

Adopt A Boxer Rescue – Annual Meeting – April 19, 2008 – Noon to 6PM – Radisson Hotel, King of Prussia

The meeting was opened by AABR President Dawn Karam. She thanked all for coming and noted that AABR could not do what it does without such great volunteers. The other officers, Sandy Trehy, Jamie Meadow, and Karen Lampe, and volunteers introduced themselves to the group. Sandy set forth the agenda for the meeting.

Kim Barnett– Training session – Kim gave a talk on foster care safety and the handling of scared or aggressive dogs. The discussion was very informative and included questions and answers from the group. Thanks Kim!

Break - Karen – Raffle and gift baskets- and volunteers were able to get donated premium dog food to bring home for their fosters.

Foster Care and Safety –Led by Dawn, Jamie, Sandy and Karen
Do's and Don'ts – Including, but not limited to...

- Rawhides and other treats that can obstruct – not permitted
- Safety - no collar grabbing, cornering, etc.
- Watch the food until you get to know the dog
- Don't set them up for failure.

Medical Issues –Jamie

Included, but not limited to...

Vetting- Approved vets that give us a discount. We will gather a list of vets that give discounts and post them on the AABR website.

Emergencies – Handling of...If there is a problem in the day it won't get better at night and ERs cost 3x more than a regular vet does so act promptly.

Vaccinations and Over Vaccinating – AABR does:

Rabies, distemper, bordatella - if we board the dog, hw test, ear check, fecal and deworming. (Bring a stool in if the dog wasn't checked yet. That could cause the runs and housebreaking issues.)

AABR Supplies: Dawn handed out leashes, collars, hw meds flea medication, deworming meds and anti diarrhea meds. Donated food is available for pick up from Karen L or Dawn K or Pam or Gail. Micro chipping was discussed and Dawn was going to follow up with a source of free chips.

Website and Updates and Database Stats – Sandy and Jamie

A discussion followed on the new Foster Advocate Numbers being assigned and how to use them to locate a dog and obtain info on it... On the new Submitted by Date, posted on the website as an aid in letting foster homes know what date the posting of Dog Updates was at. We also discussed the importance of using the on-line forms for updates. Sandy asked for ideas on adding information to the Volunteers Only page. It was decided to add the AABR PetSmart number.

The importance of good pics, and write-ups on the foster dogs and how they matter and make the difference, was also discussed.

AABR Awareness – Spreading the word about rescue...

We discussed extra things we can do to get a dog a home and AABR known.

Petsmart is available - we are an approved charity so visit your local one and introduce us. Set up a booth there on a weekend. Its fun and gets us volunteers and help.

Post our flyers at Starbucks or other upscale places, vet offices etc..

Volunteers updated us on the fundraising-golf tournament on May 18th, and planned flea market for Sept 13, headed by Linda Rosen.

Other Business -

Adoptions – Sandy gave out the statistics for AABR adoptions, and how amazing a job the volunteers do in placing almost a dog a day! She stressed the need for good record keeping when we apply for grants, etc.

Sandy is working with Alan Wilcox, a volunteer, in creating forms and a database that is more useful to us.

Karen Lampe asked for copies of all adoption apps for dogs that pass through her area.

Pam Rolands volunteered to do follow up calls on adoptions. The adoptions database must be kept current and made available for that to happen.

Teresa Haas is a trainer and new volunteer working with some of our more difficult dogs to help us find good homes for them. AABR Roxy went home with her to foster.

Jen Kallenborn has offered to help those that may have trouble using the on-line update forms. She also does the petfinders for PA.

Karen Ericson does petfinders updates for NY and CT.

AABR Adoptions as recorded on website						4/18/2008	
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2008 Incoming	Delta
Jan		12	20	23	19		23
Feb		15	28	19	39		38
Mar		15	31	29	39		24
Apr		21	24	23	15		23
May		21	27	16			0
Jun		23	15	20			0
Jul		17	19	33			0
Aug		20	19	36			0
Sep		22	17	9			0
Oct		20	26	27			0
Nov		28	20	42			0
Dec	24	33	33	30			0
Total	24	247	279	307	112		108
# of months	1	12	12	12	3.5		
Ave	24.0	20.6	23.3	25.6	32.0		

Please forgive me and remind me if I forgot anything important...

Thanks for all those who made the day so much fun!!!!

Sandy, Dawn, Jamie, and Karen