

B.O.N.E.S

Dear B.O.N.E.S. Volunteers and Friends:

This has been a year of many changes within B.O.N.E.S. We have also had our 5th Anniversary and a wonderful Beagle Bash, with more than 150 beagles attending.

Seeing all of those healthy and happy beagles at the Bash reminded me of our mission and the reason B.O.N.E.S. came to be: we're here to rescue, provide medical care and re-home beagles in need.

It's with this mission in mind that I write this letter as one of the founders of B.O.N.E.S. and now as a return volunteer and newest member of the Board. Our mission is about the beagles.

In this time of personal and economic stress it can be difficult to remember that mission.

We all feel the stress in smaller and larger ways. Our stress affects our lives and our work as volunteers. It also affects the beagles. It affects the time we can put into volunteering, the money we can donate, and the number of beagles B.O.N.E.S. can bring into the program and adopt out.

Despite all of this, B.O.N.E.S. has a wonderful and committed group of foster homes, adoption counselors, and volunteers who provide transports to bring the beagles to their foster and forever homes. The commitment of these wonderful volunteers has allowed us to find forever homes for more than 900 beagles in the past 5 years. That's a huge number of beagles! The commitment of our donors has allowed us to provide the needed medical care for numerous beagles, like the puppy Canyon who was at death's door when we took him in and nursed him back to health, and the puppy JJ who would have lost a leg if it were not for a very special surgeon.

For those of you who aren't aware, we've also recently started our newest program. It is our "Sensational Senior Beagle Program". These are beagles who are over 10 years old, like Grover and Jessie, and who have long term needs. They are placed in 'forever' foster homes where B.O.N.E.S. covers the medical care for the rest of their lives. We are grateful to those who have donated to allow us to begin this program.

We welcome the newest volunteers into the B.O.N.E.S. family and look forward to more beagle lovers joining us in our work for the Beagles. We hope that 2009 will be the year that B.O.N.E.S. can celebrate the adoption of its 1000th beagle. We want to thank Shelley McKenzie for putting together this newsletter and for volunteering to take on this important position. We hope that this newsletter will be the spark that encourages more friends to become B.O.N.E.S. Volunteers and to add their interests and life to our organization.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter!

Fran Demiany, Adoption Director, for the B.O.N.E.S. Board



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**HAPPY NEW
YEAR!!**



I just want to start by saying thank you to all the people who took the time and helped little Royce out! If it wasn't for all us beagle loves Royce would not have gotten the help he need. So thank you again!!

Royce is very comfortable here on Cape Cod. I adopted Royce in April and we couldn't be happier. Royce loves the outdoors. We go to the beach at least once a week, where he runs around and even goes in the water! Hiking is also a favorite for Royce; he gets so happy he'll run in a circle around you. In fact he loves running in circles, he takes a few laps around are condo and when we visit friends up north he'll run around their house, very cute! Royce attends doggy day care once a week. I was nervous the first day we dropped him off, thinking he would be scared of all the other dogs. I was way off, the owner told me

Royce befriended a bulldog named Molly and they played the whole time. Royce is keen of car rides and loves when we go to the bank, they usually give him a few treats. Yep, Royce is spoiled even at the banks.

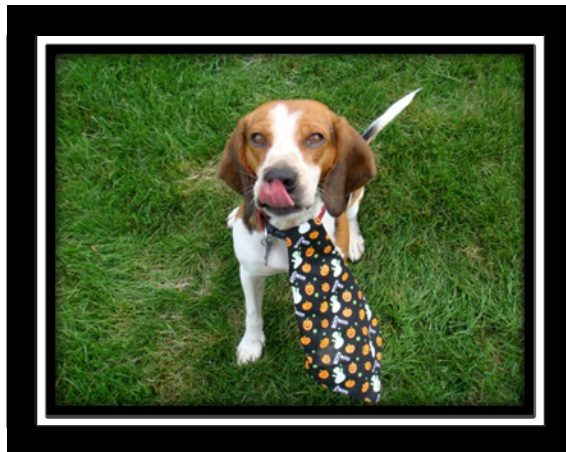
By far Royce is one of the best cuddlier, but he is known for taking up a lot of room and snoozes pretty loud. We have a few babies in are extended family and Royce is great with kids of all ages. When he meets new people he loves to role on his back and awaits a belly rub. One of the best feeling is when I get home from work he'll run up to me and practically knock me over and gives me kisses and of course awaits his belly rub.

Royce has been a great addition to our home!! We can't wait till winter to play in the snow!

**Hope everyone has a safe and healthy winter,
Heather, Justin and Royce**

Canyon was adopted by a wonderful beagle-savvy family. When Canyon was brought to BONES he was the almost dead because of a virus and Leanne Parks nursed him back to health. Now look how wonderful and happy he looks with his new family.

He is doing great. It has taken my husband and son some time to get used to having a puppy in the house, but we have all finally adjusted. He has been doing just fine in his crate while we are at work. He is now sleeping in his own bed at the foot of our bed at night. He is allowed on our bed when our alarm goes off in the morning. He is starting to catch on to that signal. At first Canyon did not see my son as being above him in the pecking order, but he is beginning to listen to him now. We are all working on it together. He is very smart and catches on quickly; however, in typical beagle fashion sometimes chooses to ignore our commands. Then we have to 'help him listen'. He really is an awesome dog



Loving My Senior dogs — Caroline Abely

You look at a rescue webpage, and they say the dogs a “senior”. You skip right over that photo and story and don’t even give it a second thought. I know what you are thinking “a senior dog is going to die soon or just sleep all day and not give you companionship you long for.

I am here to tell you that those statements couldn’t be farther from the truth. Seniors may not be as hyper as puppies and they won’t require a lot of power walks throughout a day to get their energy out (but who wants to do that anyway!) However, seniors still have plenty of energy left to go for walks, learn new things and become an active member of your house hold.

How do I know this? From experience. I have the privilege of sharing my home with two 16 year old beagles. Both who still run around the house and sniff and never miss a piece of dropped food from the cat’s bowl. In addition to having those two I have Charlie who is almost 11 and a puppy Charlotte. Charlie was in the BONES program last year. You should see how much energy Charlie has. He loves to run and play with Charlotte.

Recently we added Timex from BONES to our home. Timex is almost 10 years old and so very well behaved. I take Timex, Charlie & Charlotte for a mile walk every night. They sniff and walk with a jingle in their step. But when they come home they also know how to settle down and watch TV. I think having an older dog around the puppy helps her learn. She is becoming better behaving just by watching them and gaining some of their wisdom.

Now don’t get me wrong, there are some senior dogs do in time have medical issues from aging but younger dogs can have issues as well. I sincerely enjoy taking care of my dogs making sure they get their Merrick Senior food soaked for those that have loss of teeth and that they get their heart medication and thyroid medication on time and that when I check on them before I go to sleep that they are sound asleep in their beds, comfortable, free of any discomfort and in their doggie dreams. Older dogs especially those that maybe lived outside or didn’t get good medical attention their lives really do appreciate being well taken care of.

Their muzzle faded with age, the eyes clouding over, they look at you in appreciation of giving them a good life.

At the end of the day who wouldn’t want to come home to a cuddly senior beagle?

Could the home for the next senior dog in the BONES program be yours? So next time you are looking to add an addition to your family, don’t skip over those seniors, they still have a lot to offer.



2008 Beagle Bash

The 2008 Beagle Bash was held on Saturday, September 27 at Collinswood K9 in Auburn, MA. The main theme this year was to celebrate Bones' 5th Birthday. It was a fabulous event, despite the pouring rain. There was a slight break in the rain so several people found their way outside in the fenced in area and got to enjoy the agility course with their dogs. We had 283 adults, 49 children and 187 Beagles attend. WOW!!!! What a great turnout.



There were 8 beautiful raffle baskets, several silent auction items, craft table, a sold out t-shirt table, a food vendor and free cake for everyone.

Several vendors attended including Kristine from Stuminsky pet photography, designer pet jewelry, dog beds, handmade dog coats and more. We had a great slide show, of past present and foster beagles for all to enjoy.

The hit of the day was the doggy games, we had best beggar, to best kisser, best arooo, Simon Says, beagle bowling, owner look alike, bobbing for wieners and best popcorn catcher. The beagles and their owners had so much fun at the doggy games. First, second and third prizes were awarded along with several door prizes.

So many Bones volunteers came together to make this event an enjoyable one. This year's Beagle Bash proved to be a great fundraiser for Bones and a good time was had by all.

Thank you again to the Bones volunteers who helped make this event a success.



HAPPY
5th
Birthday

Dear BONES Volunteers,

As we usher in a new year, we always like to reflect on the past year and dream for the new. We have seen many beagles find forever homes, much needed medical care and behavioral rehab that they needed and couldn't find elsewhere. But we all know we have so much more to learn and accomplish as a group for the beagles!

It's with this knowledge of our ever growing possibilities that we are happy to announce two new members to the BONES Governing Board.



Jeanne Lemner has been working hard for the beagles in many facets of BONES. Jeanne has been a top notch adoption counselor, phone line attendant and Vermont Outreach coordinator. Of course, Jeanne is always willing to step in anywhere else she is needed!



Sharon Vartanian is probably known best for her ability to seem to transport just about anywhere in New England! However, she also has been a great foster home and most recently adoption counselor for our group. We all know that Sharon holds the very important job of Volunteer Coordinator as well!

These two ladies bring enthusiasm, new ideas and varied experience to our board and we are excited to start the New Year with them in these new positions!

Leanne Parks, Fran Demiany, Anne Joyce

2008 Calendar Sales

We are currently totaling the sales from the 2008 Calendar drive. Numbers will be reported to you shortly.

Adoption Spotlight:



EVE



*7 -8 year old female
Good with kids over 4*

*“Will you be my
forever home?”*

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Johnston, RI 02919**



Shaw's Receipt Rewards Program for BONES Raises \$2,400 in 2008!

by Denise Conley
Shaw's Receipt Rewards Program Coordinator

As the New Year quickly descended upon us, volunteers and friends of BONES have one more reason to celebrate!

Our Shaw's Receipt Rewards Program surpassed \$255,000 in submitted grocery receipts in 2008 ... that translates to nearly \$2,400 donated by Shaw's to BONES since we launched our Rewards Program a year ago! Our heartfelt congratulations and thanks go out to the nearly 100 individuals, households and groups all over New England who collected and mailed in their Shaw's and Star Market grocery receipts. Together, you contributed to make this a resoundingly successful fundraiser for our fabulous beagles!

Shaw's recently announced changes to the Rewards Program for 2009 that now make it easier than ever for anyone to automatically support BONES with their grocery purchases ... at absolutely no cost! Here's how it works:

With just a few simple clicks, you "link" your Shaw's Rewards Card online to Beagles of New England States at www.shaws.com/neighborhoodrewards. Once you've linked your Shaw's Rewards Card to BONES, your eligible purchases at Shaw's and Star Market on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays will *automatically* earn cash rewards for BONES ... you no longer have to mail in your grocery receipts and spend money on postage!

Anyone can participate in the Shaw's Rewards Program for BONES ... in fact, we encourage you to spread the word about our program to everyone you know who shops at Shaw's or Star Market. Our Rewards Program supporters include our volunteers, adopters, extended family, neighbors, co-workers, pet sitters, trainers, vets, church groups and other friends of BONES...all of whom have contributed to the enormous success of this fundraiser!

So link your Shaw's Rewards Card to BONES today and start turning your grocery purchases into cash for our beagles...what could be easier?

Thank you!

For more information about the Shaw's Receipt Rewards Program for BONES, please visit our website:

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

There are so many ways you can help beagles in need. B.O.N.E.S. relies on the generosity of its supporters - no matter what capacity they are willing or able to support us in. Here are just some of the ways you can help. If you think of another one, let us know.

VOLUNTEER

Bones volunteers are the heart and backbone of our organization and provide a wide variety of tasks. Volunteers can commit to working at a one time 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, B.O.N.E.S. will utilize your talents and appreciate your dedication. [Click here for some of the opportunities.](#)

If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please e-mail Sharon at: Sharon.Vartanian@sunlife.com



DONATE

B.O.N.E.S. depends on the compassion of people who want to help the beagles of New England. One way to show your support is by becoming a sponsor or making a donation to the general cause. Your donation will go directly to the rescue and re-homing of a beagle in need. If you choose to sponsor a specific beagle on our web site, just let us know and you will be mentioned on the website next to the beagle you are sponsoring.

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**Make checks payable to B.O.N.E.S.,
Inc.**

PLANNED GIVING

Are you looking for a way to support BONES in the long term?

We have been working with consultants and some of our volunteers to

provide you with ideas in this area.

Please review our new [Planned Giving](#) page on our website for more information.

**** Remember all donations are tax-deductable.
So please think about donating to BONES. The
beagles Thank you!! ****

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