

# The Beagle Bugler

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## Keep Your Dog Healthy

Don't forget to have your dogs tested for heartworm and get them started with the preventive by the beginning of June or follow your vet's schedule. Heartworm is becoming more common in Colorado and you should take measures to be certain your beagle is safe.

Also, be aware of your beagle's anal glands needing to be expressed by your vet. If your beagle is scooting on its bottom, "leaking" some nasty smells or having a hard time going to the bathroom, this is a sure sign that the anal glands need to be addressed. Your beagle will feel so much better for having this done!

## Tips for Summer Health

Adapted from article on [pethealthnews.net](http://pethealthnews.net)

1. Water, water, and more water – hydration is the key to good health for your pet, so be sure to have extra bowls of fresh water available.

2. Do NOT leave your pet in the car!!! Cars warm up quickly, even in the shade, and even with the windows open – don't take a chance on creating a devastating circumstance.

3. Throw away uneaten food – although you may leave wet cat food out or dog food during the day in winter months, summer months and warm weather lead to increased bacteria growth.

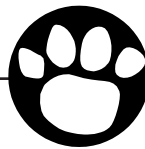
4. Stop and smell the roses – just don't eat them! Many summer bloomers are particularly attractive to the eye, but this is not a good snack choice for your pet. Hibiscus and lilies, for example, are toxic for your pet – so don't take a chance by letting Fifi snack on a flower.

5. Brush your pet daily. The easiest way to check for fleas and ticks is while brushing and grooming your pet. Ticks are particularly hazardous to your pet so keep a close eye to your pet's fur and skin.

6. Keep your pets out of the sun as much as possible. Pets are more prone to skin cancer than you may have thought.

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*Check it out!*

*CBR will be featured in the June/July issue of Mile High Dog. You can pick up a free issue at any pet store or check it out online at [www.milehighdog.com](http://www.milehighdog.com)*



## 2010 Board Members

- President: Dawn Sheff
- Vice President: Jesse Catalano
- Secretary: Dave Sheff
- Treasurer: Carol Larmore

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# Upcoming Events



The CBR Garage Sale will be held on **Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15, 2010** at Carol Larmore's home, 4755 West 102nd Place, Westminster 80031, from 7 am to 3 pm.

We will start setting up at 6:00 am. We need volunteers to set up starting at 6:00 am, to work during the day and to pack up everything at 3:00. Lunch will be provided by CBR.

Baked goods are good items to sell and can be dropped off the day before or the day of the sale. Some items we can take include:

- children's clothing
- toys
- electronics
- books, video tapes or CD's
- household items, etc.

We would appreciate if all donated items can be clean and priced by each donor.

The items should be dropped off at Carol's home during the month of April and up to the week before the garage sale. Please call Carol before coming by with donated items: 303-466-3534.

*This is a big fundraiser  
for the beagles,  
so please be generous!*

## Annual Picnic

The CBR Annual Picnic will be held on **Saturday, June 26, 2010** from 10 am to 3 pm by invitation only. If you have adopted a beagle from CBR or are a volunteer, you will be getting your invitation in the mail during May.

The theme of the picnic this year is "Super Heroes" so get busy with your costumes and doggie tricks.

As always, we do need help with setting up, working the Beagle Rescue Trading Post, helping with the games and clean up. We also need help with donations for the Beagle Rescue Trading Post (any dog related items are always great to have available) + donations for the Beagle Rescue "Ruffle" and items to be given away as prizes for our contests. Gift cards are always a welcome gift, so please check the area where you live and see if you can get some donations for our picnic.

Carol Larmore has a letter that she uses when requesting donations and she will be glad to supply this to you.

Questions? Call Carol at 303-464-9403.



# More Dogs Sickened by Toxic Mushrooms

## Vets Report Dozens Of Dogs Poisoned

Jaclyn Allen, 7NEWS Reporter

*This story was first reported in 2009, but it is important to keep dog safety in mind as the warm weather approaches.*

CONIFER, Colo. -- Veterinarians in the foothills are struggling to keep up with the growing number of dogs who are being poisoned by mushrooms. Because of the history-making moisture Colorado experienced this spring, mushrooms are everywhere in the mountains, and in the last week, Veterinarian Jeff Danielson has seen a drastic increase in mushroom poisonings. Mushrooms, when ingested by dogs, can break down their central nervous systems.

Last year, the hospital saw six cases, Danielson said. In the last five or six days, they've had about three dozen.

"It's a startling change," said Danielson. "They're stumbling, falling over, some have full-blown seizures. It can be pretty scary for owners."

Jeff Clark has three dachshunds whom he considers more than pets. "The dogs are our children," said Clark. So when Herman, the newest of Clark's dachshunds, got sick Saturday after eating mushrooms from the back yard, Clark called the vet and kept a close eye on the dog. "About 10, 11 at night, when we all went to bed, he seemed fine," said Clark. "But when we woke up in the morning, he was dead. It broke our hearts."

His wasn't the only sick dog.

It happened to Paul Graham's Labrador, Jasper. Within hours of showing symptoms, Graham took the dog to the vet for an IV and activated charcoal. "I knew mushrooms were poisonous, but before this episode, I didn't put two and two together and know that dogs can eat them and get pretty sick or die from it," said Graham.

Since Clark's dog died, he has taken on the never-ending task of picking mushrooms and closely watching his other dachshunds.

"If you see them do it, don't be like me. Take them to the vet," he said.

Mushroom experts said most mushrooms are not toxic to dogs, but unless you know mushrooms, it's best to keep your pet away from all of them. The problem is not just in the foothills. A technician at VRCC, an emergency clinic in Englewood, said they have seen six cases in the last month.

The symptoms of mushroom poisoning include acting intoxicated, seizures, running into things, head tilts, staggering, excessive drooling and walking in circles.



## Recent Recalls

Due to concerns of salmonella contamination, Nature's Variety of Lincoln, Neb., has expanded a voluntary recall of its Chicken Formula Raw Frozen Diets for cats and dogs to include additional "Best If Used By" dates. In addition, the company has elected to clear the market of all of its raw frozen chicken products out of caution.

Consumers are advised to return unopened packages of the recalled product for a full refund or replacement. If a package has been opened, the company is advising consumers to safely dispose of the product and bring the receipt (or empty package in a sealed bag) to their local retailer for a full refund or replacement.

Consumers with questions can call 800-374-3142 or visit [www.naturesvariety.com](http://www.naturesvariety.com)



There are also a couple of recalls on chewies that may be a health hazard for dogs. Visit [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com) and search for recalled pet treats. There are 28 listings but only 6 apply to pets - number 1, 2, 3, 8, 11 and 18.

# Foster a Homeless Pet

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*To Foster: Offer your home as a temporary solution for a homeless animal, until he or she finds a forever home, in collaboration with a rescue group or animal shelter.*

## The difference between life and death

Each foster animal is an individual; each fostering experience is unique. The common ground is that a precious animal's life is saved while a devoted human being's life is enriched. With enough time, nearly all animals can find the right home. Having access to a foster home literally means the difference between life and death for far too many animals.

Just about any animal considered a pet or a companion to humans — from guinea pigs to horses — can be found in a shelter or rescue group, in need of a temporary place to stay until they find a forever home. Purebreds are given up right along with mixes. The reasons usually translate to incompatibility with finances, lifestyle or expectations. That doesn't mean these animals aren't suitable for adoption; it means they need better matches.

## If each of us could foster even once

Compassionate people are often moved to foster these abandoned animals to help them heal and bond again. Other motivations to foster can include wanting a fun-filled, adventurous or educational experience for the family. The unique opportunity to foster an already pregnant animal mom and her babies can provide the 'birth' experience that many parents want for their children. Then more pets could be spayed and neutered in one of our low cost clinics, instead of increasing the number of unwanted, euthanized animals in Colorado.

Fostering affords many people the opportunity to discover if they are a match to adopt a particular pet or well suited to have an animal in their lives at all. Rather than basing their choice on physical appearance, expected breed characteristics or brief

visits, an actual relationship with an animal can result in an informed decision and a lasting beneficial bond for all concerned.

## What to expect

Successful foster homes are ones in which the needs of people and current pets are considered. Fully committed and fairly flexible households do well. Clear agreements between the rescue group and the foster home create the most favorable conditions. The ideal foster keeps the animal until adopted, but because this can vary from less than a week to several months, there is always a need for additional foster homes.

Generally, a rescue will require an application with references, followed by an orientation or training. Many rescues assume food, veterinary and emergency costs. Rescues value frequent informative contact regarding progress, as this helps to determine the best permanent placement and ensures an optimum experience for all.

The main duties of a foster are to keep the animal safe, to observe health and behavior and to provide an environment that maintains their adoptability. Dogs residing in appropriately screened foster homes, for example, are likely to remain house trained, socialized and mannerly.

*You may not be able to save the world, but to the animal you just saved, you are the world*

Potential fosters often have reasonable concerns regarding their feelings, finances and liabilities. They may question their abilities or the impact of fostering on the family's routine. While fostering is not for everyone, you can do nothing more meaningful or valuable for an animal.

Please consider contacting a group today to find out if there is a program that might work for you. Rescue organizations can offer support and counseling in going through the decision making process. They are invested in a win-win-win relationship for the foster, the animal and the rescue.



# CBR Needs Your Help

## Foster Families Needed

Foster families are always needed. If you have room in your home and in your heart for a little beagle to stay with you and your family until a forever home is found, please let us know. The foster family pays for the food and CBR pays for all needed medical expenses. If by chance the foster family wishes to adopt the beagle, they always have the first choice. Call Carol today at 303-464-9403 and tell her you want to volunteer. What a great way to make a difference for a little beagle who is looking for a second chance at life!

## Fundraising Coordinators

CBR still needs one or two Fundraising Coordinators to help plan events to raise funds for the little beagles in need. Anyone with or without experience would be welcomed. Please call Carol at 303-464-9403 if interested.

## Email Alert

If your email address has changed or you just got an email address, send CBR the update ASAP. Sending the Bugler by email will save CBR money... money that can be used to help rescue beagles!

To be added to our email list:  
thebugler@coloradobeaglerescue.org

# News Bytes

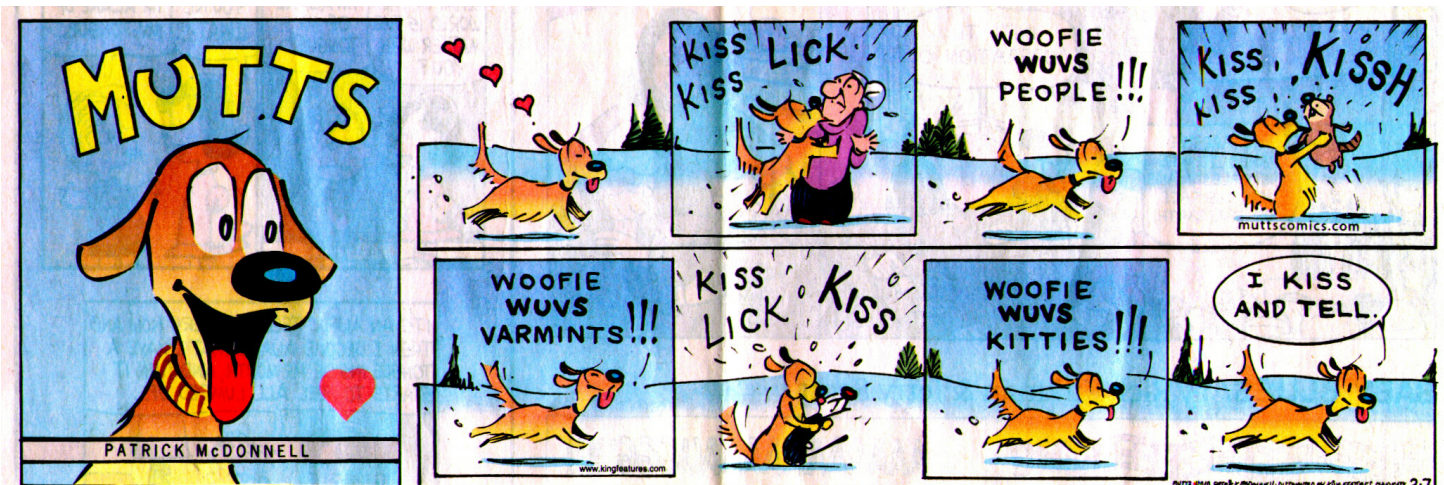
## Thank You

CBR wants to thank all those who volunteered for the Barnes & Noble gift wrapping fundraiser in November-December 2009. We had three stores, one in Lone Tree, one in Westminster and one in Ft Collins and were able to collect much needed funds for the beagles through generous donations. If you have a Barnes & Noble store near you and want to be a part of this holiday fundraiser, give them a call and you can start a program there with other CBR volunteers. We will work on this fundraising event again this fall.

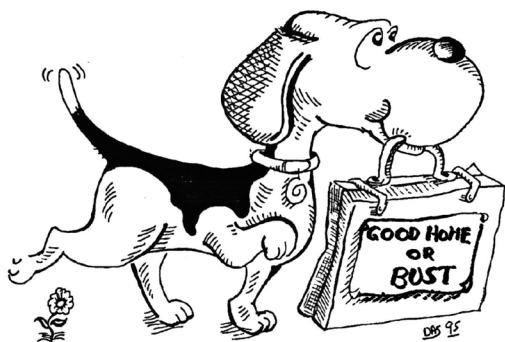
## 2010 CBR President

Colorado Beagle Rescue now has a new President. Her name is Dawn Sheff and she is from Commerce City. She and her husband Dave adopted a little beagle named Suzee from CBR. Dawn and Dave have been sharing the secretarial job as of 2009. Since our organization was in need of a new president, Dawn has stepped up to the challenge. We are glad to have her on board! Dave will continue being the CBR Secretary.

*There were 62 beagles adopted from CBR in 2009 - let's make 2010 a great year!*



*CBR would like to thank Greg Feudner for being the president for the last couple of years. His dedication and hard work have been invaluable. Our prayers are with him for a speedy recovery. Best of luck from all of us at CBR.*



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