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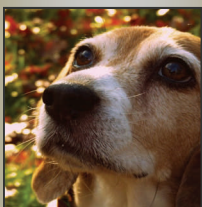
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Keep An Eye Out  
For  
Transporters  
In August!



**"Serendipity"** means a happy accident or pleasant surprise; specifically, the accident of finding something good or useful without looking for it.

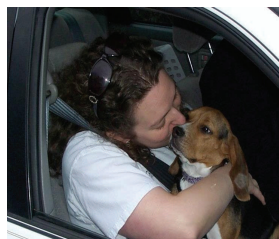
This issue is focused on our foster families, those tireless saviors that say "sure, bring him along" when a beagle in need of a gentle hand and a second chance at a good life lands in the B.O.N.E.S. network. These angels and their families may have little room in their homes but always seem to have room in their hearts for just one more.

Recently, a call was put out to our fosters to find out what draws them to open their homes, spend countless hours quietly urging frightened beagles to trust again and invest time for vet runs and sleepless nights caring for sick beagles that others could not or would not tend to. The responses received were thoughtful and it is our hope that their words will inspire others to offer their time and hearts and be an angel to a beagle in need.

One such angel, Mindy Aumann, has lead by example in B.O.N.E.S. as Foster Director for the last fifteen months, moving our foster program forward and creating a strong structure in the group.

Her love of beagles began when she was young; a shelter hound mix named "Halle" chose Mindy and her sister to be her adoptive angels. Mindy's mother, involved in other breed rescues, inspired her to get involved too. Because of her love of these hounds, Mindy searched out beagle rescues. It was our fortune that Mindy found B.O.N.E.S. on Yahoo, and the rest is history.

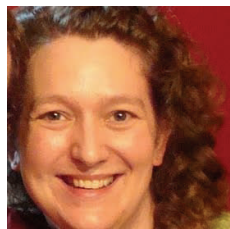
From that time on, Mindy, her husband and their children have shared their home with Sophie beagle, Buddy (aka Houdini), Petey, Buster, sweet Lacey, goofy Mista, Franny, Jasmine (who decided she wasn't leaving), Lucy, Fred, Libbey and the amazing Hope, "the wonder-pup".



"These beagles just need love, understanding, and lots of patience to work through their past trauma. There are such wonderfully sweet dogs hidden in the scared and hurting bodies, and I love trying to find them again."

*Mindy and Hope, off to her new forever home.*

Mindy tendered her resignation earlier last month, and the outpouring of thanks and well wishes from the volunteers was heartwarming.



"I'll still be doing some "behind the scenes" work with the foster team and I'm definitely going to be doing some home visits, transports, etc. as I can.

Thank you Mindy, for all that you have done for the fosters and all those beagle babies. **Aroo!**



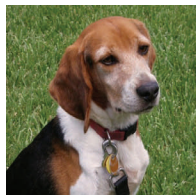
**What drew you to become a foster?**

"It was the right time in my life and I knew it was time to give back. I have often thought "Could I standby and watch a healthy sweet beagle being euthanized in a shelter and do nothing". The answer was clear to me.

The excuses in the past, "Too busy" or "Oh, I could never give a foster dog up" etc., just were no longer valid excuses when I considered that dogs were dying and I could make a difference one dog at a time." (JoyB)

**What is your have a favorite foster story?**

"My favorite foster story is about Wyle, a laboratory beagle who we fostered two separate times. He was like a boomerang. We would adopt him out and he would come back to us. This happened twice and I finally said to my husband "he has chosen us and wants to call this his home".



The behavioral issues that brought him back to us twice have never surfaced in our home.

My husband agreed and we have now had Wyle for 6 years and he has brought nothing but smiles and joy into our home." (JoyB)

**If a friend or relative asked you about becoming a foster, how what words of wisdom would you share with them?**

"First, put away all the valuables (rugs, antiques, etc). Be patient. Ask for advice. Be calm. Know whom you can call with your worries and questions.

*Be the alpha of your pack.*  
If your dogs rule the house, it will be harder to train and rehabilitate your new foster.

And get ready for the most rewarding thing you have ever done -- being a bridge between a tough past and a loving future." (MindyA)

**Thank You to my Foster Mom...**

My name is Leo, and I am 10 years old. I was lost, hungry and freezing when a Good Samaritan found me. I stayed at the vet's for awhile until I was stable, then I went to a foster home until my forever home could be found.

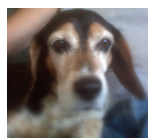
I was still pretty sick and had never lived in a house, so I did not understand about "going outdoors. For two very long weeks (for my foster mom), she came home to a mess every day. And since I cannot hear, I'm sure it was frustrating for her to not be able to get my attention or guide me verbally.

I am now in my forever home, happy on a farm with my new human mom and dad. I have Beagle brothers and sisters, and canine cousins and kitties as well!

Foster families are the people who take in dogs that are in "ruff" shape. It is the foster home that cares for the sick Beagles, helps to train those unruly Beagles, and basically share their entire life in order to help a dog become adoptable. After all the hard work is done, it is the foster family who says goodbye as we move on to our forever family. Then they do it all over again.

If it were not for my foster mom, I don't know where I would have ended up. I am so grateful to B.O.N.E.S. for giving me a second chance. And I especially want to thank my foster mom who had to put a lot of effort into caring for me.

It is because of your gift that I am here I am today, and I will be forever grateful.

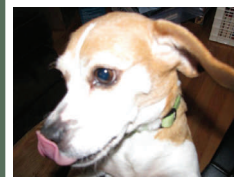


Love,  
Leo

**What is it like to present a foster to its new forever home?**

I cry every time and I warn my adopters ahead of time about that! It's happiness to know that the dog is going to a good home. Today, I got off the phone with a potential adopter, someone who had already been approved and wanted to know about my foster beagle. And I cried then, because I heard "it" in this adopter's voice; the sound of that foster dog becoming her forever dog."

"The hardest part of fostering is giving the dog to it's new home. Yes, the late nights, the messy accidents, the repeating obedience over and over, it's hard. But letting the dog go to someone who is going to love her forever, that's the hardest, and easiest part of the cycle." (SarahK- foster home to Tucker, Ruby, Tyra (now Bailey), Tahlia, Milly, who has decided she is going to stick around in her foster home permanently) and Amma.



Little Amma ❤️

Want to help save a life?  
Go to  
<http://www.bonesbeagles.org/help.html#volunteer>



**Aroo!**  
In eight years B.O.N.E.S. has adopted out over 1,212 beagles.



These were three of the final five little beagles selected from many nominations, success stories all, to be the very first Ambassador for B.O.N.E.S. After reading each beagle-o-graphy, the decision to choose just one was a challenge. But votes were cast and on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the results were announced online.



**Puppum**



**Heidi**



**Fenway**

Puppum, Heidi, Fenway, Clover and Hudson all tugged at our hearts with their stories of challenges, triumphs, and new lives.

Read all their stories at [http://www.bonesbeagles.org/ambassador\\_announce.html](http://www.bonesbeagles.org/ambassador_announce.html)

In the end, votes were tallied and lovely Miss Clover and that cross country traveler Hudson were tied and now share the title of Ambassador. They will be making public appearances, including the Beagle Bash this September-as well as being featured in printed publicity materials.



**Clover**



**Hudson**

We wish to thank everyone who sent in nominations and everyone who voted for their favorite.

Aroo to you all for making this first Ambassador a success!



### **A Tribute**

Retired from a research lab after 6 yrs, Jake came to Sandi Church with quirks. "Your anxieties and drooling when you were away from home always saddened us, but we got you by them. We cured you of your car sickness and after that, you always enjoyed your car ride to the path where you could run free and enjoy all the beagle smells. You demanded affection and we gave you plenty over the years. The house is so quiet without you even though you never barked a word. I miss hearing your nails tapping on the floor while I cook in the kitchen. Clover is lost without you and looks all over for you. I hope you are with Hanna now, peaceful and happy running through the fields with a smile on your face. We loved you and you loved us and that's all that counts. RIP sweet boy." (Sandi Church & Family)



Jake  
 4/10/2000 - 3/27/2012

### The iGive Button

It won't make you prettier. It won't make you wealthier. It *will* make you feel good though, because you'll be helping B.O.N.E.S. with search or purchase. The free iGive button doesn't change your shopping habits, it can change the way you save and donate.

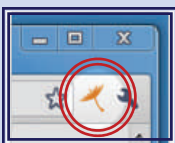


This tiny addition to your browser automatically tells participating stores (and there are over 900 of them!) that you want *your* shopping to support your cause and its easy as a few clicks of your mouse.

So grab a cup of coffee and let's get you started...

- Go to <http://www.bonesbeagles.org/shop.html>, click on **iGive** and you will be directed to their site where you can install the button.
- Once you have registered, you will receive a confirmation email welcoming you, spelling out step-by-step instructions on how to install the button and some very helpful tips. (*I printed this out to follow along with and the install was completed in just a few short minutes.*)

(If you are running any sort of security software (Norton/MacAfee, etc.), on your PC, you will get an alert asking if you "are sure you want to install this app?" stating that it might be harmful to your system-its not. When you are done, you should see a tiny button/icon in your browser, near the URL address bar. Click on the **button** to see a helpful menu that will direct you through the site.



- Each time you re-visit iGive, either through the B.O.N.E.S. link on the Shopping page or by using the button, you will see at the top just how much you personally have earned for our hounds and how much has been donated for the entire year.

**"Hello Volunteer! You've earned \$xx.xx of the \$xxxx/xx raised for B.O.N.E.S."**

You can see right away how your shopping makes a difference for our B.O.N.E.S. beagles!



- Next, visit an iGive store and you'll see "iGive On" in the lower right-hand corner of the site's web page, confirming that your purchases there will help B.O.N.E.S. This will also show you a list of coupon codes and deals available at that store.

And don't forget to use iGive's search engine; this earns money for B.O.N.E.S. as well!

Finally, a bit of cyber advice: Remember that it is in your best interest to never save your password on any website's log-in page and *always* log-out of your account before leaving any site.

**FYI—as of April 17th, your shopping through iGive has raised B.O.N.E.S. \$2034.74.**

**Thank you!**

## Is your beagle opinionated? Does he chime into the "barking chain" every chance he gets?

Here's some advice on how to treat excessive barking...  
Getting your dog to bark less will take time, work, practice, and consistency. It won't happen overnight, but with proper techniques and time, you *can* see progress.

Here are a few tips as you start your efforts to control your dog's barking.

- Shouting stimulates your dog to bark more because he thinks you're joining in. So the first rule is to speak calmly and firmly, but don't yell.
- Train your dog to understand the word "Quiet!" Most dogs don't know what you want when you're yelling at them to "shut up!"

Here are two methods:

When your dog is barking, say "Quiet" in a calm, firm voice. Wait until he stops barking, even if it's just to take a breath, then praise him and give him a treat. Just be careful to never reward him while he's barking. Eventually he will figure out that if he stops barking at the word "quiet" he gets a treat (and make it a high level treat, such as cheese bits to make it worth more than the barking.)

Alternatively, you can teach your dog to "speak" on command, then once he's doing that reliably, signal him to stop barking with a different command, such as "quiet", while holding your finger to your lips (dogs often pick up body signals faster than voice commands.) Practice these commands when he's calm, and in time he should learn to stop barking at your command, even when he wants to bark at something.



Miss Molly has "Speak" down to a fine science...  
We're trying the "Quiet" method; we'll see who gets the last woof.

**LEASH *Beagle-pedia***  
**noun; a strap which attaches to your collar, enabling you to lead your person where you want them to go.**



### BUG-OFF!

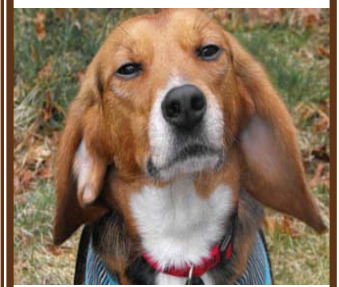
#### Did you know?

- ◇ A single flea can drink 15 times its weight in blood a day?
- ◇ Up to 15% of commercial potting soils contains roundworm eggs?

We all know that fleas and ticks can transmit serious diseases to pets. Ticks can transmit infections like Lyme disease, and fleas can transmit tapeworms and the bacteria (Bartonella) that can cause cat-scratch fever in humans.

Roundworms, hookworms, and other intestinal parasites can cause serious illness in pets. Some of these parasites are even transmissible to humans.

For more information, go to  
<http://pets.webmd.com/features/natural-insect-control-flea-and-tick-treatments-for-pets>



**Fergie**

<http://www.bonesbeagles.org/availablebeagles/ferguson.html>

### A Call To All

Is there someone whom you'd like to see in the Spotlight?



Do you want to share your beagle's story?

Send an email to  
[marlene@bonesbeagles.org](mailto:marlene@bonesbeagles.org)

Do you have room on your sofa for a beagle?



Can you find room in your heart to show a little hound what a good life can be?

If you or someone you know would like to be a foster, please go to <http://www.bonesbeagles.org/help.html#volunteer>

Or email us at  
[@bonesbeagles.org](mailto:@bonesbeagles.org)

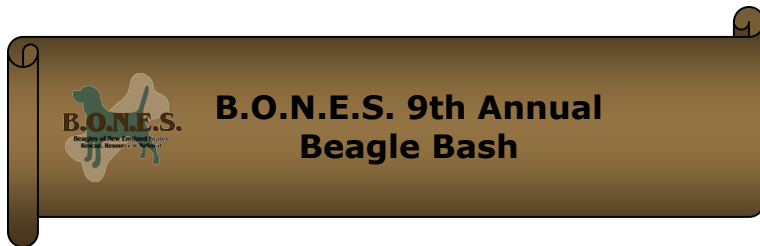
## South Shore Pet Expo



B.O.N.E.S. is participating in the 2012 South Shore Pet Expo Sunday, June 3rd at the Marshfield Fairgrounds 11 am-4 pm \*Rain or Shine\* This event is in honor of [www.fairydogparents.org](http://www.fairydogparents.org), as well as benefit other non-profit organizations, including B.O.N.E.S. that participate.

Come spend an hour or the day and help spread the word about our beagles and B.O.N.E.S.!

For more information about this event, go to [http:// www.southshorepetexpo.com/south-shore-pet-expo/home/](http://www.southshorepetexpo.com/south-shore-pet-expo/home/)



Join us on Saturday, September 29, 2012 at Collinswood K-9 Services 81 West Street, Auburn, MA 10:00 am -3:00 pm \*Rain or Shine\*



This year, we'll have the "Whole Nine Yards" of fun & activities...

- ♥ Doggie Games & Other Fun Activities
- ♥ Raffle Baskets
- ♥ Calendars
- ♥ Silent Auction
- ♥ Vendors,
- ♥ Food & Drinks (And Free Cake!)
- ♥ King Quarterback & Queen Cheerleader!



All dogs should be up to date on vaccinations. All dogs must arrive on a non-retractable leash (or an eighteen wheeler!)

Check the website for more details and this summer for discount coupons!

<http://www.bonesbeagles.org/BASH2012/w9yards%202012%20flyer.pdf>

Admission will be \$9.00 at the door  
Children under 12 & beagles are free  
No Pre-registration this year



These are photos taken during the Beagle Bash 2011-Come make some memories with us!

**The 2013 B.O.N.E.S. Calendar Photo Contest is off and running!**



*Grab your cameras!*

Is your happy hound



a ham?

Is your dear little diva



ready for her close-up?

You have until June 15 to submit photos, so grab your cameras, follow your hounds and start snapping those action photos or clever candids that make us all say "Aww!"

All the proceeds from the calendar fund-raiser go directly to support the beagles in the B.O.N.E.S. program.

The calendar will be available for purchase at the Beagle Bash in September as well as online via our website.

There is a submission fee of \$10 per photo and you can enter as many times as you like! And remember, only digital photos will be accepted in JPEG (jpg), PNG, or GIF format and they should be taken in high resolution (look for (SHQ) on your camera settings)

The online entry form can be found at <http://calendar.bonesbeagles.org/?page=entry.html> and for those of you who prefer "snail mail", see the next page for the hard copy version of the entry form.

Visit our B.O.N.E.S. website for all the details, tips on how to take that special photo and all the contest rules. <http://calendar.bonesbeagles.org/>

Do you know of a business or a beagle fan who would be interested in becoming a calendar sponsor?

Please visit the sponsorship page at

<http://calendar.bonesbeagles.org/?page=sponsorship.html> for more details.



Voting will take place from June 17 through July 17.  
So tell your pooches to strike a pose!



## B.O.N.E.S. 2013 Calendar Photo Contest Official Entry Form

You're invited to submit your best beagle pictures for our eighth annual calendar photo contest! We will again be looking for the best color photos to use on each month of the calendar, in addition to the cover.

What makes a good photo? We are judging the quality of the photo (no glowing eyes or photos with date stamps) and beagles doing what they do best—having fun or relaxing. We are only looking for photos of beagles; pictures that include other breeds of dogs, other animals, and people will not be considered. Make sure your photos meet our requirements (see contest rules). All photo entries are due by June 15, 2012.

**Important Notes:**

- We are only accepting digital files sent via email to [calendar@bonesbeagles.org](mailto:calendar@bonesbeagles.org).
- If you only have print photos, please have them scanned so that you can email a digital file to us.
- For technical photo tips and artistic tips for the best beagle pictures, visit [calendar.bonesbeagles.org](http://calendar.bonesbeagles.org).

There is an entry fee of \$10.00 per picture. There is no limit on how many pictures you may submit. There is room for four (4) entries on each entry form. Please print extra forms as needed. Photos that appeared in a previous year's calendar will not be considered.

Once we have received all of the entries, the photos will be posted on the website. The calendar committee will make the decision whether each photo is eligible to be a large photo or a small photo in the calendar. You can then vote for which beagles you think should be featured as the thirteen large photos (one for each month in addition to the cover photo). The runner-up photos will be featured as smaller photos throughout the calendar. Voting will take place between June 17 and July 17, 2012 on our website for a fee. Finally, we expect the calendars to be available by the B.O.N.E.S. Bash on September 29, 2012. All net proceeds from the photo submissions, voting, sponsorship, and sale of the calendars will directly help B.O.N.E.S.' efforts to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome beagles throughout the Northeast. We appreciate your generosity!

**Entry Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Entry #1 Name(s) of Dog(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Entry #2 Name(s) of Dog(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Entry #3 Name(s) of Dog(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Entry #4 Name(s) of Dog(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Contest Rules**

1. Entry forms and payment must be postmarked or emailed by June 15, 2012. B.O.N.E.S. is not responsible for lost or misdirected entries, whether via mail, delivery service, or the internet. Photo submission fees and voting fees are not refundable.
2. An entry form must be completely filled out and signed or submitted online and all photo submissions paid for in full before the photo will be eligible for the voting phase.
3. Only digital photo files will be accepted with the following requirements: Digital photos must be in color and in JPEG format.
4. To qualify as a large month photo, your digital photo must be taken using your digital camera's super high quality (SHQ) mode; it must be at least 142 dpi resolution at 12" by 12"; and the beagle(s) must be in focus (no blurring or pixilation) when viewed at 100%.
5. Photos must be original work, previously unpublished, non-professional images. No copyrighted photos will be accepted. Photos that contain items with trademarks and brand names, and photos that appeared in a previous year's calendar will not be

- considered. Entrants will retain the rights to their photos, however all photos submitted become property of B.O.N.E.S. and will not be returned. B.O.N.E.S. retains the right to use the photos submitted for any purpose, including but not limited to B.O.N.E.S. publications, the calendar, and on our website.
6. The selection of photos for inclusion in the voting process, and in what category, is at the sole discretion of the calendar committee and all decisions are final. B.O.N.E.S. reserves the right to disqualify a photo for any reason including but not limited to content and reproducibility.
  7. By signing the entry form, you authorize B.O.N.E.S. to use your name and/or your pet's name in the calendar and related advertising.
  8. Entrants who are selected for the voting process will not be individually notified. Winners of the voting will be notified by August 15, 2012. Please do not contact B.O.N.E.S. regarding the status of your entry.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Submit Digital Pictures by Email**

1. Complete an entry form online or fill out this entry form completely and sign it at the bottom.
2. Email your files to: [calendar@bonesbeagles.org](mailto:calendar@bonesbeagles.org)
3. Complete your entry form online or send this to:
  - B.O.N.E.S. Calendar
  - P.O. Box 4434
  - Clifton Park, NY 12065

**Digital Pictures Emailed on \_\_\_\_\_**

*Please indicate your name in the email.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Photo(s) x \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

*Please pay via PayPal on or website or make a check or money order payable to "B.O.N.E.S."*

Entry Forms and Payment must be received by June 15, 2012:

**B.O.N.E.S. Calendar**  
P.O. Box 4434  
Clifton Park, NY 12065

**Calendar Sponsorship Information**

If you or a business you know would like to be a calendar sponsor, please visit our website at [calendar.bonesbeagles.org](http://calendar.bonesbeagles.org) for more information.

**Month Sponsorship - \$100.00**

- Individual or Business
- One sentence and sponsor name(s) or business contact information
- Option for a logo or a beagle picture

**Support Sponsorship - \$25.00**

- Individual or Business
- Sponsor name(s)