



Houston Beagle Rescue 2023 Third Quarter Newsletter

HBHR Adoption Update

We had a total of 28 Beagle adoptions in 3Q2023! 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 Shelter Partners!

This has been a tough year for everyone in animal rescue, but especially hard for shelter workers. You have probably seen the news stories about how full the shelters are all over the country. People have been surrendering their pets at an alarming rate. Reasons given include economic issues, significant life events such as relocation, divorce, etc., and, for many, the reality of having a pet when they had to return to the office after the pandemic. Whatever the reasons, shelters are swamped with incoming pets. The shelter staff want to match these pets up with adopters, but with the deluge of pets, there simply isn't enough capacity to keep all these adoptable animals in the shelter. The staff work very hard to build and maintain good working relationships with area rescue organizations. BARC and Harris County are the largest shelters in our area and they reach out to us when they have a Beagle or beagly-mix they feel we are better suited to find a forever home. We also work with many other shelters in the Greater Houston area, like City of Pasadena, Montgomery County and Fort Bend County.

HBHR wants to acknowledge and thank these dedicated and overworked shelter employees and volunteers for their efforts in doing whatever it takes to give every adoptable dog a second chance!

Here are a few stories about Beagles who came to us recently from our partnership with these local shelters.

Lucky was brought to the Houston Humane Society Clinic to be euthanized for "health issues". The clinic vet determined that Lucky was a healthy 10-year-old boy who just needed some joint meds to help alleviate his arthritis joint pain. They contacted HBHR to request that Lucky be brought into our foster program. He was adopted shortly thereafter by a wonderful family. So Lucky now has a loving pack of his own, including a couple of kids and four other doggies for companionship.



Lucky at the HHS clinic.



Lucky at his foster home the first night.

Molly was brought to Montgomery County Animal Shelter as a stray. Even though it was obvious she had been on the streets for awhile, Texas law requires a 3-day stray hold so an owner has the opportunity to find and claim the dog. The shelter staff immediately notified HBHR that Molly most likely would need us to find her a safe and loving home. She is currently in our foster program and ready to meet potential adopters.



Molly with shelter staff



Molly ready to meet her future family.

Bullet, at only 8 months old, was surrendered to BARC for behavioral issues. The shelter was asked to euthanize him because the owner didn't feel like the puppy was trainable. The shelter staff determined that it was more of a human problem than a Bullet problem! The shelter staff, understanding the unique behaviors of Beagles, reached out to HBHR to ask if we would take him into our foster program for evaluation and training. Bullet has mastered good house manners and is now waiting for his forever family.



Bullet at BARC



Bullet is enjoying his foster home, but ready to meet his forever family.

What to Do If You Find a Dog

Many times, when people reach out to HBHR about a found dog, they tell us they are afraid to contact the local shelter because they fear it is a "death sentence" for the poor animal. While it is currently true that most of these shelters are overflowing, they still work tirelessly to get incoming healthy adoptable animals into adoption programs or reach out to other rescue organizations, like HBHR, for help in taking the animal in. So, we tell them, taking a found animal to the local shelter is the safest method to insure the animal is quickly evaluated for any health issues and is scanned for a microchip,

If you find a lost animal, here are some immediate steps to take:

- Take the dog to a veterinarian office, shelter, or pet store to have it scanned for a microchip.
- Take a picture of the dog and then contact your local animal control facility to submit a found dog report. Information required will include description of the dog, date, time and location found, and a picture of the dog.
- You can also post the found dog's information on social media sites such as Nextdoor or Facebook. Be sure to request "proof of ownership" such as vet records that identify the dog with the owner's name and address before you release the dog to the person.
- If you can't locate the owner quickly (within a few hours), take the dog to the local shelter. This is usually the first place an owner will look for a lost pet. If unfortunately, no owner is found, then the shelter is best suited to either move the dog into their adoption program or release it to a local rescue organization.

Beagle 101

When Do You Say Good-Bye

Over the past few months, HBHR in partnership with the Beagle Bungalow, has had to say good-bye to three of our seniors. With five Beagles turning 16 years old soon and others in poor health, we will be making the hard decision of when is the right time to let them go.

It is the hardest part of having these wonderful little hounds sharing your life. You are responsible for knowing when living has become too hard or painful for your beloved pet.

As they get older and start having more medical problems, they will need to be seen by your vet office more often than once a year. Lab studies may need to be done every 3-6 months. Medications to help their heart beat stronger or ease the discomfort of old arthritic joints are all things that can improve the quality of their lives. Life is good if they are still active and can go outside to sniff and enjoy the sunshine! This is the time of their lives that they should be spoiled with shredded chicken and hot dogs to hide pills in!

Unfortunately, there will come a time when they eat less and often refuse meals completely. Restless wandering around is often an indicator of pain. For some, they can get confused and get stuck in corners of a room. Or their legs just can't carry them any longer. If we truly love our Beagle, we will not prolong his or her life because of our need to keep the Beagle with us. Each one takes a little bit of our heart with them when they go, but it is so worth it because of all the joy they bring us before they go. As a human companion, it is our duty and honor to be there to hold that Beagle paw at the end as they depart this planet.

Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE: December 2, 2023 from 11 am to 3 pm

HBHR and the Beagle Bungalow Open House with Santa Paws!

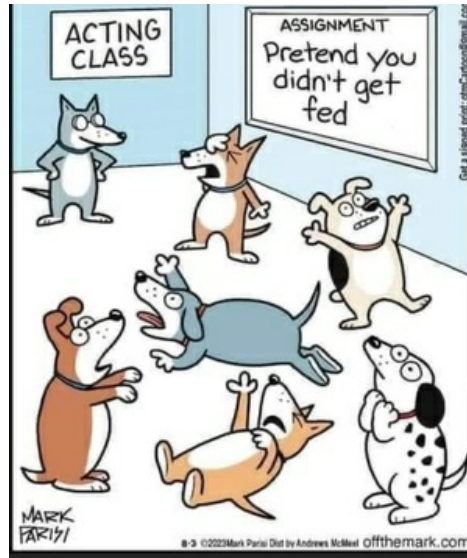
Bring the kids and the Beagles for a picture with Santa Paws. Enjoy cookies and cider while you shop for holiday gifts at the Beagle Boutique. Event details to be shared soon.

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!

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

Dedicated to Charlie Roberts and All Lost 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

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