



THE BAY

For the Love of Beagles

Late Summer 2026



Happy Summer! I know it's been quite a while since there's been an edition of The Bay. Hope all of you and your beagles have been doing well!

— — Susan Cannon, Volunteer Director

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



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Dog Enrichment Recipe from ASPCA



SAVORY APPLE

Ingredients:

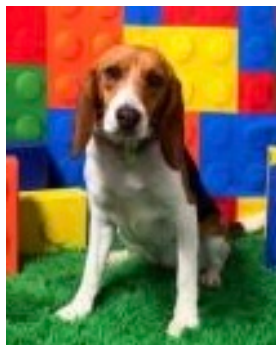
- * Apple(s)
- * Xylitol-free Peanut Butter

You'll need an apple corer (or knife).

Directions:

1. Place the apple upright on the counter and push the apple corer down the center to remove the core. Throw the apple core away. Be sure to throw out any seeds where curious pups can't get them!
2. Use a spoon to fill the hole you've made in the apple with peanut butter.
3. Place prepared apple treats in the freezer overnight.

SERVE FROZEN FOR A FUN
AND CHALLENGING TREAT!



♥ ADOPT ME ♥

Hi! I'm DORY!
I'm a 2 year old female.

Hello to all you humans out there! My name is Dory. I'm a beagle looking for a home of my own. I heard you might be looking for a beagle to add to your family. Maybe we are made for each other!

One thing I really enjoy is snuggling with my humans. I especially think little humans are really awesome. Playing with kids is so much fun - I just love them. I will also jump right up in your lap so I can get right in your face and cuddle. It's the best! I also get to sleep in bed with my foster parents, which is very nice. I sure hope I get to cuddle up at night with my new furever family.

I know I still have a lot to learn, but I know some things already like sit, down, stay, and come. I also walk very nicely on my leash. I know that's important because humans usually don't appreciate being dragged down the road.

In addition to people, I also love hanging out with other dogs. I have foster siblings now. It's great having someone to play with. A physically fenced in yard is a must. All in all I am super friendly and playful.

I am a little scared of new things, but after I see something once, the next time isn't a problem.

Now that you have read about me, do I sound like a good fit for your family? Paws crossed the answer is yes! I sure hope to find my furever home soon!



A Note from the Operations Team



**August:
National Dog
Month**



Increase in Owner and Animal Control Office Surrenders

For years, beagles have been one of the most beloved breeds being adopted by families. They are cute, friendly and basically love everyone and usually every dog they meet. While they are sweet and cuddly, they are also part of the hound family which can come with it's own set of issues (howling, prey drive, etc).

Over the past year, B.O.N.E.S. has seen an increase in both Owner and Animal Control Officer surrenders. From January 1, 2026 to August 1, 2026 B.O.N.E.S. received 28 owner surrender forms and 8 ACO surrender forms for a total of 36. In 2025, for the same time period, B.O.N.E.S. received 19 owner surrender forms and 4 ACO surrender forms for a total of 23. That's an approximate 56% increase. The question is why?

Many are being surrendered for financial reasons. People can no longer afford the cost of veterinary care and dog food while trying to manage the cost of housing, feeding their family and human medical care.

Beagles adopted during the Covid pandemic are being surrendered because people are going back to work in physical offices, leaving their beagles behind. Many of these families had not thought through the issues that come up when beagles are left at home for hours at a time. Many bark non-stop and develop separation anxiety resulting in complaints from neighbors, landlords, etc.

Some older and medically challenged owners can no longer care for their favorite companion. In many cases, family members cannot or will not take responsibility for these pups so they are surrendered to us. It is so important to make sure you have planned for your pup's future if something should happen to you.

Beagles are also being surrendered to us by local Animal Control Officers (ACOs) who find them in the woods, on their local streets, etc. After a 7 to 10 day hold, they often reach out to our Intake Director, asking if we can take them and find them new homes.

Our Operations team members (Intake, Foster and Adoption) work very closely to help bring these sweet pups into our programs. We provide them with the medical care they need, assign them to loving foster homes and when they are ready, we adopt them to wonderful, loving families who will give them a second chance at life.

Without our foster homes, none of this is possible. We currently have 10 active foster homes. With so many dogs being surrendered, many of these families have opened their homes and their hearts to multiple dogs so none are left behind.

B.O.N.E.S. is always looking for good foster homes. If you are interested in learning more about being a foster home, please contact Sharon Vartanian at sevartanian@comcast.net. She would be happy to speak to you about this great opportunity to help a needy beagle.

**August:
Wellness Month**



**August 10:
Spoil Your Dog
Day**



**August
15:
Check the Chip
Day**





★ VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS ★



Carol and Bob Oliver

[How did you first hear about B.O.N.E.S.?](#)

Around 2000 after we got our beagle mix we searched out an organization to follow.

[When did you begin volunteering for B.O.N.E.S. and what led you to become a volunteer?](#)

Not sure when we started volunteering but being a New England organization appealed to us.

[What are the activities/roles you have participated in for B.O.N.E.S.?](#)

Outreach like Paws in the Park, Pet Rock, and the Beagle Bash.

[Have you had/do you currently have beagles in your life? Please share a little about them.](#)

Lily - A beagle mix rescued after a friend called to say she needed to be saved. We had her for five years. She was 13 when she passed.

Jessey - A beagle rescued from a local shelter. The owner passed away and the family was not interested in her. We had her seven years. She passed away at 13 years old.

Dakota - A beagle adopted from B.O.N.E.S. She was extremely heavy and we got her down to a good weight. She was with us for seven years. She was 14 when she passed from cancer.

Missy - A beagle mix. Rescued from a local shelter that got her from West Virginia during Covid. With us for five years so far.

[Other than volunteering for B.O.N.E.S. what are some activities you enjoy doing?](#)

Attending local theater performances, Yoga and Exercise, Gardening.

[Anything else you'd like to mention about yourself?](#)

In the future, when Missy leaves us, we hope to join the foster program with B.O.N.E.S.

August 15:

Clear the Shelters
Day



August 23:

International
Blind Dog Day



August 26:

National Dog Day



August 28:

Rainbow Bridge
Remembrance Day





August 30:

National Holistic
Pet Day



September:

Responsible Dog
Ownership
Month



September:

National
Preparedness
Month



September:

National Service
Dog Month



Dorothy Fraggetta

How did you first hear about B.O.N.E.S.? My mother was a faithful reader of Hudson's Chronicles and encouraged me to follow B.O.N.E.S.

When did you begin volunteering for B.O.N.E.S. and what led you to become a volunteer? I started volunteering for B.O.N.E.S. after losing my soul beagle, Nico, in June 2023, as a way of honoring his memory and healing my heart.

What are the activities/roles you have participated in for B.O.N.E.S.? I serve as an Adoption Counselor but also attend outreach events when possible.

Have you had/do you currently have beagles in your life? Please share a little about them.

Boston was my first boy and my only non-rescue beagle. He would raid the refrigerator if left unsupervised, learned how to disarm childproof safety locks, and feared all buzzing insects. Boston would eat around pills that I tried to hide in his kibble but would go back and eat it when I would tell him, "You forgot to eat your pill." Boston developed a cancerous tumor in his mouth at the age of thirteen and I spent an insane amount of money on treatment and surgery which allowed him to thrive for another three and one half years.

Daisy lived in a fraternity house at Quinnipiac College and went home after graduation with one of the fraternity brothers. He assumed his parents would care for Daisy while he went off to start his life. His parents were looking forward to being empty nesters and didn't want to be tied down. One of my coworkers was the girlfriend of the fraternity brother and she pleaded with me to save Daisy "because you already have a beagle at home." I made a deal with my then husband that we would let Boston decide if he wanted Daisy to join our family. At the meet and greet it was love at first sight. Given her history, I wasn't surprised that Daisy came running at the sight of a pizza box or the sound of a can opening. She would sit next to you on the the couch and then flop onto your lap. Daisy was nothing but love.

I met Nico in the parking lot of a shelter five weeks after losing Boston. His owner was there to surrender him as she was having health problems and didn't feel she could give a thirteen-month-old beagle mix the life he deserved. I got down on my knees and called to Nico, "Hey, cutie!" He came over, put his front paws on my shoulders, and started to lick my face. I scratched the sides of his body and said to him, "No wonder she's taking you home. You're perfect! I'd take you home in a New York minute." His owner replied with tears in her eyes, "Do you want him? I'm here to surrender him but they are too busy inside and told me to walk him around the parking lot for a few minutes." Then I asked her, "I understand you can't care for Nico full time, but would you be willing to watch him for the weekend if I wanted to go away?" She thought the idea of an "open adoption" was simply perfect. The second time I dropped off Nico with his prior owner for a weekend stay, she informed me that she was going to move and couldn't take her fifteen-and-a-half year old beagle, Candi, with her. When I picked Nico up on Sunday afternoon, I told her that I would be back to pick up Candi on Tuesday evening. What I didn't realize was that Candi was deaf, partially blind, and no longer fully housebroken. However, Nico was thrilled to be reunited with his "sister." He took responsibility for guiding Candi around the house, nudging her awake in the morning, and leading her to the door when it was time to go outside. I was told that Candi didn't like toys and had no interest in snuggling, but my experience with her was the exact opposite. She would sleep on my feet while I worked in my home office and toss her toys in the air, spin around, and try to catch them....sometimes she was successful.

Other than volunteering for B.O.N.E.S. what are some activities you enjoy doing?

I attend boxing/kickboxing classes to deal with the stress of my job. I also enjoy music, bingo, and trivia, spending time with friends, and traveling.

Anything else you'd like to mention about yourself? I'm honored to serve along with my fellow volunteers. I've met so many wonderful, caring people associated with B.O.N.E.S.



Lisa McCullough (and Floyd, Freddie and Joplin)



September:
Animal Pain
Awareness
Month



September 13 :
National Pet
Memorial Day



September 13:
National Hug Your
Hound Day



September
14-20:
Adopt a Less
Adoptable Pet
Week



How did you first hear about B.O.N.E.S.?

My friend had a beagle mix and I had my first beagle. This was 17 years ago. She found B.O.N.E.S. and we both signed up to learn more. I started purchasing B.O.N.E.S. calendars that same year and have bought at least one every year since (I bought quite a few in 2022 when my dog Freddie was on the cover!!!!).

When did you begin volunteering for B.O.N.E.S. and what led you to become a volunteer?

I became a volunteer just about two years ago because I love the breed and want to help all dogs, but especially beagles.

What are the activities/roles you have participated in for B.O.N.E.S.?

Fundraising

Have you had/do you currently have beagles in your life? Please share a little about them.

First, I am a music lover and so our dogs are all named after musicians/bands.

My first beagle was named Otis after Otis Redding. He was the best! Loud, barks, opinionated, stubborn, but also the biggest mush ball and baby around. A friend told me he had a lyrical tail because his tail was always up and always wagging. When my wife and I got together, she had no experience with dogs and was a little hesitant at first. Otis was a little jealous so he would mess up her side of the bed and lay on her pillow. But she fell in love and he won her over even with all his shenanigans! Otis lived a great life. Sadly, he left us 10 days after his 14th birthday.

My wife Nicole and I needed time to heal and planned to wait until the summer to look for our next beagles. We wanted two this time. A friend told us that a friend of hers had a beagle who was pregnant and was expecting a litter in February. We couldn't resist! Beagle mama Chloe had a litter of seven puppies. We got to hold all of them when they were just three days old and we visited them as they reached eight weeks. We didn't care which two beagles we got. Our only request was that the family decide based on which two beagles seemed to get along best with each other. In April, 2019 we took home Freddie, named after Freddie Mercury, and Floyd, named after Pink Floyd. These two brothers most definitely live up to their namesakes. Freddie is a loud barker and Floyd is calm and barely makes noise unless he sees the mail carrier, a squirrel. or a dog in front of his house (how dare they!).

In November, 2023 we adopted a small, one and a half year old, 30 pound female pitbull/Staffordshire terrier mix with huge ears from another rescue who brought her up from Alabama. The name she was given was Kiwi, but we knew she was not a fruit, she was a rock star. We named her Joplin, after Janis Joplin. She is so smart, brave, and loving. She picks on her older brothers, and they pick on her just like siblings, but they all get along so well. We're so happy.

Other than volunteering for B.O.N.E.S. what are some activities you enjoy doing?

I love music and have seen my favorite artist, Ani DiFranco, over 30 times. My wife and I subscribe to North Shore Music Theater and enjoy seeing the shows. I was a life-long renter and only bought a house three years ago, so we spend time working on the house. I like to do puzzles, read, and spend way too much time watching shows on streaming services.

Anything else you'd like to mention about yourself?

I could talk for days about my dogs. Me? I'm just Mom.



Anne Paruti Lohnes

How did you first hear about B.O.N.E.S.?

I found B.O.N.E.S. on the internet when I was casually looking at adoptable beagles. Ever since we adopted our beagle, I have been trying to convince my husband that we are really meant to be a two-dog household.

When did you begin volunteering for B.O.N.E.S. and what led you to become a volunteer?

We adopted our beagle, Lenny, from another volunteer-run rescue agency in January, 2018. During COVID, when there was a big uptick in dog adoptions, I thought it would be a good time to lend a hand. I was officially signed up as a volunteer in October, 2020.

What are the activities/roles you have participated in for B.O.N.E.S.?

I currently serve as the Outreach Coordinator for Eastern Massachusetts. Over the years, I have conducted home visits for potential adopters, worked the raffle table at the Beagle Bash, and worked at outreach events to spread the word about B.O.N.E.S.

Have you had/do you currently have beagles in your life? Please share a little about them.

Lenny (or "Leonard" when he's bad) came to us from Tennessee in 2018 when he was about a year and a half old. We just celebrated another Lenny-versary! He has always given off "curmudgeonly old man" vibes but at nine years old, he still has the stamina of a puppy. He loves two-hour walks through our town south of Boston as much as two-hour naps, and will do anything to sneak the pizza crust off your plate or convince you to hand it over willingly with his classic beagle eyes.

Other than volunteering for B.O.N.E.S. what are some activities you enjoy doing?

I love spending time outside with Lenny to get my steps in and log hours of audio books, and hosting friends for cocktails in our newly-renovated home bar.

Anything else you'd like to mention about yourself?

No.

September 19:

Puppy Mill
Awareness Day



September
20-26:

National Dog
Week



September
20-26:

National Deaf Pet
Awareness Week



September 24:

Remember Me
Day



The 2026 Beagle Bash - Save the Date!



**Let's Celebrate Our Stars, Stripes
and Floppy Ears!!**

When: Saturday, September 26, 2026
Time: 11:00am to 3:00pm (Rain or Shine)
Where: Collinswood K-9 Services, 81 West
St, Auburn MA

Check out all the fun things being planned!
This is going to be a fun day

**Reminder: All dogs must be up to
date with their vaccines. Please
make sure your dog is leashed but
please do not bring "retractable"
leashes!**



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



OUTREACH COORDINATORS:

Find public events in your area. Coordinate B.O.N.E.S. participation in those events. Needed for the following states: Vermont, Maine, NH, and CT.

FUNDRAISING TEAM MEMBERS:

Members needed to collaborate on developing new, creative fundraising opportunities.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Help spread the word about B.O.N.E.S. across all platforms.

There are many more volunteer opportunities within B.O.N.E.S.

To discuss how you can help, please email:

volunteers@bonesbeagles.org



SAFETY TIPS AND OTHER INFO

Pet Pool Safety

What to Watch Out For

- Undiluted pool chemicals** can cause ulcers in the mouth, throat and esophagus.
Watch for: drooling, oral sores, mouth pain, vomiting, anorexia and bloody vomit/stool.
- Sunscreens and bug sprays** can be harmful to pets if ingested or applied topically.
Watch for: GI upset, drooling, weakness or difficulty walking, allergic reaction, vomiting and diarrhea.
- Salt water pools and oceans** can cause hypernatremia if an excessive amount is ingested.
Watch for: extreme thirst, vomiting, dehydration, impaired balance or coordination, tremors and seizures.
- Chlorinated pool water** can be harmful to pets if ingested.
Watch for: mild vomiting and diarrhea.
- Alcohol** is extremely dangerous to pets if any amount is ingested.
Watch for: vomiting, diarrhea, decreased coordination, difficulty breathing, tremors and coma.

If your pet has been exposed to something toxic, please contact APC or your veterinarian.

ASPCA POISON CONTROL
(888) 426-4435

HOT WEATHER SAFETY FOR DOGS THIS SUMMER

KEEP YOUR DOG SAFE. THEY ARE DEPENDING ON YOU!

HEAT SAFETY OUTSIDE

- WALKING YOUR DOG:** Keep your walks short. Walk dog on grass, NOT asphalt! Plenty of water before and after short walk.
- NO CARS:** Leave your dog home where it's cool and safe. Do not take your dog with you. Not even for a "quick" trip.
- SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING:** If you see a dog tied up or left outside for more than 15 minutes, call your local animal control or police department. The dog's health can diminish very quickly. **DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL.**
- SIGNS OF HEAT STROKE:** Excessive panting, discolored gums, diarrhea, vomiting, bright red tongue, and mobility issues are some of the signs of heat stroke. Call your veterinarian ASAP if your dog shows these signs.

HEAT SAFETY IN THE CAR

- TEMPERATURE CHECK:** The temperature inside a parked car can skyrocket within minutes. On a 70°F degree day, the car can reach 100°F in 20 minutes.
- NEVER LEAVE DOGS UNATTENDED:** Heatstroke and dehydration can happen very rapidly and can be fatal.
- SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING:** If you see a dog in a car on a warm/hot day please call your local animal control or police department. The dog's health can diminish very quickly. **DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL.**
- KEEP YOUR DOG HOME:** Your dog will be much happier and much safer at home. Do not take your dog with you on a warm day even for a "quick trip". **Safety First!**

DON'T LEAVE YOUR DOG IN THE CAR

IN CT. A PERSON WHO LEAVES THEIR DOG IN A HOT CAR CAN BE FINED AND ARRESTED WITH ANIMAL CRUELTY.

LET'S KEEP OUR DOGS SAFE & COOL THIS SUMMER!

PET LOSS GRIEF

Isn't Just Missing Them
It can also be.....

- Guilt loops you can't seem to reason with.
- Resenting how life seems to keep moving.
- Brain fog that makes simple things feel hard.
- Numbness that can feel frightening or confusing.
- Not sleeping because the house feels too quiet.
- Flashbacks around illness, decline or euthanasia.
- Trouble making decisions or trusting yourself.
- A loss of meaning, routine or sense of purpose.
- Waves of disbelief, even when you know they have died.
- Anxiety in your body that feels hard to settle.
- Feeling lonely in ways being with people doesn't touch.

@petgrief_support