

## FOR THE LOVE OF A BOXER



## WILL YOU HELP BUILD A FENCE TO PROTECT BELLA?

Hi Kelly,

As one of the most loyal and valuable donors at For the Love of a Boxer, your generosity and commitment have been instrumental in saving lives.

Because of you, dogs like Raisin, Dorothy and Harry, who were doomed to live out their lives never knowing human kindness, are now happy family members.

Dogs like Simon and Scooby, who'd never owned a toy and were confined to small kennels, run free in the sunshine.

Warm beds replace cold concrete for sleeping and they enjoy full bellies.

The words "thank you" seem inadequate for all that you've made possible.

But the time has come where, once again, I need to ask you to be a saving angel for these puppy mill dogs.

**I need to raise \$10,000 to hold a matching gift campaign on Facebook that will raise the rest of the funds needed to build a fence that will keep these precious angels safe.**

For years I've made do with a haphazard chain link fence that surrounds the property. It was built over a weekend by my husband and me. It was never meant to be a long-term solution—just a temporary enclosure until a more permanent fence could be built.

It was never meant to withstand the bears that walked right through it one night, following the smell of the dogs. Luckily the dogs were all safe inside.

It was never meant to withstand scared, anxious mill dogs whose first response to fear is to flee.

But every time I managed to save a few extra dollars to build a stronger, safer enclosure, another dog like Faith would arrive, requiring extreme medical care. And you never hesitated to open your wallet and your heart, to cover the costs.

But even with all your generosity over the years, there was just never enough money to build a new fence.

So, my husband and I would get out the zip ties and whatever else could be cobbled together to fix what was left of the fence.

But it never lasted long. Another dog would come along and grab hold of the fence in their jaws—bending and breaking the links. Or they would dig a hole at the base of it and attempt to crawl under.

The time has come, though, where the problem can't be ignored any longer. The fence is not secure—not from things that might want to get in from the outside, and certainly not from scared mill dogs whose first response is to flee when they are startled.

**Can I count on your generosity one more time to keep these special dogs safe with a gift of \$1,000?**

Professionally installed fences are expensive. The chain link has to be strong enough to withstand occasional assaults by scared boxers. And it must be dig-proof. That kind of fencing requires a lot of extra time and labor. Which all costs money.

But the added measures are necessary. Scared mill dogs are expert diggers. If they can't go over or through a fence—they will do everything in their power to go under it.

You'd be amazed how quickly they can dig a hole large enough to squeeze through.

And there is nothing more terrifying than coming outside to a pen that only minutes before had 9 dogs inside—and now has only 2. It took hours of searching and heartache to get them all back.

All the while, thinking about the coyotes and bears that roam the woods bordering the property. For these are mill dogs. They know nothing about the outside world.

They don't know that the humans searching for them only want to help them. And they have no idea that the other animals in the woods would be only too happy to eat them.

I was very lucky last time. The next time things might not turn out so well. And there will be a next time—if the fence is not replaced with a permanent enclosure.

So once again, I am asking you to be a hero for these dogs.

I've found a fencing company to do the work, but the money must be raised first.

**\$10,000 will make this fence a reality.**

\$10,000 will keep the dogs safe. \$10,000 will ensure that they can't break out of their enclosure or dig under it. \$10,000 will ensure that they get every chance possible to live a wonderful, happy life.

**Can I count on you once again to be a hero for these dogs?**

**If we can offer the regular Facebook donors a matching gift campaign of \$10,000, where every dollar donated is matched, they will be much more likely to donate.**

One of our heroes has already committed to \$2,000.

But we still have a long way to go.

**Can I count on you once again to be a hero for these dogs with a generous donation of \$1,000?**

Your support will ensure that dogs like Dorothy, Simon, Ruby and Raisin will be safe and secure.

Safe from the dangers on the outside and protected from their own instincts for escape while they learn what it's like to be a dog.

Please help keep these precious souls safe as they begin their journey from life as a prisoner to a beloved family member.

And remember, it's all **For the Love of a Boxer.**

With much love and thanks,

Mel

Founder of For the Love of a Boxer

**P.S. Your generous support of \$1,000 means that every mill dog we take in will remain safe and secure in our care—safe from outside threats—and secure from their desire to escape the unknown while they learn what it's like to be loved.**