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AMERICAN BOXER CLUB HEALTH SURVEY

The American Boxer Club is very pleased to inform members of the Boxer community that a health survey is now online to provide the Boxer community and health researchers information about the current and past state of Boxer health. The survey is located at Survey Monkey on the web. The survey was created by Pat Mullen and many thanks go to Pat for the work she did in creating this survey. This survey has been reviewed and approved by the Health and Research Committee of the ABC and Board members of the ABC.

You can access the health survey by clicking on the following URL: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QSFKQ3V> At that point you will be on the first page of the survey. The survey asks about Boxers who are deceased as well as dogs that are currently living. Information on deceased Boxers is important information to give so as to present as broad a picture of Boxer health as possible. Some of the questions may use terminology with which you are not familiar. Answer to the best of your ability. This will help researchers who will use this database as a foundation for their research. The important thing is to include all Boxers that you have owned. Please understand that this survey is completely anonymous and that there is no way for any survey administrator or member of the ABC to identify any contributor to this survey or any individual Boxer.

Some questions ask for specific results on such tests as SAS Doppler, Holter monitor results, DM or ARVC cheek swabs. It may take some time for you to gather this information and enter the data. Please consider this process as a process over time, For those who have had many Boxers it takes perseverance. However,, this is one of the most important contributions you can make to progress in defining physical conditions in Boxers and developing procedures for treating disease in Boxers.

If you have any questions about the survey, please send them to me -- Judy Voran -- at bjvoran@gmail.com. I will make sure that you get an appropriate answer to your question.

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On behalf of the ABCF Membership Chairman:

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone!!!!!!!!!! May you all get roses or chocolates or whatever makes your heart sing. And speaking of hearts, it's once again time to help the hearts of our boxers by joining the American Boxer Charitable Foundation, Inc. Our year runs from January 1 to December 31 of each year. Therefore you may pay your dues at any time in the calendar year 2012. Please HAVE A HEART and join today!

Once again, I'd like to explain that a memorial donation is NOT the same as an ABCF membership. The monies from the memorial donations go into a permanent Endowment Fund, the principal of which is never touched. The income from the membership drive is used to fund health research and the few expenses incurred by ABCF such as postage and stationary.

The Foundation was created in 1995 to fund research into the problems that affect our beloved breed. To date, the ABCF has raised more money for health research than any other breed club. IN THE WORLD!!!! It's unbelievable but true! In the past year, 2011, our 296 members and 42 member clubs raised a grand total of \$29,746.56 in memberships alone!!!! That's close to double the amount raised in 2010!! What a fantastic group of people and clubs to give so generously to the breed we love!!!!

The ABCF is off to a great start this year, thanks to the generosity of the American Boxer Club, which allowed us to send our reminders out with the dues notice. To date, we already have 224 individual members and 25 clubs!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It's going to be another great year!!!

The money raised by the Foundation has funded studies in Boxer cardiomyopathy, sub-aortic stenosis, thyroid disease, and cancers, including lymphoma, hemangiosarcoma and mast cell cancer. Blood donations continue to be needed for all the ongoing studies so please don't forget to have blood drawn at your dogs' annual check-ups or at ABC. And Dr. Joan Coates of the University of Missouri still needs the spines of dog with DM for further research into the causes of DM. While we now know which dogs are at risk for developing DM, we still need to know what factors cause some dogs with two copies of the gene to remain risk-free.

For as little as \$25.00, far less than the cost of a single show entry, you can become a member of ABCF. By clicking on the following link, you can print the form and send your check or card number by mail or by fax. Please take the time NOW to join ABCF and help our boxers lead longer and healthier lives.

The link is: www.abcfoundation.org. On the left side of the screen, select printable membership form or online membership form.

One of our goals this year is to have ALL fifty-four-boxer clubs in the United States join the ABCF. If you belong to a local boxer club, please encourage its members to join themselves and to join as a club. Our boxers are counting on you!!!!

And again, thank you to all those members who are so concerned with the future of our breed that they help us with our ONLY mission...to raise money to fund health research for our breed. Because the list of names takes so much bandwidth, please go to www.abcfoundation.org for a list of the "Early Bird" Membership form is attached to this newsletter for your convenience.

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ABC AGILITY RAFFLE BENEFITTING ABCF

The American Boxer Charitable Foundation (ABCF) has a mission to fund research into health related issues facing ALL boxers: from conformation to performance dogs, family pets & abandoned rescue boxers. ABCF benefits fawn, brindle, white, cropped or uncropped eared boxers for the health of the ENTIRE breed. Each dollar awarded in the form of a grant is matched by the AKC Canine Health Foundation. The largest fundraiser for ABCF is their Annual Auction held at the ABC National Specialty. As the sport of agility has grown, many competitors are not participants of the events held at the Drawbridge Inn. To show the agility competitor's support for ABCF, we will be hosting a raffle on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at the Queen City Dog Training Center (QCDTC), site of the agility competition.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

We need YOUR donations which will be accepted thru Monday, May 7 @ 12:00 noon at QCDTC.

WHAT CAN YOU BRING?

'BOXER' Stuff – clean out your closets & donate those well meaning new gifts given because everyone KNOWS you love love love boxers!

Gift Cards or Gift Certificates – from ANY national store, pet supply, gas station. Know of a 'service' that would be applicable across the USA?

Baskets – Themed baskets are GREAT raffle items. Pick a theme & have fun!

Just 'ask' around . . . vendors at trials, friends or family that may work for a company willing to donate, or maybe the company you work for

(PLEASE NOTE: We are not able to accept cash donations and keep in mind that 'clothing' doesn't fit all sizes.)

For further information contact Elisabeth Longeran (boxer@dishmail.net), Lisa Godfrey (agilbxr@yahoo.com) or Brenda Simmons (brenda.simmons@insightbb.com) OR JOIN US ON FACEBOOK @ ABC AGILITY RAFFLE BENEFITTING ABCF

We will be posting information on donations, answering questions, and developing new ideas to ensure this event is both successful for ABCF and F-U-N for everyone!

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Donation to ABCF from Cedar Valley Boxer Rescue

After years of service to the Boxer community, the Cedar Valley Boxer Rescue ceased its rescue operations. Those individuals involved in animal rescue are, indeed, angels. Profound "thank you's" should go to Rhonda Epley and Val Lillibridge for their work with the CVBR.

As Sharon Fosseen, Treasurer of the ABCF said in a letter to Rhonda and Val:

"On behalf of the Board of Directors of the American Boxer Charitable Foundation, I want to thank you for donating half of what was left of the resources of the Cedar Valley Boxer Rescue. I am putting that \$800.00 into the Memorial Endowment in the name of CVBR. I put it there after a great deal of thought because the Endowment corpus can never be spent. Only a portion of the interest earned can ever be spent. In that way, your donation will keep giving to the breed you love in perpetuity. It will never go away and it will only be used to fund health research for our beloved Boxers. It seemed to me to be the best way to honor you and Val for your years of sacrifice. I hope this meets with your approval but I think it will because as you said "We Do Care." I know that you do"

2012 Boxer Calendar Created by Michelle Taylor

Michelle Taylor created a 2012 Boxer calendar for the benefit of ABCF. Sharon Fosseen, ABCF Treasurer, just received a check from Michelle for \$1438.58 which was the entire profit from this effort. Michelle wants this money put in the Memorial Endowment where it can give forever..and wants it in memory of Dramia's Windseeker CD "Jester", Ch. Bluecollar's Starship Mercury CD, RA, NA, NAJ, CGC "Star", Ch. Encore's Kathara, DOM, CGC, TT "Kit" and "Splenda." Thank you so much, Michelle, for your work to further health research in Boxers.

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2013 Boxer Calendar Created by Ann Anderson and Polly Whitney

A special treat this year! You can buy a beautiful 2013 Boxer calendar to support the American Boxer Club Charitable Trust. It is called "CalenDears" by Ann and Polly. The entire proceeds go to the trust. The cost is \$15.00 with or without shipping. You may purchase at the ABC or order early.

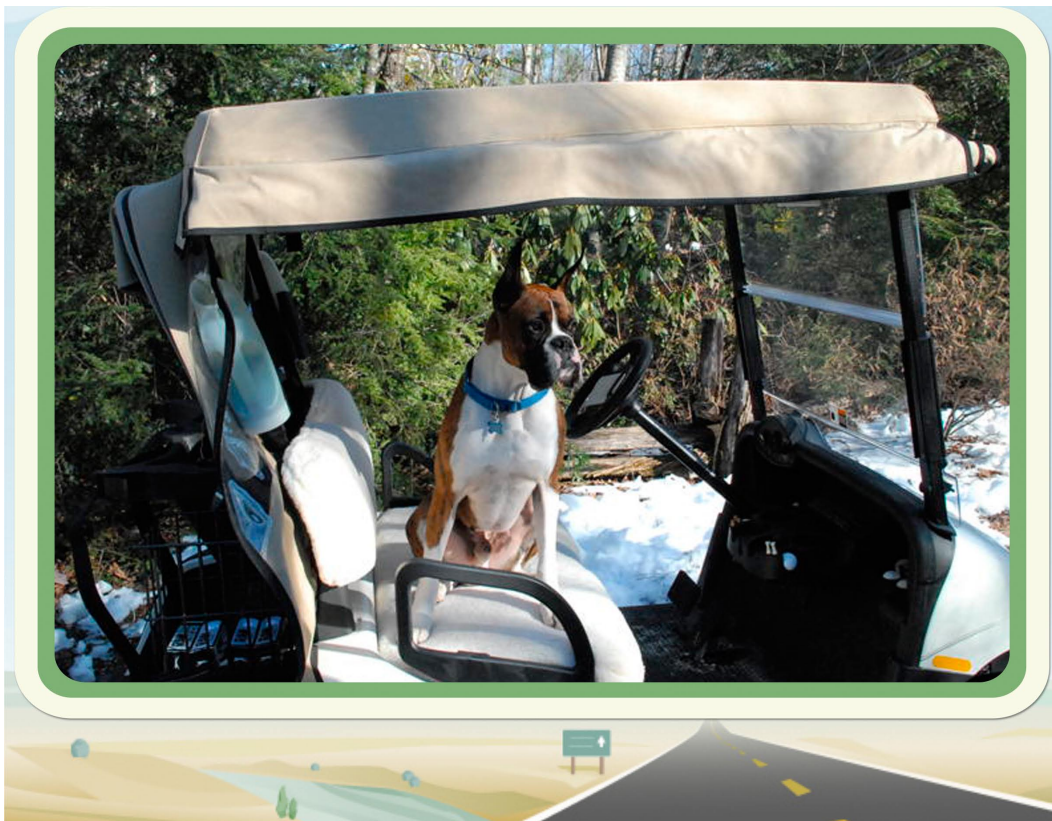
Contact

Ann Anderson at longboatkeyaba@aol.com or 404 759 8566

Polly Whitney at polly.whitney01@gmail.com or ph 678 778 4045

Your help ensures that research will continue on finding cures for our beloved breed's specific health problems.

A great picture from the calendar is below. No picture in the calendar will be labeled with the dog's name or kennel



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AMERICAN BOXER CHARITABLE FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Fellow Boxer Lovers:

Any time is the appropriate time to renew your membership in the American Boxer Charitable Foundation, Inc. As I'm sure you're aware, the Foundation was created to fund research into the health problems that affect our beloved breed. To date, the ABCF has raised more money for health research than any other breed club. The money raised by the Foundation has funded studies in boxer cardiomyopathy, sub-aortic stenosis, thyroid disease, and various cancers including Mast Cell and lymphoma. The Foundation is also funding a study on degenerative myelopathy .

Support the research to help our Boxers live longer and healthier lives by becoming a member (or rejoining) of the American Boxer Charitable Foundation.

Remember, our research grant dollars are matched, dollar-for-dollar by the AKC Canine Health Foundation, thereby doubling the impact on our research.

Bobbi Compton, Membership Chairman American Boxer Charitable Foundation

1. Select your membership level: _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$75 _____ \$100 _____ Other

2. Select how you want to receive the ABCF Newsletter: _____ Online _____ Via US Mail

Pay by check or money order payable to the American Boxer Charitable Foundation or Master Card or VISA or join or renew your membership online by choosing the Online option on the side navigation bar of this website.

Amount: _____ Method of payment: _____ Check _____ Money Order
_____ MasterCard _____ Visa Signature: _____

Account number: _____ Expires: _____

Name: _____ Mailing

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country:

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Complete form and mail to: ABCF PO Box 8667 Spokane, WA 99203OR... Email order to: abcf@mindspring.com Info-phone (509) 747-3254

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ABCF Memorial Endowment Fund

Look into the eyes of the Boxer that loves you...or think of the Boxers of your past that provided you with such memories that they still warm your heart. What will happen to this breed when you are gone? By mentioning the American Boxer Charitable Foundation in your Will or put your desires in writing to your family, you too can provide for the breed that has brought so much to all of us who love them. Give something back! Memorial donations and bequests are placed in the ABCF Endowment Fund. The corpus of the Endowment Fund can never be spent. Only a portion of what it earns may be spent for research, which means that a gift to the Endowment will give to this breed we all love in perpetuity. You cannot ask for a donation to do more than that.

And, this is one case where size doesn't matter. The fact that you remember Boxers through the Foundation's Endowment Fund is what matters. Whatever you mention in your Will---be it memorabilia, keepsakes, stock, insurance, a specified amount, a percentage of what you have left---whatever you choose will help make a difference to this breed forever!

It's very simple to make a provision in your Will for the Foundation. You don't need to have to redo your Will. You can simply add a codicil. Be sure your attorney has the following information:

**American Boxer Charitable Foundation
Memorial Endowment Fund
PO Box 8667
Spokane, WA 99203**

**Tax number ABCF TAX ID 91-1166044
EIN 38-3233119**

Just think---whether your donation is large or small, it will fund Boxer health research FOREVER. What a wonderful legacy. Perpetuity in this "throwaway culture" is a treasure---leave a legacy for your Boxers.

Those who have already made provisions in their Wills for the Boxer Legacy Endowment Fund are: Stephanie and David Abraham, Joyce Baker Brown, Susan Bell, Maureen and John Chinakos, John Connolly, Sharon Fosseen, Margaret Krey, Karen Larson, Meredith Medler, Wendy Morawski, Kathleen Morgan-*ABC Life Member*, Velda Rounsaville, Audrey Schnell, Dr. and Mrs. William Truesdale, Sandy Vergamini, and Brian and Rachal Zembrycki.

Legacies that have already come to the Foundation Endowment Fund are: Estate of Juanita Burks, Estate of Carole Connolly, Estate of Florence Doty, Estate of Susan Finley, Estate of Vivian Plummer, Family of Anna Rosenstreich (Hexenhaus Boxers- Australia and New Zealand) and the Estate of Wendy Wallner.

If you have designated the Foundation in your Will or have instructed your family to be sure your memorabilia and treasures come to us, please let me know so I can add your name to this list. If you haven't yet done so... please consider the ABCF Memorial Endowment Fund. Your donation is a legacy.

For further information email hiview@mindspring.com or call (509) 998-6122. Your Boxers give you all they have and they are counting on you.....please don't forget them.

Sharon Fosseen, Treasurer
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Our ABC National Specialty is just around the corner!! Tuesday, May 8th is the date for the ABCF Auction Dinner. The Auction Dinner is one of the highlights of the ABC Week. Wonderful Boxer items for all -- lovely buffet -- and good company. The items for the auction come from your donations. A donation form for items is below. Donate items for your breed!

DONOR FORM

Donor name as you would like it listed in publications

Address

City

State

Zipcode

Phone

email

Description of item(s) donated:

Estimated value:

Any additional information needed:

ABCF is a 502©3 organization and all donations are deductible to the full extend of the law

Please estimate the value of your items as best you can, and return this form with your donation. You will receive a receipt after the Auction for tax purposes. Thank you for giving back to your breed!

If you cannot get your items to the Drawbridge Inn, you may send them to:

ABCF Auction – c/o Carol Herman 4024 Lynn Burke Road Monrovia, MD 21770-9240

calimar@comcats.net

For more information: 240 308-0593

BE SURE TO INDLUDE DONOR FORM WITH YOUR DONATION!