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A Difference?



## Seniors Are Sensational



They are housetrained, walk calmly on their leashes, cuddle happily, and best of all, they are visibly grateful for the loving attention of "their" humans. But even so, senior beagles too often wait many months before finding adoptive homes. Many prospective adopters worry about having too little time left with a senior dog and about having too many veterinary bills to pay. To address those concerns and to encourage adopters to consider dogs 10 years and older, B.O.N.E.S. developed the Sensational Senior Beagles program more than a decade ago.

For owners who adopt through the SSB program, the usual adoption fee is waived, and since 2015 B.O.N.E.S. has allocated an annual amount to help with the cost of veterinary care for each SSB dog. The program has grown each year and under the direction of Sherri Axcell; it provides close and caring support to SSB dogs and to their adoptive families. Now, through a generous grant from the Grey Muzzle Organization, in the coming year B.O.N.E.S. will be able to make prospective adopters better aware of the special pleasures of adopting a senior beagle.

We will work to increase public awareness about these sensational seniors through an aggressive marketing campaign via print, broadcast, social and digital media, mass mailings and outreach events. We hope that our efforts will increase interest in adopting senior dogs, which in turn will mean more immediate placement of SSBs into their adoptive homes and allow B.O.N.E.S. to accept more senior dogs into the SSB program. We are extremely grateful for Grey Muzzle's support for our efforts.

The Grey Muzzle Organization is not a shelter or a rescue. Grey Muzzle's goal is to enable animal welfare organizations to improve their ability to provide care, comfort, and loving homes for senior dogs. The organization awards grant funds each year through a nationwide competition, responding to proposals from shelters and rescues that have a commitment to senior dogs. This year, B.O.N.E.S. is one of 62 awardees chosen from a field of 236 applicants.

B.O.N.E.S. first sought Grey Muzzle's support in 2018, when longtime Volunteer, foster mom and committed senior adopter Dr. Ann Perry spearheaded a proposal to expand our SSB program. That application was not successful, but it spurred us to apply again for 2019-2020, building on last year's efforts and focusing on a proposal to broaden awareness of our SSB program and of the joys of welcoming senior dogs. B.O.N.E.S. Board members Kevin Langlois, Tammy Collins, Sally Bashalany, Sharon Vartanian, Ibbby Nathans, Medical Consultant Meredith Simon DVM, and SSB Program Director Sherri Axcell worked hard through February and March to develop a detailed proposal and to prepare the supportive documentation Grey Muzzle requires.

We learned on June 1 that our proposal has been funded—and it's been hard to keep the good news "secret" until Grey Muzzle's June 28 designated date for announcing grant awards! Now, we are delighted to share this special news with you! Arooo!



Could *you* be a foster Mom or Dad to a senior beagle?  
There's no greater gift that you can give to them  
than a second chance of a happy ending.



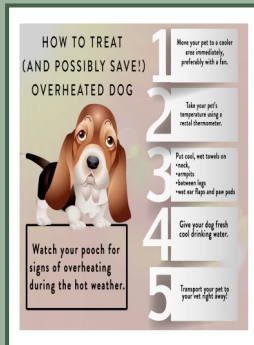
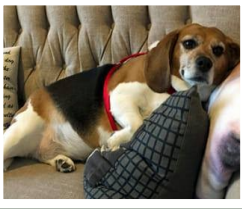


## Miracles Happen Every Day

Kevin Langlois



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Become  
A  
Volunteer!



When Chaos arrived at a local Emergency department at Tufts on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, his future was uncertain. He was not only suffering from significant physical injuries (hip fractures, a partially crushed pelvis and internal bleeding) but he was also extremely ill (Heartworm, Lyme, Anaplasmosis and hookworm).

The resident that was on call that night recently told Chaos's foster mom that he was so sick and damaged that she didn't think that any rescue would take him, but B.O.N.E.S. did. The mission of B.O.N.E.S. is not to turn away any beagle that is need of medical help or a new loving home no matter how sick or old they might be. So on April 10th, Chaos was surrendered to B.O.N.E.S. where his new life would begin.



The following day Chaos underwent successful orthopedic surgery to repair his crushed pelvis and start him on the long road to recovery. The Orthopedic Surgeon that performed Chaos's surgery to fix his crushed pelvis recently told his foster mom that the break was so bad that they were very concerned about the outcome. Once Chaos was released from Tufts he went to live with his foster family who would provide him with the attention, love and support he needed to help aid him in his recovery.

When Chaos first arrived at his foster home he was still in a great deal of pain, under heavy medications, suffering from anxiety and crate bound. His foster parents spent many a night sleeping on the floor next to his crate to comfort him as well as washing his bedding 24/7. (The things we do for love.)

As time went by Chaos reached new milestones on his road to recovery. He had his stitches from his surgery removed, finished the treatment for his various illnesses, began walking with the aid of a sling and his pain medications were gradually tapered down. All the while Chaos remained crate bound to ensure his injuries healed properly. Through it all Chaos' personality began to shine. He loves attention including a good head rub, having his ears scratched as well as being told he is a handsome boy. According to his foster family Chaos is a sweet, gentle soul who lets his foster mom cut his nails and clean his ears with no drama. He loves being read to by his foster family's grandchildren. Chaos was eventually allowed out into the yard on leash where he enjoyed a good roll in the grass particularly on a nice sunny day. He also enjoys snuggling at night with a stuffed Lamb Chop doll that was given to him by his foster mom's granddaughter and his anxiety is just about gone.

Thanks to an outpouring of generosity B.O.N.E.S. has raised over \$5,550 which puts us only \$3500 away from our goal of \$9,000, to help cover all of Chaos' medical expenses. So, to those who have already donated to Chaos' fund, thank you very much!

You can follow his progress on our website and on our B.O.N.E.S. Facebook and Twitter pages. And of course you can still donate at [Chaos' fundraising page](#).

Miracles can happen, because of beagle people like you.



### Their Journey Home

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Thanks to our Volunteers reaching out, Beagles of New England States have helped over **1,550** beagles find their forever homes!



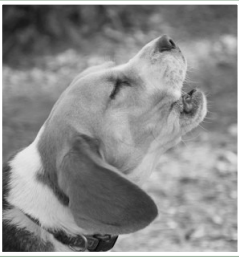


## An Urgent Call To All of Our Volunteers

Sharon Vartanian

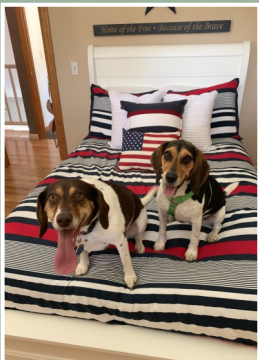


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More?  
Foster!



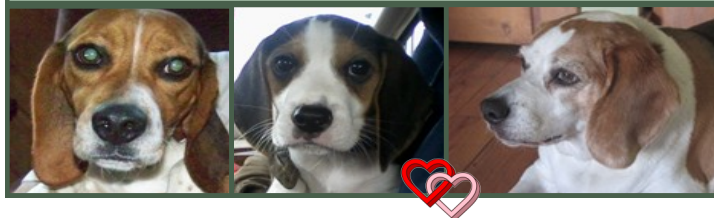
### We are urgently looking for foster homes.

We have very reliable foster homes but we are always in need of new fosters coming into our rescue to lend a hand and use their beagle know-how. Often, our new volunteers voice their desire to foster in honor of beloved pet who has left this world. Some others are new to what challenges and joys can occur when fostering for the first time and have a slew of questions.

From Sharon, our Foster Director: "Each day as I look at the long list of dogs that are in our program, I am thankful for our organization's dedicated, knowledgeable fosters. They are the integral link between intake and adoption. When it comes to reasons people foster they vary from person to person. As one volunteer explained "I am so happy when my foster fills a void in the life of an older adopter". Another foster said, "I think the dogs deserve a chance to be someone's pet". For me, it is the reminder that physical and behavioral obstacles to adoption are overcome resulting in a well-adjusted dog."

"With more foster homes, we will be able to continue rescuing beagles, helping them leave crowded, financially strapped shelters. Being the largest beagle rescue group in New England means that the dependence on us to rescue, and eventually find a loving home these beagles continues to grow, but we need your help."

### Foster Homes are Urgently Needed



If you are interested in fostering and are not yet a B.O.N.E.S. volunteer please review and complete the [volunteer application](#).

If you are already a volunteer, please go to the volunteer website and fill out the [Foster Home application](#). Talk with us and help a beagle in need.

Thank you from all the beagles!

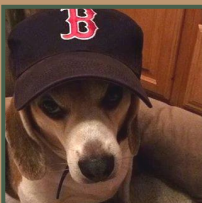
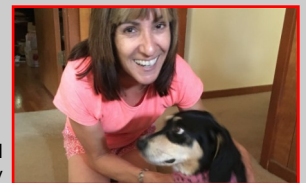
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Sally and  
her BFF Bailey



Congratulations to **Elena Siniscalchi** for being the winner of the B.O.N.E.S. Quarterly Raffle Fundraiser!

Elena won of a pair of Right Field Box Seats to see the Red Sox take on the New York Yankees July 27<sup>th</sup> at Fenway Park. Way to go!







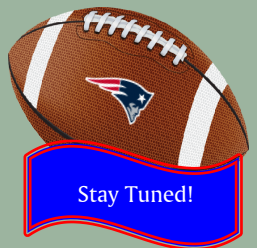
## "You Oughta Be In Pictures"



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Make It So!



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share your heart  
[Share your story.](#)



**Its that time again!**

**The B.O.N.E.S. 2020 Calendar Contest is officially now underway!**



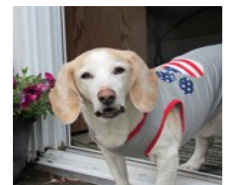
You're invited to submit your best color beagle pictures for the annual calendar photo contest. There will be an entry fee of \$10 per picture. There is no limit on how many pictures you may submit.

All photos are due by **July 18, 2019**. Please see the contest rules and the photography tips (on the [Calendar website](#))



**Get ready...Get Set....**

**Strike a Pose!**



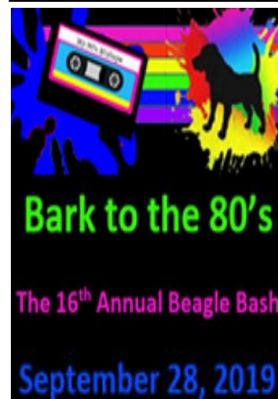
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**Stuff for all Dog Lovers**



Many thanks to [Jimmy Craig](#) for sharing!

**2019 Beagle Bash**



**\$5 Admission  
Dogs and Kids under 12  
FREE**

**Save the Date!**

**"Bark to the 80's"**

The 16th Annual  
Beagle Bash  
will be held  
on Saturday,  
September 28,  
10 am to 3 pm  
at  
K-9 Services  
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Auburn, MA

**Its going to be  
Pawsome, Dude!**

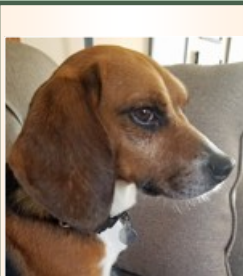


## Kidney Care for Your Senior Dog

Lucy Doucette



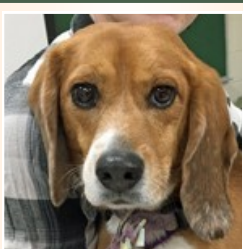
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**Thank You!**  
For All You Do  
For the Beagles



My beagle Alfred was diagnosed with chronic kidney disease early in 2016. The first vet I brought him to was teary-eyed and mentioned he had a poor prognosis after reviewing some blood work. With much skepticism at this veterinarian's reaction, I brought Alfred to Integrative Animal Health Center in Bolton, MA for a second opinion; where with the proper care, supplements, medications, and nutrition, he lived almost 3 more years.

Kidney disease can be a daunting diagnosis for your pet, but with early detection and treatment, many dogs can live for years. The key to good kidney care for dogs is early detection, change in diet, and regular visits to the veterinarian. Once your dog becomes a senior, he/she should have senior bloodwork done on an annual basis, including a kidney panel. Also important is having your veterinarian conduct a urinalysis as well as check your aging dog's blood pressure, which can also damage kidneys. Urinalysis is important because it can detect urinary infections, which can be signs of kidney disease.

There are actually 2 types of kidney disease: chronic and acute. Acute kidney disease is different from chronic kidney disease as it can be treated if caught early. Causes of this disease may be ingestion of toxic chemicals and foods, such as antifreeze and grapes, for example, which can damage the kidneys, as per [www.certapet.com](http://www.certapet.com).

Although chronic kidney disease is incurable, there are many factors that can contribute to prolonging your pet's life. Nutrition is one such factor that is key.

As per an article written by the Clinical Nutrition Team at Tufts University, *Pets With Health Conditions*, found on [www.vetnutrition.tufts.edu](http://www.vetnutrition.tufts.edu), "While most drugs used to treat pets with kidney disease are only meant to reduce symptoms, feeding the right diet can have a dramatic effect on survival." The article goes on to say that "studies have shown that pets that eat diets for kidney disease can live twice as long as those who eat more typical diets."

Dogs suffering with chronic kidney disease require a reduction in sodium, phosphorous intake, as well as amount of protein intake. High phosphorous can be found in many commercial dog foods not formulated for kidney disease.

I also learned that many treats are high in protein and salt, so be wary of this as you are caring for your sick dog. As per [www.vetnutrition.tufts.edu](http://www.vetnutrition.tufts.edu), "In addition to feeding a lower protein diet, you also need to avoid giving high protein treats such as meat, jerky treats, cheese, rawhides, pig ears, etc." These types of foods/treats are also high in sodium. We sliced bananas or strawberries for Alfred, which he loved.

IAHC also recommended fish oil for Alfred as a supplement. As per the Tufts website, there is some evidence that Omega-3 fatty acids from fish oil may have benefits for cats and dogs with kidney disease.

Hydration is also an imperative part of kidney care. Canned dog food has less protein than dry dog food and more water content, which is very important for a pet with kidney disease. Providing plenty of fresh water is key for your pet as well. Treatment for kidney disease often includes giving Sub-Q fluids to your ailing dog either at home or at the vet, and your pet may require hospitalization.

Many people wonder why a pet gets chronic kidney disease in the first place. As per Dr. Victoria Papscoe at IAHC, explains, "A lot is genetics and you should look for signs of urinary tract infections." Another possible cause of kidney disease is Leptospirosis, which is a disease caused by infection with *Leptospira* bacteria, which can be found worldwide in soil and water. Vaccines are available for Leptospirosis; talk with your veterinarian. Important to note are the warning signs of kidney disease: urinary incontinence, dehydration, reduced appetite, vomiting, weight loss as well as bad breath and oral ulcers.

Alfred suffered from almost all of the above.

As I mentioned, prescription canned dog food is best due to the water content and their lower phosphorous levels. Unfortunately, Alfred did not do well on prescription dog food; he had a very sensitive stomach and often vomited after mealtime. As a result, we fed him a home-cooked diet formulated by a veterinary website recommended by IAHC, [www.balanceit.com](http://www.balanceit.com), and canned dog food, with which he did much better. As per Dr. Papscoe, the most important thing is "we want them eating."

Alfred passed away on December 15, 2018. We realized that his quality of life had declined so much and he had lost a lot of weight. We did not want to see him suffer any longer. He was our tough little Spunky Punky, who withstood a lot. With a lot of quality veterinary care and attention, Alfred lived almost 3 more years. We miss him dearly, and this article was written in his memory.

