

Florida Boxer Rescue 2011

Happy Tails

Submitted on December 27, 2011: Adopter: Cheryl Rogers Boxer's Name: Wiggles

When we first saw the photo of Wiggles, (formerly Donna), on the FLBR site, we knew she would be perfect. But we almost didn't get her because she was in such high demand. Fortunate circumstances brought her to us and she fit in immediately. She was simply the perfect dog and Wiggles helped our older boxer Destiny become almost young again. When Destiny passed away in August, Wiggles went into a serious depression. We knew we needed to get her a sister. Finally, we located Jingles, another boxer rescue, who while not quite as perfect as Wiggles from the start, was just what Wiggles needed. Wiggles and Jingles are best friends who love the yard, the pool, long walks, bike rides, boating, playing with toys and wrestling. As we just spent our first Christmas with them both, my husband and I thank Florida Boxer Rescue for giving us the joy we've found in our two boxer children.



Submitted on December 25, 2011: Adopter: Arthur Gallagher Boxer's Name: Scrapper/Scramper

Scrapper/Scamper told us early on her middle name was Lily and would use that name in her new life. A life she would devote wholly and earnestly to bringing joy to our family. Several months ago Scarlette and Roxy, Boxer members of the family had passed within weeks of each other, and the void will never be filled, but Lily is reminding us to celebrate life. In the mourning before I open my eyes, the bed is vibrating, her wiggling that stub of a tail in anticipation of my eye lid's opening to a new day of joy filled possibility. Lily had an unknown number of puppies previous to her finding me through FLBR, where all of her medical needs were met. Now I volunteer with FLBR, to keep fur wrapped joy out of danger.



Submitted on December 5, 2011: Adopter: Michelle Gonzalez Boxer's Name: Colin

I can hardly believe it has been close to two years since we adopted our lover boy, Colin! He has been such a joy in our family's life and we are so thankful we found our perfect match. Colin was underweight, starved for attention and out of control when we adopted him...now, you would hardly recognize this handsome, loving, considerate and well behaved boy. He has filled out his beautiful frame so nicely and his personality is even sweeter than his irresistible boxer face. Colin has wriggled his way into the hearts of all who meet him. He has also attached himself to his "sister," Sasha, our older boxer-mix. Colin speaks for the both of them and makes sure we pay attention when he or Sasha wants/needs something. He is quite the busy-body and asks to be included in anything and everything that goes on in the house; from folding laundry to sweeping the floors or playing a board game, we can count on Colin to try his best to participate. :) He has shared vacations with us and we cannot imagine life without him in it. Thank you, FLBR, for doing such a fabulous job of rescuing and finding homes for boxer babies like Colin. Life would not be the same without him!

Love,
The Gonzalez Family



Submitted on November 20, 2011: Adopter: Deanna Nowak Boxer's Name: Lady Scott

Lady was adopted from FLBR in August 2001. I had been raised with a beautiful white boxer who passed away at 14 years old. My parents were looking for a boxer to fill their hearts after her death. We heard of FLBR and checked out their website. We saw Lady on their and knew she was exactly what they wanted. After the process to adopt, my parents went to pick her up. They loaded her up and brought her home. After the 2 hour drive they arrived home and opened the car door. Lady got out of the car and stretched, walk to the front door sat down and turned her head around and looked at them like hurry up. She walked in stopped in the foyer looked around, walked right into the kitchen where we had her food set up and started eating. Our himalayan walked over walked in and out of her legs meowed and walked into the living room. Lady followed in and she was invited up onto the couch and thatis werreshe stayed for the next 11 years. Sadly Lady passed away 11/11/11. she was 14 years old and lived everyday like a puppy. She will be missed and her brother Thor misses her everyday.



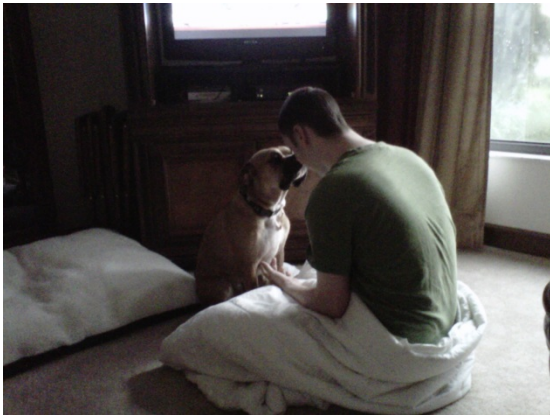
Submitted on November 11, 2011: Adopter: Patty Jones Boxer's Name: Teddy

We had lost our 16 year old Dalmatian in the summer and our 1 1/2 year old Boxer Maddie was still grieving the companionship so we decided to foster a Boxer from FBLR. My husband was very nervous about taking in a male as we had always had females. We met Bill from FBLR in Lakeland to "introduce" Miss Maddie to Teddy. Well it was love at first sight! The ran and ran and he tumbled her over several times, but she quickly went right back at him. I was worried at first because Teddy outweighs Maddie by 20 lbs. There was no need to worry, she quickly showed him who was boss in the house and he accepted that position right away.

He is such a lover! He is happy just being by us getting love. For such a big boy he has the cutest Boxer wiggle and all you have to do is say his name to get him to show you:)

Teddy was the name he came with because when you meet him the only thing you can think of is a big loveable Teddy Bear. We are so happy and lucky to have Teddy in our home.

The picture is the first day we had Teddy home and he was showing my son how happy he was to be with us - nose to nose, lol!



Submitted on October 31, 2011: Adopter: Stacie Wilder Boxer's Name: Bob the Boxer

I became a foster for FLBR in May of 2011 and Bob was our first foster. Well needless to say, I flunked and we adopted him two months later. We couldn't dare separate Bob and his brother Patch. They got along so well from the very beginning. He has been a complete joy. When he came to us he was so scared and would cringe if you went to pet him. Now he loves affection and loves to be hugged and snuggled. He gives his younger brother a run for his money. You would never know he was a senior :) We are still fostering and will continue to do so as we love this organization and what it stands for.



Submitted on October 12, 2011: Adopter: Kathy Buono Boxer's Name: Nikki

We have had Nikki for one month and it seems like she's been a family member forever. We are always saying "Who rescued who?"

She's smart, funny, energetic and lovable. She's everything we could have ever asked for and more. Much more. I think the best way to describe what Nikki has done for us is this...have you ever woken in the morning and in those few seconds between sleep and consciousness you remember that this is a special day. You remember that you have something to look forward to that day. That's how we feel every morning when we wake and realize "Nikki" is here. We have a new day with Nikki. Such a great feeling. It's Christmas morning, every morning in our home.



Submitted on October 2, 2011: Adopter: Susan Ferrandino Boxer's Name: Baby Blue - "Benji"

Benji came to us just shy of his 9th birthday. What a love he is! He integrated and bonded with my three other Boxers and three kitties. I am so appreciative of FBR and the work they have done for over a decade! Benji is my first brindle Boxer. He joins his dog pack: Jack (11yo flashy fawn), George (7yo fawn), Mojo (3yo white beauty). In addition, he cuddles with the cat pack: A-train/Antoinette (10 yo Siamese), Moose (14yo tabby), Martin (5yo tabby). We are a big, happy family!! Thank you FBR!
Sue Ferrandino



Submitted on September 28, 2011: Adopter: Tracy Basler Boxer's Name: Mojo

Moe is a silly little two year old white boxer. Lori from FBR gave me a call that this little guy was in need of a home. We just lost our roddy Rocky and were very happy to take him. He is a silly thing, always wants to be with us and love to go where ever we can take him. He had to make some adjustments like <cough> potty training. He is now our perfect little boy. Thank You Lori and Bill from FBR. you brought joy to our home again.



Submitted on September 24, 2011: Adopter: Carla Robinson Boxer's Name: Calypso, Orion and Rocky

We have adopted all three of these silly heads from FLBR. They are all super awesome. Calypso (formerly Mercy) was found on the interstate and weighed 36 lbs. WE got her from Ft Meyrs and she is still shy around new people but has come along way (she looks at people and doesn't shake most of the time). Then we got Orion from Ocala (formerly Blaze) his owner went back into the military so Orion got passed around from person to person. He still has some separation anxiety but is a total goofball and loves to play!! Lastly we got Rocky he was an owner surrender (we think because he had a tumor on his side) but he is healthy and a total love bug. He likes to play but mostly he likes to lay in your lap.
If we could adopt more we if we had the room. We love them all so much (as you can see they have it rough lol)



Submitted on September 7, 2011: Adopter: Rachel Zeller Boxer's Name: Lola 2

Hello everyone! Thank you so much to Florida Boxer rescue for saving this beautiful Brindle babe! We have had for almost three weeks now, and it doesn't seem possible that we were ever without her. She acclimated very nicely to our old dog Dutch (shown below on a pack walk). She has stolen the heart of my children, and my husband. The cat loves having her around for an impromptu game of chase. She came to us shy, quiet, and a bit timid. Now, she is a beautifully bouncy boxer who loves to work and is trying very hard to learn what she should be doing. On our drive home after adopting her my husband said "We need a name to fit her personality". My children came up with "Sunny Tulip" because she is bright and warm like a ray of sunshine and beautiful like a Tulip. We call her "Sunny T" for short but she absolutely brings a bright ray of sunshine into our home. It is impossible to look at this little girl and not smile. Thank you to everyone involved in saving our brindle baby! She has brought so much happiness to us!



Submitted on August 21, 2011: Adopter: Kim Wilson Boxer's Name: Poco

Poco has brought such light to our family. Her dignity, manners, and boxer-copter have captivated our family. She weighs-in at about 60 lbs. now but was rescued from Animal Control at a pitiful 35. She sits, lays down, plays dead (except for the copter!), rolls over, and does everything possible to bring love into our home. She's an active senior with a joy children, kisses, and treats. Isn't that the life? Thank you so much - Florida Boxer Rescue - for introducing us to the boxer breed. Got Boxer? Oh Yes!



Submitted on August 21, 2011: Adopter: Ian Riding Boxer's Name: Petals (Petunia)

I have been around boxers my entire life and have followed FLBR online for years.

“Dempsey” our boxer had a stroke back in 2010 and although she rebounded very well, at 10 years old we know her day at the bridge was approaching.

My wife and I discussed getting with the breeder and selecting a new boxer but I had always thought it was time to rescue.

Sadly after a trip to UK two months ago our little girl finally passed away, we agreed to wait a while and started the adoption process online, Melissa called me immediately and came over to our house to “interview us” All went well though after a week the house was way too quiet and not having a boxer for the first time in almost two decades was not good

We had the added problem of our sons being away in Puerto Rico and we still had not broken the news about Dempsey.

I started to comb through the available dogs and settled down to a possible three Petunia, Cadey and Zoey bug.

I set up through Melissa the chance to talk to the fosters of two and as Petunia was in a vets care chatted at length with Laura.

After hearing Petunia’s story how she was at a shelter and only a day away from an untimely end when FLBR went and rescued her we decided we needed to meet her.

Laura sent me some pictures and they showed severely malnourished and underweight Petunia was.

Anyhow after a lengthy chat with our boys and Laura at FLBR we agreed to meet halfway for a “meet and greet” (although at this point I was fully committed my wife was still filled with doubts)

When we met up with Laura and Petunia I instantly fell in love with this little girl who looked like she had gone through so much, she had fur missing all over was massively under weight and had ear and feet issues.

She hopped straight in the car and we brought her home.

Petals as she is now called enjoyed the car ride and came into the house like she had lived there all her life. She adapted instantly and apart from one day where she emptied the entire kitchen trash can we have had no accidents at all.

All our initial fears of a problem dog through adoption were completely unfounded.

In less than a month and after a quick visit to our vet Petals is the picture of health and happiness! She is the perfect weight, has all her fur back no itchy ears and her feet are fine. She is a pleasure to be around very playful, obedient (amazing) and fits perfectly into our family.

The pictures are before and after.

We are so glad we went the rescue route, it is a tangible feeling that Petals “knows” she has been saved! She is soooooooooo happy it is amazing to watch.

Many thanx to all at FLBR.

Ian, Nancy, Orlando



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Submitted on August 16, 2011: Adopter: Billy Jackson Boxer's Name: Lacey - Adopted 2002

My wife and I adopted Lacey about 3-4 months after our first boxer Magnolia Blossom (Maggie) died in our arms of a heart attack at 8 years old. My wife Cindy had found your web site and had seen Lacey and her brother listed for adoption. Lacey was mostly white with brindle around one eye and ear, she was deaf and had a heart murmur. At first we knew we could not have both boxers and did not know anything about training a deaf dog, but we would see them everytime we went on-line. Then a couple with children offered to adopt Lacey's brother and Lacey would be alone for the first time since birth, so we volunteered to try and adopt her. We were interviewed and given a few pointers on caring for a deaf boxer by our local representative for FBR. Upon seeing Lacey we were so hurt that she had been abused and abandoned that we cried. We did not know if she barked until it was bedtime and she was so scared that I held her in the bed at night for the first week or she would cry. She brought love back into our home and she was amazing at knowing her boundaries along our front yard, that people were shocked that we was deaf and she would not go into the road or try and follow people away from her yard. July 26,

2011 our Lacey took her last 3 breaths in my wife's arms at work and we had to say good-bye to another boxer baby. We are now looking most everyday in the FBR site for another boxer baby to adopt. They all need love and someone to protect them.

Thank you for all you do and keep it up.

Submitted on August 10, 2011: Adopter: Vicki Willey Boxer's Name: Aspen - July 2011

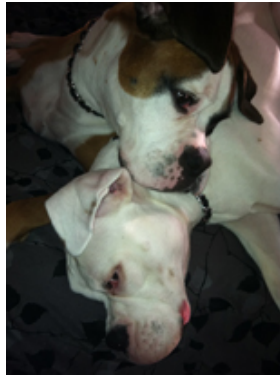
Aspen is an 18 month little boxer boy who came to us as our second foster dog to place. He was very small and under weight. We had him for 2 days before I knew I was going to adopt him. He is the sweetest little boy. He wasn't sure how to drink from a clean water dish, he would go to the potted plants and drink the water. He didn't know how to play, you would throw a toy and he would run after it and then look at you like "ok, now what do I do".

He loves his 2 other boxer brothers and the variety of daycare dogs that come through the house. His best friend is a 12 week old daschound named Boo. He also loves to play with the 2 cats and sleeps with them. In the short amount of time he's been here he has gained 3 pounds, filled out, learned to swim (he is a fish!) and is enjoying being a puppy. He makes us laugh constantly and is a pure joy to have in our family and as you can see he likes dirt!



Submitted on July 21, 2011: Adopter: Heather Kearns Boxer's Name: Leo aka Sully - June 2011

My husband and I adopted "Leo" at the beginning of June. It took no time at all for him and our 4.5 year old boxer, Gunner, to become best friends. We call "Leo" Sully, and really, it doesn't matter because he is deaf. He is so smart and well behaved. His foster family taught him many signs, including potty, come, sit, stay, down and eat. Sully has quickly become a part of our family. He has a fun-loving and silly personality and has adapted with no problems at all. We are working on teaching him some new signs, such as I love you and good night. We can't imagine our family without him. Sully loves to cuddle with me, my husband, and with Gunner. He is also very acrobatic and the king of the somersault! A million "Thank You's" to Florida Boxer Rescue! Thank you Iris for helping us find Sully and Lisa for being such a great foster family until he found his forever home.



Submitted on July 22, 2011: Adopter: Jan & Bob Mallett Boxer's Name: Titan - March 2009

We wanted to adopt a companion for our sweet 5 year old female boxer Sophie. Titan came to us very thin, sick with tape worms and just having surgery to remove a cancerous tumor on his leg. He had been abused and not socialized at all. In fact he had never been on a walk or even had a bath in his 6 years. We changed his name to Ti, to give him a fresh start. After much love and some obedience lessons, he is still a little shy and afraid of just about everything but he has made remarkable progress. He is a great dog and our little Sophie loves having him around.



Submitted on July 17, 2011: Adopter: Brian Tooz Boxer's Name: Harold

i adopted harold about 6-7 years ago...he has been a wonderful dog and best friend to me and my family!! sadly he passed away a couple weeks ago at the ripe old boxer age of 12.. he will surely be missed. my family has gone through the mourning process and we are ready to adopt again!! thanx fbr cant wait fot the new addition to our family!



Submitted on July 7, 2011: Adopter: Jim & Betty Birt Boxer's Name: Shadow (formerly Peter Potter)

It all started when our 8 year old boxer died suddenly from a heart attack while vacationing in Florida. He had been a rescue dog which we trained to be a medical assist dog to help me with a medical condition. We were devastated and during the grieving process we looked at the site Florida Boxer Rescue and filled in the application and told them of our need for a quiet, older, submissive dog to be trained for helping me.

Within a few days we had the possibility of 5 dogs. We went to see the first one at the foster moms home and knew at the start that Shadow [Peter] would be a great match. He was not perfect in looks but it was his personality that we loved. He had suffered a lot in the past, was underweight, missing a large tooth and had suffered hematomas on both ears. His knees and thighs were skinned down to leather from sleeping on cement. We adopted him that night and took him home. He moved into our bed that night and has slept with us every night since then. He had a few more medical problems the first week with a severe kidney infection and coughing but with antibiotics we got it under control. Noticed aggression toward other dogs but we started a training program and it only took a couple of days to make him feel secure around other dogs.

He has passed all his obedience testing with ease and has even earned credentials as a therapy dog. We love him dearly and is such a blessing to our lives.

THANKYOU FLORIDA BOXER RESCUE FOR THE WORK YOU DO.



Submitted on June 14, 2011: Adopter: The Lakes Boxer's Name: Jingle Belle

Belle - formerly known as Jingle Belle is doing GREAT! We are overjoyed to have her as a member of our family. We were considering a playmate for our 1yr old boxer male. Belle is a wonderful older sister (2yrs old) to Rocky. We attended FBR's May adoption event and took Rocky along in case the right girl was waiting for us. And there was Belle. They got along great from the instant they were introduced. We are amazed that they have picked up and reinforced each other's GOOD habits. Belle came to us crate trained, potty trained, and well-mannered. She was a decent weight (55lbs) when we adopted her, and has gained 3 lbs in 3 weeks. Her FBR rescue story is a sad one, she weighed only 43lbs when they rescued her, and she was very sick, including needing a blood transfusion from a fellow boxer. We can't thank FBR enough for everything they did to nurse our Belle back to health.

Belle and Rocky luv to play all day long....with toys and with each other. The both love the doggie pool, as well as the big pool. In the picture Belle has the swim vest on (side profile). She is a good girl and is usually near her moms side when not playing with rocky.

We have nick named her the "wiggle but boxer" because her body is short and she has the best boxer wiggle (kidney) we've ever seen. She sits calmly like a good girl when her meals are being prepared, and she does not jump up on people.

We're working on not pulling on walks, but she's smart and it doesnt take long for her to catch on.



Submitted on June 12, 2011: Adopter: The Wanamakers Boxer's Name: Rosie

It does not seem possible that it is just a year , it feels like she's has always been here with us. Jim and I were devastated when we had to put down our 15 year old basset hound Riley. We swore that there would be no more dogs EVER. We were going to travel and do all sorts of stuff....well that lasted about three months. We adopted an older boxer mix from the humane society, who sadly did not like any one but us. She went full throttle through the pool cage trying to get to the neighbor's bijon. we cried for days when we had to surrender her back to the shelter. We really liked the boxer part of her, so lets just foster and not get too attached.

I went online to FBR and filled out the application. Are you kidding me? I think it is easier to foster a child.

We requested an older boxer with soft ears and docked tail. Did not want to the puppy training again. It was not long after the home visit and and we were approved to foster that we got the call. Christy and Laura pull in the drive with this scrawney little girl maybe 5-6months at most with a huge suture line on her back haunch going down her leg. We all sat down in the kitchen with three bottles of pills and all the doctors orders, all the time thinking we are just going to foster till she gets healed. Yeah right.

Little did we know then that she would, more than a year later, be sprawled on the bed watching me write this story. I think she knows it is about her. She was all pink, chest belly around her snout and even the inside of her nose is still pink. She was wearing a huge pink harness that on a better day she could have wiggled out of. She was very shy and her head was down. Laura said I know this is not the dog you requested but this little girl just needs a quiet environment to heal and some love Just try it and if it doesn't work for either just give us a call. The moment they pulled out of the drive. It was a done deal.

You should see her now. She a 60 pound beauty and we never tire of folks stopping us on the streets and saying what a beautiful dog she is. She is so smart it's like she figure things out. She earned her Canine Good Citizen certificate this past spring. Now we can take her into nursing facilites and schools.

She does the Rosie sandwich.....that is wedging her self between us, in the bed on the couch and in the car, Thank you Florida Boxer Rescue for bring this wonderful creature to us, more than saving her, she has saved us.



Submitted on June 11, 2011: Adopter: Greg and Jennifer Idell Boxer's Name: Reggie

Reggie is an absolute dream doggie! He is 2 1/2 years old and the sweetest boy! He is so well behaved and acclimated into our family of cats within the first few days!! He is gentle and loving and an absolute baby! He had a few allergy issues that are getting taken care of and he is feeling so much better! It has been just one week with him and we couldn't imagine him not being part of our family!

He's already made friends in the neighborhood!

Thank you Florida Boxer Rescue for allowing us to have such a wonderful dog! And a special thank you to Sam who introduced us to this great dog and to Brenda and her family who recently fostered Reggie until he came home with us!

- Greg and Jennifer Idell



Submitted on June 4, 2011: Adopter: The West Family Boxer's Name: Zeus

Well, it has been the most wonderful experience adopting Zeus. He first came to us by Amy Resto from Florida Boxer Rescue and it was love at first sight for both my husband and I, as well as, for Zeus. From the moment he arrived he was glued to my husband, Bryan, and they bonded immediately. It was so funny, they were playing in the yard on a cool day while I was sitting with Amy discussing Zeus and his past when we heard a huge splash! Yes, Zeus fell in the pool while missing a step chasing Bryan in our backyard. Low and behold we heard another big splash and my husband jumped into the pool to "fish" Zeus out. It was just hysterical when we saw my husband

holding Zeus under his belly with all four legs hanging down and they were both soaking wet and dripping. It was at that moment Bryan simply stated, "Well, I guess he's ours now, I just don't jump into the pool for anyone"! So began our journey.

Zeus is one of the most wonderful boxers we have ever had. He is loving, compassionate, obedient, as well as, spoiled, privileged and always with us. He enjoys the Mango Dog Park several times a week and the Fort De Soto Pet Beach where he has several boxer friends that he sees often at both the park and the beach.

I can only hope that everyone who adopts a boxer can enjoy their boxer like we do Zeus and my very special thanks to Florida Boxer Rescue and Amy Resto for bringing him into our lives.



Submitted on May 20, 2011: Adopter: The Fippinger Family Boxer's Name: Leila and Robbie (formerly Layla Down & Rocky) - Adopted 2011

Robbie & Leila (formerly Frolicky Rocky & Layla Down) are having the time of their lives! Lots of food and treats and toys and bones to chew! Leila is a year younger than Robbie and she is still a puppy. She loves to play, play, play and then wants to crash on the couch next to mom or dad. Robbie is a laid back fellow and a real couch potato! But put them together outside and off they go, running circles and playing Zoom!

Mom and Dad love to spoil them and they have filled the hole left when our little Jenny passed away. We had said it would take two to fill our hearts and Robbie & Leila have done just that!



Submitted on April 23, 2011: Adopter: Kim Cullen Boxer's Name: Axel 2011

have loved Boxers for the last 12 years. It started when I purchased a playful boxer puppy named Hunter from a pet store in 1999. His nickname was Bubbles because when he would eat, he would always have bubbles coming from the side of his jowles. A year after(2000) we bought Chynna from a private breeder. She and Hunter were quite the pair. As you know,Boxers can be very funny dogs and love to play.

One day , my girls and I were driving in the rain and we saw 2 boxers in the road. Both looked sick and undernourished. We just could not leave them, so we picked them up and took them home with us.

The older girl, a white boxer,my sister took in and named Chicca. I took the younger one because my little girl fell in love with her and she had these eyes that would make you melt. We named her Roxxy.

Well in Sept 2010,my old boy Hunter , now 11, became very ill. He had lung cancer and died on Oct 3.

As you can imagine, we were devastated. There was a whole in our family. The girls Roxy and Chynna were sad and missing the boy so much. So I went on to Florida boxer Rescue as a way to help other dogs in memory of my boy. Maybe be a foster mom to help another boxer in need.

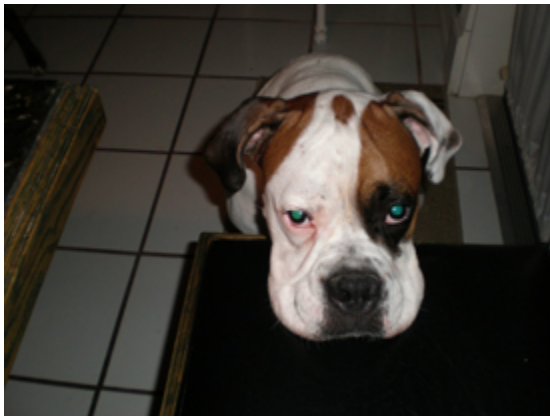
Then on Valentines day, we found out Chynna has 2 kinds of cancer. She is 10 years old and the surgery would probably kill her. So we decided to just make her comfortable. On the same day the bad news came..I got call from F.B.R. , they had a little boy in need of a foster home. He just had surgery and needed TLC, . When they sent me his picture, I cried. He looked just like my Hunter . So I wasted no time and went to pick him up. His name is Axel. He had a rough few weeks...had to get staples out of his stomach and get new stitches because he ripped out his staples. Even though he was hurt.. he was PLAYFUL.(True to Boxer form). So much life and love in this little guy. He was so skinny too. Not anymore. :)

The other girls loved him right away. He and Roxxy act like they are in love. The two can not get enough of each other. Axel loves to play with toys..his toys and my 6 year olds toys.lol..Madison just adores him. He has become very spoiled in his new life . Has put on weight and has to sleep wherever I am ...always at my feet. Needless to say..the decision to adopt him did not take long. He has taken the sadness away and brought so much joy. I want to thank Florida Boxer Rescue for all they do for these beloved animals. I would also like to Thank them for allowing me the opportunity to adopt this wonderful boy. Axel is thankful too. I am happy to assist F.B.R. in the future in any way I can .



Submitted on April 17, 2011: Adopter: Kimberly Acquaro Boxer's Name: Cooper 2010

Having been raised with Boxers I knew I wanted one of my own. Bailey - our black mask fawn was my first canine, first boxer and the love of my life! Unfortunately our boy was diagnosed with lymphoma this past January. At 9.5 he had the will to survive and we proceeded with chemo treatment. While we were determined, cancer had the uperhand and Bailey lost his brave battle on 2/14 how ironic Valentines day - Luckily we have Cooper , the cutie pie with the brown patch eye, who is 2.5 to help with the healing process. We adopted him last Spring unknowingly preparing us for our future heartache. Brandi is 10 and she loves her little brother though misses Bailey. Thank you FLBR for all the great things you do for the most amazing breed!!! Boxers Rule



Submitted on April 16, 2011: Adopter: Jo Ann Freeman Boxer's Name: Dixie Belle - 2010

We had lost our sweet Brandy girl whom we'd rescued many years earlier. The vet believed her to be about 13 when she passed and we missed her so much. Deciding we needed to fill the void and bring the Boxer count in our home back to 4 I went on the Florida Boxer Rescue site. We filled out the application, picked a few we thought would fit in with our 3 sweet Boxer boys and waited. When Iris came to our home to see us we discussed the Boxers we had selected but Irish had a question for us before we finalized. Would we please take a look at the photos of a Boxer in great need and consider fostering her? Well looking at the photos of the little girl who would become our Dixie Belle was heartbreaking. She had been featured on the news because of her injuries and the collar that had grown into her neck. She was heartworm positive and would need medical care for her wounds and the heartworms. We agreed to meet her at the Vet to see if we bonded. Well long story short she's been with us a year this month. After fostering we just couldn't let her go so we adopted her. We don't know what we would have done without her. Sometimes she makes me catch my breath when she looks at me with the love in her eyes. Then other times I'm asking her to please quit using her brothers as chew toys. She's a little whirlwind and healthy and so very happy. If you might be considering fostering or adopting from Florida Boxer Rescue please let me tell you that you won't be sorry. They give so much love back. Thanks Florida Boxer Rescue!!



Submitted on April 15, 2011: Adopter: Ashley Jacobetti Boxer's Name: Lucy (formerly Lacy) 2004

I found Lucy's picture on your website way back in 2004 and it was love at first sight! I'm glad you guys took her in even though she's only half Boxer/half American Bulldog. She is one of the loves of her Dad and I lives. She has now matured into a beautiful lady and is the matriarch of the household. She's a sun goddess and she gets grumpy that I only let her stay outside for short periods of time. She has a little sister Shelby whose a Bull Terrier and as you can see they are very close. They have great lives and enjoy that Dad's home all day long.

Submitted on April 15, 2011: Adopter: Tonya Anthony-Volo Boxer's Name: Dolce and Zoe - 2009

Wow look how we have grown into such big girls. We being around 6 months old when picked up off the streets by our foster mom, it was just time till we met our new family. We were only about 33lbs. and we just visited our doctor 2 weeks ago and believe it or not we weigh exactly the same...66.1lbs. We were very lucky that FBR did not separate us being we are of the same litter. It is funny to hear people say they have never seen a white boxer and it just makes us feel even more special. We live with a cat that will turn 19 yo next month and he is still running up trees. We definately love him too. Our favorite hobbies are going to the beach, going to see my cousins, and riding in the jeep.

For some reason our Mom and Dad decided to get wood floors in the house and we are just having a heck of a time walking on it. We have crashed into the walls a couple times running through the house. Thats when Mom says it is time for outside. For now we will see you at the beach!!



Submitted on April 9, 2011: Adopter: Ray Herr Boxer's Name: Ginger - 2010 Alumn and Jackson 2011 - Alumn

well let me tell you about my 2 rescues. my 13 yr old white female passed in march of 2010. she was my first dog i got as a puppy. unfortunatly we got her from a puppy store. we got her home & she was so sick. 10 different antibiotics later she was fine. anyhow, i got in contact with flbr. it took quite awhile to find ginger. actually took about 4 months. her fosters were moving & already had 2 & couldn't take her. we had to do the heartworm treatment on top of it. we got through that & then came bonding with my 12 yr old fawn male tank. all is well until new years day @ 2 am something was wrong. his stomach twisted & he had to go to the bridge. waited about a month, called flbr & found a fawn male in innocolee. i had to drive down to get him. i was introduced by him charging the car, jumping up on the door ready to eat my face off. Hmmmmm, what do you do? i almost left. well we got aqainted, in the car we went home. after a few weeks, alot of socializing for him & ginger & all is great now!! jack & ginger act like they are litter mates & are inseperable. i want to thank all involved for thier volunteering so people can help this great breed of dog.



Submitted on April 5, 2011: Adopter: Kim Peacock Boxer's Name: Diezel - 2009 Alumn

My name is Diezel! I was adopted by my mom and dad almost two years ago, and my life has been great ever since!! My days consist of long walks, naps in their bed, and going to the dog beach. Lucky for me, my nana and grandpa only live 1 mile away and they take me for daily golf cart rides, feed me table scraps, and let me up on the furniture! My nana loves when mommy says I can have a sleepover at her house.

I am so grateful for Florida Boxer Rescue and the kind hearted people who work so hard to help save my fellow friends. My mom and dad told me that in the next year or so I can help them pick out a brother or sister. They got married a few months ago, and I got to wear a tuxedo and make a grand entrance! My other nana loves to make me costumes - I was SUPER Dog for Halloween last year!

Alright - I am off for my afternoon walk to go see all my girlfriends.



Submitted on March 28, 2011: Adopter: Marilynn Rodriguez Boxer's Name: Dawson - 2000 Alum

Our male white boxer Dakota who we had rescued from flbx rescue passed away in January of 09, and our female white boxer Madison was truly mourning him along with all of my family. Losing Dakota really crushed us all. In March my youngest son went onto flbr.org and found Tyson III. The minute I saw his picture I fell in love with him! A week later my youngest son, me and our female Madison made the two hour trip to meet Tyson III needless to say we all loved him and brought him home that day. We decided to change his name to Dawson because there are too many boxers named Tyson. Dawson aslo goes by Dawsy. He has a great personality and hit it off with all of us from day one. He is very protective of his family and home, and loves to chase the reflection of light on the floor or walls. He loves to dance and loves to play. In May of 2010 an acquaintance we have needed to give his boxer up. We ended up taking Harley in. Dawson seemed to love this idea, since Madison was slowing down at age 14 and could barley keep up with him. All 3 slept together and loved each other. In August of 2010

Madison past away just 3 months away from turning 15! We had her since she was 8 weeks old. Having Dawsy and Harley has helped with her loss, they make us laugh and constantly get into trouble. Dawson is a great boy and the leader always teaching his younger brother Harley all the tricks good and bad. =>



Submitted on March 26, 2011: Adopter: Steve and Michelle Ploutz Boxer's Name: Lando - 2010 Alum

Lando is our 3rd Boxer and our 2nd from FBR. When we lost our best buddy, Kane to lung cancer about a year ago, we knew we would go back to FBR for our next forever friend. We did NOT know we would fall in love with Lando. How do I even start to tell you about Lando. Lando came with a list of issues and "instructions". Lando needed to be in a home with no other pets or children. To say he was a handful would be an understatement. The wonderful people at FBR gave us every reason under the sun NOT to take Lando home. Not because they didn't want us to adopt him but I think they were very afraid that we would bring him back after the first week (if not the first night). I am very happy to say that after 7 months, Lando is a changed Boxer. He still requires lots of attention and he has to be reminded every day that he is not in charge of things. Lando is proof that any dog can be saved if put in the right environment. His favorite thing in the world is to chew on his treat filled toys. He also likes to sleep just as close to us as he can get. We love Lando and we are pretty sure that he loves us too. Thank you FBR for giving us the chance to give Lando a forever home!



Submitted on March 9, 2011: Adopter: David Oliver Boxer's Name: Brutus - 2009 Alum

In July 2009, my wife and I decided that we wanted to get more involved in the FLBR and help where we could. We thought that we would make good foster parents and that our Boxer, Milou, would make a good fur sister to help bring a fellow boxer --especially one in need-- along. When Brutus (aka Bullas) came to us he weighed in at 60 pounds and you could see his ribs. We were told that he came from the Ocala area and had been in the hoosegow twice, no doubt wrongfully accused, and that our fostering him would probably save his life. Definitely under weight, he had to go through heartworm treatments and had huge calluses on his back legs, paws and elbows where he was probably forced to sleep on a concrete pad most of his young life. The fur around his neck was

almost gone probably from being tied up.

Initially, he was such a calm and submissive dog when we got him and really didn't have much energy to do anything but sleep and eat. Milou was only a year old at the time and she thought he was a playmate. She easily dominated him as he was in a new environment and the pecking order was established. He was totally affectionate and really took to his new family. My wife says that he follows me everywhere and I say the same thing about him following her! Needless to say at that moment, only a week after he had been at the house, we became Foster Flunkies and called Cindy McNiff to start adoption paperwork. She commented that she had that feeling before she brought him over that we would end up adopting him. It took him several months to gain some weight back and he now weighs in at a whopping 80 pounds! He's a BIG BOY...Our Big Boy!

Although it has been about a year and a half since we adopted him, it has taken him well over a year to really come out of his shell and start to act like a Boxer! His favorite game with his sister is to play chase throughout the house usually with some kind of toy to fight over. He is a Boxer of impeccable timing and if you are even 30 minutes off of preparing his meals, he lets you know (very food responsive to training, too)! He is very expressive and especially likes to talk with his paws when he really, really needs something. Just in the last few months his guarding instincts have come out and now alerts (read: barks) me to anything going on around the house! He had some problems with discipline but again as he came out of his shell, he really responded well to all training, except greeting and climbing on people. That's a tough one because he loves meeting people and gets extremely excited! One of his favorite things in that state is to jump like a jumping bean! Very cute...uh...I mean Brutus, OFF!



Submitted on February 13, 2011: Adopter: Courtney Cochran Boxer's Name: Laila (formerly Baby Girl) - 2009 Alum

My husband and I adore our addition to our small family! Laila is such a joy and brings laughter and energy to our home! Her natural sense of curiosity and playful antics keep us smiling! Laila loves to visit the near by dog park and also enjoys trips to the dog beach where she meets new friends. However, her ultimate favorite activity is running after her ball! Whenever a ball is thrown, Laila is guaranteed to be there chasing it! She can run like the wind and swim like a fish when it comes to getting a hold of a ball! An absolutely beautiful girl, Laila plays an important role in our family and we would like to thank FBR for blessing us with the pleasure of raising such an awesome boxer!



Submitted on January 31, 2011: Adopter: Sarah Hayman Boxer's Name: Chili - 2010 Alum

Although I sometimes find Lucy deep in thought, most likely missing her sissy, Chili has made her a happy boxer girl once again! Lucy says, "Thank you Florida Boxer Rescue! I think!" (He has almost 10 pounds on her now and is just 1 year old!)



Chili in the car at dad's work warning Chili to stay on his side of the car! Lucy and Chili cuddling together.

Submitted on January 31, 2011: Adopter: Sarah Hayman Boxer's Name: Lucy - 2006 Alum

We adopted Lucy as a puppy from FLBR when our older female, Lexus, was 5 years old. They were the best of friends right from the start, never spent one day apart. Last year when we lost Lexus due to cancer, Lucy was devastated! We applied to FLBR 2 days later, thinking it would take some time for the perfect match. The next day, I was contacted about a litter of puppies that FLBR was about to take possession of. After a discussion with my husband and the reminder that Lucy was not herself, I drove to Lakeland the next day to pick up my boy! Lucy wasn't sure about him at first, but after a few days, she fell in love with him too!



Lucy & Lexus a few days after we brought Lucy home.



playing dress up....NOT
Lexus' favorite thing!

Submitted on January 7, 2011: Adopter: Grandpaw Jim Proctor Boxer's Name: Max Sr.

When I fostered 11 year old Max, he had come from a great home and lived in a condo setting with no other dogs. His only master was emotionally crushed to give him up to Boxer Rescue, but he was very sick and had to move to an out of state hospice. When Max was surrendered to FBR, the owner sent his combs and brushes, toys, his carpet and blanket, his towel, his favorite treats and even some of his special cooked ground beef and rice. He was cherished.

A week after I got Max, he had an accident, fell down hard on his back and couldn't get up or walk. During his medical care, a tumor was discovered on his lung. It may have been there for years. Max made a full recovery with meds and help from HipDog AquaTherapy. He even runs around the yard! In fact, Max was slated for adoption the day he was injured. A family wanted an older companion boxer for their 11 year old female boxer. A perfect match! Because of Max's tumor, FBR chose to remove Max for the adoptable boxers and I will care for him forever, which is still prefect.

So, when you are choosing a boxer, keep in your mind open about the cool, calm and collected silvers. They rock, too.

However, the fact remains that 'Silvers' won't live as long as we would like. For all of us, losing a companion dog for any reason, either from sickness or old age is awful. I fostered a 10 year old male, Einstein, another great Silver spotted boxer, who peacefully died in his sleep after I had him for only one week. It was a greatest last week that he could have had. Then along came Max, surrendered, saved, injured and sick, and given a chance to recover and he did.



Submitted on January 1, 2011: Adopter: Amelia Foster Boxer's Name: Hooch (2008) and Rosie (2006)

Hooch has been with us for 2 years and Rosie for almost 5 years and they are a great pair. Hooch is a big goof ball and Rosie is completely spoiled. Thank you FBR for all you do for Boxers everywhere!

