



BEAGLE RESCUE

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Newsletter for Beagle Lovers

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Seattle Beagle Rescue—Helping Homeless Hounds

Beagles call for Treasurer!

Do you or someone you know have accounting experience and a desire to volunteer with Seattle Beagle Rescue? If so, we need you!

Seattle Beagle Rescue is incorporating and applying for non-profit status. As a non-profit, we will need to begin keeping separate books from SPDR. We are looking for a volunteer Treasurer with accounting experience.

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact us at Adopt@BeagleRescue.org. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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"Pocket Beagles" not what they seem

So...you went to see the Warner Brothers movie *Cats & Dogs* and you fell in love with the tiny lead beagle? Now you want to know about the dog. You go to the official Warner Brothers Web site for the movie, and there you read: "Lou, the young hero...is a pocket Beagle, measuring only 10 inches high." Now you're wondering how you can get your very own "Pocket Beagle." We fear the increased

demand created by the movie will fuel disreputable breeders to over-produce beagles and we will have a population boom in rescue next year.

In reality, there is NO such thing as a "Pocket Beagle," and we urge you not to buy a beagle from breeders claiming to sell these dogs. Also, alert anyone you think might be inter-

ested in finding one of these pets not to. According to the AKC, there is only one breed of beagle, simply called beagle. For show purposes, the beagle breed has been divided by the AKC into two varieties: "Thirteen Inch--which shall be for hounds not exceeding 13 inches in height" and "Fifteen Inch--which shall be for

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Stray beagle gets hope, second chance

It didn't seem like anything out of the ordinary was about to happen that day. Just the kind of call we get all the time..."I've found a beagle out running in traffic. Can you help?"



Hope's hardships touched our hearts. Will you let her into yours?

A good Samaritan had found a stray beagle and stopped to pick the dog up. Several people commented that the female beagle had often been seen in those

streets. She was very dirty, had icky ears and horribly long toe-

nails, and had obviously given birth to many litters—her poor belly was stretched and sagging almost to the ground. It looked as if she had not had a good life at all.

We gave the woman who found the beagle the advice we give to everyone who finds stray dogs—take them

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Watch out for those beagle bandits at parade!

On Saturday, August 4th, Beagle Rescue will be participating in the Snoqualmie Railroad Days Parade. This is a nice, short parade (just a few blocks), so it is fun for the dogs and not too tiring or stressful. Last year, the beagles had a great time and the kids along the route just loved meeting them. Our pooches were flirting and making friends with everyone (especially the kids with food).

In 2000, we won the 2nd place trophy. This year, we're shooting higher. We'd love to get more beagles participating and to have costumes.

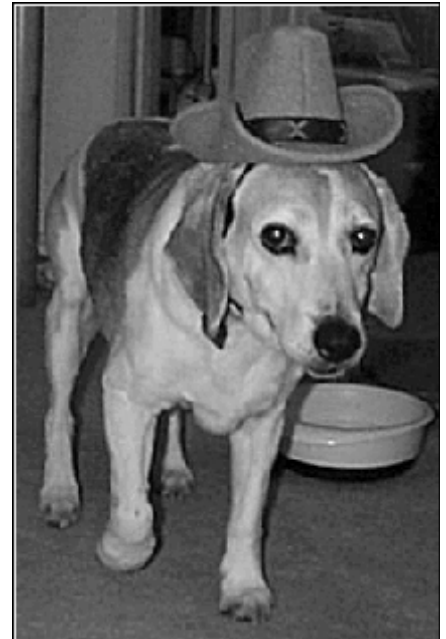
Since the theme of the parade is trains, we thought we'd try to do something around that: beagle bandits robbing the train! The

beagles will be wearing bandanas and cowboy hats, and we will try to make a train "float." The 3-Dog Bakery has kindly given us a bulk discount on the hats, which we've already ordered. If you didn't order one in time, there are a limited number of extras available. If you'd like one reserved for you, please e-mail Judy@BeagleRescue.org.

Help build the train

Any engineers/carpenters/other talented people out there with ideas? Should we build a train forms over a wagon? over a go-cart? a kid's electric car? We're looking for ideas and help to build the train!

Please send e-mail to Judy@BeagleRescue.org, and let us know if you will be joining us



Chester shows off his cowboy look. Beagles in the Snoqualmie Railroad Days parade will be wearing these hats.

in the parade. Check-in is at 9 am; parade starts at 11 am.

Other Events

September 22: Agility Fun Day at the Renton Aqua Barn, 11 am to 1:00 pm.

October: Announcing our next BeagleFest! Bring your beagles in their Halloween costumes for prizes and fun. Details will be available at <http://www.beaglerescue.org>.

Ongoing: We invite you all to the Three Dog Bakery in downtown Seattle (1408 1st Ave.) on the first Sunday of every month, 11 am to 4 pm.

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hounds over 13 but not exceeding 15 inches in height." But these are cosmetic divisions—there is only one breed of beagle.

It is feared that breeders will make tiny beagles through bad breeding or by mixing beagles with toy breeds. There are serious health risks known to producing these small beagles. "Quite often beagles of this more diminutive size are less tall only by virtue of disproportionately shortened legs... the result of poor breeding or the dwarfing of chondrodystrophy...with it's ensuing health problems," says a National Beagle Club FAQ at

http://clubs.akc.org/NBC/NBC_FAQs.html#24. At Beagle Rescue, we heard a report of a breeder in southern Washington selling "Pocket Beagles" for a premium price. We received a call for help from someone who had purchased a dog from this breeder and reported that at less than a year old, the pup was having seizures and was aggressive. If this is any indication of the breeding standard, this is not doing a good thing for the breed. We hope you will not encourage this fad by buying from any breeder claiming to sell "Pocket Beagles." For more information, go to <http://www.geocities.com/brbeagles/reputable.html>.

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to the shelter so that their owner can find them, if they are looking, and so that their stray hold can pass. Once the stray hold is up, they will become legally available for rescue or adoption.

The next day we called the shelter to get an update on the dog and let them know that we were able to help if she was not claimed by her owners. The shelter had bad news. Their vet had examined her and found mammary masses and a heart murmur. They did not consider her adoptable and would euthanize her, rather than place her for adoption. Given that she was not spayed, there was a very high chance that the lumps were mammary cancer, and since there were multiples of them rather than a single contained lump, it was likely that it had spread and was elsewhere in her body.

It probably would have been smart to just pass on her and let her be humanely euthanized. But when do we actually let our heads win over our hearts? We knew that it might be very expensive to diagnose and treat this dog, and that even with money and wonderful vet care, we may not be able to save her... but we felt that she should be given at least a chance.

So after her stray hold was up, a volunteer brought the little orphan girl from the shelter to the vet so that we could figure out what was going on. First things

first, we had to find out if she had cancer and if so, if it had spread. We aspirated the lump and waited on pins and needles for the lab results. They were inconclusive—couldn't rule out cancer. The only way to find out for sure was to remove the lumps and send the tissue samples in for testing. We weren't sure whether to do the surgery. If she had cancer and it had spread, it would be too late for the lumpectomy to help, plus we weren't sure if her heart could handle the operation. On the other hand, if she had cancer and it had not yet spread, removing the tumors would be her best chance at survival. And without doing the surgery, we wouldn't know if she would have years left or just days, making it next to impossible to make good decisions about what to do.

What we decided to do was x-ray her to see if we could see any indication of cancer in other parts of her body. The report from the radiologist was good. He didn't see any signs of cancer, so chances are we had caught it in time. We decided to go ahead with the surgery and hope she made it through. This was when we chose to name our little orphan girl Hope.

The surgery went well. Hope ended up looking like Frankenbeagle, with staples up the entire length of her underside, but

she was alive. The bad news was that there were more growths inside her than we had thought, and it was almost certainly cancer. In fact, we almost considered not even sending the sample in to the lab because it seemed so obvious. I remember saying to our vet, "I feel rather stupid spending the money on the test if we're already pretty sure, but I really need to be absolutely certain."

While we waited for the results, we prepared ourselves for the worst.



We told ourselves that at least we'd know what kind of cancer it was and how aggressive it was, so we'd be able to make good decisions on how to fight it and what would be best for Hope.

Imagine our surprise when we got the report and the doctor said, "Hope has got to be the luckiest dog on the face of the planet." As bad as everything looked, the tumors were benign!

With that hurdle cleared, it was time to move on to the next issue—her heart. We scheduled an appointment with a veterinary cardiologist. We knew that Hope had a pretty loud murmur; what we needed to know was how the heart was actually functioning—if blood was getting pumped around efficiently and if there was any risk of actual fail-

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Beagle Rescue T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Order Form

Color	Size	Number	Tee \$20 Denim Tee \$40 Sweat \$30	Amount
Total				
+ \$4.00 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!

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ure. Once again, we had good news. She does have a murmur, but her heart is still functioning well. She will always need to take medication for it, but she is in no immediate danger and can have a normal, active life.

Hope is ok!

With that great news, we knew she would be adoptable and could have a great new life.

Hope is now living in a foster home and looking forward to the day when someone will make her their cherished family member and promise to keep her safe and loved forever. She is an absolute snuggle-bunny. Hope loves to curl up on blankets or pillows and be pampered. She will soak up as much attention as you have to give. She loves belly rubs and ear massages. Hope enjoys walks but also spends a lot of time snoozing. Her house manners have been great. We think she would do best in a family where she can be the center of attention and not have to share her people with other animals. If you know

any one who would like to meet Hope and make her truly the luckiest beagle on the face of the planet, please have them contact Adopt@BeagleRescue.org, or call the Beagle Line at 425-868-8795. If you would like to make a contribution to help cover Hope's medical bills, we would be very grateful. In addition to all the tests, surgeries, consultations with specialists, and medications, Hope has been spayed, vaccinated, treated for fleas, and de-wormed. Donations payable to "SPDR Beagle Fund - Hope" can be mailed to:

SPDR
PO Box 3523
Redmond WA
98073

Update on Hope:

As we go to print, we have happy news. There is someone interested in adopting Hope! If all goes well, Hope may have the wonderful permanent home that she so deserves. If you are interested in adopting her, please check with us at Judy@BeagleRescue.org to find out if she's found her home!

Recipe to cool down canines

32 oz. vanilla yogurt
1 mashed banana or 1 large jar baby fruit
2 Tbsp. peanut butter
2 Tbsp. honey

Blend well. (Whip for creamier texture.) Freeze in ice cube trays or 3 oz. plastic cups. Microwave a few seconds before serving. Enjoy....

Your support needed

Looking for ways to help our homeless hounds? Try our full-sized 2001 beagle calendar, make a donation to the Vet Fund, volunteer with us, donate supplies, and even shop online. For information on all the ways you can help, go to <http://www.beaglerescue.org>.

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



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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>.