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Newsletter for Beagle Lovers

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Seattle Beagle Rescue—Helping Homeless Hounds

Announcement

We are now offering an e-mail subscription to the Seattle Sniff, which will allow you to receive the full, formatted newsletter in a printable format instead of a mailed hard copy. This new format will help us reduce costs of producing the newsletter. E-mail subscriptions will also benefit the environment by cutting down on paper use. To switch your subscription to e-mail, send us an e-mail at adopt@beaglerescue.org. The Seattle Sniff will continue to be mailed to those who do not subscribe to the e-mail version and will also continue to be posted at www.beaglerescue.org. You may also join our e-mail list to receive announcements by going to <http://sniff.listbot.com> or by e-mailing Judy@BeagleRescue.org.

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Howling Good Time Scheduled for May 20 BeagleFest at Genessee Park

Get ready to show your beagles, and all your other canine buddies, a fun-filled day at Genessee Park for the next BeagleFest on May 20. If you attended prior BeagleFests, you can expect more of the same fun.

For those of you who have never attended a BeagleFest, this is your chance to see what it's all about. You and your canine family will get to socialize with other dogs and their owners, as well as participate in contests, play games and win prizes. Watch this newsletter at our Web site for updates on plans for the BeagleFest at www.beaglerescue.org.

Last July's BeagleFest included contests such as Most Freckles and Waggiest Tails. More than 50 beagles came.

As always, BeagleFest is open to you, your beagles and all your canine friends. Other breeds are always welcome!

For the safety of you and your doggie friends, the BeagleFest is held inside the fenced off-leash dog park in Genessee Park.

Directions to Genessee

From I-90, exit at Martin Luther King Way and head south. Turn left



Nothing makes a beagle happier than a day at the park with his family and lots of other beagles!

onto Rainier Avenue S. Turn right onto Genessee St. The dog park is located at Genessee St. and 46th Ave. S. Enter the Dog Park through the double entry gate at the northeast (Genessee) entrance or the double gate on the southwest side.

Adoption Success Story: Charlie Goes Home



Charlie poses for a picture with mom.

This little guy, Charlie, came to Seattle Beagle Rescue at just 3 months old after his owners decided they just couldn't handle a little bundle of beagle energy. Charlie is a sweet, healthy boy who

now has two doggie brothers. He has begun both obedience and agility training. Charlie's new parents joined our volunteer team—mom as newsletter editor, and dad as Web designer.

What Your Beagles Hope You're Making When They Try to Jump on the Counter While You Cook

Here's a recipe for a cookie made especially for that nosy pooch, courtesy of Lisa and Miss Molly (Lisa's Beagle).

3/4 c. water
4 oz. baby food
1 egg white
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/4 c. yellow corn meal
2-1/2 c. whole wheat flour

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a bowl, mix together water, baby food (Gerber chicken vegetable dinner is Molly's favorite), the whites of 1 egg, baking powder, and corn meal. Add whole-wheat flour and mix well. Turn out onto a lightly floured surface and knead until thoroughly mixed.

Roll out dough to 1/4" thick and cut out shapes. To ensure even cooking and prevent bubbles, prick the tops of the cookies with a toothpick.

Place cookies on a foil-lined cookie sheet and bake for 35-40 minutes (depending on size). Finished cookies will be hard to the touch and slightly brown.

Allow cookies to cool completely before serving. Store in a sealed container.

For extra crunchy cookies: after you finish baking all the cookies, transfer cookies to an oven-safe pan and put back in the oven (the oven should be off, but still warm). Allow the cookies to cool with the oven.

This recipe can also be used to make training treats. Instead of using cookie cutters, cut dough into 3" squares and place on cookie sheet. With a knife, score the squares into desired treat size (dough does not puff or shrink so the size you score will be the finished size of the treat.)

Bake at 350 for 25-35 minutes. Allow cookies to cool a few minutes, and then break along the scored lines. Return to a warm oven (the oven should be turned off) to cool completely before serving. I recommend you make the treats small—about 3/8 of an inch. Beagles don't care about size; they're more concerned with quantity.

Questions/comments can be sent to Lisa at scoobyL@juno.com.

Beagle Days at the Park, Other Events Scheduled

Beagle Days at the Park is our newest series of events. Each park day will allow beagles and their family members, both human and canine, to meet at a local park for three hours of playtime and socializing (noon to 3 p.m.). Beagle Days at the Park will be held at a different park each month. Invite other beagles you know or people who are interested in learning more about Beagles and Seattle Beagle Rescue!

Beagle Days at the Park Schedule

April 8: We have not set a location for this event yet. Please watch our Web site (www.beaglerescue.org) for updates, or join our e-mail list at <http://sniff.listbot.com>. We plan to host an Easter Egg Hunt for the

beagles and would like a private location. E-mail location suggestions to Judy@BeagleRescue.org.

May: In lieu of our regular park day, please attend our BeagleFest May 20. See page 1 for details.

June 10: Golden Gardens Park in Seattle. From I-5, take the 85th St. exit and head west until the road ends. Turn right and head downhill. The entrance to the park is after you go under the railroad tracks. The off-leash dog area is in the upper part of the park. The main road curves around to a parking area next to the off-leash area. Golden Gardens Park also has a beach and hiking trails in the woods.

July 8: Lincoln Park in West Seattle. From I-5, take the West Seattle exit. Go to Fauntleroy Way SW and stay on it until you come to the park on the right side of the street. You can follow signs for the Vashon Ferry. The park is before the ferry.

Other Events and Plans

We invite you all to the Three Dog Bakery in downtown Seattle (1408 1st Ave.) on the first Sunday of every month. We will be there from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Watch for our revamped Web site at www.beaglerescue.org. Use the site to find events, order items and check out our available dogs.

Give Your Pet Something to Smile About!

Ask the Vet

by Adrian Walton
New Regular Article
for Pet Health

This is the first of what will be a regular feature in our newsletter—an article by our "Beagle Doctor" Adrian Walton. He and the staff at Redmond Veterinary Hospital take great care of our homeless beagles and help us get the dogs healthy and ready for adoption. We owe Dr. Walton and the entire staff at Redmond Veterinary Hospital many thanks for their patience and willingness to take last-minute drop-in cases and for their generous rescue discount! Their website is at <http://www.RedmondVetHospital.com>.

If you'd like to send suggestions for future topics you'd like Dr. Walton to address in this column, please send them to Judy@BeagleRescue.org.

Two of the problems we commonly see in the beagles that cross our paths are tartar and gum disease. Beagles seem to be prone to bad teeth and need regular home dental care as well as professional cleanings. Just last month we had a beagle who needed 14 rotten teeth pulled. Don't let this happen to your dog! The following is Dr. Walton's article regarding dental care:

Halitosis is no laughing matter if you're a cat or dog. It is true that once past those first weeks of life, sweet puppy and kitten breath is

replaced by something less endearing. However, healthy pets do not have bad breath. As plaque and tarter form on teeth and under gums, bacteria collect and multiply. This creates a state of poor dental hygiene that causes foul mouth odor and is cause for concern. Eventually, gum disease will develop. More serious health problems, such as heart and kidney disease, may follow. It's important to remember that your pocket pet, rabbit, ferret or exotic can develop these problems. In addition, one indicator of an animal's overall health is the condition of its gums and teeth.

Two of the more serious dental problems seen by veterinarians merit your attention. As many as 25 percent of our cats may be affected with cervical

line lesions or feline dental resorptions. Usually these begin as lesions under the gum line. Inflammation and swelling of the gum follows, and if left untreated, eventually tooth loss will occur. Broken teeth are not at all uncommon in dogs when their chewing behavior gets out of hand. Veterinarians skilled in dentistry have treatments available to preserve damaged teeth that would have been extracted in past years. Root canals are now frequently performed on animals, and crowns are placed over tooth



Winnie
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www.snakefoot.com/winnie.htm

stubs—putting the bite back into the bark!

Proper nutrition is central to robust wellness and sound oral health. Including an annual dental prophylaxis (ultrasonic cleaning, polishing, and fluoride treatment) in your pet's regular healthcare program will help maintain good oral hygiene and prevent complications. For the comfort of your pet, this procedure requires anesthesia, and for your pet's safety, a pre-anesthetic blood test is advised. Complementing diet, veterinary check-ups and home dental care, two specially designed enzymatic chews are available for cats and dogs. These "treats" help retard the formation of tartar and plaque when used as directed by your veterinarian. Dog chews come in two sizes and are eagerly and safely gnawed. The fish-flavored feline chews come in soft logs that can be crumbled over regular food.

Every species has particular requirements. With your veterinarian's help, you can determine the best dental health program for your individual dog, cat, rabbit, pocket pet, reptile, ferret or exotic. While your special friend will never have "baby breath" again, you can prevent cavities and painful gum disease by following these simple guidelines:

- Feed your pet a diet recommended by your veterinarian.
- Avoid giving human snacks and sweet treats.
- Provide safe, healthy pet chews especially made for cleaning teeth.

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Finding Homes for Beagles: Year 2000 Statistics

		Purebred	Mix	Total
Age	0-2 years	94	2	96
	3-6	72	1	73
	7+	21	1	22
	Unknown	8	1	9
Total		195	5	200
Sex	Male	108	2	110
	Female	83	3	86
	Unknown	4	0	4
Total		195	5	200
Altered	Yes	103	1	104
	No	58	3	61
	Unknown	34	1	35
Total		195	5	200
Came From	Shelter	122	3	125
	Owner	71	2	73
	Other	2	0	2
Total		195	5	200
Disposition	Owner kept	7	0	7
	Owner placed	10	0	10
	Left with owner	4	0	4
	Euth—health	2	0	2
	Euth—temperament	1	0	1
	Adopted from shelter	55	1	56
	Redeemed	15	0	15
	Other	9	0	9
	SPDR	85	4	89
	Active	7	0	7
Total		195	5	200

Explanation of Statistics

Euth—health: Dogs that came so sick or injured that they had to be euthanized. Dogs are not euthanized for anything repairable.

Euth—temperament: Aggressive dogs that cannot be safely placed.

Redeemed: These are strays claimed by their owners.

Other: This is a miscellaneous category for instances such as an owner calling for help but never calling back or for dogs that are transferred to rehabilitation programs.

SPDR: Dogs that were adopted through us.

Active: Dogs we still had in foster care at the end of the year.

Another Statistic: Our veterinary expenses for last year totaled approximately \$15,000, which does not include other costs, such as shelter release fees, long distance phone calls, office supplies, and so on.

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- Avoid chew products that can break teeth such as cow hooves, and keep anything out of your pet's mouth that can cause an intestinal blockage!
- Develop a consistent tooth brushing routine at home.
- Request an annual comprehensive physical exam (semi-annual for senior pets) that includes a dental examination to evaluate your pet's dental health.
- Schedule a dental cleaning, polishing and fluoride treatment for your pet as advised by your veterinarian.

Along with these guidelines, continue to provide lots of fresh, clean water, regular exercise and large, daily doses of TLC.

Beagle Rescue T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Order Form

Color	Size	Number	Tee (\$20) Sweat (\$30)	Amount
Total				
+ \$3.20 shipping per item				
Total amount				

Send Order To:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 Zip Code _____

Please mail form with a check made payable to "SPDR Beagle Fund" to:

BEAGLE RESCUE
 C/O Kim Arellano
 PO Box 2003
 Snoqualmie, WA 98065

T-shirts are in stock in sizes M, L and XL. Sweatshirt sizes in stock are L and XL. They are cut large to allow for shrinkage and are made of heavy, high-quality, 100 percent cotton knit. Additional sizes can be special ordered but will take longer. Additional donations are very much appreciated and needed!

You can view the shirt designs and colors at our Web site at www.beaglerescue.org.

NOTE: Although we will do our best to get your order sent immediately, please understand that our first priority is the beagles themselves. So if we have a rescue emergency occur, your order may have to sit on our desks for a few days before we can get to it. We know you will understand. Thanks for being patient, and thank you for your support!

More Great Ways to Support Beagle Rescue

Order our 2001 Beagle Rescue Calendar

Enjoy a truly beautiful calendar and support Beagle Rescue at the same time! These wall calendars are full color and measure 8 1/2 by 11 inches (11 by 17 inches open).

All proceeds go straight to the Beagle Rescue Vet Fund, so order some for your friends and family, too. They make great gifts for any dog lover!

Calendars are \$15 each, plus \$3.20 postage per order. To order your calendar, please send a check made payable to "SPDR Beagle Fund" to:

Judy Kaethler

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Calendars may also be ordered from our Web site at www.beaglerescue.org/cal.htm.

Donate to Beagle Rescue

Your kind donations are very much needed and greatly appreciated. By

donating to the Beagle Rescue Vet Fun, you are truly saving lives of animals that come to us.

In addition to spay/neuter and vaccinations, your donations give us the ability to take in the "special needs" beagles when they need our help.

For example, there was Murray with the heart murmur, Willy the one-eyed beagle, Gracie with her shoulder injury, Murphy who needed an ultrasound and lumps biopsied, Marshall who had cherry eye....We could go on and on. When these dogs come to our shelters, they are generally considered unadoptable because of their health situations. We think they are worth saving!

To support the Beagle Rescue Vet Fund:

Send a check made out to "SPDR Beagle Fund" to:

PO Box 3523

Redmond, WA 98053

Or donate by credit card at: www.beaglerescue.org/donate.htm.

Volunteer, Donate Items or Shop Online

There are lots of other ways that you can help save the lives of our homeless beagles. Some ways are more hands-on (fostering and helping with transport), some involve simply cleaning out your closet (donating used dog supplies), and it can be as easy as ordering dog food and pet supplies online through our site. (With no added cost, the retailers will donate 10% of your purchases to Beagle Rescue!) Decide which is best for you!

For information on volunteering, visit <http://www.beaglerescue.org/volunteer.htm>. For our Wish List, go to <http://www.beaglerescue.org/wish.htm>. To shop online at retailers to benefit our cause, go to <http://www.beaglerescue.org/shop.htm>. For adoption information, visit <http://www.beaglerescue.org/adoption.htm>.

We at Beagle Rescue and the homeless beagles of Washington thank you very much for your generous support.



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For more information or to view available dogs, please check www.beaglerescue.org.

About Seattle Beagle Rescue

We are a volunteer organization dedicated to saving homeless beagles and placing them in loving and committed families. Beagles come to us from different sources—from shelters, as strays and from private homes.

We are the "beagle branch" of SPDR (Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue) and follow all their policies and guidelines. SPDR is a wonderful volunteer organization that rescues and places many breeds of dogs.

Read all about SPDR at their website at <http://www.spdrdogs.org>.