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Best Wishes to Our Extended Family for the New Year Ahead!

MABTR 2021 Recap & Financials

End of year letter from MABTR Founder, Jennifer Misfeldt

There are so many moving parts to helping just one dog and yet this organization operates with such great success due to the dedication, timely responsiveness, professionalism and open communication by each member, volunteer, and supporter of MABTR.

Remember that MABTR is made up solely of volunteers, not one person is paid including myself. We do what we do because we love the Boston breed and know that all dogs deserve a safe and happy home.

90% of our foster parents, including myself, work a full time job outside of the home with no association to MABTR plus have families of our



December Fundraiser Results

Colorado Springs Santa photos: \$800

Thanks to everyone who participated!

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

own. We say that MABTR is our full time non-paying job with no days off.

I am truly grateful for this wonderful family I am part of. No matter how much you do or did for MABTR every bit makes a difference to our success and the happiness of many lives that come across our path.

YEAR IN REVIEW

MABTR 2021 Finances & 2022 Goals

In 2021 we saved 266 lives. Thank you to everyone involved as this would not have been possible without you!!

In 2020 we experienced a decrease in dogs coming in for rehoming due to increased puppy sales forcing breeders to hold onto their breeding stock and owner's selling their dogs online instead of seeking help through rescue.

Big change in 2021 as commercial breeders now willing to retire their breeding stock due to the drop in puppy sales as people started going back to work. We are proud to state that we rescued 144 bostons from puppy mills in 2021. This is our biggest bucket at 54% of our 2021 intake. We are happy to get these precious lives out of the breeding industry. Unfortunately, we experienced more medical care needed for these dogs that were released at older ages.

Owners surrendered came in second with 91 dogs; 34% of the 266 to MABTR for rehoming. Many families found they did not have the finances to care for their pets especially the older ones which seniors doubled this year, not having the time after going back to work, and an increase in owners passing away before their pets leaving them homeless. Same situation as we saw an increase in older dogs coming into the program thus requiring more medical care prior to adoption. We cannot stress enough that all pet owners need to have a plan for their pets should you pass before they do and a back up to that plan.

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

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We continue to work with local shelters which brought in 33 dogs; 12% of the 266. Shelters reach out to us when experiencing health or behavior issues they do not support or find that a foster-based program would provide better success. Last, when space becomes an issue.

Recap

- ·12 (4.4%) of the 266 were Boston mixes
- ·6 (2.2%) of the 266 passed away in 2021
- \cdot 5 (1.8%) of the 266 were placed in Palliative Care
- · Age break down for intakes (count / % of the 266):

under a year: 62 / 23% 1 to 5 yrs: 105 / 39% 6 to 8 yrs: 66 / 25% 9 and older: 33 / 12%

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Though we have been in service for 16 years and over 4300 lives saved some organizations and individuals still do not know about us. We just may be the perfect outlet for the dog and ensuring they land in a safe and happy forever home.

You can email, call, text or message us at 402-510-1346 or midamericabostonrescue@gmail.com

Consider MidAmerica Boston Terrier Rescue as your charity.

MABTR's 2022 Goals

With every successful organization there are goals to be achieved in order for our mission to be accomplished together.

MABTR's family and efforts will continue to grow and accomplish the following goals in 2022.

*We hope to bring back more of our public events this year.

*It will finally happen. The launch of our newly designed website by Feb 1st, 2022. Last years launch was delayed due to deaths in the family of our private donor of services.

*Always keep focus on growing our foster base including foster homes with no other pets. Always a priority. MABTR cannot operate without foster homes. The more foster homes we have, the more Boston Terriers we can save. We are actively seeking foster families in Colorado, Kansas, lowa, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. Click here to learn about fostering.

*Never lose focus on building our volunteer base.

*Increase transport offers as finding drivers to help can be a struggle when we service 13 states. No dog is transported by plane. Click here to share your travel

Total Dogs Rescued 2021		266	
EXPENSES			
Medical costs (vet care, medication, microchips, and Palliative Care)	\$	151,787.69	9
Operating expenses (postage, website, phone, ink, marketing materials, administration fees, gas, etc.)	\$	8,298.19	5'
Pet supplies (crates, harnesses, sweaters, diapers, food, pet care supplies, etc.)	\$	3,069.00	2'
Medical reserve	S		1
Charity Medical Grants	\$	3,578.20	2
Fundraising costs (Boston Bay, events, raffles, etc.)	\$	4,584.65	3
2020 loss carrier over	\$	(9,578.39)	
Expense Total	\$	162,739.34	10
CASH FLOW			Г
Monetary donations	\$	60,425.38	3
Fundraiser earnings (Boston Bay, annual events, monthly raffle, auction, fundraising sales, etc.)	\$	23,788.13	1:
Adoption fees collected	\$	67,497.00	4:
Adoption fees uncollected (dog in their trial period,			
payment plan, not yet adopted, past due)	\$	8,625.00	
Cash Flow Total	\$	160,335.51	9:
Endowment Balance carried over to 2022	\$	(2,403.83)	
Cost Per Rescued Dog		\$582.17	

plans if you have room for a four legged friend who is making their way into foster care or closer to their forever home. We will reach out to you if the route is needed.

2021 Financial Report

*We currently have 16 dogs in foster care. Of which four are posted online looking for forever homes. The others are still in evaluation phase.

MABTR's investment in the care for each dog prior to rehoming came to \$582.17. This is more than our highest adoption fee. Adoptions fees range from \$150 to \$500. As you can see they do not every cost the cost in their care.

The increase is expected to continue as the price of vet care and medication has increased. Plus we continue to see dogs from owner surrenders and older retired breeder dogs coming in with more health issues that need to be addressed prior t adoption. It is unfortunate how many owners do not provide their pets with the medical care needed such as dentals, regular check ups including bloodwork, treatment of infections, and the list goes on. We also had a few land in hospice after multiple tests for a final diagnosis.

We had a positive balance of \$9578.39 from 2020 that rolled over into 2021 to help with medical expenses early in the year. We did not hold as many public events this year however the generosity of monetary donations was overwhelming and the donation of items we could use in the foster homes to help limit some costs.

Though we end the year with a negative balance of \$2403.83 we look forward to making it up with new and fun fundraisers we are scheduling in 2022 that you can enjoy every month starting in February. Stay tuned by checking out our website, social media and emails.

On behalf of all rescued bostons THANK YOU!



MABTR's Facebook photo contests are back!!

We look forward to seeing many fun and adorable pics you have taken over the year.

Our plan is to hold a photo contest via Facebook every other month. Please read the following carefully for rules and deadlines.

Mark your calendars for the following dates and themes.

Reminders will be sent in a FB post.

Rules:

- Picture including dog's name to be submitted
- to **bostonphotocontest@gmail.com** 48 hours prior to the first voting date.
- 2. One picture per dog.
- 3. Pictures received after the deadline (48 hours prior to the first voting) will not be accepted, *no exceptions*.
- 4. You will receive an email response within 48 hours that your submission has been accepted.
- 5. You can only "like"/vote on **THREE** unique photos; all votes cannot be on the same photo.
- 6. The photo with the most 'likes''/votes will receive a MABTR t-shirt.
- 7. We ask that everyone play fair and nicely. This is an opportunity for us all to get our Boston fix viewing these beautiful faces!

Schedule:

Holiday spirits (Christmas, Halloween, Easter, Fourth of July, etc)

Pics due by Jan 26, Wed, end of day Voting: Jan 28, Fri thru Jan 30, Sun Voting closed: Jan 30, Sun, 7pm CST

Snuggle buddies

Pics due by March 23, Wed, end of day Voting: Mar 25, Fri thru Mar 27, Sun Voting closed: Mar 27, Sun, 7pm CST

Show me that smile

Pics due by May 25, Wed, end of day Voting: May 27, Fri thru May 29, Sun Voting closed: May 29, Sun, 7pm CST

Helping with household chores

Pics due by July 27, Wed, end of day Voting: July 29, Fri thru July 31, Sun Voting closed: July 31, Sun, 7pm CST

Face expressions

Pics due by Sept 28 Wed, end of day Voting: Sept 30, Fri thru Oct 2, Sun Voting closed: Oct 2, Sun, 7pm CST

Put that tongue back in

Pics due by Nov 16, Wed, end of day Voting: Nov 18, Fri thru Nov 20, Sun Voting closed: Nov 20, Sun, 7pm CST

A New Year Brings New Opportunities!

For many of us, a new calendar year means a new benefit year with our employer. Most of us think of our



benefits as retirement, medical, dental, life insurance, etc. And those are most definitely priority! But... have you ever looked into your employer's "other" benefits?

More employers are offering a more diverse menu of benefits for their employees, to include a match for employee giving. Although these benefits aren't often as advertised as more traditional benefits, they can make a strong impact.

Check with your HR or Employee Benefits Team and see if they offer a match on your charitable giving. And if possible, please direct your giving to MABTR. It's a triple win! It benefits you, the employer, and most importantly, the Bostons we all love so much.

List of employers we know that GIVE!



Got Travel Plans?

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

MABTR Alumni - Finn



MABTR is such a blessing! When we lost our Boston Terrier Toby it was next to impossible to find another BT in Montana. MABTR to the rescue!

We can't say enough good things about this organization and the wonderful work they do connecting pups that need love with people who need pups to love.

We now have our beautiful boy Finn. He is a 5 year old puppy mill rescue who is still learning how to enjoy just being a pampered pooch.

Just look at this handsome boy!

-- Mark and Sharon

FOSTER HEROES NEEDED



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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AREAS IN HIGH DEMANDS FOR FOSTER HOMES

*Wichita, KS *Kansas City, MO/KS *St Louis, MO *Omaha, NE *Lincoln, NE *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





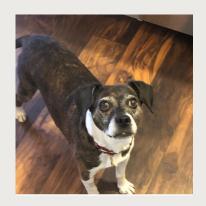
Dottie 5/10 - 12/21

Brady 6/08 - 12/21

again."



Ellie 7/10 - 12/21



Gigi 5/07 - 12/21



Lucy 1/09 - 12/21



Lucy 11/06 - 12/21



Maiya 8/10 - 12/21



Milo 9/09 - 12/21



Newton 2/07 - 12/21

Donations Welcomed

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

MABTR is 100% volunteer-driven.
Your <u>entire</u> 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!

Quick Links

Shop Boston Bay Adoptable dogs Adopting Volunteering Palliative Care Event Calendar FAQ MABTR's Stats

Happy Tails

25 dogs rescued



Thank You for Your Donation!

\$400 in memory of our beautiful Boston, Milo \$100 in memory of Lucy-bear, who will be forever in our hearts and can never be replaced

\$40 in memory of Olivia

\$25 in memory of Abby

\$2,000 Pamela K

\$847.91 Amazon Smiles

\$518 Three Dog Bakery

\$500 David E, Lena G

\$250 Kenneth S, Ryan P, Kyle R

\$192 PayPal Giving

\$165 Blake P

\$150 Bridget M, Delta Dental of Iowa

\$120 Raymond N

\$100 Holly M, Jana W, Susan C, Cynthia A, Mary L, Jackie A, Lori S

\$80 Kendal S

\$75 Patrick R, David A

\$50 Candace L, Michael M, Shawn S, Carol N, James I, Robert S, Kathy W, Joyce L, Lori D, Nancy S, Caroline M, Brenna K, Geraldine

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\$35 Duane C

\$30 Lori L, Leslie M, Cynthia K, Edward D

\$25 Nancy W, Laura K, Charity C, Brian K,

Linda F, Catherine R, Paul M

\$20 Jeffery L, Kimberly K, Tammie P, Susie M, Matthew S, Haley S, Pam M, Sara S, Michael M, Alexandra K, Lisa B, Reynolds Pierce Trust, Mountain Colors Paint & Design, Reynolds P

\$15 Leah G, Annabelle H

\$10 Nanette S, Amy H, Ann A, Angela C, Kelly H, Angela P, Robin B, Mart D, Rita B, Cindy F, Loni D, Robin S, Danielle K, Jim L \$5 Pat M, Andrea M, Maritza M in December!

266 dogs rescued so far in 2021!

4,372 dogs rescued since November 2005!

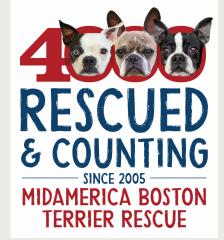
We ask that you help us educate the public about their options when looking for a new pet. We appreciate the fact that you are not purchasing your pet from a pet store that sells lives animals since 98% of all puppies in a pet store come from terrible situations such as puppy mills. For more information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



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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