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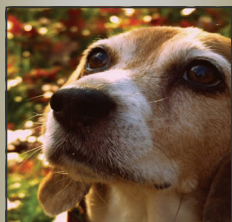
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Watch Out For
A Visit
In October!



Angels with Wheels

We all get them. Countless emails from every corner of the B.O.N.E.S. network arrive to my B.O.N.E.S. inbox, welcoming a new volunteer to our ranks or to announce who is stepping down and saying good-bye to our group.

As a member of B.O.N.E.S., I receive beau coup emails each month to keep me in the loop. Messages of who is doing well in their new foster homes or who is getting adopted after entering into our program for a few days or many months. And each time, one of us will respond by sending off an "AROO", and that starts the barking chain to celebrate the occasion. We are as much a pack as our four legged kids.

One email that I sent out was a request to our Transport team leaders Tom and Gretchen. Always the curious type, I wondered how does a transport get pulled together? What is it like to meet a beagle for the first time and know that by giving a ride in your car, you are helping to give this scared and scarred little hound a second chance?

I had hoped to get a response and I was not disappointed, our transporters delivered. (Yup, pun intended.) ♥ MB

Why Everyone Should Consider Transporting

Transporting is one of the jobs of this organization where you can physically put your hands on the reason for the rescue. It is an opportunity to have a personal hand in the work that we do. We move beagles for a variety of reasons. Some are being taken directly from an owner, some are coming from shelters, some are going to fosters and some are going home. They each present a unique opportunity to be a face of BONES. With an owner surrender, you may be faced with the task of reassuring someone that their beloved pet is going to be OK. They have talked to adoption counselors and other volunteers in the organization, but you are the person who is taking their Fido to a new home because they have had to make the difficult decision that theirs is not the right place due to bankruptcy, divorce or simply time. It is an opportunity to illustrate the compassion that this organization has for our beagles.

As a transporter, you may also have the opportunity to be the final leg in a long journey home for a lucky beagle. You will get to experience the anticipation and the excitement of the new family as they anxiously await their new companion. You get to be the face of B.O.N.E.S. when the Jones family gets their 1st beagle or their 20th beagle; it doesn't matter which because the excitement is still there. Your job may be as simple as filling one leg of many for a beagle to reach his final destination.

Each leg is equally as important because without the middle, there is no beginning or end. You will get to spend some quality time with one (or more) of these dogs on their journey. You will get to reassure them, walk them, pet them, love them for a little while until he goes on to his next leg. You will find it is great fun to spend a little time with these guys.

And don't forget the great friendships that you will form. Because we are spread throughout so many states and such a wide geographic swath, often the work we do centers on e-mail, internet, and some phone calls. We know the names of many volunteers, we know what some or most of them do, yet we wouldn't recognize them if we ran into them in the grocery store. You will get to know some of your fellow volunteers in the neighborhood, many you will start to call 'friend'.





You may even find your next beagle when you transport and decide that they are the perfect fit for your home. But here is the fun part of it all. You never know exactly what the transport is going to have in store for you; it could be a regular transport or it could be one that challenges, inspires, or changes you.

So when can you get started as a transporter?

Well, here's the kicker. Now that you are fully inspired, you are wondering when you can do your first transport. The answer is: whenever one comes your way. We never know when a transport is going to be needed or where they are going. But be assured, you will have a place to fill on a transport.

The Life of a Transport Coordinator

We know that transporting is an important function of B.O.N.E.S., but who are those people sending out all of those e-mails titled "Transport Request"? Our Gretchen Lajoie has been the coordinator of transports for about four years and lives in central Maine. Tom Fiske has been coordinating transports close to eighteen months and lives in western Massachusetts.



"We both decided to participate in coordinating transports after being transporters for a while. We saw a need and felt we could bring something to the table. This job requires organizational skills and patience, patience, and more patience. Technically, it is not a difficult job. In its simplest form, the transport consists of a request, contact with the beginning and end legs, an e-mail request out to the group, a complete and final itinerary, and a beagle on the move."

Unfortunately the way it *really* works is quite different.

"We get an e-mail request from an adoption or foster counselor. We look at the time frame and consider how hard it is going to fill. (Is the transport going to be two hours or ten, along the 95 corridor or out into the williwacks?) We consider the fact that we have two days to get the legs filled. And finally, do I have enough beer/wine/chocolate in the house to get through this whole process? We know that eventually someone will likely go incommunicado and someone else may get cranky with us and we know for a fact that we are going to be begging for some of the legs to be filled."

With all of this information in mind, they will either agree to do the transport or try to pass it off to the other. Both of them make an effort to be in contact with the person making the request so they know the status of the situation.

This is Tawny- beautiful isn't she?
Her transporter gave her a ride



and Tawny stole their heart.

For more information about transports, please go to
<https://www.B.O.N.E.S.volunteers.org/?page=transports.html>



"The first step is to make contact with the beginning and ending points to get the timing straightened out and to find out who is willing to drive there. Once we get those details ironed out, we post the transport out to the group. ...What we find happening is that people often times will sit back and wait to see if someone else is going to step up to the plate.

That can make it difficult on the coordinators because we are waiting to get the legs filled before we can get everything in line. It is also difficult on the folks who have already agreed to transport because they are waiting for all of the legs to fill so they know what their schedule is going to be for the day. Please, if you are able to do the transport, step up as early as you can so we can do our job. ...We request that you have patience with us during the process. We both understand that everyone has the best interest of the beagles in mind."

"We always feel good when a transport finally comes together, but they aren't without frustrations. Even ones that should be very simple sometimes turn into miserable messes due to poor communication....In the end, the most important thing is that the beagles get to where they are supposed to be going and that makes us all happy to be a part of this process."

Some final thoughts from Tom and Gretchen:

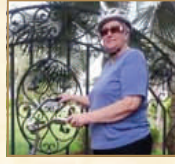
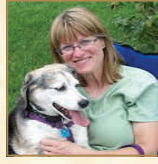
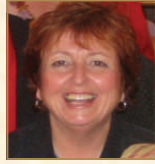
- ♥ "If you have volunteered to do a leg, do not assume that you are going to be doing it unless you get a response from us saying that it is yours. Certain legs tend to get a lot of drivers. Usually it is first come/first served unless we have someone willing to do more than one leg.
- ♥ Sometimes we may have to make a change and take you out of a leg. Usually that only happens if we have someone willing to fill multiple legs. But please be understanding if that happens.
- ♥ If you have been told you are going to be doing a leg, do not assume you are off the hook if you haven't heard from us in a couple of days. We are still working on the other legs and are counting on you.
- ♥ Please step up early if you are able to do a transport. This process would be so much easier if we didn't have to beg for volunteers.
- ♥ We don't know the Ins and Outs of the whole geographic region. We rely on a database of meeting places and MapQuest (remember we live in Maine and western Massachusetts). If you know of a better place to meet in your area, please share it with us."



Finally, a big hearty **THANK YOU** to all who have and who will volunteer to transport these beagles. They need you and we need you too. ♥ *Tom Fiske and Gretchen Lajoie*

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<https://www.B.O.N.E.S.volunteers.org/?page=transports.html>

In a continuing effort to keep everyone informed as to the work going on behind the scenes at B.O.N.E.S., here is an update from Joy, Sharon, Jeanne, Marsha and Ibbby. (known as the BOD or Board of Directors)



As reported to you a few weeks ago, the Board of Directors had a two day meeting at the end of June in an effort to work through our organizational structure, fill operational team positions and discuss fundraising. There was a long list of topics to cover and we made great strides. Overall, it was a great meeting and much was accomplished. We also socialized together in the evening and ate too much. (Sounds like a beagle thing to me.)

- ♥ Tina Bellomy has been our Volunteer Director until recently, but had to make the tough decision to step down as the Volunteer Director to an assistant position since work and family responsibilities were demanding more of her time. We will look to fill the vacant Volunteer Director position in the near future. Thank you Tina, for all of your efforts over the past year or so and for staying on to give the time that you can.



- ♥ On another note, Victoria Rea has done an amazing job in the medical area since she took the newly created position of Medical Coordinator in April of this year. For those of you who aren't aware, Victoria comes to us with 20 years of experience as a vet tech and her knowledge, hands on approach and attention to detail has been a tremendous plus for our foster homes and dogs in our care. The Medical Coordinator position was a new position at B.O.N.E.S. this spring, and after seeing the interplay between Victoria and the other members of the Operating Team, it became apparent that this position needed to be elevated to a Director position and therefore this week, Victoria's position has been changed to Medical Director. Thanks to Victoria for taking on this major position and doing a bang up job!
- ♥ Our Operational Team is jelling nicely and we thank all of them for taking the team approach and keeping their focus on making things work for the dogs that need our assistance. One last FYI - each one of our Directors of the Operational Team has a board member assigned to them as their mentor or "consultant" to share ideas and approaches. It's always nice to have another ear to listen and give other perspectives to consider.

The Operational Team (the Directors who are responsible for doing the hard day to day work of keeping B.O.N.E.S. moving in a positive direction) are:

- ♥ Intake Director-Marsha Cook ♥ Foster Director-Jeanne Lemner ♥ Adoption Director-Lori Pilvines
- ♥ Medical Director-Victoria Rea ♥ Volunteer Director-Currently Open

- ♥ On a completely different topic, board member Sharon Vartanian has taken on the role of moving our fundraising efforts along. She is in the midst of creating structure and connecting with a number of volunteers who have an interest in helping in this area and more info will be forthcoming. Sharon has been focusing on legal issues for the past three years and it is terrific to now see her have the time to work on one of her strengths. Her desire to help animals runs deep and she has the drive and passion to bring it all together.

So that's it - a quick update about the June meeting!

As always - thanks to all the volunteers who give freely of their time. It truly does take an entire "village" of volunteers to run a rescue. Hopefully the satisfaction you feel each time a beagle finds a loving home through all of our combined efforts makes you smile and say "I made a difference!" ♥ Joy B



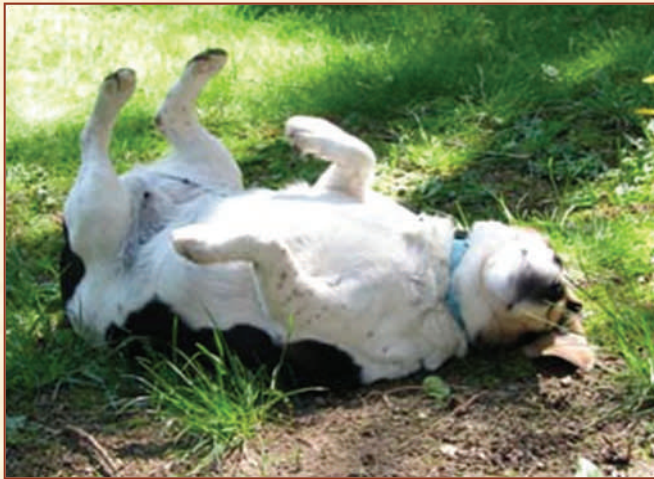
A dog can express more with his tail in minutes than his owner can say with his tongue in hours.
Anonymous (who IS this guy?)



Oliver (Axcell) ♥



B.O.N.E.S. Alum Ally visiting with her former foster brother Cooper.



Dakota went to her forever home with Carol and Bob Oliver ♥



Aroo!

In eight years B.O.N.E.S. has adopted out over 1,235 beagles.



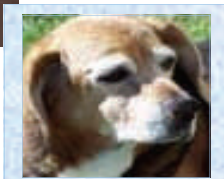
Dinah and her BFF ♥♥!



Miss Clover (Church) ♥



Bobo & Cookie ♥



Is Puppo looking for you?

Another chapter from

The Beagle Dictionary

DEAFNESS: This is a malady that affects dogs when their person wants them in and they want to stay out.

Symptoms include staring blankly at the person, then running in the opposite direction.

We still have many long, hot dog days of summer left before Canada starts sending cooler breezes our way. So here are some cold, hard facts; the temperature in a parked car, even with the windows opened partially, can reach 160 degrees in a matter of minutes. An interior temperature can heat up to 100 degrees in 10 minutes on an 80F day, even with the windows slightly open.++ Overheating often leads to heat stroke.



As a pet owner, you should know the signs of heat stroke and what to do if your dog exhibits those signs. If your dog is overheating, they will seem sluggish and unresponsive. They may appear disoriented and be panting hard. Their gums, tongue and conjunctiva of the eyes may be bright red. They might start to vomit; eventually the dog will collapse, go into a seizure and slip into a coma.



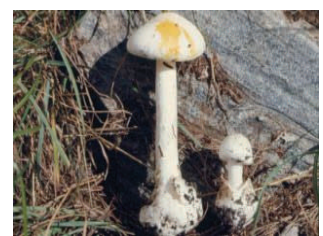
If your dog shows any of these signs, call your vet immediately. Wrap your dog with wet towels, spray with cool water in a spritzer bottle or give him ice chips to chew if he's alert.

The most important thing to remember about heatstroke is that its easier to prevent it from happening in the first place.

++ Have you ever walked past a parked car with a dog inside? Did you continue walking, not knowing what you could do to help that animal? If its in a store's parking lot, you could go into the store and ask for the manager. A simple announcement over their P.A. system might be enough to get the car/dog owner to provide relief for the dog in distress.

Another solution might be to call the local police and report the licence plate; Causing an animal to be subjected to unnecessary cruelty or suffering is illegal in NH/MA/ME/VT. (And is punishable in

MA by imprisonment for up to one year and a fine of up to \$1,000)



Have you seen these menacing mushrooms in your yard?

There's a Fungus among us...especially this summer. Hot, humid conditions are ripe for making a bumper crop of mushrooms in our south-of-Boston area. Are you aware of mushroom dangers? Does your beagle have full run of your backyard? If your beagle falls sick and you suspect he's eaten a mushroom, try to find another sample from your yard, bag it and bring it and your dog to the vets immediately. There are treatments, but the vet will need to know what type of poison he's dealing with.

If you're unsure about the mushrooms in your yard, go to <http://www.nemf.org/files/lincoff/beginners/poison.html> for more information and what you can do to keep your beagles safe.



In Memory of Mia

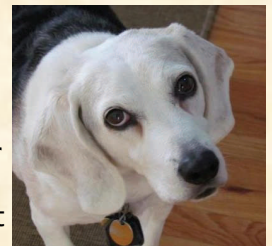
"Mia had a very difficult life, enduring the hardships of a hoarder until she was rescued by B.O.N.E.S. She suffered from heartworms, partial blindness, and a myriad of other serious health issues." Ultimately, a neurological event led to the end of her journey, but not until after she found a real life and complete unconditional love through her foster mom and with her new forever family. "Throughout everything, this poor little creature only craved one thing in the world, a family to love. Mia had to wait half her life to find that family, but when she did they were the best people in the world to her. Ilene and Mark

Coman loved Mia, cared for and showed her the kind of life that some dogs only dream of. Mia finally had the family that would take her under their wings and into their hearts." She visited her foster mom Melanie Raymond and her pack often. "In their last couple of weeks together, the family went to Maine to relax. Mia spent her time with the people she loved most. No hassles, no pressures, just being." ♥ Melanie Raymond

Walter wasn't a B.O.N.E.S. beagle, but his adoption was inspired by a B.O.N.E.S. volunteer that Sarah Heaton had met at a gift wrapping table at a local Barnes & Noble at Christmastime in 2004.

"Our senior dog Ralph got sick and passed away. Naturally we were devastated but after a couple of weeks it was quite obvious that we couldn't be dogless for much longer. We remembered the beagle we'd fallen for and found this feisty little guy named Yodel in a local shelter. When we met, it was love at first sight for all of us. And he knew we were his people. Yodel/Walter, was totally loving and trusting with us from the very first night he came home. He laid upon my belly that evening and fell asleep on his back, which I saw as a huge honor." Sarah has become friends with many of our B.O.N.E.S. volunteers via Facebook. And this week She had to come to grips with a devastating diagnosis for her ailing Walter. But it came as a greater shock to have to say goodbye to him just a few days later, and her heartache rang true for many of us.

"Goodbye sweet Walter Boo, you were such a great dog, I will really miss your beautiful singing voice." ♥ Sarah Heaton



Walter "Boo"

Welcome Home Waffles!

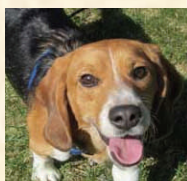
A multi leg transport took place during the last weekend of July to help bring Winston home. "Thank you everyone! Emily and I are very excited...(we) can't wait to have Winston as a new family member." Shortly after they were united, we received this message; "Winston, now Waffles, is doing well. He is a very good and an extremely well behaved dog and we love him very much.



These photos tell a bit more of their happy tale!

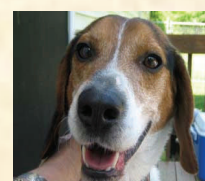
"Again, we appreciate all of the travel that took place that rainy Saturday to bring Waffles home." ♥ Pete and Emily R

And we appreciate the many volunteers who help to make "happily~ever~afters.



Shamrock

Do you want to help save a life?
Read more about being a volunteer at
<http://www.B.O.N.E.S.beagles.org/help.html#volunteer>



Frankie

The 2013 B.O.N.E.S. Calendar Photo Contest

Here are just a few of the beagles to grace our calendar this year;
to see all of the wonderful hounds, go to <http://calendar.B.O.N.E.S.beagles.org/?page=winners.html>



The finished calendars will be available for purchase
at this year's Beagle Bash on September 29, 2012,
and on-line through the B.O.N.E.S. website.

All proceeds from photo entry fees, voting fees, and calendar purchases
will go to help B.O.N.E.S. with its mission to rescue, rehabilitate,
and re-home beagles throughout the Northeast area.

Thank you for helping us to create the best B.O.N.E.S. beagle calendar ever!!

If you have any questions, please [email](#) us.

The 2013 B.O.N.E.S. Calendar Committee

Cathy Clayton

Jeanne Lemner

Mary Clare Springer



How do you get the best seat
in the house?

Move the dogs.



Some people wonder why we help beagles in need.
We don't understand why they wonder.

To find out how *you* can help, go to www.bonesbeagles.org



"I'm counting down the days to the 9th Annual B.O.N.E.S. Beagle Bash!"



Aimee was adopted!

Attention to all adopters!

Great news-we are swimming in photos of Bone Alumni! They will be on our B.O.N.E.S. Alumni display at the Bash.

We are selling raffle tickets for the Gift Baskets online. \$1 each! The site is live and you can purchase them through PayPal or send in a check via snail-mail.

You *do not* have to be present at the Bash to win, and anyone can take their chances.

Wouldn't you love to win one of these gorgeous baskets?

Check them out a www.bash.bonesbeagles.org.

Shelburne Museum Goes to the Dogs!

6000 Shelburne Road
PO Box 10
Shelburne, VT

This year the Paw-lympic flame will be burning bright for athlete dogs from near and far! Sunday, Sept 16 10 am.-5 pm

Admission: Adults \$10 / Children \$5

The day made for dogs is presented by Shelburne Museum and locally-owned Pet Food Warehouse. The fun benefits dog rescue groups and humane societies. The featured attraction at this year's event will be **DockDogs**, showcasing the incredible athletic talent of dogs getting big air over water. Owners and their dogs are welcome to compete. Fun for the whole family!

<http://shelburnemuseum.org/visit/planning-your-visit/>

Need "two-for" coupons?

Go to <http://www.bash.bonesbeagles.org/coupon.pdf>



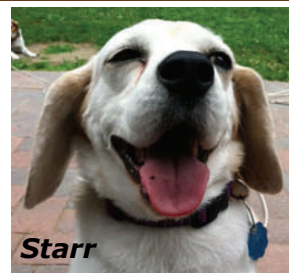
On August 19th, volunteers from B.O.N.E.S. will be participating in the Tractor Supply Company's 2nd Annual Pet Appreciation Week from 10am -2 pm in Coventry, RI.

For more details, contact Gina Barrett @ gina.barrett@gmail.com



B.O.N.E.S. is also participating in The Pet Rock Festival <http://petrockfest.org/> Sunday, September 9th from 12-5 pm.

Contact Shawn-Marie Bridge @heidiandbenny@yahoo.com for more details if you are interested in helping out at this event.



Starr

A 10 yr old bundle of love!
Check her out at :

<http://www.B.O.N.E.S.beagles.org/availablebeagles/starr.html>

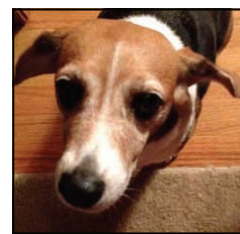
A Call To All...

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 what a good life can be?



Do you have room on your sofa for another beagle?



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

<http://www.B.O.N.E.S.beagles.org/help.html#volunteer>
Or email us at volunteers@B.O.N.E.S.beagles.org