



THE BAY

For the Love of Beagles

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



Happy (almost) Spring! In this edition of The Bay, along with some of our regular features, we are getting to know the members of the Board of Directors of B.O.N.E.S. Thank you to Ibbey, Sharon, Sally, and Kevin for answering the volunteer spotlight questions.

— — Susan Cannon, Volunteer Director

♥ ADOPT ME ♥

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Hi! I'm BUDDY!
I'm a 3.5 year old male.

I'm currently looking for a family of my own so I'd like to tell you a few things about myself to see if we would be a good match. I really, really, really like car rides. I like walks as well. I even walk nicely on my leash.

I like humans A LOT! I follow my foster mom everywhere. I am definitely looking for a family with affectionate humans because cuddling is one of my favorite things. I'm good with kids of all ages.

I also enjoy the company of other dogs (I haven't met a cat so I'm not sure how I'd be around those creatures). I spend quite a bit of time playing with my foster siblings. But I don't mind entertaining myself with toys. I get really excited when the human and toy come together for a game of fetch. People though seem to have different rules for this game than I do. I make up my own rules as I go along. It's fun! When I do settle down to chill out, I often suck on my blanket. I find this very comforting.

I **MUST** be adopted into a home with a physically fenced in yard. I like to run around and play in the fresh air.

I'm sure you are wondering if I am smart. I know quite a few things already and I am eager to learn more. I am house trained, crate trained, and know the commands "sit" and "come". I would say I'm off to a pretty good start.

Chew Cubes



By: Dr. Karen Becker

Ingredients:

- * 1 cup 100% pumpkin or coconut flour
- * 1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce
- * 1 medium sweet potato, baked, peeled and mashed

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 275°F.
2. Mix all ingredients together.
3. Spread into a greased 8 inch baking dish..
4. Bake for an hour, until it has a chewy consistency.
5. Let cool and cut into bite-sized pieces.





📧 A Note from the Board of Directors 📧

**March:
Poison
Prevention
Awareness
Month**



A little over 20 years ago, Beagles of New England States was born. This was the direct result of BREW, a national beagle rescue, making the decision to close its New England chapter.

Thanks to a few BREW volunteers who believed a beagle rescue was needed in New England, B.O.N.E.S. was formed and has continued to help New England beagles since.

The mission of the organization, to rescue, rehome, spay/neuter and provide necessary medical care to beagles in need in the New England area, continues today. We endeavor to improve the quality of life for beagles in New England through outreach and education programs. While processes and systems have changed over the years, the mission has not. There will always be a beagle in need or an owner who reaches out for help in learning about this sweet breed. We will be there to help!

**March 13:
K9 Veterans Day**



**March
23:
National Puppy
Day**



**Beagles of New England States
Board of Directors**

Ibby Nathans: Co-President and Secretary

Sharon Vartanian: Co-President and Treasurer

Sally Bashalany: Director

Kevin Langlois: Director

**March 30:
Take a Walk in
the Park Day**





VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS



April:
Pet First Aid
Awareness Month



April:
Prevention
of Cruelty to
Animals Month



April:
National
Prevention of
Lyme Disease in
Dogs Month



April:
National
Heart worm
Awareness Month




IBBY NATHANS

How did you first hear about B.O.N.E.S.? Internet search, I think. I adopted "Lyle" in 2005 and soon after signed on as a volunteer.

When did you begin volunteering for B.O.N.E.S. and what led you to become a volunteer? I began volunteering in 2006. I'd volunteered for several organizations in North Carolina before a job opportunity brought me back to New England in 1992. Time demands of the job I held from 1992-2005 meant that I had to interrupt all volunteer work. I was glad to be able to take up new opportunities when my work responsibilities again made that possible.

What are the activities/roles you have participated in for B.O.N.E.S.? I've adopted, done home visits and outreach events, fostered, been an adoption counselor, adoptions director, and a Board member. I also helped coordinate the SSB video we produced with the help of our grant from the national Grey Muzzle Organization.

Have you had/do you currently have beagles in your life? Please share a little about them. When I was living and working in North Carolina, I had beagles named Custer, Molly, and Bo. I've had several B.O.N.E.S. beagles: Lyle, Fitch, Pinta, Sophie, Maizey, and now Donnie and Chelsea. I've also had multiple fosters, the most memorable of whom were long-term fosters named Sheldon and Flash. Lyle was a refugee from pre-Katrina Louisiana who had severe separation anxiety and also came to us with several medical issues but was a very sweet dog. Fitch was a two-time returnee to us who came to me as a foster at approximately the age of nine. He was described by the person who surrendered him as "mean, stupid, vicious, and untrainable." He was none of those things and a wonderful behaviorist/trainer helped him to accept the comforts and love of a secure home. Fitch became a foster failure and for six years was the benevolent canine lord of my neighborhood, friends with every person and every dog he met. Pinta was surrendered at the age of 12 by owners who had allowed their toddler to ride her like a horse which Pinta objected to. A petite beagle mix with an oddly mottled ear, she rebounded from two ACL tears and was a wonderful pack mate to her doggie siblings before dying at age 18 1/2. Sophie had been owned by a young woman who turned out to have no time for her; she came to me at about age seven. An enthusiastic barker who always made her preferences known, she overcame severe arthritis and continued to live her life to the fullest until she died at around the age of 16 in 2022. Maizey had been the much loved adoptee of a wonderful B.O.N.E.S. volunteer who died far too young. She came to me as a senior with several physical problems but had three happy and active years before dying of liver cancer in 2022. Donnie joined me in 2018, surrendered by a shelter who described him as a 13" beagle. He's in fact a 22" hound mix who came to us at about the age of nine or ten. He was found abandoned in the woods, emaciated and needing significant vet care. He housetrained himself in 36 hours and from the start proved himself wonderfully affectionate. Chelsea arrived in the late winter of 2023, surrendered when her owners had to enter a memory care facility. Having had severe arthritis, she moves slowly except when food is at hand. Chelsea has made herself very much at home, "enforcing" her preferences with determined barks.

Other than volunteering for B.O.N.E.S. what are some activities you enjoy doing? I'm a historian by academic training, like to keep up with former colleagues, and do a lot of non-fiction reading. I also volunteer in local schools and volunteered for a decade at a local hospice. Many years ago, I played a fair amount of golf. When I was working, my duties included ensuring that members of several university varsity teams met graduation requirements. I'm still in touch with many former students, including one former NBA player who still calls me "Momma Dean."

Anything else you'd like to mention about yourself? I have two adult "children," both happily married, and a grandson who's just begun college as a freshman at Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.



SHARON VARTANIAN

How did you first hear about B.O.N.E.S.? I heard about B.O.N.E.S. after I adopted a beagle mix named Lucy from the Nashua Humane Society. A few friends from work told me about the B.O.N.E.S. organization and the website. I accessed it to learn more about beagles (although I already had learned a lot prior to adopting Lucy).

When did you begin volunteering for B.O.N.E.S. and what led you to become a volunteer? Right after I adopted Lucy and went onto the B.O.N.E.S. website, I saw her on the "Available Beagles" page. I immediately wrote to B.O.N.E.S. and let them know that I had adopted Lucy from another rescue. Initially I was told I had to give her up. After lengthy and sometimes contentious conversations, it was finally acknowledged that I was an approved adopter with an organization we worked with back then. The Volunteer Director at the time (the late Joy Bunkowske) was shocked to get my volunteer application because of my experience with B.O.N.E.S. regarding Lucy. I told her in my interview that any rescue that is so protective of their dogs is an organization I would like to volunteer for. That was back in 2005.


What are the activities/roles you have participated in for B.O.N.E.S.? As soon as I became a volunteer I immediately started volunteering at various Outreach events including the annual Beagle Bash. I became a foster home in 2006 and have been fostering ever since. I do transports and home visits as needed. I have spoken at events about our SSB program. I have been involved with various fundraising events. I've been a working Board member since 2009. I've been the Treasurer of the organization since 2009, a role which includes the completion of yearly taxes with our CPA firm, creating and reporting monthly profit and loss statements, paying bills, managing insurance policies, credit cards, etc.

Have you had/do you currently have beagles in your life? Please share a little about them. My current beagles are: Greta Louise (a former hunting beagle found in the woods, she runs our house, we love her, she is our senior, turning 14 in May); Gronk (former laboratory beagle, very sweet and stoic, age 10 3/4); Marty (former laboratory beagle, very sweet, very expressive, born with a luxating shoulder so he limps a little but we love him, almost 10 years old); Mabel (adoption pending, another former hunting dog who was treated very poorly by two former hunters, now living the good life, loves to give kisses, age 6 1/2); and George (adoption pending, former laboratory beagle who still gets nervous with loud noises, sweet as pie, loves to snuggle, almost 8 years old). My former beagles were: Lucy (a beagle/coonhound mix who started it all!); Frank (a a beagle/foxhound mix from Canada); Scout (a former hunter who refused to hunt); Sammy (owner surrender from CT, abused by male owner, sweetest pup); MJ (former hunter who refused to hunt); Emmet (found in CT, a mess when we got him including being Lyme and heartworm positive); Jimmy (found as a stray along with his brother and sister); Ginny (hospice foster we adopted so she wouldn't die without a last name, a very sweet little beagle); Sally (a B.O.N.E.S. return when her adoptive mom died and there was no one to take care of her); Daisy Mae (another B.O.N.E.S. return when her adoptive mom died and there was no one to take care of her); Buddy (found during an ice storm in 2008 by the Derry, NH Animal Control Officer, someone had dumped him in a field); and Penny (surrendered after her adoptive mother died, she arrived with undiagnosed cancer and was in hospice care for about a month before passing).

Other than volunteering for B.O.N.E.S. what are some activities you enjoy doing? Seeing my family and friends. I love to cook. I help companies with their business plans and budgets. Read. I am taking up knitting and crocheting. I love jigsaw puzzles. Walking.

Anything else you'd like to mention about yourself? I was raised in a family where we gave back. My mom always said anyone can write a check but giving of your time is an important part of living your life. Pick something you like and have fun. I love our organization and am happy to be playing a part in watching it grow. Celebrating our 20 year anniversary is a huge milestone for us and I'm happy I was able to be a part of making that happen.

April 7-13:
National Dog Bite Prevention Week



April 10:
National Hug Your Dog Day



April 11:
National Pet Day



April 11:
Dog Therapy Appreciation Day





April 18:
Pet Owners Day



April 26:
National Kids and Pets Day



April 28:
National Pet Parents Day



April 30:
National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day



SALLY BASHALANY

How did you first hear about B.O.N.E.S.?

I first heard of B.O.N.E.S. from a neighbor who had adopted several B.O.N.E.S. dogs over the years. When my son and daughter-in-law mentioned that they were ready to welcome a beagle into their lives, I told them to check out B.O.N.E.S. Not too long after, they proudly told me they were adopting “Missy” (renamed “Winnie”). Ironically, I had recently been “surfing” the B.O.N.E.S. adoptable dogs page and thought that if I were ready to adopt, Missy would be the one I’d want.

When did you begin volunteering for B.O.N.E.S. and what led you to become a volunteer?

I joined the volunteer ranks around 2013 after we had adopted our B.O.N.E.S. dog, Josie. I felt that it was time to give back to the organization that had rescued Josie and given her the care she needed. As a dog parent of four beagles over the years, I am volunteering in honor of each of them.

What are the activities/roles you have participated in for B.O.N.E.S.?

Beagle Bash volunteer, Board of Directors member, Communications Director, outreach volunteer.

Have you had/do you currently have beagles in your life? Please share a little about them.

Beagles of my heart: Brandy (part beagle) was our first dog whom we raised from puppyhood; Joy was a one year old rescue from our local humane society where I volunteered; Lady was the puppy our sons begged us to get; Josie was our B.O.N.E.S. rescue. She was deaf and had a slight hip issue but was the only beagle of our four who never pulled on her leash.

Other than volunteering for B.O.N.E.S. what are some activities you enjoy doing?

Spending time with my three granddaughters; traveling with my husband; reading; going to concerts and plays; connecting with family and friends; teaching; making raffle baskets for the Beagle Bash!

Anything else you’d like to mention about yourself?

It is a privilege to volunteer for the B.O.N.E.S. beagles.



KEVIN LANGLOIS

How did you first hear about B.O.N.E.S.?

I first heard about B.O.N.E.S. when I was looking to volunteer for an organization that supports the adoption and wellbeing of beagles.

When did you begin volunteering for B.O.N.E.S. and what led you to become a volunteer?

I started volunteering for B.O.N.E.S. back in 2016 as a fundraising volunteer. I had recently lost my beagle Peanut in 2015 at the age of 14 1/2. To fill a void created by his loss as well as honor his memory I decided that I wanted to give back to beagles. He provided my family with a lot of love and joy and I really wanted to help other beagles in need provide the same love and joy to families.

What are the activities/roles you have participated in for B.O.N.E.S.?

I have had the honor of being on the fundraising committee and then becoming the Director of Fundraising. In this role I have spearheaded fundraising activities such as March Madness, Dog Days of Summer Calendar, and the Holly Jolly Fundraiser. I have also volunteered to work at several Beagle Bashes and events like Paws in the Park.

Have you had/do you currently have beagles in your life? Please share a little about them.

After our first beagle Peanut passed away my wife and I swore we would not get another dog for a while because of the heartbreak we went through. However, not having a beagle in the house was so depressing and our house felt empty. Literally one week after Peanut passed away, we got a new 12 week old male beagle named Oliver. Six weeks later we adopted Oliver's litter mate and sister named Lucy. Lucy and Oliver are now eight years old and with our daughters grown and out of the house, they truly rule the roost. They love to go on long walks, play games, run in the yard, eat popcorn, and snuggle.

Other than volunteering for B.O.N.E.S. what are some activities you enjoy doing?

I enjoy spending time with my family, going to sporting events, reading, working out, and out door activities such as fishing, skiing, hiking, and walking Oliver and Lucy.

Anything else you'd like to mention about yourself?

No, not really.

May:

National Pet Month



May 5-11:

Be Kind to Animals Week



May 20:

National Rescue Dog Day



May 21:

World Dog Day



