



Houston Beagle Rescue 2021 Second Quarter Newsletter

HBHR Adoption Update

We had a total of 48 beagle adoptions in the 2Q2021. We are so happy for all of our wonderful beagles and their new forever families. If you are just starting to get this newsletter, it means you recently adopted. We hope you enjoy our newsletter and if you have any comments or questions – we would love to hear from you at info@houstonbeaglerescue.org.

Spotlight on Our Beagles!

We had a steady stream of beagles needing rescue all last year but not nearly as many of the younger dogs that we normally get. We all kept thinking that we would be swamped when life went back to normal after the pandemic, and we regret to say that we were right! All those families who bought a puppy last year because they were working from home are now surrendering them to rescue groups and shelters! We wish more people would be responsible owners and didn't treat dogs as disposable entertainment. HBHR is thankful for the loving families that have adopted our beagles and keep coming back for more!

The pictures below show the 15 faces rescued in April, 20 faces rescued in May and the 23 and counting rescued in June! To put these intake numbers in perspective, over the last few years HBHR has averaged an intake of 12-14 beagles per month, so this means we now have a **40-60% increase in just in the last 2 months!** If this continues for even a few more months, we will have to start turning away beagles if we don't have more foster homes available! We wish each of you would consider fostering one beagle. You could really help us through this post-pandemic phase and may even find that you really like fostering!



Spotlight on Our Dedicated Volunteers

Gary Frederick started volunteering after he adopted his girl Lola in 2017. At first, he was a welcome 'wrangler' of extra dogs at the Meet & Greets and at Barnes & Noble while others wrapped presents! Then he started fostering and has even managed to not keep them all! When a family adopts one of Gary's fosters, they know he will be there supporting them every step of the way. He frequently checks in on "his beagles" to make sure they are settling into their forever homes. Gary has a sweet, loving manner around the beagles, and they all respond to him. He will drive to Lake Charles to pick up beagles at a shelter and is always available to do local transports. He is a jack of all trades serving as a greeter, money handler, table mover, and setup coordinator for events. He has served as "moving van" to haul equipment to events and a "storage facility" to store it when we ran out of space. With the overwhelming flood of new beagles, he has been invaluable at going to Canine Country Campers during week and giving the pups quality playtime with lots of special loving Gary attention. Gary, we thank you so much for ALL YOU DO for HBHR and the Beagles!



Gary with the Beagle Pack at Canine Country Campers



Gary snuggling a foster beagle!



Gary giving good ear scratches!

Beagle 101:

We shared some ideas last year to help the humans manage going back out into the world after the pandemic. We think it needs repeating as we are seeing so many pets lose their homes.

- Start with putting your beagle in a room alone for a few minutes, working up to 20-30 minutes to get them used to being away from you. You can give them a stuffed Kong toy, or other chewy that takes time to consume and keeps them entertained.
- Condition your beagle to your leaving by establishing an exit routine.

- Keep your departures and arrivals low-key. When arriving home, ignore the beagle for a few minutes before acknowledging them with a calming pat.
- Leave your beagle with recently worn clothes that smell like you.
- Establish a word or action that you use every time you leave that tells your dog you'll be back.
- Purchase a Thundershirt for your beagle and put it on them before you leave.
- Consider crate training. It is critical to only use it as a happy place for your beagle to go and not as a punishment.
- Consider using an over-the-counter calming product that reduces fearfulness in dogs.

Upcoming HBHR Events

Arroooooo! Participate in the 1st Houston Beagle Rescue's Virtual Dog Show!



The dog show will not be open to rescue groups this year again, so we have decided to hold our own Beagle Dog Show on Face Book from **July 19 thru 25th**. You may submit pictures each day and followers will vote via "Likes" on the best pics daily. For non-facebook users, email your picture to info@HoustonBeagleRescue.org and we will post the picture for you. Winners will be featured in the 2022 Beagle Best of Show calendar! 1st and 2nd place winners each day will be selected based on the largest number of "Likes". So get your family and friends to go to the HBHR Facebook page and vote for your Beagle. There will be one overall winner selected as "Best of Show" on the last day of the contest for the calendar cover picture!

Start snapping pictures to submit for these categories: **Longest Ears, Crazy Beagle Antics, Best Smile, Laziest Beagle, Best Kisser, Golden Oldies (the frostier the better!), and Best of Show!**

Since Houston Beagle Rescue will be missing donations from the Houston Dog Show, we ask that you consider a \$10 donation fee for each picture submitted. There will be a donation button on the Facebook page or if you prefer, you can also go to our website to donate!

HBHR Meet & Greet - Due to the holiday, the next M&G will be held on July 11th at Pet Supermarket at 15050 Fairfield Village, Cypress 77433 from noon to 3pm. Thereafter, the Meet & Greet events will be scheduled on the **first Sunday** of each month from noon to 3 pm. Please check the HBHR website for location details. Stop by to say hello if you are in the area. We always love catching up with the Beagles!

Before we go, a Beagle laugh!

