

The Bay



News & Stories of Courage, Love and Second Chances

Life has a way of tossing us curves on a journey, but in the end, some wonderful things can

happen if you go with the flow. Amazing what can happen with a little (or a lot) of love.

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The Newsletter of B.O.N.E.S Beagles of New England States



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From John Flanagan: "I was supposed to do a meet-and-greet back in the middle of March, but due to personal conflicts, I was not able to get any time off. Foster Mom Dawn was looking at a busy period in her schedule, so I decided that I would see Mackey the weekend of the 16th, whether I had to come from Maine or Baltimore. Cianbro (John's employer) has been very helpful and supportive during the past month, and this weekend was no different; they gave me a car to use to make the trip. I arrived Saturday morning and

Mackey didn't really want anything to do with me. He was definitely curious, but only from a distance. He did come close when I was offering some doggie ice cream, and inched his way closer to me to take the cup right out of my hand!

After three hours, we decided it was time to put him to the test, so we loaded him up in the car and off we went. He settled in right away, and enjoyed the ride to CT, where I decided to get a room. I took him out a couple times that afternoon, and he would start out with his tail between his legs but would eventually relax and take in the scents. That evening, we were both on the bed watching TV, and it was as if we were an old married couple; him on one side and me on the other, with him pretending I wasn't there. I woke up in the middle of the night, and he was curled up beside me."

"The next morning, I was greeted by a tail wagging beagle that seemed happy to see me! By the time we got to Baltimore, he didn't seem to have any doubts about me and made himself right at home in the truck. Monday, we had a short run, and he settled in to the routine right away. He sat up in the driver's seat and watched everything. When I would be away and out of sight he didn't seem to get nervous. He is still very shy around new people, but I hope he will get over this with time.



If not, I will have somebody to be shy around people with, so it's a win-win."

"I would like to take this time to thank all the great people at B.O.N.E.S. who make this all possible for the beagles as well as us humans. I would especially like to thank Ibby and Dawn for all they did on my behalf. Dawn did a wonderful job with Mackey, even to the point of customizing his behavior and training for a close environment, such as the truck. Ibby did an outstanding job with the behind-the-scenes details and keeping me in the loop. This was made difficult for both of them due to all that was going on in my world. I am looking forward to a lot of good years ahead with Mackey and I hope that I can find a way to share some of those times as I did with Hudson."

Update from John: "Just got home and Mackey was busy reclaiming all his territory back from Brody next door. I was able to get him all worked up inside with a dog treat. He would tear down the hallway, jump up on the bed, and then I would pretend to yell at him, and he would tear back down the hallway into the living room and do some out of control laps and then receive his treat. A wonderful tradition continues as a tribute to Hudson's antics. Life is GOOD!!"

From Ibby: "One weekend, Mr. Mackey decided that he wasn't getting enough attention. John was at his desk, going over some paperwork that had been put off. He was slogging through his papers and sipping coffee, trying to focus, when all of a sudden Mackey was ON THE DESK next to him, tongue hanging out eagerly and making it very plain that he would no longer be ignored. (FYI-a while ago, this dog could not have jumped.)" ~E.N. Arooo Mackey & John!





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- Volunteer
- Foster
- Donate
- Adopt

Visit us at Bonesbeagles.org



Congratulations Patch! SSB Patch turned 18 yrs old on March 11th! There was a grand celebration to mark the occasion, including a party with special treats for the dogs and a visit from his favorite grandchildren along with other two and four legged family members.

This sweet boy was adopted from B.O.N.E.S. by the Jordan family when he was 12 yrs old and has been a much loved member of their family for the past six years.



Donna continues to be grateful for the support of the B.O.N.E.S. SSB program; it's like having another extended family to love and care for her special boy.

Arooo!



Get ready to voice your opinions -

the 2016 B.O.N.E.S. Volunteer Survey will be coming your way soon.

The B.O.N.E.S. 2016 Calendar Is Now <u>Half Price</u> at only \$7!



To order your calendar visit the <u>Calendar Website</u>!



Every dollar of the calendar project goes directly to the beagles. It is because of generous people like you that B.O.N.E.S. can continue to take in and care for homeless beagles.

Hello to our new volunteers, each with a passion to do whatever they can to rescue and re-home these little hounds. **Hello** to those volunteers who have chosen to take on a position with a desire to contribute in a new way. And **Hello** again, to those who needed to take a break and have now returned to help beagles who need a second chance at a better life.



So now that Spring is here, maybe you would like to do something new to help us help these dogs. We have several open positions posted on our <u>Help Wanted</u> webpage and we are on the hunt for people to lend a hand and add their dedication to our Operations teams.

Please check out those ads and if you have any concerns about time requirements or if you have enough skills, contact our Volunteer Director for a chat. Sometimes, the hardest part of starting something new is saying "yes".





Meet the New Board Members!





Watch Our Website!



Details Are Coming Soon!



A Labor of Love

Keep an eye on our B.O.N.E.S. <u>website</u> for details on this beautiful handmade Queen size Quilt; thirteen panels of playful Beagles lovingly made to wrap you and your pups in toasty warmth.



All three are dedicated to their beagles and to helping beagles in need.



Cathy Fitzgerald



Curtis Brothers



Elena Siniscalchi

To learn more about these new Board members, and the beagles that love them, visit our website.

Is your best buddy or darling diva micro-chipped?

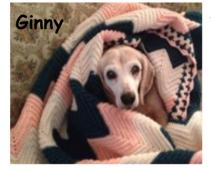
Have you recently moved, changed your phone number or email address? Now would be a great time to log in to your pet's account to make sure that your contact information is current. With warmer weather (almost) here, your four-legged friends will be spending more time outdoors. Make sure you can be contacted quickly if your hound were to go missing. If your hound has not been chipped, why not now?





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Want to help Willie and Other Beagles in Need ? You *can* make a difference... Contribute to our <u>2016 Annual Appeal</u>



Now, more than ever, we need your help to continue our work in rescuing beagles. <u>Please click here</u> to contribute. **Thank you** for caring and for making a difference in the lives of beagles in need throughout New England!



I Love You, But...



Hennessy says



"Paws In The Park Was Awesome!"

Read all about it at www.bonesbeagles.org





Get your cameras ready!

It is almost time to enter the B.O.N.E.S. 2017 Calendar contest.

Stay tuned for our announcements!



Amazing things happen when we work together.

www.bonesbeagles.org

You're Not My Dog - The ins and outs of successful fostering

When asked to write this recurring column, I planned a year of topics. This article, #4, was to be about rules. It is quite prophetic that with foster dog #11, I immediately broke all the rules. So, I guess, rules are made to be broken. From the moment she arrived, I picked her up and she snuggled in and I told her, "I love you." It took a few days for me to realize that I had left off, "but you're not my dog." I also let her sleep with me and my dog, which again, I (almost) never do.

She was the first dog that I thought long and hard about keeping. I was afraid that I would become a "foster failure." I loved her; I spoiled her; I did all the things I knew I should not do for or with a foster. And, it came back to haunt me when, after a few weeks, I realized that my home was not the best home for her. My lifestyle did not match her needs. And, she was not getting all the training she should to make a successful transition to her forever home.

So, back in the crate at night (we had a few tough nights). In the morning it was, "Good morning, I love you, but you are not my dog." Those were hard words to say. But, it was now on to getting her ready to find her forever family.

Structure is good for dogs and their humans. Here are her rules that I should have enforced from the first day so that she would go to her new family a good dog: #1. You must pee outside; #2.You must learn to stay in your crate, #3.You will learn sit, stay, come and if I'm lucky, down and heel. She did learn sit, stay and come, but by getting off on the wrong foot her crate training became difficult. I sent her to her new home with a little work still left to be done.

And although she lost some of her bad habits while she was here, she never lost her ability to love. Some family is now feeling all that love.

And, as I wait for my next foster to arrive, I am reviewing my rules, ~A.K. If you save one life, you save the world.



Poisonous Plants and Dogs

As you head into the garden to plant bulbs or clip fresh flowers, it's important to keep in mind that some plants and fertilizers can be toxic. Here are some details on potentially poisonous plants to dogs and what to do if your pet ingests one of them. The first plants poisonous to dogs aren't even ones you might expect. Spring flowers

with bulbs, like tulips, daffodils, Narcissus, and hyacinths, can be particularly dangerous to dogs, especially the skin at the bottom of the bulb. Whether they dig them up from a garden or snack on some bulbs waiting to be planted, ingesting these flowers in large amounts can cause nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. More severe symptoms as a result of larger ingestions can include increased heart and respiratory rate, foreign body obstructions, and, in rare cases, cardiac arrhythmias.

Dogs are more likely to dig up bulbs planted in organic fertilizers, which are more dangerous than other fertilizers. While they're a great natural source of nitrogen and utilize unused animal products, they're often made of bone, blood or feather meal — an appetizing combination of aromas to a dog that will often eat the fertilizer along with the poisonous bulbs. Organic fertilizers on their own are not life threatening, but if ingested in large quantities they can obstruct a dog's stomach and cause vomiting, diarrhea, and pancreatitis. (from Petmed.com)

