



Houston Beagle Rescue 2023 Second Quarter Newsletter

HBHR Adoption Update

We had a total of 36 Beagle adoptions in 2Q2023! If you are just starting to get this newsletter, it means you recently adopted a Beagle, so congratulations! 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!

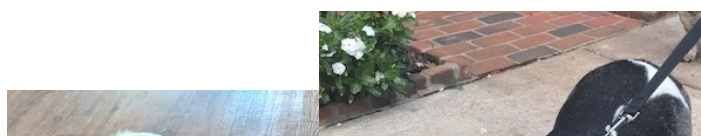
Lately, we have many Beagles of a "certain age" coming to us that are not getting the potential adopter attention that all the youngsters get. These middle-aged Beagles still have a lot of good years ahead of them and need loving, forever homes. We wanted to spotlight a couple of Beagle boys who have been with us for awhile.

Dallas is a lively 7-year-old boy who is heartworm positive and has kneecaps that can dislocate, but still loves to chase his toys when thrown. He is well-behaved and loves to play with his foster siblings. He is being treated for heartworms, so he will come with a year's supply of Advantage Multi. Dallas also needs to continue joint medication to make his life more comfortable. If Dallas needs knee surgery down the road, HBHR will be happy to pay for it. Please consider including this wonderful boy in your Beagle pack!



Dallas

Bobby is a 10-year-old tri-color boy who may be a bit faded, but he still acts like a youngster on walks and when it's dinner time. He is a well-behaved boy who would be happy as an only dog with his people to give him lots of attention. He also gets along well with his foster siblings, so he could easily become part of a pack. He takes a bit to warm up to new people, but when he does, he is quite the cuddler. He loves going for walks, going for car rides and going to the dog park. He likes to jump into the doggie park pool. He is a quiet boy, so would do well in a home with shared walls. Unfortunately, Bobby has found himself without a home at least twice in his life. He now deserves a loving forever home to live out the rest of his days.





Bobby

Spotlight on Our Dedicated Volunteers

Sarah and Xavier Ruiz have been fostering since 2021 when they decided to open up their loving home to Beagles in need. Sarah and Xavier have three Beagles of their own; Cooper, Major and Bruce. Sarah is a teacher and Xavier works from home. From the beginning, Sarah and Xavier have enjoyed going to Canine Country Campers previously, and now to the Beagle Bungalow to meet the new beagles who need fostering. Some foster families have a "type" that they always want in a foster Beagle, but Sarah always surprises us with which Beagle she decides to take home. She just seems to connect with the Beagle she feels needs her the most! Sarah and Xavier are always ready and eager to take on the next Beagle after they have a successful adoption. HBHR could use a dozen more foster homes just like theirs!

While it is helpful to have a foster parent like Xavier at home during the day, it is definitely not a requirement to be a successful foster parent. Being a Beagle-loving and kind human is the most important criteria. We always need more foster homes, so please think about becoming a Beagle foster parent like Sarah and Xavier. For more information about fostering, go to <https://www.houstonbeaglerescue.org/>

Thank you, Sarah and Xavier, for your dedication and all your hard work with the

Beagles getting them ready for their new forever homes. While we know how difficult it is to see your foster Beagles move on, we are so appreciative for your willingness to always take on the next Beagle in need.



Sarah with her Beagles.



Sarah at the BYOB with the Easter Bunny.



Sarah's Beagle, Cooper and Foster Beagle, Clara snuggling.

Beagle 101

How Much Should I Feed My Beagle??

By Linda Westaway

It is a fact of life that Beagles love food and their owners cannot resist that look that begs for one more bite! We are all guilty of overindulging these lovable beggars! I recently had my 6 y/o boy in for his annual. He had been skinny at 22 pounds when found and I overshot his target weight by 4 pounds after one year! I vowed to do better, but one year later, I was faced with the reality that he had gained another 6 pounds!! How could this happen when I only feed him 1/2 cup twice a day of low-calorie food?!?!? We can be good about measuring out their kibble and limiting the number of soft toppings, but we all fail at those little bites of food throughout the day.

In Dillon's case, he lives at the Beagle Bungalow . He gets treats at meal time, lunch time and bedtime, along with the foster pack. He then comes inside and begs a bite or two at mealtimes in addition to the treats my sister gives them when she comes and

goes! The key will be to reduce the size of the treat and frequency, in addition to substituting things like green beans and baby carrots to their diet. We should all vow to do better and keep our Beagle lean and healthy!

General Feeding Guidelines:

- 1/3 to 1/2 cup of kibble twice a day for your small Beagles
- 2/3 cup twice a day for your average weight Beagle adults
- 1 cup twice a day for your larger, young, and active Beagles

Puppies get fed often and should get a couple cups of food spread out through the day.

Reducing the amount as needed for whatever size they end up being!

Seniors may need to have the amount reduced, if no longer active. Adjust the amount to keep them at an ideal weight. Buy age-appropriate food and try a little shredded chicken or a spoonful of soft food as a topper to the kibble. For those who refuse kibble, add a little to the soft food until they are eating more kibble than soft. Dry kibble helps keep the tartar from building up on their teeth!

Upcoming Events

HBHR Meet & Greet - Meet & Greet events are on the second 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!

2023 World Series of Dog Shows - HBHR will have a booth at the show at NRG Center, July 19 - 23, 2023. More details about the event are posted on our website. Please plan to stop by our booth and support the Beagles! If you would like to volunteer to help, please let Gretchen know at BeagleEvents@yahoo.com.

HBHR Memorial Bricks - You can acknowledge your Beagle with a Memorial Brick that will be placed in the Memorial Beagle Walkway at The Beagle Bungalow - Dedicated to Charlie Roberts and All First Beagles! Your donation of \$100 will purchase a brick with an inscription of your choice and will help future HBHR beagles find their forever homes. If you are interested, request an order form here: info@houstonbeaglerescue.org

Before we go, a Beagle smile!

Sleepytown Beagles by Timothy Glass



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