

Dear Friend and Animal Lover,

Beagles of New England States (B.O.N.E.S.) was founded in June of 2003 with a mission to rescue, rehome, spay/neuter and provide necessary medical treatment to beagles in need in the New England area. In the past thirteen years, over 1,450 beagles have come into our program after being surrendered, abandoned, neglected and abused. They have all been placed in safe and loving homes.

Since the creation of the Sensational Senior Beagle program (SSB) in 2008, we have been able to provide 30 senior dogs homes as part of a "supported adoption" for their remaining years.

Many of the beagles that come into our program need extensive medical treatment before they can be adopted. With the rising cost of medical care and supplies, now, more than ever, we need your help to ensure we can continue to rescue these sweet pups, get their medical up to date and assist senior beagles with their "supported adoption".

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of beagles in need throughout New England. They will be forever grateful as will we at B.O.N.E.S.

Sincerely,  
All of us at B.O.N.E.S.!

*The stories below are just a few of the happy endings that were made possible by our dedicated team of volunteers and through the generous donations of supporters like you.*



### **BUDDY**

Meet Buddy. If this senior beagle could speak, he would have quite the story to tell. He's the perfect example of why sometimes "it takes a village" to help a dog go from being an abandoned stray to a wonderful family member.

On a cold, rainy day in early December 2015, Buddy was found tied to a tree in the dog walk area of a specialty vet's office. A vet tech walking into the office spotted him. She immediately called the local ACO who took the dog and made sure he'd be dry, warm and safe. In the meantime, a wonderful veterinarian who heard about his situation, offered

to have the dog examined and treated. She was a beagle lover and knew Buddy needed a good friend. She and the ACO, along with the specialty hospital, agreed to work as a team to start Buddy on the road to recovery.

Buddy, an intact male, had several serious medical issues. The ACO reached out to B.O.N.E.S. to see if we could help. Our Medical Director became part of the team

that planned how best to help and treat this poor dog.

As Buddy started feeling better, he was assigned to a foster home that loves seniors. They currently have a senior dog and jumped at the chance to help Buddy. In early January 2016, he entered foster care.

Once he entered foster care, Buddy's foster home worked very hard to help him get acclimated to living in a real home where he went for daily walks and received lots of love. Boy did he like that!

Buddy's foster home also made many visits to the local vet to help Buddy through the various physical issues that still needed attention. They worked closely with members of our medical team to ensure Buddy received the medical attention he needed.

In May 2016, Buddy was finally "Ready for Adoption". Very soon after, a family completed our adoption application and specifically asked about Buddy. They knew Buddy had serious ongoing medical issues, but it didn't matter to them. If they could give him even one day in a "forever" home, they would be happy.

After a successful "Meet & Greet", Buddy joined his forever family and has been living the good life since the middle of July.



### **TRACKER**

In 2013, an ACO found Tracker wandering the streets. When no one wanted to adopt him, the ACO contacted B.O.N.E.S. for help. We brought Tracker into our program. At the time, no one imagined that Tracker would become one of the dogs remaining longest in foster care!

In fall of 2013, Tracker was diagnosed with Cushing's disease. He was started on medications to manage the disease and put on a special diet to keep him from going into renal failure. With time, his Cushing's disease stabilized.

The following year a lump appeared on Tracker's body. A biopsy confirmed that it was a Mast Cell Tumor (MCT) – a malignant skin growth. The lump was removed, but because mast cell tumors often reoccur, Tracker was put on medical hold until we could determine if another MCT would develop.

Sadly, another MCT did appear. This time the tumor's location meant that surgery was not an option. All we could do was watch as the tumor grew in size. The goal was to not allow it to rupture.

In 2015, Tracker moved to a new foster home. His new vet recommended Tracker be seen by an oncologist. Sadly, the oncologist confirmed that his options were limited because of the new tumor's location and his existing medical conditions.

At his next vet visit, an experimental treatment was suggested which would not cure but could reduce the size of the tumor. The practice had tried the treatment with a few dogs and it had worked. Our Medical team agreed that Tracker would undergo the three month treatment process.

Success! By the end of January 2016, the tumor shrank till it was only 25% of its original size. Tracker's foster home continued to check the tumor and by summer the tumor had not increased in size and Tracker was deemed "Ready for Adoption".

In the meantime, a wonderful beagle-savvy family asked specifically about adopting Tracker. They had just lost one of their beagles to cancer. They wanted to adopt a friend for their dog, Sam, and they wanted to help a beagle who might otherwise not find a forever home. They visited with Tracker and his foster mom, and Tracker and Sam hit it off immediately.

Tracker joined his new family in late August 2016. Tracker loves playing with his sister Sam and soaks up all the attention his family gives him. We could not have imagined a happier situation for this sweet dog that waited so long and been through so much!

### **PICKLES AND PIPPI**

In 2011, a wonderful family from adopted two beagles from B.O.N.E.S. - Pickles and her niece Pippi. Sadly, the girls were returned to B.O.N.E.S. in the summer of 2015. Their human family was relocating to Europe, and they could not take the dogs with them.



Pickles and Pippi had lived together all their lives and were devoted to each other. Their owners hoped the girls could be fostered and eventually adopted together. Pickles became very stressed if Pippi was not within her sight. Our Foster Home Director decided to seek a foster family willing to welcome two dogs.

By a stroke of good luck, a B.O.N.E.S. foster family that had taken a break from fostering was ready to foster again. Our Foster Home Director reached out to see if they would consider taking both girls. The foster home did not hesitate to say yes. It was a perfect situation for Pickles and Pippi and the resident senior beagle. It was a win for all three dogs!

The girls settled in nicely and enjoyed their new foster home. Over the next year, Pickles and Pippi's foster family took wonderful care of the girls. Their foster mom worked with Pickles as she began to show signs of aging. They helped Pippi control her loud barking (though they had to admire how she barked at a bear crossing the road on a walk one day). Now the big challenge was to find someone who could consider adopting two dogs.

In May, 2016, a repeat adopter applied to welcome another beagle. Her beagle had died and she was looking forward to having another dog in the house. She lived in a nice home with a fenced yard which would be perfect for the girls. Just on a hunch, her adoption counselor told her about Pickles and Pippi, hoping she would be interested, explaining that Pickles would be eligible for the B.O.N.E.S.' Sensational Senior Beagle program.

The prospective adopter was excited by the idea of a "double" adoption. She talked with the foster mom, and they agreed this seemed like a wonderful match. Pickles and Pippi met their new mom at a "Meet and Greet," and all went well. After a nice visit, the girls jumped into the car and headed for their new home, where both are flourishing and enjoying their new life.



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