

B.O.N.E.S BUGLER



Dear Volunteers,

We are now well into 2009 and there are a number of things that some volunteers have been working on to promote BONES to the world. We're sure that by now you have all seen the wonderful new website. Thanks to Kendra and Mark Vandervalk for putting it together for us. Thanks to Mary Clare Springer for putting together the Heidi Chronicles on the website. News Update: Heidi has found her forever family!

The Plans for the 2009 BASH are going forward under the direction of Glenda Templet and Sandi Church with the assistance of several volunteers, a big thank you to both these wonderful volunteers for stepping forward once again. This is a huge undertaking so the more helping hands the better, please contact either Glenda or Sandi if you are interested in helping out.

The 2010 Calendar Committee is up and running, spearheaded by Jeanne Lemner and Cathy Clayton, they have a goal to have the calendars ready for sale at the BASH in September so they will be looking for assistance shortly to meet that goal. The committee which includes Mary Clare Springer will be meeting in the Albany area. Please consider getting involved in this major project for the beagles. Thanks Jeanne, Cathy and Mary Clare for stepping up to the plate for this important fundraiser! Information for both the BASH and the 2010 Calendar are on the BONES website.

The Board is very interested in what the volunteers think about the organization, so Sharon Vartanian will be sending out a Zoomerang Survey soon, so please take the time to complete it. In that same vein there will be an All Volunteer Meeting scheduled in the early Fall, once the time and place is determined Sharon will let you all know.

In order for BONES to continue its mission we need to have more people involved in the various areas, so please take a look at the Who does What page on the volunteer website and contact Sharon if you see an open position that interests you, the more people involved the more we can do for the beagles of New England. Sharon will also be sending out e-mails when there are positions to be filled, so please take a look when she sends out information about the open positions. We are always looking for volunteers who are willing to open their hearts and homes to a foster dog. If you think you might be interested in becoming a BONES foster home please contact Anne or Sharon.

About the beagles, we are approaching a major milestone, placing our 1000th beagle, stay tuned we'll announce the dog as soon as it happens! Just think what we have all accomplished in the 6 years since we began this wonderful organization! None of it would have been possible if we didn't have the wonderful, loyal volunteers to support the mission of rescuing the beagles in the New England area. We may not show our appreciation as often as we should, not because we don't want too, but because we, like all of you, are focused on the beagles.

Thanks to all of you for making it happen!

The BONES Governing Board
Anne, Fran, Sharon, Jeanne and Leanne

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Denise Conley
Shaw's Community Rewards Program Manager
for BONES

<http://www.bonesbeagles.org/shaws.htm>

Congratulations to Pat Balsan of North Attleboro, MA for her winning bid of \$600.00. All which go to BONES. She has won a wonderful vacation on Martha's

BECKER COLLEGE PET FEST 2009

BONES volunteers Elizabeth Nathans, Tom Fiske and Shelley McKenzie spent a fun-filled afternoon at the Becker College PetFest. There were agility demonstrations, raffles, and other fundraisers. BONES was one of several rescues/shelters that attended. The event was a great opportunity for the Animal Program students at Becker College to show off the hard work of a semester of agility training. It was also a great opportunity for BONES to educate people about beagles and our mission.



Save the Date:



B.O.N.E.S.

6th Annual Beagle Bash Ball

Saturday, September 26, 2009

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

(Rain or Shine)

Collinswood K-9 Services

81 West Street, Auburn, MA

(Directions and more info visit

our website at

www.bonesbeagles.org)



If you have visited our website lately you will notice that our mailing address has changed. Sharon Vartanian is in the process of making new business cards and brochures. She is hoping to have the available for everyone's use soon.

5 Solutions for Natural Flea Control

by Veronica Peterson

(www.care2.com/greenliving/5-solutions-for-natural-flea-control.html)

With a scratch, scratch here and a scratch, scratch there... Warm weather is returning and with it come the fleas. Those nasty little buggers could drive a dog to drink but pumping their blood full of prescription medication (aka harsh chemicals) or using harsh soaps and sprays hardly seems like a pet lover's answer. Below are some all-natural solutions that will have your dog itch-free in no time.

1. Rosemary Flea Dip

Steep two cups of fresh rosemary in boiling water for 30 minutes. Strain the liquid, discard the leaves and add up to a gallon of warm water depending on the size of your dog. Wait until it cools but is still warm and pour over your dog until he's soaked. Allow your dog to dry naturally. Works especially well on hot summer days.

2. Lavender Essential Oil

Wash your dog thoroughly and towel dry. Apply a few drops of lavender essential oil to the base of the tail and another at the neck.

3. Brewer's Yeast

Add a small Brewer's yeast tablets to your dog's food. Much like prescription meds (but much healthier), this is excreted through Fido's skin making him less attractive to fleas. Check with your veterinarian for the proper dosages depending on weight.

4. Apple Cider Vinegar

A spoonful of this stuff added to your dog's water makes their skin more acidic and not-at-all tasty to fleas. If apple cider vinegar is not your dog's cup of tea, you can dilute it 50/50 with water, pour into a spray bottle and use as a repellent.

5. Lemon Spray Repellent

Cut a lemon into quarters, cover with boiling water and let it steep overnight. In the morning, spray all over your dog, especially behind the ears and around the head generally (be careful of his eyes), around the base of the tail, and under your dog's legs.

Voting for the B.O.N.E.S 2010 Calendar has begun. Make sure you vote for your favorite photo by July 15th. Voting is open to anyone so let your friends, co-workers and family members know to vote. Visit www.bonesbeagles.org for more information.

Calendars will be for sale at the Beagle Bash in September.

Volunteers of the month

APRIL

Kendra
vandervalk



MAY

SHELLEY
MCKENZIE



Limington Beagle

It's been just over two years since B.O.N.E.S was involved in a massive rescue of 19 beagles and one hound mix in Limington, Maine. These dogs will always be affectionately known as the "Limington Beagles." Over the past few months many of you have written wanting to know what has become of these wonderful dogs. Well here is your answer:

Alton
(Adopted by Donna Bowman & Sara Overgaag)



When Alton was brought home he only weighed 13 pounds. He smelled awful and was pretty beat up with lots of scars and cuts; mostly on his snout and ears. His coat was very wiry and discolored. What was supposed to be white was a horrible mustard yellow color. And the smell was at times unbearable, especially when he got wet in any way. He was out of control with drinking water and constantly choked himself trying to eat.



Today Alton is known as wiggle butt. Today he is a 150% different dog. He has traveled a long road in his short life. He is a hoot to watch when he finds a toy to play with. He entertains himself and his brother and sister watch him with wonder as to what all the fun is about. He is very goofy and clumsy and sometimes in his own happy little world. He is a healthy 26 pounds and just as handsome as ever. His coat is shiny and the white is now very white.



MIA
(Adopted by Ilene Coman)

She was found to be engorged with milk but there were no puppies found when they rescued all the dogs. She had several fractured teeth and cuts, and rescuers believed that she might have gotten them from trying to protect her puppies, but that she was unsuccessful. Some of the dogs had evidence of being in fights with each other. They were all flea-bitten and had moth infections and other infections.

Mia was a dog that was scared of her own shadow and had no confidence, but now she is a happy, confident girl.

Billy has been a great dog except for his pack barking when we walk with all dogs. He is such a lover boy. He sits right next to me on the couch when the spot is available. He is always cocking his head as if to say: "I know; I hear you." He helps me with the donkeys -- cleaning out the barn etc. Actually I should say he accompanies me and hopes for a cookie. He loves donkey treats. He eats all vegetables except for onions. When he hears either of us chopping food, he comes a running. He is such a good beagle boy. He always tells me when Lyn is coming home -- about 10 minutes before she arrives. He also lets me know when one of the puppies needs to go out or come in. Very handy.



Billy...formerly Clyde
(Adopted by Lyn and Lois)



Limington Beagles.

Buster... Formerly Prince

(Adopted by the Folk Family)



His first night at our place he knocked over our trash can, jumped up on our counter, cornered our cat and howled at her and peed in the corner of our living room. Basically he behaved like Sid Vicious without the guitar. He had a very rough first few months getting adjusted to living in a house with rules. We are extremely grateful to Sandy from BONES for preaching patience to us and encouraging us to hang in there with him. He really started coming into his own and was fully adjusted to our way of life about six months after we adopted him. It was been two years and Buster is now a wonderful part of our family. He loves to play fetch in our backyard and play with our other dog Noodles and go for long nature walks in the woods.



Clarke

(Adopted by Abby Pimentel and Kevin Ames)



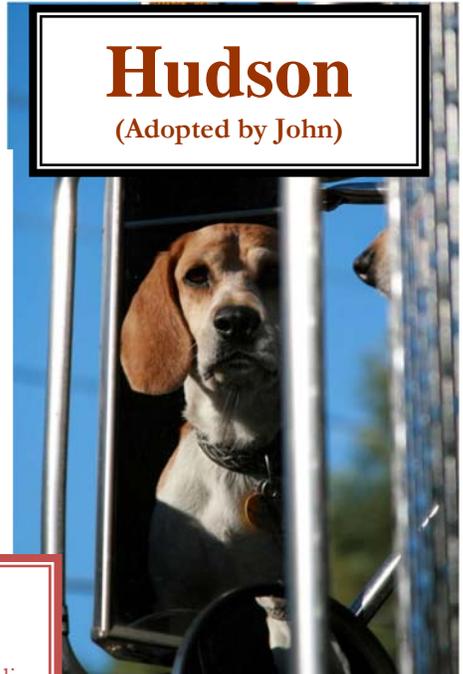
Clarke came to us as a foster dog. When we first picked him up he was stinky, skinny, had a torn ear, wire like coat,

heavy tartar on his teeth, scabs and sores on his body, etc... He made me cry. Clarke now has a super shiny coat, great body weight, and his ear has been repaired. He now enjoys life here in Rhode Island. When you ask him if he wants a cookie he cocks his head on such an angle (left or right) it will put a smile on anyone's face. He's a great watch dog, always on the lookout. When you move him to another part of the couch or bed, once he is comfy, he moans and groans like as to say "Leave me alone! I was comfortable." He's so funny. Clarke has a lot of quirks. Clarke doesn't care for taking him out of his element much. He likes to be home and in his yard. He is a very anxious dog that has a great bay. However not everyone thinks his bay is great. Clarke doesn't give kisses but loves to sit on your lap and be rubbed. We love this little beagle man.



Hudson

(Adopted by John)



JACK

Adopted by Kate & Jeff Fantoli

When Jack arrived in foster care in late February of 2007, he was a timid, the most emaciated dog that had a perpetual look of bewilderment on his face. He was fearful of the car, the lamp in the living room and most of all he seemed to have a fear of not having enough water to drink.



Jack drank his water and any other water he could access as if they were the last drops of water on earth. It was almost compulsive. He would gulp & gulp & then minutes later, he would burp and whatever his belly couldn't hold would come spilling out... Very slowly, over time, Jack's obsession has waned & while he still loves his water, I no longer consider it a compulsion. As time went on the look of bewilderment began to fade & a look of contentment and peace started to take its place. Jack quickly discovered the joy of squirrel chasing in the backyard & belly rubs on the couch. I am happy to report that Jack now weighs in at 52 pounds & is a strong, thriving, happy guy.

Volunteering

BONES volunteers are the heart and backbone of our organization and provide a wide variety of tasks. Volunteers can commit to working at a onetime Special Event or help out more often with fundraising, transport or home visits. Some beagle lovers commit to an ongoing project such as providing foster homes. No matter the amount of time you have to give, BONES will utilize your talents and appreciate your dedication.

HOME VISITS - AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE ADOPTION PROCESS

-by Shelley McKenzie

BONES believes a good & permanent adoption begins with a personal home visit. This home visit is designed to ensure that the adopter's home environment, lifestyle, and their yard and living conditions will ultimately be a good match for one of our rescue beagles. Every applicant must have a home visit conducted by one of our approved home visit volunteers. The home visit allows BONES to see first-hand where the beagle will be living & sleeping, how they will interact with family members and other pets, as well as physically inspect the yard to make sure there are no means of escape or harm to the beagle. They also observe the lifestyle of the adopters to determine if a beagle would be a good match for them. A home visit also serves to provide education on the beagle breed and their care, feeding, and other behavioral traits that are important in a successful adoption. Generally, the home visit takes about 30-40 minutes to complete. The Home Visit Volunteer will fill out a short feedback form at the conclusion of the home visit. The form is then reviewed along with the adoption application and home visit notes a decision will then be made by an adoption counselor. The Adoption Coordinator will then begin on selecting the perfect match for them and their family. Home visit volunteers are desperately needed as we receive applications all over New England. Becoming an approved Home Visit Volunteer is easy to do; visit our website, click on help a beagle and then click on Volunteer.

Foster Homes - Urgent Need

Provide temporary care for adult beagles, puppies and beagles with special needs while BONES works with adoption applicants to find a new, permanent home. BONES is looking for a special person/family with strong commitment, patience and time. Duration of stay varies depending on the adoption process.

All those interested in becoming a BONES foster home must first be approved as a BONES volunteer. Following that approval, a separate foster home approval process - including an interview and a home visit - will be conducted. Approval of foster homes is at the discretion of the foster director.



*Beagles are notorious for escaping.
A good sturdy fence is always the
first line of defense.*

Changes Within

Welcome to the first day of Summer. There are many positive changes happening right now and I want to announce the current major changes.

Anne Joyce has moved from Foster Director to Intake Director (yeah Anne). Anne was assisting Leanne with Intakes for many years so it is wonderful to have her in the position of Intake Director.

Robyn Myers is our new Intake Assistant, working very closely with Anne. Jeanne Lemner is handling all of our Owner Surrender requests for the Intake department. Congratulations to both Robyn and Jeanne.

Another wonderful change is that Margaret Swanson is our new Foster Director. Margaret has worked very hard for BONES in a number of areas and has been one of our foster coordinators. We are very excited to have Margaret heading up the Foster Department.

We have also been reorganizing and restructuring the BONES website with lots of progressive changes. Mary Clare Springer has brought her talent and knowledge to update our website and has been a great asset to the team.

Mary Clare has accepted the position of Internet Manager for BONES. We are thrilled, and very fortunate, to have her on board.

In addition, Mark Vandervalk is going to stay on, working with Mary Clare in one of the Web Content Manager positions. Thank you Mark for everything you've been doing and for continuing to work with this team.

I wish everyone the best in his/her new position.
Fran (on behalf of the Governing Board)