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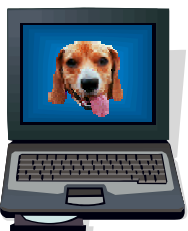
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It's Almost Time for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Beagle Bash!



Scheduled Guest Speakers

Dr. David Serra  
Wood River Animal Hospital, Wyoming, RI

Dr. Ken Abrams  
Veterinary Ophthalmology Services  
Warwick, RI  
Topic: "Beagle Eyeballs - Some common  
eye problems in the breed"

Dr. Charles H. Schor, DVM  
Acoaxet Veterinary Clinic, Westport, MA  
Topic: Dental Care

Maria S. Mutt, DVM  
Acoaxet Veterinary Clinic, Westport, MA  
Topic: Acupuncture

Scheduled Demonstrations:

Jennifer DeAngelis: Veterinary Technician  
at the Wood River Animal Hospital in  
Wyoming, RI will be on hand to  
demonstrate proper tooth and ear care for  
your beagle. Jen, who is also a yoga  
instructor, will also teach us DOGA (Dog  
yoga!).

Christine Seibert: Dog Training Instructor  
from Del Myra Country Club for Dogs in  
Exeter, RI will demonstrate obedience  
training and some tricks for your beagles  
and of course agility. She will also be  
available for CGC testing.

Suzanna: Park Avenue Puppies, Cranston,  
RI will be on hand as a vendor and will  
also give a short presentation on proper  
harnesses.

Vendors Include: Park Avenue Puppies , The Bella Lucca Collection, My Dog Ate It  
Catering, Especially for Pets , Sleeping Bear Company, Wood River Animal Hospital



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### ADOPTABLE BEAGLE SPOTLIGHT



LUCY, 6 YEAR OLD  
FEMALE,  
BEAGLE/LAB MIX  
(42 LBS)  
GOOD WITH MALE  
DOGS, CATS, & KIDS

Lucy is looking for a very special home. This lovely black lab/beagle mix is a super social, well rounded girl that has been raised since puppy hood with a lot of love. Unfortunately she's had her share of medical traumas! Lucy is on medication (inexpensive at \$12/mo) to control a seizure disorder. She had surgery for a ruptured disc in her back - amazingly recovered from that and gets along very well with no real lingering issues (she may get a bit lame after activity).

As she gets older, she may need more attention paid to her back as it may degenerate and cause her some difficulty. Lucy would love a home that can give her a lot of attention, love and most of all tender care that she deserves !

If you are looking for a very sweet girl to share your life with - won't you consider Lucy?

### Regional Fundraisers a Success for B.O.N.E.S.



Over the past few months, several regional fundraisers have been held by volunteers...

Rhode Island (pictured left): On Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 4th Annual Bones Car Wash was held in Greenville and raised \$373.89. Thanks to volunteers Sandi Church, Mary Politi, Mark and Kendra Vandervalk, Nancy Choquette and Bob the beagle, Sherrie Cluley, Sara Overgaag, Donna Bowman, Ellen Ross, Mitch and Luann Edwards, and Abby Pimental for making the event a success.

Connecticut: On Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, a raffle and bottle/can drive was held at the Getaway Hair Salon in Brooklyn, CT, which is owned by B.O.N.E.S. volunteer Mary Ruiz. Regional Coordinator Kendra Vanderwalk was on hand to help out, and volunteers Carol Hahn and Kate Chisholm stopped by with their beagle buddies. Over \$300.00 was raised!

Massachusetts: On Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, a Tag & Bake Sale was held in Lynn, MA. Organized by Regional Coordinator Michele Perrine, the event raised a staggering \$748.25!! Many volunteers pitched in to make this event a success: Linda Harrison, Tirzah Deering, Kate Rugman, Vera Carroll, Jenn Crotty, Danielle Cullen; Rosanne Guerriero, Kendra and Mark Vandervalk, Judy Enright, Pam Amaral, Marsha Cook, Michelle Clancy, and Priscilla Carton.

### Volunteers of the Month

These volunteers have been recognized by the B.O.N.E.S. Board of Directors as volunteers of the month:



June:  
Susan Kordzek



August:  
Jennifer Plante



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July: Tina Gallo

### Now Giving to B.O.N.E.S. Is Even Easier!

Each beagle that is helped by B.O.N.E.S. costs our organization an average of over \$200 (mostly in vet bills to get them neutered/spayed, up to date in vaccinations and to address other medical issues as needed) so donations are always gratefully accepted. We've made it easier than ever for you to help our beagles in need.

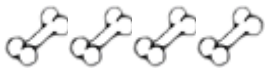
By linking to our donation site online or by going to <http://www.bonesbeagles.org/donation.htm>, you can make an automatic donation to B.O.N.E.S. in the amount of \$10, \$20, or \$50 per month. All you need to do is choose the donation amount that is right for you and then complete the information as requested. Your credit card will be automatically billed each month for your chosen amount and our beagles will reap the benefit of your immediate generosity. A number of donors have signed up for this easy-to-use method—won't you join them? Our beagles say thank you for all you do in helping them find happy, loving forever homes. Aroooo to you! - Sarah Fillitier



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THE 2008  
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CALENDAR  
WILL BE  
AVAILABLE AT  
OUR WEBSITE IN  
MID-  
SEPTEMBER!  
MAKE SURE TO  
GET YOURS  
BEFORE THEY  
SELL OUT!



2007  
YEAR-TO-DATE  
STATISTICS  
(AS OF 7/28/2007)

93 DOGS TAKEN  
INTO THE  
PROGRAM

59 ADOPTED

1 PLACED  
ELSEWHERE (BY  
OWNERS,  
REMOVED FROM  
PROGRAM,  
THROUGH  
OTHER  
SHELTERS, ETC)

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33 CURRENTLY  
UP FOR  
ADOPTION

## An Adopter's Story

I would like to take this opportunity to share my adoption experience with the B.O.N.E.S. organization. I lost my previous beagle of 14 years to natural causes last fall. After a few months I was ready to get another companion to ride cross country with me in my truck. The problem was how to find another dog. I can't go into rescue leagues or shelters because even though I am saving one dog, I am committing the rest to life

imprisonment. One evening I was watching the news and saw a story about 20 beagles rescued in Limington ME. The TV station gave a website to go to, which I did, and then I was linked to [www.bonesbeagles.org](http://www.bonesbeagles.org). I found myself filling out an adoption form and the process was started. I was impressed with the thought that was put into the questions, it showed the concern for the dogs. I felt like I was signing up to adopt a child. I learned some things about beagles that I had not known about which was very helpful. The application was very easy and straightforward to fill out.

The next step in the process was a phone interview. Again, I could tell how much the volunteers cared about their dogs. The woman I spoke with was very pleasant and helpful with my questions. She thought it was great that I was looking for a beagle to ride with me. After the phone call, she told me to get in touch with her when I returned home from my trip and she would set up a home inspection.

The home inspection is arranged to see if the conditions are right for adopting a beagle. They want to make sure there is enough room and there are no potential dangers to the dog. They were even interested in seeing the truck to get an idea of the living conditions in it. The volunteer brought with her a potential adoptee and we all went for a ride in the truck. We both agreed that he was a little too active to spend so much time in the close quarters of the truck.

A couple of weeks later, they got in touch with me about another adoptee. He was up north and I met yet another volunteer in Waterville to meet Hudson. Due to my unique situation of cross country trucking, they allowed a trial period with Hudson. Luckily, he loves to ride and we have adopted each other and have made each of our lives much happier.

I can't express my admiration to the various volunteers that I personally dealt with, as well as all the others who devote so much of their time and love to these beagles. They have devoted themselves to making lives better not only for the unfortunate beagles but also the people they find for these beagles. They were also very interested in hearing about Hudson's life as a trucker beagle which has led to Hudson's chronicles ([www.bonesbeagles.org/hudson.html](http://www.bonesbeagles.org/hudson.html)) This by no means indicates that he is special in any way over any of the other adopted beagles. Each and every one has lots of stories about their daily adventures and their new homes and families. Hudson was just in the right place at the right time, I guess you could say.

The volunteers at B.O.N.E.S. have made my life happier and more complete and I can't thank them enough. I think I can say the same for Hudson. - *John and Hudson.*



*John, Hudson, & the big rig they travel the country in*



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## HAPPY TAIL!



Our experience with B.O.N.E.S. has been great. Our adoption counselor Pam has been extremely helpful from the first time we spoke. She took the time to talk to us about every dog that we had an interest in and found us the dog that would best work into our family. I was amazed when she called us as soon as we arrived home with our new beagle to make sure that things were going well. She has answered any questions we've had and offered suggestions with the adjustment process.

We've had Winnie (Cara) for 3 weeks now and she is a love. She always greets you with a smile and a kiss or ten. She loves to play with our other beagle Lucy and has learned to play fetch right along with her. She is a clown and makes us laugh. She has the funniest bark that always ends in a howl. She has adjusted well to sleeping in her crate and loves her blanket that is in it. She likes to find the cat when he sleeps under the bed and I think she thinks he's a squeaky toy. We'd like to thank everyone with B.O.N.E.S. who helped Winnie find a home. - *Andrea, Garrick, Nem, Lucy, and Winnie Verrengia*

## The Healing Power of Beagles

Each beagle is, of course, perfect in my heart's memory.

Ralph wasn't even mine. My sister had gone skiing with a friend whose mother had taken in stray cats for many years. When Patty arrived, the woman's latest bag of bones wasn't even that and she admitted that no effort of hers could stave off either natural death or - with luck - the death that awaited this wretch of a beagle in what was called a "shelter." Moved beyond practicality by the dismal fate of this lost soul, my loving sister took the animal home to the most impractical of settings, in which she did her best to compromise his reality with society's demand for quiet. It didn't work and Ralph moved from her condo: first he was a casual visitor to our home, but quickly he became "our guy."

He was WONDERFUL. We loved him ferociously, in total contrast to Ralph, who was always gentle and almost scholarly but always displayed to anyone around his total love for and identity with us. One day he walked very slowly out onto our beach, sat down and then lay down. We wrapped him in a blanket and took him to our vet, who loved him almost as much as we did. We watched while the vet injected him and we took great comfort in knowing that he was no longer in the pain he had been enduring. He died in our arms and with love. It is so easy to recall that moment that tears are streaming down my face now. So how do you get beyond love like that? How do you even begin to think of filling that vacuum? The only way I know to do that is two-fold: first, you cry; second, you move on to find another wonderful little soul whose life would not be close to good without your efforts.

I have three more stories just like the one above to tell but I'll spare you. We adopted Hershey from BREW just after we lost Ralph. It was such a salvation: Hershey ran into our house, ran all around and flopped down as if to say, "this is my house from now on." It was the only behavior that could have wrested us from our misery over losing Ralph. Over time we got Cocoa, a totally different beagle and a major challenge to Hershey's assumptions about life. Still, they lived together in a harmony that most marriages would envy.

Hershey finally succumbed to cancer and poor little Cocoa was left alone and bereft - as were we. We had no idea that we would be tried yet again: on Thanksgiving, of all nights, poor Cocoa went into severe respiratory distress and within hours was dead from metastatic cancer that had eaten away her trachea - totally unbeknownst to us or her vet. We couldn't imagine recovering from this blow.

My husband was deeply distressed by our double loss and I became seriously worried that I might now have some kind of human loss to add to my canine ones. At the same time, I was trying to deal with my own feelings of loss for both these dogs. My husband and I were truly shattered and totally unable to console one another. I will be honest: I do not know what related harms we might have sustained if it had not been for Ella.

Somewhere in our intolerable gloom, I found a moment during which I went to the B.O.N.E.S. website, DESPITE an agreement with my husband to avoid it. Truthfully, he was of a mind never to have another dog and I wasn't far behind him. We had lost three precious animals in less than two years. We thought we were cursed.

But somewhere in the back of my mind was a conversation I had with Nancy Gray, back when I lost Ralph. She said then what others have said since: it is a testimony to your love for your lost dog that you open your home and your heart to another animal whose needs exceed your abilities to give. This has become my mantra for life, for situations including and beyond how I feel about lost loves of every ilk, lost opportunities of every type, lost time, lost space, lost me - myself - I. *(continued next page)*



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## The Healing Power of Beagles (continued)

### COMING THIS FALL.. THE SENSATIONAL SENIOR BEAGLE PROGRAM

Our first Sensational Senior will be introduced on the B.O.N.E.S. website in the coming months.

To address the problem of placing senior dogs in forever homes, we have developed this program to encourage people/families to provide a permanent “foster home” for the dog’s remaining years. The adoption fee will be waived and B.O.N.E.S. will retain ownership of the beagle. B.O.N.E.S. will provide for veterinary care during the dog’s “foster care” while the foster home provides for the daily needs of the dog: love, food, shelter and exercise.

We hope in the future to expand this program through grants and the generous donations of our sponsors.

*Leanne, Joy, Anne,  
Tracey, Jennifer &  
Trisha*  
The B.O.N.E.S. Board  
of Directors



*The Scarpas With Ella*

I was the coward. I was the one who couldn't imagine our world without the “Beagle Love Factor”. I set the trap. I waited until Frank was really down one night and then I sprang it: I showed him the B.O.N.E.S. website with a picture of Halifax and a description that made her sound like Ella's little sister.

After that it was a piece of cake. All I had to do was convince B.O.N.E.S. (which, with the likes of Pam Amaral on our side, was hardly climbing Mt. Everest!). We got Hali last week and she is the best of all the beagles we have ever owned. She's a testimony to the loving care of her former owners and, more than that, she is living proof that the right solution to the loss of a beloved is a new opportunity to care and love. We've only had her for two weeks and every day of our lives has changed for the better. She is sweet and smart and fun and she loves us to distraction. It just doesn't get any better.

That it works with dogs is obvious; too bad more humans don't get it! – *Lorriane Scarpa*

So here's what happened next: we got the best dog I've ever known from B.O.N.E.S. Her name was Ella and she was the loveliest animal/dog/spirit it has been my luck to know. But she, too, died, totally unexpectedly, after the shortest possible time on earth with us and we didn't think we would ever, ever, ever, ever, ever even breathe again.

We were so lost we couldn't speak to anyone about it. We didn't even tell our closest friends what had happened. We told one another that we could NEVER go there again. We actually couldn't even talk about her. We worried about how to tell our grandson about her. We booked a vacation in New Zealand that (obviously) didn't include a new dog. We said we were done. We just stayed still.



*Halifax, the Scarpas' new addition*

## Out & About With B.O.N.E.S.

B.O.N.E.S. will be out and about this fall at the following events...come check us out!

September 16, 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM  
Shelburne Museum Goes to the Dogs  
Shelburne, VT

September 23, 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM  
Standish Humane Society Walk  
Wampatuck State Park, Hingham, MA



September 29, 9 AM to 1 PM  
Paws on Parade, Waterfront  
Bangor ME

November 10, 8 AM to 4 PM  
T.C.O.C. Pet Expo  
Skowhegan, ME