



# BEAGLE PAWS PRESS

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*Welcome* to The first edition of Beagle Paws Press. Beagle Paws is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to promoting Beagles as family pets and to improving the living conditions of Beagles in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

## SECOND CHANCE – BLUEY'S STORY (AKA BURRY)

By Denise AuCoin

Back in February, a nice man found me wandering and brought me to the SPCA. He was trying to catch me for about 5 weeks, but I was too scared to go to him. In the end, I was so weak and cold my little legs couldn't run any more, and I think I was near death. I'm really glad he cared enough to keep chasing me. I'm not sure why my family didn't come looking for me. I tried to be a good boy and all I wanted was for them to love me.

The people at the SPCA gave me lots of love and attention, but I worried about what would happen to me, because nobody wanted to adopt me. I had breathing problems and could barely walk. I didn't know anything about proper bathroom routines, because no one had ever showed me what to do, so I kept having a lot of accidents. I felt really embarrassed when that happened, but I was too sick to figure it all out.

Then one day a nice Beagle Paws lady decided to be my foster mom until I found a permanent home. Boy, did I love it there! There were other doggies to hang out with, and lots of cuddles and kisses. Of course, I couldn't play or run around with the other dogs because I was too weak.

I knew I looked a bit strange, with my big scared eyes and so much of my fur missing, but they seemed to like me anyway, especially Teddy. He even cuddled on the couch with me the first night I was there.

Sometimes I would hear my foster parents talking about how pitiful I looked and how hard it was going to be to get me adopted. I wondered if they would send me back to the shelter. I really wanted to stay where I was, so I was the best boy I could be and hoped they would keep me. Then one day something wonderful happened. My foster parents told me they loved me so much that I was going to stay with them forever and be their Baby Blue.



I feel like the luckiest boy alive. Every day my mommy and daddy tell me how handsome I am, and mom even calls me her "Blueberry" and sings this little song I really like. The only time I am sad is when I think of all the other little beagles and beagle crosses like me who are neglected and abandoned. I worry about what will happen to them. I know my mommy worries a lot too. Sometimes she can't sleep at night. I hear her tell my daddy that her big dream is to someday have all beagles treated with the love and respect they deserve. I'm not sure what she means, but every night I say a little doggy prayer that they will find someone who will love them the way that my mommy and daddy love me.

# THE ADVENTURES OF JIGGER... BEAGLE EXTRAORDINAIRE

By Susan Taylor

Hi kids, please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Jigger, or as I like to be called, **Beagle Extraordinaire** !

When I was just a puppy, my mommy and her five babies were put out on the street with no food and no place to live. We were so scared and cold and hungry, we didn't know what was going to happen to us. Luckily, we were found by some very nice people and brought to an animal shelter. We were so scared, but we knew we were safe. We waited and hoped we would all get a home and a family of our very own. Some of my brothers and sisters were adopted right away, me and my mommy were in foster care until we were both adopted. At first I was very sad that I didn't get to live with my mommy, but then I found out her adopted family lived close to mine! So we could all keep in touch; finally, happiness!!!

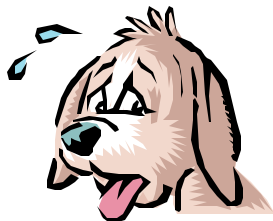
I have met a lot of great friends at the shelter, besides all the great and caring volunteers. I also have some furry friends I would like you to meet. There's my friend, P.C. (that's short for Pussy Cat), Chole the cat, Flossie the Ferret, plus many of my Beagle pals I've met through Beagle Paws. We sure have a lot of fun and adventure together. Sometimes we get into a little mischief too! Hee-Hee! But we always remember to be kind, helpful, and to always be a friend, especially to people and animals in need.

My human family consists of a Mommy, Daddy, Jake and Laurie. We all love each other so much; I like to help Jake and Laurie with their schoolwork, and they teach me things too. I enjoy math and science, and we love to read together! It's our favourite thing to do! We also like to recycle to help protect the environment and I donate the money I earn from recycling to help out the animal shelters in our wonderful province of Newfoundland and Labrador.



Well I had better go for now, please stay tuned for our next edition when I will introduce you to my friends and we will go on a little adventure. So, until next time kids, please remember to be kind to each other, and be a friend to your four legged friends.

Loves ya,  
**Jigger...Beagle Extraordinaire.**



**Don't forget  
your best  
friend in the  
Summer Heat**

- ? Make sure your dog has plenty of fresh water to drink
- ? Do not leave your dog in a vehicle in the hot sun

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 🌻 Jul. 26 - Village Mall, St. John's
- 🌻 Aug. 9 - Gander Mall, Gander
- 🌻 Aug. 23 - Village Mall, St. John's
- 🌻 Sept. 27 - Village Mall, St. John's

## Recipe Beagle Bones

- ? 3 tbsp. soup stock (vegetable, chicken or beef)
- ? 2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- ? 1/2 cup skim milk powder
- ? 1 tsp. Sugar
- ? 1 tsp. Salt
- ? 1/4 cup margarine
- ? 1 egg white
- ? 1/2 cup cold water (approx.)

Combine all dry ingredients together. Cream margarine and add egg white; blend. Gradually add dry mixture to creamed mixture, alternately with cold water, using hands to blend as mixture will become too heavy for mixer. Knead for 3 minutes. Form into a ball. Roll 1/2-inch thick; cut with bone-shaped cookie cutter. Lightly grease cookie sheet. Bake at 325 degrees F. for 30 minutes

Yield: 40 Beagle Bones

Send us your favourite Beagle recipe  
info@beaglepaws.com

## BEAGLE PAWS AND EDUCATION

By Denise AuCoin

In keeping with our mandate to promote public awareness and education about beagles, Beagle Paws is becoming involved in school visits. The purpose of such a visit is to bring awareness of the plight of beagles to the younger generation,

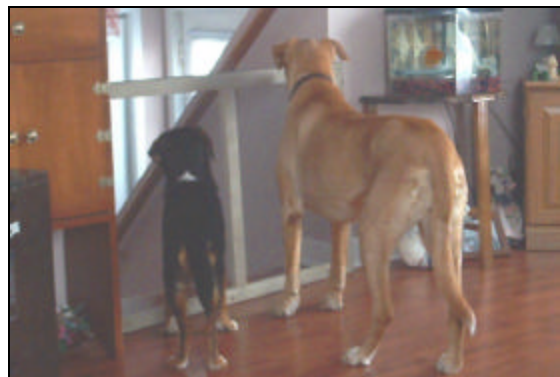


so that they will grow up with an appreciation of these wonderful dogs and help change the misconceptions the public often has about them. Other school visits are scheduled for next fall. To arrange a visit to your school or workplace please contact [daucoin@roadrunner.nf.net](mailto:daucoin@roadrunner.nf.net)

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## IN MEMORY OF

**Brandy** (right) recently left her family, the Jacobs of Mt. Pearl and new Beagle Paws buddy Bailey behind for the Rainbow Bridge.



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## IN MEMORY OF

**Honey** (right) recently left her best friend Sally and Mom and Dad, Sonya and Brad Collett behind for the Rainbow Bridge.



## WHAT'S THAT I SMELL?

By Sheila Lewis

“Hi my name is Snoopy and I am on my way for training to become a Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) Detector Dog.

Things weren't going so great for me at the local SPCA shelter. Many people came into look at me, which made me very excited... maybe too excited. Unfortunately, no one wanted to take me home. Then along came a nice lady from the CFIA who took me out for a complete medical examination, treats and a lot of fun games. All this attention has made me feel special and very loved.

I am told I will have an important job to do. I will be trained to sniff out things that people are not supposed to bring into Canada, items such as fruits, plants, and meat that could contain harmful plant and animal pests and diseases. My handler will work closely with me and guide me through the airport to find bags that might contain these items. One thing I know I am good at is sniffing out food. I can't wait for my first day of work!”



### Why Beagles?

Beagles were chosen for this type of work because of their acute sense of smell and their gentle nature with people. The detector dogs sniff out prohibited material correctly between 80 and 90 percent of the time. Beagles are also among the healthiest of all of the dog breeds.

### Where do they live?

The Detector Dogs live in special indoor kennels. The dogs do not live at home with their handlers for several reasons. If the dogs lived with their handlers, they might become confused by food smells from the kitchen and lose the keen sense of smell that is required for them to do their jobs effectively. Also, when the handlers pick them up, the dogs know it is time to work and when they are dropped off.... it is time to relax.

### How long is their working life?

It depends on the dog. The dogs stop working when they lose interest or when they are no longer physically capable. When the dogs retire, their handler gets the first option of taking them home to live with them.

To find out more information on the Canadian Food Inspection Agency Detector Dog Program, visit

[www.inspection.gc.ca/english/corpaffr/publications/detecte.shtml](http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/corpaffr/publications/detecte.shtml)



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