



~The Bay~

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News and stories of courage, love and second chances

Hello Again Well, it has been awhile since the last newsletter was written and from what I've read, I have some mighty big paws to fill. There is a lot of news to share with you; so many little beagles have come into our rescue program and found their forever homes, and there isn't a week that goes by without another email welcoming yet another volunteer to our ranks.

So grab a cup of something warm and let's kick off another year together. ~MB

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In The Spotlight: Our Sensational Senior Beagles Program

Life with Baxter

Baxter, adopted by Victoria Rea, reportedly snores so loud that she has to wake him up just so that she can get back to sleep! She said that like all beagles, Baxter loves his food and dances in circles at dinnertime. It certainly sounds like he does not act his age of 13. "Baxter is a very loving dog that, in a short 6 months, has become my constant shadow."



Baxter

Like many others considering a senior beagle, Victoria had some reservations of adopting an older dog. She had the usual thoughts of him probably not being with her for very long, but now she could not imagine *not* having adopted him. "He has been a wonderful addition to my pack and is such an easy dog to care for." (Another benefit of seniors) "I also get to give him a great life in his older years. Having to live in a shelter after being with one family his entire life before being accepted into BONES would have been a shame." (*Victoria Rea*) ❤️

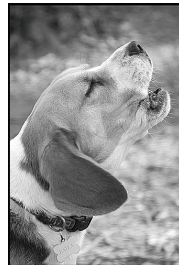


The Leader of The Pack

According to Donna Jordan, she has the most wonderful beagle of them all in Patch, an SSB beagle. She and David had lost four beagles within an eighteen month period, but it wasn't until she followed a tip to the BONES site that she saw Patch. Now the Jordan household is run by three other younger BONES beagles (Max, Smokey and Mista) with Patch being the senior "head-honcho" and first in line to get a cookie.

"People have asked me how I could get senior dogs again after just losing 4 dogs, but the way I feel about it is that we have all this love to give no matter how long we have them and they have so much to give back. It is (so) important that their remaining time consist of a life of good care and lots of love. It's all humans and animals could ask for and deserve, which is what Patch and I talk about each night as he lays across my lap. Just don't tell him that he's too big to be a lap dog! We are thankful every day for having Patch!"

(*Donna and David Jordan*) ❤️



Aroo!

In eight years BONES has adopted out over 1,175 beagles.



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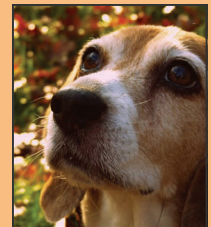


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The Next Issue In April!



"She has made our home a happy home."

"Sensational Senior's are the best."

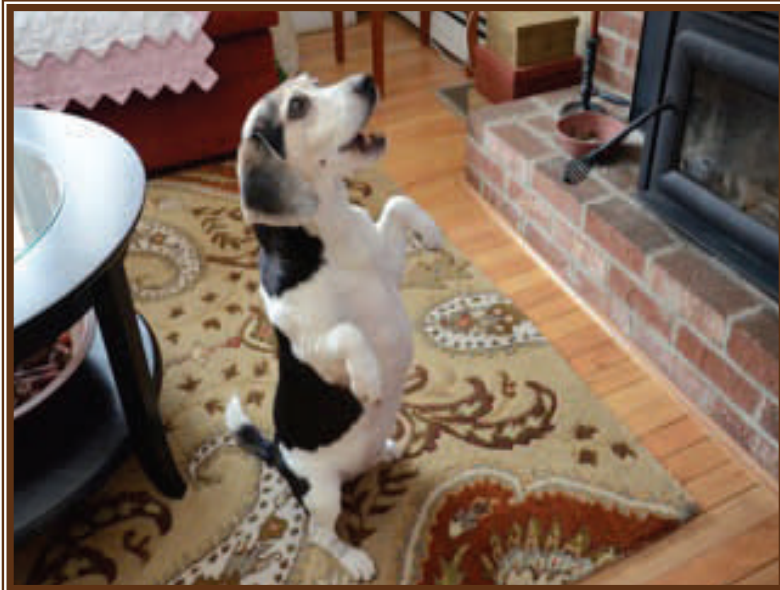
These are just some of the sentiments expressed by our *Sensational Senior Beagle* adoptive families. For those of you who are not yet familiar, the Sensational Senior Beagle (SSB) program was developed because adoption statistics show that "senior" dogs are difficult to place.

Adopters are concerned about a shortened life span and increased veterinary costs. For beagles in the SSB program, the adoption fee is waived and BONES provides permanent financial support for the dog's routine veterinary care and welfare decisions in regards to the dog's care are retained by BONES. In other words, it's a "supported adoption." The adoptive home provides the daily needs of the dog: food, shelter, toys, exercise and most importantly, love.

To be considered for the Sensational Senior Beagle program, beagles are typically 11 years of age or older. These beagles, not always the first choice of adopters, make excellent companions. The adopted beagle in return provides an endless supply of love and appreciation for being able to live out his or her remaining years in a wonderful home.

As is the case throughout BONES, there is a huge need for foster homes so that more senior beagles can be accepted into our organization and subsequently find loving, forever homes. Financial support is also greatly needed due to the ongoing costs incurred by the supported adoption.

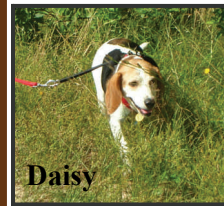
If you are interested in finding out more about the B.O.N.E.S. Sensational Senior Program, please contact Susan Cannon, SSB Program Manager, at ssb@bonesbeagles.org.



Miss Daisy's Journey

"We had just lost our black lab chow mix Ebby. We found Daisy on the internet at the BONES website. We saw her photo and fell in love with her." Driving Miss Daisy from her foster home in Fitchburg to her new home in Falmouth, her new family reassured her as she stood in the passenger seat for the 115 mile trek. This journey was not just another play adventure; this was the start of forever.

Acting much younger than her actual years, Daisy keeps the Reynolds and their cat Tiggy on the go. "I am normally a couch potato. Well, when Daisy and I take a



Daisy

walk at the cranberry bog, some days she starts out slow, smelling the scents and trying to find bunnies. But by the time we get to the half way mark around the

cranberry bog, she picks up the pace and I am almost running with her!"

Now when Bill and Kathy come home from work, Daisy serenades them hello.

"We would highly recommend sensational seniors to anyone. They bring as much love or even more than a new puppy or younger dogs. So try to adopt a senior- you will not regret it!" *(Bill and Kathy Reynolds)* ❤️



Daisy, after a long day of chasing rabbits.

Aimee Love, another BONES beauty...

Sure doesn't look her 10+ years, does she?

See Aimee's story on page 3



Silly Lilly

Joyce Acheson's female beagle passed on in May, 2011. She knew that she wanted another female beagle "but I'm 73, a widow and veterinary bills were too much for my budget. I didn't know about BONES (but) I called a phone number in Maine and left a message.

The next day, I got a call back from a woman in Vermont named Jeanne. She told me about Lilly, who at almost 10 years old, was a challenge with some separation issues and health problems. I decided to meet that challenge. I got Lilly on June 25, 2011 and fell in love with her." With Lilly's separation anxiety it took three months to leave her alone without things being destroyed in the house. "One day I'd been gone about three hours, when upon my return the back door was unlocked and the doorknob chewed up. I knew Lilly was the culprit and laughed my head off. Whenever possible I take her with me. One warm day last summer I left her in the car while grocery shopping. I left the car running to keep the air conditioner going and locked the doors. When I came out with my groceries, there were people around my car laughing; Lilly had the windshield wipers going and was tooting the horn!"

Lilly thinks that she's a lap dog. "I sleep in a recliner that's quite wide and she gets under the blanket with me, my cat gets on top and they both keep me nice and warm." Lilly has learned to sit, give Joyce high-five's and speak for a yummy. She often dances on her hind legs for her meals. "She's my Silly Lilly and gives me a good reason for living. I love her more each day." *(Joyce Acheson)* ❤️

A rolled up newspaper can be an effective tool when used properly. If your pup chews up something or has a potty accident, take the paper, leave the room and hit your head as you repeat the phrase "I didn't watch my pup!" "I didn't watch my pup!"
Gotcha!

Aimee – A Love Story

It all began when Paula Russell was searching for rescue organizations to possibly add a third member to her family. Despite her husband's (mild) protests, Paula made out the adoption application hoping that a little lab beagle named Cinnamon would soon join Murphy the Beagle and Daisy, their yellow lab.

As it turned out, little Cinnamon did join the pack and she was quickly schooled by the two in the ways of being a dog. She learned to do stairs, how to beg (!) and romp in their acre of land.

Late October of last year heartache struck the family with the passing of Daisy and six weeks later, the Russell's made the most difficult but loving decision to let their beloved Murphy cross over to join her, pain free at last.

Then a phone call changed everything.

"Lori called and said there was a little old dog named Aimee Love and that she was in need of a foster home. Could I find it in my heart to help her out? My husband and I did not have to think very long about it. We managed to find a little more room in our hearts and in our house for Aimee. (And) even though my heart is broken still, she



Cinnamon

has brought some life to the house and Cinnamon loves her.

(Paula Russell) ❤️



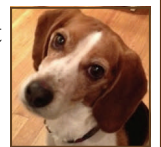
Sweet **Aimee Love**, waiting for her forever home, could it be **you**?

See Aimee Love and all of the available beagles at

www.bonesbeagles.org/availablebeagles.html



A while ago I was jokingly asked by Joy B. if I was ever a cheerleader. I roared, but then I thought about it. Each day I share a story of this little one that needs a home or that little hound who has been adopted without even hitting the website. You have been at my dinner table when I speak of the fosters who, with a patient heart, take in countless beagles that need a loving hand. I marvel at the transport teams that prod and plead when a leg or two of a trip from a shelter or to a new home needs to be filled during a busy weekend. You are all integral to these rescue missions, and you are all simply amazing.



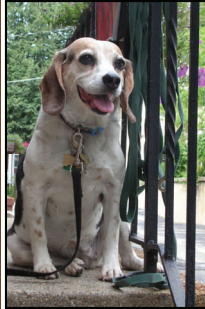
A lot of our beagles and friends have come into our lives and left far too soon. I am amazed at how one email from a grieving volunteer can elicit such heart-felt advice from all of you. It is in that sharing of our experiences with our beagles that we have loved and lost which reminds us of why we're here. And that fellowship keeps B.O.N.E.S. moving forward, one beagle at a time. ❤️

So yeah, give me a "B", give me an "O"... MB

Hands On!

Needless to say, our beagles have the shiniest coats, thanks to all those head rubs and cuddles, but did you know that laying your hands on your hounds can also save their life?

“The life you save could be your best friend’s. A while ago, while playing “belly-belly” with Ethel on the bed, I detected a lump near her back leg on a mammary gland. I took her to the vet right away and it was confirmed that it was a mammary gland tumor with a 50/50 chance that it could be cancerous. We met with a surgeon at the Mass Vet referral Hospital that week and she removed Ethel’s 4th and 5th mammary glands.”



A week later Miss Ethel's biopsy results revealed that the tumor was benign and she was well on her way to a full and happy recovery with Tina.

“The surgeon advised me that dogs that are spayed later in life have a greater tendency to mammary tumors. So my advice to all of you is pay attention to your furry friends.” *(Tina Bellomy)* ❤️

Ethel



Joe-Schmoe

A Call To All



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



Do you want to share your beagle’s story?

Send an email to marlene@bonesbeagles.org

Food For Thought

Does your beagle resemble this?  Or this? 

During our last trip to the vet for a wellness check, one of our girls put on a few extra pounds while her sister’s weight stayed the same. Their activity level had increased and were always on “the go”; the only other change was their diet. Our vet advised to ease them off “puppy” kibble and begin a diet of a high quality adult food.

So the hunt began.

I researched online until my eyes were blurry; this food had chicken meal, that one had chicken parts. But the number one ingredient in several brands, holistic, organic or not, was corn gluten meal, rice meal, and whatever a by-product was. I chose a high quality kibble that had an ingredient list so impressive even *I* could eat it. This one was described as a “weight management formula”, so I gradually blended the new kibble into the old and watched as my girls wolfed their food.

A few weeks later, it was noticed that my little fatty had not lost, but instead gained another two pounds. So I asked our vet for advice. She brought out her Kibble Journal, and in there were dozens of dog foods, dry and canned listed with their caloric content. It seems that I had unwittingly switched from their high calorie, high protein puppy stuff to a higher calorie, higher carbo kibble. No wonder little Abbey was packing on the pounds! We have since chosen a dry food that satisfies their need for a flavorful crunch and my need for them to be at a healthy weight.

If you want to know what your kibble weighs in at “calorie wise”, check out <http://www.petobesityprevention.com/dry-dog-foods/> for the pdf and see how your kibble stacks up.

And for a list of veggie do’s and veggie “no-no’s” visit <http://www.buzzle.com/articles/vegetables-for-dogs.html>

NOTE: Only you and your vet know the special needs of your beagle, so talk with them before making any dietary changes.

Do you have room on your sofa for a beagle?



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

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

<http://www.bonesbeagles.org/help.html#volunteer>

Or email us at volunteers@bonesbeagles.org