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June 2016

EVENTS:

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Dog Days of

Kenmore

June 12th, 12-4pm
Mang Park, Buffalo

CAPM Dogs N' Suds

June 12th, 11:30-3pm
Canine & Company,
5952 Transit Road,
Depew, NY 14043

Tractor Supply

June 12th, 12-3pm
205 S. Cascade Drive
Springville, NY 14141

Treats Unleashed Adoption Event

June 18th, 11am-3pm
Northtown Plaza
3057 Sheridan Drive,
Amherst, NY 14226

Taste of Diversity Festival

June 25th, 11am-3pm
205 Grant St,
Buffalo NY 14213

Chugs 4 Pugs

July 23rd, 12-4pm
Flying Bison Brewery
840 Seneca Street,
Buffalo, NY 14210
Adults only

Fisher & Friends Barks & Beer

July 29th, 6:30-8PM
2171 Kensington Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14226

The New Life

Old Life Day 1,632

Today is like every other day. I woke up in my cage, surrounded by all the other dogs in their cages. I got up and went to the bathroom in the corner. I had to clean it up myself because I don't like to lay in it. I watched the other dogs for a while, but if I stand too long my feet start to hurt from the wire of the cage, so I laid back down.

A while later, the human came and brought food and water. He never stays long though. We all watch for a while, hoping he'll bring more food, but he never does. We listen to noises for a while and go about our day. There's not much else to do here.

Old Life Day 1,701

I have another litter of puppies. I only had 3 this time, the rest died. They are all grown up and today the human came and took them away. I hate when he takes them. They aren't old enough to leave me yet. I still have so much I wanted to teach them.

Old Life Day 1,757

Today started out just like the rest. I got up, went to the bathroom, ate my breakfast and then laid back down. But now the human has come back. He takes me out of my cage and carries me to the door. The dogs that go out that door never come back. I'm scared. What's going to happen to me? Is he going to hurt me?

There's another human outside. He hands me to her and tells her to take me because I don't make enough puppies anymore. I'm so scared I can't move. Who is this person? I don't know her! Where is she taking me? Can I go back inside now?

She takes me to this really big black metal box and inside there is a cage, kind of like mine but it doesn't smell like me. She puts me in it. I'm not sure what to do. This is really scary. I've never been in another cage before. The human puts two more dogs in other cages next to me. I know these dogs. I feel a little better now, but why are we here? What's happening?

The human leaves and we're all alone. Then the ground starts to move. I lay down quick and try to hold on, but it doesn't help. After what seems like forever, it finally stops. The new human comes back and takes me inside another building. I don't like it here. The other dogs are anxious, I can feel it. What's going to happen? She puts me on a cold metal table. Oh no, there's another human! This can't be good! I can't move. The new human is touching me all over. Why is she doing that? Ouch! She poked me with something. I pee right where I'm laying. I'm sorry! I couldn't help it! Please don't be mad at me! Please don't hurt me! They tell me I am a good girl. Huh?

Then she puts me back in the big black box. The ground starts moving again. I know the other dogs are scared like me. When the ground finally stops moving and the human comes back, it's dark outside. The air smells different here. I'm not sure where I am.

She take our cages inside another building. Once we are inside, she opens the cage door and walks away. Where did she go? I wait a few minutes but she doesn't come back. It smells funny in here.



May

Adoptions:

Bentley

Maltese, 6 yrs.

Bunny

Mini Schnauzer, 7 yrs.

Casey

Boxer/Terrier, <12 wks.

Colin

Boxer/Terrier, <12 wks.

Corky Teefers

Shih Tzu, 6 yrs.

Dublin

Boxer mix, 13 wks.

Elizabeth Taylor

Cavalier King Charles, 6 yrs.

Ella

Brittany Spaniel, 2 yrs.

Gwyn

Cavalier King Charles, 6 yrs.

Ivan

English Bulldog/Boston, 2 yrs.

Lillian

Shih Tzu, 11 yrs.

Jake

Skye Terrier/Lab, 13 wks.

Nellie

Mini Poodle, 6 yrs.

Paulie

Chihuahua, 8 mos.

Sam

Skye Terrier/Lab, 13 wks.

Ryka

Alaskan Malamute, 1 1/2 yrs.

Violet

Westie, 4 1/2 yrs.

Why is my door open? The door has never been open before. Can I go out there? I don't want to get in trouble. Maybe if I just take a quick look. Oh no, there's lots more humans! I'm going to get in trouble, I know it! I better hide, maybe they won't see me in here.

Nothing happens. No one is mad at me? I don't understand. I stick my head out again. They don't seem to care. Can I really go out there? Then one of the other dogs walks by. How did he get out? Is it safe out there? I'm not so sure about this, but I guess I'll try.

I made it all the way out this time! This place looks weird. It's really big. Why does nothing smell like before? I check all over the room, but I don't recognize any of the smells.

Just as I start to figure out this new place, another human puts me back in the cage and then to another big metal box. Oh no, the ground is going to move again, I know it!

This human takes me to another building. I'm so confused. Why don't they just leave me alone? She puts down my cage and opens the door. Here we go again! This time, when I try to go out, the ground is squishy. It feels really weird. I don't want to go out there!

I don't know where my friends from home are. They aren't here. I can smell a different dog, but I can't see him. The human puts two metal things in front of my cage. I'm not sure what I'm supposed to do with them. It smells like food, but all I see are those two metal things. She tips one over and the food comes out. Yes! I'm so hungry. Why was it in that thing?

The human turns off the light. It's so dark. I'm scared. I don't know where she went. Is she going to hurt me? Please turn on the light, I can't see. I don't like it here. I'm so tired, but I need to keep watch.

New Life Day 1

The light comes on. Oh no! Where am I?! How did I get here?! Where are the other dogs?! This isn't right! I'm scared!

The human sits down on the floor outside my cage and starts talking very quietly. Why is she doing that? The other human never did that. I think I'm just going to stay here. I don't want to get in trouble. Why won't she leave?

She finally leaves and brings back those metal things. I smell food again. Why is she hiding it from me? I don't understand. I'm so hungry, I just want to eat.

The human finally leaves. Uh oh. Now I need to go to the bathroom, but my spot isn't here. Where do I go? My spot must be here somewhere. Where is it? I can't find it! What do I do? I can't hold it anymore! Oops. I hope the human isn't mad. Maybe if I go back in my cage she won't know I was over there.

Later in the day, the human comes back. She puts something on my neck. It's choking me! I don't like it! Get it off! The human says it's a collar and I need to wear it in case I get lost. I still don't like it. It feels weird. It has this big long thing attached to it. It's really heavy.

She picks me up and carries me outside. She puts me down and the ground stabs my feet. It hurts! Make it stop! Why is the ground hurting me? Don't leave me here! This thing on my neck is choking me! I can't move.

Finally, she takes me back inside. I think I'm going to stay in my cage where it's safe.

New Life Day 2

The human brought those metal things again. I don't like them. They smell like food but I don't see any food. Eventually she puts some food on the floor. This is better. This is how I eat my food. But I wish she wouldn't watch me. She's still seems very scary.

After I ate, a new dog came to the door. I've never seen this dog before. He doesn't look like the other dogs I know. Should I say hello? Is he mean? I hope he likes me. I really want a friend here. He tells me his name is Buddy. He says I shouldn't be afraid, that this is a good place to live. If it's a good place to live, why is everything so scary?

Later in the day, the human picks me up and takes me outside again. This time, Buddy comes with us. He runs across that prickly stuff chasing something. Why did he do that? Doesn't it hurt his feet? I still don't like it. I'm starting to get used to this collar thing, but that long thing the human keeps putting on me is still really heavy. I can't move with it on my neck. I'm just going to stand here.

New Life Day 3

This morning, the human came and put me in a different room. I don't like this! This room is really weird. It smells different. I want my cage back! Finally, she puts me back in the room with my cage. Why does this human keep doing scary things? Can't she see I just want to stay in here? I like my cage, it's safe. Nothing can hurt me in here.

Later, Buddy comes to visit. He says he's lived here for a long time and the human is his friend. He wants me to come see the other room. Should I follow him? He seems to know what he's doing. Can I trust him? When I go in the other room, he brings me a thing he calls a toy. It smells really funny. He says I'm supposed to play with it. What does play mean?

The human takes me outside again. Buddy is running around in circles. I'm still scared, but I take a few steps. I guess this prickly stuff doesn't hurt so much after all. I see Buddy pee on the bushes. Why is he doing that? Why doesn't he pee in his cage like me?

New Life Day 4

The human keeps bringing back those metal things. Maybe the food is behind them? I reach my head out to look. Oh! I can see the food now, it's inside those things. But how do I get it? She puts her paw inside the metal thing and then she has the food in her paw. How did she do that? Is it magic? She holds it out towards me. I really want to that food. Will she be mad if I take it from her? I got hurt if I tried to take food at the other place.

Buddy is helping me explore the other room. He showed me his blanket. I've never had one of those before. I think I like it. It's really soft to lay on. He told me it's okay to walk around and smell everything.

The human is sitting on a big squishy thing. I keep watching her, but she doesn't seem to be mad that I'm out here. Then there is a really loud noise! I don't know what to do! It stopped, phew. Oh no, there it is again! It stopped. Not again! Then the human starts talking to her paw. What is she doing? I don't understand. The noise stopped but is it going to come back? I don't like that noise. It's too loud. It hurts my ears.

New Life Day 5

We go outside and I see Buddy pee on the bushes again. The human seems happy when he does this. Maybe I'm supposed to pee out here too? But why would I pee outside? That doesn't seem right.

We go back inside. I'm getting used to this other room now. I want to go lay on the blanket but it's not there. Where is it? Wait, the human is holding it. She says it needs to be washed. What does that mean? Can I have it back please? She leaves the room. I think I better go see where she's taking it. She puts it in a big white box and then the box starts shaking and making noises. Oh no! What's happening?! I need to hide! Where is my cage?

Did you know...



On average, female dogs go into heat (meaning they are able to become pregnant) every 6 months. Most dogs will have their first heat cycle between 6 months and 1 year of age.

In puppy mills, dogs are typically bred every heat cycle in order to produce the most puppies. The dogs we receive are usually around 6 years old. That means they could have had 12 litters of puppies before they come to us!

We need volunteers!

Ever wanted to help out but can't bring a dog into your home? We are always in need of volunteers to work events and do other activities.

Summer is the busiest time of year for events. Buffalo Pug already has a dozen events scheduled between June and September—and there are always new events being added. In addition, we have the adoption center to run every weekend.

Many of our volunteers are fosters and while they'd love to help out, they may not be able to attend every event because they are home training their foster dog, meeting potential adopters, or just having their own lives! We need other volunteers to help out.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please apply on our [website](#).

New Life Day 10

I finally figured out I can put my nose in those metal things and get the food myself. This is so exciting! I don't have to eat off the floor anymore!

The human keeps taking me outside. Today, I found a big hard spot off to the side. I like this better than that prickly stuff. It feels like what I'm used to. I decide to pee here. Oh no, the human saw me! Am I in trouble? She gives me a piece of food. Maybe this is how I get more food? This is all so weird.

Later on, the human comes and takes me to another room. She puts me in a big hole. It's hard and white and really slippery. I'm not sure how to get out of here. There is a noise! What was that?! Oh, there's water. Am I supposed to drink it? Oh no, she's putting the water on me! Maybe if I just stand here, it will go away. The water keeps coming. She rubs my fur with this smelly stuff. Wait, this isn't so bad. Actually, this feels really good. My skin isn't so itchy anymore.

I lay in my cage for a while. That water thing was pretty stressful. When I come out, the human is up on that squishy thing again. I go up to say hello and she picks me up and puts me up there with her. I'm not sure what this thing is but it's really big and kind of soft like the blanket. The human always seems to sit here. Does this mean I can sit here too?

New Life Day 20

I'm starting to get used to life here. The human hasn't hurt me, maybe I will be okay here. But this place is still pretty scary. There's all sorts of strange noises. Air comes out of the floor and this thing on the wall talks. And then the human has this big scary thing that she moves across the floor and it makes a really loud noise. Buddy told me that's how she cleans up our fur, but I don't think he's right. It definitely looks like it's going to eat me. It's the scariest thing ever!

Lately, Buddy keeps running around me and then he puts his head down and his butt in the air. He does this a lot. It was scary at first, but now I'm pretty sure he's not going to hurt me. I think he wants me to do something, but I can't figure out what. The dogs in the cages at the other place didn't do this.

New Life Day 30

I'm getting used to this leash thing. I'd much rather walk on my own, but I figured out it's not going to hurt me. The human took me outside and I went pee. I'm starting to get the hang of this and she seems so excited when I pee outside.

After we spend time outside, she takes me to that big metal thing I was in the first night. I'm pretty worried. Last time I was in there the ground moved. Maybe it won't be so bad this time?

She opens the door and we're at that building I saw the first night. Is she going to leave me here? I was starting to like that other place. She tells me not to worry, that this is the Adoption Center and I'm going to meet lots of nice people and dogs. I'm not sure what that means. She brings me inside, but thankfully she doesn't leave. I'm not sure what to do, so I stay in the corner for a while.

It doesn't seem like anything bad is going to happen, maybe I should go investigate? There are so many smells here! I like the other dogs, but I'm a little scared of the humans. There are so many of them. I think I'm just going to hang out with the dogs for a little while, they all seem nice.

New Life Day 60

I've been here a long time now. I like it a lot. I didn't think I liked humans, but this one is nice. I think I can trust her. And Buddy is really fun. He taught me how to play with toys. They are so much fun! There's still lots of scary things though. I don't really like these new things, but nothing bad has happened to me, so maybe it's okay.

The human takes me back to that Adoption Center a lot. It's not so scary anymore. I still don't like it when there are too many humans there, but some of them give me treats and scratch me behind my ear.

New Life Day 90

The human seems sad today. She tells me that she loves me, but I'm going to a new home today. I'm not sure what that means? Do I have to leave again? Will there be another human? Will they like me? I don't like going new places, it's really scary. Do they know that? The human tells me that they will take good care of me. I hope she's right.

Saving Lives 500 Miles at a Time

Several times a year, leaders and volunteers from Buffalo Pug make the journey to Ohio to save dogs from the life of puppy mills. For those that don't know, puppy mills are commercial facilities where dogs are used for the sole purpose of breeding in order to sell the puppies at high profits, often to pet stores. As long as they are properly licensed, these facilities are legal.

While not every puppy mill is the same, the intention is to keep profits high and costs low. The owners of these facilities keep dogs in small cages, often with multiple dogs in a single cage. Cages are stacked on top of each other to optimize the space. Cleaning is kept to a minimum. The dogs are fed the cheapest food available, or in many cases, are only fed scraps. They receive minimal, if any, vet care.

Unfortunately, for many of these dogs, once they stop producing puppies or become ill, they are often killed. Buffalo Pug has been able to build working relationships with a few of these puppy mill owners in order to have these dogs surrendered to us instead of meeting that harsh fate. While we'd like to be able to take them all, the owners will never surrender their good breeding dogs, so we take the ones we can get and make sure they have the best lives from here on out.

The dogs that come to us from puppy mills typically have very little socialization. They have never seen life outside of their cage. Some ate from the floor so they have never seen a dog bowl. Many stand all day on wire floors, leaving sores on their paws. They are covered in feces, likely never having a bath in their lifetime. The long haired breeds are usually severely matted. They aren't potty trained. They have never stepped on grass. They have never walked on a leash. They are terrified of everyday things such as phones and doorbells. They've never played with toys or slept in a bed.

These dogs have a lot of emotional obstacles to overcome. Every dog is different. Some recover very quickly while others take more time. Some seek comfort in their crates, others refuse to go back in them once they've experienced freedom. Many seek comfort from other dogs, but some would rather be by themselves.

Buffalo Pug does everything we can to rescue these dogs and ensure they are in the best foster homes to overcome these hurdles. Once they have had time to decompress and adjust to "normal" life, they are placed up for adoption. While they may have come out of their shells in the foster home, many are still very scared and will take time to adjust to another move. It is a tough road, but for the fosters and adopters, there is nothing more rewarding than seeing these dogs blossom into wonderful, loving pets.

Foster Spotlight Tammy Gervasio



Location: Buffalo
Fostering: 3 months

I have been fostering for Buffalo Pug and Small Breed Rescue for a few short months. My journey began because I was looking for a playmate for my own small dog. After researching many different breeders and searching many different websites, my eyes kept falling on rescue groups. I saw that there was such a tremendous need for foster homes so that they could save the many abused, abandoned or surrendered dogs. I decided that I could get my dog a playmate and save a dog at the same time. Win, win situation!

However, what I didn't expect was how much these dogs would help me. I have been struggling with depression and anxiety ever since I became disabled in 2008. I was only 33 years old and was told that I would never be able to work again. Ever since I started fostering, my depression and anxiety has decreased a lot. Because of my physical disabilities, I knew that I could only foster small dogs which is how I stumbled upon Buffalo Pugs. You are NEVER pressured to take in a foster and there are so many wonderful members in this group that will help you if you ever have a question, problem or even if you need a dog sitter so that you can go on vacation.

When I received my first mill dog as a foster, I was heartbroken! Everything was scary to him, he was snout to tail filthy and was clueless as to how to be family dog. He sat cowered in his kennel and didn't eat for 3 days. He is now a very happy dog that loves to cuddle, play with toys and enjoys spending time with my kids. Needless to say, he is my first foster success and I couldn't get rid of him. Many people say to me that they don't think that they could foster because they would want to keep all of them. I have to admit that it is difficult but when you foster for this amazing group, you get to pick the home that your foster goes into. When you meet the right family for your dog, it becomes much easier to rehome them.

Bottom line, fostering for Buffalo Pugs has been the best thing that has happened to me in a very long time.

Survivors

These are the dogs that were saved on our most recent puppy mill run in mid-May. Some of these dogs are not yet available for adoption as they are still decompressing in their foster homes and learning to become family pets.

If you are interested in adopting any of these dogs, please fill out an application on our [website](#). Our adoption process is not first-come, first-serve. As each dog becomes available, our fosters will review applications to find the best possible home for that individual dog. If you are a match for one of these dogs, our foster will contact you.

If you are unable to adopt, please consider donating to their care. All of these dogs need vaccinations as well as to be spayed or neutered, costing anywhere between \$200 and \$500 per dog. Some also have additional medical concerns that need to be addressed. You can make donation by mail/in-person at 775 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Amherst, NY 14226 or via PayPal to rescue@buffalopugs.org (please used the Send Money to Friends & Family option)

Bailey

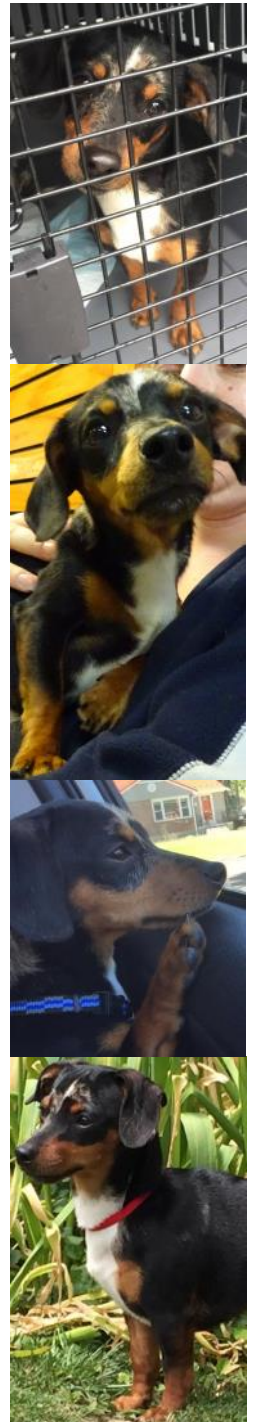


Bowser



DJ

Pending Adoption



Dorothy



Fireball



Minnie



Ranger



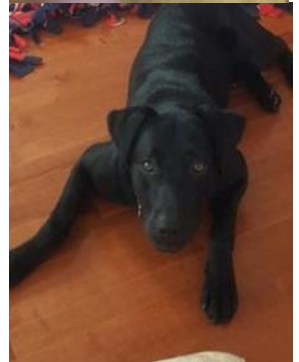
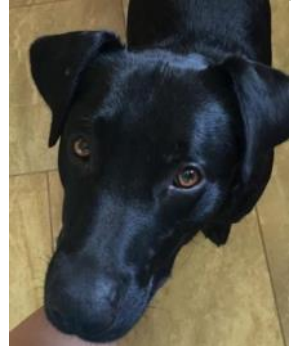
Rosie

Medical Hold / Pending Adoption



Winnie

(partially blind & deaf)



Willow



Wilma Medical Hold



The Backseat Drivers

These dogs came along for the ride when our volunteers went to the puppy mills. They are all from the Ashtabula County Animal Protective League in Ohio. While not from the puppy mills, many of these dogs faced their own struggles while in Ohio. If you are interested in adopting any of these dogs, please fill out an application on our [website](#). Our adoption process is not first-come, first-serve. As each dog becomes available, our fosters will review applications to find the best possible home for that individual dog. If you are a match for one of these dogs, our foster will contact you.

Cleo and Noah (Bonded) - see featured dog story on next page



Chocolate (aka Coco)



Jolene Hospice Care (Congestive Heart Failure)



Juno



Wesley



Trigger



Featured Dogs: Cleo and Noah



Breed: Poodle/Terrier
Gender: Female & Male
Age: 5-8 years
Weight: 20 & 30 lbs.
Arrived: May 2016



Cleo and Noah are new to Buffalo Pug. They are a bonded pair and must be adopted together. Noah is blind and Cleo helps him get around. Cleo, on the other hand, is a little more insecure and Noah provides her emotional support. They are truly bonded and are lost without each other. They can often be found curled up side by side.

These two are now living a great life in their foster home, but their journey had a very sad beginning. Cleo and Noah were found in rural Ohio where they were tied up in garbage bags and dumped along a country road with many other dogs. Unfortunately, the rest of the dogs were all found deceased. Cleo and Noah were so bad off that the dog warden initially thought they were dead too. They were taken to the vet where they were able to recuperate and then about a month later, the volunteers on our puppy mill run saw them and brought them to Buffalo.

As if that wasn't enough, after arriving they both came down with extreme kennel cough. Cleo even developed pneumonia. They were very sick, stopped eating, and lost a lot of weight from their already thin frames. They have since been given antibiotics and are now doing much better.

Cleo and Noah are both great with other dogs and live in a foster home with other small dogs. They have not been tested with cats. They have been around children as young as 5 with no issues, however, as with any adoption, all family members (including other dogs) would need to meet them to ensure a proper fit.

Cleo and Noah are both calm dogs. They love going for walks. They crave attention, and who could blame them after what they have been through. Cleo is the spunkier of the two and is very curious. She is more insecure than Noah and always wants to be with Noah and/or her foster mom. She sleeps in the bed each night and if her foster mom moves, Cleo has to move as well, always making sure she is touching her foster mom for security.

Noah is a little more comfortable on his own. Despite being blind, he is able to get around very well. He loves having the wind in his face. He can often be found "watching" out the front door of his foster home (while we know he doesn't see well, he may be able to see some light). He loves having his belly rubbed and will gently paw at you until you concede. He is very quick to fall in love even after all he's been through in the past months.

We will never know if Cleo and Noah have always been bonded or if their experience brought them together, but one thing is certain, they both need each other and have become the best of friends. To learn more about their story, check out the WKYC footage [here](#).

Dogs Currently Under Medical Care:

Name	Age	Breed	Medical Issue	Est. Total Expenses
Booda	6 mo.	English Bulldog	Congenital spinal defect/Spina Bifida	\$5,000 - \$10,000
Chova	1 yr.	French Bulldog	Patent ductus arteriosus/severe aortic regurgitation	\$5,000+
Remington	7 mo.	French Bulldog	Heart murmur/pulmonary stenosis	\$5,000+
Billy	8 yrs.	Xolo/Chinese Crested	Inoperable herniated disc	\$4,000(past), plus \$30/mo
Angus	11 yrs.	English Bulldog	Entropion/arthritis/senior care	\$3,000+
Jackson	5 yrs.	English Bulldog	Cancer of the spleen	\$3,000+
Puddin	1.5 yrs.	Pug	Emergency surgery to fix NYC post-op complications	\$1,600
Cleo & Noah	5-7 yrs.	Terrier mixes	Severe kennel cough/pneumonia	\$1000
Bruno	9 yrs.	French Bulldog	Suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease & fused discs	\$750, plus \$50/mo. (food)

Fred Astaire Rochester: Dancing for the Dogs

Last month, the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Henrietta, NY held a fundraiser to support Buffalo Pug. Dancing for the Dogs is an annual event in its 6th year. The owners generously donate 100% of the proceeds to the charitable organization they feature each year.

It was a wonderful evening full of food, wine, and dancing. The main event featured 24 students from the dance studio. The dancers were all ages, from kids to adults. They clearly had just as much fun dancing as we did watching them. The owner's own pug, Fred Astaire "Freddy," was also on hand to meet and entertain all the guests.

In addition to dancing, there was a photo booth provided free of charge by Hype Booth. There was also over 40 items donated to a raffle and a silent auction. The owners themselves donated 3 dresses that brought in \$200 each.

Between tickets, registration fees, and the raffle/auction, the event brought over \$4,000!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event possible—the owners of Fred Astaire, the dancers and their families, the owner of Hype Booth, as well as everyone that donated and attended. This event would not have been successful without you!

To view the news release, click [here](#).

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Success Stories: Come for One, Leave with Two

Lucy (formerly Quinlee) and Nancy (formerly Mocha) were two dogs that were rescued from an Ohio puppy mill in Summer 2015. Upon arrival, they were placed in the same foster home. While both were terribly afraid, Lucy slowly started coming out of her shell and learned to trust humans. Nancy, however, was far more emotionally scarred and even after months in the foster home, she was still afraid of everything. Everyone was worried about her and wondered if she would ever recover enough to be adopted.

Thankfully, a wonderful family came to see Lucy and when they saw her terrified foster sister, they decided to adopt them both. In November 2015, Quinlee and Mocha officially became Lucy and Nancy. Here is what their mom told us:

“When we first walked into the adoption center we only intended on adopting one dog, Lucy who had just been released from a puppy mill. We then saw another little dog trying to look invisible underneath a chair scared and alone. Her foster parent told us Nancy (underneath the chair) was also another puppy mill dog, who is terrified of everything and so bad off due to her treatment in the mills that she may never turn around and be a “normal” dog. Our family decided to adopt them both, hoping they would find comfort and friendship in each other and hoping we could turn both of their lives around and give them a loving and pampered life in a forever home.

When we first brought them home Lucy would only sit on the couch still as a statue very frightened by sudden movements and household noises. Nancy on the other hand, for the first few days would only sit and eat her meals behind the recliner in the corner of the room. They did enjoy being petted but again were extremely anxious and afraid. Nancy made no eye contact with us and tried to hide whenever possible. Lucy showed more eye contact and interest in us after the first week.

The girls also found love and another friend in our other rescue dog (not a puppy mill dog) that we have had for almost 10 years now, she is a senior dog named Oreo. They both snuggle up to her and observe how she interacts with us. She is like a mother to them now.

Neither Nancy nor Lucy was potty-trained, and that is one of the more challenging tasks to try and accomplish because they are so used to doing their business in a crate. Also, Nancy was terrified of crates so we decided not to crate train them but use piddle pads and frequent trips outside so they could watch Oreo go in the yard. Controlling what time we fed them and let them out helped control accidents in the house. It took a few months but we have pretty much controlled day-time accidents, although some mornings we do wake up to an accident but we are slowly working so hopefully one day they will be completely housebroken.

As each and every day goes on Lucy has become friendlier and less afraid of us, after the first month wagging her tail when we came home and excitedly running back and forth on the couch. Nancy began to slowly make eye contact but showed little excitement. Both dogs also have whole other personalities outside. When there are no humans around in the backyard Lucy and Nancy smile, run around and roll in the grass for hours playing with each other. They are the best of friends. It is sad to believe that in the first five years of their life they never had this happiness, enjoyment or freedom of having a yard to run in, a couch to sleep on or a family who loved them.

Another milestone the girls have recently achieved is coming inside on their own. For the first 5 months we would have to walk outside and carry them in because they were scared of the

Before and After

Quinlee/Lucy



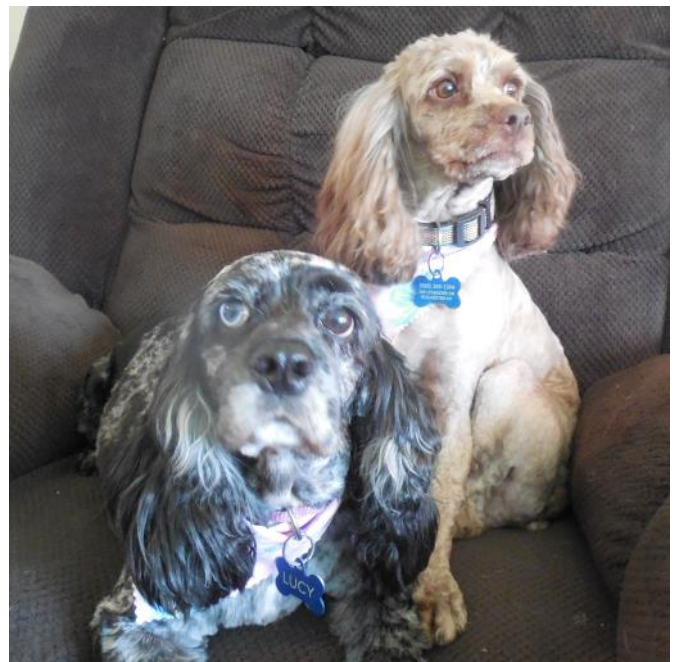
Mocha/Nancy



doorway. Just last month Nancy walked in on her own following behind Oreo, then a week later Lucy started coming in on her own as well.

Almost 6 months later these girls have improved so much. Lucy will now hop on your lap to be held and Nancy makes full eye contact with everyone in our house. The couch is still their safe spot however they are much more comfortable in other rooms and when it is quiet and peaceful they will walk around and explore. Lucy has a stuffed animal Nemo that she adores; she sleeps on it, chews it, plays with it and even carries it around the room. Nancy is just showing curiosity in toys and more interest in people and being held. They are both still nervous of loud unusual noises or movements but are used to everyday sounds. Sometimes they even sleep with my daughter on her bed and Nancy will sleep right beside her on the pillow.

Nancy and Lucy smile all the time and have both grown so much in so little time. They are the most lovable, sweetest dogs in the world and have never shown any type of aggression despite their poor treatment in the past by humans. All they needed was love, support and patience. They are not the easiest dogs to take care but the reward of watching them accomplish milestones and come out of their shell makes it all worth it. They had their first grooming and vet appointments and both went well, they stayed near us for comfort and protection which made my heart fill with warmth. The first years of their life may have been miserable but the rest of their years will be filled with nothing but love, cuddles and fun. They are princesses and will forever be treated like one.”





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