

*Woofing you a Merry Christmas and happy howl-idays!*

*B&B Family and Friends,*

*Wow, what a year! 2017 is closing and we would like to thank you for all the hard work and dedication put into maintaining our beautiful rescue and sanctuary here in Apple Valley. Thank you for the continuous support in networking and assisting us find homes for our pals day after day.*

*We cherish all our volunteers, staff and of course the pups that we work with year round.*

*With more than 300 adoptions this year and many of them being specials we are pleased to know our babies are going to great homes!*

*We would love to double our buddies going out next year and see the community spend more time with us. We welcome volunteers to color B&B with a little of you and who you are. We are planning to have lots of opportunities for schools and clubs to join us in 2018 expressing culture, art and their love for animals.*

*Be sure to check out this newsletter online in color.*

*Feliz Navi-dog!*

*Connie & The B&B Team*



### Our Staff

A BIG ROUND OF THE PAWS!

We could never do what we do without your hard work and dedication!



# Making his list

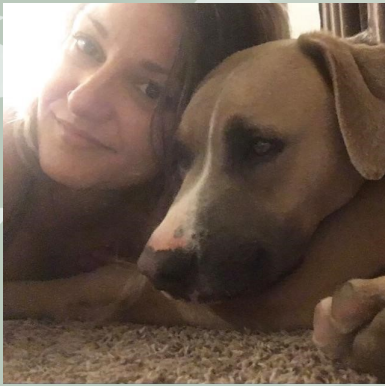
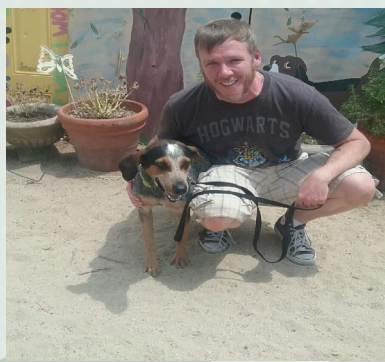


**Better not be ba-a-add**

# B&B Christmas list

2 Gas clothes dryers  
Lowe's/home depot gift cards  
Building materials  
Doggie Beds  
Trees/plants  
Old wood Framed windows/doors  
Kibble Dog food  
Carpet for dog pads  
Blankets  
Pillows and Pillow cases  
Used vehicles  
Paint

# Home for the holidays!



**So many hearts touched by paws in 2017.**

Connect with us on Instagram and Facebook for more photos and stories of beautiful adoptions.



# Dashing through the snow, for our new fur-ever home,



Betty White



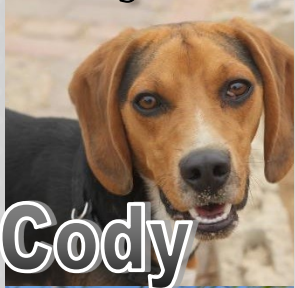
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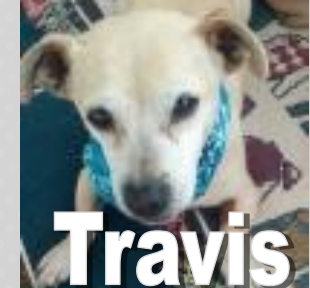
Starburst



Toby



Toni



Travis



We are confident that we know our dogs so well and can assist you in finding your new pal. Pictured above are just a few of our adoptable friends. More listed on our website.



Please go to [www.beaglesandbuddies.com](http://www.beaglesandbuddies.com), fill out and email us the application. This will allow us to get to know your family so we can help make suggestions for a successful adoption.

# Living in the Dark

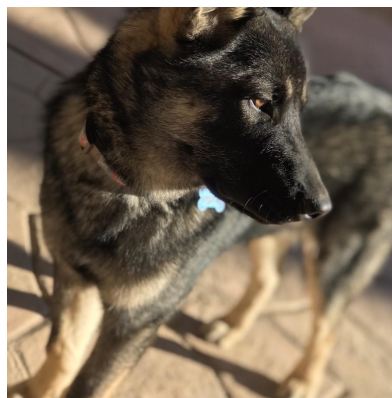
First, let me tell you a little about myself: My name is Kenton. I am 15, and I live in the Victorville/Hesperia area. All my life I have just wanted affection from someone. Not the affection you get from relatives, but the affection you would receive from a friend. Someone to spend time with me. Someone to be there when I cried. I never truly had a friend, because we moved a lot due to my parents' profession. Although it can be difficult, I am still very proud and thankful my parents served in the U.S. Armed Forces and sacrificed comfort, stability, and many other things for our country. However, I never stayed in one place for more than a year, and I always had a hard time meeting people.



After many years, I finally settled down in the High Desert when I was in the 6th grade. I was in a new place, it was at a time in my life when I was changing and felt lonely. This led me into a downward state of depression. Every day I would wake up without a smile, feeling more worthless than the day before. It really hurt to be depressed and it consumed my life. I started getting bad grades, hanging with the wrong people, making dumb decisions.

Fast forward to the present. I'm now in 9th grade. I had been longing for something so much, I wanted to start putting in time and action to feel better. I knew I wanted a dog, for a dog is supposedly man's best friend. I believed that friendship could be the very affection I had been yearning for. A dog could be there for me to hold and interact with, and the dog would be non-judgmental. So I did a search for dog adoption centers around the area, and I found Beagles & Buddies. It caught my eye because it is the only no-kill shelter in the area. I did some research to see if Beagles & Buddies would be a good place to adopt a dog. It is a non-profit organization, which is better for the community. It has an amazing volunteer program, which I even volunteered for.

I went to Beagles & Buddies and introduced myself. I met Connie, and on that same day I met my best friend, a 12-week old pup that was previously abused and abandoned by everyone. He would cry and try to hide in his kennel. I reached out to him. I got on my hands and knees, and I spoke in a soothing voice. I really could relate to his distress and pain. Ragnar then let me pet him. I was the first human to be near him. We created a bond instantly, and I fell in love with him. So I began the process to adopt him. Over the next few months, we became one. As clichéd as it sounds, we were not two beings anymore; we were spiritually united. We became inseparable. Ragnar is a very intelligent dog. He knows when I am sad. He will come lie on me and cuddle. He cheers me up and never makes me unhappy. I started to stop feeling depressed because of him.



I met the director, Miss Connie. Ragnar was abandoned. He was scared in his kennel. I took my time to speak to him in a soothing voice to help him feel less intimidated. He let me touch him and

Then I had a bad break-up, and that really tore me down. Now, be warned that I am going to touch on a sensitive subject, but in order to put this in perspective it needs to be mentioned...suicide. At that moment in my life, I felt so low that I attempted suicide at my home. Sparring you some gruesome details, I suddenly re-

alized... Wait... I don't want to die! And there was Ragnar. Instinctively, he must've known what I was doing, or maybe he just really needed my attention, because he started barking like crazy.

Ragnar's barking drew attention to what was going on, and someone who means a lot to me saw me and saved my life. I'm glad now that I am alive, but if not for my best friend Ragnar, I might not have had the opportunity to share my story. I hold him every day, not letting go and being thankful for meeting him. Which inadvertently is even a bigger thanks to Beagles & Buddies for turning on the light.

## Every Dog...Every Day

By: Cheyanne Blocker

**A**s most of you know our EVERY DOG...EVERY DAY.... Is taking place as we speak. The program had some hiccups, however, this is just the beginning and can only keep being more successful. Each of our dogs, as they await their forever homes, is really getting the attention and love they need. Beagles and Buddies pups are especially thriving with the little things that most people over look. Daily they are walking, socializing and being introduced to more house broken like behaviors. Which they enthusiastically look forward to. What is truly phenomenal about the program is that it isn't just helping our dogs; it is helping our staff and our community.

We have been blessed to be working with four individuals from Lincoln Training Center of Apple Valley. Mike, David, Marty, and their job coach, Aundrea, are so much more than just staff but family members. We are so happy to have them be a part of the team as they prepare our dogs for the big world and, in return, they are learning more about themselves as individuals.

Initially, when the team was introduced to our

facility they were very reserved and apprehensive with no specialized training in animal behavior; but they made themselves willing and available to hurdle their fears...BOY DID THEY EVER!!

During the past, their development with the dogs have exceeded all expectations. Apprehension towards the Beagles and Buddies has diminished and is no longer present in their minds, and an emotional maturity has come on strong. Andrea, the crew's job coach, expressed the teams job motivation and vision has more clarity and confidence which has led them on a more successful path with self-sufficiency.

Marty, David and Mike have really turned our program around reflecting their own caring personalities onto the dogs. They've also been taking an interest in the landscaping and creating some new jobs skills for themselves. Perhaps for many, planting, cleaning kennels and building water trenches around trees sound like hard work. Although for our guys it is shaping work ethics, defining the love of their jobs and a time for relaxation.

Sharing EVERY DOG... EVERY DAY is especially important the time of year to really show our appreciation for Lincoln Training Center and the crew we have been so thankful for. All their efforts do not go unnoticed to us or the dogs

that anticipate seeing them every day. We know if we are proud, you must be too; please help us continue this program's success. It is our goal to expand our program to meet the needs of the growing number of homeless dogs in the high desert. We aim to increase productivity, materials and the workforce needed to make the initiative a reality, as well as giving more opportunities for other interested workers like our folks from Lincoln. It is essential to the wellbeing of our dogs and integration into FURever homes. We hope that you will consider making this success possible with a generous and much appreciated donation.



## JOIN US AT UPCOMING EVENTS

Pasadena Conference Center  
Pasadena, CA

# GROOM EXPO WEST

Sunday 10-4 Feb 18, 2018. Join us for an Adoption Event!

Beagles and Buddies will be there!

11<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Home for the Holidays

Pet Adoption Fair

SUNDAY, DEC 10  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

at Irvine Animal Care Center



# BIG SUNDAY



Entire month of May 2018

Please email us at [beaglesandbuddies@gmail.com](mailto:beaglesandbuddies@gmail.com) if you have a special interest in a dog from our website, that you'd like us to bring to either event.

# DOGS HELP HEAL

## PARTNERED WITH

# VETERAN SERVICE DOGS

**COMING SOON**

We are so proud that starting Jan 2018 Beagles and Buddies “Dog Help Heal Center” will be open for classes! Although we have much to do and **STILL NEED MANY VOLUNTEERS** to get the facility fully functioning, we can’t wait any longer to start our training classes for the **ENTIRE COMMUNITY** and for **OUR VETERANS**. We proudly announce the training program will be conducted by **VETERAN SERVICE DOGS**, another like minded 501(c)3 charitable organization.

**HERE IS A PREVIEW AS TO WHAT THEY DO:**

PROVIDE LOCAL BASIC AND SERVICE DOG TRAINING

HELP FIND CANDIDATE DOGS FOR STUDENTS

WORKING WITH B&B TO REHABILITATE AND TRAIN ELIGIBLE DOGS WITHIN OUR VERY OWN RESCUE AS VETERAN SERVICE DOGS

PROVIDING EXPERT ADVISE, BUILDING A SUPPORT COMMUNITY & HELPING PEOPLE OVERCOME MANY DOG OWNERS HURDLES

Please ask how you can schedule your first class, adopt a service dog, become part of the mission as a volunteer and donate to our cause!

Contact : [Cheyanne.beaglesandbuddies@gmail.com](mailto:Cheyanne.beaglesandbuddies@gmail.com)







# It's Beginning to Look Alot Like Ruff-mas!

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