



# The Beagle Bugler

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## "Mom, Dad... Can We Keep Him?"

Written by Jamie Nau

**B**ehind every famous dog, there is a loyal child companion. Lassie has Timmy, Old Yeller has Travis Coates, and, of course, all beagle owners know that Snoopy has Charlie Brown. Many of the Beagles rescued through the Colorado Beagle Rescue have children to call their own. Now is your chance to meet some of these young Beagle rescuers.

Katey Medina is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Littleton Academy. She has a two-year-old beagle named Josie that her family rescued one year ago. Her favorite activities with Josie include: agility training through Colorado Canine Academy, taking Josie for walks, and playing in her backyard. She is also especially active with the Colorado Beagle Rescue. She organized the very successful Dog Wash and participated in the Barnes and Noble Gift Wrapping event. Her favorite story about Josie is the time she watched her dog try to sneak up on a squirrel, and when the squirrel got away it threw an apple at Josie.

Katey has three other pets including a Golden Retriever named Gracie, a frog named Mr Froggie Little, and a snake named Kleo. Her advice to future beagle owners is to give them lots of activities to keep them busy and make sure they get a lot of exercise.

Tyler Mayhew is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Centennial Elementary. He has a seven-year-old beagle named Shilo that his family adopted four



years ago. He heard of the Colorado Beagle Rescue from Carol Larmore, who works with his mom. He is also very active for the Rescue and participated in the 9 News Pet Line, Wild Oats event, and also looks forward to the picnic each year.

He keeps Shilo busy by playing games in his living room and taking him for walks. His favorite story about Shilo occurred when his family took a trip to Nebraska. They had to run errands so they left Shilo at his relatives' house. They also left a cooked Lasagna cooling on top of the stove. When they came back the lasagna had been eaten and made quite a mess. His advice to future beagle owners is to keep your bathroom door shut because you never know what your dog will find.

The Colorado Beagle Rescue really appreciates the responsible youth who have rescued and volunteered. We look forward to spotlighting more young people in the future.

**"A boy can learn a lot from a dog: obedience, loyalty, and the importance of turning around three times before lying down."**

**Robert Benchley**

*"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened"*

*Anatole France (1844-1924)*



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# Good, Clean Fundraising

The CBR's many volunteers made a huge dent in our annual medical, transportation and rescue expenses. Good, clean fun was had by many at the following fundraisers:



**Barnes & Noble gift wrapping during the holidays.** Volunteers headed to two local Barnes & Nobles to wrap books during the busy holiday season. The store provided the wrapping paper, tape and supplies and shoppers made donations to the CBR. Volunteers brought beagles with them plus some candy for the bi-peds. CBR did well with the store in Highlands Ranch and are hopeful to get more stores and volunteers involved.

to a box for about \$12.89, sell them, reimburse themselves for the money to buy the box and send the rest to CBR. Carol keeps a box at her office coffee bar with a beagle sign and envelope nearby. She usually collects about \$1 to \$2 a day and has gone through a couple of boxes already!



**Petco Dog Wash at Park Meadows and Westminster.** This was fun and a big success. We called volunteers in the area near the Petco store and asked for an hour or two of their time. We did the dog wash for 4 hours. Petco provided the facilities (indoor), shampoo, towels, and blow dryers.

**\$1 Hershey Chocolate Bars.** Dawn and Kevin Fucile (garage sale hosts) have the bars and will be glad to talk with anyone who would like to pick up a package of them. Bought at Costco, Kevin and Dawn "dress them up" with a CBR label. The volunteer would have to pay for the bars 36

**Companies matching funds.** Volunteers, check with your company to see if they match donations to 501(c)3 organizations. Some will match donations made by a worker to a charity they support and there are companies that will make donations to a charity for the number of hours a worker puts toward volunteering.

**The Animal Assistance Foundation Grant.** We received \$1,500 last year and it has been used. We were able to assist 9 beagles from spay/neuter operations to actual surgeries. We will be applying again and are hopeful that they will be able to help us. Last year we spent \$7,258.04 in medical expenses and that was without using the grant! So, we actually spent \$8,758.04! Thank goodness we had some help with this grant money!

Young children can even get in on the act! Kids and parents: check with your school to see if you can do any programs on fundraising for CBR. A young volunteer collected \$30 last year through a program at her school called Animal Crackers. They did car washes, bake sales, etc. to raise funds.

## Calendar Alert!

We are presently gathering pictures to be used in our next Beagle Rescue calendar for 2005 and 2006. We would like to use pictures from our Beagle Rescue family. If you would like a picture of your best friend/s to be considered for the calendar, please forward it to Tom Willis.

**You can e-mail a digital copy (any format) to Tom at: [twillis724@aol.com](mailto:twillis724@aol.com).**

**Or mail a regular picture or negative to Tom Willis, 416 South Newport Way, Denver, Co. 80224.**

No pictures will be returned. We are especially looking for pictures that can be used to show the theme of a month. Some examples would be:

- January: winter or New Years
- February: Presidents Day, Valentines Day
- March: wind, Easter, St. Patrick
- April: showers
- May: flowers, Memorial Day
- June: weddings, summer
- July: 4th
- August: school
- September: Labor Day
- October: Halloween, fall
- November: Thanksgiving
- December: Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza

So get those cameras and albums out and start finding the perfect picture of your little one to include in our own Beagle Rescue Calendar. It will be an 18 month calendar. Please include info about your beagle such as dog's name, age, date of adoption, etc.

**Deadline is May 15, 2005!**

## Why does my beagle "scootch" his butt?

from [beagles-on-the-web.com](http://beagles-on-the-web.com)

If your beagle drags his butt along the floor, or leaves a smelly "fishy" spot on your furniture, then chances are his anal glands are full. These are two small internal glands which normally release a fluid when your beagle poops, but if the fluid builds up, itching and leaking can occur. This is a common problem in beagles. Your vet or a groomer can "express" the glands in mild cases. In more serious cases, the glands may become impacted, causing pain. Glands may need to be removed if they are expressed more than four times a year. Most vets don't check anal glands, so ask when you go for check-ups. Feeding high-quality dog food or adding fiber in the form of vegetables to firm up the stool can often prevent anal gland problems.

## The Life of Vinnie

*What began as the saddest story this author has ever heard, has evolved into a 'Life of Riley' saga.*

Written by Heidi, aka Vinnie's mom

Vinnie began his 'fifteen minutes of fame' at the hands of his former owner William Essex in April 2004, when a Westminster Police Officer rescued the severely injured two-year-old beagle from a toolbox on the back of Essex's truck. Essex was later charged with aggravated cruelty to animals, a class six felony. Vinnie was taken to Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital where he was treated for trauma and a ruptured eardrum. He was then taken to the Table Mountain Animal Center for three months before CBR got him and placed him in a foster home.

While Vinnie healed, the press picked up his story. Hundreds wanted to adopt Vinnie, but the courts recommended 'Foster Care' until the case was resolved. Potential Foster Homes were actually inspected. Then one Friday, Heidi got the call from

CBR, "You can care for Vinnie, but you have to pick him up today." She went to her boss, explained the emergency and was off; driving across the state to make sure Vinnie wouldn't spend another night alone. Heidi already had three dogs, two beagles, but something about Vinnie's story had drawn her to him from the beginning.

Opening our homes to orphans always causes a pause, but Heidi had no fear. She knew what Vinnie needed was a family, patience, and lots of love. Heidi quickly learned that Vinnie jumped at men's voices, so she began with patience, then love. Soon the cost of love came with a price tag that included two couches, slippers, socks, and numerous toys. There was even a night the dogs all ate Heidi's Girl Scout cookies, but no one will admit who opened the boxes. Vinnie didn't even know the thrill of being a puppy. Harley, one of the other beagles, taught him how to go up and down stairs, share toys, and the reward of getting a treat from Heidi.

In December 2004, the courts were done with Vinnie, and he was able to be adopted. By then the jealousy between Harley and Vinnie was gone and a brotherhood had



formed. Nikki and Sadie, Heidi's other dogs, had grown to love Vinnie. So Heidi filled out the papers and Vinnie was hers. It was January when Heidi took Vinnie for his 'responsible' visit with the Vet. (neutering) Now all is well, Vinnie is a very docile, loving, playful beagle that enjoys watching television on Heidi's new couch with his brothers and sisters.

"I will never forget how we came together, and I will never forget how much love I have for him now and forever."

William Essex had to pay over \$4,000 in court costs, has to do 200 hours of community service and got 4 years probation. For more info log on to [thedenverchannel.com/news](http://thedenverchannel.com/news).

## Training Your Beagle (and Other Oxymorons)



### The first step: Getting your Beagle's attention

As most of you are aware, Beagles are hounds and very good at using their noses. While this is great if you're hunting, it presents some significant challenges when trying to train your Beagle. As with most dog training the first step is to figure out what motivates your dog—a toy, food, or a combination? Once you figure this out the next step is to teach your Beagle to focus his/her attention on you. For most Beagles the motivation is likely food. Make sure to use some yummy treats (I like cheese and hotdogs best—they are cheaper than commercial treats and less likely to upset tummies) when training.

The first step is to put a piece of food in your hand and wave it under your Beagle's nose. Once your Beagle sniffs the treat bring your hand up to your face and say, "Watch Me," look for a quick flicker of your Beagle's

eyes looking at you and then reward your Beagle with the treat. Repeat this many times. Eventually your Beagle will begin to sit and really watch you. At this point you can extend the time between the, "Watch Me" and the treat. Your goal is to work up to several minutes of sustained attention. Getting your Beagle's attention is the first step in any training. Once you have attention then you can move on to other commands. Getting attention keeps your Beagle's head up and focused on you. This is important so your Beagle does not catch a scent. Once a Beagle is on a scent it's difficult to distract them. Keep your training sessions short – a couple of minutes at a time several times a day. Before long you'll notice your Beagle will start to sit and watch you. In the future, the "Watch Me" command can be used in even more distracting situations to get and keep your Beagle's attention.

**Training Questions? Ask the CBR.**  
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# sniff-worthy Good Times



**CBR Ga-  
rage Sale**  
to be held  
May 21,  
2005 at 134  
Willowick  
Cirlce, High-  
lands Ranch,  
Co 80129  
from 8 am

to 4 pm. Collection of cleaned and priced items will begin April 30. Baked goods are also needed, as well as volunteers to help with the set up, sale and clean up. Call Dawn at 720-344-8069 for more info.

**CBR 10th Annual Picnic** will be held June 25, 2005. This year the theme will be "Beagle Beach Party." All CBR families and volunteers will receive invitations by mail. Volunteers are needed to help with the picnic. New items to be given as prizes, for the Beagle Trading Post and for the raffle are also needed. Call Carol at 303-464-9403 for more info.

**Interested in Volunteering for CBR?**  
Come to our next meeting on June 11, 2005 at the Bemis Public Library in Littleton at 10 am. Look for the Volunteers info on our website. Call Sylvia at 303-795-8331 for more info.

**Foster Homes are always needed.** If you would like to know what it is to have a wonderful little beagle in your home without any commitment, try fostering. You pay for the food, CBR pays for any medical expenses. Call Sylvia at 303-795-8331.

**Beagle Sitting Exchange.** If you have adopted one of our beagles, you may exchange sitting with another CBR family. You will be given a list of people that are in the program. It's up to you to contact them and make arrangements to meet prior to your trip. Call Carol at 303-464-9403 to be put on the list.

**CBR webmaster needed ASAP!** Call Sylvia at 303-795-8331 if you have access to and knowledge of MS FrontPage 2003.

## The Gift

Eyes fearful, paws worn  
A sorrowful sight  
So forlorn

Love they said would be the cure  
For the suffering  
You had endured

So our family grew that day  
We brought you home  
With us you'd stay

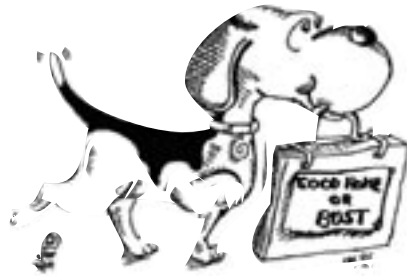
Slowly, gently the bond it grew  
Faithful, loyal  
Loving, true

Looking back it's so unclear  
How we got by  
Without you here

Trusted companion,  
Devoted friend  
You give and give  
It never ends

They said we were a gift to you  
But now we know  
Who rescued who

J.M. Berry



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