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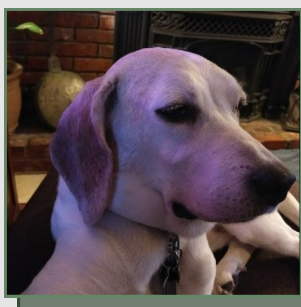
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Grey Muzzle Grant Update

B.O.N.E.S has utilized funds from the Grey Muzzle Grant to have trifold brochures and one page flyers designed and printed, and we have started distributing them around New England in efforts to promote the Sensational Senior Beagle program. We are currently working with a cable access program in Massachusetts to do a piece on the program to broadcast. B.O.N.E.S is also working on putting together outreach kits with display boards, brochure/flyer stands, and business cards for each state outreach team.

Meet Donald



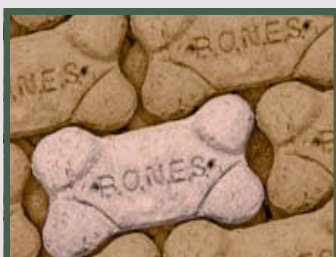
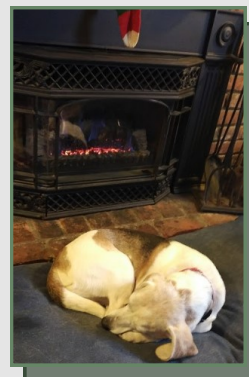
Donald came to B.O.N.E.S as a senior town stray from a northern New England shelter in early 2018. Instead of the 14" 34 pound senior he was an emaciated 18" barely 26 pounds with his ribs and hip bones protruding from his body. He had an old untreated leg injury and was in need of dental work for multiple tooth extractions. The vet also discovered a heart murmur.

He was placed in temporary emergency foster care. He apparently had never lived in a home. The fear of house training from scratch was settled within a day. Donald—this wonderful, gentle, friendly dog - became the third member of the pack along with B.O.N.E.S senior alum Pinta and Sophie.

He quickly learned the comfortable security of household routines and the pleasures of regular meals. Within a few weeks he reached his ideal weight of 35 pounds. In the house he wanted only to rest his head on your lap for reassurance and for ear and face scratches or to get a good belly rub in the morning. Soon it seemed as if he had always been a part of the pack, a much loved foster.

Still it seemed no one wanted him. A brief failed adoption brought him quickly back and efforts through the summer and fall brought him no takers. But Donald didn't know the difference. He clearly believed he was already home.

So, in early 2019 he acquired a Wayland license, a Seresto collar and a new blue collar with his name embroidered on it. He officially became a foster fail and a B.O.N.E.S Sensational Senior beagle.



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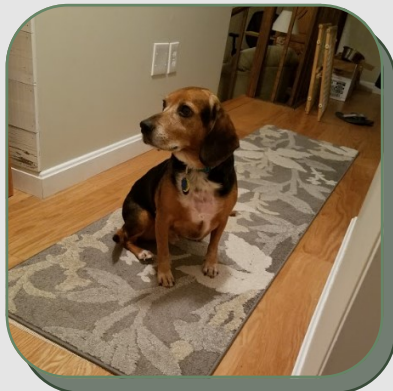




Don't count the days. Make the days count — Muhammad Ali



Diesel's Story



Are you wondering who the handsome boy that graces the cover of the B.O.N.E.S 2020 calendar is? Well it's Diesel and here is his story.

Diesel is a Sensational Senior Beagle that was adopted by Cindy and Kendra on November 18, 2017. In their words, he is a very unique Beagle. Diesel had some medical and psychological issues when he was adopted. Two trainers were hired to help but they used treats to train and since Diesel doesn't like to eat (strange for a Beagle for sure) the training didn't work.

Diesel had pancreatitis that was never addressed by his former people. Food, to him, is the enemy.

With the help of B.O.N.E.S, he was evaluated by a specialist. He was diagnosed with leash aggression due to anxiety, and a plan was put in place to help him.

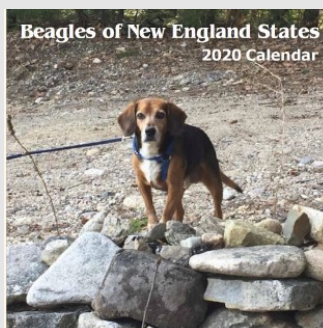
Fast forward two years and Diesel has improved by leaps and bounds! He has a dog walker/sitter named Betty that loves him as much as his family does. She has horses and goats that have become Diesel's good friends. He's a very confident boy, playing with all the other dogs and animals at the lake house. You wouldn't know he was a senior the way he runs the yard and even into the water.



On more special thing about Diesel: he loves clothes! He has three fleeces, two winter coats, and a rain-coat with a hood. Diesel sounds like a real fashionista!

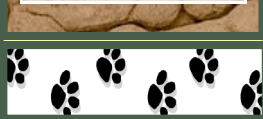
B.O.N.E.S. 2020 Calendar

There is still time to order! To preview and order your calendar visit the



[the Calendar Website!](#)





Teach Your Senior a New Trick: The Wave

Trick training can be lots of fun for both you and your senior dog. It doesn't require a lot of physical exertion but gives the brain a good workout. Training with positive reinforcement is a great way to build a bond between you and your dog. My senior loved to WAVE. He wasn't always comfortable with little kids we would meet. Sometimes they wanted to pet him and were too rough or moved too quickly, making him uncomfortable. Having him WAVE to them was a great alternative greeting that gave him the space he needed and made the kids laugh too!

The WAVE trick is built on SHAKE or HIGH FIVE. Start with your dog in a SIT. If your dog doesn't know how to SIT on command this is a great video to teach them: <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/training/teach-your-puppy-these-5-basic-commands/>

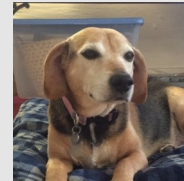
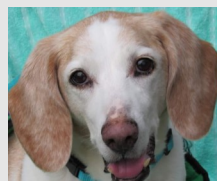
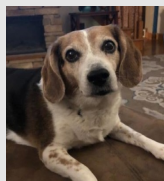
Put your hand in front of your dog and ask him to SHAKE or HIGH FIVE. If your dog doesn't know this trick, it's another easy one to teach. You'll find two methods here: <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/training/how-to-teach-your-dog-to-shake-hands/>

Once he's SHAKING or HIGH FIVING consistently you can add WAVE to his repertoire of tricks! Like SHAKE, put your hand out for your dog, but this time put it just out of reach so that he is swiping at the air trying to reach it. Reward him for swiping at the air. Repeat this several times until he's consistently performing the behavior. At this point you can add a hand signal and then the verbal command to WAVE. Remember to use lots of yummy small treats (tiny pieces of cheese or hot dog work great)! Here's a video of the whole process – SIT, SHAKE, WAVE. WAVE starts around the 2 minute mark. <https://youtu.be/mXkhlq9jNIU>



All this thinking and learning is hard work! Don't spend too long or your dog may lose interest. Five or ten minutes once or twice a day is plenty. Before you know it your dog will be *WAVING on command!*

Have a Senior?



Ten Tips for keeping your Senior Healthy:

<http://srdogs.com/ten-most-important-tips-for-keeping-your-older-dog-healthy/>

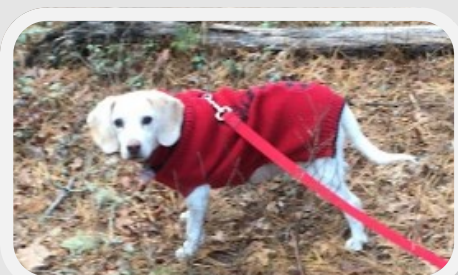


Welcome to the SSB Family!

This beautiful Sensational Senior Beagle girl in her Christmas sweater is Bella. She was adopted in October 2019 by Randy and Elaine F and is their third SSB. Bella was an owner surrender and had another Foster Mom before Randy and Elaine took over her care. I guess you could say it was a Foster fail! We love those.



Bella is 11 years young. She is very sweet and easy going. Bella walks an hour a day and has lost a little of her belly and is showing signs of a waistline. She loves car rides and cuddling on your lap. Bella likes to sleep in but when she needs to go out she will scratch at the door and scratches again to come back in. She loves breakfast and will give a little howl of encouragement to speed it up while she does zoomies through the kitchen.



In Elaine's words, if people only knew how easy senior dogs are! They are housebroken, happy and seem to know that they are loved and safe in a forever home. We are very grateful for B.O.N.E.S and the wonderful Beagles that have joined our family.

Birthday Announcements



Name	Birthday	Age
Seamus	4/11	12
Donald	4/16	11



Those Who Have Crossed the Rainbow Bridge...

We may not be together
In the way we used to be
We are still connected by
A cord no eye can see
So whenever you need to find me
We're never far apart
If you look beyond the horizon
And listen with your heart

~ Author Unknown

Elmo 12/16/2019

