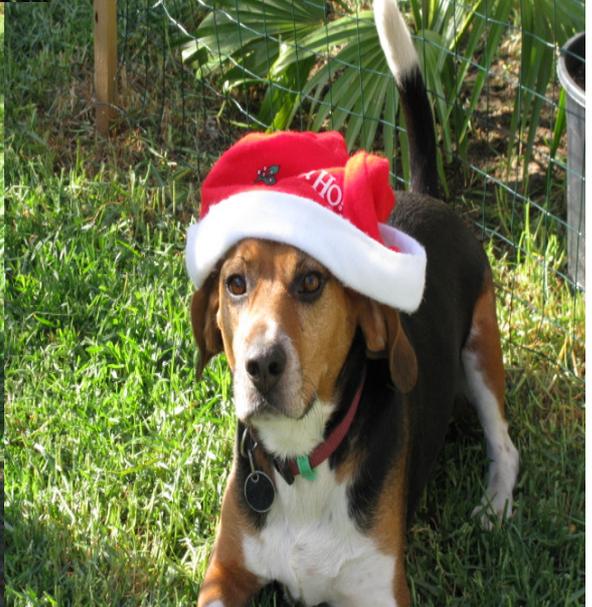




*Beagle Rescue Victoria Christmas Newsletter 2007*

*Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes for a safe and happy New Year*





## Puppies, Puppies, Puppies!

### Introducing Molly the wonder Beagle



With the Arrival of Easter came our first Puppy for the year and what a little cannon ball she was, this little girl is the equivalent of the Energizer Beagle, she only knows one speed and that's super fast! Molly came from Mornington Pound and we couldn't figure out why no one came to collect this little angel. Molly moved into Beagle Headquarters' where she delighted all around her with her funny antics, crazy energy levels and beautiful nature. Molly was adopted out to a wonderful home that already had two older Beagles, sadly our little energizer Beagle was just too much for the older two and they were getting stressed, so with much regret on their behalf Molly came back to Beagle Headquarters (we were delighted to have her back).

Enter one of our all time favourite families who had adopted the amazing "Gypsy" from us the prior year, they had popped around to pick up Zach & Gypsy who were having a sleep over with us for the weekend when to their amazement they met a little red headed flash who buzzed past them at the speed of light; more to the point this little girl had done the impossible and exhausted Gypsy, which is by no means a easy feat! After watching with amazement as the two girls zoomed, wrestled and dragged each other around (finally leaving Zach in peace and quiet!) we all sat down and discussed the logistics of Mark and Andrea becoming a multi Beagle Family! Two weeks later after all arrangements had been made Molly was adopted out and now spends her days helping Andrea empty the bins, occasionally assists with the washing and generally keeping an eye on her new home! On Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December Molly will turn 1 year of age and we all look forward to getting together to celebrate the little angels birthday. Thank you again to Mark and Andrea for opening their homes and hearts to 3 wonderful and amazing Beagles.

### Fred and Ginger (Now Blanche)

We came across the 3 month old Littermates Fred & Ginger while searching for Beagles in need on the internet. Their owner was trying to sell them as a breeding pair (just what we needed more breeding beagles and siblings being bred together makes it even worse). With the help of a silent benefactor "The Puppies Angel" we managed to obtain the puppies and get them home just in time before 2 sets of Back Yard Breeders advanced on them. They were the sweetest, gentle and timid little pups we had seen in a long time, they did everything together and once again we fell in Love! After booking them in to our Vet we had them desexed, Micro-chipped, Vaccinated and started treating them for worms, fleas and heartworm. The joys of puppy training, teething (Fred just loved to teethe on my feet!) and toilet training all returned with a vengeance! Fred watched over his little sister in everything they did, he would make sure she safe at all times before then galloping off to create mischief in some form or another! Ginger was so quiet and sweet compare to her active and bold brother and when the time came to have them ready for adoption we knew we would probably have to split them up (which broke our hearts) to find them their perfect homes and have them settled before they got much older. We screened over 55 prospective families for these 2 little darlings and finally settled on a wonderful family in Werribee with a beagle boy named Basil for Ginger and a wonderful Beagle family in Somerton who already had Charlie the beagle for Fred. From all accounts both Fred and Blanche have settled into their new lives with a passion and both are doing very well and have become much loved family members.





We are now about to enter our 3<sup>rd</sup> official year of Beagle Rescue, many thought we wouldn't make it this far (at times ourselves included!). The Year 2007 brought about some amazing new friends, amazing opportunities that would change the lives of some very special Beagles and most of all a higher than average adoption rate, Beagle Rescue officially became an Incorporated Not for Profit Association and we hope that 2008 will continue to see our resources grow.

We would like to take this chance to Welcome Kath who has become a crucial part of our day to day running, With Kath's help and Assistance we now have our own Bank Account and have started to work towards next years goal of becoming a Registered Charity and will then turn all our efforts into one day owning and operating our own Beagle Rescue Shelter/Centre where we can successfully rehabilitate and rehome Beagles of Good Nature and Temperament. Kath will be staying on with Beagle Rescue as has assumed the position of PR Officer in the hope of gaining sponsorship to further help Beagles. This Year our Membership was accepted to join the MDBA, which we are extremely happy and proud to be associated with. We stand by their Code of Practise and ethics in Animal Rescue, Rehabilitation and rehoming, we look forward to a long and healthy working relationship with likeminded ethical and responsible Rescue Groups and Breeders Australia wide; [www.mdba.net.au](http://www.mdba.net.au)

This year also introduced us to Astrid, Susan and Judy in Foster care who offered their homes and families to Homeless Beagles awaiting adoption, without foster families our Job would be impossible, thank you to each of you. Astrid actually became known as a "Foster Failure!" and has adopted Rubi herself! Rubi has gone from weighing over 20 kilos and on Death row to becoming a wonderful well behaved and loving boy, did I mention he has dropped nearly 7 kilos of excess body weight and can now walk without pausing for breathe, Congratulations Astird you have done an amazing job with him

For the past 2 years we have been lucky enough to have the Services of Hollie Edwards a NDTF (National dog trainer's federation) Trainer and behaviourist who has been consulting for Us behind the scenes. Hollie has been officially consulting for Beagle Rescue this year and any Rescue Beagles and their new families. Hollie and her partner Karen with the Aid of Darcy and Fergus have also had 3 of our lovely girls in for long term foster care and have consulted on 85% of beagles that has come through Beagle Rescue. We would be lost without their help and would love to recommend them to anyone experiencing any issues (Many families have already contacted Hollie), Hollies contact details are as follows: [Golden Acres Dog Solutions 0415 670 688](http://GoldenAcresDogSolutions.com.au)

**We have now had 3 very Lucky Beagles accepted to Detector Dog Programs in Australia and Now Singapore!**

Earlier this year we received a call from the Lost Dogs Home asking us if we would take Rusty, a male Tri Coloured Beagle as he wasn't suitable for the adoption pens and needed to go to someone who knew the breed; well they wernt wrong, he was a complete lunatic in all means of the word! This boy did not understand NO , didn't understand sit, stay, leave, the only thing he understood was nipping and biting at Charlie and Hamish, destroying everything around him and generally uncontrollable, infact I think the only time he was silent and not moving is when he was asleep! We started using the play equipment at our local park to see his fear levels and low and behold the boy has none! We called AQIS (Quarrantine) who had been in touch earlier in the year and had offered to test Beagles to see if they were suitable



for



Rusty was exactly what AQIS were looking for; Rusty was adopted right then and there! We were lucky enough to meet Rusty again and can happily say what an amazing Job AQIS have done with a once unruly, unhappy, overweight and uncontrollable beagle, He is now a stunning, athletic, calm, happy and focused Beagle doing exactly what he was bred to do. We would like to take this opportunity to Thank Anita and Melissa for their patience and for providing us with an opportunity to help the naughtier Beagles of the Beagle World!

Rusty is currently in Sydney completing the final stages of his training to become a fully qualified Detector Dog and we look forward to hearing his progress next year.

### Pippa

Earlier this year we received a phone call requesting help and assistance to rehome a unruly Female Beagle named Pippa, we went to Pippa's home to temperament test her in her environment and it was abundantly clear to both Jen and myself that she was not suitable for rehoming in a Pet Home. She was clearly distressed both physically and mentally, snapped out at opened hands, snarled and showed many negative and fearful behaviours; However Luckily for Pippa a Gentleman by the name of John Elder had contacted me the week before and explained he that he and his family ran Elder Pest Control and had devised a training program where Beagles would sniff out termites and work on the same positive reward system that all Beagles work on "Food" Luckily again for Pippa; she was exactly what John was looking for in a beagle. She has gone from being a highly distressed, overweight and unhappy girl as pictured below to the now settled, beaming, international superstar who even has her own Resume and webpage on line! Pippa is now living in Singapore where she spends her life eating, being photographed and just like Rusty spending her time happily doing what she was bred to do. John, Nola and their Son Chris (CEO of Elder) have been an amazing support for us here at Beagle Rescue and we know that each Lucky Beagle that we send their way will receive the highest level of care and training. Elder Pest Control have not only pledged to make monthly donations to Beagle Rescue Victoria but have just taken another wonderful Girl (Genieve) under their wings to train. We thank them for their support and look forward to 2008 as im sure there will be a few more "special Regal Beagles" to send their way.

Websites to visit to see Pippa!

<http://www.reuters.com/article/lifestyleMolt/idUSSPhttp://www.channelnewsasia.com/stories/singaporelocalnews/view/312823/1/html>

<http://www.todayonline.com/articles/223224.asp>

<http://www.origin.com.sg/solutions/services/termites/detectiondogs/pippa/>

<http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/145430.html>





# Termites' worst enemy

## Meet Pippa, first dog in S'pore trained to sniff out the pests

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PIPPA sniffs at her work, but that doesn't bug her employers one bit. In fact, it's all in a day's work for the two-year-old Australian-born beagle — as South-east Asia's first Termite Detection Specialist.

The furry foreign talent is a new addition to local pest control company Origin Exterminators and her job is to nose around homes and smell out termites.

"She fits our corporate image," said Ms Mandy Mah, Origin's sales and marketing executive, referring to the company's policy of using eco-friendly and creative solutions for pest control.

Of course, it helps that Pippa is faster and twice as accurate in detecting termites, as compared to conventional means.

She takes just half an hour to check a 5-room housing board flat, compared to three to four hours using other means. When she detects termites, she'll indicate it by sitting and looking around



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expectantly for treats.

Said Pippa's trainer John Elder: "The accuracy level of dogs is far greater than that of humans or instruments (such as thermal imagers or microwave emitting devices) — with a 98-per-cent success rate, compared to just 45 per cent."

Mr Elder, who runs his own pest management firm in Yamba, New South Wales, also developed a training system for dogs to identify termites and bedbugs. His school is the only one in Australia to breed and train termite specialists like Pippa.

So far, he has got eight fully-trained dogs and about 11 in training. Mr Elder said it takes an average of six months to train a dog for fieldwork and each canine is valued at more than A\$20,000 (\$25,700).

But he doesn't "sell" his dogs to just anyone, he stressed, only to companies with a proven track record. Indeed, it took three months of negotiation before he agreed to let Pippa work in Singapore.

And since her arrival on Saturday, Pippa has been busy acclimatising and meeting her (human) workmates — having already bonded with her new "personal assistant" and handler Caleb Loh Zhi Wei. The 23-year-old was a narcotics detection dog handler during his stint in National Service.

Said Caleb: "She is very obedient and has a good search drive. I am confident we have the ideal chemistry to become a good team."

According to Origin, Pippa will be used in all termite inspections, with priority given to existing clients. It will cost \$200 to \$380 per inspection, depending on the type of house.

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"It'll be Pippa's own way of giving back to her kind," said Ms Mah.

TREVOR TAN

# Rainbow Bridge

This Section is dedicated to two wonderful Senior Beagles that we had the pleasure of meeting and sorrow of losing this year, each of these wonderful girls made an impact on our lives.

## Hurricane Daisy!

Daisy was found wandering the streets of Wodonga as a stray; she was captured and impounded in Wodonga pound. Another rescue group had posted a note on a forum saying she was impounded and would be put to sleep if not released to rescue, we were more than happy to help and with the assistance of 2 local ladies and 2 wonderful friends who offered transport we finally got Daisy to Melbourne. On arrival she was painfully thin, had foot rot and her skin was inflamed, infected and swollen; as were her nipples.

After tracing Daisy back to her original owner I was informed that I could dispose of her anyway we wanted as they never wanted to see "It Again" and didn't give a damn, I explained to them that we needed to change her details on her microchip to Beagle Rescue and was told they didn't care and to do what we wanted. Poor Daisy had clearly never had a loving environment and based on her physical and mental health had never had loving relationships with many Humans

Both of our boys knew straight away that she was not well and kept a watchful eye on her and left her to slowly heal, Daisy would jump the kiddie gate each day we went to work and settle to sleep on her favourite couch in our lounge room, she spent 10 days slowly healing and getting better and each day we would come home amazed that a beagle was in our home without an ounce of destruction! Day 11 came and Jen opened the door and found Daisy was fully recovered and must have been somewhat bored and had broken into our cupboards, bin and covered the house in a path of destruction that can only be likened to Hurricane Daisy! For 3 days Daisy continued to destroy anything and everything in her path, even now each time we look @ our carpet we are reminded of Daisy as the Sardine Oil stains still persist even after professional cleaning!

Daisy was adopted out to a wonderful couple who had been patiently waiting for her to get better and be available for adoption. They travelled from the Victorian border to meet Daisy, fell in love with her and took her home to their other Beagle Katie, for the first time in a long time Daisy had a wonderful, warm and caring home and was spoilt rotten; sadly Daisy decided 6 weeks later to let herself out of their property and was killed instantly when struck by a car out the front of her new home, her owners Ken & Norma were and still are distraught, she is now buried on their property with her favourite blanket. She was a delightful older girl, who constantly had us amused and it was a pleasure to have her in our home.



## Lily Pily aka the Pilster

The very first moment we met Lily it was love at first sight; what an amazing regal beagle. Lily came into care as her owner's lives and jobs had changed so much that they felt they weren't able to give her the time she needed and they didn't want her being on her own, they wanted her to have some beagle friends to grow older with and the use of a garden, her owners were heartbroken when Lily walked away with us that evening. It was decided due to Lily's health and age that instead of staying on the adoption page she would become an official long term foster beagle. Lily went straight into foster care with the wonderful Kath and her beagles armed with her bedding, a bag full of meds (the older we are the more meds we need!), food and toys. After a few weeks settling in at Kath's and playing in the garden with young Brian it became abundantly clear that Lily's health was declining at a far more rapid rate than we first thought.

Lily had become ill and Kath had taken her to the emergency after-hours vet where Lily had been given more medications and it was decided I would go and get Lily the following day and take her to our own Vet Surgery who looks after most of our Rescue Beagles. I took Lily to our wonderful vet where they diagnosed a massive ear infection that had lay dormant for a long period of time; her eye that was bulging out was caused by blocked Tear ducts and she had liver failure, heart murmur and her kidneys were not working as they should be. It was decided then and there that in the best interests of Lily that we would take her home, love her, feed her all her favourite foods, let her play with the boys and then in 10-14 days we were to return to let her go peacefully. Lily's original owners had her checked before she came into care and she had never gone without medical treatment, they had always done the right thing by her and making the phone call to inform them of Lils decline broke our hearts.

Lily moved into Beagle Headquarters that evening and straight away it was as though she had lived with us all her life! The boys (Charlie & Hamish) adored her straight away, Charlie would help guide her so she didn't bump into any furniture, Hamish would lay by her side and groom her sore and infected ears and eye (and for all of you who know Hamish that's a pretty amazing feat in its self!) and she had more beds and blankets than a Princess; day beds, afternoon beds, her crate, outside beds, raised beds, lowered beds, you name it she had it! Kath her original foster carer would pop over every 2 days armed with pig's ears, biscuits, more bedding and toys! When Kath wasn't visiting she was on the phone daily for her Lily updates and stories! Her owners came to see Lily and that in its self was heartbreaking for them, to see the rapid decline in her health was upsetting for everyone. We decided between the 4 of us that moving Lil again would be too hard on her and due to the amount of medications lil needed on a daily basis that Lil would remain with us.

By this stage Lil had a huge fan club! Each day we received phone calls, emails and visits from people who had met this amazing girl and each day we would fall further in love with this wonderful regal beagle. Administering her medications became a daily delight for her; as each tablet, drop, cream or pain relief she was given was followed up with treats! Roast Chicken, Smoked Salmon, Pigs ears, you name it she ate it and ate it with Joy! She adored Charlie and Hamish, trotted lovingly after Jen and would lay in my arms for cuddles. Lily had the most amazing air and grace of any Beagle I have ever met and if she were human she would be royalty! She made us giggle, she made us laugh and some days she even made us cry.

Each day as her meds were wearing off we could clearly see she was in pain, she would cry and whimper until the next does had set in; we couldn't leave her to live like that so we called our vet and booked her in to go sleep peacefully; Lily went to sleep on the lunar eclipse we had back on August 28th, she gently slipped away in Jen & Kath's arms with our Favourite Vet Dr Onn, Vet Nurse Elena and myself standing beside her, Dear Lily Pily made a huge impact on all our lives in such a short time, it was a pleasure to have had her in our lives and our thoughts are with her family as they are about to have their first Christmas in 10 years without her.





## **Tips and Toys**

### **Harness:**

This Year we were also introduced to what I now like to think of as “Heaven”! Hollie from Golden Acres Dog Training had told me about this wonderful new harness that would be guaranteed to help stop Beagles pulling! I laughed, Hollie had one of these harnesses on order from America and a few weeks later when one arrived she lent it to us to see how it worked on Charlie (who has successfully stretched my arms over the years with pulling!), It was easy to put on and the most amazing thing about it is that it actually works, not occasionally works but really does work! Charlie has not once even tried to drag me through the streets on a walk anymore, and for added security they can still wear a correction collar which can attach safely to the front of the harness. I've added the link here and im more than happy for anyone wanting to bring their Beagle around to try it first. We ordered 4 harness (enough to cover the boys and any new fosters that need help walking!) and they arrived from the states in approx 6 working days and we haven't looked back since

<http://www.softouchconcepts.com/> The Sense-ation & the Sen-sible Harness can be ordered online from the above link

### **Scent Pouch, Home Alone and Tucker Ball:**

I've probably driven everyone mad with these all year but I believe they are well and truly worth telling you all about again!

[www.aussiedogs.com.au](http://www.aussiedogs.com.au), these guys are amazing, they design the toys for Animals in the Sanctuaries and Zoos and have the most fantastic range for Dogs. . The Tucker ball is Beagle Proof (well if my Charlie hasn't destroyed it then its 100% beagle proof!), the Home Alone Toy is fantastic and we would be at a loss without our Scent Pouch! All three items are a fantastic way to get your beagle not only use their brains and body but most importantly using their nose and work for their meals, after all the best behaved Beagle is usually a well stimulated and tired Beagle! Watching a Beagle scent out their dinner is fantastic, your entire house/yard can be used to hide the bag in and we generally use foods such as Raw Chicken Necks or Raw Chicken Wings (which are great for their teeth and the beagles adore them) for them to find, you can find the Scent Pouches under the SAS Range on the Aussie Dogs Webpage.

### **Clamshell Pools:**

Clamshells are a fantastic way to redirect a Beagles digging (and possibly escaping) in a positive way, clamshells can be purchased at any Kmart, Target, Big W and many Kids Toy Stores. We recommend purchasing Washed Sand at your local hardware store, fill the clamshell up 3/4 to the top, place your beagles favourite toys in there along with a few treats and encourage and praise them for digging in their new sandpit rather than your lawn!

## **Beagle 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.



Pictured on the Left: Molly's First Birthday Party and Get Together.



No Newsletter would be complete without Acknowledging everybody who has made it possible for Beagle Rescue Victoria Inc to Exist, firstly we would like to thank our Foster Families, for without each one of you our Job would be impossible. Thank you for Opening your homes and Hearts to death row and surrendered Beagles and caring for them while we wait for their forever homes, A Huge Thank you Goes out to Hollie & Karen, Kath, Astrid, Judy, Sue and Families.

To those who have Adopted a Beagle from Beagle Rescue: As above, for without each family adopting a Beagle we shudder to think how high the euthanasia rate in Victoria would be again. Thank you for opening your hearts and families to all kinds of Beagles from ex Hunting Stock Abused and starved, unwanted and dumped, Pure Bred, Half Breeds and Beagles of all kinds of Mix and Heritage; without each and every one of you None of this would be possible, Thank you

To those who have donated their time to helping us Transport Abused and Pound Beagles around Victoria: Thank You, In particular Vanessa and Daniel who helped bring 2 wonderful Girls on long car journeys.

To Those who have Donated Goods: Kath, Denise (all the way from QLD), Melbourne Dog Rescue, Tim & Leanne without whom puppy training would have been a nightmare without, their generous gift keep 23 Beagles feed, warm, with collars and leads and most importantly paper towelling to help clean up after puppies! Many members from the Dogz Online Community and family. We can never have enough bedding, bowls, collars, leads Flea, Heartworm and Worming Medications, Thank you all.

To those who have Donated Financially: The silent Angel for the puppies (Thank you) Anne, Heidi, Michael, Pats Pets, Beagle Club of Victoria, Elder Pest Control, Amelia and Damien, Denise, Georgia and Julie, your Donations have helped cover Desexing, Pound Release Fees, (some Pound release fees are over \$200 per death row beagle), Boarding Kennels when we have an overflow of needy beagles in, Emergency Vet Bills, Epitotic, Antibiotics and Allergy Medications (beagles and their allergies!), Microchipped, Vaccinating, Food, Toys, Crates and day to day items such as extra Parasite control, leads, collars etc

Lauren: Thank you very much for creating our very own tailored Spread Sheets, they are invaluable and I would be lost without them, your time and patience is greatly appreciated.

Natalia from Web wiz: Thank you for your time and effort in Hosting and amending our Wonderful Website when needed

Hollie and Karen: Without your daily support im sure a few of us would be rocking in the corner! Thank you so for your continued support and amazing attitude, the Beagles are lucky to have your experience and kind nature available to them.

To the Amazing Team at Pet Rescue: Words can hardly describe how grateful we are for the exposure your website offers us, you 3 do an amazing job helping rehome thousands of homeless animals each year, without you we would never have found the majority of our adoptive and foster families, Thank you

To All the shelters and Pounds whop have released Beagles and Beagle x's to us over the last few years, Thank you

To the Most Amazing Veterinary Clinic in the Entire State: Caulfield South Vet Clinic, without the Help, Assistance, Patience and Caring Attitude of Dr Onn Ben– David, Dr Lisa, and Dr Jess Kelly we would be Lost. The Amazing Vet Nurses Elena, Ricci, Emily, Sarah, Chris who have always greeted us with huge smiles, words of encouragement and advice wherever possible we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We can only wish that all Rescue Groups in this country were able to receive the high level of care and support that we do, you make our Job easier and your support and advice is invaluable. We would also like to take this chance to Wish Elena Guthrie good luck in her travels and we hope all her dreams come true, thank you for the last 4 years, as we told you whoever takes over from you has big shoes to fill.

To our silent angel Ms M. Ole and Emma from Melbourne Dog Rescue: How do I even begin to describe either of you! . Thank you for your advice, your shoulders and being there to listen to the daily trials and tribulations of Beagle Rescue., thank you both very much

A Huge Thank you to our Beagles who in the last few years have helped settle in nearly 200 unloved, unwanted and homeless Beagles, you have shared your homes well (most of the time!), had puppies hanging of your ears, watched distress beagles cower with fear and gently nudged them along to play zoomies with you! You have helped the old, the sick and the injured and its because of our love of each of you that Beagle Rescue Victoria exists: Tim, Cassie, Basil, Charlie and Hamish

Seasons Greetings to all and a Happy and Safe New Year

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Tam, Jen, Heidi and Kath