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Beagle Rescue Happy Endings

Annie, a four-year-old, 40-pound beagle, had been hit by a car and taken to Harrison Memorial Hospital who then called CBR after the owners refused to pay her medical expenses. This little girl had been given to Harrison and they needed a home for her. The day CBR entered Annie's life was a turning point for her: she had two broken hips and possible internal injuries and probably would have been euthanized. When Annie's foster home first saw her, it was shocking—all the fur from her waist to her toes was gone. She still had drainage tubes in her left hind hip and was unsteady on her feet. Her little tail wagged and wagged when she saw that somebody was going to give her a second chance! Annie was quite a trooper with her recovery. She put up with the drainage tubes, took her medicine, wore her cone collar, had her wounds attended to, and was confined in a crate. Annie's foster home did therapy exercises every day and as



Annie Before



Annie After

soon as the tubes and stitches were removed and the wounds healed, she attended swimming therapy which built up her muscles. Soon she was climbing stairs and jumping up on the couch for a cuddle. It has now been seven months and Annie is playing, running and jumping to her heart's delight. She now weighs 25 pounds! Her tail is still a constant pendulum of joy. The best news of all? Annie's foster home could not bear to give her up and she is now a part of a family who dearly loves her—**Greg Williams and Maggie Welch**, and their two other beagles, **Gypsy and Pip**.

Junior came to CBR from a shelter in Pueblo, Colorado, where he was found as a stray wandering along I-25. Some good samaritans gathered him up and took him to their vet where he would be safe from harm. At the vet, Junior was checked over and placed in a cage with a bigger dog that immediately attacked him! Poor Junior was treated with antibiotics but nothing else. After being relinquished to the shelter, CBR was called and asked to find Junior a good home. Our most wonderful foster home in Colorado Springs, **Samantha and Scott Hepford**, made the trip to Pueblo and brought Junior back home with them. Upon doing a routine health check, Samantha and Scott at once realized that Junior needed to go to a vet to have his wound looked at and to have BB pellets removed which were also discovered. When Junior was taken to their vet, he was horrified at his gaping wound and treated it immediately, plus removed the BB pellets. This poor little guy has really been through a lot during his first two years of life. Thankfully, Junior blossomed in his foster home and **Alan and Connie Hepford** (Scott's parents) decided to adopt him after seeing what a little cutie he was. So, it looks like Junior will live happily ever after and never be hurt again.

Lucky came to us from a local Denver shelter after they determined that he was "unadoptable" because of his yearning to wander and escape from his less than secure backyard. If CBR had not been able to find Lucky a home, he would have been euthanized just because he was being a beagle!! We found a lovely family, **Jerald and Julie Jurgens**, to adopt Lucky. Lucky's first week in his new home was not a good one since he acquired a severe viral infection while at the shelter which made him not want to eat or drink, caused him to run a high fever, and deeply concerned his new family. We urged Jerald and Julie to take him to their vet where various tests were run to determine what he didn't have (i.e., parvo or some other deadly canine disease). All his tests came back negative and Lucky was put on some serious antibiotics. CBR assisted the Jurgens with Lucky's medical expenses and we are happy to report that he is doing so much better, playing with his new family, and blossoming into a wonderful pet. Lucky indeed has lived up to his name!

Note to CBR adopting families and volunteers: To minimize printing and mailing costs, may we send you future newsletters via e-mail? If so, please notify CBR by e-mailing thebugler@colobeaglerescue.org. Please include your name, address, phone number and e-mail address. If you don't have e-mail, CBR will gladly mail you your newsletter. Thank you!

"Roger" Brooks (Guardian: Alida Brooks) received his beginning obedience certificate from the Carbon Valley Rec Center on March 4, 2003.



The Christmas Season

Colorado Beagle Rescue hopes that all of you had a wonderful holiday season full of lots of fun and special memories. We took some time off during the holidays to be with our families and our own beagles and to take a well-deserved break from answering telephone calls and e-mails. We were still somewhat busy but folks respected our wishes for some time off and did not contact us until January. We are now fresh and ready to go for 2003!

Sylvia and Bob Rushforth and **Claire Askay** donated their time over the holidays by wrapping presents bought at Barnes & Noble while beagles **Tracker and Molly** supervised—and attracted many people! All donated money was given to CBR and we collected **\$129.60**. Many thanks to these volunteers for giving their time to CBR during the holiday season and thanks to Barnes & Noble for allowing us to come to their store and participate in this gift-wrapping program for non-profits.

Sylvia also coordinated *The Blessing of the Animals* at her church, St. Timothy's Episcopal, on September 29. She and other CBR volunteers and families came with their beagles and participated by having their wonderful companions blessed on this special occasion.

We had an extraordinary response on our annual Christmas letter to our volunteers and adopting families. We hope you received your copy and enjoyed seeing our 2002 CBR Christmas tree with the names of the precious beagles adopted to new homes—a **total of 69!** We received so many generous donations in response to the Christmas letter and enjoyed reading your notes and seeing pictures of your beagles. Thanks to your support, love and generosity, Colorado Beagle Rescue will continue to do its work in placing beagles into loving forever homes.

CBR Garage Sale

The annual CBR garage sale will be held on **Saturday, June 21**. **Greg and Maggie Feudner** have graciously invited us to use their home at **4535 Flower Street, Wheatridge, Colorado, 80033**.

Anyone having any items they wish to donate should contact Greg and Maggie at 303-420-4154 to make arrangements with them about dropping off your usable and clean garage sale items at their home. What a great time to do some Spring cleaning and at the same time make a donation to CBR. Remember, CBR is tax deductible! If you would like to volunteer—help set up, work for a couple of hours or help clean up—be sure to let Greg and Maggie know. CBR will provide lunch for volunteers.

CBR Annual Picnic

The annual CBR picnic will be on **Saturday, August 23, in Littleton**. If you didn't make the picnic in 2002, you missed a special fun-filled time and we sure hope you can attend this year. We will plan on having our traditional **famous games** of best costume, best trick, and musical plates, and will have **Tenaker Dog Obedience School** come again with their dog agility training equipment. We plan to have another **Silent Auction** and are hoping to have some great items for you to bid on. The **Beagle Rescue Trading Post** is sure to be a busy place, with lots of fun doggie related items for you to see. So, mark August 23 on your calendar and look for your invitation in July.

Fundraising Ideas

We started the New Year off with a Fundraising Meeting held on January 18. Those volunteers attending had some wonderful ideas for 2003 and we are looking at several of their suggestions. We are now promoting our chocolate bar fundraiser and hope to make \$150 for CBR. We still have plenty of cookbooks (*Beagle Rescue Foundation of America* and *Pampered Chef*) and *Pet Music* CDs available for a donation to CBR. These make great presents to family and friends and they don't have to be "doggie people" to enjoy them! **To order any of these items, please contact Kristin Lund at 303-346-5805 or e-mail bentster@doglover.com.**



A dog wags its tail with its heart.

Martin Buxbaum

Happy and Sad News!

Samantha McKitterick and Scott Hepford, CBR volunteers and treasured friends and foster home, were married in November, 2002, in exotic Thailand! They are an extraordinary couple and we wish them many years of love and happiness. Samantha and Scott and their dogs **Sparky Joe** and **Footloose** will be moving to the East Coast for Scott's job promotion. They have cared for and nurtured countless rescue beagles waiting for their forever homes and we always knew these sweet babies were in a loving and safe environment when Samantha and Scott cared for them. *Good luck*



Sam and Scott—you will be missed more than you will ever know!

Good Bye

CBR will be saying good bye to some treasured volunteers and friends:

Maria Harper and her beagles **KC** and **Bailey** are moving to California to be near her family. We will truly miss Maria, as she has been the volunteer who does the layout and editing for the newsletter. We will miss her and her willingness to help whenever asked. We wish her much happiness in her new California home.

Sue and Dave Hubbard and their beagles **Fergie** and **Jackie** will also be leaving the CBR family when they retire and move to Las Vegas, Nevada. Sue and Dave have always been awesome volunteers and never knew how to say “no” to anything we asked them to do. Their willingness to help at our annual picnic, doing CBR home checks, and donating their time to help in any way they can has been so appreciated over the years. We wish them both much happiness in Las Vegas.

Good Luck Maria, Sue and Dave and keep in touch with us. We will never forget you and your precious beagles.

CBR Website

We hope you have had an opportunity to check out our incredible website, colobeaglerescue.org. Rick Chernicky continues to amaze us with his innovative ideas for the website and has saved us countless hours and \$\$ in allowing the general public to learn more about CBR and the beagle breed, plus answering many questions and providing significant information. **Keep sending us pictures of your beagles for our Howl of Fame!**

E-mail Us!

We had some wonderful responses from all of you on our Fall 2002 Beagle Bugler Newsletter, which was a big hit—everyone enjoys reading about what Colorado Beagle Rescue has been up to. With this Spring, 2003 issue, we hope that you will continue to find it interesting and informative and bring a smile to your day. **Be sure and send us an e-mail letting us know what you would like to see in future issues.**

Beagle Dental Care

Oral disease is the number one health problem diagnosed in dogs over the age of 3, with 80% of dogs showing signs of oral disease early in life.

Does your dog have bad breath, and when you look inside its mouth, do you see a bright red line on the gum where it meets the tooth surface? These can be early signs of dental disease. Your dog's bad breath may be considerably more serious than you think-it may actually be whittling years off its life. Neglecting your dog's oral health can cause gingivitis, periodontal disease and loss of teeth. Plaque and tartar buildup can affect the tissue and structure supporting the

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If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a dog and a man.

Mark Twain

Dental, from page three

teeth. If left untreated, bacteria can enter the bloodstream and may infect the heart, liver, and kidneys, shortening your pet's life unnecessarily. Make it a habit to brush your dog's teeth, if not daily, at least 3 or 4 times a week. Only use toothpaste made especially for dogs. Start by massaging the gum with your

finger, then add some toothpaste, later on put some on the toothbrush and brush gently up and down. Make it fun and enjoyable for your dog. Afterward, provide lots of praise and a treat. Fresh breath and good oral hygiene can add years to your pet's life. **Prevention is the key to good oral health.**



Please limit table scraps and feed only good, nutritious pet food. Try to stay away from canned food.

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy goes to Greg and Maggie Feudner and their family on the death of Greg's father who was 90 years old. Even though he lived a very full life, it's always hard to lose a loved one.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Greg and Maggie during this difficult time.



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