war, Fetch, giving kisses, KONG FRISBEE

Dislikes: Stuffed animals (well he likes them... to death), running

Home Preference: No small children please (8 and under)

Special Requirements / Needs: Eats half wet food and half dry, as he has some stomach irritation if he only has dry food

You might be interested to know: Bert takes a little time to settle into a new home, but in time become a very loyal, affectionate dog. He walks well on a leash, but would prefer to play fetch in the backyard. He tolerates other dogs, but would rather play with his foster mom and dad. He loves wrestling on the floor and being scratched. He snorts and snores like any good Boston Terrier!

Been with MWBTR since: December 23, 2007



- Laura Roede

Profit & Loss Statement

Jan - Jun 08

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| 4100 · Adoption Fees | 36,565.00 |
| 4300 · Fundraising Income | |
| Calendar | 145.00 |
| 4300 · Fundraising Income - Other | 6,510.27 |
| Total 4300 · Fundraising Income | 6,655.27 |
| 4400 · Application Fees | 4,920.00 |
| 4500 · Donation | 14,405.77 |

Total Income 62,546.04

Gross Profit 62,546.04

Expense

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Fosters- Medical | 75.00 |
| 6001 · Bank Service Charge | |
| 6021 · Pay Pal Fees | 202.51 |
| 6001 · Bank Service Charge - Other | 124.30 |
| Total 6001 · Bank Service Charge | 326.81 |
| 6003 · Dog Supplies | 899.60 |
| 6004 · Fundraising Purchasing | 778.00 |
| 6007 · Office Expense | 3,662.71 |
| 6008 · Postage & Delivery | 372.30 |
| 6009 · Printing - Reproduction | 200.00 |
| 6011 · Pull Fee | 1,628.62 |
| 6013 · Vet Expense | |
| 6014 · Spay or Neuter | 8,035.53 |
| 6015 · Routine Care | 19,341.49 |
| 6015.1 · Micro Chipping | 34.00 |
| 6016 · Chronic Conditions | 1,342.01 |
| 6017 · Treatable conditions | 18,188.32 |
| 6018 · Surgery Non- Life Theatening | 55.00 |
| 6019 · Emergency Care | 621.66 |
| 6013 · Vet Expense - Other | 2,141.68 |
| Total 6013 · Vet Expense | 49,759.69 |
| 6024 · Transport Expense | 407.37 |
| Total Expense | 58,110.10 |

Net Ordinary Income 4,435.94

Other Income/Expense

Other Income

Spay & Neuter Deposits 335.00

Total Other Income 335.00

Net Other Income 335.00

Net Income 4,770.94



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