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Adding a Little Motley to My Crew

President's Update



BTRC President
Kelly Pankatz

As an organization of volunteers passionate about Bostons, BTRC relies on foster homes to care for each dog while they await their new family. The foster caregiver does not merely offer a place to board a dog; foster caregivers treat each foster as a part of their own family: loving them, training them and if needed, nurturing them back to health.

Fostering, although challenging at times, is one of the most rewarding things I do as a rescue volunteer, and I would like to use this **President's Update** to tell you about the newest temporary member of my family, "Motley".

Motley came to BTRC's attention through a rescue colleague who saw him in a shelter. A mix of Boston and Rat Terrier, all we knew for sure was that he was young, was said to have a great temperament, and desperately needed a second chance.

Rescues in **Southern Ontario** have had a challenging summer for a number of reasons, including the situation with the **Toronto Humane Society** and more recently, the **OSPCA**. In addition, pet-overpopulation, backyard breeders, puppy mills, challenging economic times and the HST increasing the cost of veterinary care and training have all combined to create more pets in need of rescue. BTRC will accept mixes into our program when space allows, and fortunately this was the case for Motley, who came to stay with me.

Upon his arrival it became quickly apparent why such a remarkably sweet and well-mannered young dog found himself in such a precarious spot. Motley suffers from severe patella luxation – his kneecaps are permanently dislocated and fixed in place on the outside of his legs. His gait is stiff and his bowed legs can not be fully straightened, affecting his

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Motley will require thousands of dollars in surgery to correct patella luxation

A Westie on a Mission for Her BT Buddy

Bara, an enterprising West Highland Terrier from **British Columbia**, organized a unique fundraiser to help raise money towards costly surgery to restore the sight of her friend, and BTRC foster dog, **Lulu**.

Lulu (age four) was in poor shape when she came into rescue. Quickly losing her sight due to congenital cataracts, she had become incontinent, no longer trusted humans, and was relegated to her kennel most of the time. Lulu landed in the safe care of **Aunty Val**, a

dedicated foster mom with endless patience. Despite it all, Aunty Val patiently loved her and tended to all of her ailments.

Lulu was examined by a veterinary ophthalmologist and found to be a candidate for cataract surgery. While many dogs adjust well to losing their sight, BTRC felt that in Lulu's case restoring her vision will help her overcome her fear. The cost of the surgery, however, is close to \$4,000.



Bara's transformation is truly remarkable!

Bara decided to help! If she was successful in raising \$250 towards Lulu's surgery, she promised to turn herself into a Boston Terrier. Bara is a dog of her word as these photos prove!

Thank you Bara and BTRC volunteer extraordinaire **Rebecca Davis!**

[Bara is now back to Westie-white with no ill-effects! -Ed.]

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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mobility and causing him obvious discomfort. Still, he is happy and loves to give and receive affection in equal measure. Watching him learn to play with toys and enjoy freedom in the fenced yard, and blossom in the company of our family, two- and four-legged alike, has been a true pleasure.

Corrective surgery for Motley will come at a substantial cost — in the thousands of dollars. BTRC will be having fundraisers for his medical costs. If you haven't yet, please join our email group at www.bostonterrierrescuecanada.com or become a fan on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BostonTerrierRescueCanada. You can also follow us on Twitter @[btrescuecanada](https://twitter.com/btrescuecanada). We'll keep you updated on Motley and all the other dogs in our rescue program.

Don't forget, volunteers are always welcome and appreciated across the country! You can also help us out by clipping the foster poster which appears on the back cover of this issue, and posting it at your workplace, vet's office or a pet store. The lack of foster homes is a continuing challenge for BTRC.

I also hope to see many of you at our October 2nd "**Bostoberfest**" event at **SuperDog Central** in **Bowmanville, Ontario**. It promises to be a great time!

Until then, belly rubs and ear scratches to all our doggy friends...

Kelly



From Heartbreak to Happiness: Buster's Story



Buster and his lady enjoying a walk in the park.

Hello. My name is **Buster**, and I have been happily companioned for almost 3 months. Previously, I had been living with an amazing foster family who helped me get over my depression at losing my first companion of ten years. It was quite an adjustment for me, but my foster family was patient and loving. They provided the friendship and security I needed to come out of my shell and into the world again. I was then ready to look for a new life companion.

My foster dads posed as matchmakers, writing up my online profile, assisting in the search for the right match, and screening potential partners. It took some

time, as my profile was overlooked due to my advanced age and assumptions made about my health and personality. Some thought I might be a better match with another senior. Luckily my foster family was not in a rush to get rid of me or hitch me up with just anyone! They had grown quite fond of me, had high hopes for my future, and wanted the best possible match. Turns out that our patience paid off — I met and fell in love with a younger lady! Lucky me!

We expressed an initial interest for each other online, my foster dads/matchmakers arranged for a first date, and it was love at first sight. We had an immediate connection, but took things slowly just to be sure we were right for each other. We had a few more visits, confirmed our feelings, and decided to move in together. I've never been happier!

My ladylove and I are a real team. She gets me; I get her. She's kind, patient, and gentle, yet firm. Exactly what an older (and now reformed curmudgeon) gent like me needs. She loves me for who I am — a senior — ten years old, shadow-sighted from cataracts, and slightly potbellied. Others may have overlooked me for these reasons, but not her. She saw beyond the physical exterior and my advanced age. She knew that I was a big softy just wanting love, peace, security and companionship.

My lady friend later confided in me that she too had been searching for the right companion for several months. She said that all the profiles she had seen or dates she had gone on were with some real dogs — too showy, too busy, too jumpy, too yappy, too small, too needy, too young, or too tall.

With her, I've been able to relax and just be myself. I bump into things sometimes, I can eat too fast (and always want more), and I sometimes snore through the night (or my several daytime naps). On our walks out, I sometimes trip, but she's there to help guide me and keep me safe. We love going to the park together, and I run around from tree to tree, but I never pull on the leash and always come back when she calls. I love the ladies and like to flirt, but she never gets jealous.

I get excited when my lady comes home everyday because I can't wait to spend quality time with her. Just relaxing together on the couch is wonderful. She comforts me if I get scared in the night when big trucks go by and doesn't complain about being woken up. She's been helping me with my manners, and I've learned that it's rude to stare at others when they eat. I am silly when we play together, I snort when I'm excited, and I help distract her from her work (she's supposed to be writing her dissertation, but...).

With my lady friend, I can be a messy eater, I can snort, burp and fart, and she still loves me!

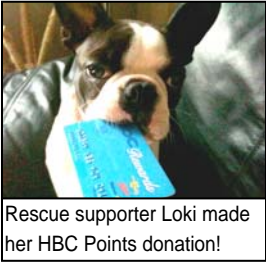
To her, I am just right!

You may remember seeing **Buster's** profile in the last edition of **Rescue 911** where he was featured for adoption. With love, dedication and rehabilitation, even the grumpiest of older dogs can find a fresh new romance and a wonderful environment to call home. It all starts with dedicated foster homes. If you can help a dog like Buster find his happily-ever-after, please contact us!



Former curmudgeon, Buster, and his younger lady.

HBC Points Support Our Rescue!



Rescue supporter Loki made her HBC Points donation!

Did you ever wonder what you were going to do with all those **HBC points** that you have been collecting from shopping at **The Bay, Zellers** and

Home Outfitters for years? Well, now you can donate your points to Rescue!

Boston Terrier Rescue Canada is now registered with the “**HBC Rewards Community Program**”. We can now use HBC points to purchase items for our foster dogs such as crates, toys, leashes, beds, etc. as well as to buy items we can use for raffles, auctions, and other fundraising efforts.

Donating your points is simple – just follow these easy steps:

1. **Go to:** www.hbc.com/community
2. **Type in** your HBC Rewards card number (top left corner of the screen)
3. **Click on** “Set up a donation to a Community” (middle of the screen)
4. **Click on** “Search for a Community to make a donation” (middle of the screen)
5. Under “Community Organization Public ID number” **type in** 1116099 and under “Community Name” **type in** BOSTON TERRIER RESCUE CANADA. **Click on** “enter”.
6. **Click on** “Donate Points”.

7. **Select** the percentage of points you wish to donate, the date to begin (automatically selects the same day you register) and the end date (leave blank if you want it to be ongoing) and save.

If you prefer, you can also sign up in-store at the Guest Services counter. Just ask for the “Supporting Member Donation Form”.

For those of you who wish to transfer existing HBC points, there is unfortunately no way to do this online. You can, however, purchase gift cards, which Rescue can redeem for merchandise. Gift cards can be mailed to our Treasurer, **Colleen Peacock:**

160 Queensdale Avenue,
Toronto, ON M4J 1Y4

Thanks for supporting our rescue program!

Introducing Grandma Betty

From BTRC volunteer AM Davis.

In late July I received a phone call from my friend and fellow rescue colleague, **Dr. Angela Datollico**. An elderly Boston had been brought into her vet clinic as a stray. This poor dog was dehydrated and suffering from serious sun exposure. She was frail, blind, and her age was estimated to be at about 12 to 13 years old.

She had no microchip or tags on her collar to help her back home. Dr. Angie was in tears, and wondered if BTRC could help this tiny girl? I sighed. I already had a foster dog, we were planning an upcoming trip, and I needed a break from fostering. However, this little one was a senior and life had not been kind to her. She needed someone. So, I got into my car and went to pick up “**Grandma Betty**” as we affectionately started calling her. Grandma Betty was very distressed for the first few days

in our home and did not eat for 48 hours. I found myself cooking ground turkey and brown rice because that was the only thing she would eat and it seemed to agree with her. After a few days she started to settle in and we found a routine that worked for her. Now that Grandma Betty has been with us for a few weeks, she is happy, comfortable, and she feels safe. She has regained her dignity, has settled in and she is now home — forever. BTRC and I have made the commitment to her that she will be taken care of for the rest of her life.

Grandma Betty has entered the “**Set For Life**” program that we have for permanent foster dogs. These are the dogs that are considered un-adoptable due to advanced age or medical conditions. BTRC makes a promise to them that they will be cared for and loved for the rest of their lives. These dogs live in their perm-anent foster

home while BTRC pays for their veterinary care. We currently have four dogs all across Canada in this program and we are in dire need of more foster homes.

Please consider joining our foster program. We need help! There has to be a place for a rescued dog to go, otherwise we find ourselves in the heartbreaking position of turning away dogs like Grandma Betty that need our help. To inquire about fostering please email info@bostonterrierrescuecanada.com Can't foster? Please consider donating to BTRC to help us fund vet care for our rescued dogs. **BTRC is a registered Canadian charity** and donations are tax deductible.



Grandma Betty was in rough shape when she entered the BTRC “Set for Life” program.

BTRC Juniors

The BTRC Junior Volunteers have been keeping busy creating homemade cards for foster homes, putting together a kit for Lulu’s auction, and making a blanket to help get money for Lulu too.

Thanks to everyone who donated cool stuff for the auction or for bidding on our stuff. It’s cool that kids can help! Lulu will be so excited to see.

Check out our Facebook group for a craft kids can make. It will be good for you and your dog and your parents will like it too!

Our next big event is a costume contest for Halloween so get thinking and watch our Facebook group for more information. We can’t wait to see what you come up with!

[Lulu is a four year old Boston rapidly going blind from congenital cataracts. This is causing her immense distress and anxiety. BTRC is holding an auction to raise \$4,000 for corrective surgery. See related story on the cover page of this edition of **Rescue 911** -Ed.]

Dedicated to helping Boston Terriers in need across Canada.

Contact us online at: www.bostonterrierrescuecanada.com





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



AFRAID OF LONG-TERM COMMITMENT?

Try Fostering! 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 can include vet visits and some basic obedience training. To learn more about fostering visit our website at www.BostonTerrierRescueCanada.com and click on "You Can Help".

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