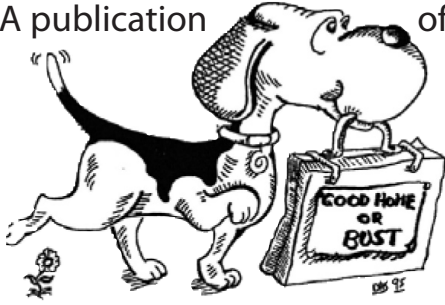


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# The Beagle Bugler

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## Keep Your Beagle Safe on Howl-o-ween

Jack-o'-lanterns, trick-or-treaters, haunted houses and costume parties.

Halloween is full of fun things for you and your family to enjoy, but it's one of those holidays that is enjoyed more by people than by pets.

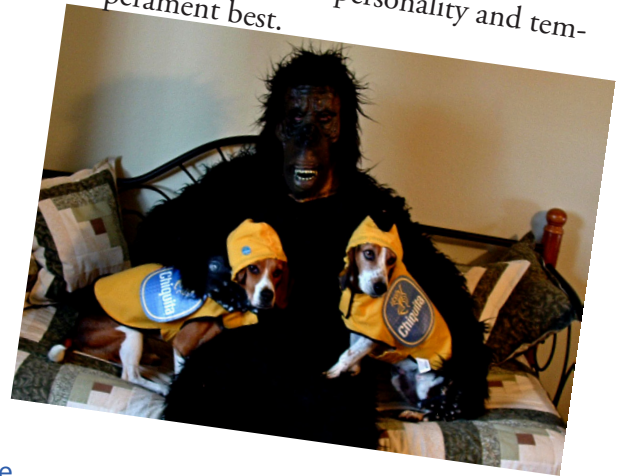
Keep the following precautions in mind when preparing for the frightfully fun festivities and help ensure that everyone in your family—including your pet—has a safe Halloween.

- Keep your pet in a quiet place, away from trick-or-treaters and other Halloween activities. You may know that the miniature monsters and goblins who come knocking on Halloween aren't real, but pets don't. Dogs and cats are creatures of habit and could become frightened or agitated by the unaccustomed sights and sounds of costumed visitors. In addition, frequently opened doors provide a perfect opportunity for escape, which can go unnoticed during all the commotion. Be sure all pets are wearing collars and ID tags in case of an accidental getaway.

- Place live flame decorations like candles and jack-o'-lanterns out of your pet's reach. Curious critters risk being singed or burned by the flame—they could also easily knock over a candle or pumpkin and cause a fire.

Keep candy away from pets. All those sweets may taste great to critters, but candy, especially chocolate, can be toxic to pets. Candy wrappers can also be harmful if swallowed. Instead, tempt your pet with a few of his favorite treats.

Yes the picture below violates two of the suggestions. Of course, you know your own beagle's personality and temperament best.



Resist the urge to put your pet in a costume.

You may think your pet looks

adorable

dressed as a princess, but most pets don't like the constraints of costumes. If you do decide to play dress-up, make sure the costume is safe for your pet and doesn't constrain her movement, hearing or ability to breathe. Check the costume for parts your pet could chew off and choke on and look for dangling pieces like flowing capes that could injure her.

- Don't let the family dog accompany the kids on their trick-or-treat outing. Children may have a difficult time handling a pet during the festivities and your pooch could get loose, especially if your dog is spooked by the strange sights and sounds of trick-or-treaters.

- Keep decorations that pets could chew on—like streamers and fake spider webs—and wires and cords from electric decorations out of reach. If pets chomp on Halloween decorations they could choke or become ill and, if they chew on electrical cords, they risk a potentially deadly electrical shock. Pets could also become tangled and injured by dangling cords or decorations.



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## Be Prepared - Microchip Your Dog

You might have heard about Rocco, the beagle who traveled 850 miles in 5 years from New York to Georgia and was returned to his owners several years later because he was microchipped as a puppy.

Some have said that never before in history has humanity been so unprepared for so many of our new technologies. In little more than a generation what we thought were the limits of our world have been transformed into new ways of doing things. Some have been unique opportunities to directly apply some of the new technologies to many of our most practical problems.

Most of us never expect to lose our pet or to be directly affected by a natural disaster. When the unexpected happens the facts show that most owners were caught by surprise and unprepared. Statistics for America show that thousands of pets are lost each year and the problem may be getting worse only because owners have not taken a simple preventative action. The material below focuses on a new era of technology for our pets and a new way to ensure their future. It also explains how a tiny microchip has revolutionized the way owners can protect their pets.

### USING MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY

The microchip has many uses but when the American Kennel Club adopted it for the Companion Animal Recovery (CAR) program pet owners were given a new way to protect their pets. This technology can be used in any kind of animal at any age and it will last for their life. The microchip is an effective form of permanent identification. It is slightly larger than a grain of rice and is placed just under the skin by a veterinarian. It is unique because it has an anti-migration cap that helps prevent movement within the pet's body. Each chip is encoded with a unique and unalterable identification code that can only be activated when read by a scanner. For these reasons, the AKC recommends the HomeAgain® microchip, which is marketed by the Schering-Plough Animal Health Corporation.

## Fundraising Coordinators

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.

### HOW DOES CAR WORK?

CAR was founded in June 1995 by the AKC to help reunite lost pets with their owners. As a not-for-profit organizational affiliate to the American Kennel Club, CAR is dedicated to providing lifetime recovery services for micro chipped and tattooed pets. After a pet has been micro chipped or tattooed, the ID number is enrolled with CAR who maintains a worldwide enrollment database and a recovery service that works 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year. Shelters and veterinarians throughout the United States use scanners when a lost pet is found. A call to the 800 number of CAR is simple and efficient. AKC/CAR has as its goal to eliminate those "LOST PET" signs from our neighborhoods by encouraging owners to ID their pet(s) with a microchip.

### WHY IS MICROCHIPPING RECOMMENDED?

We know from experience that micro chipped pets have the best chance of recovery because the microchip is a permanent form of identification, which is easily scanned. While tattoos are a good form of identification lost pets are usually frightened and reluctant to let strangers search their bodies for their identification. Not only are tattoos difficult to find but many fade or blur over time. Collar tags also work but many come loose and are lost. Tags and tattoos should be considered the second form of protection and identification.

The problem for most owners is that they do not expect to lose their pet, and when they do, it becomes their worst nightmare. Think back to the number of signs that we have all seen in our own neighborhoods. That "LOST PET" sign is a reminder that something went wrong. The unfortunate part of this is that thousands of unidentified pets are lost and may never be recovered. Some fall victim to theft, others are displaced during hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and other natural disasters. Those "Lost Pet" signs serve as a constant reminder that someone is missing a beloved pet. Our pets deserve better.

### WHO SCANS FOR MICROCHIPS?

Animal shelters, rescue agencies, animal control officers, and veterinarians are increasingly and routinely scanning found pets. In 1995, CAR established a scanner fund to place scanners at this "front line." Thanks to the efforts of CAR who donated over \$1 million toward this important initiative, many shelters in America use scanners to check every new admission for a microchip.

### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN MY PET IS FOUND?

When pets are found CAR can respond if the pet is identified. In the first years (1995-2000) CAR enrolled over 800,000 pets. What makes the CAR program work for owners and those who recover a lost pet is the toll-free 800 number and the CAR staff of Recovery Coordinators who are available 24 hours a day. They expedite your pet's return home. Once CAR is contacted, phone calls, FAX and email technology goes into action to immediately notify the owner. Does it work? You bet! Over 45,000 pets have already been returned to their owners.

### THE NEXT STEP

Take your pet to a veterinarian and have it micro chipped. Next, enroll your pet in CAR. Those who chip and enroll protect themselves and their pet from that worst nightmare. Remember any pet of any species can be micro chipped and enrolled in CAR.

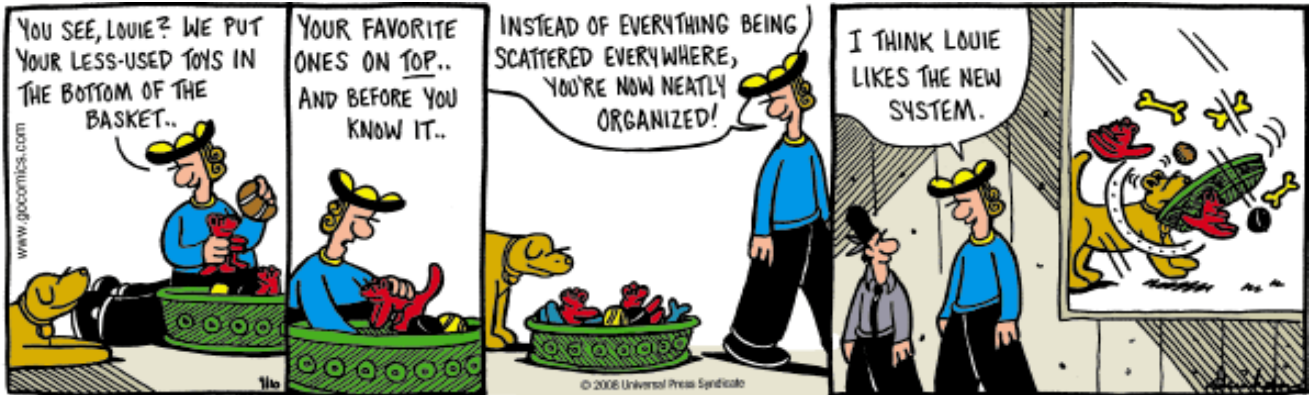
CAR charges \$12.50 per pet, and most veterinarians charge \$45-\$60 to have the chip inserted.

# Funnies

One of the best reasons to have pets in your home is because they are always good for a laugh and comic artists have known this for a long time. Below are some "funnies" that dog owners can certainly identify with!



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# Beagle Picnic a Howling Success!

On June 21st the Colorado Beagle Rescue held their annual picnic! There was food, barking and contests! Congratulations to all the contest winners below:

### Best Trick

- 1st Max
- 2nd Lucky
- 3rd Maximus

### Political Costume:

- 1st Beetles
- 2nd Barney and Bogie
- 3rd Roxie

### Musical Plates

- 1st Ernie and his mom Emily
- 2nd Bart and his dad Jamie
- 3rd Lucky and his mom Kim

### Regular Best Costume:

- 1st Max
- 2nd Henry
- 3rd Bart

## Upcoming Fundraisers

We all know that these are tough economic times for everyone and nonprofit organizations are no exception. The difficult economy, combined with the unexpectedly high medical costs during the year, has us really in need. If you are in a situation where you can give your time or money, we would greatly appreciate it. Please see the upcoming events:

**EAT AT SWIRLS** (7585 S University Blvd)

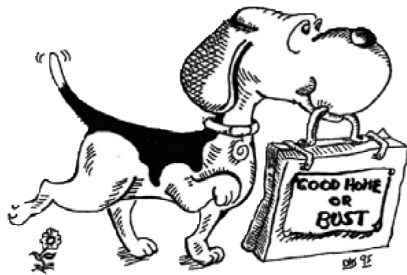
For the month of November anyone who comes in for breakfast, lunch or dinner can write down their name and "Colorado Beagle Rescue" on their bill. The restaurant will then take 10% off the total and put it towards a donation to CBR.

**BARNES AND NOBLE GIFT WRAP**

Pick a day from November 15th until December 24th to come with your family (including four legged members) and wrap gifts for the customers. All supplies are provided and two hours is all the time needed! If interested please call quickly because spots fill up very fast with other not for profits in town! Call Carol 303-795-8331.



The Beagle Bugler is designed by: Jamie Nau. If you have any suggestions or ideas please call 720-851-5475.



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