



Welcome to the 2017 First Quarter Newsletter for Houston **Beagle** Rescue!

From the Houston **Beagle** Rescue -

The fourth quarter of 2016 yielded 42 adoptions. Unfortunately there are times the adoption doesn't work out, so the numbers may not reflect the return and the re-adoptions. Paws crossed all our **Beagles** are happy in their new homes.

If you are just starting to get this Newsletter, that means you recently adopted. We hope you enjoy our Newsletter and if you ever have any comments, suggestions or questions - we would love to hear from you.

*HBHR, first and foremost, cares about the **Beagles** they have rescued. This doesn't end once the adoption has been finalized. If there are problems, we want to know. If you have to give up your **Beagle**, we need to be your first contact. If your contact information changes, we need to know right away. And ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS keep your **Beagle's** collar and tags on with your contact information. And PLEASE make sure the phone number on the tag is answered or accepts messages!*

Houston **Beagle** Rescue -

What enables HBHR to continue saving **Beagles** from shelters and owners who no longer want them? YOU!!

That's why we ask you to FOSTER if you can;

Donate to our annual GARAGE SALE happening on March 24th and 25th;

PLAY BINGO on February 18th;

Sign up for a monthly recurring DONATION.

The Beagle Corner -

This is where we tell you things to help you understand your **Beagle** a bit better. Your **Beagle** wants us to remind you of the simple things they need in life: 1. A healthy weight. Be Honest - are your **Beagle's** ribs just below the skin? Is there a nice waist line between the end of the ribs and the hips? How much should your **Beagle** weigh? Below 13", they should be below 20 lbs. A 13" **Beagle** typically should weigh 20-22 lbs. A 15" **Beagle** should weigh about 25 lbs.

2. A premium dog food. Key word "premium" - you'd be surprised how few really good food there is out there. Wonder if what you are feeding your **Beagle** is a healthy food? At PetSmart, the best dog food is at the front of the store and as you work your way to the back, the rating gets lower and lower.

3. How much should you be feeding your **Beagle**? Under 13", about 1/3 cup twice a day. A 13" **Beagle** about $\frac{1}{2}$ cup twice per day. A 15" **Beagle** should get 2/3 cups twice per day. Remember those amounts are inclusive - it's not the food plus 20 treats! Yes, you can add a tablespoon of canned dog food to each meal, or a tablespoon of veggies. A TABLESPOON IS NOT HALF A CAN! Premium food! Premium food! Premium food!

4. There are many foods that are not safe to give your **Beagle**. They include garlic, onion, chocolate, pork of any kind (including pig's ears), and meat bones of any kind. Be sure to watch for salt content in treats also.

5. Treats - one or two a day is plenty. Not two dog treats and two pieces of toast either. Mother Hubbard makes a great Low Fat biscuit. Raw carrots, apples, green beans are great treats also.

6. But you do everything right and your **Beagle** is still fat? If your **Beagle** is not being overfed and is getting a reasonable amount of exercise, there could be a medical reason involved. **Beagles** often have underactive thyroids and it appears about middle age (4-6). Ask your Vet if that could be a possibility. If your **Beagle** is fat, do not underfeed/starve it. It could be a medical reason or it could be you are feeding it a low quality food that is too fattening.

7. Keep their nails trimmed properly. Look at their feet - are the nails short and not touching the floor? Could you walk comfortably if your nails were that long? Don't "plan to take care of it" - make it a priority.

8. Does your **Beagle** often stink even right after a bath? Get their anal glands checked on a regular basis. Vets seldom mention it (no surprise there) but many **Beagles** cannot empty their glands naturally and need Veterinary assistance.

9. The most important for last. Proper and accurate information on a tag and on the **Beagle** at ALL TIMES. If your **Beagle** gets out - can a finder reach you? If they reach HBHR, do we have accurate information on file?

If you need help with your **Beagle's** behavior, just ask - that's what we're here for. And for some special needs your **Beagle** may have, check out handicappedpets.com - cool stuff at great prices!

Happenings -

HBHR holds a Meet & Greet month - usually the second Sunday. Please check the website for details.

Beagle Bingo!! We had so much fun last time, we decided to do it again! On Saturday, February 18th VFW Post 8790, 1560 Foley St, Houston 77055. From 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. \$15.00 for 12 games - from 1 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Snacks provided. Great prizes!

Garage Sale!! WE NEED YOUR STUFF!!!! Drop off is anytime between now and set-up on March 23rd at 2405 Eaglerock Drive, Houston, 77080. Yes, we take everything as long as it's something that can be sold. No junk please. This is a major fundraiser for HBHR so please donate lots of stuff! Please contact Elizabeth at 713-542-4827 or at bevyofbeagles@yahoo.com to arrange a drop off.

HBHR 2016 Calendars are available through Café Press. Just visit the HBHR website and follow the links. The pictures this year are so beautiful! There's lots of other cool stuff there too.

Beagle Thoughts and Wisdom -

Baggage -

Now that I'm home, bathed, settled, and fed,
All nicely tucked into my warm new bed.
I would like to open my baggage lest I forget,
There is so much to carry - So much to regret.
Hmm... Yes there it is, right on the top -
Let's unpack Loneliness, Heartache and Loss,
And there by my leash hides Fear and Shame.

As I look on these things I tried so hard to leave -
I still have to unpack my baggage called Pain.
I loved them, the others, the ones who left me,
But I wasn't good enough - for they didn't want me.
Will you add to my baggage? Will you help me unpack?
Or will you just look at my things and take me right back?
Do you have the time to help me unpack?
To put away my baggage, to never re-pack?
I pray that you do - I'm so tired you see,
But I do come with baggage - Will you still want me?
By Evelyn Colbath

**THANK YOU FROM EVERYONE AT HOUSTON BEAGLE RESCUE - ESPECIALLY THE
BEAGLES!!!**