

**April 2007** 

# The Beagle Bulletin

Newsletter

... all the latest happenings at Beagles & Buddies

#### California or Bust!



Jackson Shows Off His Classic Beagle Face

Jackson, a lovely 3-year-old beagle, was found stumbling on the roadside in Jackson, Mississippi by Anita Ackerman, a wonderful trucker who has saved many animals during her years on the road. He had a badly broken leg and was dehydrated. His rescuer approached him saying, "Don't be afraid—this is my Star Ship and it'll take you to safety if you can just take two steps toward me." Dirty and covered with ticks,

Jackson managed those two steps and then stumbled—but before he hit the ground, Anita scooped him up and he was in the Star Ship headed for California.



Jackson with His Protector Teeny (Teeny is available for adoption and would love a big dog friend.)

Jackson is recovering nicely and just loves the TLC he's getting in California, but his medical bills total \$4,300 and we are in need of donations to cover his expenses. B&B supporters have donated \$1,150 for Jackson so far—a big thanks to all who have already helped! If Jackson's story touches your heart the way it touched ours, you can donate to help pay for his medical expenses. Please go to <a href="www.beaglesandbuddies.org">www.beaglesandbuddies.org</a> or mail your check in the envelope provided. Please note that you want your donation to go towards "Jackson's Recovery."



# The Year of the Dog: B&B on T.V.

Beagles & Buddies has appeared on KDOC's "The Pet Place" T.V. show four times so far this year. This has given us the chance to debut many of our dogs in front of a large television

audience, and half of the new canine celebrities have found their forever homes. Some of our younger volunteers have pitched in on the Pet Place set, helping dogs such as Mistletoe find new families. Many thanks to our volunteers and to all the folks at Pet Place for this excellent opportunity!



**B&B Volunteer Chloe with Mistletoe** 



# Fiddle & Faddle: Two Special Needs Brothers Rescued

Fiddle and Faddle were rescued from the Orange County shelter after their people brought them in. They both have severe elbow deformities which cause them real mobility issues. The orthopedic vet can help the elbow joints' misalignment substantially with surgery, greatly improving the doggies' ability to get around and enjoy life. And at 2 years old, they have a lot of life yet to enjoy! The

brothers have been adopted, but B&B has committed to funding the surgery for both pooches, which will cost \$6,000 total. A generous donor offered a \$3,000 gift (their tax refund!) toward the surgeries, and other supporters have donated \$440 to help cover the remaining \$3,000. A heartfelt thanks to all who will make it possible for Fiddle and Faddle to lead healthy, happy lives. You can donate to help pay for their surgeries at <a href="www.beaglesandbuddies.org">www.beaglesandbuddies.org</a> or by check. Please designate your donation "Fiddle/Faddle Surgery Fund."

# **More Happy Adoptions**

#### Hello B&B friends:

We just wish we could afford to help with more \$\$. As we are able, we will. In the meantime, it is we who thank all of YOU for taking such great care of these beautiful future 'kids' for their upcoming forever parents. As for Tyson, again we have to thank you. I cannot even begin to tell you how much he means to us. He is one amazing beagle and has brought so much joy into our lives. I have personally been battling cancer and Tyson has been a Godsend for me. Thankfully, I got word yesterday that a recent scan shows NO cancer in my body. Thank God. My point in telling you all of this is that when you get a serious illness, it is very difficult. Family and friends do everything they can for you, but they aren't going through it



Tyson on a Favorite Perch

and can't understand and the last thing you want to do is burden and worry them. Tyson—even though he is unable to speak or truly understand—he has been there for me. He has brought so much comfort—it is just not possible for me to convey to you how much. There have been a few blessings that I would not have experienced had I not gotten sick, and Tyson is one of them. I am just so thankful. So thank you so much!!! Now that it appears I may have beaten this cancer, I am looking forward to a long, healthy life with my family, friends and TYSON!!!!

Thank you all and keep up the GREAT work!!!

Don

#### Hi,

Linda Lou is awesome! She slipped right in amongst the other dogs. She's so mellow--works better for us. She has been exploring the 4 acres and is doing great. She slept in our room last night. I made her a bed behind our bed so she can get away from the kids if she wants to. She has spent most of her time with the family. Fiddle has finally adjusted to the larger dogs too. He instigated play with them a couple of days ago and even shared a bed with the one dog that he had the most trouble with upon his arrival. (Of course, his preferred spot is my recliner—he's no dummy). We just wanted to let you know that the dogs are just wonderful. They have become family members and we're doing our best to spoil them. Thanks for everything you've done for them. I am so impressed with your rescue and with the kind and caring response I've had from everyone there that helped me.

Fondly, Allison



Fiddle Enjoying His New Home



Linda Lou and Her New Best Buddy

#### \*\*\*\*Don't Be Left Out!\*\*\*\*

In January, Beagles & Buddies began a monthly E-News to keep you more up-to-date on all the doggie happenings. To receive our E-News, just send an email to beagles@beaglesandbuddies.org with "Subscribe" in the subject line.

# **B&B Honored with Annenberg Foundation Grant**

As Managing Director of the Annenberg Foundation in Los Angeles, Leonard Aube had a special chance to make a big difference for a favorite charity. The Aube family had previously visited Beagles & Buddies and adopted Snickers. So when the Aubes asked their children which group they should help, the immediate response was "Beagles and Buddies!" Everyone at B&B is so very grateful to the entire Aube family and to the Annenberg Foundation for this wonderful gift. Because of their generosity, we have been able to complete the major renovation of our Questover facility, now home to 45-50 rescued dogs as they await their permanent loving families. Many thanks to the Annenberg Foundation and to Snickers and his family.



# And an Encore with Disney . . .

In 2006 Beagles & Buddies received a grant from the Disney Cast Community Fund for \$7,000 for much-needed drainage work at our Red Cloud Ranch facility. B&B was nominated for the grant by Jack Levic, a Disney employee and longtime supporter of the B&B doggies. Fast forward to 2007 and the Disney folks have again given B&B a \$5,000 grant to put the finishing touches on Questover, including safety repairs and an isolation room. Part of the funds come from Disney employees such as Vicki Cartolano and Jack Levic, who designate their matching funds to their favorite charities, and the rest comes from general Foundation funds. Many, many thanks to the Disney employees for their generous support!

# **Questover Renovation Nearly Complete**





Last June, Beagles & Buddies received the generous bequest of Questover from the late Betsy Jones Moreland. The entire 1/3 acre shelter, home, other dwellings, and kennels allowed Betsy to save the lives of many dogs, cats, the occasional duck, chicken and even peacock over 35 years.

It has been a year since Betsy's passing, and B&B has completely renovated the facilities inside and out, mostly with donated materials. There is now a Beagle Village that houses 20-25 pooches. Around 25 of the Questover dogs remain with us still looking for their forever homes, and they're all on B&B's website now. Each has had a vet check, teeth cleaning, and enjoys regular grooming and exercise thanks to our Every Dog, Every Day program. In addition to the usual great spayed/neutered, fully vaccinated, wormed, socialized dog complete with new leash, collar, ID tag, bandana and all medical records, each adoption now includes microchip and 30 days complimentary pet insurance.

**At Questover we basically have a new kennel now—a very happy sanctuary.** Valarie Rahbany is our resident Questover caretaker along with serving as B&B's Volunteer & Program Coordinator. Many, many thanks to the Disney Cast Community Fund, the Annenberg Foundation, and the Aube family for the grants that helped finance the Questover renovation.

### **B&B Supporters Speak at City Hearing**

The city hearing to renew B&B's kennel license took place on March 28<sup>th</sup> and featured a heartwarming turnout for the dogs. Many B&B supporters took the day off work and drove from far away to show their love for our canine buddies. We are so grateful for all the support and wish to offer a special thanks to those folks who sacrificed a day's pay to stand by the B&B dogs. The hearing went well as we had a lot of support in person and in writing. We are continuing to do our best to reduce noise in a variety of ways and be good neighbors. We should have some word on the hearing officer's recommendation to the city within the next month. Meanwhile, **if you would be interested in volunteering to help with noise abatement projects, please email** <u>beagles@beaglesandbuddies.org</u>. Everyone at B&B appreciates your continued support as we all remain committed to saving these dogs who so deserve a second chance.

#### **Support The California Healthy Pets Act (A.B. 1634)**

Animal advocates are attempting to pass groundbreaking legislation in California to ensure that the majority of dogs and cats are spayed and neutered, thus dramatically reducing the number of dogs and cats killed in shelters each year. The California Healthy Pets Act (AB 1634) will be heard in the Appropriations Committee soon. A strong show of support is needed to counteract mounting opposition from breeders. Visit <a href="www.cahealthypets.com">www.cahealthypets.com</a> to learn more.

Please visit, call and/or fax your Assembly Member in his/her District office to express your support of AB 1634 as soon as possible. To find your Assembly Member, go to <a href="http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html">http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html</a>. Please avoid emailing your comments to legislators as emails are often not counted due to the overwhelming number of emails and the prevalence of form emails. This is a very important piece of legislation for California's dogs and cats, so please lend the effort your full support.

#### **Wanted: V.I.P.** (Very Important Printer)

As we enhance our publications such as newsletters and brochures, Beagles & Buddies is in need of a printing business that can donate some color printing. We would be most grateful if you or anyone you know might be able to help.

Please email <a href="mailto:beagles@beaglesandbuddies.org">beagles@beaglesandbuddies.org</a> if you can donate this valuable service.



# **Help B&B by Shopping**

If you shop at Ralphs or Food 4 Less, your purchases can help B&B. B&B is registered with the Community Program at Ralphs and Food 4 Less. We will receive a 4% rebate on purchases when our supporters swipe their Ralphs Club Card or Food4Less Community Rewards Card at check-

out. To register your Ralphs Club Card and/or Food4Less Rewards Card, please email us with the requested info below and we'll take care of the rest. Please send the following info to <a href="https://houndrescue@earthlink.net">houndrescue@earthlink.net</a>:

Ralphs Club Card Number or Food4Less Card Number:

First & Last Name:

Address (Street, City, State & Zip Code):

Phone & Email:

Note: Even if you have previously signed up for this program, you need to re-register, so please resend your info and we will reactivate your account. Please use the same phone number that you would use at the store if you didn't have your card with you.



#### Fine Art for a Fine Cause

Bill Tosetti is a fine artist and illustrator who also does interesting commissions based on your own photos. You can send him a picture of your best friend Fido and he'll turn it into a fabulous and unique painting. Bill has generously offered to donate 20% of his commission to us for anything you purchase, as long as you let him know we sent you. What a great way to help the dogs! Visit his website at <a href="www.billtosetti.com">www.billtosetti.com</a> and be sure to let him know that you found out about him through Beagles & Buddies.