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The Dog Days of Summer ...

The annual Colorado Beagle Rescue garage sale in June was one of the most successful. Hosts Dawn and Kevin Fucile opened their home for the event, and beagles and their owners volunteered to help make the sale a success. More than \$1,000 was raised to benefit CBR. Items sold were donated by CBR volunteers.

A host home is needed for the 2005 CBR garage sale. For information, call Carol Larmore at 303-464-9403 or Sylvia Rushforth at 303-795-8331.

Pictured right: Beagle-loving boys had a blast with their beagle on the obstacle course during the annual CBR picnic, and even the beagles relaxed in the grass with cool beverages.

The annual CBR picnic July 31 also celebrated one of its most successful years, with more than 130 people and their rescue beagles attending.

Beagles showed their stuff by competing in best costume, best trick, musical plates and agility contests. Awards were presented to the top-placing beagles.

Jennifer Woodley of Colorado Canine Academy in Littleton provided the agility equipment, and Ted Calloway, owner of Quizno's on Colorado Boulevard provided sandwiches and potato salad.



Frito Lay generously donated chips and cookies.

Sue Payne, neighborhood resources coordinator for the city of Littleton, provided some drinks and ice cream sandwiches. She also arranged for a visit from McGruff the Hound Detective.

Pam Cotter, doggiewellness@ comcast.net, provided beagle massages.

Volunteers manned the Beagle Rescue Trading Post, which was a busy place for shopping. Many thanks to Kathleen and Jim Hauser for donating so many of the beagle items that were available for purchase.

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Fun fall fund-raisers

BR has a variety of fund-raising activities planned for the fall and holiday season.

Volunteers are needed to roll up their sleeves and earn \$10 per dog washed at a dog-wash fund-raiser at Petco stores from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 16.

The Petco stores in Park Meadows and Westminster will provide the shampoo, towels and aprons, but volunteers are needed to wash dogs.

CBR will keep 100 percent of the \$10 earned per dog wash. Already, a Girl Scout troop has volunteered to wash dogs in Westminster for part of the morning.

Select Barnes and Noble bookstores in the metro area have agreed to open the stores to beagles and their volunteers who will host a holiday giftwrapping fund-raiser.

The Barnes and Noble at Park Meadows Mall will supply the paper and tape for gift-wrapping sessions from noon to 7 p.m. Nov. 27 and Dec. 18. The

Volunteers Needed

CBR volunteers are needed for a variety of events, including pet stores that open their doors to dog-breed rescue groups. Volunteers and their beagles would visit those pet stores on select dates for a few hours per visit to discuss CBR and the benefits of adopting a rescue beagle.

event proved to be one of the best fund-raisers of 2003. CBR is looking for two to four volunteers for shifts from 12 to 3 p.m. and 3 to 7 p.m., and are encouraged to enlist the help of their beagles at the point of sale.

"The beagles really make the sale," said Sylvia Rushforth. "All it takes is two or three people and one or two beagles."

A candy-bar sale is planned to coincide with each of the fall and holiday events.

Thoughts on our beloved Beagles...

66 He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion." ANONYMOUS

"The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog. ... He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer; he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. ... When all other friends desert, he remains." *GEORGE G. VEST* "The gift which I am sending you is called a dog, and is in fact the most precious and valuable possession of mankind."

THEODORUS GAZA

"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." *ROGER CARAS*

"Dog: A kind of additional or subsidiary Deity designed to catch the overflow and surplus of the world's worship."

AMBROSE BIERCE

"Every boy should have two things: a dog and a mother willing to let him have one." *ANONYMOUS* "If it be the chief point of friendship to comply with a friend's emotions and inclinations, he possesses this in an eminent degree; he lies down when I sit and walks when I walk, which is more than many good friends can pretend to do." *ALEXANDER POPE*

"The dog is a saint. He is straightforward and honest by nature. He knows by instinct when he is not wanted, lies quite still for hours when his king is hard at work. But when his king is sad and worried, he creeps up and lays his head on his lap. 'Don't worry. Never mind if they all abandon you. Let us go for a walk and forget all about it."" *AXEL MUNTHE*

Be mindful of holiday hazards

The holidays are a favorite time of year for family — including our beagles! But holidays can also be hazardous to our beloved pets, who become very curious about all the new sights and smells. Remember that our little beagles have powerful noses and love their food! Please be particularly careful during the holidays not to let your beagle get ahold of turkey carcasses or bones. Here are some additional tips to keep your holidays hazard free:

courtesy of the Denver Dumb Friends League

* If you have a live Christmas tree, keep the water stand covered. Pine sap mixed with water makes a poisonous drink for your pet. The smell of a live or artificial tree may cause your pet to urine-mark it. It may help to bring the tree into an isolated indoor room for a day or so, so that it smells more like "home."

* Pick up any ornament hooks, tinsel or ribbon that fall on the floor. Your pet could experience serious internal injuries if it ingests any of these items.

* If you have a pet that is tempted to play with the ornaments on your tree, decorate the bottom third of the tree with non-breakable, plastic or wooden ornaments, or decorate only the top two-thirds of your tree.

* Keep holiday treats and candies out of your pet's reach. Additionally, remember wrapped gifts under your tree that may be food items. People food, especially in excess, can make your pet sick. Chocolate, onions, raisins and alcohol can be fatal to dogs!

* Secure Christmas trees to a wall or ceiling hook with sturdy fishing line. This will help prevent the tree from toppling over should your pet jump on it or accidentally knock it over.

* If you have indoor holiday lights, be sure they don't hang so low that your pet could become entangled in them. Remember to unplug the lights when you're not home to supervise your pet.

* Lit candles should be kept out of any pet's reach, perhaps high on a counter or table.

* Poinsettias, mistletoe berries, and some other popular holiday flowers and plants can be poisonous or cause serious stomach upset for pets. Check with your veterinarian or local poison control center to find out what holiday plants and flowers you need to keep out of your pet's reach.

Pumpkin Oatmeal Dog Biscuit Recipe

courtesy of Colorado Farmers' Market Cookbook, by Pam Osborn of Osborn Farm

- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1/4 cup cornmeal
- 1/3 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup dark molasses
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup cooked, pureed pumpkin
- (or canned pumpkin)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all the ingredients together. I like to refrigerate the dough at this point because it is very sticky, but if well chilled it rolls out nicely.

Roll out rather thick on a floured surface and cut into shapes. I prefer metal cutters over the plastic.

Put on a baking sheet and bake for 30 minutes. Turn off the oven and prop the door just a bit to let the cookies cool in the oven (this makes them crispier).

CBR secures grant for medical costs

CBR secured a \$1,500 grant this year for medical expenses of rescued beagles. Much of that grant has been used to pay for surgery for a beagle who was hit by a car, which resulted in his left front leg being sheared. The remaining dollars of the grant will help pay for spay/neuter operations and other medical procedures that our rescue beagles may require.

To further assist CBR, Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital in Denver works closely with rescue, providing services at half the normal veterinarian charge for rescued beagles.

Volunteers are needed to submit grant applications for similar grants. For information, call Carol Larmore at 303-464-9403 or Sylvia Rushforth at 303-795-8331.



Foster homes needed

Right now, Colorado Beagle Rescue is looking for more foster homes for its beagles.

The purpose of a foster home is to place a rescued dog immediately into a normal family situation, *not a kennel*. Our dogs may come from a pound or from a family moving to another city — we feel that a temporary foster home is the best place for the dog to adjust to the changes, and, hopefully, be adopted.

Ideally, a rescued dog should spend no loger than 30 days in a foster home (and hopefully, not that long). We try very hard not to move our beagles from home to home.

Foster parents always have the first right to adopt the dog they are fostering, but if the beagle you foster is not the one you choose to adopt, Colorado Beagle Rescue will move the beagle and help find the dog that's right for you.

If you aren't looking to adopt, but can help with fostering a beagle, CBR will start sending people over to meet your foster-friend after he's had a few days to settle in and you can start the evaluation.

For more information, call Sylvia at 303-795-8331.

2005 Calendar

Details are still being worked out on the 2005 CBR calendar. Volunteers are hoping that a calendar similar to the 2004 calendar can be produced in time for the holidays.

For information, or to purchase a calendar when one is produced, watch the CBR Web site for details, www.colobeaglerescue.org.

Fund-raising Committee

CBR's Fundraising Committee is coming up with some dynamite fundraising ideas. If you have an idea that you think has merit, be sure to let us know. We are always looking for ways to help these little beagles.



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