Introducing Sully, The 200th Dog Rescued In 2009 By Mn Boxer Rescue

Sully, a starved and abused 2 year old boxer boy, arrived in rescue today, met his new foster mom with wags and kisses and a bright hope to a new, happy, loving future without abuse.

Dec. 30, 2009 - <u>PRLog</u> -- Woodbury, MN -- Minnesota Boxer Rescue (www.mnboxerrescue.org), a 501C3 non-profit animal rescue organization focusing on the boxer breed, is pleased to announce their 200th rescued dog this year. Sully, a two year old male fawn boxer, was surrendered last week, so frail and sick from being starved and abused for who knows how long, that he couldn't even walk. He received emergency care until he was strong enough to enter our rescue and arrive at his new foster home.

Arriving at a local twin cities airport with "Pilot Pete" from Pilots 'n Paws around 3:15pm on Tuesday, December 29, 2009, Sully, named by our volunteers, was met with hugs and kisses from Valerie Current, Minnesota Boxer Rescue's president, and Stephanie Hansen, Sully's new foster mom. Pilots 'n Paws (www.pilotsnpaws.org) is a non-profit organization bringing together pilots willing to donate their time and personal aircraft, and animal rescues like Minnesota Boxer Rescue. The organization transports animals to their new homes, and have been a great help in making a difference in an animal's life.

"Sully is extra special to us here at Minnesota Boxer Rescue for many reasons", stated Valerie Current, president of the rescue. "His name represents the heroic efforts of Capt. C.B. Sullenberger (aka "Sully") when he landed the plane in the Hudson River earlier this year, saving many lives. While our Sully hasn't been that kind of hero, his story -- one of abuse -- has had an affect on everyone who has met him. Even after being abused and starved, he was willing to forgive and trust his new caregivers with wags of his tail and kisses. Who else besides an animal could have that much love and forgiveness inside them?"

Sully's starvation and mistreatment came at the hand of an abusive man. While we don't know the details, we do know that Sully is now in great hands. Stephanie Hansen, Sully's foster mom, plans on nursing him back to health and showering him with love: "For the past couple of days Sully has been on a diet of boiled chicken. That is all his stomach will allow, having been without food for so long. We plan on feeding him many small meals and then adding rice as he can handle it. When I first met him I wanted to cry at his condition. But he wouldn't allow me to, showering my face with kisses instead. He needs to gain at least 25 pounds before he is at a weight that is healthy for him. We will definitely take good care of him now."

If you are interested in adopting a boxer from rescue, please visit www.mnboxerrescue.org for more details. Sully won't be available for adoption for many months, but there are so many others out there that need a loving home, too.

About Minnesota Boxer Rescue: Minnesota Boxer Rescue was established in 2006 and has grown by leaps and bounds since its humble beginnings. We are proud to announce the rescue of 200 boxers this year! The main goal of our organization is an all-volunteer effort to rescue, rehabilitate, and re-home unwanted and abandoned Boxer dogs. When boxers are in need, Minnesota Boxer Rescue's dedicated volunteers respond. Our mission includes hands-on rescue, as well as education. Many of our beautiful boxers have had a very "ruff" start, for various reasons. We have dedicated ourselves to helping as many of these dogs as we possibly can.

About The Boxer Breed: Boxers are currently the #3 dog breed in Minnesota. The Boxer's most notable characteristic is their desire for human affection. Their spirited attitude, square jaw, and cleanly muscled body suggest the well-conditioned middleweight athlete of dogdom. The Boxer is happiest when they are with people...especially children! Their short smooth coat, handsome chiseled head, and striking silhouette

never fail to excite comments from passersby as they trot jauntily by your side with neck arched and tail held erect. Yet the Boxers' greatest wish is to be with children, watching protectively over their play. They are truly a "dog for all seasons," suiting the need for household guardian, attractive companion, children's playmate, and loyal friend.

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