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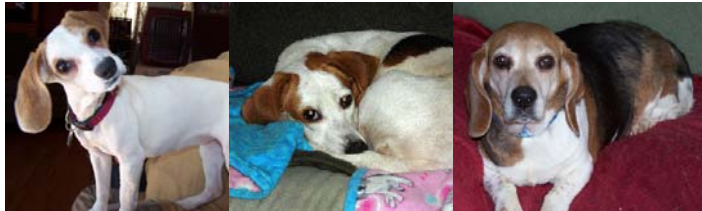
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The Limington 14 – Where Are They Now?

It has been over three months since B.O.N.E.S. took in 14 beagles from an emergency situation in Limington, ME (please visit the B.O.N.E.S. website for the ongoing story). Many of the dogs have already found fabulous homes with families throughout New England, but several are still waiting for their perfect match. Most of the remaining dogs are receiving behavioral training and all of them are working on becoming more socialized and learning how to be great canine citizens! B.O.N.E.S. would like to thank all of the volunteers who have worked on this project, the donors who have covered all medical and training costs for these dogs, all of the veterinarians and behaviorists who have assisted us in the process, the Adoption Counselors who have been working to find the perfect families for the dogs, and the Foster Families who have opened their homes to these beagles-in-need.

Please visit the B.O.N.E.S. website for updates on the remaining Limington Beagles. And join us in hoping for the perfect families to come along very soon!

Limington Beagles – Adopted!



Marigold

Clementine

Candy



Prince

Skippy

Hudson*



Alton (left) & Loverboy (LB) (right)

Mariah

**Read about Hudson's cross country adventures at [www.bonesbeagles.org/!](http://www.bonesbeagles.org/)*

Help Find Holden!



Holden, one of the Limington beagles, slipped his lead and is on the loose in/around Brewer, ME. Since he slipped his collar, there are no tags. If you see Holden, do not approach or chase because he is very skittish. Please call 508 473 2228 and report the time and location of your sighting or email:

admin@bonesbeagles.org

If you can join in the search, call Lucie at 207-299-6382
Holden's details: 24 lbs, 2 year old, mostly white, large black spot on side

Limington Dogs: Four Still Waiting for their Furever home..



Mia

Clyde

Clarke

Jack



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BEAGLE BASH! TAKE YOUR BEAGLE TO SCHOOL DAY!

OUR FOURTH ANNUAL
BEAGLE BASH WILL BE
HELD SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 13, 2007 IN
AUBURN, MA



AUBURN MALL
AUBURN, MA WILL BE
OFFERING FOOD FOR
PURCHASE & DONATING
A PERCENTAGE TO
B.O.N.E.S.!



717 SOUTHBRIDGE ST
AUBURN, MA HAS
DONATED 100 DONUTS
& 100 CUPS OF COFFEE
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DAY'S EVENTS & A
COMPLETE LIST OF
SPONSORS!



How much do you know about the food you feed your dog?



Before we start: there are several options for feeding your dog, including Raw, Home-cooked, kibble, and wet. This article focuses on dry foods (kibble). Please refer to the Resources paragraph for information regarding the other options. It is important to consider your specific dog in choosing its food, and if you have any concerns, please speak with your veterinarian.

Dogs are part of our families, and countless Americans were shocked by the pet food recalls. Many people are confused about what's safe and what's not in light of the ongoing recalls. No matter what type of food you feed your dog, now is a good time to review what you're feeding your pet, and educate yourself on pet nutrition. “It's just dog food” is not an accurate statement. Just as all human foods are not the same quality, dog foods are not all alike either.

It's important when choosing a food that you don't just listen to your breeder, veterinarian, groomer or pet store employee. No one will ever care about your pet as much as you do, so it's essential for you to educate yourself and know exactly what is in the food you feed your dog everyday. Listen to opinions, do some online research, ask other dog lovers, consider your dog and its specific needs.

Most consumers are not aware of exactly what goes into their pet's food. Some pet foods actually contain sawdust, chicken beaks, and animal toenails. Others are loaded with preservatives, additives, by-products, fillers and sodium. This is not to say that all commercial dog foods are bad. They aren't all made with low-quality ingredients and fillers. ***It's important to read the label.*** Just because a pet food company spends millions of dollars on convincing, enticing advertising does not mean that company makes a nutritious food for your dog.

Bad items on a dog food label:

- 1) **Fillers such as corn and wheat, or anything that says gluten.** These are not a natural part of a dog's diet. In fact, wheat and corn are a leading cause of food-related allergies in pets. Can you imagine a dog in the wild seeking out and eating an ear of corn or a stalk of wheat?
- 2) **By-products or generic fats/proteins.** Beef or chicken “by-products” signify that the food does not contain pure beef or chicken but rather something from these animals. It could be hair, feet, noses, tails, fat, etc... Whole meat is your best choice, but meat “meal” (turkey, fish, chicken, beef, lamb “meal”) is a healthful ingredient. Also avoid “animal fat” or “fish protein” – look for named sources only.
- 3) **Preservatives, additives and artificial coloring.** Many preservatives and additives can be harmful over time. Truly “all natural” foods contain none of these and will clearly state it on the label. Some examples of common preservatives are BHA, BHT and Ethoxyquin.

Good items on a dog food label:

- 1) **Human grade ingredients.** Dog foods cannot be labeled “human grade,” but many manufacturers will give you this information on their website.
- 2) **Pure (whole) meat or a named meat meal.** Whole meat would read simply as “chicken” or “beef,” and meal should read “chicken meal” or “lamb meal,” for example. In meal, the water and fat is removed from meat during processing. It is very important to look for named protein sources (chicken meal, salmon meal). “Animal meal” or “fish meal” is not a named protein source and should be avoided.

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ADOPTABLE BEAGLE SPOTLIGHT



*FLEUR, 3-5 YEAR OLD
FEMALE, GOOD WITH
DOGS AND CHILDREN,
NOT SURE OF CATS*

From Fleur’s foster family: When Fleur first arrived she was very reserved and unsure of her surroundings.

WOW, have things changed. She has really come out of her shell.

She can be a little firecracker. For a little girl she has lots of spunk. Our home has become a NASCAR racetrack: Our dog and Fleur are always tearing it up. Fleur loves toys. She goes to the dog toy box and takes them all out.

Placing them all around the house for a later game of Hide and Seek.

At times she will just leap around with the toys in her mouth. She has a great energy level. But she also loves to curl up on the couch for a nap, several times a day. Sometimes at bedtime she jumps up on the bed and pounces on my dog to get him to play. She is quite persistent at it.

Fleur is a wonderful dog looking for her forever home. Is it you?

Dog Food Continued...

- 3) **Very few or zero grains.** A whole-meat should be one of the first two ingredients. If there are grains in the food, they should be better grains like sweet potato, whole brown rice, oats and barley.

Take this opportunity to make sure you are feeding your dog the best food for its long-term health. A good, nutritious food can help dogs live longer, better lives with fewer health problems. A better food can even cut down on shedding, and promote skin and dental health. Premium foods like Innova, Canidae, Solid Gold, California Natural, and Wellness sometimes cost slightly more per pound, but because they are not jammed with fillers, your dog needs a smaller quantity and you end up spending about the same amount of money or less than you did on the less healthful foods.

Resources

- ⇒ **The Dog Food Project:** (<http://www.dogfoodproject.com>) A website showing how your current food compares to others out there, how to read a label, how to identify better products, and which ingredients to avoid. Also includes information on vegan feeding and grain-free dog food.
- ⇒ **Dog Food Analysis:** (<http://www.dogfoodanalysis.com>) A website with a multitude of dog food reviews, using a simple “star” system. See if your food is 4 stars or more, and learn which foods are the best and worst, nutritionally.
- ⇒ **Dog Aware:** (<http://dogaware.com>) Information on selecting the best food for your pet. Includes information on Raw and Home-cooked diets.
- ⇒ **Itchmo:** (<http://www.itchmo.com>) A great resource for up-to-date information on the pet food recall. Sign up for email alerts that will let you know when more foods are recalled.

– Michelle Clancy

T-Shirt Sponsors Still Needed for Beagle Bash T-Shirts!

We are still looking for two more sponsors for the 2007 Beagle Bash T-shirt. Each sponsorship is \$350, which included a quarter ad on the back of the shirt, acknowledgement in the program brochure, on the website (with a link to the sponsor's site) and on a poster at the event. Approximately 230 T-shirts will be produced. Please contact Lisa at mangrules@yahoo.ca if you are interested.



Volunteers of the Month

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



March: Robyn Myers



April: Tammy Omar



May: Marsha Cook



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Paying It Forward: A Tribute to Miss Cleo

In November of 2003, I had the pleasure of fostering Miss Cleo. She was the most beautiful blue tick beagle girl. A very special soul. Cleo had a seizure disorder and was on a medication that she would have to stay on for life. Fostering senior beagles and those with special needs was my specialty. They were harder to place and sometimes they would stay with me forever. I was thinking Cleo may become my fifth dog. That was until the day I received an application from the Breault family.

When I interviewed Lisa (I was also her Adoption Counselor) and found out that she volunteered at her local shelter and had no problem adopting a dog with medical issues, the light bulb went off. I had the perfect dog for her. It only took a few moments of describing Miss Cleo to Lisa, sending her pictures and a video clip, and Lisa was in love.

Lisa says, "I remember when we first talked about Cleo. I remember saying "My husband has seizures, too, and I would never give him back! Since I am a paramedic and he is a nurse, it just wasn't an issue for us. We just couldn't wait to meet her."

We set up a meeting at the Bourne (MA) Bridge IHOP parking lot. I came from Martha's Vineyard and the Breaults drove more than three hours from Western MA. Lisa recalls "I remember discussing on our drive to the Bourne bridge how impressed we were with the entire B.O.N.E.S. organization. You were so easy to talk to, so knowledgeable of beagles and so professional in your role as an adoption counselor. We were so impressed that we wanted to be a part of B.O.N.E.S.! Why drive a half hour to the shelter when we could foster in our home?"

Needless to say the meeting went very well. I thought I would be a wreck and cry all the way home. I was so surprised at my reaction. When I saw the love, the Breault family had for Cleo and her for them, it was like it was meant to be. I was so happy for Cleo and the Breaults. There was really no sadness at all. Lisa recalls the meeting as well "I will never forget the first moment I saw Cleo. I fell head over heels! We all did! And she seemed to know it was right, too! She just hopped in the car as if to say, let's go home."

Lisa and her family decided on the way home that they wanted to be a part of B.O.N.E.S. As soon as Lisa got home, she submitted the application to foster. Since then, Lisa and her family have fostered more than twenty dogs! At one point Lisa was the Foster Coordinator for B.O.N.E.S. She helped counsel many other wonderful foster homes. She is also an Adoption Counselor, home visitor, fundraiser, transporter, and an overall ambassador of good will for B.O.N.E.S.

Lisa and I have always kept in touch with updates on Miss Cleo. She really had her share of medical issues and sadly on April 30, 2007 Miss Cleo went to the Rainbow Bridge. Lisa recalls "Miss Cleo was a VERY special lady. She survived several critical seizure episodes, a ruptured disc, a stroke and in the end we lost her to cancer but she never ever stopped wagging her tail! She was the world's BEST snuggler! She especially liked to keep my cold feet warm by sneaking under the covers at night."

The Breaults now share their home with three B.O.N.E.S. Beagles: Miss Belle (first foster failure), Miss April (foster diagnosed with bladder cancer that they decided to adopt more than two years ago) and Miss Paige Ruby Breault (the B.O.N.E.S. Beagle puppy Lisa's daughter Haylie convinced them that they needed).

Lisa believes "Nothing is better in this world than sitting in your oversized recliner with four beagles to snuggle! There will never be a dog in my life as special as Cleo. She taught me so much about love and loyalty. "

Who knew the day I met Cleo, how many more needy beagles would be saved because of her. It is my hope that by sharing Cleo's story it will inspire others to continue paying it forward, what a wonderful way to honor Cleo's memory.

- Pam Amaral



THE BREAUTL FAMILY
ON THE DAY THEY
ADOPTED MISS CLEO