



Houston Beagle Rescue 2025 Third Quarter Newsletter

HBHR Adoption Update

We had 41 Beagle adoptions in 3Q2025 which must be a new quarterly record. We finalized adoptions for many of the beagles that had been in our foster program for a long time, including the puppy pack and some of the long-timers. 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.

Thank You!!!

Thank you so much to all of you who donated and helped us through our financial crisis over the last several months. We are so grateful for your help! We were able to increase our monthly sustaining donations by about 20%, which will help with planning our annual vet care budget for the next year. Between the increase in the monthly donations and extra one-time donations, we have been able to redirect the downward financial trend line toward an upward trend which is very hopeful. It means so much to the beagles and our volunteers to have your continuous support.

Spotlight on the Beagles

Beebe is an 11-year-old Bassett (and maybe Corgi) mix who came to HBHR when his family moved out of the country and didn't take him. We knew he wasn't a beagle or even a beagle-mix, but his situation was so dire due to his medical condition, we were afraid he wouldn't make it out of the local shelter if he ended up there. Unfortunately, his previous home had allowed him to become so obese that he weighed 87 pounds at intake. He also had a huge tumor that needed to be removed. At The Beagle Bungalow, Beebe was put onto a weight loss program with portion-controlled meals and a lot of exercise chasing squirrels and other varmints. After he lost 10 pounds, our veterinarian felt he was healthy enough to have surgery to remove the large tumor. Beebe continues to work hard on his weight loss program and is now down to 57 pounds. He feels so much better and is getting more active every day. He loves running around the yard with his other foster beagle siblings, hunting for squirrels and playing chase. He is friendly with kids and other dogs and will make some family a loyal companion. He will be ready for adoption soon! If you are looking for a snuggly, sweet Bassett (and maybe Corgi) mix boy, Beebe is your boy!



Beebe



Beebe showing off his weight loss!

Spotlight on Our Volunteers

We want to honor one of our longest-serving, dedicated volunteers, Koko Diaz. In 2004, Koko became involved with HBHR when she adopted her first HBHR beagle, Gertie. Over the years, she has adopted more HBHR beagles, including Peaches, Casey, Cami and Wake. She has also been foster mom to many, many more over the years. In addition to fostering, Koko previously served in the role of HBHR Board President. She was a member of the Intake Team for a long time, which is a difficult job making difficult intake decisions. In the early days, she also managed the HBHR database which contained all the adopter and beagle information. She has transported beagles from shelters outside the area back to Houston whenever we had space in our foster program. She is still busy helping at our Meet & Greet events and transporting beagles. She also frequently goes to the Beagle Bungalow to help out with the yard work. She loves to spend time interacting with the beagles there to aid in their socialization, which helps them get them ready for adoption. Koko has always been willing to take on whatever tasks that need doing to keep HBHR a viable and long-lasting organization. We are very grateful for all her hard work over the last two decades in supporting HBHR and the beagles! Thank you for all you do, Koko!



Koko (center) with Ann & Sandra at the BYOB



Koko doing yard work with the beagles at The Beagle Bungalow.



HBHR Early Days: Koko (on left) standing next to the tree.

Beagle 101:

We have all experienced those sad, begging beagle eyes when they want to share our dinner or want another treat. They are so hard to resist because, let's face it, Beagles are so darn cute! We, as B=beagle parents, must be strong though. Beagles tend to gain weight because they so love to eat — they really are food hounds! So we have to work hard to keep them at a healthy weight. Unfortunately, even an extra few pounds on a Beagle can create big health issues, especially as they age. They can have joint and back issues. Overweight Beagles are at risk for diabetes, heart disease, Cushing's and Addison's disease, among other ailments. Ultimately, being overweight reduces their life expectancy. So, what can we, their human companions, do when faced with those cute little furry beagle faces begging for a treat? Here are some tips for some fun and tasty treats to keep your Beagle happy AND healthy.

- Beagles love the crunch of frozen vegetables, so try frozen green beans and carrots in place of traditional treats.
- Celery, cucumber, apple and banana slices also work well as treats.
- Replace part of the dog food serving with canned green beans or pumpkin (not pie filling) for a low-calorie, but filling meal.
- Beagles can't do division, so break treats in half and give them one half at a time.
- Get a Kong and place treats like peanut butter inside so your Beagle has to "work" for the treat.
- Here is a great vegetarian Oatmeal Dog Cookie recipe that your Beagle will love. It's also great for Beagles with skin allergies as it is hypoallergenic.

Oatmeal Dog Cookies Makes about 36 milkbone-shaped cookies

**8 oz. jar of Baby Food - Sweet Potato, Carrot or Apple
2 tablespoons Natural Peanut Butter
1/2 cup of Quick or Regular Oats
1 1/2 cups of Rice or Almond Flour
Pinch of Salt (optional)**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper. In a mixing bowl, whisk together the jar of baby food and peanut butter. Add the oats and flour and mix thoroughly with a spoon. Dough should feel like Play-doh. On a clean dry surface, sprinkle flour and then roll out or pat the dough to the desired thickness. Using a milkbone cookie cutter, cut out shapes and transfer to the prepared cookie sheet. You can find milkbone cookie cutters at most kitchen or pet supply stores. Bake for 20 minutes and then cool for 2 minutes on a cookie sheet before transferring the cookies to a cooling rack. Store up to a week in the refrigerator. They can also be stored in the freezer. Your Beagle will be so happy with these homemade (and very healthy) treats!!!

**If you have a Beagle Treat recipe or idea to share, please send to info@houstonbeaglerescue.org
We'll share them in future newsletters.**

Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE - Holiday Open House at The Beagle Bungalow on **December 6, 2025**. Event details coming soon!

2026 Beagle Calendars - It's beagle calendar time once again! We are working on at least two calendars for 2026...one that is exclusively for Beagles and another that is Beagles and Buddies which could include humans and/or other pets as well. If you would like to sponsor a photo page in a calendar...

- 1.) send a high resolution, large, clear *horizontal* photo to Beaglerescuemail@aol.com with "calendar" in the email subject.
- 2.) Include the names of everyone in the picture and let us know if you would prefer a certain month – please note that we can't make guarantees.
- 3.) We ask that you make a donation of \$35 per picture. You can donate online using Donate Now link at our website, <http://houstonbeaglerescue.org> or follow instructions for submitting a check. **Deadline for picture submission is November 16th.**

HBHR T-shirts — If you'd like to show off your love of beagles and help out HBHR, we have HBHR shirts! These shirts are available for a donation of \$20 which goes toward the care & feeding of the beagles. We will have them at our events and at The Beagle Bungalow if you'd like to purchase one.



HBHR Meet & Greet - Meet & Greet events are on the second Saturday of each month from noon to 2:30 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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