

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

Beagles of New England States

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



Holiday Greetings to all B.O.N.E.S. Volunteers



Each of you play a vital role in continuing our mission to find forever homes for beagles. None of this would be possible without you and your generous offering of time, talents, hearts and homes.

This year we received over 50 requests for assistance from ACOs, shelters and owners which resulted in the intake of over 30 dogs into our program. Thinking outside the box, our B.O.NE.S. volunteers suggested training and behavioral help as an alternative to surrendering a dog. A Win-Win for all involved.

We want to thank the volunteers who take the time to write to us via email, our FB page and call our Admin line to tell us about a beagle in need. None of us can be everywhere, so we appreciate you being our eyes and ears and hope you will continue to do this next year.

Looking forward to 2018, our wish is that we continue to work together and be dedicated to finding safe and loving homes for these dogs that need us.

We would like to wish all of our volunteers a happy and healthy holiday season. Elizabeth Nathans, Sharon Vartanian, Curtis Brothers, Elena Siniscalchi



The Bay News & Stories of Courage, Love & Second Chances

Walking in A Winter Wonderland

Ready or not, Old Man Winter is here, but despite the cold, taking a walk is still good exercise for your dog and for you, especially with all those holiday treats. And it is also a great way to sneak in a bit of one-on-one time and expend some energy in the crisp, fresh air.

Some dogs are blessed with thick fur that keeps them warm naturally, even in very cold temperatures.

But our beloved 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 their 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 the ASPCA)

It's Time For <u>The Annual Appeal!</u>

In just fourteen years, B.O.N.E.S. has rescued more than 1,451 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 our <u>Happy Endings</u>, made possible by our dedicated team of volunteers and the generous donations by supporters like you!





Do you share your sofa with your beagle?



Meet Charlie!



Say Hi to Billie!

These 2 boys have become BBFs and would love to find a forever home together!



Energetic & sweet, this darling duo will fill your heart and home with joy!



A Beagle's New Year's Pawsolutions! -Amy Kaplan



I promise to bay my loudest so you will know there is a squirrel trying to attack your tree.

I promise to keep your kitchen floor extra clean this year. Please keep dropping that food.

I promise to let you open the door every 15 minutes so that I can go in and out. You do need some fresh air, don't you?

I promise to take the center of the bed and stretch out as wide as I can.

I also promise to hog the blankets. Your feet need some air during the night.

I promise to wake you up on time for breakfast. Don't you need to get up at 5 a.m. to get ready for work?

I promise to paw you incessantly until you realize that I, I mean we, need a walk.

I promise to make you go out with me in the rain.

I promise to kiss your face especially if you have just finished eating.

And, I promise to love you unconditionally with *all of my heart for all of my life*. Thank you for choosing me.







Read "Missy's Story" and all the tail wagging tales of seniors getting a second chance at love! Check out <u>The Bay-Senior Edition</u>!



The SSB Bay Team Sherri Axcell * Lucy Frias * Rachael Novak Rosa Calcari * Beth Aicher Laliberty

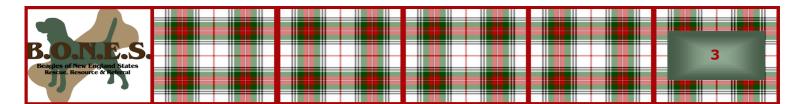


Check out our on our B.O.N.E.S. <u>website</u>! All Seniors' news, all day long! Check them out <u>here</u>!









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? Have you 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. It takes only a few minutes to help save precious time in the event of an escape.
- Put Pet Alert stickers on your home's windows to help rescuers know you have a pet inside the home and clip a pet tag on your key chains to alert first responders.
- 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:

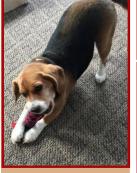
- A First Aid kit and guidebook, including any pet related meds
- Canned/dry food and plastic dishes (7 days worth/pet)
- Bottled water for 3-7 days worth
- Disposable garbage bags, non-latex gloves, dog waste bags, a roll of paper towels, liquid soap and disinfectant
- An extra collar, harness, leash 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

And Remember: If you must evacuate, take your pets with you.











Right Bilder Stuff for all Dog Lovers

 'Tis the Season to help B.O.N.E.S. Beagles by Giving your beagle a toy that will last!

 Buy a Polar Fleece dog toy from B.O.N.E.S. volunteer

 Robin Brousseau's Etsy site 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, torn apart and swallowed, I came up with a dog toy that they cannot destroy."

Check them out, these dog toys are Beagle tested and owner approved!



The reviews are in! "Made to withstand a Beagle!"

"Best dog toy I've ever purchased."





Willie's Long Road Home



AmazonSmile

Do you remember Willie from three years ago?

He's the wonderful dog that is blind and was surrendered to B.O.N.E.S. by a loving ACO who took him from a family that neglected him. They kept him locked up in a wire crate, outside in the elements for 12 months of the year.

When we got him, his poor toes were growing up, not down. His wonderful foster home took good care of him, then he was adopted by a nice senior man in MA. Due to Willie's medical needs, we decided to do a Medically Supported adoption.

For the past few years things have been wonderful. Willie is known all over town! The police department loves him and everyone at the General Store always welcome him to visit. People always stop and give him treats - Blindness did not stop this dog from living a full and wonderful life. In fact, he had to go on a diet because he received too many treats by his adoring fans!

A few weeks ago, the adoption counselor who kept in touch with Willie and his owner, received a call. Many of us knew that Willie's owner was very sick but he never spoke of giving Willie up; he was such a big part of his life. However, his adopter's illness was now terminal and he could no longer provide Willie with the quality of life he wanted for him-no more walks, no more visits to the General Store.

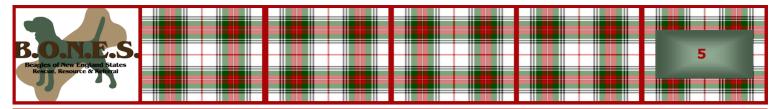
We offered to find a dog walker but that wasn't going to help him. When we asked what B.O.N.E.S. could do to help, Willie's owner said that he knew the right place for Willie to go. Willie and his owner were friends with a wonderful family who lived in the same town as Willie. They had visited his home many times and this family loved Willie almost as much as Willie's owner did. This family knew that Willie's owner was very sick and getting worse. The owner had spoken to them about Willie and sure enough, they wanted to adopt Willie! They could give him the life he was used to plus they would stay in touch with Willie's owner and keep him up to date on how Willie was doing. While very sad, this meant that Willie did not need to come back into foster care.

His new owners completed an adoption application and went through the adoption process like any other potential adopter, they were approved and Willie moved to their home the weekend before Thanksgiving!

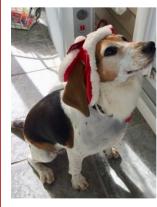
Willie has settled in very nicely and loves his new family. As she did before, the new family's adoption counselor has communicated with his new family on a regular basis. We learned that Willie's former owner visited Willie over the Thanksgiving weekend and reported back that Willie is very happy, had adjusted very well. and seems like he's lived in his new home forever.

While there is sadness to this story, there is also joy. Willie has a new home where he is loved and cherished and Willie's former owner can now focus on his own health, knowing in his heart that Willie is in a good place and he did the right thing.

Thank you to those who have shopped through smile.amazon.com Because of you, B.O.N.E.S. has received over \$970 in 2017!



They Are A Gift...





Follow along with Bella and Victor @ <u>Bella's Good Deeds</u> on our website and on her Facebook page.





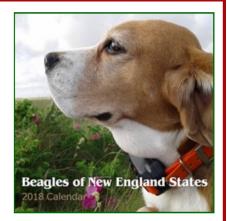
B.O.N.E.S. alum Herbie and his pack \heartsuit Arooo!

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

It's December and the calendar orders are coming in fast and furious! 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.

So how can you help, you ask? It's easy!

You can help us reach our goal by ordering now! Order one for home, one for the office, and a few extras for all those beagle lovers in your family!





The calendars are \$16.00 each and all the 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.

Check out our 2018 B.O.N.E.S. calendar!



Did Someone Say "Yankee Candles" ?



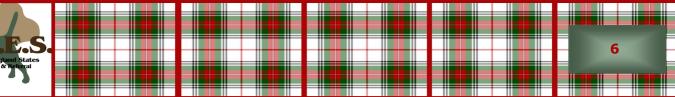
Our Yankee Candle Fundraiser has been extended to January 11,2018!

40% of the total sales comes to the beagles, so if you want to keep the glow of the holidays all year long, check out the <u>Fundraising Page</u> for more information!

As we celebrate our holidays in our own special ways, take a moment to smile and remember the ones who we rescued, and loved and helped along their journey. Arooo to you!







That Keeps On Giving!











Mackey In The Cab

