

## **Atlanta Boxer Rescue to Hold Seventh Annual Boxerstock Music Festival, Featuring American Idol Finalist Jess Meuse**

*Full Day of Family and Dog-friendly Music and Fun Scheduled for October 19*

The seventh annual Boxerstock Music Festival, presented by Paces Ferry Veterinary Clinic and Unleashed by Petco to benefit Atlanta Boxer Rescue, takes place on Sunday, October 19, 2014 from noon to 6 p.m. at Jim Miller Park in Marietta. This year's event promises to be the best ever, featuring live music from both national and local acts in a variety of musical genres, including American Idol 2014 finalist, Jess Meuse.

Boxerstock is a family and dog-friendly event, welcoming well-behaved dogs of all breeds. Sponsor C&C Fence Company will provide 2 fenced Mini-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 and demos throughout the day. Microchipping for dogs that have current vaccinations and proof of ownership will be available for \$25 per dog. Atlanta food truck vendors Mix'd Up, Yoli's and Mighty Meatballs will serve delicious food options at the park throughout the day.

This year's musical lineup includes some of the finest artists from local performers and nationally known acts. The music starts at noon and continues throughout the day until 6 p.m. Georgia native and 2014 Georgia Music Awards Country Female Artist of the Year Megan Fowler kicks things off at noon. Charlotte-area musicians Stolen Hearts bring their signature "Dirty Southern Soul" sound to the stage. The Larry Griffith Band will have the audience on their feet with their own brand of blues wizardry. 2014 Georgia Music Awards Country Band of the Year, Tiger Creek Band combines musical styles into a sound that's guaranteed to entertain. Power trio JP Blues delivers searing, soulful guitars to the Boxerstock stage. Chris Nathan will blow the audience away with his mellow sound and soulful, honest voice. Featured performer and American Idol 2014 star Jess Meuse closes out the show with a can't miss performance by one of America's top talents. Comedienne Shelly Ryan returns to Boxerstock for her sixth year as emcee.

This year's Boxerstock features a Kids' Village with fun activities for children, including the human hamster balls from Water Walkers, inflatables and a second stage for kid-friendly entertainment and music from some of Georgia's finest up and coming young artists. Artists in the 2014 side stage lineup will include: Margaret-Anne Coleman, Annalise Shaw, Ariel Moffitt, Mary-Kate Farmer, Gemma Green, Eliza Miller, Liz Kate (Slatery), Alison Nichols, and Jared Goldman.

Other planned events include a silent auction, a dog costume contest, Frisbee demos from Dahlonga Action Dogs, agility demos from the country's top agility boxer and others. A variety of merchandise from over sixty vendors will be available for purchase. Atlanta Boxer Rescue volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and provide information about adopting, fostering or volunteering. All healthy foster dogs will be on hand to meet approved adopters. Those interested in fostering a boxer should submit their application as early as possible.

"Atlanta Boxer Rescue is dedicated to the rescue and adoption of the boxer dog breed. We provide fostering and adoption services for boxers from area kill shelters, and also education and resources to aid all dog owners. The seventh annual Boxerstock music festival features an amazing lineup of musicians. We're especially excited to have 2014 American Idol finalist Jess Meuse this year," 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. Proceeds go directly to our vetting costs.”

Boxerstock would not be possible without the generosity of its sponsors. This year’s presenting sponsors are Paces Ferry Veterinary Clinic and Unleashed by Petco. Other sponsors include K-9 Coach/Bed & Bark, C&C Fence Company, DaLee & Company, Inc., Eileen Kimble, Courier Express, Balloons & Events Over Atlanta, Sergeant Scooper, The Music Studio at Vinings, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Specialty Car Company, Creature of the Cosmos, and National Distributing Company. 2014 media partners include Marietta.com, Atlanta Pet Expo, Georgia-Country.com, Unleash Magazine, Our Town Magazine and Pet Pages Atlanta.

More information about Boxerstock including sponsorship opportunities, musician lineup, vendor applications, directions to the event and a full schedule can be found at [boxerstock.org](http://boxerstock.org). Tickets for the event are available on the website at <http://www.boxerstock.org>.

#### About Atlanta Boxer Rescue, Inc.

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. The organization provides veterinary services for its rescues and owner education and support for all Boxers in the Atlanta area. Atlanta Boxer Rescue, Inc. is 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by IRS law. For more information, to volunteer, to donate or to adopt a Boxer, please visit Atlanta Boxer Rescue online at <http://www.atlantaboxerrescue.org> or email [info@atlantaboxerrescue.org](mailto:info@atlantaboxerrescue.org).

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