

Barney the 'Extraordinary Beagle'

New book tells the story of a newscaster and his unusual sidekick.

Posted: March 19, 2009, 5 a.m. EDT

When television reporter Dick Wolfsie found a stray Beagle on his doorstep, he did not know that the dog would soon become the most famous canine on Indianapolis television. "Mornings with Barney: The True Story of an Extraordinary Beagle" by Dick Wolfsie is the story of a unique dog and a unique friendship.

From the day he was found, Barney was a handful. But when he made his television debut with Wolfsie, a television newscaster on WISH-TV's "Daybreak" in Indianapolis, he found a place in the hearts of the viewing public. From his mischief during morning segments to relaxing nervous guests, Barney was great for ratings, if not always great for Wolfsie's marriage. Nonetheless, Barney was a special dog who both the public and his family embraced.

The book is an amusing story of an entertaining dog, and the special friendship that he and Wolfsie shared both on and off camera.

"Mornings with Barney: The True Story of an Extraordinary Beagle" by Dick Wolfsie is on sale now.