



PUG PRESS

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EVENTS:

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Spring Pet Expo

April 1st, 12-5pm
Eastern Hills Mall,
Center Court
4545 Transit Road,
Williamsville, NY 14221

Mini & French Pet

Window Decal

Online Fundraiser

April 1st - 14th
minifrench.etsy.com
40% of sales will be
donated to Buffalo Pug!

Taste of Town Line

April 9th, 12:15-2:30pm
Town Line Lutheran
1159 Town Line Road,
Alden, NY 14004

Pet Supplies Plus

April 16th 11am-3pm
3733 Union Road,
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Fred Astaire

Fundraiser

May 7th, 2-6pm
3450 Winton Place
Rochester, NY 14623
*Dance exhibition, silent
auction, raffle items, and
lots of fun! \$25 at the
door. 100% of proceeds
donated to Buffalo Pug!*

Chugs 4 Pugs

July 22nd
Flying Bison Brewery
840 Seneca Street,
Buffalo, NY 14210

Choosing the Right Dog Food

We are only 3 months into 2017, but so far the year has been riddled with dog food recalls. While we're certainly not experts when it comes to food and nutrition decisions, we wanted to share some important information that should be considered when choosing a dog food. You should always do your own research and talk to your veterinarian before changing your dog's food.

Don't be fooled

It is important to remember that every dog food company out there is fighting for our money. While they are not supposed to lie, there are plenty of ways companies can stretch the truth to make their food seem better than it really is. They put great pictures of meat and vegetables on the package when they aren't the primary ingredients. They tell us studies have proved their food leads to a longer lifespan with no additional information.

Don't believe everything you see and hear. Some of the biggest companies supply the worst food. They are spending money to get us to buy their product rather than making the product better.

Ingredients

The most important thing you can do when shopping for dog food is to look at the ingredient list. Ingredients are listed in order from most predominant to least (by weight). Imagine those first few ingredients in your dog's bowl. If you don't like what you see, it may be time to look for a different food.

Here are some key ingredients to avoid:

Corn—While corn is not necessarily harmful, it is a "filler" and has little nutritional value. Knowing that ingredients are listed from most predominant to least, seeing corn as the last ingredient may not be concerning, but seeing it at the top means a significant portion of the food is "filler".

Unnamed Meal—Meal is a term used for the dried "powder" that remains after an extended cooking time. There are good meals and bad meals. Named meat meals (ex. Chicken Meal, Lamb Meal) are typically high quality and have more nutritional value than the meat itself because there is a higher concentration of protein after the water has been removed. However, unnamed meals (ex. "meat meal," "bone meal") should be avoided as they are generally used to cover up undesirable ingredients, which could include carcasses and spoiled meat.

By-products—By-products are the ground up scraps of slaughtered animals, including, but not limited to, organs, bones, feet, beaks, eggs, etc. While it is technically possible to create a high quality output from some of these ingredients, when "by-product" is seen in dog food, it is generally the remains of anything left over during the manufacturing process and is a very low quality ingredient. It is best to avoid any dog foods that have by-products listed as an ingredient.

Food Dyes—Artificial food color is completely unnecessary in dog food. Dogs don't care what color their food is. Food dyes are used solely to trick us humans. We are taught to eat a wide variety of colors for a balanced diet so we think that colorful dog food is better than solid brown. But our food isn't all blended together, and if it was, it would be brown too. If you see ingredients such as Red 40 or Yellow 5 in your dog food, keep looking for a better choice.

Ethoxyquin, Propylene glycol, and BHA/BHT—These are all preservatives which may be used in dog foods. While approved by the FDA, they are generally safe in very small amounts, however, unlike humans, our dogs are typically eating the same food day after day. The cumulative consumption of these preservatives may become dangerous and make our pets very sick and/or shorten their lifespans.

Kibble vs. Canned vs. Raw vs. Homemade

The type of food you choose to feed your dog comes down to what works for you and your dog. Some will argue there is only one "right" answer, but there are high quality options available in any of these formats.

Kibble and canned are the most economical and easiest to store. Raw and homemade are more expensive, but are less processed and may offer better nutrition (when made properly). However, raw is more prone to recalls and preparation of homemade can be time consuming and difficult to ensure your dog is getting a balanced diet.

When choosing which type to feed your dog, it is important to remember to choose the best quality food within your price point and that works for your lifestyle. Don't just change the type of food because you think one is better than the other. It is generally better to feed a high quality kibble than a low quality raw, and better to feed a high quality raw than a sub-par homemade food. If you do your research, there are high quality options that are not overly expensive.

Grain or Grain-free?

There has been an increasing trend over the last several years that people think grain-free food is automatically better than food with grain. This is not the case. Just like people, some dogs have food sensitivities and allergies and therefore need a grain-free diet. However, for the rest, grains can help provide a balanced diet as long as those grains are part of the overall mix and not the primary ingredients. Don't disqualify a certain brand just because it is not grain-free.

Sourcing

Regardless of what type of food you buy, you should always know where the ingredients came from. "Made in the USA" is a very literal phrase—it means the food is made/manufactured in the USA. A company can easily manufacture food in the US, but get ingredients from other countries. Ingredients sourced from other countries are not always concerning, but there are many countries with very low quality standards and ingredients from those countries may be dangerous to feed your four legged companions.

Some companies will include a sourcing list on their website. If that is not available, you should contact the company directly and ask for a list. Be sure every ingredient is included. If a company refuses to provide a list, that should be a red flag. It is also important to check the sourcing list regularly to ensure nothing has changed.

Ratings and Reviews

Before changing your dog's food, be sure to not only check the ingredients, but also look into reviews from other consumers. It is well known that people who write reviews online are people who are either very happy or very upset, not likely in the middle, so don't turn away a food just because of a few bad reviews. Be sure to read through those bad reviews and look for trends. One or two dogs that turned their nose up or got sick is not something to be alarmed about, it may just be that dog could not tolerate that particular food, but if there are 200 reviews all saying their dogs got sick after the first bowl, that is something to be concerned about.

February Adoptions:



Charlie
Shih Tzu, 5 yrs.

Evangeline
King Char. Cav., 5 yrs.

Fiona
Sheltie, 2 1/2 yrs.

Jax
KCC / Bichon, 1 1/2 yrs.

Lucia
Beagle/Lab, puppy

Maybull
French Bulldog, 5 yrs.

Piper
Lab mix, puppy

Silas
King Charles Cav., 6 yrs.

Thor
Newfoundland, puppy

Thank You!!!

We would like to say a very special thank you to local Girl Scout Troop 31215. This terrific group of girls not only chose Buffalo Pug as their charitable recipient for the year, but they also donated many items to our current foster dogs, including some great handmade rope toys. Thank you girls! Keep up the good work!



Storage

Even if we buy the best food available, improper storage can cause harm to our pets. Homemade food should be used quickly and raw food needs to be stored in the freezer as directed on the packaging. Canned food can be left on a shelf while sealed, but once opened, it should be transferred to a glass or plastic container, stored in the fridge, and used within a few days. Do not keep open canned food in the metal can.

Kibble should be kept in an air tight container and used within 2-3 weeks. After this period of time, the fats in the food can start to become rancid and make our pets sick. If storing in a plastic container, the food should be left in original bag and the bag placed into the container. Dumping the food directly into a plastic container can cause fats to absorb into the plastic and become rancid and form bacteria, which is then continually transferred onto any new food put in that container. Keeping the bag until empty is also helpful should a recall occur while you are in the middle of a bag of food.

Keep alert of new recalls

It is important to keep alert of all new recalls. With today's technology, it is easier than ever to learn about recalls in a timely manner. The [FDA](#) lists all recalls, as does the [American Veterinary Medical Association \(AVMA\)](#). There are also services such as [DogFoodAdvisor.com](#) that will email you when there is a recall. Following your brand on Facebook and regularly checking their website is also a good way to keep informed of any recalls for your specific brand.

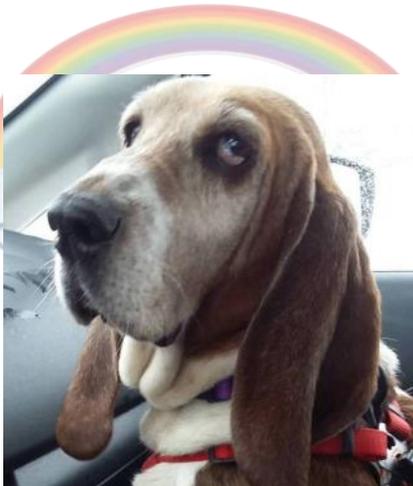
If a recall is issued for your brand, be sure to check the recalled UPC code (or other identifier) to your container of food. Many times recalls effect only one specific manufacturing run, so even though you feed that brand, the recall may not impact you. If the recall does impact your food, stop feeding immediately. Before you throw the food out, check with the store you purchased it from—many will accept recalled food (open or unopened) and may replace it at no charge. If you have been feeding your dog any food that has been recalled, continue to monitor them and report any changes in health or behavior to your vet immediately.

Run Free Petunia

We are once again left with heavy hearts after one of our newest fosters passed away unexpectedly. Petunia was an Amish breeder release who had been with us just a few weeks. We didn't have a lot of time to get to know her, but she was a sweet girl and someone had already fallen in love and wanted to adopt her.

Sadly, despite standard bloodwork and tests that said she was clear for surgery, her spay proved to be too much for her. While she made it out of the surgery, she died from heart failure shortly after.

We are devastated by her loss, but grateful that she got to spend the last few weeks of her life in a home instead of a cage. No doubt she received a ton of love in that time.



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+
Billy	8 yrs.	Xolo/Chinese Crested	Inoperable herniated disc	\$4,000(past), plus \$30/mo
Bruno	9 yrs.	French Bulldog	Suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease & fused discs	ongoing + \$50/mo. (food)
Indy	1 yr.	Pug	Possible hermaphrodite surgery (pending tests)	TBD
Bubbles	6 yrs.	English Bulldog	Skin infections	TBD

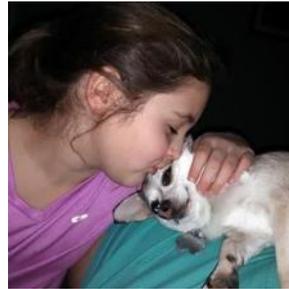
Success Stories: Marty, the family dog

Marty, formerly Martin, was adopted in late 2014. We knew that he LOVED kids and luckily, he found a great home with a big brother and sister to give him lots of attention.

“After making the decision to adopt a dog my husband and children were fortunate enough to meet Martin at one of the adoption events for BPSBR. My husband gave me the card and my children begged and begged to have him.

Without telling them, I sent in the application to hopefully become Martin's permanent home. I knew a guy so handsome and loveable would have multiple people interested so I waited. I received a call from BPSBR a few weeks later asking if I was still considering him!? Of course I was! As it turned out Martin was adopted and returned??? Why would someone return him, I wondered and expected there to be an issue.

Without hesitation Marty became a part of our family! We can't thank BPSBR enough for giving us the opportunity to love Martin forever! Here we are nearly three years later and we are still just as in love with him!”



Featured Dog: Sissy

Those of you who follow us regularly know that Sissy has been with Buffalo Pug for over a year now. Sadly, she has been in boarding almost that entire time as we did not have a suitable foster home for her. Though we tried, we have been unable to find a forever home for her.

However, our wonderful friends at Diamond in the Ruff Rescue also fell in love with Sissy and offered to bring her into their care. While we are sad to see her go, we know that Diamonds in the Ruff is much more suited to finding a forever home for this large breed gal. They have a foster home for her which means she will finally get to experience life out of a kennel.

Sissy is a wonderful young girl. Despite spending over a year in boarding she has not shown any kennel stress. She loves people, especially children, but she needs to be in a home as an only pet, or with a larger, submissive male dog. She also has chronic allergies that have proven pesky, but are manageable with routine vet care. We know that she needs a special home, but we continue to believe that home is out there somewhere.

If you know anyone that would be interested in adopting Sissy, please encourage them to contact Diamonds in the Ruff.





Our Location:

775 Niagara Falls Blvd
Amherst, NY 14226

Our Hours:

Saturday/Sunday 12-4 PM

**subject to change due to holidays, events, etc.*

About Us:

Buffalo Pug & Small Breed Rescue, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to rescuing homeless and abandoned dogs through owner surrender or shelter overpopulation. By working with committed volunteers, foster homes, local veterinarians, trainers, and boarding facilities, we are able to rescue hundreds of animals every year. We provide them with medical care, loving temporary care, and find them well-matched, carefully screened forever homes. We also serve as a resource to our community and all pet owners by providing education and information on responsible pet ownership, including the importance of spay/neuter, positive behavior training, and good nutrition.



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Website: www.buffalopugs.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BPSBR

Instagram: www.instagram.com/buffalopugsrescue

Twitter: www.twitter.com/bpsbr

Adopt:

If you live within 200 miles of Buffalo, NY and are interested in adopting, you can see a list of all available dogs as well as fill out an adoption application online at:

www.buffalopugs.org

Volunteer:

If you are interesting in volunteering for Buffalo Pug, please fill out our adoption application online

www.buffalopugs.org

- Foster
- Adoption Center
- Events
- Home Visits
- Fundraising
- Transports

Wish List:

- Puppy pads
- Paper towels
- Harnesses/collars
- Lysol floor cleaner
- Leashes
- Gas cards
- Belly bands
- High-quality, grain-free dog food
- Crates
- Dog beds/blankets
- Gift cards to pet supply stores, Tractor Supply, etc.
- Flea preventative