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News & Stories of Courage, Love & Second Chances

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The Official Newsletter of [B.O.N.E.S.](http://www.bonesbeagles.org)

Beagles of New England States

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Watch for more B.O.N.E.S. news this Spring!



Check Out [Max](#) !

To our B.O.N.E.S. Volunteer Family, When the Board recently met to discuss what B.O.N.E.S. had accomplished in 2015, we were extremely proud. So far this year, we've fostered 38 dogs, placed 18 in wonderful new homes, and participated in 7 events to spread awareness and raise needed funds.

Your gift of time and effort – whether through fostering or adoption counseling, serving as an operations director or a coordinator or on a committee, doing home visits or transports, or helping with outreach events or the Bash- is the very backbone of B.O.N.E.S. Each improves the lives of beagles all over New England.

One of our favorite quotes is "It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference." Because of the difference *you* make every day, B.O.N.E.S. is the organization that it is. THANK YOU for a great year, and with our eyes on 2016, we look forward to working alongside you, helping the hounds. Arooo! Sending our warmest wishes to you and yours for the holidays,

The B.O.N.E.S. Board—Clay, Ibbby and Sharon



Welcome to Winter!

"Going for walkies" is good exercise for you, especially with all these holiday treats. And it is also a great way to sneak in some one on one time with your beagle and expend some energy in the crisp, fresh air. But exposure to winter's extremes of dry, cold air and chilly rain, sleet and snow can cause chapped paws and itchy, flaking skin, but these aren't the only discomforts pets can suffer.

Winter walks can become downright dangerous if chemicals from ice-melting agents are licked off of bare paws. To help prevent cold weather dangers from affecting your pet's health, please heed the following advice from the ASPCA. [\(see more\)](#)

## It's Time For The Annual Appeal!

In just twelve years, B.O.N.E.S. has rescued more than 1,400 beagles that were surrendered, abandoned, neglected or abused, and found loving, adoptive homes for them throughout New England!

Additionally, the Sensational Senior Beagle Program was established to provide senior dogs a home with a "supported adoption" for their remaining years.

We can only continue to rescue beagles with your help.

Check out Page 5 for some of the Happy Endings made possible by our dedicated team of volunteers and the generous donations of supporters like you!





Can you find room  
in your heart to show  
a little hound  
how good life can be?



Check Out [Buddy!](#)

Do you share  
your sofa  
with your beagle?



Got room for another?



Check Out [Bailey!](#)

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Or email us at  
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## I LOVE YOU, BUT YOU'RE NOT MY DOG! The ins and outs of successful fostering.

I've had experienced rescuers tell me the best thing that I can do is crate a dog. I've had adoption counselors give me grief that I crate. For every five people I speak with about crating there are six opinions. Yes, six and sometimes even seven. But, as I have raised five dogs of my own, dog-sit for a variety of others, and fostered eleven to their forever homes, I am a big proponent of the crate.

First, **HOUSEBREAKING!!** Beagles are notoriously difficult to housebreak. Even if they were housebroken in their former homes, the transition could be difficult. And they often pee to show their displeasure. The signals they used to let their former family know they had to go out may not be the same in your house and you just might miss it. So, when I am away or cannot monitor, the crate is it until I know that unless the dog is sick, there will not be a mess in my house.

Also, a crate keeps a dog from learning destructive traits when s/he cannot be monitored. A dog in foster has not yet learned the rules of YOUR house. Fosters generally arrive nervous or scared and even if they were perfectly behaved in their prior home, they may take that fear out on the furniture or rugs. In order to keep a dog occupied in the crate, I use a Kong stuffed with peanut butter (make sure it does NOT have xylitol as an ingredient), a Busy Buddy filled with little treats that will fall out when it is turned and turned, or the Everlast treat ball. There are many other treat toys for dogs, but I have found the three listed above the best and longest lasting IN a crate.

The crate also offers safety to a dog. One of my own dogs would eat the furniture if I went out and left him free in the house. Swallowing the filling can be harmful to the dog resulting in huge vet bills and possibly death from materials that could get caught in the intestines. If the history of a dog is unknown or if you have an anxious dog, she/he cannot differentiate between toys and furniture and rugs. Thus, the crate is a safe haven. A few of my fosters chose to spend the better part of their first few days with me in their crates until they felt safe.

Also, if the dog needs a stay at the vet, being crate trained makes that confinement just so much easier on the dog. Then, if the dog must rest after a surgery or procedure, the crate will be his or her safe place.

And, as I have mentioned in previous articles, all these rules are made to be broken. I had one foster that I NEVER put in a crate. He slept on my bed when I was out and was just fine. I had another that I needed to put in the crate more often as my students really stressed him.

I always have my skeleton of rules in place and then modify them based on the needs and personalities of the dogs.

I think I'm learning to speak dog better than people.

~A.K.



This is why Santa  
uses reindeer  
and not hounds.





Meet [Luscious!](#)



Meet [Sally!](#)



You've seen them listed on our website; the Available Beagles. But do you know how some of them arrive on our electronic doorstep? B.O.N.E.S. has an admin phone number and an email address that can be quiet one night and a filled with requests for help with a sad situation and surrenders on another. We see cross posted messages of dogs in other states that are in dire need and hear from family members who wish to secure a good home for a loved one's beagle. But not all messages are sad; we hear from previous adopters wanting to share good news, and families who have said goodbye to their fur baby and are ready to love again.

This team wades through countless emails from royalty in far away lands (who will gladly share their abundant currency with us if only we provide them our information) and dump more SPAM than you can shake a stick at. These volunteers contact the Intake team (Rich and Jenn Ackerbauer) and other Operation teams when necessary to solve issues on a nightly basis.

Shirley Barnes, Shauna DeSisto, Lucy Frias, Thea Gaudette, Valerie Longo, and Barbara Yocum man the front lines and respond to those in need of an answer or just need a human to listen to their story. Thanks to you all, for everything you do for the beagles and those who love them.




Check out the [B.O.N.E.S. mouse pad!](#)



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Stuff for all Dog Lovers

## 'Tis the Season to help B.O.N.E.S. Beagles B.O.N.E.S. Holiday Fund Raiser

Buy a Polar Fleece dog toy from B.O.N.E.S. volunteer Robin Brousseau's Etsy site <https://www.etsy.com/shop/brousseau> and for each toy sold, she will donate \$2 to B.O.N.E.S.

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### A Penney for Your Thoughts...

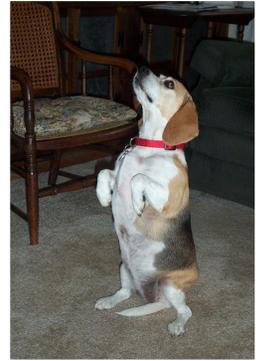
(The tale of a little beagle who's journey went from a research laboratory to a life of love in her forever home.)

"Maggie" was born in 2001, and spent her first year in a laboratory and was later released, rescued and fostered by BREW volunteer Katey Berkley. Allen and Virginia Finkenaur soon met and adopted Maggie, who became Penneywinkle. (Allen chose "Penney" and Virginia added the "Winkle" part!)

From Allen: "She (Penneywinkle) had no knowledge of any other animals and viewed them just as I do-interesting but not recognized. When she visits our daughter's home she pay no attention to their dogs or cats at all."

Penneywinkle has had her challenges. She never liked males, and still prefers female humans and can tell the difference in these two whether they are little children or adults. Allen alludes to the fact that PW now tolerates him.(We think its love!)

Over the years, Allen had done lots of behavior work and used much of these ideas to help Penneywinkle "She has been very trainable and I have taught her many commands which she executes well. She will remain in a "long stay", sits up, waves her paw, dances, crawls, rolls over, and has jumped through a hoop! She "waits" when I tell her, and "walks " beside me, like "heel."



Penneywinkle still jumps up when she knows she is going to be fed, and sleeps on the couch next to her Mom and Dad as they pat her. And every night, Allen tucks her under a warm blanket in her bed next to theirs and says goodnight as he turns down the light.



*Allen, Ginny and Penneywinkle Finkenaur*

This little hound began her life in a research lab, but found her forever home in the hearts and arms of this loving and dedicated couple.

If your beagle was one of the few who were rescued at the same time as Penneywinkle, Allen and Ginny would very much like to hear from you to share stories and memories.

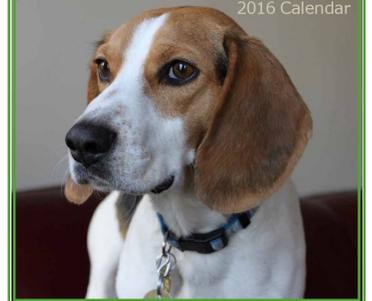


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*Meet Some of Our Happy Endings-Thanks to Your Contributions!*



Remember **Willie** from last year? He was placed with B.O.N.E.S. by an animal cruelty officer after living outside in deplorable conditions. He was nearly blind, had trench foot from constantly standing in urine and his nails grew up instead of down. Willie never let blindness slow him down nor did he fear humans after being treated so poorly. Slowly nursed back to health, Willie was adopted in March as a "special needs dog" by a wonderful man who had been waiting patiently for "his dog". ([more](#))



**Ginny** entered the B.O.N.E.S. program when her family's living situation changed. She was blind and nearly deaf when we picked her up. After entering B.O.N.E.S.' program as a possible SSB and being checked out by a member of our medical team, we learned that Ginny had a malignant, incurable and inoperable bladder tumor. On the advice of our veterinarian, we tried a medication that had been successful in reducing these kinds of tumors. The medication began to work and the tumor began to shrink. ([more](#))



**Daisy and Littlefoot's** original owner had a major life change and was forced to surrender the girls to B.O.N.E.S. The B.O.N.E.S. volunteer who visited Daisy and Littlefoot reported they were wonderful – very friendly and outgoing but closely attached to each other. There was no question they should be adopted together. Littlefoot, who has one paw smaller than the others, was lost without Daisy and followed her everywhere. Both were approved to enter the B.O.N.E.S. program and we began working to find them a home together. ([more](#))



Each beagle that comes through our program averages more than \$689 in medical care and expenses.

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