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October 2020

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 Howl-
 o-ween!!!**



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Tis the Season to...VOTE!

MABTR family,

Let's all do our part this fall. Participating in elections is one of the key freedoms of American life. No matter what you believe or whom you support, it is important to exercise your rights. Every vote counts!!!



2021 Calendars and Planners

(pre-order date extended)

Ready to start looking forward to next year??

We sure are! The photos have been submitted, and we have extended



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**All donations
 (monetary or items)
 are tax-deductible.**

MABTR is
100% volunteer-driven. Your entire
 donation amount goes towards
 rescuing, rehabilitating, and re-
 homing Bostons in need in foster
 care.

the deadline for pre-orders for the 2021 calendars and planners.

Details are below. **Orders will be accepted through October 29th; we will not be ordering extra copies.**

[Click here to place an order!](#)

2021 Calendar & Planner



Calendar
\$25

Planner
\$30

Shipping included in price above

Pre-orders will be taken through October 29th.
We will not order extra copies.

Orders taken at <https://www.adoptaboston.com/shop>
Or call 402-510-1346

10 Halloween Safety Tips for Pets

Halloween can be a festive and fun time for children and families. But for pets? Let's face it, it can be a nightmare. Skip the stress and keep your pets safe this year by following these 10 easy tips.

1. Trick-or-treat candies are not for pets.

All forms of chocolate - especially baking or dark chocolate-can be dangerous, even lethal, for dogs and cats. Symptoms of chocolate poisoning may include vomiting, diarrhea, rapid breathing, increased heart rate, and seizures. Halloween candies containing the artificial sweetener xylitol can also be poisonous to dogs. Even small amounts of xylitol can cause a sudden drop in blood sugar and subsequent loss of coordination and seizures. "Xylitol ingestion can also cause liver failure in dogs, even if they don't develop symptoms associated with low blood sugar," adds Dr. Jennifer Coates, veterinary advisor with petMD. And while xylitol toxicity in cats has yet to be established, it's better to be safe than sorry.

2. Don't leave pets out in the yard on Halloween.

Vicious pranksters have been known to tease, injure, steal, and even kill pets on Halloween night. Inexcusable? Yes! But preventable nonetheless. Black cats are especially at risk from pranks or other cruelty-related incidents. In fact, many shelters do not adopt out black cats during the month of October as a safety precaution. Make sure your black



Employer Match Programs

Did you know that many employers will match your donation to a 501(c)3 organization? Some even pay a flat fee to the organization for volunteer hours!

Check with your human resource department for details!
A few companies we know of are:

- Pinnacol Assurance
- AT&T
- Wells Fargo
- MidAmerica Energy Holding Comp.
- Pfizer
- Allstate
- CenturyLink
- CNA Surety
- CSG
- 8z Real Estate
- Great Western
- Thrivent Financial
- Western Union
- SalesForce
- Microsoft
- United Way
- First National Bank
- Lockheed Martin Corporation
- Benevity: Apple, Google, ADP
- Johnson and Johnson
- United Healthcare
- Walmart



Fundraiser Results for September

Surprise Toy Fundraiser: \$900



**Have upcoming travel plans?
Do you have room for a four legged passenger?**

cats are safely housed indoors around Halloween.

3. Keep pets confined and away from the door.

Indoors is certainly better than outdoors on Halloween, but your door will be constantly opening and closing, and strangers will be on your doorstep dressed in unusual costumes. This, of course, can be scary for our furry friends, which can result in escape attempts or unexpected aggression. Putting your dog or cat in a secure crate or room away from the front door will reduce stress and prevent them from darting outside into the night...a night when no one wants to be searching for a lost loved one.

4. Keep glow sticks away from pets.

While glow sticks can help keep people safe on Halloween night, they can add some unwanted drama to the holiday if a pet chews one open. "Thankfully, the liquid inside glow sticks is non-toxic, so it won't actually make pets sick," Coates says, "but it does taste awful." Pets who get into a glow stick may drool, paw at their mouth, become agitated, and sometimes even vomit. Coates recommends that if your pet does chew on a glow stick, "offer some fresh water or a small meal to help clear the material out of the mouth."

5. Keep Halloween plants such as pumpkins and corn out of reach.

While small amounts of corn and pumpkin can be fed safely to many pets, ingesting uncooked, potentially moldy Halloween pumpkins or corn displays can cause big problems. Gastrointestinal upset is a possibility whenever pets eat something they aren't used to, and intestinal blockage can occur if large pieces are swallowed. Coates adds that "some types of mold produce mycotoxins that can cause neurologic problems in dogs and cats." So, keep the pumpkins and corn stalks away from your pets. And speaking of pumpkins...

6. Don't keep lit pumpkins around pets.

If you are using candles to light your jack-o-lanterns or other Halloween decorations, make sure to place them well out of reach of your pets. Should they get too close, they run the risk of burning themselves or causing a fire.

7. Keep electric and battery-powered Halloween decorations out of reach.

Electric and battery-powered Halloween decorations are certainly safer than open candles, but they still can present a risk to pets. Pets who chew on electrical cords can receive a possibly life-threatening electrical shock or burn. Batteries may cause chemical burns when chewed open or gastrointestinal blockage if swallowed. Shards of glass or plastic can cause lacerations anywhere on the body or, if swallowed, within the gastrointestinal tract.

8. Don't dress your pet in a costume unless you know they'll love it.

If you do decide that Fido or Kitty needs a costume, make sure it isn't dangerous or simply annoying to your pet. Costumes should not restrict movement, hearing, eyesight, or the ability to breathe. Coates warns that pets who are wearing a costume should always be supervised by a responsible adult so that if something goes wrong, it can be addressed right away.

9. Try on pet costumes before the big night.

Don't wait until Halloween night to put your pet in a costume for the first time. "Any time you want to introduce your pet to something new, it's best to go slowly," Coates says. Get your pet costumes early, and put them on for short periods of time (and piece by piece, if possible). "Make it a positive experience by offering lots of praise and treats," Coates adds. If at any time, your pet seems distressed or develops skin problems from contact with a costume, consider letting him go in his "birthday suit." A festive bandana may be a good compromise.

10. IDs, please!

If your dog or cat should escape and become lost, having the proper identification will increase the chances that he or she will be returned. Collars and tags are ideal if a Good Samaritan is able to collect your wayward pet, but microchips offer permanent identification should the collar or tag fall off. Just make sure the information is up-to-date. Use Halloween as a yearly reminder to double check your address and phone number on tags and with the company who supports pet microchips.

October Auction!

Our last auction of the year is coming up later this month, and the timing is perfect! Cooler weather... how about holiday shopping?

20 beautiful throws and blankets will be up for bid,

Starting at 8am CST on Fri., Oct 16th
Ending at 7pm CST on Sun., Oct 18th

MABTR is always in need of transports moving our dogs across our 13 state territory as they enter foster care or move into their **forever** homes

Share your travel plans with us, and if the need approaches we will be in touch.

Click [here](#) for more information.

The doggies thank you!!!

Remember that you can write off at tax time your gas or mileage when transporting our Bostons.



Foster

[Click here to learn more](#)

Adoption Corner...
~~Happy Tails~~



8 dogs rescued in September!

144 dogs rescued so far in 2020!

4,068 dogs rescued since
November 2005!

We ask that you help us educate the public about their options when looking for a new pet. We appreciate the fact that you are not purchasing your pet from a pet store that sells lives animals, since 98% of all puppies in a pet store come from terrible situations such as puppy mills. For more information on puppy mills visit our site and read [all you need to know about puppy mills](#).

If you are interested in a breed other than a Boston check out the links below.

-[Petfinder](#)

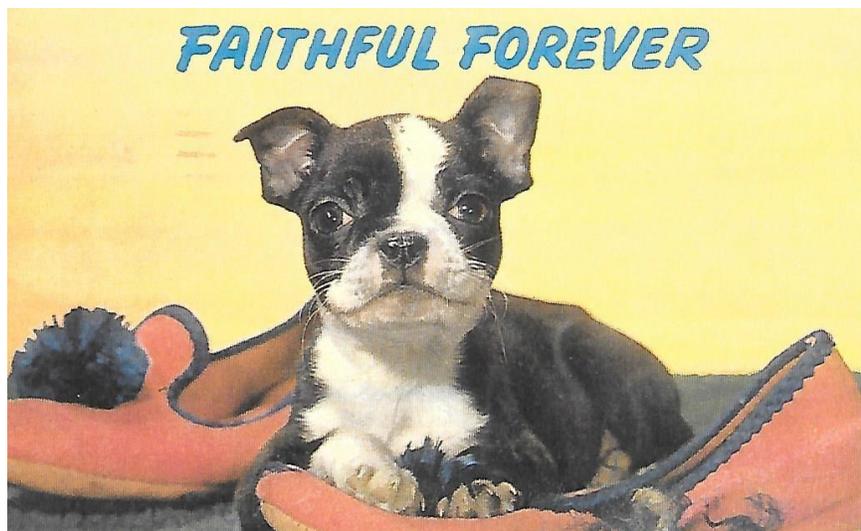
-[Rescue list by breed](#)

-Google search under "breed" rescue

AGE is just a number

I wish applicants would make personality and behavior priority when adopting a dog but the truth is that a majority are

View our items and place your bids at <https://www.32auctions.com/blankets>



Buying and Selling Dogs Online

As a rescue organization, MABTR's number one priority is the health, happiness, and safety of the animals and families we serve. That being said, we are sharing our experiences involving buying and selling dogs online with you, so that you can make the best decision regarding your pet. When in doubt, or if you ever have any questions, PLEASE reach out to us and we are more than happy to help.

Before you buy a dog online...



Before buying a dog you found online needing a new home, you take the risk that this dog may not legally belong to the seller.

Two things you should request from the seller are:

- 1) **A transfer of ownership form/bill of sale**, which is now your document proving legal ownership and the exchange of money. Otherwise you can potentially be accused of stealing the dog. Just like anything you buy at the store you get a receipt for.

True example: a lady met the seller in a park. She gave her \$200 cash for the dog, collected the vet records and even a bill of sale. Within one hour of getting the dog home she learned that the seller called the microchip company claiming her dog was stolen. She called the local animal control and police to find that she would not

not even interested in learning about a dog if it is out of their age range.

Remember that just because a dog is young does not guarantee he/she will live to be 14. MABTR cannot promise anyone how long a dog will live. We unfortunately have experienced the loss of a life at a very young age unexpectedly.

MABTR is not prejudiced when it comes to rescuing. A life is precious no matter
 *gender *age
 *disability *health

Love



**has NO
age limit!**

Do you regularly shop on Amazon?

Switch to Amazon Smile!

Same Amazon (including login and prices) just a different URL:

<https://smile.amazon.com/>

Choose your charity as
**MidAmerica Boston Terrier
 Rescue**

Thanks in advance for the support!



**Facebook
Photo Contest**

September's contest

be charged with stealing the dog since she has the bill of sale in hand proving the transfer of ownership.

2) Proof of vaccinations and proof of spay/neutering if the seller states they are current. Someone's word is not proof. This should be a document from an actual vet clinic, not hand written. If no proof is given you will need to repeat the vaccinations.

True example: the buyer turns the dog over to MABTR as it did not work out. They tell us that the dog is current on vaccinations per the previous owner, but no hard copy proof is provided. What if the dog bit someone and you had to show proof of rabies to animal control. They are not going to take your word for it. MABTR must vaccinate these dogs for legal proof prior to adoption and now we could potentially be overdosing if proof is not obtained when we initially receive the dog.

We are surprised on how many people buy dogs being sold online and turn them over to MABTR as what they were told about the dog's health or behavior was not true, thus it ends up not being a match for their home. It is sad to learn from some of these individuals how many times a dog is bounced from home to home because the proper steps to ensure the perfect match are not taken.

We are not begging for dogs to come into our rescue but want you to be aware of your options and our services. MABTR is happy to speak to anyone on how to go about ensure their dog is placed in a great home. If you see a Boston on a local swap n' shop being given away, feel free to share our website and/or phone number as a resource to safely rehome the dog: www.adoptaboston.com. 402-510-1346.

Before you sell a dog online...

Selling or rehoming your dog on Craigslist, Facebook or other social media is NOT the way to go about ensuring your dog lands in a safe and happy home. Every situation we share below we have encountered unfortunately more than once.

DANGERS of listing dogs on an online site:

1) Dog fighting still occurs in every state and dogs such as Bostons -- who will not back down -- are great BAIT DOGS for those sick individuals that fight dogs. As you can imagine this is a horrible way for your dog to die or suffer from injuries.

2) If your dog is not altered he/she can be targeted by PUPPY MILLERS and BACK YARD BREEDERS to end up as a breeder dog where they are given no love and little to no health care. Imagine going from a warm bed with freedom to run to living outside in a wire cage 24/7. *We have had breeders admit to us that the dog was someone's pet before they took ownership of him/her.*

3) Flippers are individuals who buy dogs with the intent to turn around and sell them for more money, not caring about their well-being, only the profit to be made. So who you thought was going to provide your dog with a great home no longer exists, and who has your dog now?

4) Last, you should never give your dog away for free. People have more appreciation for the things they paid for than those given to them for free/no investment.

5) IF YOU REHOME YOURSELF PLEASE GO TO THE ADOPTER'S HOME TO CONFIRM WHAT THEY ARE TELLING YOU IS TRUE! People are going to tell you what you want to hear. That is why we conduct thorough reference and home checks as part of our adoption process.

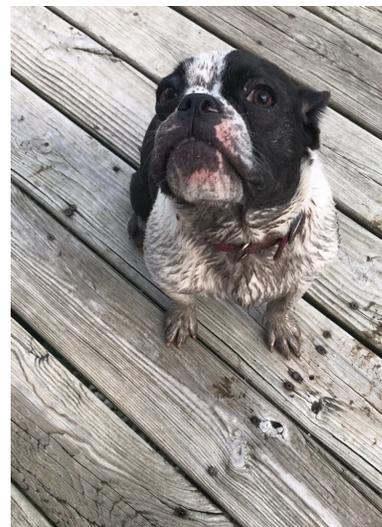


Medical Corner

What is a third eyelid flap?

Theme: Water Fun!

And the winner is...



Butters!

owned by Beth S

Honorable mentions:

Elektra came in 2nd
Niko came in 3rd

**October's theme is:
Favorite Toy!**

Good luck!



Other online shopping networks that give back to MABTR with each of your purchases are:

[iGive.com](#)
[Amazon Smile](#)
[eScrip](#)
[dogloverstore](#)
[Together a Greater Good](#)
[Cuddle Clones](#)
[Big Pile of Dog Shirts](#)

It is free to you and MidAmerica Boston Terrier Rescue benefits from your shopping fun!

**Make a donation
in Memory of..
or
in Honor of...
of someone special
(human or pet)**

MABTR has a program that will mail your special someone a card



All dogs have what is called a third eyelid. The third eyelid is an extra eyelid that sweeps back and forth across the surface of the eye providing protection and spreading the tear film. The third eyelid doesn't always make an appearance and is not easily seen in most breeds.

One benefit of the third eye is when a dog has a severe eye injury. Your vet may recommend a third eyelid flap. Of course we would not recommend this procedure until efforts with medication have been done. This should be the last resort. Also remember that MABTR does not recommend treatment or surgery on a non-functional organ. So if the dog is already blind in the eye do not stress the dog and yourself with treatment.

When an injury to the eye occurs light and air causes pain thus you find your dog walking around with the eye closed or squinting. The third eyelid flap eliminates air and light so the eye can start healing. The flap alone is not the answer. Medication still needs to be properly applied.

Make sure that you have your vet show you how to apply medication correctly once the flap is up. I then suggest you do it yourself in front of the vet to ensure you are doing it correctly as well. Giving them eye medication is critical for healing. Your dog will also be required to wear a cone or e-collar as it is important that he/she does not rub the material item holding the third eyelid up. In many cases a button is used.

The disadvantages of a third eyelid flap are:

1. Requires the dog to be put under anesthesia to have the flap pulled up and stationed with a button or another item of choice
2. Does not allow for the doctor to evaluate the eye on a regular basis. Normally the flap is on for three to four weeks, longer than normal, to ensure that the eye has time to heal.
3. In order to see the results and know the eye is healed the flap needs to be released by the button being removed. Some dogs can have this done while awake otherwise need to be sedated to have removed.



MABTR Alumni

Ruby



"Me and my husband loved the idea of adopting another Boston into our family. We currently have one Boston and absolutely love the breed. We found this wonderful organization that rescues Bostons and puts them in loving homes to have a better life. We read about the organization and watched dogs come available and be adopted out. To see the stories of scared dog go to a home where they realized that life can be awesome and blossom. We decided to fill out the paperwork and see

recognizing the individual pet or human that your donation was made in behalf of.

[Make your donation here](#)

Boston FB Groups to 'Like' by City

Did you know that there might be a Boston Terrier fan page on FB in your area? You should consider joining in!

Click below for the link in your area!

[MABTR Main Page](#)
[St Louis](#)
[Iowa](#)
[Kansas City](#)
[Colorado](#)
[Colorado Springs](#)

If you know of a group on FB not listed above please let us know!

Saying Goodbye



"Keep their memories close to your heart and remember in another time, in a beautiful place, you will see them again."



Asta 5/07 - 9/20



Delilah 5/07 - 9/20



how the process worked.

We watched for dogs we were interested in and saw, Ruby (Romona) come up available. She did have issues with heartworm that wasn't treated yet. We talked about it and just fell in love with Ruby's personality and with the pictures of her. We took the leap and put in for Ruby. We got a call and

was interviewed and got the rundown on heartworm and how it would be treated from the foster family.

We took the night to think about it and make sure it felt right. The foster family sent a few more pictures and a video. That next morning we knew this was the dog for us and that we needed her in our family. We made the arrangements to go forward and got some more information on the process and treatment for Ruby once we got her.

Everyone has been so supportive, helping and extremely thorough with everything associated with the process. They answered all of our questions and helped us with everything. The transport was smooth and everyone had great communication about status of the dogs and when they were ready for pick up.

Ruby had issues we had to work with but slowly we got to see her blossom and realize that she was home and not going anywhere. For the longest time she was afraid she was leaving and going to another place. We have had her almost a year now and she knows she is home. Car rides were not fun for her but now she knows its just a ride with the family and she is coming home with us.

We do have another Boston and he has helped Ruby with potty training and learning how to be a dog. My two Bostons are inseparable now. She loves to be loved and cuddled in a blanket. She loves to go camping, dig in the dirt and the fresh air when we take 4-wheeler rides in the mountains. Gunner and Ruby play soo hard, run zoomies around the yard, play tug -o-war and have to be touching each other when they sleep. When we first got her she didn't think she could run around and didn't that the toys were for her too, she was scared and wouldn't come to you when you called her. She now has her favorites and makes sure Gunner doesn't take them. Her personality is so different that when we first got her and its been a blessing to have her in our home and lives. We could not imagine life without her in it." - *the Lairds*.

MABTR Alumni Stories NEEDED - If you would like to share your experience with your Boston from MABTR please email your story (3-4 paragraphs), a photo of your adopted Boston/Boston mix, and your name to [Jennifer at luckypawpals@aol.com](mailto:Jennifer@luckypawpals@aol.com). Thanks in advance!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

\$50 in memory of Dorothy Behmer
 \$30 in honor of Porkchop and Dugan
 \$20 in memory of Ada Platter

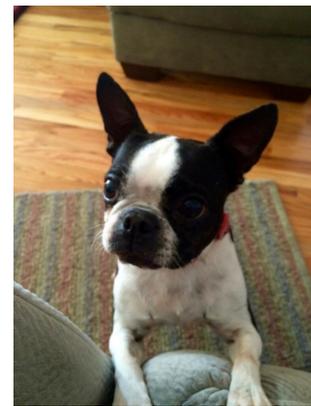
\$500 LIVE Program
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 \$360 Deb B
 \$208 Community Shares of CO
 \$120 Raymond N
 \$100 Zach B, Vanessa W, Robin S
 \$65 Blackbaud Giving Fund
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 \$50 Michael M, Kathy W, Jana W, Caroline W, Gina W
 \$40 Rachel S
 \$35 Duane C
 \$30 Lori L, Leslie M, Cynthia K, Denise S
 \$25 Drew B, Rick B, Charity C, Kristen D, Paul M
 \$20 Susie M, Heather S, Reynolds P, Tammie P, Matthew S, Haley S, Pam M, Sara S, Michael M, Mountain Colors Paint & Design, Lisa B, Danielle K
 \$15 Anne Barrett Photography, Leah G, Annabelle H
 \$10 Amy H, Nanette S, Target, Angela C, Ann A, Kelly H, Mart D, Angela P, Rpbm B, Lisa B, Cindy F, Loni D, Jim L
 \$5 Pat M, Andrea M, Maritza M



Mako 12/15 - 9/20



Pepe 7/11 - 9/20



Petunia 9/07 - 9/20



Piper 2/13 - 9/20



Stella 7/07 - 9/20

Thank you ALL for your continued support of MABTR!!!

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Boston Terriers of St. Louis Halloween PlayDate

Sat, Oct 17th

1pm to 3pm

Playful Paws
2160 Tenbrook Rd
Arnold, MO

Costume
Contest with
Prizes

Photo
Booth



Teddy 7/07 - 9/20



**Golden Paws for
Golden Years**

Did you know
that MABTR has such a
program where an adoptor 60 or older
adopting a Boston 7 years and older
receives \$50 off the adoption fee?

[Learn more here](#)



**Masks and social
distancing
encouraged**

**Off leash indoor
area and fenced
outdoor potty
area**

\$5 per dog

Dogs must be current on rabies AND dog friendly
Questions? 314-324-7855 or 402-510-1346



Local MABTR Events
*****Join us!*****
~all breeds welcome~

[CLICK HERE
for online calendar](#)

Colorado
See you in 2021!

Iowa
See you in 2021!

Missouri
~KC Area~
See you in 2021!

~St. Louis area~
Sat, Oct 17th
Playdate
1 - 3pm
Arnold
Playful Paws, 2160 Tenbrook Rd



MABTR hopes you and your family are all doing well and staying safe. With the uncertainty of what the fall will look like with COVID, we have decided to cancel the MABTR sponsored 2020 public events which include the Birthday Bash, Boston Boo, and Colorado Dinner/Auction. The St Louis Playdate will take

place on October 17 and may continue for the rest of 2020.

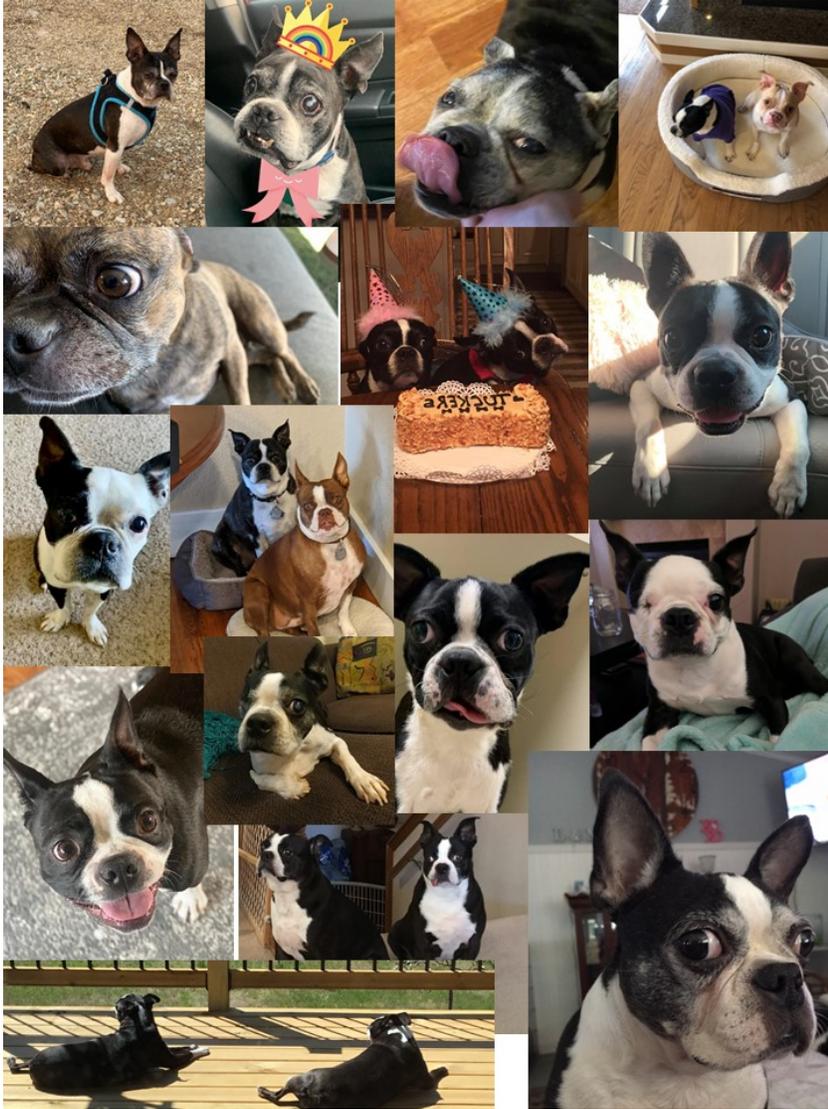
MABTR plans to run monthly online events to help raise money as we continue to take in dogs each month that require medical care. As shared in our 2019 tax report, adoption fees cover only 39% of our expenses.

Stay tuned for details of our upcoming monthly fundraisers and remember monetary donations are always gratefully accepted.

How to make a donation? <https://www.adoptaboston.com/help/donate/>

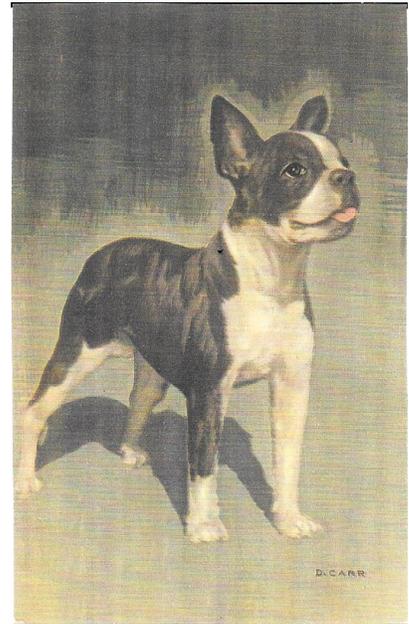
**Please contact us with any questions or concerns.
Thank you for your ongoing support!!!**

WALL OF FAME



Off-leash play area indoors and outdoors.
\$5 per dog; ALL breeds and children welcome!
See flyer at left for more details!

Nebraska
See you in 2021!



Thank you...

...to those families who think of MABTR when it comes to donating items that belonged to their pets who have passed.



No anesthesia Dental Cleaning

Boulder, CO

Well Animal Institute offers dental cleanings that are anesthesia-free.

So many dogs are in need of dentals; however, health concerns may deter them from getting what is needed.

Here is your solution for only \$185!

For every dog that comes in and gets their teeth cleaned, \$30 goes towards a rescue.

Win-win for MABTR and the dogs!

MABTR will accept any used items that we can use for our rescued Bostons and in our foster homes

If we come across items that we cannot use we have relationships with other local rescues to give to.

[Click here](#) to see a list of items that we generally need.

And as always, thank you for everything you do to help us help the doggies!



[Learn more here!](#)



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Do your Part and Help spread the word of MABTR's Existence

Rescue is a Lifestyle
 It's not a hobby. It's not a passing fad. You live it...breath it...
 love it 24/7. Your purpose for living is to change the lives of
 a shelter pet...one at a time.
 If you don't get it...you don't get me. In every sense of the word.



Adopt. Don't shop.

MidAmerica Boston Terrier Rescue, 14826 Spaulding St., Omaha, NE 68116

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