

Homesick Buggy the Beagle

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Homesick Buggy the Beagle Takes the Bus

Owners Jack and Carol Jones were worried when their family pet, Buggy the beagle, disappeared from their home every day at the same time and then returned, at the same time every day.



'It's as if he was going out to work!' said Mrs Jones, 42. 'He jumped over the garden wall and vanished every morning at 8.30 but he always came back at 6 p.m.'

Mrs and Mrs Jones, with Buggy, had moved from Sheffield to Doncaster last month. Mrs Jones explained that it was clear that Buggy missed his old home.

'For a couple of days he just moped about and was off his food,' said Mrs Jones. 'Then he started his disappearing act.'

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The mystery was solved when Mrs Jones decided to follow Buggy last week.

She was amazed to see him joining a queue at a nearby bus stop. People at the stop appeared to be talking to him and patting him. When the bus arrived, Buggy hopped on with the other passengers. That evening, Mrs Jones watched again as the evening

bus pulled up, the doors opened and off jumped Buggy.

Mrs Jones discovered that the enterprising animal caught the bus to his old home in Sheffield, spent the day in the area where he used to live and then came home again later. Regular commuters on the bus route became used to seeing the solo beagle and enjoyed his company.

A spokesman from Yorks Buses told us that, although this was an irregularity, there was nothing in their rule book to state that unaccompanied beagles cannot travel. However, travelling without paying a fare is against the rules. On a more serious note, they also stated that a loose dog alone on a bus might pose a danger to other travellers and the driver.

Mr and Mrs Jones apologised to the bus company and promised that Buggy's travelling days are over.

Name:

Date:

Read the text, then answer the questions.

1. Find and copy **one** word from the beginning of the article that tells us that, in the day time, Buggy disappeared.

2. Why did Buggy take the bus to Sheffield? Tick the most suitable answer.

He enjoyed being patted by the people. He was homesick.

He liked going to visit different places. He wanted to go to work.

3. Order the following events from 1 to 5 in the order that they happened.

Buggy was being patted by the people waiting for the bus.

Buggy stopped eating his food.

Buggy disappeared every morning at 8:30.

Mr and Mrs Jones moved to Doncaster.

Mrs Jones followed Buggy.

4. Why might Mrs Jones have followed Buggy?

5. Explain why Buggy was described as "*enterprising*".

6. Draw lines to match the character from the article with what we know about them.

Mrs Jones enjoyed Buggy's company.

The commuters on the bus didn't pay the bus fare.

The bus company discovered Buggy caught the bus.

Buggy talked to Buggy.

The people at the bus stop thought Buggy might be dangerous.

7. How do you think Mr and Mrs Jones will stop Buggy from travelling on the bus?
