



Dear B&B Booster Friends,



"You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, 'My God, you're right! I never would've thought of that!'" ~ Dave Barry

Well, the year's coming to an end and it's time for B&B's annual report to you. All 365 days were action packed, and zoomed by. We are heading into our 17th year, and our adopted dogs are now going out with B&B tag numbers in the mid-11,000's. We're ultra-marathoners!

Last year's adoptions numbered 560, of which 60 were big dogs; this year's numbers are 614 and 81. Many of these were "specials." You'll notice that this year's insert is all about the **SPECIALS**. We have always rescued all ages of beagles, and taken in dogs with all sorts of medical needs, and being "no kill" means that some dogs are with us a long time. We are working with our vets and the vet school to have dental cleanings done on each one, along with blood panels and other needed treatment. Won't you please keep the **specials insert** handy, share with your friends, family, colleagues and help these dear ones in whatever way you can?

And speaking of **specials**, we said good-bye to one of the **best** just this past week when Tink, a little red paraplegic dachshund, passed very peacefully in the arms of her mom Kathy Fuller. This ends an era at B&B - her great big spirit is still with us, but we sure do miss her. We had a lovely funeral this past weekend; you're all invited to a special memorial service mid-December at Red Cloud Ranch's Memorial Garden area.

We are very happy to have **Susanne Storck** added to our team. You'll meet her whenever you come to visit; she can be seen working with the shy dogs, the volunteers, coming and going to/from our vets, the grooming school and checking on the health of our residents along with many other tasks that she has taken on. She brings a calming influence to the sanctuary, and speaks several languages, including *dog*...

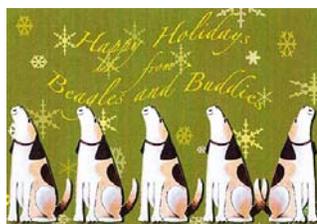
Our **kennel upgrades** and progress with the City of El Monte continues - Long ago we made most of the agreed upon changes. The biggest change the City now requires is building a new RCR kennel. We are hoping to do this from **straw bale** materials. The straw bale builders we have been in touch with offer workshops whereby we could host an event and have a team of volunteer builders/students camp out on our property and build our structure. Think about joining upcoming kennel-building parties where you can meet straw bale enthusiasts and team up with Eagle Scouts, corporate volunteer teams, and fun people from all walks of life. We'll do a **Big Sunday** event, too! This will be great practice for future kennels at Tehachapi. We aren't there yet, but plan to be soon!

We thank each one of you for your support and generosity towards the dogs. These are difficult times and we appreciate your sticking with us. Like so many of you, we are hunkering down, doing the hard work, and expanding our B&B family to the best of our abilities. We're reaching out to our communities more and extending ourselves in ways we can help. We are so proud to have volunteers from more and more organizations and to partner with groups for mutual benefits.

We have worked in the past year with Easter Seals, Lincoln Training Center, Disney, Edison, Maryvale, many high schools and colleges. We get funding from many corporations who match employee's donations, and from shopping dividends programs such as those with Ralph's, Amazon, and Google. Finally, we work with media outlets, other rescuers, and many, many wonderful individuals.



Nadine, the Marketing Director at Lincoln Training Center adopted Kaile & Bradley from B&B.



I think we will all be doing this more and more in the future - partnering with like-minded individuals and groups for similar causes, and expanding our sense of community - and as always, working just as hard, smart and long as we can. The dogs need us and deserve nothing less.

Very gratefully,
Connie and The B&B team

Third Annual "Specials" Fiesta!



Every Fall we enjoy a special event to honor and focus on our **olde timers, long timers and special needs pooches!** What a great time we all had!

Davitt Felder is a wonderful musician and Dad of JayBird, one of the Dirty Dozen, a litter of Treewalker/Catahoula mixes from Mom Mydie.

Davitt delighted young and old alike with a great selection of rock ballads, oldies and a fun song he wrote for his dog.



Jeanine from 'The Beagle Knows Biscuit Company' offers healthy, all natural - and as our pooches will agree – very yummy home made doggie treats... there sure were a lot of noses sniffing up her booth!

This year the the Key Club from San Gabriel High School helped out serving food and presenting our dogs in the Special's Parade!



Enter Kennel Manager



Missy, senior peke pooch, with our new kennel manager **Susanne Storck**.

In September Susanne Storck joined the B&B team as Kennel Manager. Originally from Darmstadt, Germany and a California resident for the past 13 years, Susie has lived in the same South Bay apartment all this time and worked for the same company until they downsized so much that 90% of the staff was let go. .

Susie has been active in the animal rescue community since 2003 and has been fostering cats and kittens, trapping and rehabilitating feral cats, coaching volunteers, writing news letters, and much more.

She is also a certified Reiki Practitioner and offers energy healing, pet sitting, and grief counseling in the South Bay.

Additional talents and hobbies we'll put to good use are painting, sewing, cooking, organizing, etc. We feel very fortunate to have her positive energy and many skills benefiting the B&B population.

One of her favorite parts of the job is socializing our shy, fearful or aggressive dogs, and creating a training and rehab program to help these wonderful guys get ready for their own forever home.

Willkommen, Susie!

Honoring 911



Wonderful dog-lovers Whitney Mayeda and Brenda Mitchell took Friday, 9/11/09 off work, borrowed a big van, gathered dogs they had been planning to rescue, and arrived at B&B in the late afternoon. We started unloading to let the guys/gals take a break at Red Cloud Ranch cuz they'd been on the road for about five hours.

TWENTY-FIVE dogs later... rescuers started coming to pick up the dogs they had committed to take....but not before the playful beagles chased shy huskies across our work table, knocking over our drinks, putting paw prints on paperwork. Whitney and Brenda just laughed. We boarded about seven of the pooches for a couple of days before they ultimately went to San Diego County. Final count: **FIFTEEN** dogs for B&B, mostly beagles - all ages, weights and medical conditions. **ELEVEN have been adopted!** Today, only four remain. Please see them on the **Specials** insert: **Missy, Senor, Ducky and Emmy**. Over people food about 9 pm, Whitney and Brenda stretched, laughed some more and together said what a great day they had--- five more hours of driving for them and an early start the next morning! That's a glimpse of a rescuer's day!

Tinkerbelle crosses the Rainbow Bridge...

Our friend and inspiration, **Tinkerbelle**, the little Wiener with a heart the size of all outdoors, has crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. Dropped off at B&B ten years ago... dirty, flea ridden, almost hairless with little visible spirit, it wasn't long before she became part of Kathy Fuller's family. Together Tink and Kathy served as B&B's Humane Education Directors for some years. Once outfitted with her custom cart, there was no stopping her from wheeling her way all around the LA area and into the hearts of many in need of a special friend. She leaves behind a vast array of two legged, four legged and no legged fans.



Tinkerbelle touched the lives of many through her years of work as a therapy dog, visiting classrooms and assisted living facilities. In addition, she appeared in the opera "**Marriage of Figaro**" with the Los Angeles School of the Arts; in the movie "Man In A Chair" with Robert Wagner and Christopher Plummer; on Nickelodeon's "**Fido Awards**"; modeled chic doggy wear for an exclusive Beverly Hills dog boutique; ran/rolled in the Old World dachshund races; attended the International Conference of Civic Education with research on how her visits affected students with disabilities; had her story released in the book "**Rescued Tales**"; and was an all around inspiration for everyone. We will miss you...run wild and free, Tinkerbelle!

A memorial will be held in January at Red Cloud Ranch with details announced on the B&B web. Donations may be made to The Tinkerbelle Memorial Fund c/o B&B to install doggie ramps at the sanctuary facilities for other paraplegic and special pooches.

Happy Adoptions



Paging Dr. Jowls

Just wanted to let you know that Turner (Adopted from B&B Feb 14th 2009), now **Valentino** (The dog on your TGIF page!) Is officially a Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dog! We got the final paperwork today and last month he passed the test with straight A's!! He fancies himself a doctor now! Dr. Jowls He is the best dog ever and will spread joy to patients young and old! I will send you pics once we get into a visitation routine! Tino is proof positive that **there is just NOTHING better than a rescue dog!** Thanks for all you do, Tino is glad to now, pay it forward! xo

Quiz Kid hits the Jackpot

Zack is sooo happy to be part of our family. What a great dog. I knew it at first meet. He can't wait till the girls get home for school & is always on the hunt for cats. Every walk is a new adventure for this pup. Thanks for hooking us up.



Del breaks the Law

This is Del Harrison - incredible 15-year old 80 pound redbone mix who constantly delights her peeps. She is one of B&B's fabulous success stories - rescued as part of a very unsocialized young adult litter. She wisely adopted Rex & Patricia, and has filled their lives with joy and love ever since. True to the B&B spirit, she is a bit of a renegade as her photo shows... - yes, she can read "people"! We have been encouraged by her cards and letters over the years and much appreciate that she always remembers her B&B pals.



In her spare time, Del gives workshops on "Living with an Iguana".



Happy B&B Alumni



Corrina



Bubba & Reggie



Ebony & Roger (formerly Bambam)

Reiki

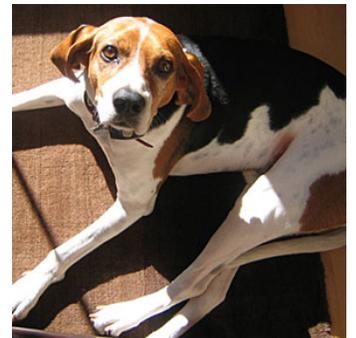
What is Reiki and how does it help animals?

Reiki is an old Japanese healing method. Literally translated, Reiki means "spiritually guided life force energy" and is based on the idea of Ki (life force energy) flowing through the body, and the guidance of Rei (God, or Higher Power) to help heal and strengthen the flow of this energy.

The living body has an incredible ability to heal itself, but it requires utter peace and harmony within to do so. Reiki brings that inner peace and awakens the inner strength to help patients recover and heal from cancer, surgery, trauma and many other physical and emotional problems. Reiki can also reduce the side effects of chemotherapy, reduce stress and trauma of accidents or attacks by other animals, provide comfort, relieve fear and anxiety, and ease the transition to death.

Due to their highly intuitive nature, animals respond instinctively and spontaneously to Reiki to help them heal emotionally, mentally, behaviorally, and physically. Especially shy or fearful animals who are not open to receiving Reiki directly will benefit from a healing treatment of their space and will eventually open up to distant or even hands on treatments.

B&B is fortunate to have Christina Dunlap, who taught us Doggie CPR and First Aid, and Susanne Storck volunteering their time doing Reiki treatments on the B&B **specials** on Thursday and Friday, December 10 and 11. You can learn how to share the healing universal energy with abandoned, abused and neglected animals to help them heal and move forward into a life of joy, happiness and peace. Once Christina and Susie are certified as teachers, we'll have classes at B&B. Won't that be great!



"Who can believe that there is no soul behind those luminous eyes!"
~ Theophile Gautier

Oliver is one of B&B's specials!

Announcements:

B&B now Twitters! Come and see us at twitter.com/beaglesbuddies

Our **return envelopes** are directed to B&B's volunteer secretary's address in San Gabriel, rather than B&B on Strozier... If you have not yet received one of Carol Bishop's wonderful "*Thank You*" cards, you're gonna want to - they really make you feel great!

Buncha Beagles litter wants a reunion! Please email if you all want to get together and see how everyone has grown. We'd love to see you, too - and can sure host a nice party at Red Cloud Ranch. Here's one of the cuties.... so if this is what your dog looks like, we want you!

Sure does our hearts good to reflect on these miracles!

