



# Rescue 911

## THE 411 ON BOSTON TERRIER RESCUE CANADA!

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### Janie — Perseverance Despite the Odds

#### President's Update



BTRC President  
Kelly Pankatz

As many of you know, I have been involved in rescue for many years. However, this Fall has brought a new experience for me. In September, BTRC took in a homeless female Boston Terrier named **Janie**. She was a sad sight: emaciated to the point where you could count her ribs, in very poor physical condition, with angry-red inflamed skin easily visible through her sparse coat. She was also heavily pregnant. I know — it makes you wonder who could abandon a dog in Janie's physical condition about to whelp.

Shortly after her arrival, Janie free-whelped an astounding seven Boston-mix puppies. Her terrible skin condition was confirmed by her veterinarian as demodex, which was made worse by raging hormones. The confluence of all these factors along with the stress of nursing a large litter while underweight caused all of poor Janie's hair to fall out!

Despite these immense challenges, Janie was friendly, trusting and well-behaved. It's as though she knew her and her babies were finally safe and would get the help and care they all needed. What an amazing Mom she turned out to be — which is good, because that made one of us who knew what she was doing with a bunch of newborn puppies!

The pups, three boys and four girls, are all brindle in colour with long tails. All of them, with the exception of the runt, are above-average in size for Bostons. Guessing the possible breed mix is complicated by the fact that Janie is a bigger girl herself.



Janie: bald and uncomfortable as she battles demodex with a litter of seven puppies.

#### The Cast of Janie's Success Story:

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Seven hungry mouths.



Riggins.



"The Runt".



Proud Momma.

### A Tribute to Oreo — A BTRC Ambassador

On September 12, 2010, we said goodbye to our beloved **Oreo**. He packed a lot of love into 10 years and taught us how wonderful rescue dogs can be. I've realized since he's been gone that for a lot of people Oreo was their first contact with a rescue dog. He had been there from the beginning.

When I first heard about the little Boston puppy in **Michigan** who was heading

for a shelter back in 2000, I was shocked. How could a little puppy end up in such a predicament? I decided right then and there that I could give him a good home and lots of love. I rented a car and drove down to **Ann Arbor** to meet him. **Dozer** was big for 3 months, but he was awfully cute. A quick name change to Oreo and he was mine.

He was all legs and a big square head. I never thought

he would grow into those legs and frankly I was a little scared about what I would end up with when he did. Oreo grew up to be a 35lb Boston — bigger than I had ever seen. I was fortunate to take him with me to work for years and he loved everyone. He was spoiled rotten on a daily basis by my coworkers and he lapped up every minute of it.

Forget me, people would come

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#### POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Last year, BTRC rescued 70 Boston Terriers who have been abandoned, abused, neglected.
- ◆ BTRC has no paid staff — all of our human resources are volunteers from the community.
- ◆ The average cost of veterinary care for a rescued Boston Terrier is \$645.
- ◆ Without fundraising and financial support from the community, BTRC would not be financially capable of helping Boston Terriers in need.

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## Prez Update

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Although otherwise healthy, the litter did contract demodex. While not contagious from one dog to another, or to people or other pets, demodex is passed from the mother to her pups at birth.

Janie's case was extreme, and because the puppies' immune systems have not yet fully developed, it has been necessary to begin treatment. This means that the pups will stay in foster care for an extended period of time until their skin has cleared. Prognosis is excellent, with most puppies recovering and never having another recurrence.

Janie and her puppies have certainly made life interesting (and stressful). However, the joy in watching all of them overcome the odds has been very rewarding. As I am sure you can imagine, Janie and seven puppies have stretched already thin BTRC resources. Please note the easy donation options that are discussed on the bottom of this page. As always, BTRC welcomes your tax deductible donation with our sincere gratitude (*donation information on the bottom of page 3*).

With good nutrition and proper care, Janie's condition continues to improve. Her playful and happy personality has emerged and it's wonderful to see. Now that the puppies are weaned she will move to a new foster home where she will receive all the one-on-one attention she needs and deserves. I sure will miss her. It's been quite an experience we've been through together.

Kelly



## Fundraising & Events Update

What a busy fundraising month it has been for the BTRC! October started out with a bang at our second annual **Bostoberfest** in **Bowmanville, Ontario** on October 2nd. This event brought 100 families to **Superdog Central** to participate in a fun filled day which included an agility trial, a Bobbing Bostons game, a sausage lunch and a variety of raffles. The winner of our Dyson raffle was also announced at this event. Congratulations to our first prize winner, **Nate** from **London, Ontario**. Our second prize winner was **Erin** from **Cambridge, Ontario**. Bostoberfest raised \$1,396.71 for BTRC!

During the month of October, BTRC hosted an online **Scentsy** fundraiser courtesy of our volunteer, **Lesley J.** During October, 100 per cent of Lesley's Scentsy commission was donated to BTRC for little **Motley's** orthopedic surgery (you can read about Motly in the last edition of **Rescue 911**). Scentsy is a beautiful and safe wickless alternative to traditional candles will awesome scents like Sweet Pea and Vanilla and French Lavender.

In November we will be continuing our fundraising for Motley's surgery with a **Regal** fundraiser starting on November 8th, 2010. Visit [www.bostonterrierrescuecanada.shopregal.ca](http://www.bostonterrierrescuecanada.shopregal.ca) and get your Christmas shopping done early.

Finally, we wrapped up the month with our fifth annual **Boston Scarier Howloween Party** featuring Boston Terriers of all shapes and sizes who arrived wearing fantastic costumes. Some memorable alter egos included a lamb, a California roll, a bottle of soy sauce, Snow White, Elvis, and Poocho Libre. Fifty-eight families attended this event and raised \$399.15 for Boston Terrier Rescue Canada.

Thank you to everyone for attending our events this month. We hope to see you in November and December at **Winter Woofstock** on November 27th and 28th at the **Direct Energy Centre** and at our **Holiday Meetup** on December 12th at **Urban Dog** (all three events are in **Toronto, Ontario**). For more information about our events, please contact [events@bostonterrierrescuecanada.com](mailto:events@bostonterrierrescuecanada.com)

Also, remember we are always looking for donations of prizes or loot for our event gift bags. Please let us know if you have a pet friendly business and would like to donate.



Jake at the Boston Scarrier Howloween Party looking less-than-impressed with his amazing costume!

## Two Easy Ways to Donate to BTRC!

Our ongoing fundraising efforts are not limited to raising money to support rescued dogs across Canada. BTRC also has an ongoing **Canadian Tire "Money"** drive and a new program in place to collect **HBC Reward Points**. We use these loyalty program rewards to purchase supplies for our foster dogs such as crates, leashes, beds and toys.

① Please consider collecting and forwarding **Canadian Tire "Money"** to Boston Terrier Rescue Canada at:

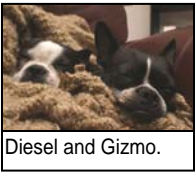
Box 153, Nottawa, Ontario L0M 1P0



② HBC Points earned while shopping at **The Bay, Zellers** and **Home Outfitters** can be donated to BTRC — instructions were included in the last edition of **Rescue 911**. You can also email us for instructions at [treasurerbtrc@live.ca](mailto:treasurerbtrc@live.ca).



## Happy Tail—A BTRC Television Star is Born



Diesel and Gizmo.

We would like to take the time to thank Boston Terrier Rescue Canada for our wonderful boy, **Diesel**.

Diesel adopted us in September of 2007 and although he was a bit unruly and needed some training, we loved him from the moment we got him. So did his best friend and new sister **Gizmo**.

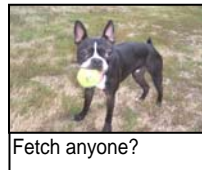
We took Diesel to obedience class to work on manners and he just excelled. He loved to learn and was very eager to please. Since

then we have done many other classes with him such as agility and fun-and-tricks.

We have also trained him to be a movie dog, and we are so very proud to announce he will be starring in his first TV show!



A star in the works?



Fetch anyone?

The show is called **Nikita**, the episodes Diesel is in are 108 and 109. These episodes

first aired on October 28th, 2010 and the second show aired a week after. He is acting like quite the movie star now I think he loves every minute of it.

Thank you so much for giving us our wonderful boy, and keep up the great work your doing rescuing Bostons.

And to anyone who thinks rescue dogs just can't do it... they can, just never give up!

Thanks we are super proud of Mr. Diesel.

*Andrea Collins and Phil Burden*

## Tribute to Oreo

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to the office just to visit Oreo. Each time someone met him they wanted to know his story. He quickly became well known and I realized just as quickly that this guy had somehow become a poster boy for dog rescue.

When I organized the first ever "Boston Tea Party" in 2002 at Monarch Park, in Toronto, Ontario, 39 Bostons came and Oreo made sure he personally greeted every single one. As the Boston Tea Party grew into the **Boston Terrier Meetup Group**, Oreo would still be at the main door greeting everyone as they came in. He had graduated from poster boy to host.

Through Oreo I realized that there were a lot of great dogs out there that needed help. Dogs that, through no fault of their own, found themselves abandoned and unloved. I was fortunate to connect with **Kelly Pankatz** and signed up to be a volunteer with BTRC. In those early days I was the only person covering Toronto and Oreo would accompany me on home visits from Mississauga to Oshawa. He quickly left the host moniker behind and was now a wonderful rescue ambassador. People who were wary about rescue dogs soon changed their minds after meeting him.

In 2006, my soon to be wife would commiserate with him and tell him all her secrets. I am sure

he is the one who convinced her to propose to me later that year. Hey, it was in his best interest to have two mommies and twice the tummy rubs! Oreo and his rescue brother Domino even accompanied us on our honeymoon at **Lake Edge Cottages** in July 2007.

In late July of this year we knew something was wrong with Oreo. It was five weeks of tests to determine that he had an aggressive cancer and that surgery and treatment were not an option. By the time of his diagnosis, Oreo had lost a lot of weight and was only able to have liquids. We managed to liquefy his favourite foods and on his last day he was able to enjoy salmon and a bacon cheeseburger.

On the Saturday before we said goodbye, Oreo stood as tall as a dog can. I had participated in the Weekend to End Women's Cancer since it's inception. I didn't walk this year as I knew that Oreo didn't have a lot of time. So on the Saturday I headed up to Downsview Park to pick up a dear friend who was walking for both of us and I took Oreo.

I can't begin to tell you the impact he had on those tired, dedicated people who had just completed over 30 km. Many of these walkers are cancer survivors. He proudly wore his rescue bandana and was constantly stopped and asked about his story. It was told over and over with an

amendment. You see, he just wasn't a rescue dog anymore; he was a rescue dog with cancer. And as he had done in the past for me, he gave love and strength, kisses and hugs to all who wanted and needed them.

The next day, when the time came that his life was too much of a struggle, we released him at home while holding him in our arms. We softly whispered how much we loved him and he crossed the Bridge knowing how much he was loved.

Rescue dogs often have been through trials and tribulations that no animal should endure, but that seems to make them more appreciative and loving when you bring them into your home. We know we will always have rescue dogs in our life. We gave Oreo a second chance at life and what he gave us back was so much more.

Rest in peace Oreo – we will never forget you.

*Love, Colleen, Lisa and Domino*



\$500 has been donated to BTRC in Oreo's memory. Thank you Oreo for all you have done for rescue! You will be missed.

**Tabitha**, of our "Set for Life" program and BTRC's official walker from this past summer's **Woofstock Walkathon**, has gone to the Rainbow Bridge. She enjoyed a wonderful life with her foster mom **Nancy Taylor**, and her spirit and loving nature were an inspiration. She will be missed.

polaroid puppy



Pepper is available for adoption in Calgary, Alberta.

## About Us...

Boston Terrier Rescue Canada (BTRC) is dedicated to helping Boston Terriers in need across Canada. BTRC is a registered Canadian charity (Registration No. 80707 4091 RR0001) and we issue tax receipts for donations. Donations can be made payable to BTRC and directed to our Treasurer, **Colleen Peacock**, at:

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Please clip out this poster and display it in your workplace, vet's office, grocery store, pet shop, etc.



# Can I crash at your place for a while?!

Boston Terrier Rescue Canada seeks volunteers to provide temporary care in their home for Boston Terriers and BT-mixes in need until they are ready for adoption.

Breed and/or dog training experience is an asset but a desire to make a difference in a dog's life is all that's required.

All veterinary care is paid for by rescue. Fostering can last from a few days to several months and may include vet visits and some basic obedience training.

To learn more about fostering email

**fosters@BostonTerrierRescueCanada.com** or visit

**www.BostonTerrierRescueCanada.com**

and click on "You Can Help"!



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