



# The Beagle Bulletin



April



Pretty Boy

## Apple Valley is Open!

Our 4<sup>th</sup> **Annual Specials Fiesta and Grande Opening** of our 15-acre Apple Valley sanctuary was held in November....and once we have a better handle on weather here, we'll know when to schedule activities. So, encore in the Spring!!

We moved the food and festivities inside and had fun - much thanks to [Priceless.Pets.org](http://Priceless.Pets.org) for feeding us all with windy/cold weather comfort food and hot chocolate!

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## We're Special!

Of the 51 **Specials** on last year's insert, 13 have found their furever homes! We are so happy for them as these are dogs that were deemed "unadoptable" by the shelters and by virtue of their special needs, age and length of time with us. A number of **Specials** who came in during 2009 also headed right on out....like **May, June and July....our retired breeder Calendar Girls. We so want April to be with her own special family by year-end\*\*.**

Another shout for joy went out when **Oliver, who was with us four years, took off for San Diego with his mom and coonhound gal. Three cheers went up when we heard a few days later that he was fitting in very well and all were happy!** Some of the other **Specials** who found their loving homes include **Peabody, paraplegic Minnow, Wayland whose folks came from Arizona for him, Cooper the Coonhound, Auntie Em, blind Daisy, Deputy, Ellsworth and Hector.**

We are open at Apple Valley by appointment - and are thrilled to report that the majority of visits have resulted in adoptions~~our latest celebration was **13-year old beagle Shugar, who was with us over a year,** and 5-yr old **Rottweiler Roxie,** saved by the vet where her people took her to be put down.....these two went **together** to a couple previously loved by old beagles and rottie girls. Their first night as an expanded family was spent at their Running Springs mountain cabin before they went down the hill to their weekday Pasadena home.....check out their cozy pix in the following pages.

\*\*April was adopted by a wonderful man grieving loss of his dear beagle Gracie - see obituary page 7



Mateo with scarecrow in front of B&B/Apple Valley offices

*Dear B&B Friends,*



Seems like just yesterday that we were writing to you - and here it is, a whole year later. So many more dogs in need, families losing jobs, homes and ability to care for their animals. We've done our best, and often it just doesn't seem enough. This year, particularly the last six months, adoptions and income have been down. We actually took in more dogs than ever and are hoping a big part of the reduced adoptions is due to more rescue organizations and more public shelters adoptions. It's the proverbial *good news-bad news* report, and sometimes the good news is the bad news....and vice versa.

**Good news:** We're starting our 18<sup>th</sup> year and found homes for 552 doggies, 61 of which were Big Dogs, in 2010! **Through major private donations, we have Apple Valley!** The seller's family had run a boarding business for 50 years and we walked into existing kennels with heat and air, licensed for dogs, cats and grooming, a 3 bedroom, 2 bath residence, with new fencing on 2-3 acres. It fell in our laps - and after the Tehachapi fires started right where we had planned to go.....and burnt right up to the dwellings we would have been in, we felt we really dodged a bullet.

**Dogs who were not happy in EL Monte are LOVING Apple Valley.** Jasmine, now known as Jazz, has become a valued Manager who keeps the peace and sleeps (by her choosing) where she can view everyone. You wouldn't recognize her as the same dog! Thrilling! Every pooch gets out to run, play, socialize and exercise. Nuthin' so great as running free for a hound, and in that respect, every B&B resident is a hound dawg. **Manuel Mateo**, pictured on page 1 in front of our freshly painted (donated by Dunn & Edwards) Apple Valley office, in our resident kennel worker/handy man - starting his 5<sup>th</sup> year at B&B. His position was not replaced at El Monte. With volunteers picking up the slack, we also reduced the El Monte paid staff further, thus cutting payroll by 35%.



**Our longstanding volunteers remain faithful;** and a lot of new individual vols and new groups are finding the dogs irresistible. **Kathy Ferguson**, long time B&B booster, now spends at least one day a week at either El Monte or Apple Valley, taking photographs and revving up our Facebook! Her incredible resourcefulness and generosity is getting the website revamped and more interactive....to be launched in early 2011. In fact, she did this newsletter and our only complaint is that she didn't put in her photo as planned....for sure, soon~~ We are delighted to have **two more live-in volunteers helping day and night - these guardian angels will be featured in upcoming e-news...**another good reason to get the B&B monthly e-news...very upbeat, informative and just downright fun to read! And, lots more really good news throughout this newsletter~~~



**Tuff stuff (I really hate to say "bad news"):** Donations and adoptions are way down, especially last six months. We'll be having regularly scheduled mobile adoptions at Petsmart/Petco in Orange County in the New Year. Two dedicated/experienced volunteers will kick this off and entice others to join in! With your help in whatever ways you can, we are hopeful this slump will level out. And there's more.....

**City of El Monte wants us to build a new kennel at Red Cloud Ranch.** This must be accomplished in order to keep our kennel license. We must quickly raise the money for this project to secure that space for 30 dogs, our dog park, boarding space, and residence for caretakers. If you have resources, ideas, abilities in construction, fundraising, grants, programs....please contact us. We will need to present a plan before January 20\*\*.



B&B's Mission is our guide - always in the forefront - **to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home dogs in need.** Our deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks to each one of you who has adopted, fostered, sponsored, volunteered and supported the B&B dogs. Thank you for having confidence in us and giving of your talents, time and resources. Your gifts allow us to do this work for which we are so grateful.

Happy Holidays & Peace on Earth

*Connie and the B&B team*

\*\*See January e-news for great update on this subject!

# Happy Adoptions

Just a few of the 552 dogs that have been adopted at Beagles and Buddies in the last year that have gone to wonderful, happy homes.

**Tychus aka Mooney**



**Allison and Ronnie**



**Wayland and brother Baxter-** His people came from Arizona especially for him! Beagle Rescue AZ did the home check for us and said they'd never seen a better doggie home with such loving people and pooches!

**Clayton aka Charlie**



**Izzy and Bartleby-** so much in love! Great to have a pal of your own species!

# Happy Adoptions continued...



**Cherry and Elsa**-example of two middle-aged females getting along well - thankfully, they're most easy-going. Cherry was our first dog to go to Apple Valley vets - she had mammary tumors removed, cherry eye repaired, spay....then they found inguinal hernia, and because they wrapped her stem to stern, she developed a little circulatory issue. \$1,000 and some time later, she emerged from her Extreme Make-over - always had a loving personality! Nice vets discounted everything from 25-50% and didn't charge for the eye surgery!

**Mabel and Lucy**-adopted together and enjoying the good life!



**Cider**-Cider aka Gomez - going strong after adoption almost 8 years ago. Best part of his Dad's day is spending time together!

**Roxie and Shugar**-Roxie the rottie and Shugar - few hours after adoption in their mountain cabin - our collective B&B heart could burst with joy!



**Sleeping Jax**- her Dad has another leg, but she only needs the left one.

**June**-is the beagle - one of our Calendar Girls!





## Beagles & Buddies Thanks the Maxwell Family for being a Foster Family

Meet Daisy the Beagle, a sweet little dog, who met her guardian angel in the form of Jessica Maxwell a Navy wife whose husband Robert (RP2(SW) Maxwell) is currently stationed in Afghanistan. She is also the proud mother of 4 year old Trinity Grace.

The Maxwell Family is owned by 4 cats and 2 dogs; a beagle named Liberty and an English Mastiff named Penne.

When Jessica discovered her husband was being deployed, she wanted to do something to give back, and soon found B&B. On her first day volunteering in El Monte, she met Daisy, a sweet little beagle suffering from glaucoma in both eyes. Jessica decided to foster Daisy and took her home to meet Liberty and Penne, and her daughter. It was love at first sight. After a few sniffs, the dogs seemed to sense that Daisy was different and needed help. They have been her eyes ever since. Liberty always leads the way and Penne always hangs back to make sure Daisy doesn't bump into anything. Daisy and Trinity Grace can often be found curled up together on the couch having a pet and kiss session. Recently, Daisy lost her eyes to her disease, but it hasn't kept her down, and Trinity has even said that she is sure Liberty would lovingly give one of her eyes to Daisy.

Fostering is one way a person who might not be able to adopt a dog can still give love, personal attention, and hope to a dog in need.



### Can't Foster? Superstar Sponsors Gary and Diana Louckes

B&B has gone international! See *Major Gary Louckes proudly wearing his B&B t-shirt in Afghanistan.* Gary and Diana Louckes, and their two beagles, have been **sponsoring** one lucky B&B beagle at a time for the past several years. I think they're on #7 now....Henry. We feel so fortunate to have been chosen by these tremendous folks and hope to meet them in peace time, stateside and soon!



# Beagles & Buddies SPECIALS need you!

About one-third of our residents are what we call "SPECIALS" - the old timers, long timers and special needs - who are often overlooked, but are also some of the most wonderful and loving companions you can ever imagine - as we often hear~ PLEASE consider SPONSORING, FOSTERING and/or ADOPTING one or more!  
See our website for the dogs' bios and more info on these programs.



April **\*\*\*ADOPTED\*\*\***



Bagel



Bandit



Ben



Big Duke



Biscuit



Boots



Buddy B



Cameo



Cecil



Charlie



Corona



Crosby



Eddie



Ethel



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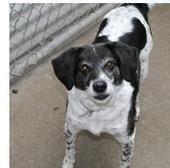
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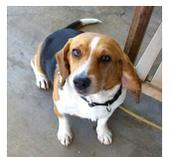
Kobe



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Meg



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Missy



Molly



Mr Chubbs



Peaches **\*\*\*ADOPTED\*\*\***



Penny



Peppermint



Piazza



Pretty Boy



Rocco



Rocky Day



Rocky II



Samantha



Sassy



Shadow



Sharon



Shirley



Shy Gal



Slim



Slinky



Smiley



Soldier



SS Zack



Sullivan



Suzi



Sweetness



Syd



Tangerine



Tobie



Tyler



Uno



# Over the Rainbow Bridge



**Gracie** – passed in her loving Dad's arms, while he was petting her, 10:20 pm on Dec 22. She suffered from IMHA the past few weeks of her life. She was a great friend and will be missed very much. She wasn't actually driving this raft, but tired out from a great day of playing in the snow, and is being pulled down the hill. Sweet April went to Gracie's prior home - G's Dad and April are helping one another heal.

**Lady Jane** – Lady Jane spent 2 glorious weeks in Apple Valley running free before she found a soft spot under a tree and crossed the Rainbow Bridge. She had a hard life, but beautiful spirit. We're glad her last weeks were happy ones.



**Elvis** - spent more time at Beagle and Buddies than any other dog. Sounds sad, but Elvis loved it here. He even had a chance to go to Red Cloud and have a little more freedom, but he loved his people and pooches at B&B. Everybody had a chance to say goodbye to Elvis. He loved his B&B home, the dogwalkers and all his various roomies over the years. He will be sorely missed.



**Madden** - Big ole bossy guy whose back surgery did not really slow him down. Dr. Henstra gave him acupuncture treatments when needed. His main "claim to fame" was being the photo double for the basset star of Kit Kittridge: An American Girl. Madden waddled the red carpet with such fellow actors as Will Smith, Eva Longoria and then "manned" our gorgeous Snoopy's Kissing Booth for the 2nd Annual Specials Fiesta. He was a favorite and frequent customer at the grooming school - he sure soaked up the love from many....there's not ever gonna be another Madden. PS Appropriately named after some real "basset addicts" who are long time B&B fans!

## Mango

Came from Betsy Jones-Moreland's Questover sanctuary - big old orange dog who was quiet, unassuming and just a love. She lived a very long life - and came to us five years ago when Betsy passed. Now, they're together again. Only two of the original Questover dogs remain at B&B -- Sweetness and Tangerine.



**Carmellow** - came to us from a shelter. He was readily adopted and then returned because he seemed to have a skin problem. His skin issues turned out to be demodex - a non-contagious mange that is inherited and comes with lowered immune system. Sadly, his family's love did not include consistent care so he came back to B&B a couple of years ago one bloody scab. We got him in great shape and he enjoyed his life as a house dog at Red Cloud Ranch. Ultimately, all the treatments combined just couldn't keep him looking/feeling good. We released him to spirit at 9 years of age and hope to see him healthy, young, happy again some day.