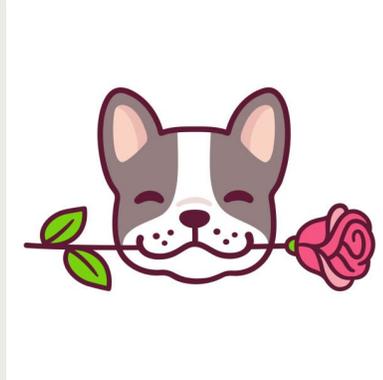




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February 2022



***Happy Valentine's Day!***

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## NEW NEWS

MABTR is pleased to announce the roll out of our newly designed website. We hope you enjoy it as much as we do.

We cannot thank enough the individual who donated her time to creating our new website face lift.

Her time, knowledge, and ongoing support does not go unnoticed by the MABTR family.

Visit the new site today at  
[www.adoptaboston.com](http://www.adoptaboston.com).

99% of the picture are of MABTR alumni.

Feedback welcomed: If you come across something that needs to be edited, fixed, or added please share with us.

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## The Cost to Saving a Life

In 2022, MABTR will share with you every month the story a rescue dog in our care. The reality to rescue is that the amount of money invested in a dog once it arrives to

## January Fundraiser Results

High F\$VE + Betty White:  
\$7,705

*Thanks to everyone  
who participated!*

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## Spread the Word

We want to encourage our followers that should you come across a Boston or Boston mix in a local animal shelter or posted for sale or free on craigslist or Facebook to please share the ad and details with MABTR. Our mission will be to reach out and make them aware of our existence and services when it comes to finding new home. Though we have been in service for 15 years some organizations and individuals still do not know about us. We just may be the perfect outlet for the dog, ensuring they land in a safe and happy forever home.

Our contact info is  
402-510-1346 or  
midamericabostonrescue  
@gmail.com

***Thank you for spreading the  
word about us!***

when they are adopted does not come close to getting covered by the adoption fee.

As you learned in January reviewing our financials the average cost for medical care on each dog in 2021 was \$582.17. Our adoption fees range from \$150 to \$500.

For MABTR saving a life is 'priceless'.

**Meet Mali and Sadie.** They arrived in foster care on Jan 8, 2022 as the result of their owner passing away. Mali will turn 12 in March. Sadie turns 13 in May.

From what we collected the girls had not been to a vet since 2019. Unfortunately both girls were in need of medical care.



**Mali** arrived with mature cataracts that have resulted in her to have glaucoma. Her teeth were horrific and her anal glands swollen. She is now on eye drops that are keeping her eye pressures in the normal range and

she lost 23 teeth during her dental cleaning. She has three pounds to loose which is the last of her challenges.

**Mali's total cost for medical care and medication came to \$922.51.**

MABTR did submit and got approved for a \$500 grant to help with her expenses. She will be posted for adoption later this week.

Her adoption fee is \$150 which is strictly based on her age, not our investment.

**Sadi** arrived very obese. She has 10 pounds to loose before considered a healthy weight. We are treating her for a urinary tract infection. She does have a heart murmur which at her age is not uncommon. Her dental is scheduled



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for Feb 14th at which time we expect for her to loose many teeth as well. So far her medical care, not including her dental, has totaled \$220.56. Her adoption fee is \$150 which is strictly based on her age, not our investment.

The girls are in foster homes located in CO Springs. They are striving and ready to find their new families to finish out the time they have with us on earth.

[Click here](#) to learn more about adoption and our process.

## Featured Items for the Month



MABTR has new jewelry items on Etsy in celebration of the month of Love!

Take a look at our selection and purchase yours today!:

[Click here to start shopping](#)



## ORDER Your Boston Box

### How it works?

- Select your box & if you want a single box or a 3 month subscription.
- Boxes ship out monthly by the 16th. (Feb, March, April)
- Unbox your goodies.

## Facebook Photo Contest

Congratulations to Lucas and Fiona winning "Holiday Spirits" photo contest!



Future contests and themes

### Snuggle buddies

Pics due by March 23

Voting: Mar 25 thru Mar 27

### Show me that smile

Pics due by May 25

Voting: May 27 thru May 29

### Helping with household chores

Pics due by July 27

Voting: July 29 thru July 31

### Face expressions

Pics due by Sept 28

Voting: Sept 30 thru Oct 2

### Put that tongue back in

Pics due by Nov 16

Voting: Nov 18 thru Nov 20

## Got Travel Plans? Dog may need to hitch a ride!

MABTR covers 13 states. 75% of our adoptions occur between foster homes and adopters in different states, requiring MABTR to set up a

-Make an impact! Your purchase goes towards our medical fund.

## Box Options

### You & Your Dog Box

One toy for your dog (plush, chew toy or surprise me you choose) Two pieces of Boston themed merchandise for you

\$32 for single box+ \$7.50 shipping  
\$30 per box for a 3 month subscription + \$7.50 shipping per box

(subscription must be prepaid)

### Boston Lovers Box

Four pieces of Boston themed merchandise handpicked for you by a fellow Boston lover!

\$37 for single box + \$7.50 shipping  
\$35 per box for a 3 month subscription + \$7.50 shipping per box

(subscription must be prepaid)

\*The pieces listed in the box descriptions is the minimum you will receive. You could receive additional merchandise in order to reach the box value. Examples of merchandise: prints, mugs, greeting cards, socks, plush bostons, towels, figurines, ornaments...too many to list them all.

[Click here](#) to order yours today!

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transport by car.

Many of us travel for business or pleasure by car so we ask that you share with us your travel plan should you have room for a Boston to hitch a ride.

Share with us your travel plans - even those scheduled in the future.

It is simple. **[CLICK HERE](#) to share your travel plans with us.** We will file the travel schedule shared and if the need approaches we will contact you with details. The doggies thank you for allowing them to hitch a ride!!!! Without drivers we would struggle moving our dogs closer to their forever homes.

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

# Cold Weather Safety



Use pet-safe de-icing products.

Consider a sweater or coat for your dog in cold weather.

Properly-fitted boots/booties can help protect your dog's paws.

Shorten walks in very cold weather.

Check under your car/hood before starting the engine.

Stay away from frozen ponds, lakes, and streams.

Check your dog's paws frequently for signs of irritation or injury.

Wash your pet's feet, legs, and belly to remove packed snow, ice, salt, and de-icing chemicals after walks.

**Clean up antifreeze spills quickly and make sure pets have no access to antifreeze.**



## Low Thyroid

Low thyroid is very common in bostons and many times is overlooked by both the owner and the vet.

The most common signs of low thyroid in dogs is :

- Loss and thinning of fur, increased shedding
- A lack of energy and enthusiasm
- Mental dullness
- Weight gain without a change in appetite
- Obesity, difficulty losing weight
- Cold intolerance
- Thickening of the skin
- Slow / difficulty recovering from an injury or surgery

**How to diagnosis** – the only way to know what your dog's thyroid levels are is through bloodwork. The recommended test is a T4. Some vets will include a TSH level test as well.

The first thing MABTR looks at is the coat and hair along the back of the legs. A thin coat and bald back legs are a key sign for us to test the thyroid.

Normal range starts at 1.0. Many vet will see test results between 1.0 and 1.4 and state that the thyroid is fine. It is important to note that thyroid levels vary throughout the day and when the blood is drawn. MABTR's rule of thumb, especially when presented with the above symptoms, is if we have a test result of 1.4 or lower we automatically place the dog on medication because more likely there are points in the day that it drops below the normal 1.0.

For bostons with juvenile cataracts we always test the thyroid even when symptoms

do not present themselves as low thyroid and juvenile cataracts are usually paired up. Low thyroid not treated will result in complications from cataract surgery.

**Treatment:** Levothyroxine, the same medication humans take for low thyroid, is what should be prescribed. Given either once or twice a day. Strongly recommended that once the medication is started that you retest in 30 days to ensure proper dose. If thyroid is in the normal range then retesting is only required once a year. This medication can be purchased through your vet or at a human pharmacy with a prescription from your vet. It is a very inexpensive drug to give your dog and some pharmacy have a discount program that will include this drug.

**If not treated:** There is no excuse not to treat low thyroid. The drug cost less than \$10 a month. Low thyroid impacts your dog's body to heal in a timely manner after an injury or surgery. If not treated your dog will eventually face mental decline, heart disease, decreased lung function, and abnormal enlargement of the thyroid gland.

[Click here](#) for articles around other medical conditions, issues and treatment

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## MABTR Dog of the Month - SPARKY

Close your eyes, human. Okay, actually, open them again because you can't read with closed eyes. But anyway, picture us together. You and me (Sparky). Me and you.

I am 7 years young and wound up here in Higginsville, Mo because my owner's living situation changed. I am the missing puzzle piece for the right family. I'm just a part of some kind of novelty puzzle with wavy edges. Just not quite your average puzzle piece. I need a home with no little kids or other pets. I also need a doggy door and fenced yard. I like to be in control of deciding when I want to be outside. I have no accidents when I can go out on my own.

I am a very happy, healthy big boy who loves going for walks and oh did you say treat? OH MY DAWG! Love them and my butt will hit the floor for an awesome sit as soon as I see one. I am good in the car, but it makes me a little nervous at first. When I am nervous in a new situation I drool, but that ends when I feel secure.

I love greeting you at the door when you come home. I need someone to at least come home for lunch to give me a break and enjoy your company. You can de-stress while you scratch my back and my bum before you head back to the crazy people world.

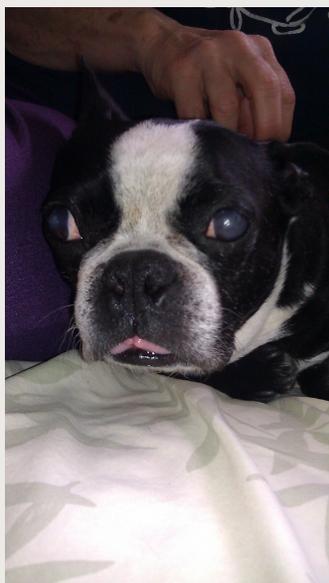
I know there's someone out there that is my wavy-edged puzzle missing a piece. Maybe it's someone who has a hard time finding compatible pieces. With enough imagination and devotion, we can make a new piece of art. It will be beautiful.

If you want to adopt Sparky or any other of our adoptable dogs, please submit your application:

<https://www.adoptaboston.com/adoption-application>



## MABTR Alumni - Murphy



Remembering Murphy...

We adopted Murphy (Jo Jo was his MABTR name) about 8 years ago. He came to us sadly neglected in his previous life and had several untreated health issues by his previous owner. He died 1 year to the day after we adopted him. While that is tragic we were able to give him medical care and make his final year more comfortable. In return he acted as a seeing eye dog for his blind boston terrier brother and gave us lots of love. I wouldn't trade my year with Murphy for anything (except maybe more time with him). Miss you Murph.

-- Denise S.

# FOSTER HEROES NEEDED



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***Fostering a dog isn't a lifetime commitment.  
It's a commitment to saving a LIFE.***

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- 🐾 Passionate people looking for an opportunity to save lives!
- 🐾 Dog lovers able to provide a safe, in-home environment, assess the dog and play a part in successfully rehoming the dog
- 🐾 Volunteers that can transport to the vet for microchipping, vaccinations, spay/neuter, medical checks
- 🐾 People looking for an opportunity to join our team to help with transport, events, home checks, fundraising, administrative work

## WHAT WE PROVIDE:

- 🐾 100% of medical costs covered
- 🐾 Supplies Special dog food if needed
- 🐾 Crate
- 🐾 Rehoming packet including harness and toys

## REWARDS YOU RECEIVE:

- 🐾 You're saving lives!
- 🐾 You're teaching foster pets they're loved
- 🐾 You give a pet their chance to shine
- 🐾 Laughter & snuggles
- 🐾 Fostering can help you heal
- 🐾 You'll make new friends (furry and human)
- 🐾 No worries, goodbye is a happy one because....
- 🐾 You're making someone else's family complete!!

## JOIN OUR FAMILY!

402-510-1346

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\*Colorado \*Sioux Falls, SD \*Des Moines, IA \*Springfield, MO



## SAYING GOOD-BYE

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



Betty Boop 4/07 - 1/22



Molly 1/04 - 1/22

again."



Harry 12/10 - 1/22



Donnie 12/07 - 1/22



Penny 3/10 - 1/22



Ellie 8/06 - 1/22



Harlow 11/09 - 1/22



Stanley 12/07 - 1/22

## Donations Welcomed

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.

**Do your part and help spread the word of MABTR's Existence!**



Dogs in Rescue all over the UK

## Quick Links

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## Happy Tails

**14 dogs rescued in January!**

**14 dogs rescued so far in 2022!**

**4,386 dogs rescued since November 2005!**

We ask that you help

## Thank You for Your Donation!

\$200 in memory of Zeus Foley  
\$150 in memory of Otter Pup  
\$50 In memory of Annie  
\$15 in memory of Bosco and Duchess  
\$3600 Jana W  
\$1500 Patty M  
\$1000 Chris C  
\$592 Facebook  
\$300 Susan C  
\$150 Marshall N  
\$100 Jesse H, Barb N  
\$90 Raymond N  
\$57 PayPal Giving Fund  
\$50 Blackbaud Giving Fund, Debra A,  
Michael M, Candace L, Kathy W  
\$43 Giving Foundation  
\$30 Lori L, Leslie M, Cynthia K, Edward D  
\$25 Paula S, Sherry T, Kevin V, Deena W,  
Charity C, Paul M  
\$20 Susie M, Matthew S, Haley S, Target,  
Pam M, Sara S, Michael M, Mountain Colors  
Paint & Design, Lisa B  
\$15 Leah G, Annabelle H  
\$10 Amy H, Jim L, Nanette S, Veronika V,  
Ann A, Angela C, aKelly H, Angela P, Robin  
B, Mart D, Rita B, Cindy F, Lynne M, Loni D,  
Robin S, Danielle K,  
\$5 Pat M, Paul R, Andrea M, Maritza M

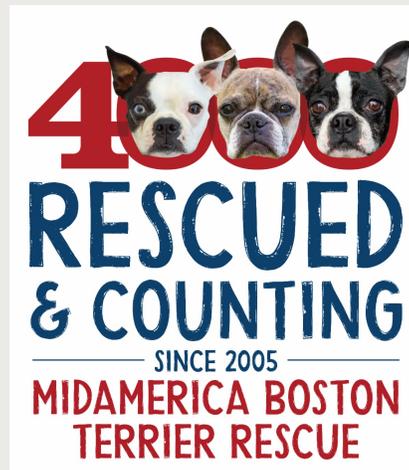
us educate the public about their options when looking for a new family pet. We appreciate the fact that you are not purchasing your pet from a pet store that sells lives animals since 98% of all puppies in a pet store come from terrible situations such as puppy mills. [Click here for more details on mills.](#)



Adopters age 60 plus who adopt a Boston age 7 and older receive \$50 off the adoption fee!

## Rescue is a Lifestyle

It's not a hobby.  
It's not a passing fad.  
You live it....  
Breathe it....  
Love it 24/7.  
Your purpose for living is  
to change the lives of  
homeless animals....  
one at a time.





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