



PUG PRESS

May 2016

EVENTS:

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Facebook Auction

Now—May 13th
Click [here](#) to join the Facebook Auction Group (must log in)

Garage Sale

May 28-29, 9am-5pm
4911 County Rd. 36,
Honeyone, NY 14471
Large sale near
Rochester to support
Buffalo Pug

Clarence Hollow Farmers Market

June 4th, 8am-1pm
Main St, Clarence, NY

Pride Festival

June 5th, 12-7pm
Downtown Buffalo
Info Table Only

Dog Days of

Kenmore

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

CAPM Dogs N' Suds

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

Treats Unleashed Adoption Event

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

We Want You ... to be a Foster

Buffalo Pug is a foster-based rescue. While we have an adoption center that is open on weekends, our dogs are in foster homes from the time they arrive until they are adopted.

Every once in a while, we do not have the right foster home for a dog. When this happens, these dogs are placed in a boarding facility until a suitable foster home is found or the dog is adopted. Canine Kennels of Clarence has been a great resource for us, allowing us to recently board a few of our dogs at a substantial discount. While we know these dogs are receiving the best quality care, boarding is not ideal. Not only does boarding result in additional costs for the rescue, but it also does not allow the dogs to spend the quality time in a foster home where they receive training, socialization, and the joys of being in a home environment.

We are always looking for additional foster homes. We look for a variety of homes—ones with other dogs, ones without, ones with children, ones without, etc. The more foster homes we have, the more dogs we can place. It also allows more flexibility in placing a dog in the right foster home as well as allowing fosters to take time off when necessary.

Are you interested in becoming a foster? Visit our [website](#) for more information!

Featured Dog: Sissy



Breed: Lab / American
Staffordshire Terrier

Gender: Female

Age: 5 years

Weight: 60+ lbs.

Arrived: February 2015



Sissy is one of our not-so-small-breed dogs looking for a new home. She came to Buffalo Pug from a shelter in Ohio. When we first met her, it was clear she had suffered a lot of neglect—she was sick, underweight, her nails were far too long, and her skin was in rough shape. She was diagnosed with kennel cough which quickly escalated to bilateral pneumonia, resulting in a 10 day stay at the vets office. She has been in boarding at Canine Kennels of Clarence ever since.

Sissy is very playful and affectionate. She would do great in an active home. She loves to go for walks and play tug of war. She loves kids, but due to her size and energy, she would need to be in a home with older children. Sissy does not do well with small dogs or cats, but she plays very well with other large dogs at the kennel and would love a home with another large dog, preferably a male. While she does have lots of energy, Sissy also has a calm side and will gladly settle in her crate with a treat or snuggle up next to her human.

Sissy does have a grain allergy which was the cause of her skin issues. At one point, she had developed "happy tail syndrome"—the skin on her tail had broken open and because of her wagging tail, it took a long time to heal. Her skin is now doing much better, but she will need to be on a grain free diet in her new home.

Things to consider when boarding your small dog...

Boarding your pet can be a stressful time for both you and your pet. While many of us would love to take our pet with us wherever we go, unfortunately, that is not always possible. Here are some things to consider when deciding where to board your small dog:

Type of Boarding

Traditional Boarding—This is where your dog stays in a kennel or “run.” In many facilities, there is a solid barrier between dogs, however, dogs can typically see and hear each other in the open space. This type of boarding is often the cheapest option, but may not be right for all dogs. If your dog is well socialized and use to being around multiple other dogs, traditional boarding is a great option. However, some small dogs will become fearful in this type of environment.

Resort/Suite Boarding—Gaining popularity is resort or suite style boarding where your dog has a room to themselves. They are often provided with items such as a human bed and sometimes even a TV (for background noise) to make it feel more like home. The rooms are enclosed which minimizes noise from the other dogs. While more expensive, this is a better option for fearful dogs. It is also a good option for senior dogs who can no longer handle the hustle and bustle of traditional boarding.

Pet Sitting—There are two types of pet sitters, friends/family and professional services. Having a pet sitter allows your dog to remain at home where they are most comfortable. You can have someone that stops by a few times a day for walks and feeding or someone that stays 24/7. For dogs that become highly stressed in new environments, this may be the best option. However, if your dog tends to get into mischief when left alone, one of the other options may work better.

Tour/Visit

Regardless of whether you have a small or large dog, it is always important to visit the facility or to meet with the pet sitter prior to leaving your pet. Some things to consider:

- Are the staff friendly and welcoming? Are they knowledgeable? The demeanor of staff towards you may be a sign of how they will treat your dog. Take note of how well they know the dogs in their care. Do your dogs seem happy to see them? If you do not trust the people you meet to care for your pet, look elsewhere. There should also be a good ratio of dogs to staff—no more than 10 dogs per staff member is ideal.
- Ask to see all areas where dogs have access. This includes where the dogs are housed, play group areas, grooming areas, outdoor spaces, etc. All areas should look and smell clean. There should also not be a strong smell of chemicals as this may be a sign of improper use or poor ventilation, either of which can be harmful to your pet.
- Check for adequate security. Outdoor areas should be fenced and the fence should be tall enough to prevent dogs from climbing over. The fence should also have extra security at the bottom, such as concrete, to prevent digging. External doors should be locked and/or there should be a double door system. If the facility has indoor/outdoor runs (where the dog can go outside when they want) be sure the top of the run is covered so your dog cannot climb out.
- Ask for referrals/references. If the facility or pet sitter is not willing to provide this information, you should be concerned. Be sure to get at least one reference from someone with a dog of similar size and temperament. Not all dogs are created equal—there are many differences between caring for a large dog vs. a small dog, a puppy vs. a senior. You want to make sure the staff provides the appropriate care for your dog.

Did you know...

Grapes and raisins are toxic to dogs. While the cause of the toxicity is not known, feeding grapes and raisins is can cause renal failure as well as anuria (lack of urine production).

Common symptoms include:

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Lethargy/weakness
- Abdominal pain
- Dehydration
- Loss of appetite

While not all dogs are impacted by this toxicity, it is better to be safe than sorry. Stick with fruits that are safe for your dog, such as apples, strawberries, blueberries, and bananas. Just be sure to remove any skins and seeds before feeding to your dog!

We need your shoes!

Our shoe drive ends Sunday, May 14th and we are still a LONG way from making our goal of 2,500 pairs of shoes.

This fundraiser is put on by WoofTrax Shoes for Shelters. If we can collect 100 bags of 25 pairs of shoes per bag, Buffalo Pug will receive \$1,000. We need this money to help us with our recent medical expenses.

Please clean out those closets and drop off any new or used (good condition) shoes at our adoption center (775 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Amherst, NY) next weekend 5/13 & 5/14 between noon and 4pm.

Emergencies

When visiting the facility or the pet sitter, be sure to ask for their plan of action in emergencies. Regardless of which type of boarding you use, it is important that the caregiver is prepared should something go awry.

Medical Emergencies—What vet do they use? Can you request to have your dog taken to their own vet (and is there an additional fee)? Is there someone on staff with medical knowledge, such as a vet tech? What do they do if they can't get in touch with you? While we all hope our dog will not become sick or injured while we are away, that's not always the case. If your personal vet cannot be used, be sure you are comfortable with the specified vet. Leave written instructions with the facility/pet sitter that gives them direction should they not be able to get in touch with you right away. Include emergency contacts as well as your wishes for care, pre-approved expenses, etc. You don't want your pet to suffer if you are in the middle of a flight and don't get the call.

Natural disasters—What happens if there is a natural disaster, such as a fire? Where will your pets be evacuated to? Does the facility have back-up information off site so they are able to reach you if their files are destroyed? This is something many people don't think about. If there is an emergency situation, you want to know that your pet is safe, and you want this information from the people caring for your dog. You don't want a friend calling you to tell you the building burned down and have no idea what happened to your pet.

Other things to consider when boarding your small dog...

- **Play groups**—Many boarding facilities offer play groups for dogs being boarded. If you are planning to have your dog participate in play groups, be sure to observe a group first. Be sure dogs are separated based on size and that there is appropriate supervision. While your small dog may play with large dogs at home, having dogs of all sizes in a play group could potentially lead to life-threatening injuries.
- **Leash walk**—While not common, it is possible for a small dog (under 15 lbs) to be carried off by a hawk or other large bird. Be sure your small dog will be leash-walked or closely supervised while outside, even when in a fenced area.
- **Beds**—If a bed is provided (particularly in suite-style boarding), be sure to look at the size of the bed before leaving your small dog each visit. If it is too tall, or if your dog is not used to jumping up and down, ask for it to be removed and replaced with something smaller or with blankets instead. Small dogs can easily break a leg if they are not used to jumping onto a hard floor.
- **Inspect kennel/suite areas**—When completing the tour, be sure to look closely at the area(s) your dog will be in. Check to be sure there are no large openings where your dog could escape or get his/her head or legs stuck. If there is a doggie door that is too big for your dog to open or your dog does not know how to use it, be sure to remind the staff that he/she needs to be hand walked throughout the day.
- **Snow**—If you are going to be boarding your small dog in the winter, be sure to ask about snow removal procedures or if there is an alternate area where your dog will be taken outside. Even small dogs who enjoy the snow won't be able to maneuver if it is 3 feet deep. If your dog will not potty indoors, this may result in them going excessively long period of time without relieving themselves.

There are many other things to consider when choosing to board your pet. Be sure to do your research. Read through all policies and look for any extra fees. It is also advisable to do a trial run (1-2 days) before committing to a long term stay.



April

Adoptions:

Badger

Pug/Boston, 2 yrs.

Blarney

Boxer mix, <12 wks.

Chuerro

Chihuahua, 8 yrs.

Claire

Hound mix, 8 yrs.

Caden, Cara, Kyla

Claire's puppies

Cooper

Maltese/Yorkie, 1 yr.

Daisy

Maltese, 7 yrs.

Dane

Boxer mix, <12 wks.

Darbie

Boxer mix, <12 wks.

Diamond

English Bulldog, 6 yrs.

Frank

Pug, 10 yrs.

Hannah

Pug, 5 yrs.

Harper

Cavalier King Charles, 6 yrs.

Lilly

Boston Terrier, 6 yrs.

Maui

Schnoodle, 5 mos.

Monkey

Chihuahua/Poodle, 7 yrs.

Spade

Chihuahua, 10 mos.

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+
Nicky	6 yrs.	English Bulldog	Cancer of the spleen	\$2,000-\$2,500
Billy	8 yrs.	Xolo/Chinese Crested	Inoperable herniated disc	\$4,000(past), plus \$30/mo
Sissy	5 yrs.	Lab/Staffordshire	Pneumonia/skin issues/boarding	\$3,000+
Angus	11 yrs.	English Bulldog	Entropion/arthritis/senior care	\$3,000+
Gwyn	6 yrs.	Cavalier King Charles	Surgery to remove foreign body ingestion	\$1,800

Check out our Facebook Auction

Now through Friday 5/13 @ 7pm EST

Our Facebook auction is currently underway. We host this auction ourselves and all items are donated, so 100% of the profits go to helping us save dogs in need. To join the group, click [here](#) (you must be logged in) or search within Facebook for "Buffalo Pug and Small Breed Rescue Auction." We have an auction a few times each year, so if you don't see anything that catches your eye this time around, stay in the group, there's always next time!

Check out just a few of the many items up for grabs:



Dog items...



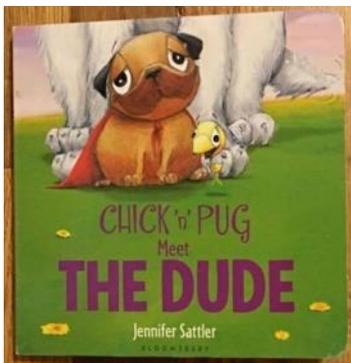
Household items...



Magnets...



Jewelry...



Children's Books...



Collectibles...



7 day/ 7 night vacation...

AND
SO
MUCH
MORE!!!

Success Stories: From Kentucky to Buffalo

My name is Spike (you may remember me as Trey). I'm not too good at keeping track of time, but my mom says I have been here for two and a half years. That's a long time, right?

Buffalo Pug took me in after somebody in Kentucky hit me with their car and the vet took away my right front leg. I went to my foster home just a few days later. Everybody thought it would take me a long time to recover, but boy did I prove them wrong! Who really needs four legs anyway? I had so much fun playing with the other foster dogs.

I was only in my foster home a few weeks before mom and dad found me. They had been looking for a dog for a while, but they couldn't find the right one. I'm glad they found me. They say I fit right in. They are retired, so they stay home with me all the time.

Every morning I wake up and mom puts me on the bed so I can have my morning talk with dad. He doesn't see so well, so later in the day I help Mom read him the newspaper. I sit right next to her on the couch so I can make sure she gets all the words right. Mom had to teach me how to go up and down the stairs, but now that I know how to do it, I beat her every time!

Mom takes me for lots of walks. I love going for walks. I always stop and visit with the kids in the neighborhood. They are so much fun! Mom says people get confused when I'm not with her and they ask where her little shadow is. I'm not sure why they call me Shadow when my name is Spike, but she says they miss me when I'm not there.

Mom tries to play fetch with me sometimes. She throws the ball and I chase it, but she says I'm supposed to bring it back. That doesn't sound like much fun. Once in a while she'll give me a stuffed toy. I really like those cause I get to tear them up into lots of little pieces.

I'm still not sure about this Buffalo weather. It's really cold in the winter. I make a cave in my crate to keep warm. Mom also got me lots of sweaters to wear. But then it gets really hot in the summer. My house has a marble table that I lay on cause it keeps me nice and cool. Mom says I do a yoga pose called "downward dog" on that table.

I'm so glad I got to come here! Thank you Buffalo Pug for helping me find my home!



When I first came to Buffalo



My first visit with mom



My downward dog pose



Mom has this cool planter—it looks just like me!

I'm Mommy's little man. See, my sweater says so!





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.



Follow us online:

Website: www.buffalopugs.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BPSBR

Instagram: www.instagram.com/buffalopugsrescue

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

Donate:

Paypal:

Send to: rescue@buffalopugs.org

Please use Send Money to Friends and Family

Mail/In Person:

Buffalo Pug & Small Breed Rescue, Inc.

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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