



# FOSTER INFORMATION

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# Welcome

Thank you for your interest in Minnesota  
Boxer Rescue Foster Program.

**FOSTERS WANTED!!**

*"It is so gratifying going through the process of finding the perfect  
"forever home"  
for the foster, and seeing their boxer smile when the new family walks  
through the door to take them home" -anonymous foster mom*

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## ABOUT MINNESOTA BOXER RESCUE (MNBR)

Minnesota Boxer Rescue (MNBR) is a non-profit, foster-based dog rescue organization primarily serving Minnesota and surrounding areas. Everyone associated with the workings of the rescue are 100% volunteer, which includes all of the members of the MNBR Board.

We have applications available for volunteering, fostering, and adopting; the volunteer application is the first step in which we get to know you. New volunteers are always welcome and appreciated.

MN Boxer Rescue is a non-profit 501(c)(3) rescue agency.

Our Non-Profit Employer Identification Number is 20-4758118.

## MISSION STATEMENT

### MN Boxer Rescue Mission Statement

- ★ We are dedicated to rescuing Boxers left homeless for whatever reason – dogs in public shelters, dogs given up by their owners because of difficult circumstances, and those rescued from abuse or neglect.
- ★ Any Boxer coming into our rescue receives the necessary and needed medical attention. We evaluate each Boxer's personality and temperament in order to place the dog in a permanent home best suited for the new family and dog.
- ★ The main goal of Minnesota Boxer Rescue is to rescue and re-home boxer dogs in need and give them a second chance. We place dogs in loving, responsible, committed "forever" homes, following a comprehensive and thorough adoption process.



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## THE IMPORTANCE OF FOSTER FAMILIES

Our foster homes are the center and the heart of this organization. The number of Boxers that we are able to rescue and re-home is directly related to the number of open foster homes we have. More foster homes = more rescued dogs!!!

Our foster homes are thoroughly screened to ensure they are able to provide a good, safe, structured, and loving environment for our dogs in rescue. Although MNBR has a high number of owner surrender dogs and are provided information on their background, we often have dogs coming into rescue that we know very little about. Our foster homes take great care and time in assessing them to make sure they are healthy, stable, and socialized. Our foster homes also play a significant role in assessing potential adopters so we can be sure our Boxers are going to the best possible home for their temperament and needs.

To be a foster home you must:

- Have a genuine interest in the care of rescued animals and willingness to work with the uniqueness of each dog -- challenges included!
- Have a proven history of the best possible care for you own animals, including current vaccinations
- Positive personal and vet references
- Have patience and time
- Be able to provide a safe, structured, and loving environment
- Love for the boxer breed!

We are also looking for foster families who are willing to take in dogs with especially “ruff” starts. These dogs are best fostered in homes that have experience with alpha dog behavior. We also are in need of foster homes with no cats and no young children.

Or...Do you want to adopt but not sure if you want another permanent boxer in the house? Try fostering – you can experience the different personalities of our wonderful pups!!!



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## FOSTERING 101

### What is a dog foster?

A foster is the bridge between the shelter and the forever home. It's someone who offers crash space to a dog, to give them extra time to find an adopter, who helps the dog recover mentally and physically, and who learns something about the dog to be able to assist in placing the dog in the correct home environment.

### How long does it take?

It varies from a couple of days to a couple of weeks; senior, medical or special needs can take much longer. It is our goal to place a rescue dog in a permanent home as soon as possible so that dog can bond with its forever family. However, most dogs take approx. two weeks to get settled, comfortable, and show the true personality especially if coming from a shelter environment.

### What must I provide other than a home?

A foster "parent" can provide as much or as little as you like. Some fosters, if they have the additional means, enjoy buying a new collar for their foster dog, along with new toys, treats, food and/or bedding. Any of those items you purchase yourself, you can write off on your taxes as a donation to MN Boxer Rescue.

MN Boxer Rescue will supply a leash and collar for all incoming dogs. We have some crates in storage if needed on a first come/first serve basis. We also have a supply of blankets and some toys that have been donated to our rescue. Usually the dog comes into rescue with a small bag of food. The foster may be asked to purchase food for the foster dog unless it is a financial hardship. Currently MNBR receives donations of food from Chuck and Don's and can supply food for the most part.

We are here to assist you by loaning you items you may need, but we rely on donations to do so and may not always have the supplies needed. We'll work with every foster home one-on-one to make sure you have the resources you need. Please note that sometimes foster dogs can do damage, such as scratches on furniture, potty accidents, and chewing on inappropriate items. The foster home is responsible to watch the dog and prevent such things from happening and MN Boxer Rescue is not liable for household damages.



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## **What do I have to do?**

- 1) You will help the dog “relax” and decompress from the trauma of being at a shelter or recently removed from its home. This will be discussed in more detail in “Rescue Dog Decompression: Two Week Shutdown” document.
- 2) You will need to feed and care for the dog, and provide a safe environment for the dog.
- 3) In some cases, you may need to potty train the dog (dependent on age) or at least expect to show your dog the bathroom routine you want him to follow.
- 4) Your foster dog will probably need medical care and you will be expected to take the dog to one of the approved veterinary clinics that work with MN Boxer Rescue. It may be for something as easy as vaccinations and a microchip implant; it may require more medical attention if the dog has a wound, infection, needs to be spayed/neutered, or other more serious issues.
- 5) You will need to be willing to take your foster dog to adoption events and one-on-one meet ups with potential adopters. You will need to provide the foster coordinator with pictures and information about your dog on a regular basis for advertising purposes. You will also be instrumental in giving advice and helping the foster coordinator find the right family for your foster dog.

## **What if it does not work out?**

While we try to screen the rescue dogs to make a good match for the foster home before we send one your way, there is a possibility that a foster dog’s personality or behavior is not a good fit with your home. That is ok; it happens. Let the foster coordinator know and work with the coordinator to see if there’s something we can recommend or suggest helping the dog acclimate to your home, and if that still does not work we’ll work on getting the foster dog to another location.

## **What if I fall in love with my foster dog?**

That is called foster failure. When we ask you to love your foster dog as if it were your own, it happens. It is especially hard with the first couple of fosters, and with those that have special needs. But remember that there are many people willing to adopt dogs, but not so many willing to foster, and the fosters are the ones who are the real heroes. Without them, there’s no landing zone for incoming rescues...no one to ease the pain of transition from the loss of a previous family or from the ravages of being stray or even just from the horrors of being in a kill shelter and the rigors of a 13-hour transport. It takes an exceptional person to open your home and your heart to a strange dog, to love it until it is no longer a stranger, and then to lovingly send it off to be with someone else. IF the potential adopter can offer up a situation that is as good or better than what can provide the foster dog, then you will be saving two dogs – the foster dog you are letting go to a forever home and another dog waiting to come into rescue.

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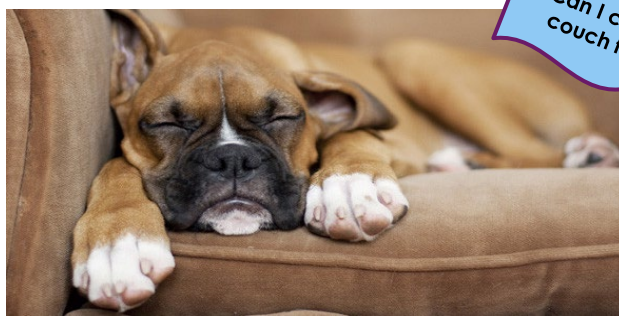


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## STEPS TO BECOMING A FOSTER

- 1) Log into the MNBR website and submit a foster application.
- 2) Wait to receive a confirmation on your application.
- 3) Sign the release waiver. (see pages 17-18 in Resource Documents)
- 4) Watch your email or Facebook for foster opportunities.
- 5) Enjoy your new foster pup!



Can I crash on your couch for a while?

## TIPS

### LEADERSHIP

All dogs are different. Dogs can love you but not respect you – there is a difference.

Dogs are pack animals. Adding a dog into a house with even one other dog creates a dog pack mentality. It is our job, as the human, to establish pack leadership. If this is not done from minute one, the dogs will attempt to step into this role. The dogs instinctively know their role in the pack and will look for the leader for structure and rules; basically they are looking for who is the "boss". If they do not feel they have this from a strong human leader, one of the dogs will step in line and attempt to become leader. When dogs figure this out in the wild, they fight. Our job as humans is to redirect this energy by immediately establishing leadership. Do not assume just because you have a loving and wonderful resident pet that issues will still not arise. The dogs need to be EQUAL and the human is the boss. That means nothing happens, begins, or ends until you say so. The new dog needs to have a relationship developed so it gains confidence. This comes from

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PLAY, OBEDIENCE TRAINING, and EXERCISE. This all may seem like hard work but it is worth it when avoiding a fight that can traumatize you, your dog, and the foster.

Leadership happens by literally controlling every aspect of a dog's life.

1) Pay attention!! Assume the worst. Expect the best. Pay attention to the rest.

2) Crate or separate a new addition. You have to assume that dogs coming into a new environment are stressed and scared, especially rescued animals. Crating or kenneling is not cruel, for most dogs, it gives a sense of calm and ownership of space. Do not use the kennel as a punishment for "bad" behavior, but as a place for the dog to feel safe while learning about how the home functions and to learn with their senses (sight, smell, sound, and hearing) about the other members of the pack (home). It is a good idea to keep the new dog kenneled or separated for as long as a time that is needed, depending on the dog. Pay attention. Nervous or anxious dogs are not always easy to spot...quiet does not mean calm. Separate the new addition so he/she is still within range of the rest of the members – they should be able to be in the room without being IN the room. For dogs that are not obviously aggressive, this can be done with a baby gate. In order to create a fair environment, the dogs should be switched out regularly. This means that the resident dog(s) must be separated so that they can learn that they hold no rank either. Again, the rule is everything is neutral, only the human gets to do whatever they want. When the dogs are ignoring each other, you are making progress.

3) Leash. Whenever the new dog is out of the kennel, he/she should be leashed, ideally with a corrective collar or training lead. This way, you can correct any low head, stare, growl, or catch a rapid movement BEFORE anything happens. Keep your dog on a leash tethered to you when doing any activity in the beginning, including pottyng, until you are absolutely positive you have established leadership and the dogs are calm and submissive. Correct anything that looks like „thinking about it“ or „fear“. Dogs respond when they are directed and given guidance on how to act, think, behave, do, and be.

4) Walks. A good way to continue introduction of dogs is through a walk. Have someone NOT part of the pack walk the resident dog. YOU walk the new dog. Take a route that is not familiar to your resident dog as he/she may be territorial. If there is a lot of anxiety between them, walk on opposite sides of the street. Keep the new dog next to you and do not let them lead. Expect the same of your resident dog. You can slowly start to come closer and closer to the other walker. If there is no reaction from the other dogs, you are in good shape. When both dogs are on leashes and the leash holders have control, you can try to let them do what dogs do: butt sniff, walk around one another, mark, etc. Pay attention! Any negative change in energy should be corrected!

5) A scuffle is not a fight. Dogs will be dogs. There will, if there is an unbalance of energy, be a "discussion" about this. Scuffles, loud noises, quick corrections, small squeals between dogs are not fights. Even these events can be scary. Hang in there and re-establish leadership immediately. Kennel and separate the dogs for a brief time but get them together, leashed, as soon as the moment and tension is over. Dogs have no memory or grudge...do your best not to put that on them.



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6) Toys/bones. A good suggestion for the beginning of new dog introduction is to make all areas neutral and to remove all „high priority“ items, such as toys and bones. These items can make a well-functioning pack react in a negative way. Behaviorists call this "resource guarding" and this can happen over beds, bones, toys, and even you! Again, keep everything neutral and equal. If you are going to introduce a toy or bone, make it equal and watch. Even the best-behaved dog can have a negative response when his/her toy or bone is challenged.

7) Don't be afraid to be 'alpha'. You are not being "mean". You are establishing pack leadership. Rescuing neglected and abused dogs and rehabilitating them is a wonderful and rewarding experience. Our instinct is to smother them with love and baby them. Of course, love and affection is necessary, however this is not the only thing that needs to exist. Dogs appreciate a strong leader. They need you to establish the alpha position so they do not have to and they can spend their energy and time getting healthy, gaining weight, learning how to socialize, and play! Let them be a happy dog!! You can do this by taking the place as alpha in your home and in the pack. Reminder: ALL HUMANS need to have alpha leadership, this includes children!!

8) Food. Food is a resource. This means that some dogs will have issues with it. Maybe they had to fight for their share, or maybe they never had enough. When feeding dogs, make them sit and wait for their food. If they go to it without your permission, practice the "leave it" command and make them wait until you say "okay" or "go" and then ALLOW them to eat. Feed dogs at the same time and for new dogs, stay in the room and supervise. Food, like toys and other resources, can be a trigger for aggression.

9) AVOID FIGHTS. Quiet does not mean calm. Tail wiggles are a good sign; still tails and stiff bodies are an indication of tension. So are lowered heads or bared teeth. If you see a shift in energy that may result in a fight, distract and redirect them! Call them over. Give a loud "hey!!" Make a correction on the leash or lead. Tell them to "wiggle" and raise your voice pitch. They may end up kissing! Remove the resource they are guarding. Change locations.

## **INTRODUCING YOUR RESIDENT DOG TO A FOSTER DOG**

- If possible, go for a walk around your neighborhood with both dogs and two handlers. Walk the dogs side by side on leashes and allow them to sniff one another and become familiar with each other.
- Do give your own dog LOTS of love and praise.
- Do leave leashes on the dogs when you are in the home, so that you can get immediate control if needed. You may only need to do this for a short time.
- Do talk normally. Letting the dogs know that you are fine; they are fine; everything is fine!
- Be patient and go slowly with your foster dog as they may have been through a stressful surgery, abusive situation or a lot of recent changes.
- Don't leave your foster dog unattended with your resident dog. Even if they seem to get along well in your presence, you should separate the dogs when you leave your house. After a week, you may determine that this is no longer necessary, but be sure to always remove all toys, food, chews and start slowly.

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### Some common mistakes:

- Holding the leash too tensely as dogs may react with defensiveness.
- Leaving toys and chews around the house. This can cause resource guarding which can escalate very quickly. Remove all toys and chews before you arrive home with your foster dog.
- Feeding your foster dog with your resident dog. It's best to separate them initially, and to supervise always.
- Over-stimulating your foster dog with introductions to many people or your neighbors' dogs.

### DOG FIGHTS

When your dog gets into a dog fight

- a) Keep control! It usually sounds worse than it is!!
- b) Do **NOT** put your hands near the source of the fight (mouths).
- c) Make a loud noise to get their attention. Yell "Hey" or bang pots or cookie sheets
- d) Throw a pot of cold water on them.
- e) Throw a blanket over them.
- f) If you have to grab something, grab legs and don't pull...pulling can cause more damage.

The dogs do not want to fight; they are fighting because they are scared, sick, feel weak or vulnerable, or challenging pack leadership. Do not put yourself or your home at risk when dealing with a severe dog fight. Dogs are extremely resilient and will bounce back quickly.

If you have any other questions or issues, please contact your Foster Coordinator. MNBR has many resources and experienced dog owners that can assist you and provide support and guidance.

### FOSTER INFORMATION FOR FOSTERING A PUPPY MILL SURVIVOR PUP

**First and foremost- be patient. Be mindful of opening doors and having the dog being outside.**

#### Outside Time and Leash work

- Puppy mill dogs are crafty about escaping collars and harnesses. The martingale must always be kept on your dog **WITH THEIR TAGS!** Always double leash or run the collar through the dog's collar and harness as a double prevention measure.
- Fearful dogs often have a strong drive to "flee". The dog should never be off-leash or unsupervised in the yard. **ALWAYS BE ALERT WITH OPENING DOORS-** they tend to dart out

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- Many are quite fearful of going through an open door past a person because in their former lives, many had their heads or bodies slammed in doorways for trying to escape.
  - To get them to go through a doorway, you may need to stand a distance beyond it to get them to follow you. Always praise for the walk through!
- DO NOT chase him or you may undo any trust that s/he has in you.
- Leash training should be gradual, requires much patience and should ALWAYS be done in a securely fenced area.
  - Some PM will fear bite out of being on a leash.
- **All puppy mill survivors are high flight risks. Never take your dog outside a securely fenced yard until you are thoroughly bonded. This might take months.**

#### Inside Home Life

**Always on leash in the house until potty training and trust has been established.**

- Put your dog on a schedule. Take him outside first thing in the morning, at lunchtime whenever possible, after dinner, before bedtime
- Never raise your voice, clap your hands, or allow loud noises in the home during this adjustment period. You must strive to create a totally non-threatening environment.
- Mill dogs have never walked on stairs. Slowly work with them to get use to stairs. Using food treats to coax them will help. Never pull them up or down – that will only terrify them even more.
- This is not a good time to invite all of your friends and relatives over to meet him. I know it is exciting to get a new dog- but no guests until trust is established.

#### Feeding

Food was used many times to entice the dog to the front of a crate to be than grabbed, so feeding may be a stressful time for PM dogs.

- Turn your back and walk away until the dog feels "safe" enough to eat. Let him eat undisturbed. Many puppy mill dogs will have weird eating habits and/or be food aggressive.
  - S/he may not eat until you and/or the resident dog(s) have left the room as s/he was conditioned that it's safe to eat only when the dominate presence is gone
- Eating poop, as gross as it is, this is a fairly common problem for mill dogs.
  - Once properly nourished, some will stop on their own, but many will not.
  - Best way to handle this is keep your yard/potty area picked up and clean.
- Some mill dogs will push all the food out of their bowls and scatter it around to eat it.
- Some will urinate in their food bowl, claiming it as their own.

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### Behavioral

- Fear biting is more common in abuse cases than in puppy mill survivors, but we do see it occasionally. 90% of all dogs who bite do so out of fear.
- Never corner the dog. Never reach your hand out towards the dog if s/he is cowering as that's when bites occur.
- These dogs can spook easily and can be frightened by sudden moves, loud noises, and sometimes even the touch of a hand.
- They may be fearful of human touch, so take it slow with pets and touching.
- Fear of water/water hoses. Many times, PM dogs are afraid of water/water hoses so bath times may be more stressful for PM dogs. May have to reintroduce water hoses in the summer time gradually.
- They may attach themselves to one person in the home and become their protector, not permitting anyone near that person.
- They may suffer from PTSD-like behaviors.
- May have obsessive behaviors
- May have some altered mental functions- due to trauma of their previous life
- Sleeping issues- nightmares, unusual sleep patterns, increased startle response.

### How to Approach your PM dog until trust is established

**First and foremost- do not reach over the dog's head or reach for the dog's head to try and pet it, wait until trust is established. All dogs see this as a threatening gesture.**

- Always approach with the side of your body facing them and your eyes averted.
- Never approach their personal space with your face or body facing them.
- Do not make eye contact. You want it to seem that you have no interest in them. The worst thing you could possibly do is bend down with your face toward them and start staring at and talking to them.
- Lick your lips, this tells the dog you are not a threat.
- Try not to be tense or stiff.
- If the dog allows, gently massage the ear by the ear canal (where the jaws meet) to build trust. Almost all dogs love this feeling.
- You may have to lie on the floor face down with your eyes averted to get the dog to approach you at all. Let him come near you and sniff.

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- Until the dog knows you and feels secure, don't pet the head or neck. These dogs have always been grabbed, held and carried by their "scruff" and this can trigger a very fearful response.

Signs of fear/scared/anxious:

Body-Stiff body language, tail tucked between legs, frozen in place, pacing

Head-tense muzzle head down ears held flat, will avoid eye contact, gaze shifting back and forth, excessive panting, yawning, drooling

Behaviors-desperately attempting to flee, urinating or need to poop, anal glands may express, some dogs will bark or growl, many will try to flee before they "fight"

Attached on the last page is a handy image chart!

## Body Language of Fear in Dogs



**Slight Cowering**



**Major Cowering**



## More Subtle Signs of Fear & Anxiety



**Licking Lips**  
when no food nearby



**Panting**  
when not hot or thirsty



**Brow Furrowed, Ears to Side**



**Moving in Slow Motion**  
walking slow on floor



**Acting Sleepy or Yawning**  
when they shouldn't be tired



**Hypervigilant**  
looking in many directions



**Suddenly Won't Eat**  
but was hungry earlier



**Moving Away**



**Pacing**





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Some online sources for more info or help

<https://www.luckystarcavalierrescue.org/info/display?PageID=14823>

<https://bestfriends.org/resources/puppy-mill-rescue-dogs-transition-home-life>

<http://milldogrescue.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/NMDR-From-Puppy-Mill-to-Pet.pdf>

<http://www.nowisconsinpupmills.com/mill-survivors.html#handling>

<http://815678169699-bfas-files.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/Understanding-and-Caring-for-Puppy-Mill-Dogs.pdf>

## FOSTER FACTS

### VET VISITS

Must be preapproved (See list of approved veterinarians in resource documents).

Scheduled by Foster.

Bring to appt or contact transport coordinator for transport help.

### WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY

Contact Foster Coordinator or other Board Member if Foster Coordinator is unavailable; an emergency visit must be preapproved.

#### **Emergency Situations Include:**

- Continuous diarrhea
- Continuous vomiting
- Bleeding of any kind—nose, urine, stool
- Any trauma—hit by a car, dropped, limp, stepped on, unconscious
- Difficulty in breathing/blocked airway
- Dehydration
- Seizures

If the animal has vomiting or diarrhea, but is still active, eating and drinking, it can probably wait until the next day to receive medical help. However, if the animal is lethargic and shows no interest in food or water, it is wise to seek emergency help at the time.



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## PREPARING YOUR FOSTER FOR ADOPTION

### REVIEWING APPLICATIONS

The application processing team will let the foster know if an application has come in for their particular foster dog.

### HOME VISIT

Review home visit notes

### CHOOSING YOUR FOSTERS NEW FAMILY

Foster family is highly involved in placing the foster dog in the correct forever home. Watch for signs and interactions between the family and the dog. Ask for advice if needed.

### ADOPTION CONTRACT, MEDICAL RECORDS, AND OTHER INFORMATION

Foster prepares the adoption agreement, obedience contract and spay/neuter contract if applicable. Foster is responsible to complete the "About Your New Dog" information sheet to send with the dog. Foster goes over the adoption agreement with the adopter and both adopter and foster initial the contract items and sign and date at the end. Foster collects the adoption fee if payment is by check; if by PayPal, please check with the Treasurer to verify payment was received.

## SAYING GOODBYE

This can be a difficult process but if you are confident in the choice of the adoptive family, you know they will be well taken care of. And now you are available to help out another dog.



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Fostering a homeless shelter dog is one of the most rewarding things you can do. But when the time comes to let go, it can also be wrenching.

Once you have become attached to a sweet dog, it can be difficult bordering on impossible to say goodbye. Many people, recognizing their limitations, have told me flat-out that they could not possibly foster because they quickly form a bond and cannot let go.

This is why so many animal rescuers become “foster failures” – i.e. they wind up adopting a dog they initially planned to house on a temporary basis. How do you say farewell to a creature you have fed and played with, medicated and cuddled? As one rescuer I know memorably said, “Failure never felt so good.”

But that does not mean foster success feels less good. It feels great – and it frees up room in your home and heart for the next needy Boxer.

## CONTACTS

For your reference, below is a list of the 2018 MNBR Board Members and Coordinators that can assist you with questions. **NOTE: Names will be added after voting is complete; email addresses remain the same.**

### PLACEMENT DIRECTOR:

[placementdirector@minnesotaboxerrescue.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:placementdirector@minnesotaboxerrescue.onmicrosoft.com)

INTAKE COORDINATOR: [intake@minnesotaboxerrescue.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:intake@minnesotaboxerrescue.onmicrosoft.com)

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR: [transport@minnesotaboxerrescue.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:transport@minnesotaboxerrescue.onmicrosoft.com)

FOSTER COORDINATOR: [foster@minnesotaboxerrescue.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:foster@minnesotaboxerrescue.onmicrosoft.com)

ADOPTION COORDINATOR [adopt@minnesotaboxerrescue.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:adopt@minnesotaboxerrescue.onmicrosoft.com)

### PRESIDENT:

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### EVENTS DIRECTOR:

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### DIRECTOR OF FUNDRAISING:

[Fundraising@minnesotaboxerrescue.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:Fundraising@minnesotaboxerrescue.onmicrosoft.com)

### TREASURER:

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### SECRETARY:

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**Thank you again for joining the MNBR team!**

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# RESOURCE DOCUMENTS

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## THANK YOU FOR ADOPTING FROM MINNESOTA BOXER RESCUE!

<b>Foster Parent(s):</b>	
<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	

### INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR NEW DOG

<b>NAME OF DOG &amp; ID#:</b>	
<b>BRAND OF FOOD:</b>	
<b>FEEDING SCHEDULE:</b>	
<b>AMOUNT:</b>	
<b>FAVORITE TREATS:</b>	
<b>FAVORITE TOYS:</b>	
<b>TRAINING:</b>	
<b>FAVORITE SLEEPING SPOT:</b>	

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<b>BEHAVIORAL ISSUES:</b>	
<b>MEDICATIONS:</b>	
<b>CUTEST THINGS HE/SHE DOES:</b>	
<b>SUGGESTIONS:</b>	
<b>COMMENTS:</b>	

- ✓ Let the dog become familiar with his/her new home before meeting too many people.
- ✓ Start a normal routine & keep it. Try not to change the rules.
- ✓ Feed him/her in the same place; let him/her sleep in the same spot.
- ✓ If possible, update us on how he/she is doing. We love to know how our kids are!

*If you have any questions, please let us know!*

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## MNBR “APPROVED” VET CLINICS

### **Ark Pet Hospital**

151 Silver Lake Road NW, Suite 109  
New Brighton, MN 55112  
Phone: 651-633-0567 Fax: 651-633-0966  
<http://newbrightonpethospital.com/>

### **Advanced Veterinary Care**

1500 125th Ave NE  
Blaine, MN 55449  
(763) 310-3500  
<http://avetcare.com/>

### **Barrington Oaks Veterinary Hospital** (rescue contact is Trinity)

710 Dodge Ave Suite F  
Elk River, MN 55330  
763-441-4000

### **Brighton Veterinary Hospital** (rescue contact is Char)

2615 Mississippi St.  
New Brighton, MN 55112  
Phone: 651-636-1063 Fax: 651-636-6147

### **Inver Grove Heights Animal Hospital** (rescue contact is Angie or Tori)

7131 Cahill Ave.  
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076  
Phone 651-451-4404 Fax 651-451-4879

### **North Shore Veterinary Hospital**

6001 East Superior St  
Duluth, MN 55804  
Phone: (218) 525-1937

### **Painted Sky Veterinary Services**

741 Harriman Ave S  
Amery, WI 54001  
Phone: (715) 268-8131



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**Prairie Village Pet Hospital** (rescue contact is Mary Lauby)

7815 Terrey Pine Court  
Eden Prairie, MN 55347  
Phone: (952) 934-0335

**ValueCare**

202 N Chestnut St.  
Chaska, MN 55318  
Phone: 952.217.4365

**ValueCare** (the Richfield location was not used in 2017)

1515 E 66<sup>th</sup> Street  
Richfield, MN  
Phone: 952-217-4365

**Wayzata Pet Hospital**

15712 Wayzata Blvd  
Wayzata MN 55391  
Phone: (952) 473-4631



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## **RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER**

- I understand that because I may handle and/or come in contact with animals, it is important to discuss being vaccinated against tetanus with my physician. I release Minnesota Boxer Rescue, from all responsibility that may occur because of my not pursuing this matter further and I understand whatever decision I make is at my own risk. I have read, understand and agree to the above tetanus information.
- I acknowledge and understand that as a volunteer and/or foster of Minnesota Boxer Rescue, I am not covered by workers' compensation or any other insurance policy through Minnesota Boxer Rescue, for any damages or injuries I may sustain during volunteer activities. I understand that I am responsible for obtaining health insurance coverage through an independent health insurance company.
- I fully understand that as a part of my volunteer and/or foster work for Minnesota Boxer Rescue, I will come into contact with animals either by directly handling them, fostering or through assisting in their care and adoption. Further, I understand that working with animals carries a risk of injury, and that it is possible that I may be bitten, scratched, and/or otherwise injured.
- I fully understand that as a volunteer and/or foster home for Minnesota Boxer Rescue, my family may come in contact with animals at Minnesota Boxer Rescue events, and I and my family and/or guests may come into contact with animals in my home if I am fostering an animal. I understand that working with animals carries a risk of injury, and it is possible that my family and/or guests may be bitten, scratched and/or otherwise injured.
- My signature to this volunteer liability release attests to my intent to hold harmless and release from all liability Minnesota Boxer Rescue or any of its past, present or future officers, agents, volunteers, employees or assigns, from all acts, which are related to the normal performance of required and implied duties. My signature, whether original, by fax or any other electronic means, is valid as if it were an original signature.



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**VOLUNTEER and/or FOSTER WAIVER AND LIABILITY RELEASE**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**First name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Last name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

In case of emergency, I authorize Minnesota Boxer Rescue to notify the contacts listed below:

**Primary Emergency Contact:**

Name / Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Secondary Emergency Contact:**

Name / Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*If under the age of 18 years old, legal guardian must sign.**





## CODE OF ETHICS AGREEMENT

MNBR deems that this rescue organization shall be responsible pet owners, commit to a lifetime for each dog that is brought into MNBR. To those dogs whose ownership I retain, I offer love, training and regular veterinary care. With this idea in mind, and with full recognition that the best possible motives do not always produce perfect results, I pledge to the following animal care:

1. Provide all dogs in my care with adequate quantities of nourishing food and fresh water;
2. Provide safe, secure and clean facilities with adequate shelter;
3. Provide appropriate veterinary care to all dogs, including immunizations and parasite treatments when needed; and
4. Provide loving attention to every dog I own/and or foster.

I pledge to the following placement practices:

1. Screen all prospective adopters to the best of my ability;
2. Educate potential adopters during the interview process regarding their future responsibilities as dog owners;
3. Be honest about faults of potential behavioral problems and/or health problems;
4. Refuse to supply dogs for raffles "give away" prizes or other such projects;
5. Refuse to adopt to any adopter where I have reason to believe that the dog will not be properly cared for;
6. State in contractual terms that, if for any reason the adopter cannot keep the dog, that, MNBR, will take the dog back and assume full and total responsibility for the dog's welfare; and

I pledge to the following public contact:

1. Conduct all my affairs concerning dogs in such a way that my behavior brings credit to the image of dogs and dog ownership in my community; and
2. Clean up after my dog(s) when walking or exercising them in public and to keep them under control at all times.

I pledge to the following business agreement:

1. Use contracts that are ethically sound as well as legally binding which seek to protect the dog, the buyer (adopter) and the seller (MNBR); and
2. Strive to uphold the intent as well as the letter of such agreements.

I agree and pledge to all of the above.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_