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'All the News That's Fit to Bay'

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2005 at BONES – A Year in Review

2005 has been a gratifying year for Beagles of New England States (BONES). As you know, we are an ALL volunteer organization and our roster has grown to over 170 volunteers. Volunteers have taken on many positions including adoption counselor, transport coordinator, outreach coordinator, foster home coordinator etc. Many other volunteers have come forward to provide foster homes, conduct home visits, provide transport services, help with fundraising efforts, write thank you notes and many other tasks that make us run like a well oiled machine.

Over the past year, as a result of your contributions, we were able to bring 155 beagles into our program. BONES could not survive without your generous support and as a result of your generosity, BONES has many heart warming happy endings. Meg was attacked by two larger dogs, resulting in serious injuries. We were able to provide her life saving surgery; she has recovered and is now looking for her forever home. Franco was struck by a car and incurred over \$1500 worth of medical care. He made a complete recovery and was adopted by a loving family. We have been able to provide life saving heartworm treatment for many beagles this year.

We were also able to help Boomer and Mattie spend their last days in comfort. They came to us looking for a retirement home but were much sicker than originally thought. They spent their final months in the loving care of wonderful foster homes.

Time and time again we have requested your help to cover medical costs incurred by those needing extra care. You have never let the beagles down and for that we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

BONES realizes you receive many donation requests, especially this time of year. We hope you will consider the Beagles of New England States again this year. While your monetary donation will make a big difference in the life of one of our beagles, so will your time. Please consider volunteering your time by becoming a foster home, transporter, fundraiser or simply having an information day at a local event.

As we look forward to 2006 and beyond we are confident that, with your help, we can continue our mission of rescuing and providing help to the Beagles of New England.

The Governing Board of BONES



*Meg before
(top) & now*



*Franco before
(top) & now*



Boomer



Mattie

Home for the Holidays



A few of our happy endings for this holiday season

Annabelle is making great progress! She graduated from Good Manners for Beginners a few weeks ago, loves the Dog Run where she can run around and roll off the leash, and has made friends with all the other dogs in the neighborhood. We couldn't be happier with such a loving and adorable dog. She's adjusted to city-living and is getting more friendly and outgoing everyday! She's even started going to dog daycare some days. Thanks again for helping us find the perfect beagle!



Annabelle with her new parents, Scott & Kristin



Buster is doing great, we couldn't have asked for a better dog. I think we should have renamed him "happy", he's always ready to go and he just loves everybody. He approaches life with great enthusiasm. He's adjusted to the routine of our house and it feels liked he's always lived here. He has the run of the house during the day and his track record is perfect, no accidents and no destructive

Buster enjoys the view, courtesy of his new parents, Emma & Al

behavior. We've been taking him for rides in our convertible (with his seat belt on, of course), on hiking trips and visits with the family. He's always ready for a new adventure. Thank you for bringing such a wonderful dog into our lives!

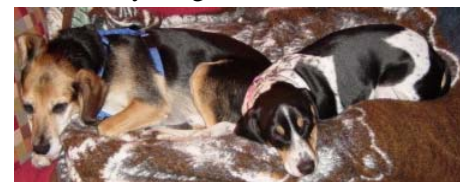
Andie has been with me for 8 months and has made me very happy! She is a wonderful pet; very smart with a cute personality. We have made many new friends on our neighborhood walks.



Mary Rose & Andie

Everyone comes out to greet her! I love to hear Andie playing with her squeaky toys. Thank you for finding me a special beagle.

Little Bear (formerly "Romeo") has adjusted well. There wasn't an adjustment period - he was at home right away! As soon as foster mom let him off his leash the first day we met him, Little Bear and my other beagle Katie were acting like reunited lost best friends! It has been a little over a month now, and it feels like Little Bear has been a member of our family forever. He also gets along better with our 5 cats better than Katie! He loves everyone and everything. He starts obedience training soon, but I don't even think he needs it! He knows to sit, stay, and lie down based on hand signals! He has been just a perfect addition to our animal family, and a wonderful friend for all of us. Special thanks to his foster mom, Terry, for rehabilitating him into the wonderful dog that he is. Also, thank you to BONES for allowing us to adopt Little Bear. I can't imagine our house without him! Thank you for all the work you do, and lives you save.



Little Bear & Katie relax on Tina & Peter's couch

Hi everyone! You might remember me from the BONES Website back in Aug. 2005. I'm Buddy and boy, am I a new guy since you last saw me! I am happily living with my new forever family in Maine. I have really opened up, relaxed and filled out since my arrival.

Here is a recap of my history for those who don't know me. My original owners were just too busy to care for me any longer and I started chewing my tail. I chewed and chewed until finally I was brought to my vet who docked my tail. That obviously was not the answer because I started chewing on my feet instead. I was sent back to the vet but this time my owners wanted me euthanized. Luckily, the vet said no and contacted BONES instead.

My BONES foster mom, Sarah Filliter, took really great care of me. She brought me to her vet who determined that the original docking of my tail was infected and it was docked AGAIN! I was still chewing my paws and tail so I was also sporting a rather cumbersome e-collar around my head. I was a dismal looking guy.

In the meantime, Sarah, Mike and Kiera began the adoption process through BONES with the ever so helpful Pam A. Sarah F. answered the call for a home visit and brought me along. It was only 2 roads away from her house. I met Sarah, Mike and Kiera and they seemed like a great family for me. My foster mom agreed. A few days later, I was officially adopted.



Buddy and his new sister Kiera

Since then, my e-collar has been removed and my chewing has stopped. It was finally determined that my chewing habits were from allergies! I am now on allergy medicine and I am making myself right at home with my new family. I am one lucky dog! To think I was almost put down because of allergies! How tragic!

Thank you to BONES for saving my life. I was a pathetic little guy that just needed some TLC. So next time, you see a rather unhappy beagle or one that might have "issues" on the website...don't be so quick to dismiss it. That beagle could be a diamond in the rough just like me!

Volunteer Spotlight: Sharon Vartanian



Sharon

Sharon Vartanian, BONES' Outreach Coordinator for NH and VT, hasn't always been a beagle person. But a friend who was involved in beagle rescue convinced her that beagles are all "couch potatoes." So Sharon adopted her first beagle, Lucy, and then that was it. She was hooked!

"I fell in love with beagles once I figured out that they are like no other dog. They're warm, smart and funny." But, by the way, her brush with beagles did not quite support her friend's theory that they are all couch potatoes – not by a long shot!



Lucy

A native of Kensington, CT, Sharon moved north to work for Sun Life Financial located in Wellesley, MA, eight years ago. During her work week, she's an Assistant Vice President of National Accounts & Customer Development in Sun Life's Group Division. She built a home on eight acres in NH seven years ago and adopted two shelter dogs, Hoover and Shiloh. When Hoover crossed the Rainbow Bridge, Sharon wanted a buddy for Shiloh and found Lucy through the internet in a nearby town. It was hardly love at first sight for the two dogs – Shiloh didn't like Lucy from the outset - and, Sharon says, "I almost didn't keep her." But, it eventually worked out, Lucy stayed and Sharon now refers to her as "Saint Lucy." It was apparently a match made in doggie heaven.



Jimmy

Sharon first heard about BONES from friends at work. "I went on the internet and was really impressed by how knowledgeable the website was, so I decided to get involved because I love animals." Since she joined, she says, "I have met the most wonderful people volunteering for BONES." When Shiloh died earlier this year and

Lucy needed a buddy, Sharon immediately went to the BONES website, found Jimmy and brought him home. This too was a match made in heaven.

"Getting involved" for a doer like Sharon means fostering and then seeing the foster and eventual adoption process all the way through from beginning to end. She does the home visit when she can, delivers the beagle to its "forever home" if she's available, and stays in touch with the family afterwards. "If I can help a dog and give it to a family to love, I think that's the best thing. Fostering is a lot of fun and I feel like I'm giving back. I have a good life, beautiful house, a great job and good health, so I want to give back. I think giving of your time and giving back to the community is everyone's obligation. It makes the rest of my life so much more fun."

- Judy Enright

Seniors Helping Seniors

A little over 4 years ago, upon the urging of relatives, we adopted an older beagle named Charlie, who was desperate for a home. We were told that he was 8 years old and in good health. Although I had my hands full caring for my husband, who has Alzheimer's disease, a look at the sad big eyes and the skinny body of this poor dog made me decide to adopt him. A vet check-up found that Charlie was at least 3 or 4 years older than we were told and very sick. His age was fine with us as we are both very senior citizens! Luckily for us, the vet was able to restore his health and Charlie blossomed. Meanwhile, my husband's condition worsened so much that I had to put him in a nursing home. Suddenly, I found myself living alone. Charlie somehow sensed my pain, because from then on, he never left my side and became even more affectionate. Every morning my dog walker would take him for a walk, but for the rest of the day, Charlie seemed to prefer to stay with me rather than romp in the yard.

One morning, after not feeling too well for a few days, I collapsed on the dining room floor just as Charlie had returned from his walk. He ran to me and started to bark and howl furiously, almost screaming for help, which alerted the dog walker that something was wrong; he came to help, called 911 and I was hospitalized with pneumonia. My dearly beloved Charlie had saved my life with his desperate barking!

As time passed on, Charlie developed serious health problems and could hardly walk due to his arthritis. Last May 27th, the painful decision had to be made...and with me talking to him and thanking him for the happiness he had given me, Charlie was put to sleep. Too grief-stricken, I was sure that I would never adopt another dog and I was literally in mourning for several months. But my great love for animals took over and I began to long for another "senior citizen" beagle. By lucky coincidence, I met Allen Finkenaur, a dedicated BONES volunteer, who promised to find me a such a dog who would get along with my elderly cats.

On September 24th, my lucky day, my Freddy arrived from Maine and it was love at first sight. While described as a "senior citizen", he has great energy, love of life, and is very affectionate. I am so happy with him and my cats, I pity those people who live without pets – they don't know how much they miss! At 86 years old, I find that an older beagle is an ideal companion for a senior citizen.

I cannot praise BONES enough for their wonderful rescue work and I want to thank all those dedicated volunteers who do so much to bring dogs and people together. - Edith Godel



Edith & Freddy

A New Way to Donate to BONES

BONES has been designated as an approved charity for military and civilian employees to make donations to by the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) of Eastern Mass. Every year, the CFC reviews applications from charities that will be listed as approved charities for one-time donations or regular payroll deductions. Employees depend on this screening as a mode of selecting charities they can support. More information can be found at <http://www.easternmasscfc.org>



"Volunteers are not paid -- not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."

During the season of Thanksgiving, BONES would like to thank our dedicated team of volunteers, without whom our work wouldn't be possible.

A special Thank You to the women of Alpha Chi Omega at the University of New Hampshire for their help with the distribution of this newsletter and for staffing our Newington, NH gift wrapping dates.

BONES will again be giving wrapping at various locations this holiday season. Gift wrapping is free, but donations are appreciated...All donations go directly to rescuing, rehoming, spaying/neutering and providing necessary medical care to beagles in need in the New England Area



Augusta, ME
Barnes & Noble
 9 Market Place Dr.
 Friday 11/25, 1p-5p
 Friday 12/9, 1p-5p
 Tuesday 12/20, 1p-5p

Peabody, MA
Barnes & Noble
Northshore Mall
 Tuesday, 12/13, 6p-10p

Saugus, MA
Barnes & Noble
Route 1 North
 Saturday 12/10, 10a-5p
 Sunday 12/11, 9a-2p

North Attleboro, MA
Borders Books
 1212 S. Washington St.
 Friday 11/25, 10a-10p

South Portland, ME
Borders Books
 430 Gorham Rd.
 Saturday 11/26, 1p-5p
 Sunday 12/11, 6p-9p
 Wednesday 12/14, 9a-1p

Manchester, CT
Barnes & Noble
Buckland Hills Mall
 Sunday 11/27, 12p-6p
 Sunday 12/04, 12p-6p
 Sunday 12/11, 12p-6pm

Burlington, MA
Barnes & Noble
Across from
Burlington Mall
 Saturday 12/3, 9a-4p
 Sunday 12/18, 9a-4p

Framingham, MA
Barnes & Noble
1 Worcester Rd
 Friday 11/25, 12p-4p
 Saturday 12/10, 12p-4p
 Sunday 12/18, 12p-4p

Newington, NH
Barnes & Noble
 45 Gosling Road
 Monday 12/5, 3p-6p
 Tuesday 12/6, 3p-6p

Nashua, NH
Barnes & Noble,
 235 Daniel Webster Hwy
 Friday 12/2, 6p-11p
 Friday 12/16, 6p-11p

Middletown, RI
Barnes & Noble
 1311 West Main Rd.
 Tuesday 12/13, 4p-9p
 Friday 12/16, 5-p10p
 Saturday 12/17, 10a-1p
 Sunday 12/18, 11a-3p

Smithfield, RI
Barnes & Noble,
 371 Putnam Pike (Rt 44)
 Wednesday 11/30, 6p-10p
 Saturday 12/3, 10a-10p
 Wednesday 12/7, 6p-10p
 Monday 12/12, 6p-10p
 Tuesday 12/13, 6p-10p
 Wednesday 12/14, 6p-10p
 Thursday 12/15, 6p-10p
 Friday 12/16, 6p-10p

New Year's Resolutions - How BONES Can Help You Keep Yours All Year Long

I promise to help homeless animals...I promise to be more active in my community...I promise to exercise more...Every year we make resolutions, and then we realize that some of those promises will never be kept. Here are the top 10 ways you can keep your resolutions for 2006:



1. Join the BONES volunteer program and help with fundraising, transporting, fostering, adoption counseling or home visits. It really does count as exercise!
2. Get your own "BONES" apparel. Available only on the BONES website.
3. Sign up friends & relatives to get the BONES newsletter.
4. If you like to shop online, help BONES by using the shopping links on the website You do not pay more, but their referral & commission programs help BONES cover operating costs. (<http://www.bonesbeagles.org/boutique.html>)
5. Buy a BONES calendar and give as a gift.
6. Sponsor a beagle on the website.
7. Come and join us at Beagle Bash next year...and bring another beagle lover.
8. Can't find a gift for that hard to buy person? Make a donation to BONES in honor of them.
9. Spend a day with other beagle lovers participating in a BARK or a special event.
10. Adopt a beagle.



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