



**Beagle
Rescue**
Victoria inc.

**2013
Newsletter**

Welcome

It's that time of year again and wow a year 2013 has been; once again we have had some severe cases of neglect and abuse arrive into our foster care program and we have seen some amazing success stories too. Many wonderful individuals, business and families have come forward to help make 2013 the successful year that it has been and yet again the support from within, not only the beagle community, but the animal welfare sector, has been second to none and we can't thank you all enough.

We have seen the continued success of the Hibby Foundation to assist with even more special cases than ever before. All long term foster care beagles, senior and special needs beagles have been profiled through this foundation named in honour of the most regal beagle to ever enter our care! We hope over the upcoming years to see the Hibby Foundation grow and for BRV to be able to help even more special cases.

We have had some wonderful new foster and adoptive families come on board and the increase in pounds and shelters willing to work with us and help beagles in need has been amazing.

The launch of Beagle Freedom Australia and some very exciting new things happening everyday will make for an amazing 2014, we are excited to say the least!

We would like to wish each and every one of you a safe, happy and healthy Christmas and New Year and once again thank you for your continued support.

- from everyone at BRV

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PEPPY

Christmas Feeding

A friendly reminder to help us all with the upcoming Christmas Season, watch the food on your tables, benches and in some cases Plates! Our houses will be filled with the most amazing scents in the next few weeks and our breed will stop at nothing to help ease the load of the Christmas Turkey or the Christmas Ham! Those wonderful little opportunists can outsmart the best of us especially if we have had a glass of wine or two! Keep the Chocolates, Nuts, Fruits and meats at a safe level away from their exploring noses and paws, watch out that they haven't helped you clean up by ingesting Christmas ribbon and Packaging and tell family members to stop feeding them under the table!

The last thing any of us or our Beagles need this Christmas is an emergency visit to the vet to have half our Christmas dinner pumped from their over bloated stomachs along with whatever else they have managed to sneak into their mouths! Our tip to exhaust a Beagle for Christmas day is to walk them early Christmas Morning, give them a nice Raw Meaty Bone for their meal and they will happily stay outside chewing and having fun; Don't forget if you give them lots of treats to make sure you give them smaller meal portions, the last thing they need during a hot Aussie Summer is to be carrying excess weight.

Toby & Snoop

Brothers Snoop and Toby joined our family in September 2011 and instantly became much loved additions to our family. The boys' infectious enthusiasm for everything has brought much pleasure and joy to our daily lives – from tummy rubs, to walks and rides in the car (the words walk and car now have to be spelled out in code...w.a.l.k. and c.a.r. to prevent excessive beagle excitement and hyperventilation!!!!) Don't even whisper 'yum yum' unless you want two expectant merry faces joining you to see whatever it is you MUST share!

The two boys always take the opportunity to meet and greet new friends, human and canine alike on our regular walks via the local café. Invariably all and sundry fall in love with the beagle ambassadors, much like we have, as their good natured and placid temperaments lends themselves to lots of new friends and much loved attention.

Snoop and Toby, who are now a little over 4 years old have brought much happiness to our lives; and although brothers they have very different personalities whilst having equal levels of loyalty, intelligence and readiness to share a cuddle.

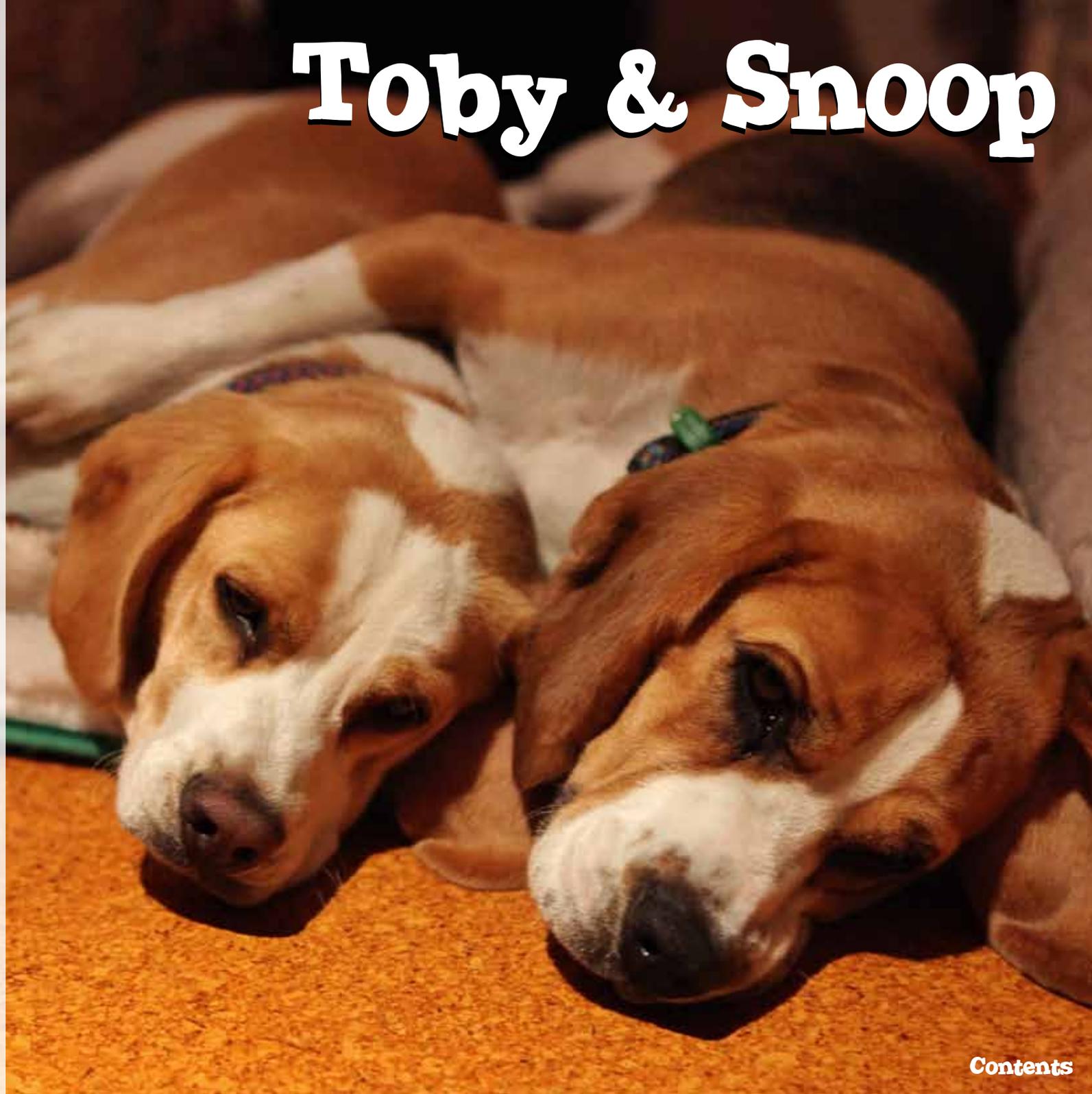
Snoop is the need it now .com type of dog, with highly expressive eyes and into everything and ready for play at any time, although not very brave.

Toby on the other hand is the mature strong silent type, forever watchful over everyone who displays simply adorable brotherly affection and care for his 'little brother' in times of need, particularly recently when Snoop was unwell And whilst he has more courage than Snoop, the sight of a steely-eyed advancing cat is most likely to result in confusion and meek surrender!

We are ever grateful to Beagle Rescue Victoria for their services and for allowing us the opportunity to adopt two loveable beagles.

Snoop (on left) and Toby

- Martin





BJ

KRISTAL

CHARLIE

Brown's Retirement Home for Old Beagles

Hi – I am Amanda and with my husband Greg we have 3 old Beagles and this is our story.

Well what a year it has been! This time last year we had our two beautiful old Beagles Willis (13) and Charlie (12). We have had Charlie from a puppy and Willis we were lucky to get at 18 months old as a rescue. Unfortunately day before News Years Eve last year we lost Willis due to a Tumour and it broke our hearts. Charlie had Willis around his whole life and as he is deaf relied on Willis for his hearing and also missed him.

We weren't going to get another dog for a while but we soon realised Charlie was not coping by himself. So in February we contacted Beagle Rescue Victoria (BRV) and we met two beautiful women, Tam & Nikki, who run BRV and they turned up on our door step with Kristal (around 10) and Milo (6) in tow. I had indicated that we would be happy to adopt an older dog. What BRV didn't realise is that for a long time we had wanted to adopt/foster older dogs 10+ so without even seeing Kristal I knew she would be staying with us. (Not long after Tam & Nikki placed Milo with a wonderful family with young children who adore him.)

Well what can I say about Kristal – apart from falling in love with her in the first 10 minutes? She was dumped at a pound, had a crook shoulder and leg and a huge lump on her other leg which gratefully was benign. She is fully trained, has such a placid personality, loves a back scratch (will put her back under my foot and start moving backwards and forwards), not an aggressive bone in her body, and loves, loves loves food.

The 2nd day we had her she raided our fridge while we were out and ate 6 x Vanilla slices. Sore tummy all day and not pleasant when they reappeared. Kiddy Lock on fridge but she just took that off and had another go. Stronger Kiddy Locks on now which work accept when we forget to put them on and yes she knows... and then more fun and treats to be had by all. Within no time at all Kristal had settled in and showed no sign of stress and is a very happy and loving Beagle (just a bit food obsessed...haha) Charlie loves Kristal and now relies on her for his hearing and she has helped him return to his normal self. We hit the jackpot with Kristal and even though she cannot replace Willis she has filled our life with love, laughter and happiness.

So we are one happy family with our two oldies and then in August we receive a text from Nikki and BRV who have another oldie who needs some quiet time and TLC for a couple of weeks before surgery and do we know of anyone who could take him for a short while... ummm who do you think that would be... well we rang Nikki and said bring him on down... we can cope for a couple of weeks with 3 old dogs...it cannot be that hard.

Nikki and Tam walked in with BJ who is 12 and he is one lost beautiful soul. He had a few physical problems – lump on leg (taken off and benign – grateful for that) and badly scratched nose. In no time we fell in love with BJ. Nikki and Tam rang up after 3 weeks to organise a time to pick him up as was agreed originally but we couldn't let him go and agreed to foster BJ– he was now part of our family.

BJ - he is a beautiful boy, bit of a boof head hahaha. Tries to be the dominant one every now and then but Kristal even though she is quiet and placid has that quiet confidence that makes her the pack leader.

BJ is reserved and still has a lot of downtime where he just keeps to himself and lies around quietly. He has beautiful manners and never had one accident inside. And he loves, loves, loves, cuddles. As soon as one of us sits down on the couch he is up and cuddles in – he cannot get enough of it and we cannot give him enough and we love this about him. And he loves walks and behaves really well in the car but is always very, very, very excited to go out either for a walk or a drive. BJ when he isn't having his quiet times is a loving, cuddly dog and has started to spend more time playing with Charlie which is a big step forward. He is now in Permanent Foster Care with us.

Funny story – had the 3 dogs out walking. Greg has Charlie and Kristal and I am walking behind with BJ. Walking down quite a major road. BJ picks up something and it is big and sticking out both sides of his mouth. It was dusk and the light was fading. Not sure what it was but looked like it might be from outer space or something from the film Alien which had died. I am not going to let him have it and let him get poisoned and die or have another trip to the vet to help pay for the Vet's Christmas Holiday. So I try to take it from him and he growls but then realised he will not bite me as he will not let this thing go. So I straddle him and grab this Alien from both sides and start to pull it out. He grips tighter. BJ can be quite stubborn but I have a bigger stubborn streak in me and don't like to loose and have gone quite crazy trying to get this off him.

So you have one crazy lady straddling this old dog with an Alien in his mouth pulling it back and forth. Hope nobody sees this and puts it up on YouTube... Eventually it breaks and I get it off him and throw it in the bushes and turn around and he still has half of it in his mouth. Back again and we go through the same thing but I won again. BJ was not dying on this day from some Alien. Well it was very quiet walking home and the stench on my hands and BJ was disgusting. Lots of Soap, Hand Cream and Eucalyptus oil to remove it all. Thought this may put BJ back in terms of settling in but he seemed to have a smile on his face for the rest of the day.

Having Kristal and BJ has helped Charlie so much and he loves both of them and is a more happy and contented dog with his friends around him now to help him hear. Also Charlie has accepted his two new friends with all the love he has and Charlie has a lot to give.

For us having Kristal and BJ with Charlie in our lives has made our lives richer and happier and we love coming home each day to our "Retirement Home for Old Beagles". We don't know how long we will have these oldies, 1 month, 3 years, who knows, but every day is worth it and they make our lives richer.

Now what will 2014 bring for "Browns Retirement Home for old Beagles"??? Merry Christmas everyone and have a safe and Happy New Year.

Love Amanda and Greg and Charlie and Kristal and BJ.
xxxxx

Macey



A few weeks ago we took young Macey out to meet a beautiful couple Belinda and Otis, with a big goof ball of a beagle Arthur. It was love at first sight for everyone and after a follow up email from us : "How are you both? Hows everything coming along with Macey? Is there anything we can help you with?" we received the below reply which brought a tear to our eyes. Thanks guys for giving this little girl a second chance.

Little Macey is nothing short of a delight. We have been having quite a mad time with the two of them running about the house and being crazy. It is official, the lunatics have taken over the asylum.

Arthur and Macey have been wrestling flat out for over a week, when they are not wrestling they are cuddling up together or running around with all the neighbourhood puppies at the dog park. Macey loves her food and has started to put on a little bit more weight which she looks all the better for. Even her eyes have stopped dripping so much and she is not crying whenever Otis leaves the house. Like a true Beagle has worked out how to get the rubbish out of the bin and eat it before we can catch her, it is impressive just how quickly she can find the good stuff. She is very keen to please, unlike the other hound who just does not care, and as such is starting to learn the house rules. She is walking better on the lead but to be honest most nights we take her to the Dog Park where she can run free. She is a little escape artist, someone left the dog park gate opened for two seconds and she was off like a shot. She came back after 30 seconds when she realised that Otis was about to have a cardiac fit but we have doubled checked the yard and need to keep a close eye on her. After Digger (my old Beagle who lived to escape), I expected her to try it on at least once so no big deal.

We really don't need anything at all from you guys except the papers that will let us keep our Macey forever. She has brought a beautiful energy to the house and while it is all a little crazy while she finds her feet, we are truly blessed to be able to have her join our family.

Tam and Nikki, we can not thank you enough for bringing Macey into our lives. We promise to give her the very best of ourselves and our resources so she feels safe, loved and part of a family she can count on. The work that you guys do for our fur friends is truly incredible and we look forward to supporting Beagle Rescue well into the future.

Otis and I would like to wish you both a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with all the peace and happiness you can contain. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making our Christmas so exciting with the addition of our Macey.

*Have a great one guys, talk soon.
With love, Belinda, Otis, Arthur and Macey.*



Honorary Beagles

This year we have been lucky enough to have had a few honorary beagles cross our paths and teach us that even a goat, a sheep or a Japanese spits can behave like a beagle if shown how! Below is Jessie the cattle dogs story;

Earlier this year we alerted to a rescue being conducted in Northern Victoria involving many Heelers who would need foster families. Anyone that knows us at BRV knows we have the beautiful Saffron; a red heeler, so, without hesitation we put our hands up to foster any heeler that we could.

So entered Jessie to our lives; it was love at first sight. Jessie had spent her life chained up to a fence with many other heelers, she had severe muscle wastage, was profoundly deaf and couldn't walk properly, yet she had the most gentle and loving nature and eyes that would literally make time stop as she lay her head on your lap. Jessie was diagnosed with Spondylosis and a management plan was put into place to help her with pain.

Jessie won the hearts of everyone that crossed her path, her talents included fridge opening (yes we turn all dogs here into beagles!), giving the best love gazed looks of any dog we have ever met and barking at goats! She soon captured the attention of one of the most amazing families that has ever applied to adopt a dog. Shaun and Andrea had heard all about Jessie and wanted to be able to open their home to two very special dogs and after speaking with them about Jessie and her special needs they met and once again it was love at first sight.

Shaun and Andrea adopted Jessie and a little pug named Prince George from Pug Rescue Victoria who is also deaf, they have kept in constant contact with us, marvelling at Jessies first fumbled attempts to playing with toys and installing special matting the entire length of the house to help her to walk on their floors. They even removed a floor to

ceiling mirror that Jessie took immediate and great offence at! They quickly learned that Jessie's unique habit of eating entire bunches of flowers would end in Vet visits!

Jessies spinal degeneration has sadly progressed and she has her good days and her bad days but we know without a doubt that she is in the best home possible with a family who can look after her every need and look past her disability and rejoice in every moment of play, cuddles and love that Jessie has.

A huge thanks goes out to Shaun, Andrea, Prince George the Pug and Chicken Curry their cat (also deaf!) for giving Jessie the home and family she has always deserved!

And to everyone for loving and helping or caring for all the non-beagles we come across.



LOLA



DOBY



Jessie



WHITEY



TINA TURNER



WALTER

Lady

Late June 2011 brought the arrival of what would become a very special senior beagle to BRV headquarters. After receiving a phone call from a lovely retired man, to tell us that his Uncle in his 90's had died and his beagle, that no one in the family could take care of or even get near at this stage, would probably have to be captured and euthanased. We knew we just couldn't say no to this request for help.

A poor, stressed senior beagle had just lost her entire world and was hiding in the yard with neighbours throwing food out for her, and not letting anyone near her; her entire world had fallen apart and she was petrified. Her owner gone and there were strange people in her yard trying to capture her. It was all too much for our beautiful old Lady.

The wonderful Jo Mc from our committee went in and sat on the ground throwing bits of food around to lure her, eventually managing to capture and transport her to us; this is where the fun and games began - A very stressed old girl weighing in at 24 kilos (keep in mind she was only 14 inches tall), with a tumor on her ear, badly infected ears, a mouth full of rotten teeth, covered in lumps and bumps and severe soft palette issues, made worse with her weight - entered BRV headquarters and proceeded to snarl, snap and scream at a very confused old Ted who just wanted to say hi!

With her world spinning rapidly around her we decided to slow things right down with lady and crate train her. It was amazing how much she loved the safety and privacy of the crate, safe from the world, her crate become her safe place. Once Lady had settled in, it was off to our wonderful vets where an immediate weight loss plan was put into place (thanks Ricci!), the tumor removed from her ear, along with many other lumps and bumps, her rotten teeth removed and ear infections attended to. The change in our beautiful old girl was immediate and she went from cranky old lady to our highly amusing and loving Bug Eyed Princess - as we affectionately called her!

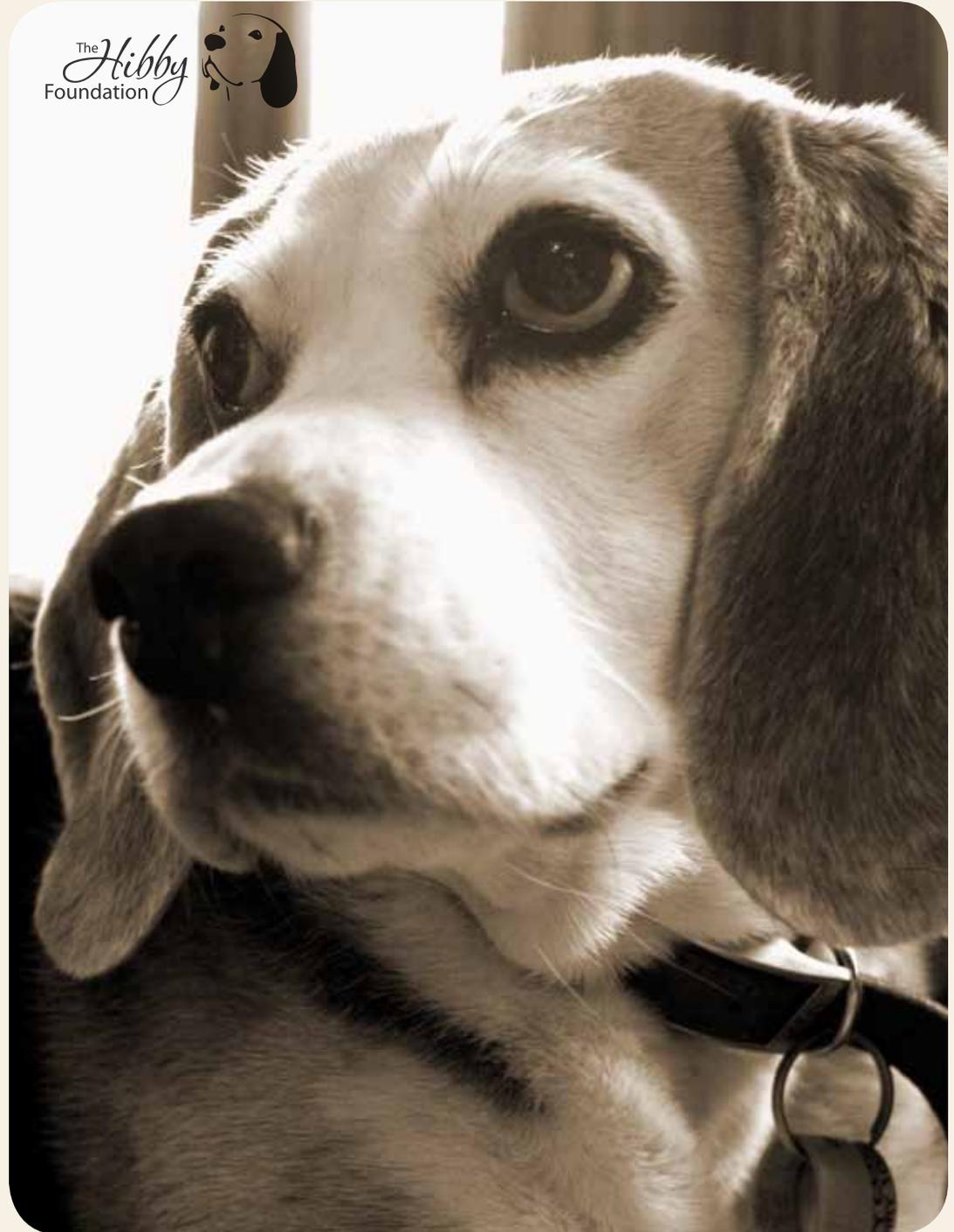
As time went on and Lady continued to heal, both mentally and physically, we started taking applications for her but no matter how amazing the home was, Lady would audition as though she was a wild untamed beast! that is, until she was placed safely back in the car where she returned to the beautiful bug eyed princess that we had all become to know and love! After several failed meet and greets it was agreed at her age she was clearly telling us that she had found her home and to stop wasting everyone's time! And thus, our bug eyed princess became a lifetime member of the Hibby Foundation and entered forever foster care!

As everyone knows we adore the senior beagles, Lady was no exception to the rule! She used the stairs as her daily work out, yelling and screaming running up and down them to inform us it was breakfast or dinner or what about afternoon tea, second breakfast, morning tea, or just snack time! It was all about food to our old girl, she knew exactly what time food should be, could be and would be served and heaven help if she heard the fridge open, a rustle of a bag or movement of any kind in the kitchen! The moment food distribution was even considered would have our bug eyed princess screaming through the house with her head held back in delight, snuffling and snorting and flying past beagles half her age and throwing herself into her crate with such gusto that we would all laugh; life was never quiet with our old girl in it. Lady did her best auditions to become part of the kitchen gang but her deadly raid on the pantry and bin sadly saw her fail but believe us she tried everyday with those beautiful paws to see if she could open the kiddie gate without any of us silly humans noticing! And of course the silly humans would sometimes forget to close it....

Over the last 8 months our beautiful bug eyed princess started having bad days where she wouldn't yell or scream at us, no snortling or snuffling for food and we knew things just weren't right; Lady started having Urinary Tract Infections that just wouldn't clear up properly along with degeneration along her spine and no matter what course of treatment was made the duration between infections increased and our beautiful bug eyed princess was getting sicker and we couldn't leave her in pain. On the 16th November this year in conjunction with Lady's amazing vet Dr Rebecca Biljna the decision of giving lady her wings was made as her kidneys and liver were failing and it was only a matter of days before she would die. We miss Lady everyday, no one waiting at the top of the stairs screaming to be fed, no one running through the house doing midnight raids whilst everyone else is asleep, no beautiful old girl walking on the coffee table and jumping on to the couch and mauling us with cuddles and licking us within an inch of our lives!

The night before our Bug Eyed Princess was given her wings we promised her we would keep her spot on the couch for another special senior beagle in her honour and just this week another gentle old soul has entered our lives

Senior dogs are truly amazing and once again we have been blessed to have shared our lives, hearts and home with such an amazing soul, we miss our Bug eyed princess everyday and cannot thank her enough for blessing our lives with the time she was with us. To our amazing vet clinic, Dr. Rebecca Biljna in particular who cared for Lady over the years with the assistance of Ricci and Steph, thank you for always treating Lady as though she was your own dog, for taking calls after hours and always giving us the best advice and care available; we would be lost without you Bec.





Every year we have some special cases who enter care and for varied reasons, they become known as forever fosters which means they stay in their foster families home for the rest of their life and BRV ensures their medical care and bills are maintained and between the foster family and BRV their daily needs are met.

Updates



William

William was released to us from Wodonga Animal Rescue via Wodonga Pound and it was love at first sight, he was old, grey and covered in lumps, bumps, skin tags and a shocking double ear infection that could only be attended to under anesthetic. His obsession with eating and sleeping and demanding pats won our hearts, as only the old regal beagles can. He has been put into forever foster with an amazing family who have adopted a beautiful bossy regal girl from us before, where he is now being bossed around by her on a daily basis! Earlier this year he was rushed to the vet with a bout of pancreatitis, but has made a full recovery and is back being bossed around by the beautiful Wanda who can't bear to be away from him!



Taz

Taz has taken over a year to warm up to us and probably won't ever be ready for adoption. She will stay in forever foster where she is very slowly progressing, learning and coming out of her shell. To watch her fly through the air in play with the other beagles is mind blowing in comparison to the scared little girl she was 18 months ago, releasing her bowels at the first sign of any people. She now has 4 people in her world who she will let touch her, look at her and who she will interact with, everyone else is treated with extreme caution and by hiding behind the TV. She is the most loving and affectionate dog and loves to teach all the special cases how to play, but just can't bring herself to trust people.



Jazz

Last Year when this beautiful girl came in she was very much afraid of the world, she shys away from people and has never been walked on a lead before. She entered the Hibby foundation as a forever foster, and went straight to one of our most experienced foster families where she has learnt to trust people, including children, which for her is a huge step. She will come when called but hasn't progressed enough to enter the big wide world, so she will stay in forever foster until our amazing carer decides she is ready.

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FREEDOM AUSTRALIA

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This year we launched a very special new project. Many of you may have heard of the Beagle Freedom Project that runs over in the states, well we have been chatting with them across the continents and have decided to launch the project here in Australia. Beagle Rescue Victoria will become the Australian arm and with the help of the Beagle Freedom Project US & UK we will get the message out there that animal testing, whether it's beagles, greyhounds, mice, rats, rabbits, primates, pigs or any other sentient being is unnecessary and cruel. So as Beagle Freedom Australia we support the end of vivisection completely, but it is a long road to travel. In the meantime we aim to get as many beagles and other animals out of these labs, rehabilitated and into loving homes as we can. Eventually we hope that our services are no longer needed and that animal testing is banned world wide.

Beagle Freedom Project began in LA in December 2010 when Shannon Keith received information that beagles who were used for animal experiments in a research lab were to be given a chance at freedom. Their mission is rescuing and finding homes for beagles used in laboratory research and ours is the same. Since its inception they have rescued over 150 dogs, 8 Rabbits, 2 cats and 3 pigs.



So far this year we held a stall at the Melbourne World Vegan Day event (our launch) and also at the launch event for the Sea Shepherd Relentless mission. We've got over 8 pages of signatures in support of getting the code of practice for scientific research to include that animals MUST be released to rescue and offers of help coming in from everywhere including WA! We are so excited and look forward to our first rescue of lab beagles.



- Less than 2% of human illnesses (1.16%) are ever seen in animals. Over 98% never affect animals.*
- 92% of drugs passed by animal tests immediately fail when first tried on humans because they, dangerous or both.*

www.facebook.com/beaglefreedomaustralia.

* Courtesy of www.vivisectioninformation.com

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Winter Appeal

We would like to take this opportunity thank one of the many unsung heroes of Australian Rescue; The Winter Appeal for Animal Rescue Groups, who have updated their name to Animal Rescues Appeal as they have been helping rescues Australia wide! Set up by Trish Parker and Robyn Twiddy and an extensive team of amazing helpers.

Animal Rescues Appeal ensure rescue groups around Australia receive assistance with products such as flea, worm and heart-worm control, bedding, leads, collars, jackets, crates, bowls, toys, food, veterinary supplies etc. These amazing women give up their own time and work tirelessly day in and day out to help rescue groups, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Robyn in particular who is leaving to concentrate on her own business venture and her family. Thank you and good luck Robyn xx.

Raffle

MASSIVE Thank you's to EVERYONE who bought a ticket in the Fern Tree Gully Nissan community raffle this year for Beagle Rescue! We managed to sell ALL the tickets we had been allocated and raised \$2000!

Thank you to Fern Tree Gully Nissan for contacting us and including us in the raffle, thank you to Jo from Pug Rescue Vic for picking up tickets and our donation cheque, but biggest thanks of all goes to the wonderful Claire who took all the orders and managed all the sales for us, we would not have been able to keep up with the demand if not for her!



Thank you everyone!



While many people are scared to speak their truths and minds the wonderful Trisha Taylor president of both Victorian Dog Rescue and Dog Rescue Association of Victoria is not scared of tackling any issues that arise within the animal welfare sector. 2013 has seen DRAV spearheaded by Trisha continuing to tackle the DPI for the acceptance of community foster care programs, campaigning for the right of dogs and cats in shelters and pounds, overall reform within the rescue community and questioning the code of practise as just a few examples of issues

2014 will see the continued lobbying to improve the standing of members of DRAV within the community and government, along with promoting responsible pet ownership, educating, encouraging and working together with the

community as a whole to embrace a caring and responsible attitude towards animal welfare, Please help support the work that DRAV do in order to assist our companion animals and the rescue community that work tirelessly to ensure the kill rate in our pounds and shelters is reduced.



A Year In Pictures



Haddy



Axle



Chip



Laurie



Hazy & Murphy



Basil



Bessie



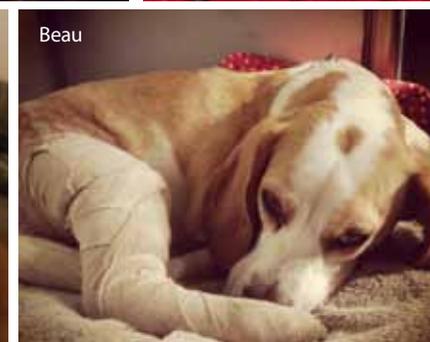
Bonnie



BJ



Mr Rupert & Moo-cow



Beau



Kristal



Max



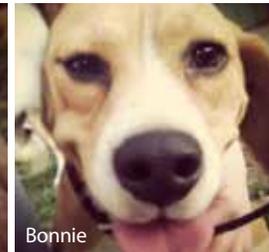
Bella



Nigel



Milo



Bonnie



Mojo



Eagle



Mia



Special Thanks

Beagle Rescue Victoria would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who makes it possible to do what we do - Thank you

Thanks to everyone that has assisted BRV with the transport (especially Jo Mac, & Dennis), rescue, rehabilitation, and ongoing care of the beautiful beagles that have entered our foster care program. It takes a team of people to help each individual beagle.

To the adoptive families, without you we would cease to be, each one of you is an important part of beagle rescue. Thank you for opening your hearts and homes to the beagles in need.

To our amazing foster families, we simply would cease to exist without you too. Each of you are responsible for taking these beautiful animals and teaching them how to trust again, how to play, how to walk well on lead and become upstanding little members of our communities! To all of those who have become "Foster failures" over the years, We couldn't be more thrilled! Thank you for making your foster a family member.

To Natalia at Web Whiz, thank you for your ongoing support of BRV, its been amazing to have had you with us since day 1.

To Tamara and Stuart from Underdog Training, you have become a big part of BRV in the last 12 months and we consider ourselves very lucky to have attended your workshops, training sessions and even private consults.

To those who have donated their time, goods, services of transport and money that has been put towards the vet bills and food, thank you. Your donations and greatly appreciated and we could not survive without them.

To the Team at Pet Rescue, thank you so much for the amazing job you do, without you we would never have reached 1/3 of the families we have. You guys do an amazing job and we wish you continued success.

To the wonderful, dedicated and silent Clare Davies who not only ran our raffle but helps us out with our facebook page; Thank you

To our own Dogs who have settled in and helped rehabilitate 100's of beagles over the years- a huge thank you and a bone awaits for Christmas day!

To Dr Onn Ben David, Elyse, Rebecca B, Rebecca M, Ricci, Steph, Nicole & Sarah we can't thank you enough for all of your ongoing support, care, expert advice and amazing hearts. You are all very much part of BRV and we can't do what we do without you.

To the Animal Rescues Appeal; your support has been amazing, we really cant thank you enough for all your assistance during the year.

To Donna, Mr. Wonderful and Dennis, without your day-to-day help and assistance we would be lost.

To all the pounds and shelters and rescue groups around Victoria and NSW who have worked with us over the Year, thank you for your continued support.

Thank you to the lovely Claire for orcastratig the raffle yet agaiin an amazing job and \$2000 donated for the ever growing vet bills!

To Jacqui Leigh for coming out and photgraphing the beagles and making them look sweet and innocent and loving enough that people want to adopt them!

Last but not least thank you to our amazing committee both past and present who work tirelessly to help beagles and beagles cross's in need around Victoria

To each individual rescue beagle that has entered our lives, the laughter, joy and life experiences you have given each and every one of us will never be forgotten. We are so lucky to do what we do and believe us when we say you provide us with daily laughter!

We wish you all a very merry and safe Christmas and New Year.

Love from the entire Team at Beagle Rescue Victoria

Make sure to keep up to date with us on [Facebook!](#)

**Beagle
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Online Shop

100% of the profits made go straight to where they are needed most - helping our rescue beagles! So stop by and treat yourself or your beagle to something special.



Thundershirts \$45

Gentle, constant pressure is a terrific solution for many types of dog anxiety, fearfulness, barking and more.



Scoff Stopper \$24

Best Bowl ever! Just ask Donna



Calico Bags \$5

Not a plastic bag!



Tug Toys

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When Freddy Meets Fido

Preventing problems between a newborn baby and your dog

We are all aware of the problems that can occur between dogs and children. There are many physical and psychological injuries associated with dog bites every year and some frightening statistics suggest that the offending dog is often the family pet. Some of these interactions have resulted in the tragic death of newborn babies. Alarmed? Don't be. The good news is that many of these incidents are preventable through good training and socialisation- of the human family as well as the dog!

We've all heard the saying prevention is better than cure. Nothing could be more accurate when it comes to children and dogs. If you are thinking of starting a family or already pregnant and have a dog in the family, consider the following questions and tips below

- 🐾 Has your dog been exposed to children before?
- 🐾 Is your dog relaxed in the presence of children of different ages and activity levels?
- 🐾 Has your dog been in the presence of a crying baby and/ or a crawling toddler?
- 🐾 How will your dog's routine change with the arrival of a new baby?
- 🐾 Will the dog be restricted to certain areas of the house or become an outside dog?
- 🐾 Are you prepared to closely supervise your dog and child?
- 🐾 Does your dog have unwanted behaviours like jumping up and/ or mouthing that could prove problematic either during your pregnancy or with a newborn baby?

- 🐾 Do you know how to respond to your dog if they behave inappropriately in the presence of your child?
- 🐾 Have you considered your child and someone else's dog AND your dog and someone else's child?
- 🐾 How will you introduce your new baby to the dog when you come home from the hospital?

What can you do now?

Consider changing your routine regularly now so that your dog does not have expectations that are set in stone. Think about what you will and won't be able to do when you have a baby- will the dog be receiving less stimulation and interaction? Training exercises in the home can be used to tire an active dog and utilising dog walking or day care services can be helpful in some situations. Supervision is vital- a dog should never be left alone with a child, regardless of size, breed or personality.

Teach your dog to leave the baby's toys alone- you can use the dogs powerful sense of smell to do this by scenting the babies toys with baby powder and letting the dog know that toys which smell this way are not for him! You can also limit the material your dogs toys are made out of- if the baby is going to have lots of soft cuddly toys- think about investing in toys for your dog made from good quality rubber or safe plastics to reduce confusion.

If you will want to walk the dog with the baby, start teaching your dog to walk close by an empty pram. Prams can frighten some dogs so it is vital that this training is done before the baby is in the pram. NEVER

tie your dogs lead to the pram- no matter how small or well behaved the dog. You can also teach your dog to walk around bouncer nets and floor mats/ rugs by setting up the equipment and using a lead to guide the dog around the items. Remember to provide plenty of rewards for the dog being respectful of them- not barging through, jumping on or over them.

These exercises must be done before the baby has arrived so that there is no negative association with the newest family member, so start during your pregnancy. Remember that if you completely isolate your dog from the baby- you isolate them from you- and that's where many problems can begin.

Consider these tips and questions carefully and seek professional help to ensure the relationship between your dog and your children is a great one. Tamara and Stuart would love to see you for a When Freddy Meets Fido session during your pregnancy!

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