

A close-up photograph of a beagle's face, focusing on its large, floppy brown ears, white muzzle, and black nose. The dog is wearing a dark collar with a metal ring. Its white paws with pink pads are visible at the bottom. The background is dark.

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'New Look' Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to another edition of Beagle Rescue Victoria's newsletter. It's been a busy year, and Christmas has crept up on us yet again! Lots of exciting things have happened this year, as you'll see in the following pages.

One thing that we are extra excited about is this: in September, BRV officially became a recognised charity in the eyes of the ATO! For people making monetary donations, it now means that donations over \$2 are a tax deduction. It will (hopefully) also mean that, in time, bigger corporations will jump on board to help us with our quest! (Remember: If you are donating via online bank transfer, add "donation" in the description. Please then email admin@beaglerescuevic.org to advise of your donation and your address (email/postal) so a receipt can be forwarded. If you are mailing cheques, please also ensure that your address details are handy. If we don't have your address details, no receipt can be issued).

You may have also noticed that we have a new logo. Our friends at [Fuzzy Monkey](#) very kindly donated their time, skills and resources to upgrade BRV to a more modern look. Fuzzy Monkey are also responsible for creating (and donating) the signage and banners that were used at our fun day. With a fresh, new look these banners will definitely make BRV stand out at all the Trade/Pet events we attend in the future.

Fuzzy Monkey have also re-vamped our newsletter. Click on any of the article names on the right to jump straight to that page, and at any time click the 'Home' paw in the bottom corner of any page to return here.

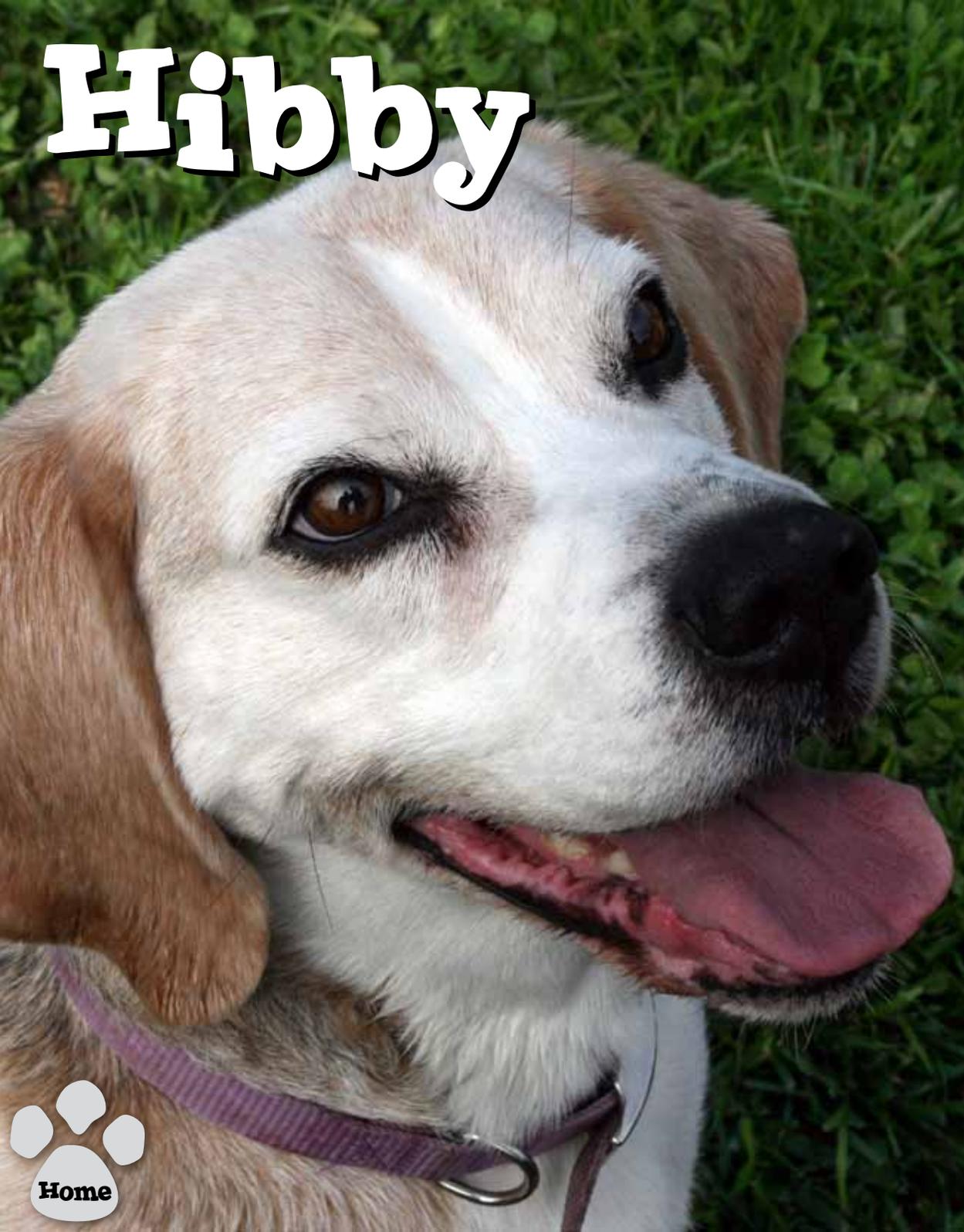
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Hibby



On Saturday 14th of March, after receiving a phone call from Megan of the Beagle Club of Victoria, BRV came into the possession of a very special beagle. Hibberdene ("Hibby") had spent a month in a kennel since he and his family managed to escape the brutal fires that raged through the Marysville/ Buxton region early this year. Hibby's family managed to get him, some paperwork and their two young sons into the car and flee for their lives. His family decided to return to New Zealand and surrender him to BRV to save him from any further stressful travels.

After arriving into foster care, Hibby was in a very distressed and anxious state. He wouldn't let any of us handle him and spent his days wandering around crying and pacing. Watching him go through this stress was quite hard on everyone including the other beagles. To say we were ecstatic when he started trusting us was an understatement.

We put out a call for foster care for Hibby and, although we had many kind offers, no one was able to provide Hibby with what he required - lifelong foster care. So he has become a full time member of BRV headquarters!

This gentleman has brought untold joy into the lives of all members of BRV. He has the sweetest nature and will happily bound to the front door if he sees a lead in your hand! He will walk the other beagles around the house dragging them by their leads in utter joy at the prospect of his daily walk.

Hibby is possibly the easiest beagle we have ever had come through BRV. All he wants to do is sleep, retrieve toys/balls (yes a hound that retrieves!), stay by his humans and go for a walk each day. He has grown up with children, is fantastic with other dogs and although he is arthritic, a little hard on hearing (or is he just being a typical hound and ignoring us!) and has questionable eyesight in one eye he still has plenty of energy for an old man.

Hibby is the most amazing and precious gift we have had the pleasure of receiving and each day we consider ourselves lucky to have him in our lives.



Rosie



After: Rosie sleeping soundly in her new forever home with Jazz.



Before: Rosie looking sad and overweight.

Rosie came into care in December 2008 in a shocking state. She was morbidly obese, weighing in at 29 Kilos. She struggled to walk, play and move properly. Dear Rosie puffed and panted her way through the exceptionally hot summer of 2009. In an effort to help Rosie feel physically better, her foster carer, Hollie, started her on a strict regime of swimming, portion control and daily (monitored) exercise to help shift some of the excess weight.

Then along came a fantastic adoption application from Micky and Naomi. They already had a beagle puppy, Jazz, whom they wanted a friend for. BRV took Rosie out to meet with Micky, Naomi and Jazz and it wasn't long into the adoption when it became clear that they had fallen in love with her! Luckily for Rosie, her new parents were actually fitness instructors who did not turn away from the task in hand - they reveled in their new challenge of continuing with Rosie's strict feeding and exercise regime.

Within four months, Rosie not only looked fantastic but was able to go running twice a week, play non-stop with Jazz and generally enjoy life in a way that she hadn't experienced for quite some time. We couldn't be happier for Rosie that such an amazing family were able to give her everything she needed.

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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House Training

1. Never clean up your dogs mess while your dog is around.

2. If you DO catch your dog 'in the act', make a very loud noise (or clap your hands) to startle your dog and then put him outside immediately. If your dog continues to eliminate outside, praise him. Otherwise wait for about five minutes then, go back inside without your dog to clean up.

3. If you DO NOT catch your dog 'in the act', never tell your dog off. You have only 3 seconds to reward or correct any behaviour. Waiting too long will only result in rewarding or correcting the wrong behaviour - i.e. telling your dog off but she is now coming towards you. You have now told her that you don't want her to come to you and she will have no connection to the previous behaviour that

you were telling her off for.

4. To clean up accidents, you can use a very cheap white vinegar or Eucalyptus oil to mask the smell of such accidents inside. Be aware that some cleaning fluids only add to the smell, especially if they are ammonium based.

5. Any dog, regardless of age, will need to be treated like a very young puppy when it first arrives in your home. Your new dog will need to learn where the backyard is, how to get to it and what your routine is. The Rules of Puppy Training apply and they are:

- Your dog must be taken outside directly after eating, sleeping and playing or if it has been inside the house for more than forty-five minutes.
- Watch out for dog language signs that may signal the need 'to go' such as

hanging around a doorway or circling and/or sniffing around on the floor.

6. When praising your dog while in the act of eliminating outside it is essential to associate the act with a command such as "Hurry up" or "Be quick". After a month of using this command, while your dog is 'in the act' outside, he will learn that this command means it is time 'to go' outside.

7. If you use a command to encourage eliminating on command, you must not use this command while training it to 'do it's business' - this creates confusion about what you actually want. The command should only be used in the first month, say it only once while the dog is eliminating, ie. Good dog 'Hurry Up, Good dog.

8. Consistency is very important in the

learning stages and *generally*, after at least 14 days of continuous 'no accidents', you can consider your dog to be house trained.

9. If you continue to have problems, you will need to make sure that you AND your family are being 100% consistent. Perhaps make the area that your dog has to roam inside smaller so it is easier to keep an eye on her. Also make the backyard a fun place to be to encourage her to go into it unsupervised.

If you are interested in learning more please email our trainer, Hollie Edwards of Golden Acres Dog Solutions: training@golden-acres.com.au Hollie can also be contacted for consultations on 0415 670 688

www.golden-acres.com.au



Christmas Feeding

With the Christmas Season upon us, here are a few friendly reminders to help us – and our hounds - all get through Christmas Day relatively unscathed!

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 beautiful breed will stop at nothing to help with the carving 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. And make sure you tell family members and friends to stop feeding them under the table!

Watch out that they haven't helped you clean up by ingesting Christmas ribbon and packaging. 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 for an exhausted beagle on Christmas day is to walk them early Christmas morning. Then give them a nice raw meaty bone for their meal and they will happily stay outside chewing and having fun. Don't forget that if you give them lots of treats during the day, make sure you give them smaller meal portions - the last thing they need during a hot Aussie Summer is to be carrying excess weight.

And always make sure fresh, clean water is available.



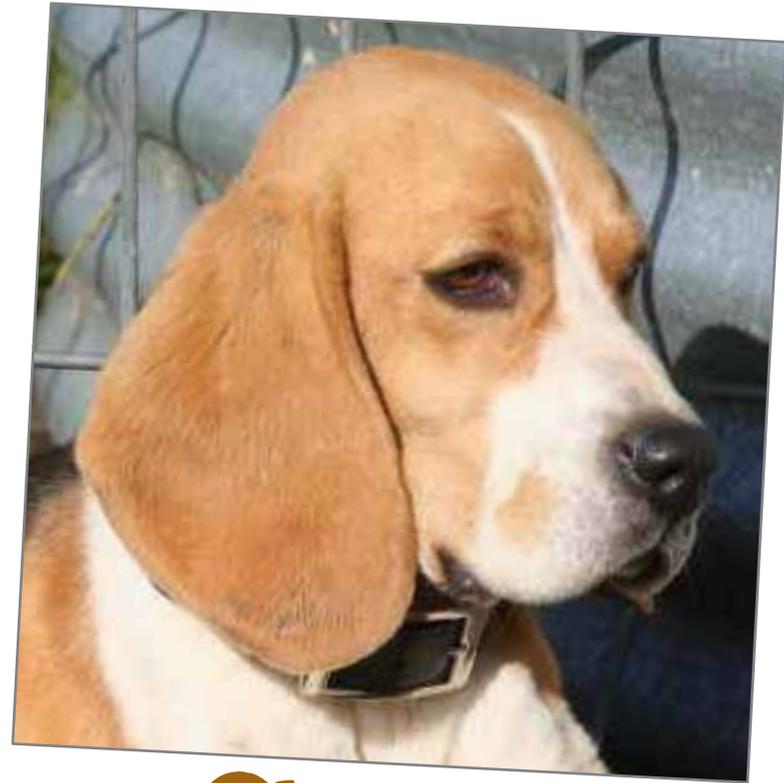


Cassie

Thanks to the assistance of a wonderful Victorian animal shelter and helpers from numerous rescue groups, Cassie and Carla arrived into care with BRV in June this year. Both the girls had come from a Victorian puppy farm and were being "disposed" of (along with several other breeds). The girls were in a shocking way when they were delivered into Hollie's care. They were both covered in wounds and were exceptionally skinny.

Cassie had been used as breeding stock and was in poor physical and mental condition. Carla was so skinny that she was nothing more than skeletal.

Neither of the girls was able to cope with open spaces. They had never been in a home environment and stayed as close to each other as possible. After the girls' vet work was completed the long task of teaching the girls that humans, and their new world, was a safe place began.



Carla

Thanks to Pet Rescue and the Pedigree Adoption Drive both the girls were lucky enough to appear in the Herald Sun. Hundreds of families applied to adopt both girls. BRV could not be happier with the girls' new forever homes. Cassie has been renamed "Holly" and now lives in the top end of Victoria; and Carla now lives in the Yarra Valley region with an amazing beagle family who has since adopted another lucky beagle (Oscar)

from us. To watch these beautiful animals come in broken and wounded and then have the joy of being able to watch them as they come along in leaps and bounds and learn to trust, not only their new environment, but all their humans, is amazing.

MDBA Awards 2008

BRV volunteers and friends had yet another amazing year at the 2008 MDBA Awards which were held in Canberra in March this year.

The following deserving BRV recipients were lucky enough to win the award categories in which they were nominated:

Best Trainer of the Year - **Hollie Edwards**

Foster Carer of the Year - **Erin & Andrew Ison**

Vet Nurse of the Year - **Ricci (our vet nurse)**

Best Holiday Destination of the Year -

Best Friends Holiday Retreat

Responsible Pet Owner of the Year -

Scott & Sarah (who adopted Gracie)

Master Responsible Pet Owner of the Year - **Kath Malone**



Kath, Scott and Sarah.



Scott and Sarah accept their award.



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Westpac

From 19 October – 23 October 2009, BRV was fortunate to have the opportunity of presenting a display at a Westpac branch right in the heart of Melbourne (447 Bourke Street). This opportunity was not so much about receiving large donations (although that would have been appreciated), it was more about raising awareness of beagles in need and letting people know that BRV exists.

With the expert help of our designers, Fuzzy Monkey (parents of Nuki and PJ),

who donated their time and resources, we were able to put together a fantastic display that showcased BRV and what we are about.

The feedback received was extremely positive; donations of goods (and a few monetary donations) were also received. Because of the display, we are hoping the community remembers that we are here. If it saves one more beagle from ending up in a pound or shelter then the display did its job!



City of Stonnington Pet Day

On 4 April, BRV was invited to attend the City of Stonnington's annual "Pets in the Park" pet day in Malvern. This is a day where pet related businesses show case their wares. With a carnival atmosphere, there were lots of activities for families with pets and an array of interesting, marquees to check out including pet groomers, pet holiday resorts and other pet paraphernalia.

BRV shared a marquee with another rescue group and beagles, Brian and Duke were on hand as "hound exhibits". Both beagles made an impression on all those who stopped by our tent. Again, this was another opportunity for BRV to get its name out there and for families with beagles who haven't yet heard of us, to know that we are here to help



This photo of Brian was taken by the City of Stonnington's professional photographer, Arlene Sachon. www.arlenesachon.com is available for events and functions.

Beagle Day



October saw families drive from all over Victoria to be at our annual Fun Day at Kepala Park.

This year was the first year we had a BBQ organized and a table full of beagle goodies to purchase. Thanks to the efforts of Will and Di, who bravely entered the beagle arena to sell sausages, Susie, behind the stall, and Donna and her raffle, BRV managed to raise just over \$1,000 (which has gone a long way to paying off our vet bill!) and Kath, who yet again organised a fantastic beagle family fun day for all.

It was fantastic to see so many of our beagles that have been adopted out over the years with their new families (and old families!) looking happy and healthy. Kepala is a wonderful opportunity, not only for our beagles to get out, socialise and run, but for beagle families to sit and exchange beagle stories. Hopefully, new beagle friendships – and human friendships – were made at Kepala and can continue to be made each year.



Detection Club

Our wonderful trainer, Hollie, has managed to train another two unruly hounds for detection work. Beautiful Millie is now happily working in Perth, Western Australia. Sitting bored in a backyard was not the right environment for our little Pocket Rocket! Because she now has a job to do, she is thriving!

Ziggy is now "operational" and was responsible for recently detecting the odour which shut down Port Melbourne's Princess Pier! Again, Hollie has done a truly amazing job with some of these bigger, special hounds who need to be kept mentally and physically busy. It is truly a blessing that we are able to offer the hounds that the average family would find too difficult to deal with, the option of detection work.

Read the article here:

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au>



MDBA PACERS is an Australia wide professional charitable organisation committed to preventing animal cruelty to domestic animals (mainly dogs, cats and horses) when they are in emergency situations as a result of their owner's hardship. Many animals which come to MDBA Pacers are homeless and looking for a new family to live with. Our shelters and foster carers act as rescue, recovery and adoption centres as well as holding facilities for animals that are lost or temporarily homeless. Whilst a large proportion of these animals are cats and dogs we also offer refuge and primary temporary care to horses and livestock in need.

Our principal activity is in saving those animals which are already in dire circumstances. However, some of our programs help owners prepare for possible hardship or disaster and we have established a support, buddy system, network to ensure pets have a safety net to aid in preventing them from suffering if their owners are not able to care for them because of hardship or disaster.

How Can You Help?

You can help the MDBA Pacers by doing any of the following actions:

- Becoming a personal donor
- Making a bequest
- Making an in-memoriam donation
- Joining and registering as a volunteer.
- Organising a special fund raiser for MDBA Pacers.

For more information, please visit the MDBA Pacers website - www.mdbapacers.org.au

BRV in the Media

This year, BRV had the fantastic opportunity of being a major participant in the Pet Rescue/Pedigree Adoption Drive. The campaign included some of our beagles appearing with Lehmo on Channel 10's Before the Game, a photo shoot with Molly Meldrum and each Sunday a beagle being listed in the Herald Sun. This exposure led to some of our very special cases finding their forever homes.



Watch the videos here:

<http://www.beaglerescuevic.org/media.htm>

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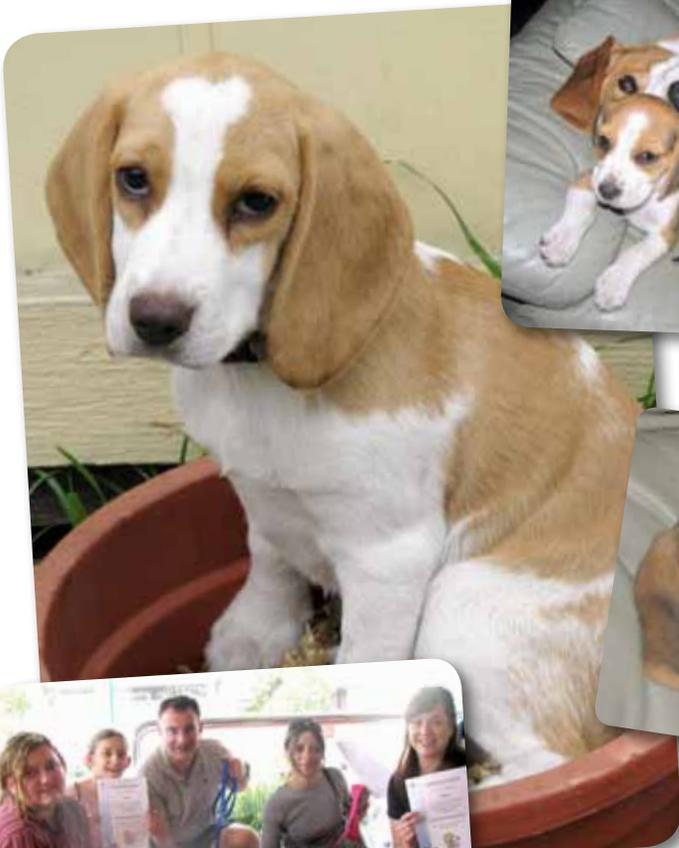
On 22 December 2008, a very special arrival to BRV was made. Litter mates, Eggnog, Lola (now Elizabeth) and Eli (now Buddy) were our last addition to a wonderful year of foster beagles.

Eggnog, Lola and Eli were tiny little babies who needed around the clock care. Charlie, as Puppy-Leader with his faithful beagle-helpers of Icke Pickle and Hamish, helped us raise three wonderfully behaved, very clever little beagle puppies!

A big thanks goes out to Tamara from Underdog Training with whom the puppies attended puppy school, and Hollie from Golden Acres Training who helped us put the puppies through an

amazing socialisation program. Both of these dog trainers were instrumental in helping BRV raise these amazing little beagle puppies!

We had an astounding response to adopt these three little angels. Each family was carefully selected from 100's of applications. Eggnog, Lola and Eli have now grown into wonderful young beagles and it was an absolute pleasure to have the opportunity to hand raise these little cherubs.



Christmas Puppies 2009

In the last few weeks, BRV has had another two little darlings enter our foster care program. Again, our Puppy-Leader, Charlie, is busy helping us raise these two cuties. Keep an eye out for Bella and Jacob in the New Year.



Jacob



Bella



BIG THANKS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank (in no particular order) some special people who are a huge part in the running of BRV:

To all our foster carers and their ever patient families. Without each one of you what we do would be impossible. Thank you for opening your hearts and homes to the beagles in need. We have just said good-bye to Darcy and Belinda and Luke and Nicole who have all been transferred back to Perth for work. They will be sorely missed!

Of course, the adoptive families. Without you, we would cease to be. Thank you all for taking the time to get in contact with BRV and opening your lives to beagles in need.

To Caulfield South Vet Clinic - Dr Onn Ben David and staff. We can honestly say that we would be lost without you. Your advice, assistance and excellent veterinarian care is

fundamental to our day-to-day running.

To Nikki and Adam from "Fuzzy Monkey". You guys have helped take BRV into another realm altogether. Your level of commitment and passion has been amazing and we are often at a loss for words at all you have done.

To Natalia at Web Whiz. Thank you for your ongoing support of BRV, for setting up the forum and for keeping the website updated to reflect all the changes we had this year. And to Paul for administering the forum.

To the Pet Rescue team. Without you, we would never have reached one third of the families that we have. The media coverage generated through the Pet Rescue/ Pedigree Adoption Drive gave our beagles the exposure they needed to find their amazing new families. You do an amazing job and we wish you continued success.

To Golden Acres Dog Solutions. A huge thank you for giving up your spare time, peace and quiet and opening your lives to the mayhem that is BRV! Your level of care and commitment has been amazing and we look forward to many more years of friendship and laughter.

To Underdog Training. You have become a big part of BRV in the last two years. Thank you for providing such quality workshops and training sessions. We are ever grateful for your service and care.

To all those who have volunteered time and donated goods and money, thank you. Each and every one of your contributions helps keep the wheels of BRV turning, and we are forever grateful.

To Erin and Andrew of Two Small Puppies and Beagle Rescue QLD, Hilary from the Qld Beagle Club, Gwenda; from the NSW Beagle Club and the girls from the Victorian

Beagle Club, it's been a pleasure to work alongside each of you and have open communication for Beagle Rescue across the country. We look forward to a continued relationship in 2010.

To the MDBA. As always, we are proud members and cannot thank you enough for all the hard work that has gone into assisting rescue groups and registered breeders alike.

To all the pounds and shelters around Victoria and NSW who have worked with us over the years. Thank you for your continued support.

To Victorian Dog Rescue, Pug Rescue Victoria, Sharpei Rescue and our interstate friends in Canberra, Albury and Wagga Wagga. Thanks for keeping an eye out for beagles in need in your travels.



Wishing you a very beagle Christmas!

BRV hopes that 2009 has been good to you and that 2010 will be better! Wishing you, your families and your hounds a safe and Merry Christmas and a prosperous and Happy New Year.

