



# PUG PRESS

November 2016

## EVENTS:

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### Pictures with Santa Paws

Dec. 10th, 2-6pm  
Buffalo Adoption Center  
775 Niagara Falls Blvd.  
Amherst, NY 14226

*As the holidays are fast approaching, our events have come to an end. Stay tuned for lots of exciting events in 2017!!!*

## Did you know... ?

Ever notice that a senior dog has bluish-gray, cloudy eyes? Most people assume that this is cataracts and that the dog is blind or can't see well. In reality, this may be a common condition called nuclear sclerosis.

Nuclear sclerosis is a normal part of aging, usually impacting dogs over 6 years of age. It is typically only cosmetic and does not impact the dog's vision.

As with any medical issue, always be sure to check with your vet, but most of the time, that cloudiness is nothing to be concerned about.

## November is Adopt-a-Senior-Pet Month

Have you ever considered adopting a senior pet? Many people haven't. We understand, it's not an easy decision to make. How much time do they have left? Will they develop costly medical issues? Will they adjust to life in your home? There are a lot of questions that simply have no answers.

But these homeless seniors are all alone. They have likely lost their family and are scared and confused. Yes, the heartbreak we feel when we lose them is unbearable. It's hard to adopt a dog knowing that their time may come too soon. But isn't it worth the heartache to know that you are giving that dog a second chance, that when they do pass, they will go feeling happy and loved? Every dog should have a loving home when that time comes, but unfortunately, many don't.

This newsletter is full of stories from people who adopted seniors. We hope you take the time to read their stories and understand how great it is to adopt a senior dog.

### Senior 4 Senior Program:

Our Senior 4 Senior program is designed to help pair senior dogs with older adopters who may not only understand the senior dog's perspective, but may also have a more laid back lifestyle suitable for a senior pet. Eligible dogs that are age 8 or older will have a reduced adoption fee of \$75 for a mixed breed or \$100 for a purebred when the approved adopter is over age 65. Please check our website for eligible dogs.

## Our Current Adoptable Seniors

Billy



9-10 years, Xolo  
Arrived Aug 2014  
\*special needs

Penny



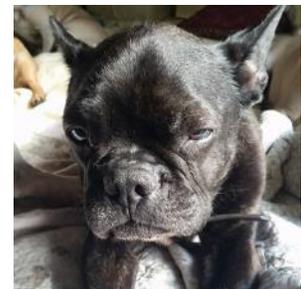
12-13 years, Pom.  
Arrived Oct 2015

Bailey



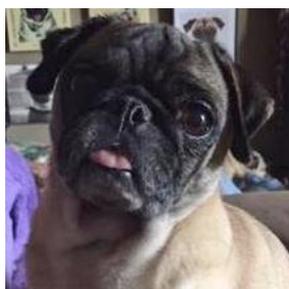
9 years, Puggle  
Arrived May 2016

Bruno



9 years, French Bulldog  
Arrived May 2016  
\*special needs

Phoebe



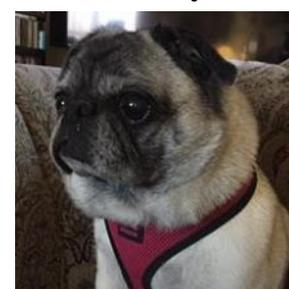
7 years, Pug  
Arrived Oct 2016

Zoe



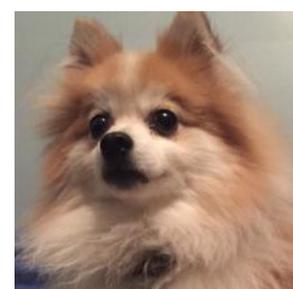
9 years, Shih Tzu  
Arrived Nov 2016

Bailey



10 years, Pug  
Arrived Nov 2016

Rex



7 1/2 years, Pom.  
Arrived Nov 2016



## October Adoptions:

**Beethoven**  
Papimo, 5 yrs.

**Hershey**  
Shih Tzu/Pug/Lab, puppy

**Sebastian**  
Pug, 9 yrs.

**Bruno**  
Boxer, 7 yrs.

**Hickory**  
Red Heeler, 4 yrs.

**Tempest**  
Lab/Chow, 8 yrs.

**Carrie & Zach**  
Beagle/Lab, puppies

**Hutch**  
Kitten

**Tessa Rose**  
Shih Tzu, 6 yrs.

**Cotee**  
Cocker Spaniel, 8 yrs.

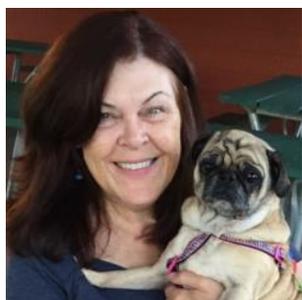
**Sadie**  
Boston Terrier, 10 yrs.

**Tupelo Honey**  
English Bulldog, 4 yrs.

## Success Stories: Our Senior Alums

*Still not convinced that adopting a senior is the right choice?*

*Check out what our adopters have to say about their Buffalo Pug seniors!*



### Princess, 11 years, Adopted 2016

My name is Christa and I adopted a senior.....There, I've said it....and believe me, I do not consider my beloved Princess Peaches a 'senior' since she is active, smiley, happy and joyful every moment of the day. Princess is 11 years old, but the word 'senior' sounds too stodgy and set in her ways, to describe her personality. She's an adult with a little dusting of sugar in her fur.

I specifically sought out an adult dog in need of a loving home, and contacted Buffalo Pug. Low and behold there was a little dreamboat who needed a Mom, and in August 2016, Princess became my new best friend for life.

Why did I seek out an adult dog? While puppies certainly have their charms (and that sweet puppy breath!), they also require intensive rearing...and I wasn't interested in all that hard work. Princess Peaches moved in and immediately became a part of my family. She sought out her favorite cozy spots to snooze, found the water bowl, went in and out for potty breaks. She 'asks' for supper and reminds me when it's time for all of us to go to bed for the night.

Princess immediately blended in to my household....with one exception....she is my only dog to immediately 'sit' when asked. My other two little rescues hear me say the word, and cheerily IGNORE me. But Princess actually sits quietly, politely, calmly and that earns her superstar status around here! So the lesson here is: adult dogs can bring their own set of joyful unexpected surprises.

What was I seeking when I adopted an adult dog in need? A sweet canine partner, a joyful doggie 'welcome home' when I walked in the door, a warm furry cuddler when I'm reading or watching a movie. I absolutely wanted a dog who loved snoozing in the big people bed at night.....and Princess does all of those things with gusto! From the moment I brought her home.

At this very moment, Princess and her 'sister', Sugar (a Shih-Tzu, and also an adult rescue dog), are snuggled in their dog bed and dreaming. In a little while we're all going out to putter in the yard and they will run and sniff and enjoy the fall air. We'll come in later for some lunch and they'll have a bath, and we'll settle in for the evening.

Why adopt a senior? Instant happiness... and the knowledge that you are giving a loving home to a dog who has lost theirs through no fault of their own. That's a win-win from where sit.....and from where Princess sits.

Honey, 14 years

Adopted 2013

Bella, 12 years



We adopted Honey and Bella a senior bonded pair. Honey was 11 and Bella was 9. This was 3 years ago. Honey had many medical issues and Bella was just a pain in my butt. She fell in love with my husband at first sight.

We fell in love with both of them on day one. We just took them for their yearly check up last Thursday. The vet was surprised we only had them a short time. To us, their life started with us.

Casey, 15 years, Adopted 2011



I adopted Casey, a miniature wirehaired dachshund, at age 10 from Buffalo Pugs, July 2011. He will be 16 on Jan 1st. I chose him because his owner went into a nursing home/assisted living and I thought he'd be a good fit with my cairn terrier who was the same age. As it turns out they mostly ignore each other - lol. At this point I am only interested in adopting seniors going forward.

Oyster, 11 years, Adopted 2014

We didn't set out to adopt a senior dog. I guess age wasn't really a concern for us at the time. We never really thought about it. We knew we wanted a rescue dog because we feel quite strongly against stores that sell dogs or cats from puppy mills. They're a no win all around, but that's not what this story is about.

We had just lost our Pug, Sammy Davis Jr, to cancer. When I say "our" I really mean "my". Sammy was my little love bug. My heart broke the day he crossed the bridge. I thought "no more" I can't get so attached and have to let another dog go. It was quite a few months and Sammy's loss still hurt and I still had trouble sleeping without his little snoring sound.

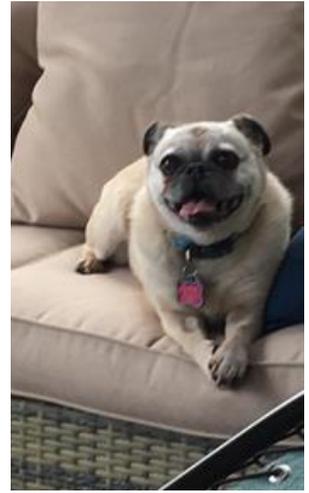
A friend of mine is a volunteer at Buffalo Pugs. She showed me a picture on her phone of a little pug named Oyster. I'm not going to lie, I melted when I saw her. We drove to Rochester the next day to meet her. Such a cutie pie. Then I realized that this little cutie pie was 10 years old, almost 11. Yikes...red flag...red flag was running through my mind. I can't bring this old lady home just to watch her die. I just can't do it.

I was so wrong. Oyster is not an old lady, she's a senior. Truth be told, so am I. Her curly little tail and sweet little face turned those red flags to red hearts. I knew she was supposed to be with me. I brought her home that very day. We both smiled all the way home. It didn't take much time to realize that Oystie did not know she was a senior. She ran the yard with my husband's much younger labs and they had a hard time keeping up with her. She plays, loves to get pets, loves her blankie and enjoys teasing the cats a little too much. Fortunately teasing is all she does and the cats end up sleeping with her half the time. There was literally almost no adjustment period. She just slid right into the family like she had been with us her whole life.

I went to bed that night feeling pretty good about myself. I adopted a senior! Everyone wants the cute little puppies but I adopted the maybe not quite as cute (to other people) senior. I saved her. That night Oystie slept on the bed with my husband and me. She curled up between us and slept like a baby. As I lay there I hear a little snore sound. I almost cried it sounded so beautiful to me. I rolled over and slept like I hadn't in quite a long time.

In the morning I realized something. I didn't save Oyster, she saved me.

She's almost 13 years old now. I don't know how long she'll be with me, maybe another year, maybe 5 more. I do know that the love, happiness and laughter she brings to our house every day was worth the risk. Would I do it again, adopt a senior, if something should happen to Oyster? Without a second thought YES, I MOST CERTAINLY WOULD. There is something special about them. Something I can't really explain but if you ever meet Oyster you'd understand.



## Watson, 10 years, Adopted 2015



A little over a year ago my husband and I starting thinking about getting another dog. We have Spencer a 6 year old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. We adopted Spencer from a breeder but have always wanted to rescue an older dog since we knew not a lot of people adopt older dogs. Last summer I noticed there was a Cavalier up for adoption through Buffalo Pug and Small Breed. Matt and I fell in love with 9 year old Watson immediately. He was in an Amish puppy mill over the last 9 years and kept in horrible conditions. He was matted and had sores and fleas all over him. Matt and I knew we wanted to give Watson a safe, loving home to live. We put in an application and met the amazing Pam (foster mom)! Pam nursed Watson back to health. When she came to our house with Watson, Spencer and Watson fell in love. It was almost like they were always meant to be together.

Watson has become the perfect companion for Spencer and our family. He is incredibly sweet and snuggling on the couch is one of his favorite things to do.

One of the many reasons we wanted to adopt is senior dog is because we wanted to give Watson the life that he deserves. Watson was mistreated for 9 long years and we wanted to make sure the rest of his long life was filled with love, happiness, lots of treats, and soft blankets to lay on!

## Cheurro, 8 years Adopted 2016

He is our constant companion. We just love him. He's such a good boy. We went to adoption center. He walked right up to me and I knew he was the one.



## Timmy, 11 years, Adopted 2015

We adopted Timmy (formerly Tiny Tim) in March of 2015, he was 11 years old. He was a former breeders dog, spending most of his time crated. He deserved a home...

After adopting Timmy his health started declining quickly. It was almost as if he was holding out for his forever family before he started to let go.

Within the short 6 months he was with us, he was ours... We were his... He had the love he had so deserved.

He was the sweetest little soul, and it was crushing to lose him so quickly. (After 13 months as I sit and write about him I have tears trailing down my cheeks) but given the chance, we would do it over again.

Timmy left this world wrapped in my loving arms, knowing what it was like to be a part of a family. Every dog deserves that love.

## Luci, 10 years Adopted 2014

I adopted my Luci (formerly Scarlet) almost 2 years ago when she was 8. I was unsure at first if I wanted to adopt a senior, but it was 100% the best choice I have ever made.



She was used for breeding for most of her life and didn't know much about human affection. But these days you would never know!! She looooves people and her favorite thing to do is get her belly rubbed. I'm thankful everyday for having her in my life. She truly holds my heart, and also has lead me down the road of volunteering, and now fostering. She's changed my life.



### Chubby Checkers, 12 years, Adopted 2016

I adopted Chubby Checkers, or Chubbs (I kept his name from Buffalo Pugs!). Chubbs is 12. He was adopted on August 19, 2016. I chose him because after reading his bio I couldn't help but fall in love with him. After I met him at the shelter I couldn't help but love him. I knew being a senior his chance of adoption was lower, and I couldn't bear the thought of such a good dog missing out on a chance to be loved again. I live by myself so I needed a dog that is ok snoozin on the couch all day and taking a short walk in the evening. He has gotten along with every single person I've introduced him to, including my cat and even a hedgehog! Everyday I'm glad I made the decision to take him home and love him for the rest of his life.

### Angus, 11 years, Adopted 2016

When Chris (foster mom) brought him by we knew instantly he was the bully for us. I work at home and can spend a lot of time with Angus. He loves to hang out at my feet and go on car rides for possible snacks. He is as quiet as a church mouse but it was recently reported that he barked once at the neighbors dog. (Of course this was a friendly bark to introduce himself)



We love having him with us and he seems to be adjusting very well. Mostly we are happy for Angus that he can have some real comfort in his latter years.

*Read Angus's full story in our July newsletter*

### Piper, 12 years, Adopted 2014

We adopted our baby, Piper in November of 2014. She is now 12 years old. She is a pug pekingese mix. She is the sweetest most wonderful little dog you can imagine. She brings such happiness to us and our other pug Maddie, who is 9. She is the sweetest gentlest baby you can imagine. She is always happy to see everyone and has a huge beautiful personality. I would highly recommend adopting a senior from BP&SBR. She is smart and totally housebroken. We are hoping she lives to be at least 20. She gets tons of affection every day and lots of treats! I wish we had ten of her! Thank you Leslie (foster mom) for bringing Piper into our lives!!!



*Piper (left) and her sister, Maddie*

### Gabbi, 11 years, Adopted 2016

We adopted Gabbi, an 11 year old Jack Russell Terrier/Chihuahua mix, in the summer of 2016. The sweetest gal ever. She was missing fur here and there especially on her beautiful spotted belly. She never had an application on her that I know of. Her and my daughter fell in love to the point where Gabbi is the only dog allowed to sleep with her! And is the happiest pup in the world! She loves to give kisses to her family and cuddle.

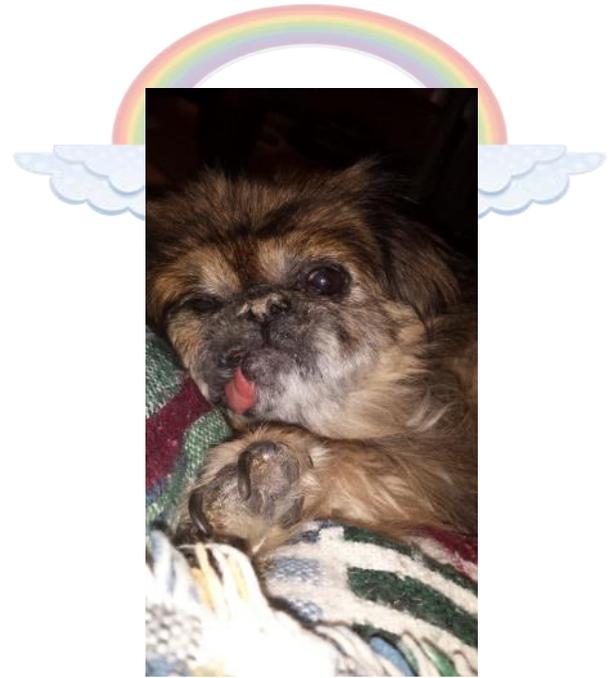
We adopted Gabbi because no one else would give this sweet pea a chance, because of her looks. Well, her looks to us was a no brainer, it was the love that was in her heart that counted for us. She is ours forever and ever to give us more love than most humans can.

Gabbi, we will love you till the end of time.....thank you for your love in return.



## Teddy, 17 years, Adopted 2012

I did adopt one particularly old guy, he recently passed over the rainbow bridge. His name is Teddy, He was estimated between 10 and 13 years old. Originally I thought he would be a perfect companion for my mom, but she didn't think she could give him the care he deserved. I instantly fell in love with him so I called the foster mom, LeighAnne and set up a meet and greet to begin the process of adoption. For the past 5 years, approximately, Teddy has brought our home great joy. He was very old to begin with so he wasn't able to do too much walking. His favorite thing to do was get into areas he couldn't get out of, especially getting stuck under the TV trays was one of his most adorable things...he would attempt to walk around and here goes the TV tray traveling with him. After laughing we'd remove the TV tray and rub his flanks, his tail would start wagging because he loved to be touched. His hearing and sight were not the greatest, but his sense of smell was impeccable! He would sit in the kitchen when he knew it was "food time" and instead of a bark it was more like an arp. He is so missed and so loved. Teddy we think must've been closer to the age of 13 when we got him so I would say he was at least 17 or 18 when he finally can run over that bridge!



## Gizmo, 9 years, Adopted 2014

I adopted two 'almost' seniors from Buffalo Pug. Gizmo was 7 1/2 when I adopted him 2 years ago. I wanted a dog who wouldn't overwhelm my two 15 year old cats and who, honestly, would be on the quieter side activity level-wise. And he is the perfect boy. Loves people, loves to go for car rides & wandering walks, gives lots of kisses & always wants to be lying next to me whenever I sit down.

Then I lost both my cats in about 10 months & Gizmo was spending too much time alone while I was at work. Enter Keeva. She came into our lives just a few weeks ago. A puppy mill dog from, I think, the same Ohio shelter Gizmo came from. Twice his size (12 lbs to his 7) & an absolute Bumble! She didn't know how to walk on a leash, had no concept of puppy pads or even of her own personal space. Oh, and she's not quite the quiet senior companion I had envisioned for Gizmo. Turns out she's probably about 6 1/2, LOVES to walk -we walk a mile every morning & that's just the first walk of the day! - and stumbles over Gizmo almost daily. Too funny. She is totally different from Gizmo's laid back self. Jumps



with joy, turns in pirouettes, races the length of the house & then asks to be lifted into the chair so she can snuggle with us in front of the TV at night. They both sleep with me at night of course. Keeva is learning that the neighbors aren't so scary & that they love to love on both my furbabies. We're still working on potty training but getting there.

I was always a big dog girl and now my 2 best friends are a senior long haired Chihuahua who taught me little dogs are 1/2 cat and totally lovable, and a papillon/pom who makes me laugh every day. Why adopt a senior dog? Because they teach you new things, help you see the world in a different way. Because no matter what situation they come from they still have so much life to live and love to give, and if you're very lucky you can be the one they give it to! Will it hurt when someday I lose my babies - of course it will. And yes, maybe I'll lose them sooner than if I had adopted a younger dog, but I wouldn't trade the love I get from my senior furbabies for anything!

### Elvis, 13 years, Adopted 2015

My biggest fears were IF I take him what is the life expectancy (I knew if I got attached and he died I would be heart broken), and why was he given up, along with what is it like to have a deaf dog. After a few hours of thinking and texting with Leslie (foster mom), I quickly agreed to



meet him, after all I have health issues and I've found my forever place why shouldn't he?!

That was the best decision of my life.

Would I suggest a senior dog to anyone else? Most certainly. The love you receive from a dog that was given up by their owner at an advanced age far out weighs the love you give.

*Read Elvis's full story in next month's newsletter*



### Lily, 8 years, Adopted 2016

(adopted to same family as Elvis)

On August 18, 2016, Ms Lily (formerly Flower) joined the Robinson/Elvis household and grumble. She was an 8 year old rescue pug from Long Island that had lost her owner due to death. She and her sister were dropped off at the local rescue and Buffalo Pug saved them both from a life in a shelter. As soon as Leslie (foster mom) had gotten word that Lily was on her way she sent me pictures. I instantly fell in love.

After confirming her and her sister had not bonded I made my want for Lily clear. On her way up her several fosters had noted an aggression with other dogs at certain times (feeding and love time), after discussing this with Leslie I still agreed to take her. After all daddy was already in love with that cute face. I had even picked out her color. She was destined to wear a purple collar, leash, and harness.

Lily isn't big into being held but loves to give kisses and follows her daddy every where. I was asked why I chose to adopt an older dog again and my answer was simple, she needs a furever place to call home and I have plenty of room in my heart for her. Now I couldn't imagine my life without her. She gives me kisses, lays by me at all times, and is always under my feet. She gets along well (for the most part) with her brothers and we have worked her past her aggression. I couldn't be happier with my Lil and my Elvis. I strongly suggest adopting older dogs. The love they have is just so incredible. Please consider it if you haven't and god bless all that have. You've given a poor puppy a chance at their forever home and experiencing love like they never have before and we thank you for that.

### Gigi, 15 years

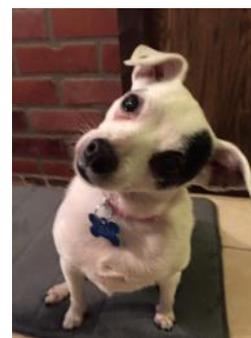
### Adopted 2016



This is our Miss George E formerly known as GiGi adopted Sept 18, 2016. Age given to rescue by shelter was 11

but our vet feels she is at least 15...its all good. A sweetheart of a little girl who fit into our family like she's always been here.

### Molly, 10 years, Adopted 2015



Molly is my foster failure. I adopted her Dec. 2015. This little Jack Russell Terrier/Rat Terrier/Chihuahua mix has brought so much joy to our lives. We walk 2.5-3 miles daily & she's not even tired.

### Scooter, 8 years

### Adopted 2016

On June 5th I saw a post Crystal (BPSBR volunteer) made about a beautiful surrendered sheltie



in Ohio. I stopped what I was doing and reached out asking what I had to do to adopt him. It was love at first sight.

After my application was approved I left work and drove 3 hours to Ohio to recuse the fluff ball! He snuggled in my coat and licked my hand the whole way home.

It is now 9 months later and he is truly my best friend. He spends his days at the hair salon getting constant attention from my clients, and many trips to the dog park where he loves to stand quietly in the lake and watch all the other dogs play in the mud. I couldn't be happier with him and encourage everyone to adopt not shop. Recuse first. They need you just as much as you need them.



### **Taz, 11 years, Adopted 2014**

I adopted a senior dog because I wasn't sure if I could take care of a pup. I live alone and he has been the perfect companion. He is such a mellow dog. Rarely barks. And he is such a cuddler. He is good with other dogs and very friendly with people.

He has brought so much joy into my life. Feels like we've been together forever. I am so happy I found him.



### **MoMo, 9 years**

### **Adopted 2016**

We adopted MoMo (Molson) in July of this year. He is 9 years old. MoMo was in a life threatening emergency and had

to have surgery to save his life. We made sure he had what was needed and decided he was going to stay with us permanently. He is the sweetest little guy in the world and just has so much love. He is happy and doing well with his brother Yogi, sister Ellie and nephew Biscuit.



### **Lilo, 13 years, Adopted 2015**

We almost always adopt senior dogs. Before we had kids and my husband and I were both working, senior dogs were ideal because they were happy to sleep all day and go for walks

and get cuddles in the evenings. Plus lots of people tend not to want seniors. Our current dog posse is Lilo (13), Bailey (almost 10) and Mia (the baby of the bunch at 6.5).



### **Max & Mel, 14 years, Adopted 2015**

We have spent the last 13+ years rescuing and fostering felines in need. The most humbling experiences have involved opening our home to senior felines...they are usually passed over for adoption because people are looking for a young, active kitten to grow with their family. We have loved every single senior kitty that we have brought home. It brings us such joy to know that they spend their remaining years as part of a loving family.

This is why we were drawn to Max & Mel. They deserved to live their remaining time with a family of their own...a family that will love them to pieces and spoil them rotten for however long they have left on this side of the bridge!



### **Duke, 13 years, Adopted 2010**

Our pug's name was Duke, and was at the time of adoption. He would have been 13 (he passed in August). My husband (boyfriend at the time) and I decided to search petfinder.com for a pet. My husband sent me Duke's info and it was love at first sight. He was such a handsome guy. We put our application in and a few days later we were contacted by the rescue. Duke's foster mom sent us videos of him "singing" and we knew we made the right choice. We were notified that we were approved, and were to pick him up at the Rochester location. We were so excited we got to Rochester super early and went shopping for him. We went to the rescue to pick him up and he ran right to us. It was meant to be. He sat on my lap the whole way home and then next to me on our couch or bed for the rest of his life. Our first son got to have 2 years with him, and Duke was his first word, he just loved him. Duke was our family, and we treated him like a king, he made us pug lovers, we have even given our second child Duke as his middle name, we were so in love with him. This summer his fight with collapsed trachea and some other medical issues ended and it was one of the hardest things we ever went through. He was so special to us. We will definitely adopt another pug one day because of our Duke Dog Best Pug- the King of Pugs

### Autumn, 9 years, Adopted 2016

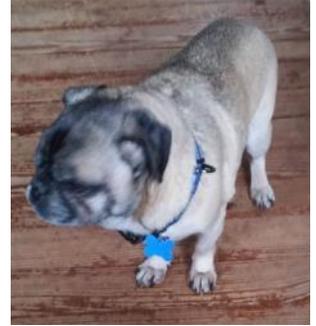


*Autumn (center) with her new family*

We adopted Autumn in February 2016. She was 9 at the time of adoption. My husband was kind of hesitant about her being older. When Pam (foster mom) brought her over for a meet and greet, not only my husband fell in love with her but our boys also did! They are 22, 19 and 16! The fact that we know we are giving her a beautiful, comfortable, friendly and safe home is so rewarding to all of us! Each family member loves her with everything they have to give! My boys always take the time to hold her and love her up! We never expected ALL THE JOY she would give us!!! It's like Christmas every day seeing her adorable little face and knowing we saved her from sitting in a gross cage!!!! The novelty has not worn off even after 10 months!

### Jessie, 12 years, Adopted 2014

We had previously adopted a senior dog from a different rescue back in 2011, and it was a good fit for us. We enjoyed her slightly slower pace and had a wonderful time taking her everywhere we went—for rides, to all the local festivals and to visit family. But she only lived three years with us before passing over the rainbow bridge. After losing her we were devastated and knew we needed to adopt another companion. We first considered a younger dog this time and searched for weeks but nothing seemed to click. I said to my husband, "This shouldn't be so hard. How about another senior dog?" The VERY FIRST DOG we saw after making that decision was Jessie, who came up in our internet search. She's been everything we could wish—adorable, funny, loving and much livelier than our last senior! She keeps us hopping but also loves to snuggle. She came to us just looking for someone to love—we're fortunate she chose to love us. Now all we want is to make her happy for all the years we'll have together. She takes me for six walks a day, has regular weekend outings in the car and visiting family, and has been to many festivals! I can't recommend a senior dog highly enough. They make wonderful companions.



### Shorty, 10 years, Adopted 2014

In June, 2014 I came to the pet expo at Mang Park for a meet and greet with Arthur, a 5 month old dachshund. I learned that Shorty, an 8 year old, long haired miniature dachshund had no requests for adoption. I always said I would adopt an older dog rather than a puppy. Everyone wants cute little puppies, but senior dogs get very little interest. On June 28th, I picked Shorty up to take him to his forever home with me. He is my constant companion and brings me joy and happiness all day long. I can't imagine my life without him. He's 10 now and I'm looking forward to many years with him by my side.



### **Minnie, 12 years, Adopted 2014**

Beautiful Minnie, a 12 year old MinPin/Chihuahua mix, came into our family December 2014. Minnie's previous owner had fallen on hard times, and fortunately BPSBR rescued her. It only took one look at her big, beautiful eyes to know we wanted her to be ours.

When Minnie's foster Mom, Debbie, brought her over for a home visit, it seemed that Minnie knew this would be her new home. She ran up the stairs and poked her head through the railing as if to say "which bedroom is mine?"

She quickly settled into our home and hearts (and our bed, too!) She picked out her favorite chair for napping, but we often found her laying in a laundry basket or a pile of toys and blankets. What a sweetheart!

Shortly after we adopted her, it became apparent that, because of her age, Minnie had some serious health issues. In January 2015, a visit to our Vet confirmed our suspicions. Within a few days, Minnie crossed over the Bridge.

Minnie's time with us was too short. We hope she knew how much she was loved. She will be in our hearts forever, alongside her fur sisters Sydney and Jade. We will never forget those beautiful eyes.

### **Jellybean, 9 years, Adopted 2014**

Jellybean is a 9 year old blind "foster failure". (Definition: when the foster family adopts their own foster dog). BPSBR pulled him from a shelter in Kentucky. When he arrived he was extremely sick with an upper respiratory illness, which is common in shelter dogs, but he was having complications. I held him all through the night and pet him and tried to keep him calm so his breathing would slow. He was having a very difficult time getting air in. I thought he would stop breathing. His neuter incision was infected as well. This poor guy had it rough.



After several rounds of antibiotics, good rest and lots of love Jellybean recovered. As a foster mama, sometimes a dog comes along that you know was meant to stay and be part of your own pack. Jellybean was a reminder of a previous wonderful foster dog I had that I will always love. I knew he was going to be mine forever.

I thought 8 seemed young even though by definition he was a senior. His blindness was never a concern. He's a tough little guy and wanders around the house independently and even takes 2-3 steps to get outside! He takes daily eye drops to keep eyes moist and I've asked the vet several times if he's sure Jelly is blind and we're told yes, but when I leave for work in the morning Jellybean runs through the house from one end to the other and goes right into his own crate!

Senior dogs may have special needs (medications, mobility, sensory etc...) but the love they return makes it all worth while. It's seriously an easy transition to learn to care for these dogs. You'll want to do it because you love them so much! If you're considering adopting-please don't rule out adopting an older dog. Everyone always wants puppies and young dogs but it takes someone special to appreciate the love of an older dog. Be willing to open your heart to a senior and you won't be sorry. You'll be saving them and in return they'll save you.



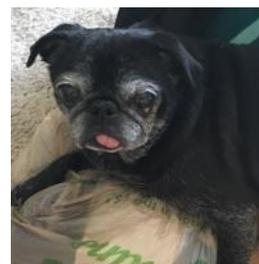
### **Oliver, 11 years**

### **Adopted 2015**

I saw his picture online and just fell in love with his

face. He looked very sweet and loving. Oliver is the perfect companion for our family because he is the sweetest most affectionate dog we've ever had.

*Read Oliver's full story in our August newsletter*



### **Tinsel, 12 years**

### **Adopted 2016**

Why? - No one else wanted her. Because of her age and she need

bladder surgery. Elders are the BEST! Since then, she has had her dental work done and the growths removed around eye. She is happy, healthy, safe, warm and loved. She has a big, little brother Jack-the-Pug and human family. We couldn't ask for more.

## Tempest, 8 years, Adopted 2016



She came to our family in January 2016 as a senior stray from Ashtabula, Ohio. She had mammary tumors which were removed and she recovered quickly. While we searched for her forever home, the right family never surfaced. Something always seemed to go wrong. As her time with us grew longer it just seemed like she fit best with our motley fur crew. While she did not do well and showed signs of aggression at any events I tried to take her to and at meet and greets, she gets along well with everyone here. It almost seemed like she was sabotaging any efforts to find her a different home. As of October we officially adopted her. She joins her 11 year old brother, Murphy a Boston/rat terrier mix, 8 year old Shih tzu brother Gizmo as well as two cats who she loves to chase (16 year old grumpy cat Stella and 3 year old Jack) to complete our fur family. Everyone who comes for a visit falls in love with her and comments on how mellow she is. She is an absolute angel with children of all ages and will make sure you know when it's time to pet her. Tempest is a part of our family now and while I know that our time together will be short, it's about the quality not the quantity.

## Sweet P, 8 years, Adopted 2016



Sweet P's foster mom told us this: "She now has a furry sister adopted in March to keep her company and they love each other. The adoptive mother always wanted kisses from Sweet Potato. She is not a smoocher. But where there a will there's a way. Sweet Potato's mom says she gets kisses if she has coconut oil on her face."

Sweet P's mom wasn't able to give us a full story, but she wanted us to remind everyone that small breed dogs can live to be 15-17!

## Bowser, 12 years, Adopted 2012



Bowser is my spunky, little sidekick. No one believes me when I say he is 12 years old! He has lost a lot of weight and is now more energetic than he was when I adopted him 4 years ago! He used to be so shy, but now he LOVES people. It has been such a joy to watch him blossom.

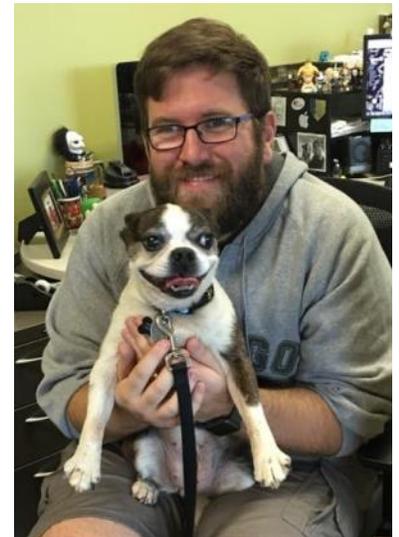
I always knew I wanted to adopt a senior because I know how hard it is for them to find homes. I wasn't even actively looking for a dog at the time, but I came across Bowser's picture online and knew it was meant to be. I couldn't imagine life without him!

## Sadie, 10 years, Adopted 2016

My wife Kelly and I always knew that we wanted a dog once we got married but our apartment restrictions put a huge wrench into our plans. We were constantly looking online and talking about it at our jobs, asking for opinions. Eventually my coworker brought in a dog and let me know about Buffalo Pug and we added yet another place to our list to check out thinking that it would be a long time before we found the perfect puppy. Well... a few weeks later she happened to be checking a new adoptable dog page on the site for a Boston Terrier named Sadie. I instantly thought she was such a pretty girl and knew I had to show my wife! I knew she was going to be a highly likely possibility, and when she was brought into the office for us to have a meet and greet it was a done deal! We met her on a Thursday and she was ours on the following Monday (writing this the next day)!

I think what really helped us make our decision is the fact that Sadie is a senior. Yeah she is a little older, but older dogs deserve to be in a happy home too. Even if we only get a few years with her, she will be spending those final years in a loving peaceful home.

We have only had her a day at the time of me writing this, but she is already making herself at home and is definitely a part of the family! Kisses when we come home from shopping, running and playing when a



tennis ball was thrown, and (my favorite) hanging out on the couch as close to me without actually being on top of me (which happens as well)! Even her snoring is cute!

Thank you to MJ (foster mom) and to Buffalo Pug & Small Breed Rescue for bringing Sadie into our home and our hearts!



## 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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## 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](http://www.buffalopugs.org)

## Volunteer:

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

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- 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