

Nittany Beagle Rescue

NEWSLETTER

NBR's Canine Calendar

- March 6, Noon-2 pm. NBR Showing at Petco, State College.
- March 12, 11 am-1 pm. Pictures with the Easter Beagle, Petco, State College.
- April 3, Noon-2 pm. NBR Showing at Petco, State College.

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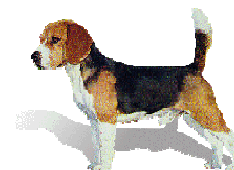
Won't You Be My Valentine?

Love is in the air as Valentine's Day quickly approaches. If you are already a pet owner, you know that the most unconditional love comes from our four-footed friends. Our pets don't care if we've done the laundry and cleaned the house. They don't care if we have morning breath and our hair looks funny when we get up. They never tell us we've put on a few pounds, and they could care less if we have a million dollars in the bank or ten cents. They are content knowing that we are there for them to take them for a walk, give them a treat or simply to snuggle. They love us for who we are and wouldn't have it any other way. Whoever said "the best things in life are free" must have had a pet!

Personally, we'd like to think it was a beagle!

In this issue you'll find our regular features as well as a recap of Pictures with Santa. Get a load of the pack that arrived to put on their best face for the camera! These are the faces we love even after they may have chewed a slipper, kept us up all night howling or left us a little present in the middle of the living room! Cuteness certainly does go a long way!

Enjoy what is left of winter. Take a walk



with your best friend, frolic in the snow, catch snowflakes on your tongue, and then curl up in front of a warm fire! Remember what a treasure our animal friends are and give them the same unconditional love in return!

Woof!
The Crew at NBR

Meet the Beagles

Shiloh



Hi! My name is Shiloh, and I am a male blue tick beagle. I have beautiful ticking on my collar fur. I am about 3-4 years old and a real love bug! I love to be petted and I really enjoy car rides! I am a very playful fellow! I am already neutered and up-to-date on shots.

Lester



Hi, my name is Lester! I'm about 10 years old and I'm a tricolor male beagle. I am a real sweetheart and like to relax next to my person. I also enjoy going for walks and sniffing the ground (as all beagles do). I will be up-to-date on shots and neutered before being adopted. I am working on house-training in my foster home.

Boots



Hi! My name is Boots, and I am an 18-month old male tricolor beagle. I am a very affectionate and happy dog. Also, I am very attentive to my people. I am still quite young, so I have lots of energy! I get along with other dogs and cats. Boots will be neutered and up-to-date on shots before being adopted.

Raise Your Paws!

We'd like to thank the following people and businesses for their recent contributions to the Nittany Beagle Rescue:

Petco—for continued support of NBR and allowing us to host Pictures with Santa!

Animal Medical Hospital, Mt. Nittany Veterinary Hospital, Centre Animal Hospital, and Big Run Healing Arts—for enthusiastically displaying our newsletters in December!

As always, thanks to our wonderful foster families and volunteers. We couldn't help these very special animals without your care and support!

Did You Know?

Chocolate is poisonous to dogs! That frilly box of Valentine's Day candy might look pretty on your coffee table, but it could kill your pet.

Should your dog accidentally ingest chocolate, call your vet right away and consult with the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center.

The call is toll free – **(888) 426-4435** – but you will be charged \$50 to consult with a veterinarian who specializes in animal poisoning, so have your credit card ready. The vet will take the stats of the animal that is affected and will also ask you to read off the label of what was ingested.

For more information, please visit www.aspca.org.

Pictures with Santa

Our first annual Pictures with Santa event at Petco in December was a success! Dogs, cats—and even a hamster—lined up with their people to get photographed with the man in red. This was an excellent event for our organization and gave us great exposure in the community.

Everyone had a great time, even Santa! A special thanks to James Forr for donning that hot, red suit and never complaining through slobbering, growling, shaking, howling, clawing and the numerous

challenges of making the camera shy smile and say cheese!



Treat? Did Someone Say Treat?????

This one will ensure you get lots of big, sloppy Valentine's Day kisses!

Glazed Beagle Biscuits

- 2 teaspoons beef bouillon granules
- 1/3 cup oil
- 1 cup boiling water
- 2 cups rolled oats
- 3/4 cup cornmeal
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup grated cheese
- 1 egg – beaten
- 1 cup rye flour
- 2 cups white flour

Topping:

- 1 cup beef broth
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 3 tablespoons oil

Add bouillon and oil to boiling water then add oats. Let mixture stand for a few minutes. Stir in the cornmeal, milk, cheese, and egg. Slowly stir in the flours. Knead on a lightly floured surface until the dough is smooth and no longer sticky. Roll out to about 1/4 inch thick and cut into heart

shapes. Place on a greased baking sheet. Spoon topping over biscuits. Turn them over and repeat with other side. Bake at 325° for 45 minutes or until lightly browned on bottom. Turn off the oven and leave biscuits in until cool.

Recipe courtesy of www.recipesource.com

Have a recipe to share? Send it in and we'd be happy to consider it for upcoming issues!

Beagle Myths Debunked

"I want a puppy because you just don't know what you are getting with an older dog."

Ah, a case of puppy love. You don't know what you are getting with a puppy sometimes either! Like children, puppies AND dogs are molded by their "parents". Contrary to the old saying, you CAN teach an old dog new tricks! Many older dogs come to us already housetrained and know many basic commands. If they are surrendered by a family (due to death, illness or circumstance) we may know a LOT about the dog's personality and history. If you lead a life that is slower paced and don't want to go through the housetraining and chewing phases, an older dog could be the perfect fit for you and your family!

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Nittany Beagle Rescue is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving the lives of beagles in central Pennsylvania. We accept beagles from shelters and from owners who can no longer keep them, and we work to find them loving, permanent homes.

Nittany Beagle Rescue is a 501(c)(3) organization, and your contribution is tax deductible.

VOLUNTEER AND SPONSOR FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Occupation: _____

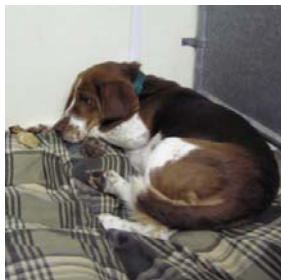
Interests: Volunteering Fostering Adoption

Sponsorship: \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100

Other _____

Home Sweet Home

Pokey Puppy



The Paws Extravaganza 2004 holds special meaning for my family this year – while volunteering that afternoon, I was asked to work with a Beagle that was staying at Lyons Kennels in Bellefonte. The following Monday, I began two weeks of daily trips to Lyons to work with Pokey Puppy.

Pokey was horribly frightened by the kennel, by people, by

loud sounds, afraid to eat, afraid to walk, and just shook; he was so intimidated by life. I usually began my visits by just holding him and talking to him. The third day, I took him outside and found that he was willing to walk with me (his tail held tight under his belly). We then started taking daily walks up a dirt road behind the kennel. Each day was a little better for Pokey – eventually he would be waiting in the run and would come inside as soon as he saw me approaching his pen. I received permission to take him home to bath him – my husband helped to hold him and we comforted him

through two washes and rinses. Pokey spent a good part of that day sitting in my husband's lap. We also found that he enjoyed, very much, being with our other dogs. We have another abused dog that has been with us for a little over a year – Buddy seemed to sense the fear this little Beagle brought with him and kind of took him under his wing that day.

It was so hard taking him back that evening – two days later, my husband and I opted to make Pokey a full-time member of the family. I took him home again to stay.

Pokey has a long way to go, however, he is a

happy puppy – he enjoys walks, loves to run and play with the other dogs, and is very gentle with our cats. He will greet me with such glee; he eats well, and enjoys throwing rawhide bones and then fetching them. He is frightened by new faces in our home, but finds comfort in going to his cage when company arrives.

No one can appreciate how wonderful it is to see this little guy actually run through the yard, tail wagging, playing with our other three dogs. What a wonderful, loving, little guy – life works in mysterious ways and we feel very blessed that Pokey found his way to us.