

Why Breed?

- 1) Dogs used in any breeding program, should meet or exceed the health standards set by the parent club; for boxers that includes heart, eyes and spine testing.
- 2) Not every dog must be an AKC champion to be 'breedable', but must have been assessed by a reputable breeder as meeting the breed 'standard' (head, tail, topline, overall confirmation).
- 3) 'Intact' animals do exhibit certain characteristics that can make assimilation of 'strange' dogs into a household difficult and cause stress on an otherwise ALREADY stressed animal that needs comfort, security and stabilization (i.e. foster).
- 4) Keeping in mind that 95% of our FOSTERS come to us intact, even if the personal dogs should be in the minority to care less about intact animals, it does not mean that the foster dog will tolerate it. Their 'hormones' do not subside for more than 6 months, and this simply means that they would not assimilate well into the household and begin to learn the necessary skills needed to be placed as a companion animal.
- 5) Because of our agreements with other rescue groups; and the support of the various boxer and all-breed clubs that support us, we cannot risk our backing and support by involving people that are going to breed their dogs because they 'can'; no matter how nice or well-meaning that they may be.

The only reason to breed dogs is to better the breed and to understand the outcomes and consequences (including lifetime contracts; health testing etc). There are MANY members of the respective dog-clubs that we would not allow to 'foster' or 'volunteer' publicly for rescue <grin>