



**Houston Beagle Rescue
2025 First Quarter Newsletter**

HBHR Adoption Update

We had 14 Beagle adoptions in 1Q2025. 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!

Stephanie Korczynski and her husband Mark adopted 2-year-old Lenny, who became their beloved Hank in 2011. Stephanie had her hands full with two beagles so was never available to foster back then, but she was always willing to help whenever we needed an extra pair of hands. She worked at garage sales, wrapping holiday presents at Barnes & Noble, and helped with other fundraising events. She always brought Hank to the Houston Dog Show every year so he could do his part in teaching the crowds how wonderful our beagles are.

Over the past 3 years, she has been helping at least one day a week at The Beagle Bungalow, making sure the beagles have a warm and clean place to sleep. She does the kennel laundry, beagle room and yard clean-up which includes lots of pooper scooping. While doing all this, she is always loving on the beagles, making sure each one gets her personal attention to make them feel special. This is especially important for our timid foster beagles to help them become more confident and ready for adoption sooner.

After losing both of her older beagles this past year, Stephanie started fostering. One of her first foster girls became a foster failure when she and Mark decided to adopt Blondie this past November. Blondie is now living her best life with Stephanie and Mark while getting to travel the country.

We send our best wishes to Stephanie for a very speedy recovery from her recent surgery! She is missed by all of us, but most of all the Bungalow beagles. We look forward to seeing her again in the Fall when she is ready to take on the Bungalow pack again!! Thank you, Stephanie, for all you do for the beagles and to help make HBHR and The Beagle Bungalow successful!



Stephanie helping with the garage sale!



Stephanie enjoying the beagles.



Stephanie working at the Bungalow.



Blondie

Spotlight on the Beagles

HBHR has rescued beagles for 25 years through our foster home program until they were adopted into forever homes, but there was also a critical need to care for the "unadoptable" beagles. These were beagles that were either too old or had too many health issues to be good adoption candidates. We have found some foster homes over the years which are willing to be permanent homes for these beagles. We also partnered with The Beagle Bungalow about four years ago, which has the facilities to care for these special-needs beagles. HBHR provides the funding for all the medical care for the beagles for the rest of their lives, while the foster home and The Beagle Bungalow provide all the day-to-day care and love. Currently, Lulu and Sweeney are our oldest permanent fosters at 16 years old each. Both Lulu and Sweeney came to us from different situations in 2023 when their humans were no longer able to care for them. Both are now living the good life in their foster homes.

Buttercup who is 6 years old, and Homer who is 5 years old have medical issues too severe to allow them to be adopted. Both are also in loving foster homes. Another 12-year-old girl, Poco, came to us from a bad situation where she had been a yard dog all of her life and just couldn't adapt to living in a home with humans. She is happily living out her senior years at the Bungalow, where she can come and go as she pleases without any constraints.

Thanks to your generous donations, we know these wonderful beagles are all living healthier, happier lives for however much time they have left. If you would like to be considered as special needs foster parent, please submit your Foster Home application on our website, <http://houstonbeaglerescue.org>. We promise that you will never regret the time you get to spend with these very special beagles and you will be rewarded with lots of beagle kisses!



Sweeney with foster dad, Don.



Lulu celebrating her 16th birthday with a pupcup!





Poco

Beagle 101: Why Do Annual Wellness Vet Visits

Sometimes when pet owners are struggling with a tight household budget, one of the items that can get postponed is the pet's annual wellness visit, especially if the pet seems to be healthy. This can be a big and expensive mistake. Annual wellness visits can detect many common illnesses such as kidney disease, arthritis, and diabetes that start with subtle signs that can be easy to miss at home. When these health issues are detected early, it can be less expensive to treat, plus so much easier for the beagle.

For example, in a wellness visit, your veterinarian will listen to your beagle's heart and lungs. This is a very important part of the exam since **most pets won't show external signs of heart problems** in the early stages of disease. Some potential early stage disease symptoms that can be detected are:

- **Heart murmur**, which indicates changes in blood flow through the heart.
- **An arrhythmia**, or abnormal heart rhythm, which can be a sign of disease in the heart or elsewhere in the body.
- **Crackles**, which are a lung sound that indicate fluid accumulation that can be heard with heart failure, pneumonia, and other pulmonary diseases.
- **Additional examination** of the abdomen can detect accumulation of fluids which can be symptoms of infection, liver disease, heart disease and low blood protein levels.

Lastly, one of the most important reasons for annual visits is that it ensures your beagle's vaccinations are kept up to date. Vaccinations are absolutely critical to keeping your beagle healthy and also a financially smart decision because they cost a fraction of the costs of the medication, treatment, and vet bills associated with identifying and curing serious illnesses. ***So, don't forget to schedule your beagle's annual wellness visit!***

Upcoming Events

BYOB (Bring Your Own Beagle) - Saturday, April 5th from 11am to 2 pm. If you haven't already sent in your RSVP, please send an email to beagleevents@yahoo.com for location and other details for the event.

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



After listening to his owner drone on for hours. Ralph suddenly realized he was NOT cut out to be an emotional support dog after all.

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