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CBR Happy Tails

Little Lexi

Alexis (Lexi) came to the CBR when her guardian died. The relatives lived out of state and were unable to care for her. The CBR and foster parents Ben and Stephanie Sommers stepped up to take care of Lexi until she could go to her forever home.

Lexi made herself very much at home with the Sommers and their two beagles, Rocky (11) and Paddi Anna (4). Lexi is a special little lady and pretty picky. She waited six months to find her new forever home! Now she is receiving lots of love and attention with the Rael family. The Rael men were instantly smitten with this darling girl, and their beagle Sparky didn't mind her too much.

Lexi is now happily in her forever home. If you are interested in fostering a CBR beagle, contact us. These little hounds deserve all the love we can give them in this difficult time in their lives. Will you be there for them?

There are many other beagles waiting for their forever homes.

Make a difference in a beagle's life, foster or adopt today!

Visit the CBR website for information:

www.coloradobeaglerescue.org

or call 303-795-8331.



Arrrreally Good Time at the CBR Picnic!

The annual CBR picnic was held in June and as always, it was a howling good time. Approximately 65 volunteers and families came with their darling rescue beagles. Mother Nature was good to us this year and gave us a wonderful day.

Quizno's once again provided a delicious lunch and the Beagle Rescue Trading Post was a busy place.

Jennifer Woodley with the Colorado Canine Academy graciously came again this year with

her agility equipment and the rescue beagles enjoyed showing off their talents.

Our popular games of best costume, best trick and musical plates were enjoyed by everyone, with "Bettles" taking first place in the best costume contest with her cowgirl outfit and "Lucy" taking first place with her best trick of doing beagle push ups.

A BIG thank you to all those volunteers who help make the picnic a success. It's a lot of work to coordinate this event each year and there are a lot of people who make it happen. If you didn't make the picnic this year, please try to come next summer. It's always so much fun and seeing all those beagles who have found homes through rescue makes us all proud to be a part of CBR. 🐾



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What's That Smell?

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What on Earth Are Anal Sacs?

Anal sacs (also called anal glands) are two small glands just inside your pet's anus. The material secreted into these glands is thick and foul smelling. Most animals can empty these glands voluntarily for scent marking or in self-defense, like a skunk might.

Domestic animals have largely lost their ability to empty these sacs voluntarily. Walking around and normal defecation usually serves to empty the glands but some animals become unable to empty their glands on their own at all. The sacs become impacted and uncomfortable. Dogs with impacted anal sacs usually scoot their rear on the ground in an attempt to empty the glands. Some dogs will lick their anal area and other dogs will chase their tails. Cats often lick the fur off just under their tails.

What Happens if an Impacted Sac Doesn't Get Emptied?

An abscess can form and rupture out through the skin. This is a painful, messy, and pretty smelly condition often mistaken for rectal bleeding. If an anal sac abscess forms, it must be properly treated by your veterinarian. Antibiotics will be needed.

How Often Should Anal Sacs Be Emptied?

This is a highly individual situation. The best recommendation is to let the pet tell you when the sacs are full. If the pet starts scooting again, it is time to bring him in.

What if My Pet's Sacs Seem to Require Emptying All the Time?

To avoid the expense of having the sacs emptied, you can learn to empty them yourself at home but most people feel it is well worth having someone else perform this service. A non-invasive technique that helps some patients is a change to a high fiber diet. This will produce a

bulkier stool that may be more effective in emptying the sac as it passes by.

If the sacs need to be emptied every few weeks or more, you may opt to have the sacs permanently removed.

This procedure is complicated by many local nerves controlling fecal continence, the fact that any change in the local musculature of the anal sphincter area can affect fecal continence, and the fact that with chronic anal sac problems anatomy is distorted. Draining tracts can develop after surgery if the gland is not completely removed.

Still, despite these pitfalls, anal sac removal is considered a relatively simple surgery by most board certified surgery specialists. If this procedure is to be done we generally recommend that a specialist (a veterinarian with extensive experience with anal saccullectomy) perform it.

Many people own pets for years without ever learning that anal sacs exist at all, and the wives' tale that worms cause scooting erroneously continues. If you have further questions about anal gland disease, ask your veterinarian.

What To Do About Scooting?

The first step is to check the anal sacs when any pet has a history of scooting. The anal sacs can be emptied in one of two ways, externally or internally.

What If Scooting Continues?

If scooting continues for more than a few days after sac emptying, the sacs should be re-checked. For some dogs, it takes several sac emptyings in a row before the sacs stay emptied. If the sacs are empty and scooting is persisting, another cause (such as itchy skin or lower back pain) should be pursued.



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Fundraising Coordinators Needed

Do you love beagles but just can't foster? Looking for a way to help, but don't know how? Help the CBR as our **Fundraising Coordinator!** We are in need of a knowledgeable person who can get the CBR involved in worthy fundraising causes.

If you are interested, please give us a call and speak with Carol at 303-464-9403, press # to bypass the rescue message.

No fundraiser too small...

This summer the Diamond family children, Will and Grace, had a lemonade stand in their neighborhood and donated the money they received to CBR in honor of their sweet beagle Roxy. The Diamonds adopted Roxy earlier this year. Roxy is 8 years old and was relinquished to CBR because her family was moving to an area that did not allow pets.

She was in foster care with Chad and Kristi Balken for quite some time before going to the Diamond family. It was very important for the Diamonds to adopt a dog that was good with cats since they have three, and since Roxy is such a love bug and fine with cats, it was a match made in Heaven! She is now a cherished member of the family and even curls up with her cat siblings for nap time.

Thank you Will and Grace for helping the CBR help other beagles in

FOR A GOOD HOME:

Three ways the Beagle Rescue helps hounds and humans

The word rescue in "Beagle Rescue" has many definitions. If you receive this newsletter you most likely understand two of the meanings. The first meaning is the most obvious. It was organized to rescue beagles in need. The beagle rescue does a great job finding good homes for dogs in need. They give these dogs a second and, sometimes, a third or fourth chance.

The second meaning is to save the families in need of a best friend. Having a dog, especially a beagle, in your house adds joy and adventure to families. The third meaning is one you may not know a lot about, but one that unfortunately my wife and I are currently learning about.

We like most, were so excited when we completed the process of adopting our two beagles, Bart and Moose. For the last three years they changed our life and found a special place in our hearts and home. They have been great dogs except for one little problem...

Moose is a very jealous dog (called resource guarding by the professionals). Whenever Bart comes close to something he values (mostly food or some toys) he attacks him. Not just a playful attack, but a full out brawl.

When we found out my wife was pregnant we knew this is something we would have to fix. We took Moose to classes, paid for trainers to come in and tried everything to fix the problem. No one could fix Moose's problem. We knew that we had to make the hard decision of giving the beagle rescue a call. Of course they were understanding and great about it. They had Moose advertised on the website the next day. We now have a two month old daughter and Moose may have a new home (see update).

The third type of people that the Beagle Rescue help is the people who need help finding a good dog a nice home. It is important as someone who has rescued from the beagle rescue to spread the word. I know every time I take my dogs for a walk and someone admires my beagles I mention the organization. It is also important to remember that when you rescued your dog from the beagle rescue you were helping a family who needed rescuing from a very difficult situation.

UPDATE: Moose is now in a home with his new mom Susan Niedert and so far all is going well. He is the king of the house and is doing just fine. Susan has had to secure her yard a bit more since Moose has tried to visit his new neighbors. We are hopeful that Susan will decide to adopt Moose, so keep your fingers and paws crossed for this little guy! 🐾

Interested in adopting a "recycled" beagle? Call the Colorado Beagle Rescue at 303-795-8331 today!

Gift wrapping for hounds at Barnes & Noble

Colorado Beagle Rescue will once again be participating in the Barnes & Noble gift wrapping program. This is a great way to raise some much needed funds. We will be going to the B&N store at Park Meadows in Lone Tree and have scheduled times of:

- Friday, November 30, from 10:00 until noon
- Saturday, December 1, 10:00 am until noon; and noon until 2:00.

Volunteers wanted! We are looking for volunteers to help us with this fundraiser. If interested, please call 303-795-8331 or 303-464-9403.

These dates don't work for you? Call us anyway! Let us know what dates you can volunteer for the B&N program from Thanksgiving to December 24. We'll try to get the date you want arranged. Thanks for all your help. The Beagles truly appreciate it!



Dog Pet Peeves

1. Blaming your parts on me... not funny, not funny at all.
2. Yelling at me for barking... I'm dog. That's what we do.
3. Taking me on a walk, the not letting me sniff everything. Exactly whose walk is this anyway?
4. Any trick that involves balancing food on my nose... this is not funny. Stop it.
5. Any haircut that involves bows or ribbons. This is why we chew your shoes when you're not home.
6. The slight of hand fake fetch throw. Oooh, congrats, you fooled a dog. What a proud moment for the top of the food chain.
7. Taking me to the vet for, well, just about anything.
8. Getting upset when I sniff your guests' crotchies. Sorry, but I haven't quite mastered that handshake thing yet.
9. Dog sweaters. Hello? I already have a fur coat.
10. How you act disgusted when I lick myself. We both know the truth... you're just jealous.



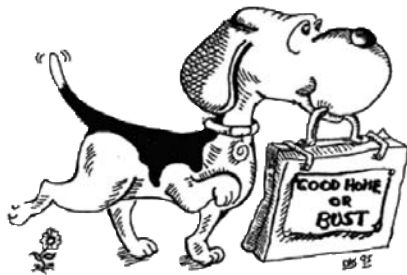
Need a unique holiday gift for the beagle lover who has everything?

The CBR 2007-2008 calendars are available! Please help us help those beagles that come to our organization and purchase one for yourself or for that beagle lover you know. Tom Willis did an amazing job with the calendar pictures this year and we know that each month will bring a smile to your face. All proceeds go to Beagle Rescue, so order your calendar(s) now!

Go to www.coloradobeaglerescue.org and click on the "BUY NOW" button on the homepage or call 303-795-8331 for alternative ordering information.



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