



Houston Beagle Rescue 2024 Second Quarter Newsletter

HBHR Adoption Update

We had a total of 23 Beagle adoptions in 2Q2024. 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!

Sarah and Joseph Bondos first became acquainted with HBHR when they adopted Wilson in 2009. After they lost their beloved Wilson in 2021, they decided to adopt another beagle. Since they traveled between their homes in Houston and College Station, they wanted a beagle who enjoyed car rides. They fell in love with Charlie and adopted him that same year. When Charlie needed a doggie companion, they then adopted Duke in 2022. Duke was HBHR's first Hamilton Hound. Duke, like all Hamilton Hounds, looks like a larger version beagle and has much the same temperament. It was a great matchup for Charlie and Duke and, of course, Sarah and Joseph.

After adopting 3 dogs from HBHR, Sarah, who enjoys sewing, wanted to help our fosters look their best selves for potential adopters. She also recognized the value of a good advertising program. She started making "Adopt Me" bandannas for the foster beagles to wear at Meet & Greet events to show off all their cuteness. Over the years, she has made a collection of seasonal "Adopt Me" bandannas, so the beagles can be dressed appropriately for every season and occasion. We have found that people really notice the bandannas and will stop to ask for more information about the dog. So Sarah's advertising program is definitely working! Thank you, Sarah and Joseph, for your support over the years and giving your hounds wonderful forever homes.



Sarah & Her Pups in the Bluebonnets



Sarah, Joseph, Charlie & Duke





Foster Beagles all dressed up and ready to go!

Spotlight on the Beagles

The Fat Pack!

We know we shouldn't focus on body size, but these three beagle boys really live up to their new moniker, The Fat Pack. Tortilla, Lucky and Bagel all came to us over the last few months, weighing around 50+ pounds. Lucky was surrendered by his owner, but both Bagel and Tortilla were strays that were taken to area shelters. Poor Tortilla probably was the fattest boy of the Pack. Though he weighed only 48 pounds compared to the 50+ pounds of the other two, he is shorter and should be around 25 pounds! Tortilla was unable to walk any distance when he first came to us. He would just collapse and sit after, even after a short walk of 10-15 feet. All three boys need joint supplements to help with the damage the excess weight has caused their joints. Each boy was able to increase their amount and duration of exercise as the weight came off. It has been hard for The Fat Pack and the humans to stay disciplined because those sweet begging eyes always get to us, but we know it's well worth it now that they are feeling better and more active. They all have a few more pounds to go, but will be ready for adoption soon as much healthier and happier beagles! Even Tortilla, who could barely walk a few months ago, now runs with the rest of his beagle pack anytime a squirrel needs chasing.

If you are interested in adding one of these sweet boys to your pack, please let us know. Tortilla is 8 year old red & white beagle who is HW+ so will be on slow-kill treatment for another several months. Lucky is an 8 year old chocolate boy. Bagel is a 6 year old tri-color who is also HW+ and being treated.



Tortilla



Lucky



Bagel

Beagle 101: Oh No, Those Fireworks Again!

Almost every July 4th or New Year's Eve, we have a runaway beagle that someone has found after all the fireworks. More pets go missing on July 4th than any other day, often ending up at already overwhelmed and crowded animal shelters across the country.* Fortunately, all of our beagles receive microchips before they are adopted, so the finder can contact us and we can then contact the family for a happy ending. Just a reminder, please make sure your contact information for the microchip is current. If not, please send us an email with your current contact information to info@houstonbeaglerescue.org. You can also update your info with the appropriate microchip company.

Other ideas to help your beagle to survive the fireworks:

- Take them on a long walk or to the dog park before the fireworks show so they get lots of exercise, which will help them calm down before any loud noises.
- Create a quiet, safe space in an interior room of your home. For example, put a comfy, suggly bed and toys inside a closet. Don't forget to leave the door ajar, though, because as we know, beagles don't like closed doors.
- Make sure to have some calming treats on hand which you get from any pet supplies store or Chewy's. If your beagle really struggles with high anxiety with loud noises, ask your vet for a recommendation for anti-anxiety

medication.

- Most important of all, don't scold the beagle for being anxious. It doesn't help and then both of you are anxious.

Additional resources if you lose or find a dog:

- 24Pet Connect - website for posting a lost or found pet by zip code. <https://24petconnect.com/>
- Contact us immediately to let us know your beagle is lost. We receive contacts daily from local shelters and other rescue organizations for found beagles.

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Why You are Paying Your Veterinarian So Much!

People have grown more attached to their pets — and more willing to spend money on them — turning animal medicine into a high-tech industry worth billions. Veterinary prices have soared more than 60 percent over the past decade, according to federal statistics.

This is an interesting article about why it costs so much more today to take care of our beagles and some things to think about when you make those veterinary care decisions.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/06/23/health/pets-veterinary-bills.html>

Upcoming Events

HELP! Volunteers Needed - We are just overwhelmed with beagles right now! All of our foster homes are full, and The Beagle Bungalow is running at full capacity. It takes lots of work just keeping up with all these beagles. We need more Beagle Helpers! If you can spare a couple hours helping at The Bungalow with feeding, cleaning, laundry or just entertaining and romping with the beagles, please send a note to info@houstonbeaglerescue.org. Please include your contact info and availability.

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!

We all know this Beagle!



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