On February 4th, 2007, 19 beagles and a hound mix were discovered living in squalid conditions in a home in Limington, ME. When rescue workers arrived on the scene, they found the dogs surviving without food or running water, among heaps of trash and excrement. The firefighters who rescued the dogs had to wear boots and breathing apparatus when entering the building. Two dogs were found dead in the home.

A local animal shelter was able to house 7 of the dogs rescued from this situation: Beagles of New England States (B.O.N.E.S.) has mobilized volunteers from all over New England to move the remaining 13 dogs into our care. These dogs are currently being boarded in kennels and are receiving full veterinary care at B.O.N.E.S.’s expense. Once the dogs are strong enough to be transported, they will be moved into foster homes in ME, NH, RI, and CT.

We are now seeking financial assistance to help cover the veterinary and boarding costs incurred on behalf of these desperate dogs. Anyone interested in learning more about this story is invited to visit the B.O.N.E.S. website (www.bonesbeagles.org) where they will find links to news coverage, photos of the dogs, and information regarding contributions and adoption. Donations can also be mailed to B.O.N.E.S., PO Box 4, Orrington, ME 04474.

B.O.N.E.S. would like to thank the countless volunteers who have helped to make this rescue effort possible, the local firefighters who pulled the dogs out of the house and bathed all of them, and the numerous reporters who have spent time covering this story. For our first major emergency rescue, we are thrilled with the region-wide teamwork we have been able to coordinate. And we are happy to report that all of the dogs are on their way to healthy lives. – Trisha Craig

Then... (Photos from the initial vet visits) And...Now (Photos from the foster homes)
Shop Online and Help B.O.N.E.S.!

Did you know that you can shop online and help B.O.N.E.S. at the same time? It’s EASY! Just visit www.bonesbeagles.org and click on “Boutique”. From there, you can shop at B.O.N.E.S. affiliate merchants such as:

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- CaféPress.com
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- ChecksYourWay.com
- Dogwise.com

...and many others. By entering these sites via the B.O.N.E.S. Boutique instead of typing them directly into your internet browser, B.O.N.E.S. earns a percentage of your purchase. So if you already shop online, why not help B.O.N.E.S. at the same time? Visit the B.O.N.E.S. Boutique today!

Special Thanks to Kids for Paws!

"Kids for Paws" is a group of Simsbury, CT children who started a charitable organization after Hurricane Katrina to provide aid to homeless animals.

"Kids for Paws" set up a table at the PetCo in Avon, CT on Saturday, February 17th to sell Kids for Paws items as well as display B.O.N.E.S. information. All of the money collected on that day – approximately $500.00 – went directly to B.O.N.E.S. for the care of our 13 Limington Beagles. Thanks, kids – the beagles appreciate it!

B.O.N.E.S. Gatherings!

MAINE: The Southern Maine B.O.N.E.S. Volunteers gathered again (the third time for us this year!) on Saturday, December 9, to attend a matinee for the Portland Symphony Orchestra's Magic of Christmas concert. This year’s event was just spectacular and included performances by the PSO's Choir as well as their Children's Choir. The PSO played many Christmas favorites and the chorus sang splendidly. Several songs included ballet dancers from the Nutcracker. Of course we all enjoyed the sing-along at the end of the concert! Attending were Ken, Sarah and Zoe Filliter, Sarah's mother Lorraine Smith, Zoe's friend Laura Young, Elizabeth Rodenz and David Baker, Cherie Phillips and Russ, and Joy and Larry Bunkowske. – Sarah Filliter

MASSACHUSETTS: On February 3rd, Jennifer Crotty and her B.O.N.E.S. beagle, BJ, hosted an open house all B.O.N.E.S. volunteers at her home in Lynn, MA. In attendance were Danielle Cullen, Carol Sardo, Michele Perrine, Tracey Basler with her B.O.N.E.S. beagle (and Jennifer’s first foster!) Bella, Joyce & Micah Bean, Pete & Judy Bolis, Gina Calabro, Susan & Joe Ciulla, Marsha Cook, Janie Davis, and Jennifer Plante. Much food, drink and chat was shared and fun was had by all! – Jennifer Crotty
**B.O.N.E.S. 2006**

**Statistics (as of 1/20/2007)**

- **194** dogs taken into the program in 2006
- **162** adopted
- **9** placed elsewhere
- **3** euthanized for health reasons, none for temperament issues
- **20** currently up for adoption, carried over to 2007

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**Adoptable Beagle Spotlight**

Hello! My name is Bailey the Lady! As you can tell from my picture, I am living it up in my foster home, but what I would really like is a forever home of my own.

Here is what my foster family says about me: “Bailey is a sweet, mellow middle aged gal. Bailey is almost house trained, well mannered and very sweet. She came from a loving home that just couldn’t care for her any longer. Bailey is also one of the smartest dogs we have met. We have taught her sit, down, sit pretty, stay, speak, and we are still working in roll-over. The best part is that she knows all of the commands on hand signals. She knows how to open cabinets (we have installed child locks). She loves to communicate with us through groans, barks, and whines. Very cute indeed. She loves toys and she especially loves to gut them. Rawhide, frosty paws, and marrow bones filled with a dollop of peanut butter are her favorites. Car rides are one of her favorite pastimes as are walks and trips to the dog park. She has moderate barking habits and has been with children 8 and up. We are recommending a home with older children due to her jumping up and licking. This may be a lot for a toddler.”

Wow, they make me sound pretty cool. But I’m not perfect. I do have some “typical” beagle faults – I am something of an escape artist – constantly searching for ways to hit the highway and explore the world. I need to be watched carefully – even in a fenced in yard. I am also what these beagle people call a counter surfer, meaning you leave food out on a counter, I’m gonna eat it. I mean, really, why else would you leave it out, anyway?

Lastly, the vet says that I have something called with Medullary Insufficiency. It is a self induced syndrome caused by drinking too much water. Excessive drinking leads to excessive urination which flushes all of her electrolytes out of her system. A vicious cycle is created. The drinking is probably a reaction to stress and then turns into another behavioral issue. So if you’d be willing to work on making my life stress free, that would be great. Also, if you could have a family member that stays at home all day and can let me out frequently, I’d appreciate it.

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**Volunteers of the Month**

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

- **December:** David & Jill Wight
- **January:** Carol Sardo
- **February:** Lisa Natanson
SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday October 13, 2007 is Take Your Beagle to School Day!**

This year’s Beagle Bash focuses on education, health and fun! It will be a full day event. The morning will have lectures from prominent New England veterinarians followed by an afternoon of demos, dog walk, vendors games and more! Come for the whole day or just part. Lectures will be on beagle related health issues such as Cushing’s Disease, 2nd cervical disease and glaucoma. Demos in the afternoon include: ear and teeth cleaning and Doga (aka dog yoga). So bring your beagle and spend the day!

Anyone interested in being a vendor, sponsoring the bash, donating or helping before or during the bash contact Lisa at Mangrules@yahoo.ca. **Watch the website for updates.**

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**The B.O.N.E.S. Bugler**

“ALL THE NEWS THAT’S FIT TO BAY”

Happy Tails!

Hi, I’m Ruthie! That’s me, the one on the left, with my new beagle brother Oscar. I was adopted in November 2006 by my new family and things have been just great! It took me a while to teach Oscar who’s boss, but now that he understands that I am in charge we are getting along famously. We love to chase each other, play together and snuggle up for naps. We especially like singing duets at the top of our lungs in the yard and greeting all the neighbors who walk by. I also like to chase the two cats around the house. My new forever home has lots of rooms to explore and lots of comfy furniture to sleep on. I especially like burrowing under the covers at night with my new mom and dad and looking for interesting places to bury my chew toys and bones.

*From The Pike/Miller family:* We just love this little girl so much!! She has the sweetest, most loving temperament and is a happy dog. She loves to sing loud greetings of hello when we come home from work and school and always makes everyone feel welcome and cheery. Ruthie is the perfect addition to our active household and we are so lucky to have her. Thanks to B.O.N.E.S. for bringing Ruthie to us and for all the great work you do.

Chloe (top, left) is enjoying life in Fremont, NH! We took Chloe home from Maine the last weekend in October, 2006. Since that day, she has become best of friends with Madison (our 2 year old beagle) and Pawz (our 4 year old cat). Chloe loves the outdoors - she would stay outside all day, every day if she could. She has learned to love going for walks, although at first she was very hesitant (she did not like the leash). We enjoy Chloe so much, and are thankful that she is in our lives. Life with two beagles is so rewarding, and we now can not remember what life was like without Chloe! Thank you so much to B.O.N.E.S. for allowing us to take Chloe into our lives and our hearts! - Dave and Catherine Twiss

Yep, Roscoe has certainly wormed his way into our hearts. As Patrick said this afternoon, "If you set out to create a cute Beagle, you couldn't do any better than Roscoe!"

This may be a case of a picture being worth a thousand words. Soon after I took the first one, they adjusted their spots on the blanket so that Roscoe was curled up closer to Reggie and was resting his head on Reggie's back! - The Micken Family

Bianca (right with her new friend) is doing GREAT! She is such a loveable dog. She sleeps in our room on her rug/comforter and pillow (which she loves) in the corner. Then in the middle of the night (3:00 a.m. or so) she comes up in the middle with us. OR she starts out with my son then comes in with us. She is very cuddly. We had company last Sunday 19 people in all and she did super. She didn’t jump, bark or get under anyone’s feet. She liked being where the action was but wasn’t pesky at all. Everyone thought she was beautiful and so well behaved. - The Powers Family
The B.O.N.E.S. Bugler

“All The News That’s Fit To Bay”

Well, we are all SO HAPPY with Spike (at left with his lady friend)! I can not even BEGIN to tell you how well he has fit into our family. He and my other female beagle look like a little old couple together. They are hysterical. They tear around the yard together, sleep together, beg for treats together....we often say, how could someone have given up such a wonderful dog? We absolutely love him .... And I know he is very, very happy with us. We walk every morning at 5:00-5:30 a.m., all four dogs...so that they can all be off leashes and run...we walk about 3/10’s mile to the beach, cruise down beach about a football field in length and then walk back....they know the routine and just make their way, all four of them sniffing at everything. They have quite the life! He gets along fine with the horses...we have three and Spike comes out every morning and night while I do my chores. He is a wonderful snuggler and he has this great spot between his eyes to receive a kiss...he is just a mush....He has a number of nicknames such as : Spike-a-dilly-do, Spike Meister, 'Dilly…What more can I say? If you run across another like him...call me! I would much rather adopt an older dog than a pup!

- The Culbertson Family

As you can see from this picture, Daisy and Peanut have made us as happy as we have made them....they are wonderful! We've had Daisy for 3 years now and Peanut for 1 and 1/2 and we can't remember life before them. They have become "puppy therapy" for everyone in our family...no one can be sad with a beagle in their lap! Thank you to B.O.N.E.S. for completing our family.

- The Mackie Family (pictured at left)

Ranger (right, with his new friend)  is doing great. He loves the kids and the kids love him. They run him ragged. Ranger falls asleep before they do (strange for a beagle). He is getting used to his new home. At first he followed me around like my shadow, but now he is starting to do his own thing. He likes to sit in front of the glass door on the heat vent and watch the birds, then he barks and they fly away. ~ The Guidi Family

From Jasper : Hi all! I wanted to introduce you to Tina and Dan. They are my new family and I am so excited! :) They love me so much and I feel the same. My new "forever" home has four floors to constantly explore -- in search of new corners to hide my rawhide bone. I always supervise in the kitchen when Tina is cooking dinner in the quest for a dropped morsel of some sort! After dinner I relax on the couch between Tina and Dan until time for bed! Such a life! :) From The Bellomys: Jasper is absolutely a wonderful little guy. He loves to walk and eat and then sleep --- not necessarily in that order! We are SO happy to be able to give Jasper his "forever" home. He is certainly enriching our lives already. Thanks to you all and to everyone at BONES for all the good work that you do!