

# The Bay: Senior Edition



## Two for One

There are days I just shake my head and laugh. I knew I was adopting 2 senior dogs when Pickles & Pippi came home with me. What I had not realized was that in many ways I was adopting 3 dogs: Pickles, Pippi, AND Pickles & Pippi. Each beagle is truly unique and wonderful. Yet there are the times when their long term bonded behavior allows them to act as one.

This is particularly true when they are trying to teach me a new trick like "it's time to give us a snack." They circle round, sit down right next to each other on the little kitchen rug, nod their heads to one another, and begin to bark in unison while making direct eye contact with me. Luckily I have learned that they love broccoli and carrots and apples. So we all have a wonderful little snack together.

Thanks to all the wonderful folks at B.O.N.E.S. who made our new pack a reality. I'm so glad that we had the hope and love needed to begin a new family together. Love Beth, Pippi & Pickles



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Helping Senior Beagles Find Their Way Home!

It can be a challenge to place senior dogs in forever homes because adoption statistics show that adopters are concerned about a shortened life span and increased veterinary costs. But the truth is, these beagles make

wonderful companions!

To address the problem of placing senior dogs, B.O.N.E.S. developed the **Sensational Senior Beagle Program** to encourage people/families to provide a home with a "supported adoption" for the dog's remaining years. To learn more about these special adoptions, visit our website at <http://bonesbeagles.org/?page=adopt/ssb.html#ssb> or email us at [ssb@bonesbeagles.org](mailto:ssb@bonesbeagles.org)

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## Missy's Story

We adopted Missy in Nov. 2014. As an "owner-surrender" at 12 yrs. old, we didn't know how she would react to a new home. She was a little timid at first but once she learned where the kitchen was and found her bed, she settled in pretty well.

She came to us from a foster home with other Beagles so it came as a surprise to us that she was deaf. She simply followed their lead. Even her foster parents didn't know she was deaf.

She loves to go on walks and usually gets an hour walk a day. She also loves car rides.

In spring of 2015 she became ill. Couldn't keep food down and didn't want to walk any more. The vet said she had a growth on her spleen and it was beginning to erupt. When we left her at the vet overnight we thought that we were saying goodbye to her and really didn't know what to expect. We were happily surprised and thrilled when we found out that B.O.N.E.S had approved her surgery and over night stay at the emergency vet.

The doctors removed the tumor and her spleen too. She lost 5 lbs. just from the surgery. After a few weeks of recovery, she bounced back and now has a new "bounce" in her step. She also has become used to us picking her up and holding her for a while. In the past when we would pick her up to put her in the car she would give a loud cry.

Since the surgery she even gets into the car on her own and when we help her there is no more crying.

This is a wonderful program and we now can't imagine not having a senior Beagle in our lives. Thank you B.O.N.E.S.....Randy & Elaine







## *Fun with your Senior: Three Card Monte*

Collect three empty, clean yogurt cups and punch a few holes in the bottom of each. Grab a handful of small, smelly treats and get comfy on the floor with your senior. Take one cup and let your dog watch as you cover a treat with it, then let him “find it”. It won’t take long for that beagle nose to discover the treat and knock over the yogurt container!



Next, put all three yogurt cups out and hide a treat under only one of them. Move them around like a game of Three Card Monte, then let him sniff out the right one to earn the treat.

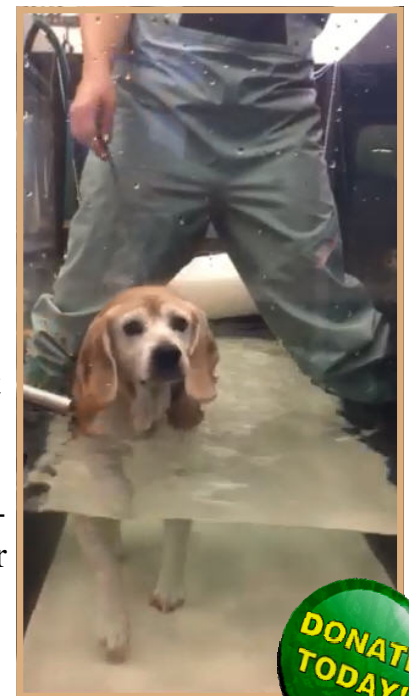
Some dogs do this with panache, sniffing carefully to find the right ones. Others (like my beagle), just knock them all over in a mad dash to find the food. Either way, you both have a new game you can play over and over again!

## *B.O.N.E.S. Mission Statement*

Our mission is to rescue, rehome, spay/neuter and provide necessary medical care to beagles in need in the New England Area. We endeavor to improve the quality of life for beagles in New England through outreach and education programs.

## *The Importance of Exercise*

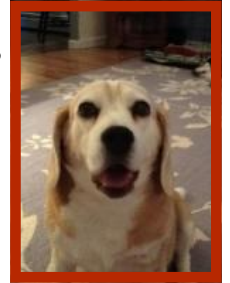
When Babe’s arthritis and muscle loss started interfering with her quality of life, her family sought advice from their veterinarian. In addition to taking joint supporting supplements and pain killers, Babe is now going to hydro-treadmill therapy. This treatment helps her exercise to increase muscle tone and mobility with less impact on painful joints. The therapists have also shown her family some exercises they can do with her at home. With good management, Babe is still enjoying her walks and has even been able to reduce her pain medications. She’s going to be 15 in September, but you’d never know it!





# Welcome to the SSB Family!

Molly was adopted in March 2017 and is enjoying life with her family in MA.



Jake was adopted in May 2017 and is living the good life in MA.



*Jake turned 11 on 1/3*



*Molly was 11 on 3/5*

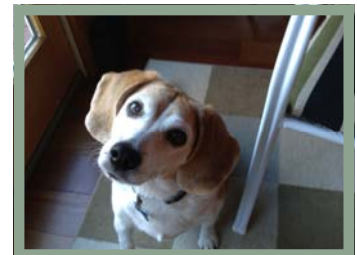
*Pickles blew out 15 candles on 4/19*



*Missy turned 14 on 5/2*

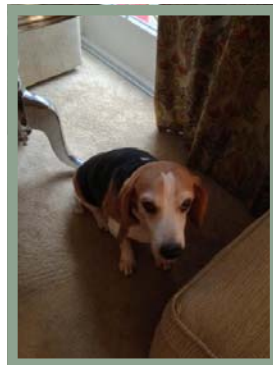
# Waiting at The Rainbow Bridge

**Roscoe—9/2016**



**Buddy—10/2016**

**Julius—12/2016**



**Daisy—1/2017**

