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The Beagles: We all Live with a Yellow Labmarine

By Ron Burns

Ron Burns begins every portrait with the eyes of the animal, because they hold nothing back. Then he lets his imagination take over. Burns, the artist-in-residence for the Humane Society of the United States, is an Ohio native whose professional life started in Los Angeles where he and his wife, Buff, founded the graphic design company, Ron Burns Design. Rattled to their core by the Whittier earthquake and looking to escape the soulless-ness of business life in L.A., the Burns moved to Sedona, Arizona. In this quieter, more spiritual setting, Burns began painting vibrant portraits of their own dogs. Most recently, Ron lent his art to Arizona's first Pet-Friendly License Plate, a gorgeous, four-color specialty license plate that features Burns' famous dog and cat images and a tag line that reads, "Pets Enrich Our Lives."

The Beagles: We all Live with a Yellow Labmarine was inspired by the artist's love of the music of the Beatles and the profound influence of pop-artists Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein.

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