

# Beagles & Buddies

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## Dear B&B Boosters,

As another year is coming to any end, we reflect over our past goals, projects, and accomplishments and look to plans for the future.

**We are very proud to have now rescued, rehabilitated and rehomed over 10,000 dogs since we started some 15+ years ago.** This past year the total adoptions have been 560 of which 60 are the big pooches.

Back before **Every Dog...Every Day**, only 2 out of every 100 adoptions were the big guys and gals. Now that number is between 11-18%. A recent B&B census tells us that approximately half of our population are "specials"—old timers, long timers and special needs dogs. We are always focusing on finding sponsors, foster and permanent homes for this part of our population and our **2nd Annual "Specials" Fiesta saw both Lenny and Kelpie picking their new families!** These two guys have been B&B residents for three years each! They are both doing very well with their new families and for this we are so grateful!

One of our newest and most extraordinary volunteers, **Jordi Bradshaw**, has taken on publication/distribution of the frequent e-news and this newsletter. Jordi is in her last year at Azusa Pacific University and she also coordinated the "Specials" Fiesta this year. The pooches all send up a great big **aaARRrrooOOoo** of appreciation for her tremendous work and loving heart. Jordi's senior thesis was about animal-assisted therapy. We hope we will be able to employ her to put this dream into action at B&B as well as coordinate our volunteer corps. Many hands make for light work and happier dogs.

Our **kennel license issues** are still a work in progress. Please see our **Wish List** for ways you can help. Coordinated efforts with the City of El Monte and LA County Animal Control continue—sometimes very slowly. We still must make substantial improvements to the Red Cloud Ranch

facility and Questover. We own these kennels and are authorized to house 70 dogs between them. We rent the original B&B kennel, which is home to 60 dogs.

We are planning to move from B&B to a 20-acre sanctuary in Kern County—Tehachapi to be exact. To maximize our efforts and resources, we will use the funds we expend each month in rental to purchase the Tehachapi property. To that end, we have opened escrow and look forward to seeing our "specials" able to have much freedom, implement training and behavior evaluations with Penny Scott-Fox, and more easily segregate incoming dogs until they are cleared for adoption. Despite the drastic financial downturn, we are very excited and optimistic about securing these wonderful grounds for our dogs.



The "ranch" is off the grid, meaning powered by wind turbine, well water, solar energy and generators. No utility bills! So, the goal is a **Green Dog Sanctuary!**

Recycled dogs and resources! There is already an existing dog rescue in place, residence, barn, fencing—all owned and run by a retired Land Use Planner and her husband. The seller, Leslie Moniot, has graciously offered to help us with all necessary permits, plans, etc. and has done a great deal of work on the property so it comes to us much improved. Since her specialty is big mixed breed dogs, the B&B pooches who fit this bill are already heading north and finding their permanent homes!

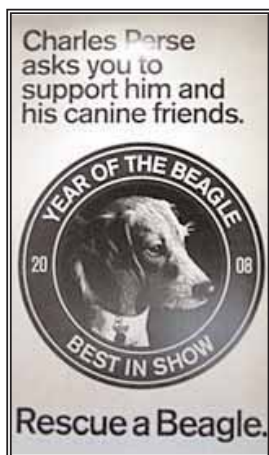
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## 2nd Annual Specials Fiesta: Fun for All!

Many thanks to everyone who attended the fiesta! Dogs and humans alike had a wonderful time!

A special thanks to Estella Gonzales for providing great food and to Penny Scott-Fox training for their amazing nose work demonstration.

For more information on our special dogs, e-mail us at [beagles@beaglesandbuddies.com](mailto:beagles@beaglesandbuddies.com)



### James Perse T-Shirts a Huge Success!

The generous designer gave all the proceeds to Beagles & Buddies!

James Perse, famous clothing designer, created a limited edition special beagle t-shirt in honor of Uno the beagle (this year's

Best in Show) and his own beagle Charles! You can buy one of the three remaining shirts for \$60 or a limited edition poster (24"x36") for just \$30. Don't miss out on these great holiday gifts!

## B&B Visits the Riverside Metropolitan Museum

The Peanuts exhibit in July at the Riverside Metropolitan museum was great! We made some new friends and were able to see a lot of old ones. Pups Victor, Sam, Chloe, and Mary Hartmann were walked, played with, loved, and hugged on by so many wonderful youngsters and their parents. We have never seen such a well-mannered and dog savvy group of people in this sort of public setting! Folks sat down on the sidewalk and grass and we all hung out. There was a real old time country feeling to it! There were also some great people from out of state who happily bought B&B t-shirts. The curator of



the museum, Brenda Focht (second from left in picture) is a proud Beagle mom. Three generations of her family have adopted several beagles and buddies from the sanctuary that are now living in California and Canada.

Many thanks to the volunteers and visitors who made it such a wonderful day!

## Red Cloud Ranch Eagle Scout Project

A special thanks to Matt Bunnet for building a much-needed storage unit at Red Cloud Ranch for his Eagle Scout Project. Bunnet and his team donated all materials and over 1,000 man hours for the project. He was awarded Eagle Scout rank on July 2nd. Congratulations, Matt!

## A Bat Mitzvah Blessing

Beagles & Buddies was blessed this fall with 11 generous gift baskets from the Sanderson family.

The baskets, which served as table centerpieces at their daughter, Yaari's, Bat Mitzvah, were stuffed with dog treats, collars, cleaning supplies, shampoo, toys, and, according to Yaari, "Anything that had to do with dogs!"

For the Torah portion of Yaari's Bat Mitzvah preparation, she read scriptures about being kind to animals. The night before her party she spoke to about 150 people at her temple about Beagles & Buddies and animal adoption. The mitzvah section of her preparation included volunteering at B&B, which she plans to continue.

The Sanderson family fell in love with Beagles & Buddies almost seven years ago when they adopted their first dog, Honey. They found their experience here refreshing after having spent several weeks searching for a pet to adopt at city and county pounds.

**"Until we found Beagles & Buddies, we didn't feel confident about adopting,"** says mom Tamar. **"Beagles & Buddies gave us confidence.** They have a personal relationship with each dog."

Seven years ago the Sandersons adopted Honey, a true mutt that Yaari describes as "a chow/lab/golden retriever/German shepherd mix."

This past January, they invited Maltese mix Juno (formerly Yuki) into the family.

**"I love my dogs!"** declares Yaari. **"And I love Beagles & Buddies because they gave them to me."**

Each gift basket was decorated with a bright pink or purple tag and bow. On one side of the tag was a picture of Yaari with Honey and Juno. The other side featured a picture of different B&B residents and a note encouraging guests to adopt from the sanctuary.

Tamar points out that dogs can play an important role in a child's life.

"A dog always loves you and that's very important for a kid growing up. Whether you get an A on a paper or not, your dog will always love you."

For the conclusion of her Bat Mitzvah project, Yaari and her family will be donating 2,500 pounds of food to the shelter.

Thank you, Yaari, for choosing Beagles & Buddies!



*(above) Yaari and mom Tamar with the gift baskets they donated to Beagles & Buddies*



*(left) Rocky sporting a bow from one of the gift baskets.*



*(right) T.J. checking out the goodies*



## Hound Litter Takes Flight

Patrick and Theresa Alsup - long time B&B fans and adopters - were so kind to fly up and bring these eight pooches to us! We were lucky that the Susanville shelter (very small one) is right next to the their airport. The plane can only hold 240 pounds and the pups weighed exactly 246! The Susanville shelter has a new director and she said everybody told her she couldn't find a rescue for the puppies. It only took one email to B&B! All the pups have found their homes!



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El Monte will continue as our main adoption, boarding, and volunteer center. We will be able to help the dogs more with this diversification, especially as government regulations become cumbersome and costs of doing business in town increase.

If you love any dogs ever rescued or helped by B&B, won't you please continue to **support us** to the best of your abilities? We have cut our staff, economized in every way we can brainstorm, while still providing quality care for our dogs.



From the bottom of our collective heart, we **thank each of you for your support** and help throughout this past year. We sure couldn't do the work without you. Please keep in touch with us, we love to read your stories and see the happy adoption photos.

## Ralphs and Food4Less Update

Thanks to everyone who has picked Beagles & Buddies as their charity of choice while shopping at Ralph's and Food4Less. Last quarter almost \$600 was donated to the shelter as a result! That's almost double the previous quarter!

For those of you who still haven't signed up, see our website for all the info. When you swipe your Ralph's or Food4Less card at any location, **4% of your purchase will be rebated to B&B**. This money goes to immediate good use to the dogs! Sign up today!

Important Note: The companies no longer allow us to renew your commitment, so you must do so yourself. If you have any questions please e-mail Lauren at [beaglehoundrescue@gmail.com](mailto:beaglehoundrescue@gmail.com)

Beagles & Buddies is open for adoptions of 100+ great dogs each Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visit our website at [www.beaglesandbuddies.org](http://www.beaglesandbuddies.org) to see all of our adoptable dogs!

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## The B&B team - Connie and the gang

P.S. Be sure to check out our newest additions, Sarah & Todd. They're little milky breathed pups who were found in a trash can by a dedicated volunteer. They arrived early this month and are now snuggling in parasite-free with full bellies and their first vaccinations.

