



The Bay

News & Stories of Courage, Love
& Second Chances

Holiday
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The Official Newsletter
of B.O.N.E.S

Beagles of
New England States

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Greetings from the Board

To our **B.O.N.E.S. Family**,

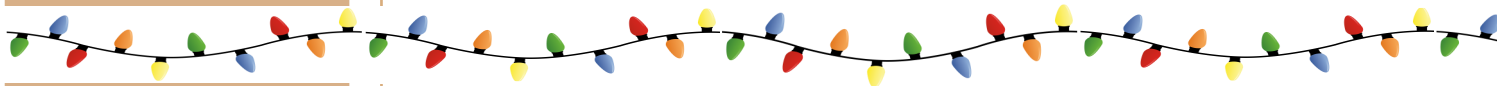
Since last year, we have added 3 more Board members to the B.O.N.E.S family. With that, the most important accomplishments this past year are the 32 beagles we have fostered and the 25 beagles who found their furever homes.

What a joy to see pictures of happy beagles and to hear stories from their new families. All this could not have happened without the hard work and dedication that you contributed to this organization. Without *you*, we simply could not be the rescue we have become.

It takes a special kind of person to dedicate even a tiny portion of their time to help an animal in need. Soon 2016 will be in our rearview mirror, so let's roll up our sleeves, raise our voices and offer our time to make 2017 even better for these hounds.

From the bottom of our hearts, we the Board and the Beagles thank you and wish you and yours the happiest of the holiday season! Arroooo!

Clay, Ibby, Sharon, Elle, Curtis and Cathy



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www.bonesbeagles.org

- Meet our Available Beagles!
- Volunteer
- Donate



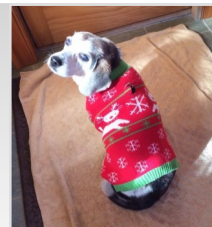
Watch for
more B.O.N.E.S.
news
this Spring!



Welcome to Winter! Taking a walk is good exercise for your dog and for you, especially with all those holiday treats. And it is also a great way to sneak in some one-on-one time and expend some energy in the crisp, fresh air.

Some dog breeds are blessed with thick fur that keeps them warm naturally, even in very cold temperatures. But dogs with thin coats, like beagles, may need to wear a sweater or coat when out for winter walks and boots to protect their tender paw pads from the ice and cold pavement.

A good coat should reach from the neck to the base of the tail and also protect the belly. Measure your dog for the proper fit. And remember that coats will not prevent frostbite on the ears, feet or tail, so even with a cozy coat, don't keep your dog out too long in freezing temperatures. ([more winter tips](#) from Dogs Naturally Magazine)



It's Time For The Annual Appeal!

In just thirteen years, (wow! 13!) B.O.N.E.S. has rescued more than 1,425 beagles that were surrendered, abandoned, neglected or abused. With your help as volunteers and those who graciously donate, these beagles found loving, adoptive homes throughout New England!

Additionally, the Sensational Senior Beagle program provides senior dogs homes with a "supported adoption" for their remaining years. But we can only continue to rescue beagles with your help.

Check out Page 5 for two of our Happy Endings made possible by our dedicated team of volunteers and the generous donations by supporters like you!





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



[Meet Maja!](#)

Do you share
your sofa
with your beagle?



Got room for another?



If you would like to be
a foster home to
a beagle in need,
please go to

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

Or email us at
[volunteers
@bonesbeagles.org](mailto:volunteers@bonesbeagles.org)



I Love You, But You're Not My Dog- The ins and outs of successful fostering

Boomerang--when a dog's forever home turns out not to be forever.

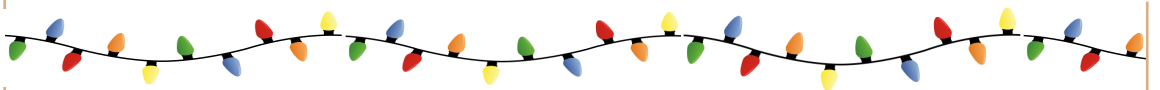
I know she wasn't perfect, but she was just wonderful--warm, cuddly, housebroken, quiet, loved every dog, child and adult she met. I worked on her training, but it was slow. She had the housebreaking down, she didn't chew up anything lying around including a \$200 pair of shoes I forgot to pick up. And, they must have smelled great to her. That gave her lots of points in my book. But she had her quirks. We were working on them. Being alone scared her. But, I figured, it took her years to develop them, it will take some time to help her to overcome them.

I have owned many dogs, raised some from puppyhood, adopted others as adults. I never expected them to arrive knowing what they should and shouldn't do. I always expected that there would be a period of adjustment, a long period of adjustment. And, I usually expected it to last at least six months, maybe more. I equated it to someone speaking a language that I didn't understand, picking me up, and then putting me in their home. I would have no idea what was expected of me. If I may anthropomorphize a bit, a dog in a new environment must feel somewhat like that. Learning a new language takes time and repetition.

She was adopted by what seemed the perfect family for her. But, in their home, the rules were different, the lifestyle was different, she was nervous. She needed parameters. They couldn't supply them. So, she came back to me.

At first, I felt like a failure, that I didn't prepare her properly. She is my 11th foster dog and the first 10 are all in wonderful, forever homes.

I know I spoiled her some, well, maybe more than some, but she is just so darn lovable. I was determined to do better for her. Then I realized, I *do* do what is right for each foster. Maybe this wasn't the right home, maybe she wasn't ready, maybe, maybe. So now, we are working on her quirks. I am learning to address them better, and yes, she is becoming the beagle that she was meant to be. When the time is right, another family will find ALL of her endearing and not mind just a little more work to help her be the best she can be. When you save one life, you save the world. ~AK



A "Miss Bee" Update:

On Dec. 4, Bee was driven by Amy Kaplan, her foster Mom, to Massachusetts and her fur-ever home. Bee is now luxuriating in a home with an experienced Beagle Mom that will make her the center of her life. Bee now has a fenced in yard and an extended family with humans and dogs to love her. Arooo Miss Bee, and thank you Amy!



The Senior Edition of The Bay
is on our B.O.N.E.S. [website!](#)

All Seniors news, all day long!



Read "Why Senior Dogs Make Such Good Pets " and all the tail wagging tales of seniors getting a second chance at love! Check out [The Senior Bay!](#)





Check out
the
[B.O.N.E.S.
mouse pad!](#)

Do You Know How to Be Prepared?

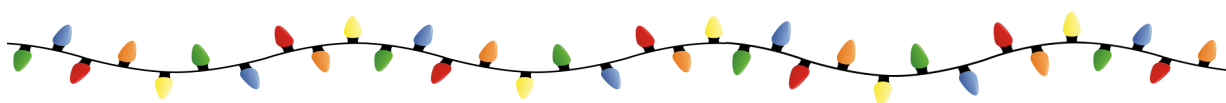
As pet parents, we need to be ready to respond to emergency situations if necessary. Follow these steps to make sure that you and your four legged family members are ready for any emergency.

- ♥ Is your dog micro-chipped? Moved lately? Make sure that your pets have collars with up-to-date information on the tags and the contact information listed on the micro-chip database is current.
- ♥ Put Pet Alert stickers on your home's windows to help rescuers know you have a pet inside the home.
- ♥ Keep current photos of your pets in your wallet in case the pet goes missing, or better, take a photo with your cell phone to keep on you at all times.
- ♥ Learn nearby routes and locations of local shelters, pet friendly lodgings and friends who can be designated caregivers for your pets in an emergency.

Build A Portable Pet Emergency Kit:

- ♥ A First Aid kit and guidebook, including any pet related meds
- ♥ Canned/dry food and plastic dishes (7 days worth/pet)
- ♥ Bottled water for 3-7 days worth
- ♥ Disposable garbage bags, non-latex gloves, dog waste bags, a roll of paper towels, liquid soap and disinfectant
- ♥ An extra collar, harness, leash and extra I.D. tag
- ♥ A paper copy and/or USB with medical files and information
- ♥ A pet carrier for cats and other small pets
- ♥ Blankets and soft bedding

If you must evacuate, DO NOT leave your pet behind. Be prepared.



'Tis the Season to help B.O.N.E.S. Beagles B.O.N.E.S. Holiday Fund Raiser

Buy a Polar Fleece dog toy from B.O.N.E.S. volunteer Robin Brousseau's Etsy site <https://www.etsy.com/shop/brousseau> and for each toy sold, she will donate \$2 to B.O.N.E.S.

"After 14 years of buying dog toys that my beagles shredded, tore apart and swallowed, I came up with a dog toy they can't destroy."

Give the gift of helping beagles!

These dog toys are beagle tested and owner approved!



The reviews are in.....

"Best toy for beagles,
even the tough chewers"
-SV

"Still in one piece
after 2 dogs and 2
months" - MB

'Tis A Gift...

Bella's Good Deeds By Victor Ventura

Much can happen in nine months, and the sharing of our story, may stimulate similar memories or accomplishments. The adoption of our beagle, Bella, through B.O.N.E.S. signified a wonderful new chapter in our lives. My wife Nancy and I have been married for 46 years and we have 2 adult sons with 3 grandchildren. We previously cared for my oldest son's beagle Brittany for 9 years until she passed in July of 2014. I am a retired school principal but consulting and mentoring. Nancy works part time and babysits two of the grandchildren every Tuesday. We view our situation as being enjoyable, satisfying, and fortunate. Upon my retirement, we decided to adopt a beagle and work towards volunteering in hospitals, elderly centers, and schools.

I would like to compliment B.O.N.E.S. and boast a bit about Bella. We applied for adoption on February 19, 2016 and this initiated a process and a relationship with Board of Director's Member and B.O.N.E.S. Secretary, Elizabeth Nathans (Ibby) who served as our Adoption Counselor. Ibby communicated in great detail regularly and guided us through the comprehensive and very necessary vetting and matching process. On Father's Day, June 19, we provided Bella a "Forever Home" after she spent 2 months in Foster Care with Joy Chromy and her wonderful family. We both will be eternally grateful to both Ibby and Joy for making it possible for Bella to join our family.

June 19 to November 2 represents a period over a little over 4 months (or 133 days). During this time, Bella has erased her past as a timid and fearful dog in need to become certified as a Pet Partners, Pet Therapy Dog, confident and ready to begin providing comfort and some joy to adults and children in hospitals, hospice, elderly centers or schools.

We began our schooling on July 29 in Karen Perusek's Courteous Canine LLC Dog Training School of South Kingston, RI (info@yourcourteouscanine.com), and worked weekly with Certified Trainer, Celeste Diamantini. Combined with daily practice sessions at home, we completed 2 courses of Canine Life and Social Skills, and the Touching Tails Therapy Dog Class. Bella and I learned Loose Leash Walking Inside/Outside, Navigating Through a Crowd, Accepting Rough Petting, Accepting Strangers and Other Dogs, Sit, Down, Wait, Stay, Come, Leave It, and Ignoring Distractions. I also completed the substantial, eight lesson "Therapy Animal Handler Online Course" offered by Pet Partners of Bellevue, Washington (www.petpartners.org). We are novices but are eager to learn more and get more proficient. Soon we will begin our work in Predictable Facilities.

Hopefully, Bella's story to this point in time will kindle similar thoughts and perhaps goals for your adopted beagle. The value of your family relationship with an adopted beagle or its potential contribution in your community are unlimited. There are numerous stories to tell! ~V.V (So stay tuned!)



Its Time For Our Annual Appeal

Each beagle that comes through our program averages more than \$700 in medical care and expenses.

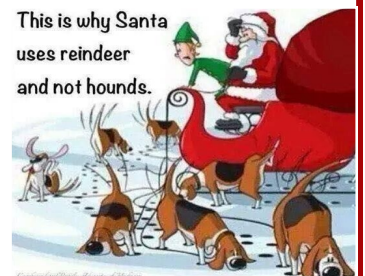
We will be announcing this very soon and you will be able to graciously make a donation to B.O.N.E.S. and help us continue our mission of giving every B.O.N.E.S. beagle their own Happy Ending!

Check out two of our recent Happy Ending beagles!

(See the next page)



This is why Santa uses reindeer and not hounds.



Meet Two of Our Happy Endings!



Shamrock

Shamrock was one of three beagles surrendered to B.O.N.E.S. after the sudden death of Sandra Bowers at the end of May. He had to be moved quickly, and he went as a foster to a wonderful volunteer and adoptive family, joining their two resident dogs. "Shammy" and his new foster siblings took a few days to work out the newcomer's place in the pack, but by the beginning of August, it was clear that he was home to stay.

His new dad reported that Shammy had become "VERY" attached to his new mom, and after recounting in detail his daily routine, added "Shamrock really needs the "pack" aspect in his life. It was all he knew and he has fit right in. "He even lets the other two go in and out of doors while he waits. He loves playing with Moses and they sleep in the same dog bed every day together. He and Moses are like two peas in a pod. They keep me in stitches, watching

the Nat Geo channel together, standing in front of the TV on their hind legs with wagging tails."

Update from Shamrock's Momma: "He has been with us since the end of June, and after a bumpy start, Shammy is adjusting well to his new home with his fur brothers and human brothers. He definitely has his routine down, as he patiently waits by the pantry door, as if to say "Mom; it's time for my medicine". He especially loves snuggling on the couch under his blanket every night. Shamrock still loves his carrots and apples, and given the chance- tries to get his own! He is such a sweetheart and I am so happy he has joined our pack. I couldn't image life without him."

No question, his new pack is the happiest possible "landing" for this sweet 8 year old beagle. Keep on loving your new life and your new pack, Shammy!



Tracker

After nearly three years in foster care and dealing with many medical challenges, our guy Tracker joined his forever home, having first met his beagle-savvy new family at their home a couple of weeks before. It was a long and hard road for Tracker, who has Cushings disease and has had recurrent mast cell tumors. Fortunately, his Cushings has been well-controlled on medication, and experimental injections have allowed him to avoid an amputation and have so far kept the mast cell disease in check.

This past August, he joined his new beagle sister, Samantha ("Sam") as successor to the family's much-adored beagle Gus, for whom they cared lovingly until Gus lost his battle with lymphoma earlier this year. At their informal meet-up, Tracker and Sam hit it off almost immediately, walking companionably together and then playing happily while Tracker's foster mom and his adopters talked. In his new home, Tracker will enjoy being with Sam in a large fenced yard, the company of his adoptive "dad" who works from home. and the loving attention of a family who chose him fully understanding that his medical issues are not curable and will require continued care and monitoring. And happily, Tracker's new family lives close enough to the veterinarians who have skillfully overseen his treatment for the past year, that the regular monitoring he needs, will continue at their practice.

We could not have imagined a happier situation for Tracker. Countless thanks to those who have helped him on his long road since he first came to B.O.N.E.S. as a sadly neglected stray. Arrrooo, Tracker -- here's to many happy times ahead!

Happy Holidays



We Love, Love, Love Our Calendar Pups!

It's December and the calendar orders are coming in fast and furious! Do you remember how beautiful our 2016 beagle calendar was? Well, wait until you see our 2017 calendar! Everyone who has seen it is saying it's even better! And the pictures and stories in this year's calendar are priceless.

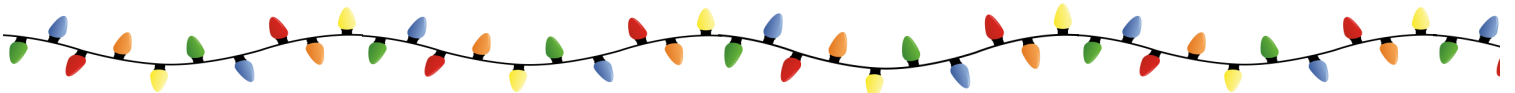
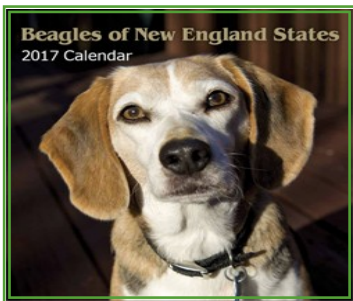
This year's goal is to sell out and have to order more! It's been done before and this year's committee is hoping to do it again. How can you help? It's easy! You can help us reach our goal by ordering now! Order one for home, one for the office, and extras for all those beagle lovers on your holiday shopping list!

The calendars are \$16.00 each. All proceeds from photo entry fees, voting fees, sponsorships, 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.

Will *your* walls be ready to welcome the New Year?

With the same high quality you have come to expect from B.O.N.E.S., it has wonderful full color photos of beagles in a 12" by 12" format.

You can purchase by [mail](#) or securely [online](#) via Paypal!



A Message to our Volunteers

Please take 2 minutes each month and report your time.

You do so many great things for the beagles, so round up or down, and let's make sure those hours count!

The Beagles thank you!



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Rescue A Life