#### Fall 2019 Senior Edition

# Beagles of New England States

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## **Grey Muzzle Organization Grant**

B.O.N.E.S is proud to have received a grant from the Grey Muzzle Organization. These funds will allow us to increase awareness of the Sensational Senior Beagle program with the aim of helping even more beagles find a forever home for their golden years.

With increased public awareness we hope that more people will be interested in adopting a senior, allowing them to move from foster care to their forever home more quickly, enabling us to help even more older dogs.

Many thanks to our fundraising team and our Board of Directors who worked so hard on the grant application.

If you are interested helping with the SSB program in any way, please contact our Volunteer Director at volunteers@bonesbeagles.org

The national non-profit <u>The Grey Muzzle Organization</u> improves the lives of at-risk senior dogs by providing funding and resources to animal shelters, rescue organizations, sanctuaries, and other nonprofit groups nationwide. For details, please visit <u>www.greymuzzle.org</u>



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#### Seamus Update - Terri G



Seamus continues to do very well and looks and acts like a much younger dog. He has become friends with my cats.

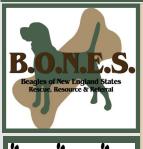
Redmond (the cat) once sat in Seamus's bed and won't do that again!

Seamus's big news this year was getting his favorite dog walker Emma. Seamus goes on at least an hour long walk each day and he loves it and always wants more. He is friends with all humans he meets and wants to be friends with all the dogs he meets but sometimes does not have the best manners. We are working on it.



No one can get more excited for a half a cup of kibble than Seamus. He loves his food, his treats and his bed. And we love Seamus.







Don't count the days. Make the days count

Muhammad Ali



I keep looking over at the couch remembering how he'd nest in his blanket and lift his head every time I moved to make sure I was there.

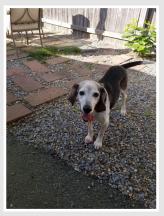


Even though we had a tough first week I knew that we would be fine together. He took my heart immediately and I was in it for the long haul. I'm so happy I was able to love him and give him a warm, comfortable, safe home for the time we had and I'm grateful for all the B.O.N.E.S. help from beginning to end.

The compassion and

passion you give to the pups and to those of us who adopt cannot be praised enough. Every single person was an asset to my realizing Max and I were a team and we'd make it thru.

He's running with the pack now, chasing bunnies. I'd never had a bunny in the yard before Max. The morning after, there was a real bunny in the yard just looking around and stretching like he was letting me know Max is fine. He stayed quite awhile then hopped off. - Kim B



### Welcome to the SSB Family!



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Holly:adopted 10/2018Donald:adopted 2/2019Max:adopted 4/2019Heidi:adopted 5/2019

Molly: adopted 8/2019









## Fun with your Senior: Nosework

Nosework (also called scent work) is fun for dogs of all ages and something that seniors can participate in just as well as younger dogs. In this game, dogs learn to search for and find the source of a scent. There are classes and trials, but you can play this game with your senior dog at home too!

Start with three or more clean boxes or containers: shoe boxes, plastic storage containers, etc - and some yummy, smelly treats like boiled chicken or cut up hot dogs.

Lay out the containers in a line and put a piece of food into each one, then let your dog in to search for them. Let him investigate and find the treats at his own pace. When he finds one, give him another treat right where he found the first one, so that he learns that he gets an extra reward for finding the smell.

Pretty soon he'll make a bee-line to the containers as soon as you let him in the room. Slowly start putting treats in fewer boxes so that he has to use his nose to find the right box.

You can also put the top on the box to make it more challenging, and as soon as he indicates that he can smell the treat in it, take the top off and give him his reward as well as the treat he found.

Move the boxes around so he has to sniff them out. There are lots of ways to vary things to keep it interesting for your senior!

Nosework helps your dog learn to problem solve and gain confidence at the same time that they're having fun. And it's surprising how tiring it is to use their brains like this!



You'll have a relaxed, tired and happy dog before you know it!

### Нарру

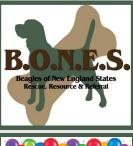


Happy continues to defy his age (actually he has never divulged it). He recently had surgery to remove a benign tumor and was a star patient. He is grateful for the SSB program for providing his medical care.

He is living the good life on Cape Cod with his handsome, blind Dachshund brother Latte and his newly adopted senior feline brother named Til.

Happy continues to live up to his name and made it in to the B.O.N.E.S. calendar again this year. Life is good. Arrooo! -Pam A





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Elmo 3/2004 Seamus 4/2008 Donald 4/2009 Diesel 7/2007 Heidi 7/2008 Molly 8/2010 River 9/2005 Happy 10/2003 Shelby 10/2006 Holly 11/2008













We Are Pretty Sensational!

#### Volunteer!

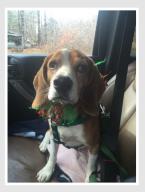
Do you love senior beagles? Want to help spread the word? We're always looking for volunteers, and there's even more to do now.

Raise your hand to help with the newsletter (write an article or help with the layout/production). Man a table at your local pet supply store or pet fair or other event.

Enjoy stats or numbers? We can use your skills for the reporting requirements of our grant or tracking medical expenses. Outreach, publicity, design, social media, administrative tasks—there are so many ways to help make life a little better for our Sensational Senior Beagles, and none of them take much time.

> Let's talk about how you can make a difference. Email Volunteers@bonesbeagles.org

#### Waiting at The Rainbow Bridge



Jake 5/2019 Callie 6/2019 Max 8/2019





Don't cry because it's over....smile because it happened.