

# BOXERSTOCK 2012 OFFERS A FAMILY-FRIENDLY DAY OF MUSIC AND FUN

by Michele Ryan

Atlanta Boxer Rescue, Inc. will hold its fifth annual Boxerstock music festival on Sunday, October 21, from noon until 6 PM, at Jim Miller Park in Marietta. Paces Ferry Veterinary Clinic returns as the presenting sponsor of this year's event.

"Atlanta Boxer Rescue is dedicated to the rescue and adoption of the boxer dog breed, rescuing over 500 boxers. We provide adoption services, fostering and education to aid boxers and their owners. The fifth annual Boxerstock music festival will have an amazing lineup of musicians," said Dianne DaLee, president of Atlanta Boxer Rescue. "The funds Atlanta Boxer Rescue raises at Boxerstock, our largest annual fundraiser, will allow us to continue our boxer rescue efforts."

Cover Girl Jewel, ABR's 500th rescue dog, was not only skinny and neglected, but had also just endured an emergency C-section when she was placed into foster care. As if she hadn't been through enough, this pretty four-year-old girl had surgery to remove mammary tumors. Although she enjoys spending time with her two canine siblings, Jewel prefers people more than dogs. She loves everybody, whether she's sleeping in her human brother's room or going for walks with neighbor kids. Jewel is a typical boxer...getting so excited at feeding time that she bounces like Tigger...but is also calm and laid back. This good girl adores attention and being petted. When we spoke with her foster mom, Jewel was posing pretty for the photographer. With a sweet personality, Jewel is "just happy to be here." If Jewel has not found a forever home by October 21, she will be at Boxerstock with the rest of the adoptable boxers.

Boxerstock is a family and dog-friendly event, welcoming well-behaved dogs of all breeds. Sponsor C&C Fence Company will provide 2 fenced dog parks, one for large dogs and one for smaller canine attendees to roam off leash. Trainers from sponsor K-9 Coach/Bed & Bark will be available for dog training tips throughout the day. Atlanta Boxer Rescue volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and provide information about adopting, fostering or volunteering and will microchip dogs that have current vaccinations and proof of ownership for \$25.



This year's musical lineup includes artists from a variety of genres to suit all tastes. Georgia singer/songwriter Davin McCoy hits the stage at noon

to get the day's music started. Erik Smallwood brings his infectious, passionate country sound to rock the crowd. American/folk-rock band The Deadfields will have the crowd stomping their feet. J.P. Blues continues to ramp up the excitement with a rocking blend of traditional and contemporary blues. Indie rock band 10 Miles of Blue combines the talents of several young musicians on the Boxerstock stage. Power pop trio Kick the Robot rounds out the musical lineup with their uninhibited brand of alternative rock. Comedienne Shelly Ryan returns to Boxerstock for her fourth year as emcee.

Boxerstock 2012 features an all new Kids' Village with fun activities for children, including Atlanta's tallest inflatable - a three-story slide! Other planned events include a silent auction, costume contests for dogs and kids, and a canine agility demo featuring "Georgia," who is currently the highest ranked agility boxer in the country. Food, drinks and a variety of merchandise from vendors will be available for purchase.

"Last year's Boxerstock music festival was a hit with music fans and our practice. Paces Ferry Veterinary Clinic is proud to return as the presenting sponsor this year," said Steven M. Whittle, DVM. "Atlanta Boxer Rescue does amazing work caring for these boxers, and we are delighted to

continue our support their rescue efforts." Jenine Merritt, DVM will be on hand with health tips.

Other generous sponsors include Balloons & Events Over Atlanta, DaLee & Company, Inc., Marietta.com, Courier Express, Our Town Monthly, Dream Land Pet Memorial Center, Soulpup.com, RSVP Party Rentals, Signs Now, Sergeant Scooper, Macaroni Kid and Eileen Kimble.

Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-12, seniors and students and members of the military with proper ID. Admission for children ages 4 and under is free. Visit [www.boxerstock.org](http://www.boxerstock.org) to purchase tickets and for more information about Boxerstock including musician lineup, a full schedule of activities and directions to the event.

Atlanta Boxer Rescue, Inc. is a non-profit organization specializing in the rescue, adoption and animal welfare of Boxer dogs in the Atlanta metropolitan area. For more information, to volunteer, to donate or to adopt a Boxer, please visit their website at [www.atlantaboxerrescue.org](http://www.atlantaboxerrescue.org) or email [info@atlantaboxerrescue.org](mailto:info@atlantaboxerrescue.org).



Photographer Alex Neely received his first camera when he was 9 years old. By the time he was 10, he was developing film and making black and white prints in a friend's darkroom. He worked for a portrait/commercial photographer through high school, studied music on his first trip to college and spent a number of years in the ski industry before returning to school to study accounting and computer science.

With photography as a life-long serious hobby, he decided to make a career out of it after leaving the corporate world a few years ago. His commercial work includes product, fashion and event photography, and his images have been used on corporate websites, catalogs and publications. His news related photos have been distributed by a global media aggregator/distributor

based in England. His artistic work has been displayed at the Smyrna Public Library, Atlanta Photography Group Gallery, The Gallery at Serenbe, Centennial Olympic Park Visitor Center, Rev Coffee, and Chastain Animal Clinic.

He has used his photography to help raise money for Atlanta Boxer Rescue and Homeless Pets Foundation. He will be doing dog portraits at Boxerstock 2012 at Jim Miller Park on October 21, 2012.

Feature photographer