



Houston Beagle Rescue 2023 Fourth Quarter Newsletter

Happy New Year, Beagle Lovers!!!

HBHR Adoption Update

We had a total of 25 Beagle adoptions in 4Q2023 for a total of 127 adoptions in 2023! It is a little disappointing because we were down 10% in adoptions from 2022. We are working toward a better 2024 for our beagles! 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 Volunteers!

We are so grateful to our volunteers like Selina Cantu. She came to us about 5 years ago for help with a beagle that she had found. HBHR talked her into fostering the found beagle boy, Benji, while we worked with her to find him a forever home. It took a year and a failed adoption to finally find that boy the perfect match! During that year, Selina started checking for other beagles in shelters in her area and meeting the stray dogs that may be a match for the HBHR foster program. Despite being a busy working mom with three kids, Selina always has time to help with transporting a beagle across Houston to the vet clinic or to another foster home. After Benji, she was hooked on beagles! She has fostered many dogs for HBHR over the last 5 years. She is willing to take on some of the "problem children" to work on their behavioral issues to get them ready for adoption. She is a great resource for her adopted beagles' new family. She checks in on them frequently and intervenes to address any concerns. There are a number of times when there has been a language barrier with a person who has found a Beagle or is surrendering a Beagle and wants to do the right thing for the dog. Since many of our volunteers are not bilingual, Selina is able to act as our intermediary and translator to support the Intake Coordinator.

She doesn't have a particular beagle type. Selina has found homes for young, old, and lately, some very fat beagles! Selina helped her foster, Zoey lose almost 20 pounds last year before she was adopted. She is working to get her current foster, Bagel down to a healthy weight! Selina should be proud that she has had only one foster failure!

One of her fosters, Oakley, joined Luna and Astro two years ago to form a mini pack for the Cantu family! HBHR could not do the work we do without volunteers like Selina!
Thank you, Selina, for all your hard work!





Selena at this year's Holiday Party!

Spotlight on a Beagle

Dallas was an owner surrender to HBHR almost a year ago. He is about 7 years old. He was positive for heart worms and is currently on a slow-kill treatment plan. He also had a chronic problem with his kneecaps. He was evaluated for surgery on his knees but is too active to cooperate with the treatment plan!! Nothing slows this boy down. In his foster home, Dallas beats all the young pups to anything thrown! He loves the chase and will bring it right back, but rarely gives it up. He wants you to fight for it! He has a loud bark when he wants your attention or a toy some other dog has. He is very sweet and loves to have all of his human's attention. He would be a great addition to an active family. If you'd like to know more about Dallas, please let us know at info@houstonbeaglerescue.org



Dallas



Dallas as king of the hill!





What a face!

Beagle 101

It's time to make our New Year's resolutions! This year, we are asking you to please make a New Year's resolution to check and clean your beagle's ears on a monthly basis. Also, add a nail trimming to that resolution. We've all been there! All of a sudden, you notice your beagle scratching at their ears or shaking their head, and you remember, it's been awhile since you've done that chore. You take a look and yes, the beagle has dirty ears, and even maybe an ear infection. This can require a trip to the vet office which can be painful for the beagle and costly for you. Routine preventative maintenance of those beagles' ears and paws can eliminate a lot potential health issues. Set up an automated monthly reminder on the device of your choice, so you don't forget! Your beagle and your pocketbook will thank you for it!

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!

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!



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