



MustLuvBoxers
RESCUE

2025 Annual Report



Mission Statement

MustLuvBoxers Rescue is a registered Washington non-profit, Federal Charitable Organization 501(c)(3); all donations are tax deductible. Our organization strives to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome unwanted and abandoned Boxers and other bully breeds within Washington state, Oregon, and surrounding areas.

Along with our rescue efforts, it is our goal to inform people about the realities of pet guardianship and provide education and resources to pet owners. We will promote spaying and neutering, and encourage responsible care of Boxers to enhance the lives of owners and their companions alike. We will always strongly support and promote rescue whether it is from a shelter or an individual--anywhere there is a Boxer in need of a loving home--and we will continue in this endeavor until none are left behind.

MLBR's 2025 Impact-at-a-Glance

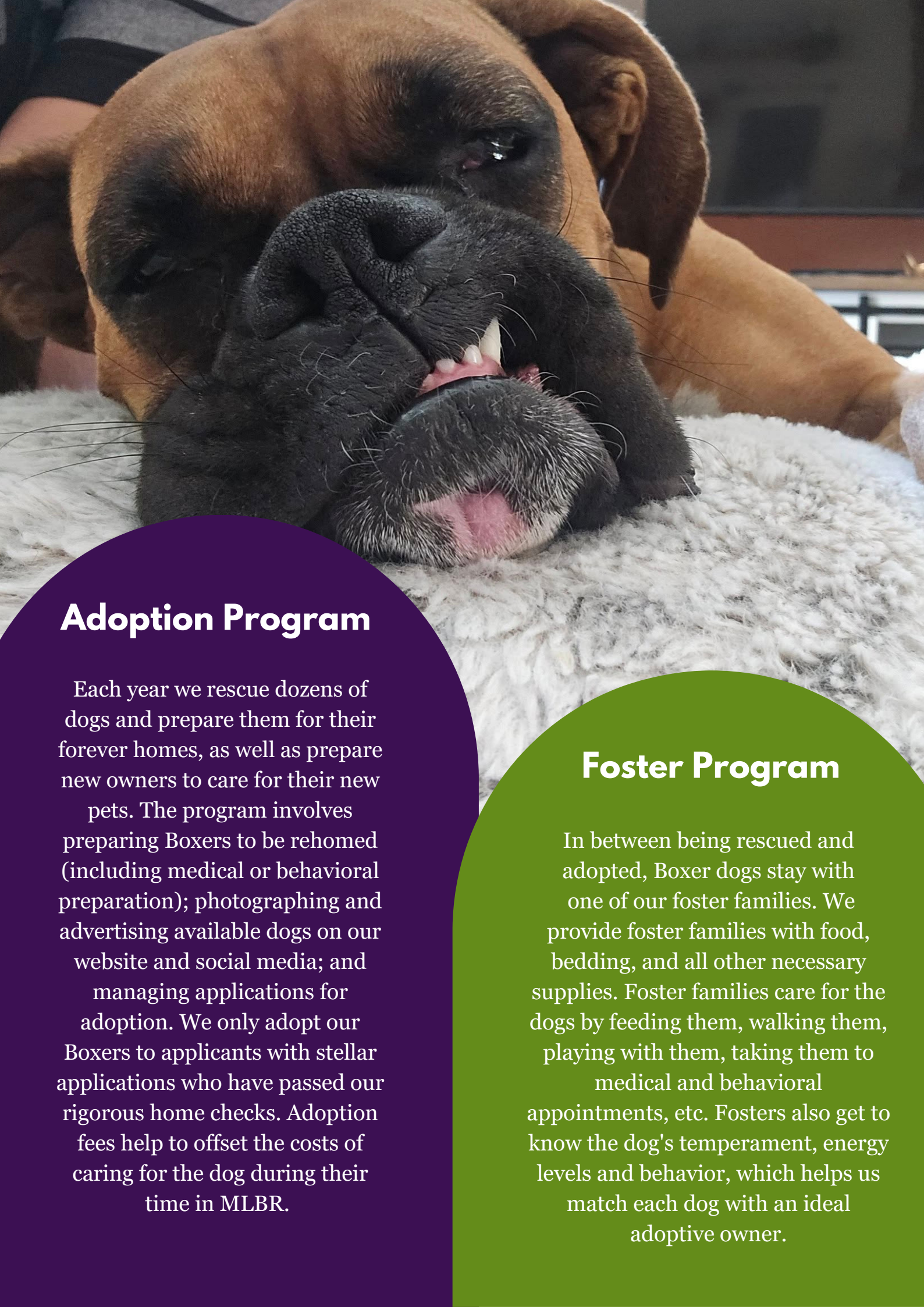
83 Dogs Rescued

\$174,561 Raised
in donations

62,000 people who followed
MLBR on Facebook

75 Dogs Adopted





Adoption Program

Each year we rescue dozens of dogs and prepare them for their forever homes, as well as prepare new owners to care for their new pets. The program involves preparing Boxers to be rehomed (including medical or behavioral preparation); photographing and advertising available dogs on our website and social media; and managing applications for adoption. We only adopt our Boxers to applicants with stellar applications who have passed our rigorous home checks. Adoption fees help to offset the costs of caring for the dog during their time in MLBR.

Foster Program

In between being rescued and adopted, Boxer dogs stay with one of our foster families. We provide foster families with food, bedding, and all other necessary supplies. Foster families care for the dogs by feeding them, walking them, playing with them, taking them to medical and behavioral appointments, etc. Fosters also get to know the dog's temperament, energy levels and behavior, which helps us match each dog with an ideal adoptive owner.

Foster-to-Adopt Program

Our Foster-to-Adopt program is designed for those who would like to adopt a Boxer, but just aren't quite sure if they are ready, or that they've found the Boxer that is the right fit for them.

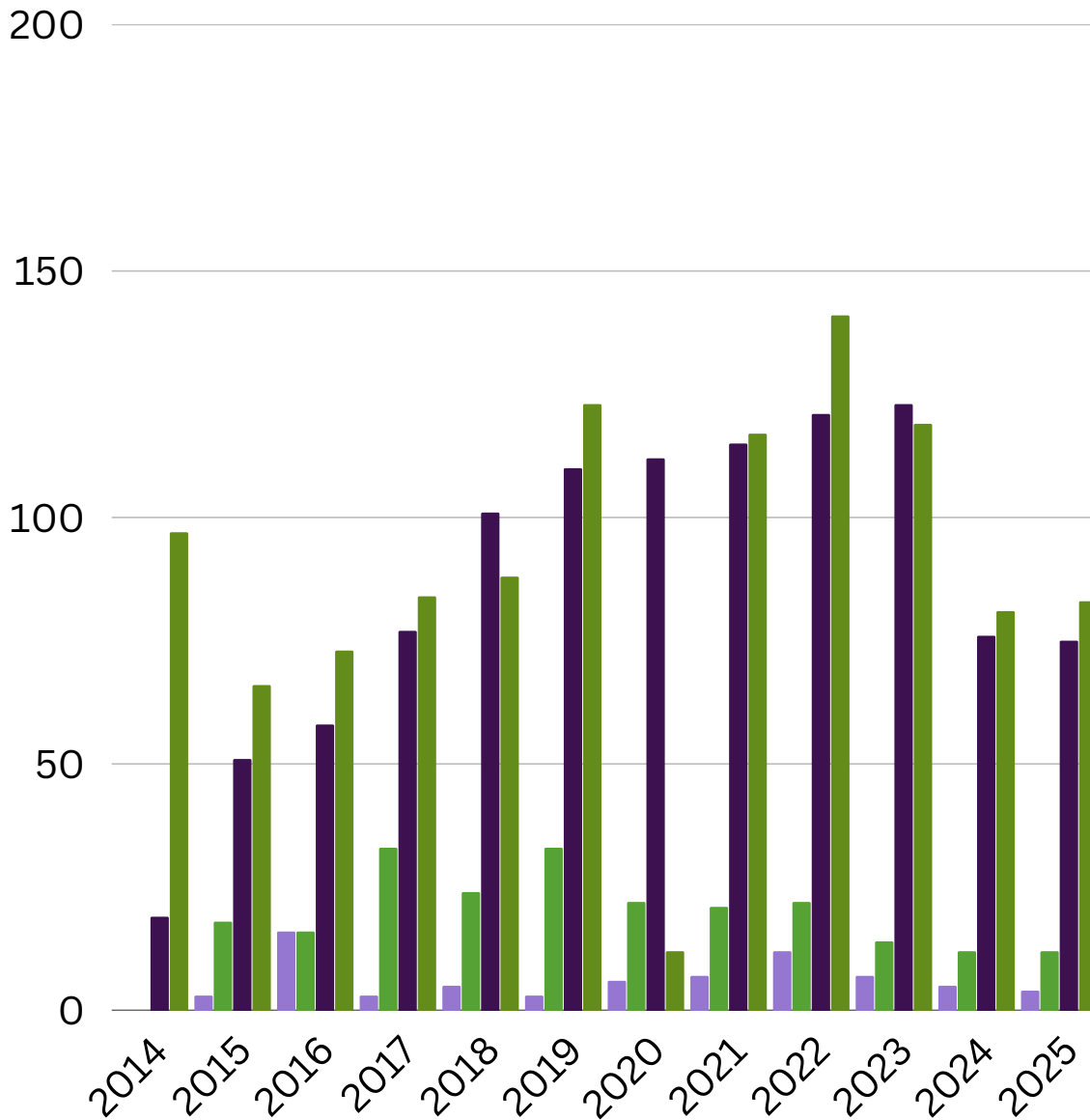
After being fully vetted through our application process, we invite these potential fosters to our private foster group on Facebook. Then when a pup comes into the rescue that they are interested in, they can indicate their desire to foster that pup. We strive to match them with the Boxer who has the characteristics the person or family are looking for. This gives people the opportunity to "test-drive" the dog to see if they are a good fit.

The best part: the rescue still covers the cost of food and any pre-approved vet care needed during the period of time the dog is in foster status. All people have to do is provide a safe and loving home for the pup, get to know them, and let MLBR know when or if they are ready to adopt. If for some reason, the first pup they foster isn't "the one," then they continue fostering until that pup gets adopted by another person or family.

We continue this process until the person or family finds the pup that is meant to be with them forever. This program has proven to be very successful.



Intake & Adoption Statistics: 2014-2025



 Adopted
  Intake
  Forever Foster
  In Foster Care at End of Year

Quick Stats for 2025

Intake: 83
 Adopted: 75
 Forever Foster: 4
 In Foster Care
 at End of Year: 12



Forever Foster Program

Some of our rescue dogs are placed in the Forever Foster Program because they are unlikely to be adopted due to advanced age and/or serious health issues. MLBR supplies crates, bedding, food and medical care to the Forever Foster volunteers who foster these dogs. The majority of Forever Foster dogs are senior dogs. The rescue typically adds one to two new dogs to this program each year.



Medical Program

Some of our rescued Boxers require expensive medical procedures where they can help them live long, healthy lives. We work with a network of trusted animal hospitals to ensure that our Boxers receive the finest care. We also carefully select our fosters who house these dogs and make sure they have the training and resources necessary to care for them and their health issues.



Behavioral Training Program

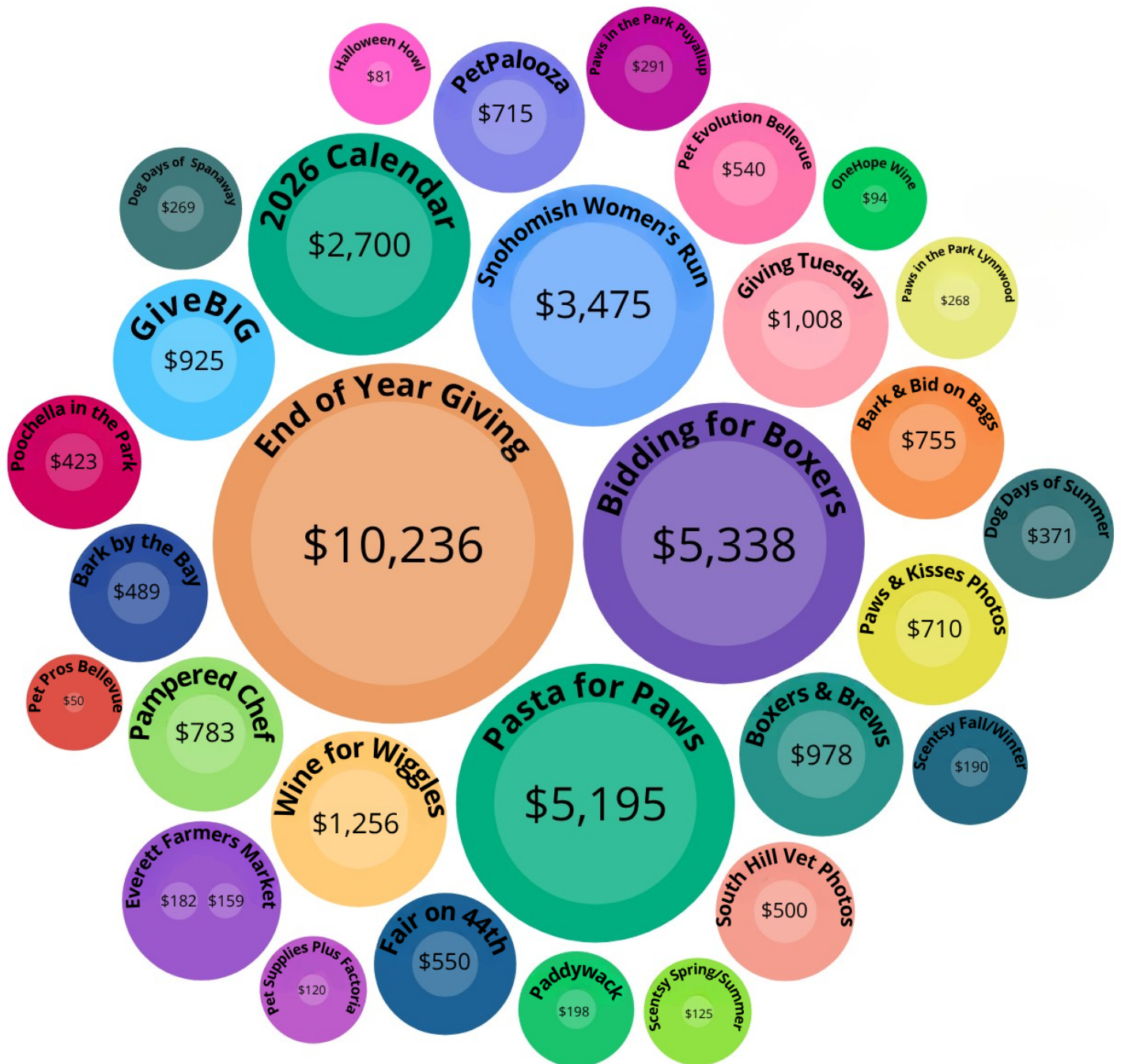
MLBR works with a trusted network of dog trainers to make sure that Boxers who come into our rescue with behavioral issues are rehabilitated in preparation to be adopted. By working with dogs to improve behavior, we dramatically increase the odds of their adoption. We also help newly adoptive owners of Boxers decide which behavioral training is best for their dog, offering them referrals and discounts for accessing the services of a trustworthy and experienced dog trainer.



Post-Adoption Support Program

We run a private, social-media-based support group for adopters to get advice from trainers, volunteers, and fosters about how to best care for their dog. While most of the support happens online, adopters can also receive in-person assistance with their dog in their own home. Adopters have access to this support group for the life of their dog.

Fundraising Report



In-Person, Auction, and Product Fundraisers in 2025 Raised \$38,973!!

Thank you to all our Donors & Sponsors!

MLBR received **\$174,561.62** in donations in 2025!



We are grateful to every business and individual who donated funds and/or supplies to MLBR in 2025. Donations from all donors are the lifeblood of our organization!

Thank you to everyone who supports our mission.

Important Financials for 2025

Income/Revenue

Fundraising

\$38,973.72

Adoption Fees

\$37,428.58

Donations

\$174,561.62

TOTAL REVENUE:

\$250,963.92

**NET REVENUE =
\$91,992.30**

Expenses

Board & Train

(\$2,375.00)

Business & Operation

(\$54,503.24)

Grant Writing

(\$3,337.50)

Food/Supplies

(\$13,558.02)

Fundraising

(\$3,100.52)

Transport

(\$1,964.79)

Vet/Medical

(\$45,117.63)

Miscellaneous

(\$5,470.85)

Fundraising Expenses

(\$3,100.52)

TOTAL EXPENSES:

(\$158,971.62)

Online Presence

Social Media Stats

At the close of Q4 2025, we had over 62k followers on Facebook, with a 10.6M reach. The MLBR Instagram account had 6.6k followers, with a 504.4k reach. X (Twitter) had 1.5k followers and our TikTok account reached 1.8k followers with 28.6k total likes.

We are always excited when our followers share and react to posts about the dogs we rescue.

The power of social media never ceases to amaze us!

Stay Connected with MLBR Follow Us!

Facebook: MustLuvBoxers Rescue

Instagram: @mustluvboxersrescue

TikTok: @mustluvboxersrescue

X (Twitter): @mustluvboxers

Website: www.mustluvboxersrescue.com

Pinterest: pinterest.com/rescueboxers/

YouTube : MustLuvBoxers Rescue



Rescue Center

2025 Rescue Center Update!

2025 was a busy year at the Rescue Center! We completed quite a few projects to get us steps closer to being fully operational.

The new smaller building was constructed, drywall installed, wired for electricity, HVAC was installed, and the building was painted inside and out. Permanent flooring and kennels will be completed in 2026.

The old barn structure was demolished and removed from the property to make way for a larger building.

The new larger building was constructed. Exterior painting will be completed in spring 2026. Future projects for this building include HVAC, electrical, plumbing, interior stairs built to the loft area, interior painting, permanent flooring, and kennel construction to house up to four dogs.

We are beyond grateful to the MustLuvBoxers community and every donor who continues to help make our dream a reality. Their generosity, dedication, and love for Boxers have created a lasting impact, giving these deserving dogs forever homes filled with care and compassion. This Rescue Center is a testament to what we can accomplish together. Thank you for believing in our mission and for being part of this incredible journey.

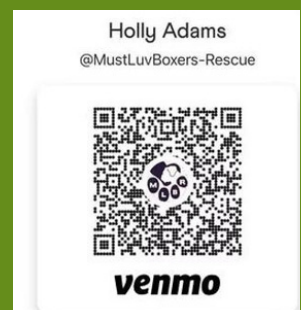


Ways to Give:

Venmo: @MustLuvBoxers-Rescue or use the QR Code
Give Butter Rescue Center: <https://givebutter.com/0jYCGW>

PayPal: @MustLuvBoxersRescue

Check: Please mail to
MustLuvBoxers Rescue
7528 313th Street NW
Stanwood, WA 98292



MLBR Leadership



Board of Directors

Holly Adams, President

Chris Zanassi, Vice President

Beth Bearden, Treasurer

DeAnn King, Secretary

Jennifer Haynie, Director

Volunteer Leaders 2025

Foster/FTA/Medical/Intake Coordinator: *Holly Adams*

FTA Coordinator: *Lee Hoffer*

Washington Area Foster Coordinators:

Nicole Matichuk, Debbie Halvorson, Sheila Long, Gary Long, Holly Adams

Oregon Coordinators: *Marcia Frater, Trai Kouwenhoven*

Adoption Coordinator: *DeAnn King*

Reference Check Coordinator: *Holly Adams, DeAnn King and Lee Hoffer*

Records & Rescue Groups (RG) Coordinator: *Nancy Trejo*

Transport Coordinator: *Kristi Koontz*

Trainers: *Jessica Guerrero, Alison Eberhard, Dorothy (Dodie) Slaton, Christine Connolly, Janae Mantz*

Fundraising Coordinator: *vacant*

Events Coordinator: *Heidi Andersen*

Marketing: *Carly Woolems*

Newsletter: *LaBreska Jones Freeman*

Blog: *Katie Casper*

Photographer: *vacant*

Social Media Coordinator: *Chris Zanassi*

Facebook Assistants: *Larry Adoff*

Instagram: *Rickie Richardson, Cari Major*

TikTok: *Holly Adams*

Twitter: *Debbie Hrcirik*

Pet Finder: *Chris Zanassi*

Graphic Designers: *Laura Mendoza, Brian Faulconer, Deron Hayes-Hirschy, Kimberly Funk, Ashlee Walthall*

Website: *Holly Adams*

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all of the donors, volunteers, partners, and supporters who make our mission possible. Your generosity and dedication are the driving force behind our success.

ADOPT

Want your own wigglebutt to love? Visit our website to view our available boxers, learn about the adoption process, and fill out an adoption application.

FOSTER

Fosters are the backbone of MLBR! If you are interested in fostering, visit our website to fill out a foster application.

DONATE

As an all-volunteer rescue, every penny donated directly benefits Boxer dogs in our program. We take donations via our website, Paypal, Venmo, our Amazon Wish List, our online store, our Givebutter campaign for the Rescue Center and via check.

EDUCATE

Want to learn more about the Boxer breed? Visit our website to read our blog & sign up for our newsletter. Share with your friends & family to educate them about Boxers!

VOLUNTEER

Interested in transporting rescue dogs, helping out at events or helping us grow our social media presence? Contact us to tell us how you'd like to share your talents!

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