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Dear Friend and Animal Lover,

Beagles of New England States (B.O.N.E.S.) was founded in June of 2003 with a mission to rescue, rehome, spay/neuter and provide necessary medical treatment to beagles in need in the New England area. In the past fourteen years, over 1,485 beagles have come into our program after being surrendered, abandoned, neglected and abused. They have all been placed in safe and loving homes.

Since the creation of the Sensational Senior Beagle program (SSB) in 2008, we have been able to provide 35 senior dogs homes as part of a "supported adoption" for their remaining years.

Many of the beagles that come into our program need extensive medical treatment before they can be adopted. With the rising cost of medical care and supplies, now, more than ever, we need your help to ensure we can continue to rescue these sweet pups, get their medical up to date and assist senior beagles with their "supported adoption".

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of beagles in need throughout New England. They will be forever grateful as will we at B.O.N.E.S.

Sincerely,

All of us at B.O.N.E.S. especially all of the beagles!!!

*The stories below are just a few of the happy endings that were made possible by our dedicated team of volunteers and through the generous donations of supporters like you.*



### **FINDING PETER – Thank you social media and Littleton Pet Center, Littleton, NH**

Usually beagles come to B.O.N.E.S. through owner and ACO/Shelter surrender forms. Once in a while they also come to us through the power of social media. That's how our sweet beagle friend Peter found his way to B.O.N.E.S. Through this process, B.O.N.E.S. also made a new friend in northern New Hampshire who now will work with us when they come across other "found" beagles.

Many B.O.N.E.S.' volunteers watch social media for lost and found dogs, especially beagles, then either post these dogs on their Facebook page or they send the information to B.O.N.E.S. who then sends out emails to the Volunteer Group. This is how we found Peter.

Peter was a stray that was found by a nice person who met up with him in the northern NH woods. His finder took him to Littleton Pet Center in Littleton, NH where he would be kept safe until his owner claimed him. After getting Peter settled, they filled out and submitted a "Found Dog" form to Granite State Dog Recovery (GSDR) who is based out of New Hampshire. A poster was created by a GSDR volunteer and posted on their Facebook page.

A B.O.N.E.S. volunteer noticed him and sent out an email to the Volunteer Group asking if anyone knew him. After a week of checking GSDR's Facebook page for updates, B.O.N.E.S. reached out to Littleton Pet Center to see if they might need help finding Peter a new home. The owner of Littleton Pet Center was happy to hear from us! After explaining the B.O.N.E.S.' Intake and Adoption procedures to him, he agreed to surrender Peter to us. They would foster Peter while we looked for an adopter. This would be a team effort.

The B.O.N.E.S. Medical team coordinated with Littleton Pet Center to get Peter up to date on his medical including getting him neutered. In the meantime, a B.O.N.E.S. volunteer also drove up to Littleton to meet Peter and the wonderful group of people who were taking care of him.

The B.O.N.E.S. volunteer came back and reported to the Operations Team that Peter was a great dog, very friendly and would make a great

companion for any family. She also let everyone know how wonderful the staff at Littleton Pet Center is. They take in many dogs that are found in the woods in northern New Hampshire. Since B.O.N.E.S. doesn't have many contacts in "North Country, NH", a new friend is always welcome.

While B.O.N.E.S. was getting Peter ready to be adopted, a recent graduate of a college Vet Tech program was in the process of getting approved to adopt a dog. After graduation she moved back home to start a new job at a local vet practice so her family would help take care of whoever she adopted from us.

Wanting a middle aged beagle, Peter was suggested to her. After learning about him and agreeing he sounded like a good match, B.O.N.E.S. put her in contact with the Littleton Pet Center. As part of the adoption process, all adopters speak to the foster home that is taking care of their potential dog. The conversation between Littleton Pet Center and Peter's potential adopter went very well. Both parties agreed Peter was a good fit.

A Meet and Greet was scheduled for early June, 2017. Both the adopter and one of the owners of Littleton Pet Center drove hours to southern New Hampshire where the Meet & Greet was taking place. It was a joyous day for everyone, especially Peter! He met his new family and immediately fell in love. Littleton Pet Center was very happy to meet his adopters and commented how they liked our adoption process.

B.O.N.E.S. has received wonderful updates about Peter and always forwards the emails and pictures to everyone at Littleton Pet Center. Not only did B.O.N.E.S. Make a good match for owner and dog but through the use of social media, B.O.N.E.S. also found a new friend to help beagles. This story couldn't have ended any better than it did! Aroooo for Peter!

### **JAKE'S JOURNEY**

When SSB Jake and his brother Goofy were surrendered to B.O.N.E.S. in April, 2015, by their owner, no one dreamed the pair would be starved, neglected, and dehydrated. But that's precisely what we found when they were transferred to B.O.N.E.S. in September.

As part of the surrender process, B.O.N.E.S. asks for pictures to see what incoming dogs look like. The pictures we received of Jake and Goofy showed happy, healthy dogs. There was no reason for B.O.N.E.S. to question their condition.

When the dogs were initially taken to the vet in September for preliminary blood work and vaccinations needed to come into the program, the vet practice immediately called to report the dogs were drastically underweight and blood tests revealed many issues including dehydration. Jake and Goofy each weighed only about 15 pounds.

Upon hearing Jake's and Goofy's story, one of the Senior Veterinary Technicians at the vet practice offered to take the dogs into her care until B.O.N.E.S. could move them into foster care. We knew that Jake and Goofy were in good hands while they received much needed medical treatment.

Within a week to ten days, Goofy was happy, eating normally, running around and playing with other dogs in the home and showing signs he was starting to heal. He was moved to a B.O.N.E.S.' foster home in Maine and was adopted in early 2016 to a wonderful family.

Jake, on the other hand, continued to show signs of depression, separation anxiety and fear of not being fed regularly. He could not be left alone and panicked each time someone left the room. To help Jake, B.O.N.E.S. moved him to a foster home in New Hampshire where the foster Mom is a behaviorist. If anyone could help Jake, she was that person.

Over the next year, Jake gained weight. His blood work continued to show signs of improvement. He was slowly starting to get better.

The emotional scars took longer to heal. After 19 months of daily behavior modification and unconditional love by the foster family and their extended family, Jake started gaining confidence, loved meeting strangers, ran to meet other dogs, craved belly rubs, human hugs and lots of kisses!

Just as this began to happen, a wonderful, senior gentleman came to B.O.N.E.S. looking for a senior companion and wanted to meet Jake. He spoke to Jake's foster Mom, learned what he'd been through and still wanted to meet him. The foster home took Jake to the potential adopter's home, not once but twice, where he also met extended family members, including one sweet hound mix. It was a match made in heaven! Jake moved to his forever home in April, 2017, approximately two years after he was surrendered.

Jake is now part of our Sensational Senior Beagle program, so B.O.N.E.S. gets to hear how he's doing and all about the fun he and his new Dad have together. While Jake has some minor scars from his past, they are minimal and his new human Dad knows how to manage them. The last time we checked in on Jake he was sitting in his Dad's recliner watching TV! He's a Red Sox fan!

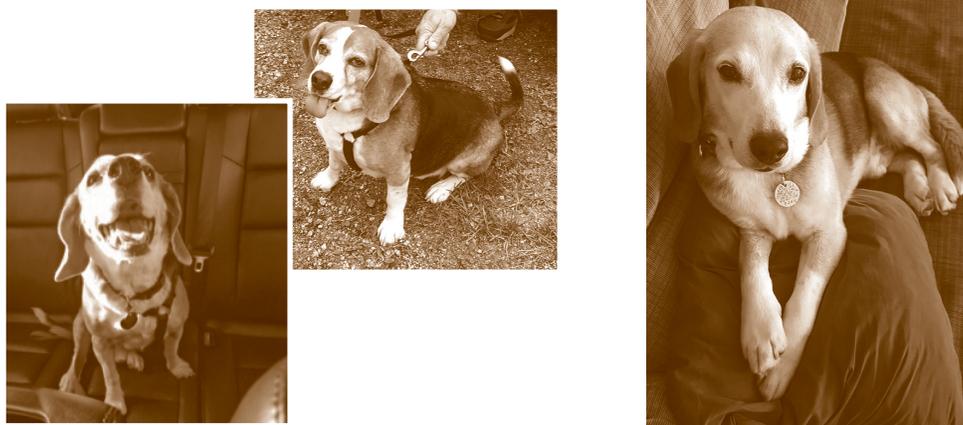
As a side note - While treating the dogs, the vet practice also called the local ACO and reported the neglect situation. B.O.N.E.S. also provided information to the ACO and worked with the Boston MSPCA Cruelty Prevention Unit to start an investigation into this terrible situation. The owner was eventually apprehended and charged with animal cruelty and neglect.





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