



Holiday Greetings

to all our adopters, volunteers, friends, and supporters



It has been another wonderful year for beagles! In September, we held our annual fundraiser, Beaglefest. This year's Beaglefest was attended by 592 people and 348 dogs, making it one of our largest events to date. Due to the generosity of everyone who attended, we raised \$26,943 for the beagles in our program. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, donated, or supported this incredible event. We're already gearing up for next year's Beaglefest, happening on Saturday, September 27, 2025, in Dwight, IL. We look forward to seeing you there!

Our 2025 Calendar Contest broke records this year with 255 photo entries and an impressive 21,492 votes! Every dog entered in the contest is featured in the calendar, making it a heartwarming celebration of our beloved canine friends. Be sure to order enough for everyone on your holiday shopping list!

Your generous donations and support of our fundraising campaigns make it possible for us to provide essential veterinary care to the beagles in our care. This year, we're excited to share some of the stories of the beagles whose lives have been directly transformed thanks to you.





Perry was featured in last year's letter. Injured and helpless after being struck by a car, a good Samaritan found Perry and rushed him to an emergency vet clinic. When nobody claimed Perry, Midwest BREW stepped up and brought him into the program. Perry's right front leg had multiple fractures and was so badly damaged that it had to be amputated. His left leg had significant nerve damage, and despite undergoing physical therapy, acupuncture, and TENS therapy, the damage was permanent.

Perry is a real trouser; he hasn't let his injuries slow him down! He has a prosthetic leg, allowing him to go up and down steps, jump up on the couch (and bed, of course!), and play ball for hours on end. Perry found his forever home in July of this year. The veterinary care that allowed Perry to survive his injuries and thrive in his new home cost \$3,909.72.



Pookie is a social butterfly who loves meeting new people when he's out and about. Everyone he meets is a potential new friend! While in foster care, Pookie was found to have a ruptured cranial cruciate ligament in his left hind leg, which prevented him from walking normally and put him at risk for damage to the cartilage and bone as well as arthritis—and it was painful. As a result, Pookie underwent TPLO (tibial plateau leveling osteotomy) surgery, which involves cutting the tibia and inserting a metal plate to stabilize the joint. The surgeon also found that Pookie had an old femoral fracture and cleaned up the area around the bone fracture to give him the best outcome possible.

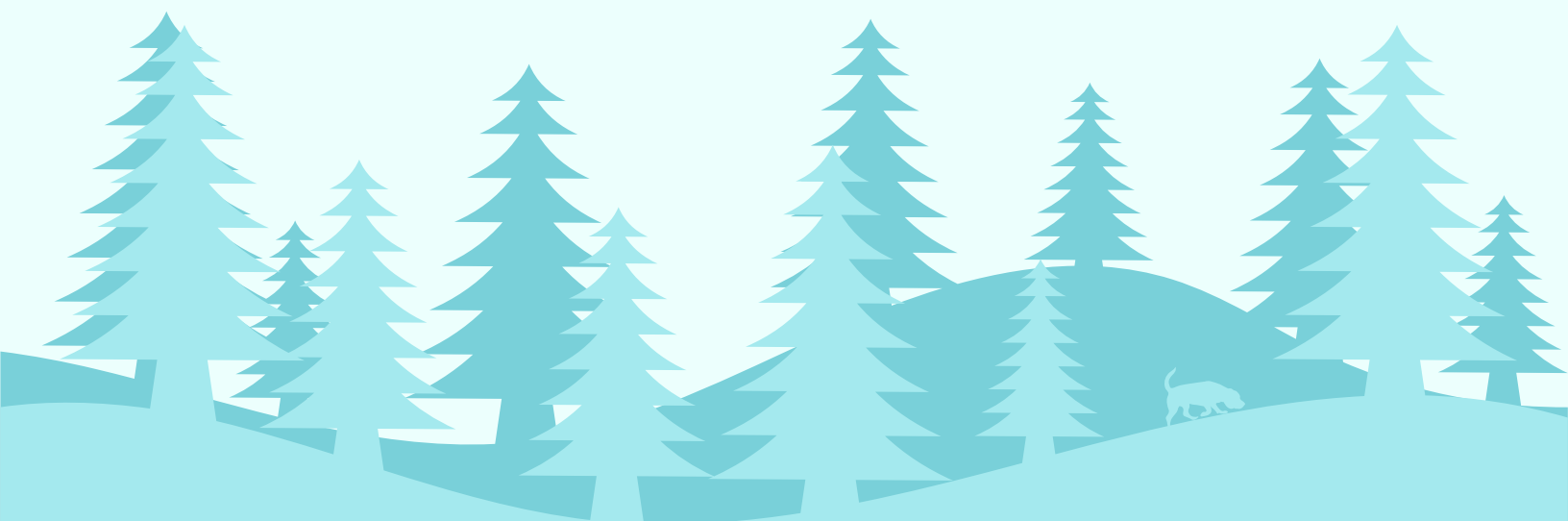


After his surgery, Pookie underwent a long course of physical rehabilitation in his foster home. This involved at-home physical therapy along with a formal rehab program using an underwater treadmill. A dog trainer and a dog walker continued Pookie's daily therapy regimen while his foster mom was at work. Now, this wonderfully sweet and outgoing dog is in his forever home and is enjoying life to the fullest. The cost of Pookie's care, including his neuter surgery and vaccinations, totaled \$8,221.65.



Snoopy arrived at Midwest BREW after finding himself at a shelter because his original owner could no longer take care of him. While in our care, Snoopy was diagnosed with an aggressive mast cell tumor (a cancerous skin tumor) on his back left paw that had metastasized to a lymph node. We also discovered that he has ankylosing spondylitis, a chronic type of arthritis that can cause the vertebrae (bones) in his spine to fuse. And, as the condition progresses, it can cause pain and weakness.

We consulted with a specialist regarding the best course of treatment for Snoopy. Amputation of his leg was not an option; with his ankylosing spondylitis, it would have caused future spinal issues. It was decided to try to shrink the tumor with non-invasive therapies instead. On top of everything else, Snoopy also had ehrlichia, a tick-borne disease that was diagnosed with a blood test and treated with antibiotics. Because of the care that Snoopy received, he's now happily enjoying the simple pleasures of life: snuggling on the couch with his people, taking leisurely naps, snoozing in the sun, and sniffing around the yard—all in the comfort of his forever home. The total for Snoopy's veterinary care was \$2,143.46.



Bailey got his start in life at Midwest BREW when he was born to a momma beagle in our care. He was adopted but then returned to us six years later due to no fault of his own. His foster mom says that he is the ultimate love bug. So, when he started to get sick, his foster mom was very concerned. Multiple visits to the vet and an ultrasound revealed issues with his ileum, which is a section of the small intestine. Severe thickening of the ileum was detected, which has several potential causes: food allergies, an infection, or inflammation. The vet ordered a prescription diet for Bailey and treated him for a suspected infection.



Without warning, Bailey's condition suddenly worsened, and he was rushed to the emergency vet. Not only was he anemic, but his white blood cell count was so dangerously low that he was unable to fight off the infection raging in his ileum. Bailey's temperature spiked to 105 degrees, and we thought that we were going to lose him. He was given a cocktail of IV antibiotics, and measures were taken to lower his body temperature. We were so relieved when Bailey's fever broke and he was able to return home with his foster mom.

Bailey's condition was monitored with periodic ultrasounds, which showed that the thickening of his ileum was gradually decreasing and a spot that had been discovered on his ileum was shrinking. The vet felt that these were signs that Bailey's condition was caused by inflammation (similar to irritable bowel syndrome) and could be managed with the proper care. We're happy to report that Bailey is doing well! His most recent ultrasound in November showed great improvement. However, he'll need to have an ultrasound every three months to monitor his condition, and he'll need to continue his prescription diet. So far, the cost of Bailey's care is \$6,862.00.



2024 Expenses

January 1 through November 15, 2024

Veterinary Expenses	\$126,762.78	77.8%
Fundraising Expenses	\$14,018.93	8.6%
Operations	\$13,356.25	8.2%
Insurance	\$2,803.00	1.7%
Microchips	\$1,349.72	0.8%
Printing	\$1,122.86	0.7%
Other Types of Expenses	\$1,115.97	0.7%
Postage and Mailing	\$946.95	0.6%
Tax Preparation and Reporting	\$775.00	0.5%
Dog supplies and Expenses	\$661.29	0.4%
IL Rescue License	\$102.25	0.1%
Total	\$163,015.00	100%

So far this year, we've had 139 beagles come into our program and 125 beagles adopted. We treated 6 beagles for heartworm, 20 beagles for Giardia, 22 for parasites, 5 for UTIs, 12 for dental disease, and 1 for pyometra (a serious, potentially life-threatening uterine infection). Many beagles in our program were treated for tick-borne diseases: 17 for Lyme disease, 14 for ehrlichia, and 6 for anaplasmosis. Our foster families were also able to provide a safe home for 5 puppies to be born into our care.



Your generosity is what makes it possible for us to provide the critical veterinary care that so many of these beagles desperately need. During this season of giving, we kindly ask: can you open your heart and donate to help beagles in need?

Every dollar makes a difference in the lives of these dogs. Donations can be made on our website (GotBeagles.org), via PayPal (elaine@GotBeagles.org), or by check mailed to:

Midwest BREW
P.O. Box 498
Wadsworth, IL 60083

We deeply appreciate the generosity of our incredible supporters. We wish you a cozy holiday season filled with beagle snuggles and a joyful New Year. Thank you for making a difference for beagles in need!



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