

July 2013

# The Heart of America Boxer Club Newsletter

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Newsletter for the Heart of America Boxer Club

*A note from our NEW president!*

It is my absolute honor to serve as President of The Heart of America Boxer Club. I will try to meet the standard set by so many of our past Presidents that gave so much to the success of this small, but very special Club. What has made HOABC truly special is that we all work together in the Club's Best interest. In that vein, I ask each member to share ideas and bring your own talents to benefit the Club. If there are projects or committees you wish to participate in, please let me know. I feel confident that our August Specialties will be a big success and a lot of fun! I look forward to a great year for The Heart of America Boxer Club. *Janet Ewing*

The next HOABC club meeting – exact time and location will be determined a bit later- meeting will be held 23 August, following the Friday specialty.

**Congrats to our Fun Match participants and Winner!**

CONGRATULATIONS to Nicki McFarland and her girl "Kendall" - Olympic N Happy Tail's Why Not?

Great turn out of up and coming boxer puppies and their handlers.



## CLUB HOLTER

*The club has an analog Holter that is available for use by club members.*

1. No rental fee
2. Member needs to purchase the number of tape kits needed
3. Rental time is 10 days- adequate to test 5 dogs
4. Shipping to and from the member is the members' responsibilities.
5. Member is responsible for the condition of the Holter and accompanying vest.
6. Members must sign the usage agreement prior to use.
7. Contact Sabrina [sabrina@lattahomes.com](mailto:sabrina@lattahomes.com) for availability

## HEAT STROKE- and your DOG... IMPORTANT

As the weather is getting warmer, it's important to know the signs of a Heat Stroke.

- Heavy panting and being unable to calm down, even when lying down.
- Your pet's gums may be brick red, they may have a fast pulse rate, or they may not be able to get up.
- If you think your pet has a heat stroke, take their temperature rectally. If the temperature is above 105 degrees Fahrenheit, you should cool your animal down by moving to a cool place in the shade or in an air-conditioned room.
- If your pet is unsteady on its feet and you have moved it to a cooler location, you can start cooling it by placing cool water on the feet. Rubbing alcohol on the skin of your pet's stomach (with a fan blowing on the pet) can also aid in cooling.
- While these steps are in progress, have someone call your veterinarian so that they can determine if you should bring your pet in for treatment.



When the air temperature is this, asphalt has been measured at this \*

<u>Air Temperature</u>	<u>Asphalt Temperature</u>
77 <sup>0</sup>	- 125 <sup>0</sup>
86 <sup>0</sup>	- 135 <sup>0</sup>
87 <sup>0</sup>	- 143 <sup>0</sup>

\*These temperature correlations represent worst scenario variables: direct sun, no wind, very low humidity, and high radiant energy.

At 125° F, skin destruction can occur in 60 seconds.

An egg can fry in 5 minutes at 131° F.



Data Source: Berens J. Thermal contact burns from streets and highways. Journal of the American Medical Association. 214 (11): 2025-2027

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

# UPCOMING SHOWS

Jefferson City Missouri Kennel Club	Sedalia	MO	5-Jul-13	Jack H Ireland
			6-Jul-13	Ms. Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine
Sedalia Kennel Club			7-Jul-13	Mrs. Pat A Mowbray-Morgan
Greater DeKalb Kennel Club	De Kalb	IL	6-Jul-13	Arley D Hussin
			7-Jul-13	Mr. Houston Clark
Duluth Kennel Club	Duluth	MN	11-Jul-13	James G Reynolds
			12-Jul-13	Mr. Steven D Gladstone
			13-Jul-13	Mrs. Sue-Ellyn Rempel
			14-Jul-13	Mr. James E Frederiksen
Roaring Fork Kennel Club, Inc.	Eagle	CO	13-Jul-13	Mr. Garry K Newton
			14-Jul-13	Mrs. Donna J Buxton
Southeastern Iowa Kennel Club	Ottumwa	IA	13-Jul-13	Mrs. Houston (Toddie) Clark
			14-Jul-13	Mrs. Gloria Geringer
Blackhawk Kennel Club, Inc.	Belvidere	IL	12-Jul-13	Mr. Ken J Murray
Kishwaukee Kennel Club, Inc.			13-Jul-13	Lawrence E Stanbridge
			14-Jul-13	Ms. Sherrie Bercklin Morgan
Paper Cities Kennel Club, Inc.	Rothschild	WI	20-Jul-13	Ms. Sharol Candace Way
			21-Jul-13	Gary Bassett
Boxer Club of Milwaukee	Waukesha	WI	26-Jul-13	Mrs. Shilon L Bedford
Boxer Club of Milwaukee			26-Jul-13	V. Cherie Holmes
Waukesha Kennel Club, Inc.			27-Jul-13	Ekarat Sangkunakup
			28-Jul-13	Dana P Cline
Burlington Wisconsin Kennel Club	Elkhorn	WI	29-Jul-13	Mr. James E Noe
			30-Jul-13	Mrs. Francine W Schwartz
Burlington Kennel Club, Inc.	West Burlington	IA	3-Aug-13	Mr. Jim C Briley
			4-Aug-13	Mrs. Rita J Rynder

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Running of the Dogs Event

**July 7, 2013 at Waterfall Park**  
**behind Bass Pro Shop**  
**in Independence, MO**  
 Packet pickup at 6:30  
 Start time at 7:30am

[www.enter2run.com](http://www.enter2run.com)

Hope to see you there- walk..jog, with a dog...without....



# Officers & Directors 2013-2014

President: Janet Ewing (2014)

Vice President: Thomas Latta (2015)

Treasurer: Sabrina Jay (2014)

Secretary: Amber Gates

Board Member: Karen Emerson (2013)

Board Member: Joyce Peckham (2014)

Board Member: Mark Ewing (2015)

Board Member: Jeanine Millard (2015)

## Committee Assignments for 2013-2014

Show Chairperson: Joyce Peckham

Judges Liaison: Mark Ewing

Hospitality: Janet Ewing & Carol Latta

Trophies: Amber Gates & Sabrina Jay

Fundraising: Sabrina Jay & Jeanine Millard

50/50 Raffle: Mark Ewing

Annual Meeting: Karen Emerson

Public Education/Programs: Karen Emerson

Nominations: Karen Emerson

Shows & Flowers: Fran Davidson

History: Janet Ewing

Website: Thomas Latta

Breeder Referrals: Janet Ewing

Boxer Rescue: Elizabeth Phillips & Joyce Peckham

This list will be updated- send your preferences or ideas for NEW committees to our president! We ALWAYS need volunteers!

## 2013 Boxer Point Schedule

2013 Boxer Point Schedule  
effective May 15, 2013

	1 Pt		2 Pts		3 Pts		4 Pts		5 Pts	
	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches
Division 1: CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT	2	2	7	10	12	16	17	21	25	27
Division 2: DE, NJ, NY, PA	2	2	8	9	13	15	16	18	21	24
Division 3: DC, MD, NC, TN, VA, WV	2	2	7	8	11	13	14	17	19	23
Division 4: FL, GA, SC	2	2	9	10	16	18	18	21	23	28
Division 5: IN, KY, OH	2	2	10	12	14	21	19	26	25	36
Division 6: IA, KS, Missouri, NE	2	2	10	12	18	18	22	23	24	29
Division 7: CO, OK, TX	2	2	7	9	13	16	15	18	18	22
Division 8: OR, WA	2	2	6	11	10	17	14	22	18	27
Division 9: AZ, CA	2	2	9	10	13	16	18	23	28	38
Division 10: Alaska	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6
Division 11: Hawaii	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6
Division 12: Puerto Rico	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6
Division 13: ID, MT, NV, NM, ND, SD, UT, WY	2	2	6	6	10	10	13	14	17	19
Division 14: AL, AR, LA, MS	2	2	9	9	16	16	17	20	20	24
Division 15: IL, MI, MN, WI	2	2	8	8	15	13	19	20	27	32

*Print this out...keep with your show gear- or near your computer*

## HOABC Concurrent Specialties- UPDATES

All is coming along- STILL looking for additional trophy donations- We are looking for help in acquiring more funding ☺

Also- Hospitality is looking for additional monies to help offset the cost of our fun evening. Looking for cash donations as well as food items. Check with Janet, Carol or Karen for needed items.

### Rescue Corner



**MIA**

Mia has come back to rescue after being with her family for more than 5 years. She gets along with all people; male dogs but no cats, please. She is in a caring foster home but would love to find a family that will let her be Mia. We would estimate Mia between 6 & 7 years ago but is still active, though a little gray.

## Learning Stuff... Oh ya...

<u>Condition Tested</u>	<u>Test Used</u>	<u>Minimum Age</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Reported As</u>
Hip/Elbow Dysplasia	Radiograph	2 years	Once	OFA# or
	Radiograph	6 mos.	Once	PennHip%
Hypothyroidism	Thyroid Panel <sup>2</sup>	2 years	Annually for Breeding	date tested**
Aortic Valve Disease	Auscultation / Doppler <sup>1</sup>	None	None	date tested**
AS / SAS	Auscultation & Doppler Echocardiogram <sup>1</sup>	24 mos. <sup>1</sup>	Once by Echo	date tested**
Boxer Cardiomyopathy <sup>1</sup>	Holter Monitor	12 mos.	Annually for Breeding	date tested**
(ARVC Only) (Recommended)	DNA	None	Once	A/A, A/N, N/N
Degenerative Myelopathy (Recommended)	DNA	None	Once	A/A, A/N, N/N

### TESTING AND REPORTING GUIDELINES ABC Health & Research Committee

Use and interpretation of tests should be in consultation with your veterinarian or veterinary specialist. These guidelines will be updated as further knowledge is gained.

**Heart disease can be inherited or it can be caused by bacterial, viral or parasitic agents these are NOT inherited. The damage appears the same in some cases. A screening program can help determine the origin.**

All hearts should be auscultated at each veterinary visit. This is particularly important prior to any surgery, including ear cropping. If a murmur is detected the dog should be evaluated to determine the cause and significance of the murmur. Murmurs may be innocent ("flow" murmurs) or may be an indication of structural heart disease such as aortic stenosis, sub aortic stenosis, septal defects or defects of the mitral, tricuspid or pulmonic valves. Echo with Doppler measurements can accurately find and diagnose the origin of murmurs which cannot always be heard or reliably pinpointed by auscultation alone.

1. Maximum flow values have recently been reevaluated and raised to 2.4 IF there is no evidence of structural causes. The cardiologist should determine if the flow value for an individual Boxer is of concern. Current information is that AS/SAS may develop upon sexual maturity in dogs that were previously tested clear, thus the new recommendation for 24 mos. minimum age. Boxer Cardiomyopathy is a complex condition that is still under study.
2. Thyroid panel must include the following tests: **TGAA** (Thyroglobulin auto antibodies), **Total T4AA**, **Free T4AA** (by equilibrium dialysis), **cTSH**. (Optional tests include T3 and free T3)
3. Because these results can change over time, or because the age at testing may be significant, it is essential to list the date of the most recent test in each case. There are no normal values for some of the recommended tests, and there can be differing opinions between experts in the field.

*Want to learn about something specific?? ... please send to Amber- farmoreboxers@yahoo.com*

## Learning Stuff... Oh ya...

# Ticks! Yuck!

Some smells, like citronella, are an instant “yuck” for me. These two homemade tick repellents have smells I can handle AND are cheap enough to be worth a try. I have used peppermint oil (a drop or two on a dog’s neck) and it really does help repel mosquito bites also. I’m thinking this peppermint spray below would be even better and not as strong. So what if the dog smells like a candy cane!

- Ticks are not fond of citrus, so you can make a citrus tick repellent. Boil 2 cups of water and add any combination of 2 sliced citrus fruits: lemons, limes, oranges, or grapefruit. Allow the mixture to boil for about a minute, then simmer for one hour. Remove the fruit and put the liquid through a strainer.

Pour into a spray bottle and use on your skin, your pet’s fur, and on your lawn.

- Combine 16 ounces of water and 20 to 25 drops of peppermint essential oil in a spray bottle and spritz onto clothing, your dog’s fur, and your lawn.

Most essential oils are toxic to cats and should not be used to repel ticks. The natural tick repellents using vinegar, citrus, and neem leaves should be safe, but talk to your vet before using any type of tick repellent on your cat.

*Submitted by Ms Jeannine Millard! THANKS for the addition!*



# Puppy Fun Match 2013

Erin Cricqui- judge



Nicki and Kendall- Tom and Piper



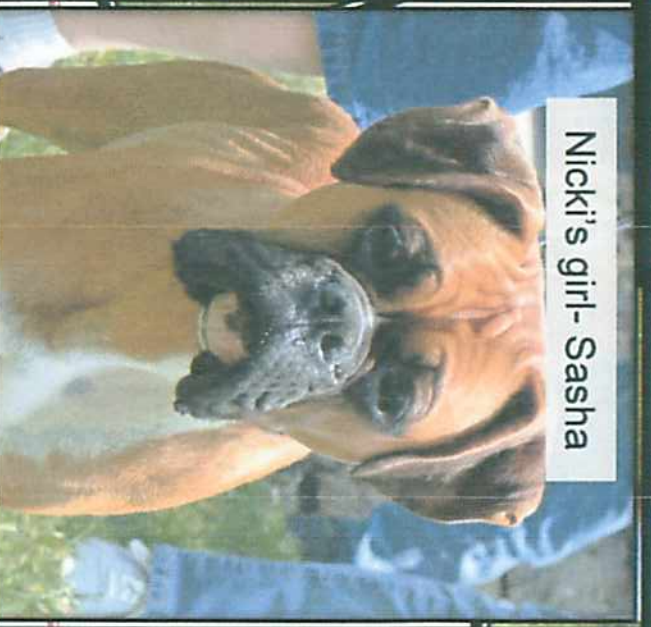
Tiffany and Caesar



Carol and Ony



Amber and Ellie



Nicki's girl- Sasha



# Just for Fun!



Kendall and Nicki walking the course



Lexi and Duke- getting started



IMPERSONATOR!!!

## BOXER DOGS

It won't happen, no matter how much you sugarcoat it!



Sasha, Miles and Kendall

## Just for Fun!

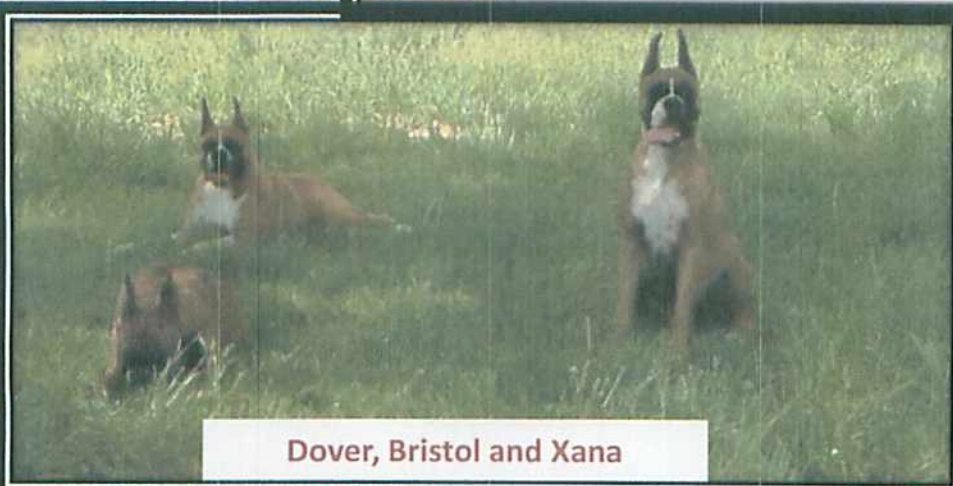
Sometimes I question  
my sanity,  
but the unicorn  
and gummy bears  
told me  
I'm fine!



Tre' at the ABC match



Ellie at the ABC match



Dover, Bristol and Xana