



# The Beagle Bugler

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## Desperate Need for Foster Homes!

### Please Help the Forgotten Ones

Colorado Beagle Rescue has many, many very sweet beagles who are in need of a foster home! The situation is critical as we are paying for their boarding in order to save them from high kill shelters. When a beagle is in boarding over a considerable period of time, the cost can sky rocket quickly. CBR has saved so many innocents with nowhere to go. While boarding has saved a beagle's life, it is far from an ideal situation. Beagles are pack animals who need to be with a family in order to be happy. Just one person is enough to be a family for a beagle! Also, there are quite a few potential adopters who are reluctant to adopt a beagle straight from a boarding facility. They would like to be able to talk with a foster family in order to get some background and insight to the dog. We do our best to get as much information on the beagle to be sure it's OK with other dogs/cats, spayed/neutered, and heartworm tested. Rescue doesn't mean perfect. You will possibly have a dog with some behavior issues, but we have always found that if you work with the beagle and show it the love and direction that it needs, you will see a little soul blossom before your eyes. All they want is a chance and we want to give that to them so very much.

If you could please find it in your heart to take one (or more) of these sweet dogs into your home on a temporary basis, we would be so grateful. All veterinary care will be reimbursed and food can be provided at no cost, if needed. Please contact CBR as soon as possible and bring a little beagle joy into your house for the holidays! It will be the BEST present you've ever given to yourself or to your family!



### Meet some of the Beagles in need...



Duncan is a handsome boy that needs a foster home desperately! He was saved from a kill shelter in and is still in boarding.



Daisy is about 3 years old, She's been in boarding since June 4, 2012



Lou Lou is a breeder surrender that was rescued at an auction.



Jake is a survivor.



Rory is an older guy we rescued a couple of months ago.



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# OUR HOWL OF FAME



## ***Please welcome Darlene Irvin***

(lovely lady on the right) who is the new CBR President! We are so excited to have Darlene on our CBR team!



Our past President, Jesse Catalano has decided to step down but still wants to be involved with Beagle Rescue and will be helping with beagle transports, working our rescue phone line when needed and maintaining our FaceBook page, so thankfully we will still have Jesse and her love for the beagle breed on our CBR team. Jesse has always been a shining star for CBR and continues to help us in finding safe and loving homes for the little beagles that come to us looking for a second chance.

"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than you love yourself" -Josh Billings

## **A Wonderful Volunteer!**

We have learned that Julie Arabzadeh (one of our very gifted volunteers) is moving to California! She has sold her home in Larkspur and is busy packing her belongings, including her beagles! Julie's lovely daughter, mom and sister live in California and her daughter dearly wants her mom to be closer to her. While we are happy for Julie, we are so sad to be losing such a dedicated volunteer. Julie has helped countless beagles find their way to a forever home by fostering for CBR and she has transported many beagles for us to different Colorado locations. She always makes herself available to help with our fundraisers and she has always been so generous in her donations. Julie--we wish you a happy life in California! Please keep in touch with us -- we will never forget you and your kindness and generosity. You have made a difference for many beagles and it has been our honor to have you as a CBR volunteer!



# 13 Risk Factors for Premature Death in Dogs

Everyone would love to have their dog live a long healthy life. However, many dogs are taken away from us far too soon. Sometimes it is due to preventable causes, but other times it's the result of a preventable problem.

Taking care of your dog's life is a lot like taking care of your own. There are genetic factors, but there are things in the environment that change life expectancy as well. There are several things we can do to shorten our life. For example, if you were to ask our physicians about risk factors for early human death some would be drug abuse, overuse of alcohol, obesity, low/no exercise, and driving without a seatbelt just to name a few.



Have you ever thought about what the risk factors would be for dogs?

1. **No ID tag:** Dogs without ID tags may be lost and never reunited with their owners.
2. **No Microchip:** Lost dogs with microchips get a little extra care should they ever run away and get hurt. They will be stabilized and treated by veterinarians and given extra time for their owners to find them.
3. **Dogs Allowed to Roam :** I believe dogs with fenced in yards live longer. Dogs allowed to roam and not on a leash are much more likely to die from being hit by a car, poisoned, or shot and suffer other injuries.
4. **Secondhand Smoke:** Risk of lung problems and cancer is higher in dogs routinely exposed to second hand smoke.
5. **No Training :** Dogs without training are much more likely to get in to trouble. By not knowing when to "come", "leave it" and "stay" can be life changing. I've seen a dog come when called rather than chase another dog into the street...knowing that trick saved his life. I've also seen dogs that "leave it" when they picked up a toxin - again, it saved their life.
6. **Access to Trash:** Dogs that are allowed access to trash can get into things that can cause life-threatening conditions. Think of everything that you throw into the garbage. What would happen if your dog ate it?
7. **Feeding Elevated :** There are risk factors that suggest that elevated feeding can enhance the risk for a life-threatening disease called "Bloat".
8. **Feeding Table Scraps:** Dogs fed table scraps and human foods generally don't have balanced diets and have a higher incidence of nutritional problems and diseases such as pancreatitis.
9. **No Vaccines:** Dogs not given vaccines are at risk for multiple preventable diseases such as parvovirus, leptospirosis, kennel cough, distemper and more.

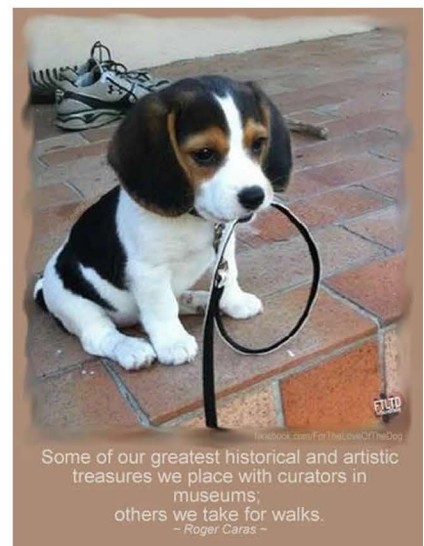
10. **No heartworm prevention:** Heartworm disease is a very common disease which can be prevented by giving routine monthly medication. It is often lethal if left untreated.

11. **Not Being Spayed or Neutered:** Dogs that are not spayed are at higher risk for breast cancer as well as a potentially fatal uterine infection called pyometra. Unaltered males are more likely to fight and escape the house to roam - allowing them the opportunity to get hit by a car or shot.

12. **No Check-ups:** Dogs without routine check-ups can have problems that can be preventable. Early diagnosis can cure many diseases.

13. **No Emergency Plan:** Owners that don't have any plan or resources to pay for health problems is a common cause of early death. I've seen very treatable problems lead to euthanasia because of lack of financial resources to treat those problems. Problems as simple as a broken leg or infection ended very sadly.

So what can you do? Vaccinate, spay and neuter your dog, microchip and keep him or her on monthly flea and heartworm prevention medications. Keep a collar and ID tag on your dog and keep him or her on a leash or in a fenced in yard. Keep your trash cans covered and feed a high quality food. Train your dog in basic commands and see your vet for routine check-ups.



# Colorado Beagle Rescue Fundraising

We've had a lot going on this year with fundraising for CBR! We have had some successful events and have raised some good dollars for the beagles. It just seems that the money we make is already spent on a beagle in need before we even get it deposited in our checking account! While we're thankful that we have the funds to help these little ones, we still need to persevere in raising more dollars so we can continue our work in placing healthy beagles into forever homes. Here are some of the fundraising events we have had this year and some that we will be having for the upcoming holiday season:

## **CBR Garage Sale**

We had a very successful garage sale this year! It was a two-day event and we were able to raise almost \$1,200 for the beagles. Our garage sale is an annual event, usually in the month of May, so please mark your calendars for next year and start saving any items you would like to donate to this cause.

## **Pet Expo/Farmer's Market/Doggie Splash**

We have had several events this year where CBR has been invited. Each event was made very special since our volunteers worked very hard to have several of our beagles in foster care present and letting the public know that they were up for adoption. We cannot thank our foster families enough for taking the time to bring their beagle to these events and helping us help their foster beagle find a forever home.

The Pet Expo at the Merchandise Mart that we attended in August was awesome! We were one of many rescue groups that attended and our CBR volunteers worked tirelessly on our booth to make it really stand out.

We attended a few meet and greet events which included the Highlands Ranch Doggie Splash and the Farmer's Market at Old South Pearl Street during the month of September. Both of these events were well attended--again, many thanks to our foster families for bringing their beagles! It's obvious that our booth is a bright spot for the public to see--imagine seeing all the darling foster beagles that are there just waiting for a family to call their own!

We are now planning for our holiday fundraisers! Be sure to watch your email, the CBR Facebook page, and our Home Page so you can order your Duffeyrolls for the holidays! This event was so successful in the

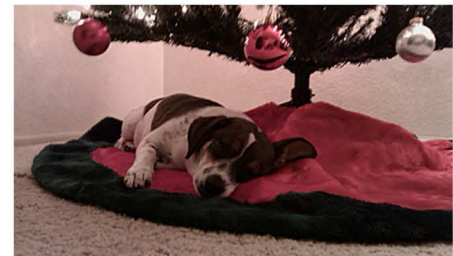


*We plan to have 2013 Colorado Beagle Rescue calendars available at both of the Pictures with Santa events, so if you weren't able to order one, this will give you an opportunity to purchase a great Christmas present for yourself or for a fellow beagle lover!*

spring, we have decided that we will do it 2x a year--Easter and the Holiday Season.

We have already launched our 2013 CBR calendar fundraiser and are receiving lots of orders. This calendar features Colorado Beagle Rescue dogs and is sure to be a hit with our families and volunteers.

We will be having Pictures with Santa once again this year! Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at Green Buddies on December 1 and at Pet Club in Wheat Ridge on December 8. This was a wonderful success last year and we were able to get so many darling pictures of dogs and their families with Santa and Mrs. Claus. We will be sending out an email to our families and volunteers and also putting this info on our Facebook page and our website Home Page.



Beagle Rescue will also be participating in the Barnes & Noble gift wrapping fundraiser. We usually do this fundraising event at their stores in Lone Tree, Westminster, Thornton and Fort Collins. Barnes & Noble is always great to work with since they allow us to bring in well-behaved beagles to greet the public while we are wrapping gifts. This is always a huge hit with the people coming into the store, especially the children! These little beagles can sure make the money for us with their charm and loving antics! If you would like to be a part of this Christmas fundraiser, let us know by calling our rescue line, 303-464-9403 and we can put you in contact with the coordinating volunteer. If you would like to work this kind of fundraiser with your local Barnes & Noble store, stop by and visit their store manager and see if they would be interested in having CBR come to their store during the holidays.

CBR will also be doing some gift wrapping at the Tattered Cover on Colfax on Christmas Eve. Lisa Sell (our Vice President) will be coordinating this effort, so if you are interested in helping Lisa with gift wrapping for those last minute Christmas shoppers, please let us know.

## CBR Picnic

We had so much fun at our picnic this year!

Be sure to check out the pictures on our website--[coloradobeaglerescue.org](http://coloradobeaglerescue.org) and click Events. We had a new contest this year for the beagles--Bobbing for Hotdogs! What a hoot this was!



The beagles and their owners really came through with the Best Costume contest using the Disney theme. We had Mickey & Mini, Mrs. Potts, 101 Dalmatians and Cruella Deville. We LOVE seeing all the beagles that have found new homes through CBR and we realize how important it is for us to continue this rescue work and making a difference in a little dog's life.

## Squeaky Toys

So, what is it about a squeaky toy that dogs find so appealing?

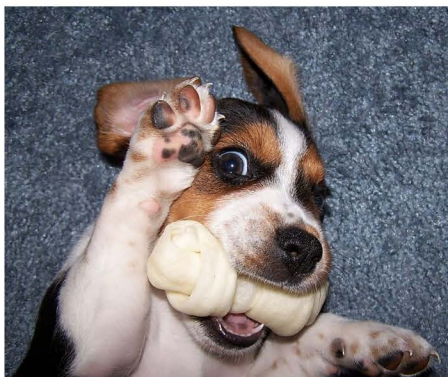
The excitement your dog feels when he plays with a squeaky toy is instinctual - it goes back to a time when dogs had to hunt and kill prey to survive. Hunting is just a natural part of being a dog. The squeaky noises of prey animals would help dogs locate their prey - and the noises the prey animals made during the kill were very satisfying to a hungry dog.

"Hunting" a squeaky toy gives your dog the same type of satisfaction. And the more the toys squeaks, the more excited your dog

becomes. That's why so many dogs will try to "kill" the toy by destroying it and pulling out the squeaker.

A good squeaky toy can provide lots of fun play and mental stimulation for your dog. They're excellent toys. But when you purchase a squeaky toy for your dog, make sure to put safety first.

Make sure the toy does not have a lot of pieces that can be chewed off and swallowed. Look for features (eyes, nose, etc.) that are embroidered onto the toy, not attached. Also, once your dog chews through the toy, he could swallow the squeaker or the fiberfill stuffing inside. This can be very dangerous. That's why it is so important to supervise your dog's play.



## Puppy Mills

A puppy mill is a large scale commercial dog breeding operation where profit is given priority over the well-being of the dogs. Breeding at puppy mills is performed without consideration of genetic quality. This results in generations of dogs with unchecked hereditary defects.

Some puppy mill puppies are sold to pet shops - usually through a broker, or middleman - and marketed as young as eight weeks of age. The lineage records of puppy mill dogs are often falsified. Other puppy mill puppies are sold directly to the public, including over the internet, through newspaper ads, and at swap meets and flea markets.

Puppy mills usually house dogs in overcrowded and unsanitary conditions, without adequate veterinary care, food, water, and socialization. Puppy mill dogs do not get to experience treats, toys, exercise, or basic grooming. To minimize waste cleanup, dogs are kept in cages with wire flooring that injures their paws and legs - and it is not unusual for cages to be stacked in columns. Breeding dogs at mills might spend their entire lives outdoors, exposed to the elements, or crammed inside filthy structures where they never get the chance to feel the sun or breathe fresh air.

In order to maximize profits, female dogs are bred at every opportunity with little to no recovery time between litters. When, after a few years, they are physically depleted to the point that they no longer can reproduce, breeding females are often killed. The mom and dad of the puppy in the pet store window are unlikely to make it out of the mill alive - and neither will the many puppies born with overt physical problems that make them unsellable.

Missouri is considered to be the puppy mill capital of the US. Over time, mills have spread geographically. The highest concentration is in the Midwest, but there are also high concentrations in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and upstate New York. Commercial dog breeding is

very prevalent among our Amish and Mennonite friends.

At any given point in time, there are typically between 2,000 and 3,000 USDA licensed (yes, our government actually condones this practice!) puppy mills operating in the United States. This number does not take into consideration the number of puppy mills not required to be licensed by the USDA or the number operating illegally without a license. The ASPCA estimates that there could be as many as 10,000 puppy mills in the United States.

The standards that breeders are required to meet by law for the care of the dogs are extremely minimal. It is completely legal to keep a dog in a cage only six inches longer than the dog in each direction, with a wire floor, stacked on top of another cage, for the dog's entire life. Conditions that most people would consider inhumane, or even cruel, are totally legal. Missourians and Amish see no problem with this.

Some of the most deplorable puppy mills in the country are located in the great state of Missouri. Mills in that state have been recognized for repeatedly depriving dogs of the basics of humane care like food, shelter, and basic veterinary care. Sick and dying puppies are not provided veterinary care, dogs have been found shivering in temperatures as low as 9 degrees, and dogs have been found that are so emaciated that their bones were visible through their skin.

The Amish are widely viewed as plain, peaceful people. Reclusive and private, most people only catch glimpses of them as they make their way through the hills of Pennsylvania's Dutch Country in buggies.

But some of their perfectly manicured farms are home to a secret world. Lancaster County has been called the puppy mill capital of the U.S., and the trade is largely dominated by the Amish.

It is a world most people never see, but undercover video shot by Main Line Animal Rescue provides a startling look. Hundreds of puppies can be seen stacked in crate on top of crate. Most of those puppies will eventually be sold to pet stores, but their mothers will likely never know a home other than this.

The female breeders live their life producing litter after litter - until they no longer can. The dogs are then disposed of - sometimes euthanized, sometimes shot, sometimes clubbed. And it's perfectly legal.

Bill Smith, founder of Main Line Animal Rescue, spends many hours driving the country roads of Amish country, rescuing dogs from breeders. On one accession he convinced an Amish farmer to give him a female Golden Retriever who could no longer breed, in exchange for some free dog food. The dog - who spent her life in a cage - struggled to walk.

"When they come out of the rabbit hutches they walk like crabs because they don't know what it's like to walk on a proper surface," Smith said. "They drag their bodies."

There are about 300 licensed breeders in Lancaster County, and rescue workers estimate another 600 unlicensed facilities operate in barns and sheds. Those breeders go to great measures to avoid discovery. Some even de-bark their dogs.

The farmers, the Amish and the Mennonites, pull the dogs' heads back and then hammer sharp instruments down their throats to scat their vocal chords so they can't bark. That way these wonderful people can have 500 - 600 dogs in a barn and no one knows. It's an industry of secrecy.

Secretive and profitable. Breeders can make upwards of half million dollars a year. The Amish breeders sell the dogs at auctions and the puppies at pet stores.

**CBR cannot stress enough how we feel regarding puppy mills being such terrible places and how we want the public to be reminded about their existence and how they mistreat the animals and only view them as revenue and property. The more information that we can share about this horrible industry--the better chance there is of people realizing they should not buy from pet stores or breeders and instead work with shelters and rescue groups. People should also do what they can to eradicate this draconian "industry".**

*Upcoming Articles for the CBR Spring Newsletter:*

*From Terror to Terrific--The Story of a Beagle Named Daisy*

*Clicker Training Your Beagle!*