



# The Bay

News & Stories of Courage, Love and Second Chances



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



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## An Urgent Call To All Our Volunteers

B.O.N.E.S. is urgently looking foster homes throughout New England to take care of all the dogs that we are being asked to take into our program.

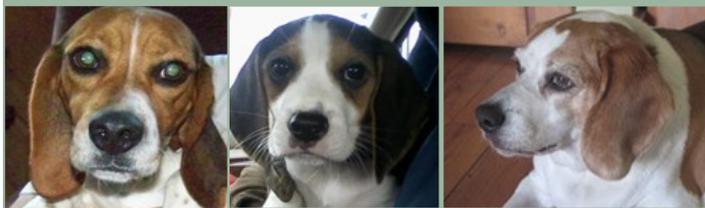
It is becoming increasingly difficult to meet this demand which has been spurred by job loss, family relocation, tighter personal budgets and competing needs brought on by economic instability and financial uncertainty. We have very reliable foster homes but they aren't enough to meet the demand that is being placed on us.

Each day as I look at the long list of dogs in our program, I am thankful for our organization's dedicated, knowledgeable foster families. They are the integral link between intake and adoption. When it comes to reasons people foster they vary from person to person As one volunteer put it, "I am so happy when my foster fills a void in the life of an older adopter". Another foster said, "I think they {the dogs} deserve a chance to be someone's pet". For me it is the reminder that physical and behavioral obstacles to adoption are overcome resulting in a well-adjusted dog.

Without more foster homes we will rescue fewer beagles, forcing them to outlive their stays in overcrowded, financially strapped shelters. Being the largest beagle rescue group in New England means that the dependence on us to rescue, and eventually re-home beagles continues to grow.



### Foster Homes are Urgently Needed



If you are interested in fostering and are not yet a B.O.N.E.S. volunteer, please review and complete the [volunteer application](#).

If you are already a volunteer, *please* go to the volunteer website and fill out the foster home application. Talk with us and truly help a beagle in need. Thank you from all the beagles!! ♥ Sharon V

### The Journey Home



Thanks to our Volunteers,  
Beagles of New England States have helped  
over 1,453 beagles find their forever homes.





## I Love You, But You're Not My Dog.



Spring  
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Volunteer

and make it so!



[Say "Hi" to Sheldon!](#)



ARRROOOO!



[Meet Charlie!](#)



I love fostering dogs. I love saving souls. But, sometimes, after a heart-wrenching foster finds its' forever home, it just might be good to take a break. My last foster was here for a year. I loved (love) her. But, she was not the right fit for my traveling lifestyle. She needed a home that fit her needs. We waited and waited until the right fit was found. It was a bittersweet good-bye. I knew she was in the right place, I was so happy for her, but there was a void.

Less than two weeks later, I was asked to foster another dog. I thought long and hard. I have a very hard time saying no to a dog in need. My dog seemed to need some extra attention. I was able to be out of the house more and for longer periods as my dog (a certified therapy dog) could go with me to many places. Plus, she is content at home alone. The foster was not.

So, for the first time since I started fostering, I said, "No, not this time." Then, I felt so guilty. I felt as if I had let B.O.N.E.S. and the dog down. I felt sad. I agonized. It took me a few weeks to begin to feel better about it. And now that it has been two months, I realized saying no was the right decision this time. I was able to get involved in more activities that fed my soul and take some longer day trips and not have to worry about the beagle at home. Just lifting a bit of the worry made my life a little easier and freer.

So, I have realized that I don't have to save every soul that passes my way, but if you save one life, you save the world. ♥ Amy K.



As allergy season heats up for humans, dog owners might not realize that their four-legged friend can suffer from allergies as well. Common allergens that affect dogs are things they inhale (molds, dust mites, pollens) or the type of food they're eating, and skin irritants, among others. To help dog owners provide relief for their pets, the American Kennel Club reveals the signs of allergy and how you can treat it.

### Common signs of allergy in dogs:

- Itching, red, inflamed skin or dry skin
- loss of fur
- irritated eyes
- infected ears and eyes
- licking of paws
- runny nose

### Treatment:

Take a trip to your veterinarian to find the best treatment plan for your dog. They may prescribe cortisones, antihistamines, or medicated shampoos.

Your vet may suggest you try food testing. Many times, the allergic reaction is coming from something in your dog's food. Put your dog on an "elimination diet"-feed him just one protein type at a time so you can see which one causes a reaction. Your vet may also recommend Omega-3 fatty acid supplements, especially in the form of fish oils.



# Tick Talk

## What's Bugging Your Beagles?



### STUBBORN BEAGLE TRICKS



Mackey (in the cab)



"We're on Facebook!"



Follow Bella on her [Good Deeds](#)



Last year, a new tick was threatening pets across New England. Veterinarians at MSCPA's Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston had noticed a surge in Lone Star ticks in 2016.

"They're very fast. So they're about three times as fast as a normal tick. And so when they decide to move, they're on you pretty quickly," said Dr. Virginia Sinnott. In addition to its speed, it also boasts excellent vision and attacks in swarms, making these ticks especially dangerous to pets.

According to one owner, her dog Comet, "was suddenly acting old. He was limping a little bit. It was quite subtle, but he wasn't jumping up on the couch anymore," she said. Comet was diagnosed with Rocky Mountain Fever, a life threatening disease caused by the Lone Star tick. Comet has recovered from the bite after having spent several days at Angell Animal Medical Center and treated with antibiotics.

Vets at Angell have seen a big boom in tic-borne illnesses in dogs. During the fall-winter of 2015, they treated 87 dogs for tick-borne illnesses. That number jumped to 196 in 2016, a 200 percent increase. Vets say the warm weather and few cold snaps lead to a surge in the Lone Star ticks.

Dr. Sinnott said they are concerned because there have been reported that the bug is getting closer to city limits. "One of our own veterinarians found a Lone Star tick on her own personal dog in Wellesley," she added that prevention year round is necessary.

### Lone Star Tick



Larvae



Nymph



Adult Female



Adult Male

### Prevention: Protecting Your Pet and Yourself

AAMC recommends the following to pet owners:

- Talk with your vet about over-the-counter tick preventatives and their use all year long. Keep cats exclusively indoors, which is safer for them generally, and all but eliminates their risk of tick-borne illness.
- Walk dogs on hard surfaces or well-worn paths. "Keeping them out of the bushes, where most ticks reside, will significantly reduce their exposure," said Dr. Sinnott
- Keep the edges of your property free of debris such as piles of leaves and brush, which offer safe shelter to ticks of all varieties
- Learn how to remove embedded ticks.
- Have your pet tested annually for tick-borne diseases.
- Know the primary signs of most tick-borne illnesses: flu-like symptoms, lameness, decreased appetite and generally seeming unwell. If any of these symptoms are present, call your veterinarian immediately.

### Tick Update: Of Mice, Ticks and the Powassan connection

"Our local tick — this blacklegged tick — occasionally carries a deadly virus that's called Powassan virus," says [Rick Ostfeld](#), a disease ecologist at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, N.Y. ([more](#))





## Golden Oldies



Rescue Chocolate  
*the sweetest way to save a life*



Maggie Magoo was adopted from B.O.N.E.S. in 2009 when she was seven. "She joined our beagle Louie, who at the time was just two". Maggie has been a foster sister to many B.O.N.E.S. beagles. "Maggie loves to dig in the vegetable gardens and snack on cucumbers on the vines." (But does she offer to weed?) "She loves her belly rubs and enjoys walks around the block a few times a day. She also enjoys crunching on icicles and snow piles.....Maggie, whose nick name is PorkChop, is such a love bug." ♥ Susan Lambert



Meet [Pepper!](#)

Adopted from BONES on February 25, 2007 Jack is celebrating his 10th "Gotcha Day" this year. He turned 13 in December but is still very much young at heart! Jack loves going on walks, especially on the Farmington Canal Trail and the boardwalk at West Haven Beach. He also has a great time sniffing out scents at his weekly Nosework class and practicing agility and balancing activities to keep his beagle muscles strong!



"Jack thinks there is nothing better than going for a ride, particularly when the destination is Dunkin Donuts for a munchkin." ♥ Susan Cannon



**Got Beagle?**



Here are two sweet BONES beagles keeping neighborhood watch! BONES alumnus Anna (age 8, adopted at age 1) and Lilliepad (age 12, adopted at age 1)

Best buddies for 8 years strong!  
♥ Susan Lambert



[Check out Miss Maja!](#)

Meet Maizey, not a B.O.N.E.S. beagle, but a rescued beagle that has been a Big Sister to many B.O.N.E.S. fosters. Three years ago, an ACO put out a post about a little hound found running free. She had a history; she was adopted twice and returned both times each after just a couple days, because she was reportedly a fright and flight dog, not very comfortable around kids and was sad and mopey.



It took weeks of love, stability and being a third part of the Wood family's 2 dog pack, but she learned to trust, became quite the lap dog and has a young boy who has become her BFF.

A few months ago Maizey sounded the "Arooo" alarm to alert them that a little beagle who had escaped his home on a Thanksgiving day was within sight. The little guy was scanned, vetted and returned to his family. Great job, Maizey! " We could NEVER imagine life before or without her. Our Maizey has been such a blessing to us and our many B.O.N.E.S. fosters! We love her to the moon and back" ♥ Dawn & Skip Wood



# Welcome to the B.O.N.E.S. Annual Appeal!

In thirteen years, B.O.N.E.S. has rescued more than 1,450 beagles that were surrendered, abandoned, neglected or abused, and found loving, adoptive homes for them throughout New England!

Additionally, the Sensational Senior Beagle Program was established to provide senior dogs a home with a "supported adoption" for their remaining years.

Each beagle that comes through our program averages more than \$725 in medical care and expenses. We can only continue to rescue beagles with your help.

Please make a donation to B.O.N.E.S. today so that we can continue our mission of giving every beagle in our program their own happy ending.

[Click here](#) to read about some of the "Happy Endings" that happened in 2016.



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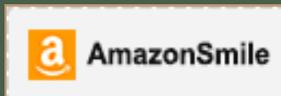
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## Did You Know...

Beagles of New England States Inc. has received \$737.00 as of February 2017!

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Saturday  
September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
10:00am to 3.00pm  
(Rain or Shine)

# B.O.N.E.S. Beagle Rescue Presents The 14th Annual Beagle Bash!



## Come To The Bark Side



-  **JUMP IN TO HYPER SPEED: TO COLLINSWOOD K-9 SERVICES 81 WEST STREET AUBURN, MA**
-  **TEST YOUR JEDI HOUND SKILLS: AND PLAY DOGGIE GAMES, HAVE YOUR DOG'S PICTURE TAKEN, AND MEET OTHER BEAGLE LOVERS AND B.O.N.E.S VOLUNTEERS**
-  **JOIN THE BEAGLE REBELLION: AND BUY YOUR 2018 B.O.N.E.S. CALENDAR & B.O.N.E.S MERCHANDISE**
-  **USE THE FORCE : FOR RAFFLE BASKETS, SILENT AUCTION, FOOD AND FUN.**
-  **FULFILL YOUR DESTINY: \$10 ADMISSION (CHILDREN UNDER 12 AND DOGS GET IN FREE). LOOK FOR 2 FOR 1 COUPON ON THE SITE IN SEPTEMBER**
-  **NO RETRACTABLE LEASHES, THERE WILL BE. ALL DOGS MUST BE UP TO DATE WITH VACCINATIONS.**

