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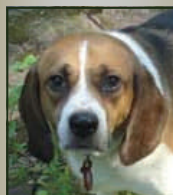
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in February



Visiting Hours

We put the call out to the incredible volunteers who provide home visits to meet and evaluate hopeful, prospective adopters. This is one of those stories that brought a nod and a smile.

"Ruffles, my overweight, lemon beagle and I did a home visit for two elderly sisters, both widows and they wanted a beagle in their life." These two women were close to 80 years old and while most rescues would have turned them down, our B.O.N.E.S. volunteer went with an open mind and open heart.

"They welcomed us into their home; provided tea for me and cookies for Ruffles. Ruffles immediately thought these were the greatest ladies in the world. They let her up on the couch, showed me where the dog bed would be and where the food would be stored. They even had a special place on the counter for the cookie jar."

"Then they let Ruffles have the run of the house while we talked. Actually, I did very little talking. They talked of their past dogs and how much they wanted a new dog in their life. It would be difficult for them to walk their new dog but their grandson had rigged up a run. If we were worried about their longevity, they wanted me to know they had already arranged for one of their daughters to take the dog if they could not continue to care for it."

"Well, I had all the information I needed-these two ladies needed a beagle! We went off to find Ruffles. We found her in one of the bedrooms, asleep in a chair. We also found a small present she had left. While I was turning red with embarrassment, the ladies thought it was just fine. Needless to say, these ladies were approved."

Over the years, their health declined and they could no longer care for their beagle. But the daughter kept her promise and took the little guy and brought him to the nursing home for visits.

"Now, *that* brings joy to your life. I love working for an organization that will adopt to wonderful older ladies in addition to young families." ♥ MC

Some of you know that this old dog doesn't drive, so doing a home visit involves my hubby to be my driver and sidekick. Which is exactly what we wound up doing one day last summer.

The call went out to visit a young family who was very interested in adopting one of our beagles. The call hit my Inbox twice, and both times I thought of how close they lived to us and how wonderful it would be to help their child get his first dog.

I hemmed and hawed about asking my better half to get involved, but I finally broke down and asked. He could not have been more excited to help out.

I was concerned about doing this visit well, for the sake of the B.O.N.E.S. beagle and the family. But my foster mentor was both supportive and very encouraging, so armed with my clipboard and more than a bit of nerves, we went off to the visit.

That home visit went so well that my husband, our beagle Abbey and I stayed there for well over an hour, getting to know this family and getting a tour of their home and yard.

Two days later I got an email with a photo of a smiling little boy and his first beagle.

If you would like to do a home visit, go to [visit us online](#) and help dreams come true.

♥ MB

Ever wonder what goes on behind the scenes to bring in all those wonderful beagles and then what happens to find them forever homes? The easy answer is some hard work by some dedicated people.

Let me take you through one case. I think I can name names but let's just call it "M".

A small town ACO filled out a surrender form for a beagle she had found tied to a bench. She checked her for a microchip, found one, tracked down the owner. The owner wanted nothing to do with the beagle and would not even release her medical records.

The ACO had only 10 days to find the owner or the dog had to be put down (the ACO shelter was in her garage and the town fathers dictated the rules.) When she contact us we had no room at the inn. I had no idea how we could help. The ACO thought enough of the little girl that she took her into her home and kept her until we could help.



Intake Director worked with the Foster Director who worked with the Medical Director. Victoria (Medical Director) outlined our medical requirements. Marsha (Intake Director) worked with the ACO to make all that happen. In the mean time, Jeanne (our Foster Director) was working to find a foster home. In the old days, that was a hard job but in today's world, unless you find a foster in the state the dog is coming from it is almost impossible due to ever changing state laws regarding import of domestic animals.

Some states require quarantine, some require additional shots, all require health certificates, and much more. We have a cheat sheet with all the laws to help us wade through the mess.

Jeanne found a special foster home that actually picked up our little girl at the ACO home. Then the Adoption Director took over. Lori worked with her team to let all the counselors know everything we knew about her.

There were a few more medical issues and Victoria worked with the vet and the foster home to take care of everything. The Adoption Counselors did their magic and our little girl has gone to her forever home. Everyone is happy!



Its time for the **B.O.N.E.S. 2012 Annual Appeal Fundraiser!**

In just nine years, B.O.N.E.S. has rescued **more than 1,200** beagles that were surrendered, abandoned, neglected or abused, and found loving, adoptive homes for them throughout New England.

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.

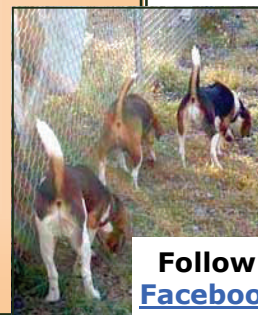
Each beagle that comes through our program averages **more than \$400** in medical care and expenses.

Please make a donation to B.O.N.E.S. today and help us continue our mission of giving every B.O.N.E.S. beagle their own happy ending!

If you would like to help us help beagles in need, please go to:
<http://www.bonesbeagles.org/AnnualAppeal/appeal.html>

to make your secure credit card donation online with PayPal™ or download a mail-in form to pay by check.

So think about all this the next time you are asked to volunteer for a home visit or assist in a beagle evaluation, drive a leg of a transport or help foster or shop on iGive or write an article or help at the BASH.



It is only by all of us working together that we can pull this off.
♥ MC

**Follow B.O.N.E.S. on
Facebook and Twitter!**

Here are some tips from the ASPCA on how to winterize your beagles:

- ♥ Never let your hound off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a storm. These dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure yours *always* wears ID tags.
- ♥ Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs, paws and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, anti-freeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.
- ♥ Does your dog spend a lot of time engaged in outdoor activities? Increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him and his fur, in tip-top shape. (No beagle will refuse a little bit of extra dinner!)
- ♥ And finally, consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly.
For many stylin' beagles, this is regulation winter wear.



Waiting for Winter

From the Doggie Dictionary-thanks to dogbreedinfo.com:

CHILDREN: Short humans of optimal petting height. Standing close to one assures some good petting. When running, they are good to chase. If they fall down, they are comfortable to sit on.

DOG BED: Any soft, clean surface, such as the new white bedspread in the guest bedroom or the newly upholstered couch in the living room.



I am a dog
advocate
because as
a child,
I looked into
a dog's eyes
and
saw a soul as
real as mine.

-adapted from e. h. g.

B.O.N.E.S. volunteers are the heart and backbone of our organization and perform a wide variety of tasks.

Volunteers can commit to working at a one time special event or help out more often with fundraising, transports, and/or home visits.

Some beagle lovers commit to one ongoing project such as providing a foster home. But no matter how much time you have to give, B.O.N.E.S. will utilize your talents and appreciate your dedication.

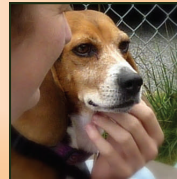
If you would like to know more about becoming a volunteer, check us out at [our Volunteer page.](#)



Have you ordered your B.O.N.E.S. Calendar?

For every calendar sold, we have an anonymous beagle loving donor who will match the full price sale of each calendar, dollar for dollar for maximum beagle benefit.

That means for each calendar you purchase, \$15 will be donated to B.O.N.E.S. by our beagle loving donor!



Knowing that your purchase means more now than ever, please buy calendars for everyone on your holiday shopping list! [Order](#) yours today!



Hungry Hudson

Hudson is a beagle rescued by B.O.N.E.S. from a bad situation in Limington, ME. B.O.N.E.S. wanted to find a wonderful home for Hudson and we did. John is a long-haul trucker that had lost his beagle companion of 13 years. He wanted a new companion. Luckily John found Hudson or Hudson found John.

This is a wonderful match. Hudson and John have been e-mailing us notes from the road. Well, Hudson dictates and John does the typing.

If you would like to follow their latest tale of life on the highway, go to <http://www.bonesbeagles.org/hudson.html>



"Under One Woof" is having a party and you're invited! Join the fun on Sunday, December 2nd

All Proceeds to Benefit
the Salem Animal Rescue League and B.O.N.E.S !

Go to our website <http://www.bonesbeagles.org/>
for more details on this event!

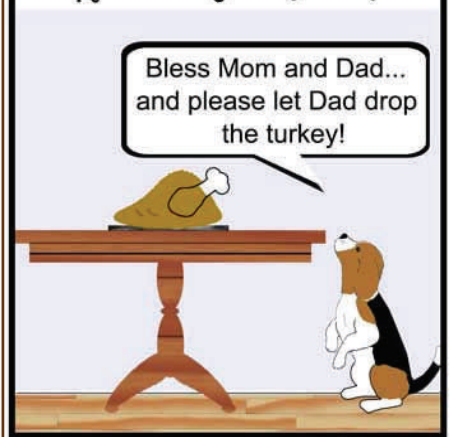


Myles ♥



Ruby ♥

Sleepytown Beagles™ by Timothy Glass



For more about "SleepyTown Beagles" and Timothy Glass, go to www.timglass.com

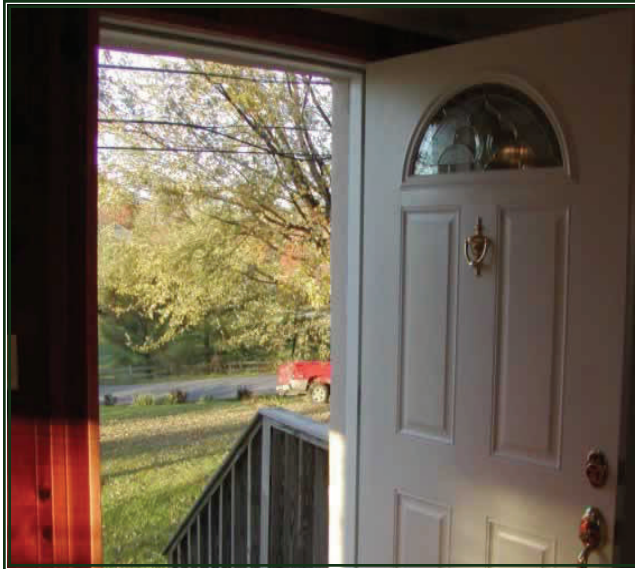
Bobbi and the Strays is a shelter in New York. They are a 100% non-profit no-kill animal rescue organization, located in New York with an adoption center in Queens and a shelter on Long Island.

They lost almost everything in Hurricane Sandy. What they did *not* lose was a single one of their 300 animals. They have them up and down the coast at helpful shelters and foster homes.



In the spirit of helping and on behalf of the B.O.N.E.S. organization, the Board of Directors has sent a donation to Bobbi and the Strays. To read more about this shelter and how you can help, please go to <http://www.bonesbeagles.org/>.

Family helping family,
rescues helping rescues.
Good stuff!



The holidays are upon us, and our front doors will be flapping with the comings and goings of visiting loved ones and friends. Now is the time to be *extra* careful with your curious little wanderers. There will be many escape opportunities for your beagles. Make sure that your hounds always wear I.D. tags, and watch that door! Maybe sequester him or her in a quiet room or their crate with a chew toy until all your visitors have arrived.

Shy beagles can get stressed with the hustle and bustle of holiday guests, so provide a quiet room where your pup can relax. Provide plenty of food and water and let him catch up on some Z's!
American Humane Assoc.



Usually the increased activity and visitors can upset your dog's routine. So try to keep your regular doggie schedule for feeding and exercise and be sure you give them plenty of love.

This might go under the heading of "Duh" but just in case-Don't tie ribbons around your dogs neck for the holidays. These can be accidentally tightened, resulting in choking if the ribbon is caught on an object.

Holiday Hints for our Hounds from the ASPCA

Christmas won't be that far away now, so when you decorate your tree why not replace those metal ornament hooks with tightly knotted fabric, 1/4 inch ribbons, light-weight twine or yarn that will slip easily over the branches?



Hang your treasured ornaments higher on the Christmas tree. Use wooden, medal, resin-cast or the like on the lower branches just in case curious little paws want to play with bright and colorful ornaments. And while tinsel isn't toxic, if ingested, it can cause intestinal obstructions and choking ...please avoid using this decoration.

During holidays, our beagles should not participate in the feasting. Feeding a sad-eyed dog table scraps can cause serious stomach and intestinal upset from overfeeding or more severe illnesses if the foods are toxic to animals.

If you want to spread the holiday cheer with your little buddy, give out those all-natural dog biscuits and other healthy treats such as carrots and green beans. That way our pups can enjoy the foodie side of our holidays without them being put at risk. And remember, round beagles are tough to walk, so avoid giving out too many treats. For them as well as for us, too much of a good thing is still too much.

Hounds loitering in the kitchen should be kept away from any alcohol, chocolate, macadamia nuts, or raisins that may have been left out. Visit the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) Animal Poison Control Center's website at [ASPCA Animal Control Center](http://www.aspca.org/poison-control). for a more detailed list of toxic foods and poisonous houseplants.

We rescue. We foster. We adopt. We post, pitch and plead. We give our time, our patience and share our beds. And we fall in love. In return, they are our jogging buddies, court jesters and snuggle bugs when our days have been less than stellar.

They give us joy, amusement and affection. They love us on their terms, always unconditionally. You are always their very favorite person when you come through the front door.

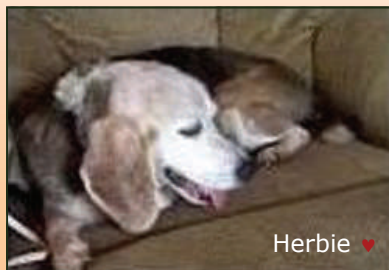
The hard truth that we all face is that how ever long they are with us, its never enough. And no matter how many times we may face this situation, it never gets any easier. And yet, we do it again.



B.O.N.E.S. Ambassador Clover

Miss Clover lost her battle with cancer and crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. The full tribute, written by her mom, Sandi Church, is at <http://www.bonesbeagles.org/beagletributes.html#lover>

Herbie lost his battle and crossed the Bridge last week. Momma Rosa knows that he's running like a pup now and that she'll see him again someday.

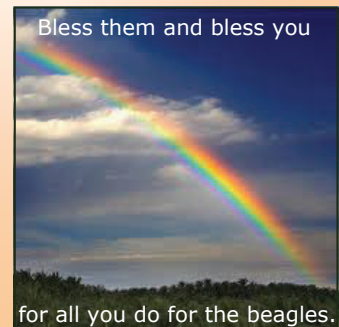


So to those who have taken a beagle into their hearts and homes and lost them to sickness or old age, know that you are not alone. And for your time together, neither were they.

Run free pups, we'll see you at The Bridge.



Miss Tawny said goodbye to her family in September and went to the Rainbow Bridge.



Meet Caruso!

This three and a half year old boy loves playing with other dogs, is house trained and crate trained, and knows some basic commands.

If you are hoping to find a sweet, affectionate, energetic and very playful Beagle, look no further.....you just

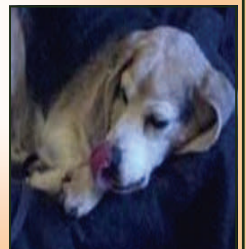
found your dog!

Go to <http://www.bonesbeagles.org/availablebeagles/caruso.html> for more details on this guy who'll make your heart sing!

Meet Tommie!

Tommie came from a shelter, as his owner needed to go into the hospital and would no longer be able to care for Tommie. He was overweight and lethargic. Over time, he's blossomed in his foster home, losing weight, enjoying the company of other dogs. Tommie became a playful, happy beagle looking for his forever home. Could that be you?

<http://www.bonesbeagles.org/availablebeagles/tommy.html>



This article was sent to The Bay just about this time last year. Its as important now as it was then to pay attention.

"The Life You Save could be your best friend's. A couple of weeks ago, while playing 'belly belly' with Ethel, I detected a lump near her back hind leg on her mammary glands.



Miss Ethel

We went right to the regular vet and he confirmed that it was a mammary gland tumor with a 50/50 chance that it could be cancerous. Fortunately we live near the Mass Vet Referral Hospital and met with a surgeon that week. She removed Ethel's 4th and 5th mammary glands. The difficult part for me was waiting the week for the biopsy results. Thank goodness they were good and the tumor was benign.

The surgeon advised me that dogs that are spayed later in life have a greater tendency to mammary tumors. (So) my advice to you all is pay attention to your furry friends. " ♥ TB

Happy Howl-idays!



Happy



Miles



Toby



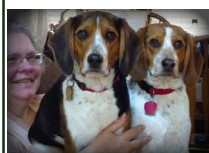
Ally

With
Many
Thanks...

I hit a speed bump on the way to getting this newsletter out. I had one of those yearly tests scheduled, one of which I had stalled crossing off my to-do list for a very long time. I arrived a little nervous, but determined to get it done.

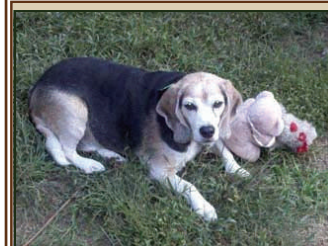
One set of films done and I was sent to the waiting room to get the okay and be released. Instead, there was a request to have another set done to clarify an area in question. And another and another. Finally, I was escorted to a quieter room with a door which closed behind me and some of the details were explained. My husband was called in to sit with me while I met the Chief Radiologist who showed me a shadowy image and spoke about biopsies. The biopsy was scheduled at the end of one of the longest weeks of my life, at which time I left the clinic two hours later with ice packs and promises to get the results as soon as possible to my primary physician.

In the scheme of things, I didn't have to wait very long for my results. Just long enough for me to play out all sorts of scenarios in my head, see the worried look on my husband's face before he smiled at me and hug my beagle girls at night that much longer.



The news that my doctor delivered was good, but also laced with a admonition that I had almost waited too long. I thanked God and booked for next year's test. Truth is, that waiting room can be scary, but not knowing can be a killer.

My final message to you is this-do you want to take the best care of your beagles? Take care of yourself first. Men, go see your doctors before your wives bug you. And ladies-go get squished.



Tommy ♥

A happy 9 yr old beagle boy
looking for Love
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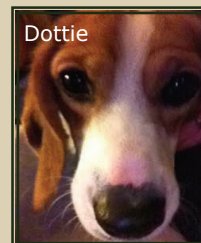
A Call To All...

Is there someone whom
you'd like to see in the
Spotlight?

Email us at
marlene.bonesbeagles.org



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



Dottie

Do you have room
on your sofa
for
another beagle?

[Click](#) for more on Dottie!

If you, or someone you
know would like to be a
foster parent,
please go to

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help.html#volunteer](http://www.bonesbeagles.org/help.html#volunteer)



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