



2025 Holiday Letter

Happy Holidays

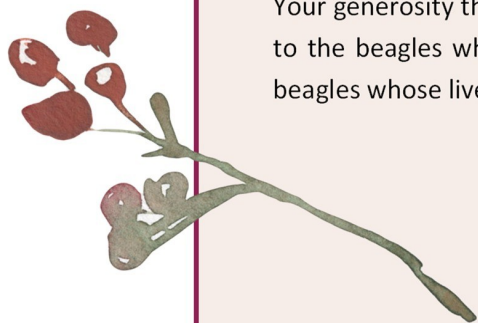


To all our adopters, volunteers, friends and supporters

It's been an incredible year for beagles, and we're excited to share some of the highlights with you! In September, we hosted our annual Beaglefest. A total of 923 people and 380 dogs joined us, making it our biggest celebration to date. Thanks to the generosity of everyone who attended, volunteered, donated, or supported the event, we raised \$31,130 to help the beagles in our program. We are deeply grateful for your kindness and enthusiasm, and we're already looking ahead to next year's Beaglefest, scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2026, in Dwight, IL. We can't wait to see you there!

We were thrilled to receive 221 photo entries for our 2026 Calendar Contest and an remarkable 18,989 votes. Every dog who was entered appears in the calendar, creating a truly heartwarming tribute to our beloved beagles. Be sure to order several, as these calendars make wonderful gifts for everyone on your holiday list!

Your generosity throughout the year makes it possible for us to provide vital care to the beagles who rely on us. We are excited to share stories of some of the beagles whose lives have been changed directly because of your generosity.



Bailey



You might remember Bailey from last year's holiday newsletter. We shared the story of Bailey's triumph over medical issues involving the thickening of his ileum (part of the small intestine) and a visit to the emergency vet for a raging infection that nearly took his life. Bailey recovered from the infection, but the chronic inflammation of the ileum, while under control, is permanent. His treatment consists of a prescription diet, an ultrasound every three months to monitor the inflammation, and the love of his new family. Here's what they have to say about Bailey:

"Bailey began his forever home journey with a two-hour car ride, spending most of it fast asleep in his new dad's lap. Once home, he quickly realized the house was all his and promptly claimed his favorite blankets. From day one, he was a total love bug. As months passed, he only became more affectionate and even more convinced that every blanket belonged to him.



Bailey has had some allergy troubles, but with semi-monthly shots, he's been feeling much better. For his inflammation and tummy issues, we switched him to a protein-based diet designed to support his specific needs, and it's made a world of difference. Plus, he loves his new food!

When he's not eating or playing, Bailey's favorite activity is sleeping. He has his own cozy bed for naps during the day, but most of the time, you'll find him snuggled up on his dad instead. Bailey is adored by everyone he meets, but no one loves him more than his forever family."

We love sharing stories like Bailey's because they're proof of the everyday miracles our supporters make possible. Bailey is living his best life, and we can't thank you enough for helping us make it happen. The cost of Bailey's care was \$6,767.





Nana

As with all the beagles in our care, we had 10-year-old Nana's health evaluated by a veterinarian. Because of her poor condition, she received a comprehensive blood panel, multiple x-rays, and an ultrasound. Nana was found to have parasites, extensive mammary masses that appeared to be cancerous, a perianal mass, and a hernia. Nana was referred to a specialist who performed surgery to repair the hernia, remove the mammary chain, and remove the perianal mass and a vaginal wall tumor. Nana was also spayed.

We wanted to give Nana a chance to live a life of happiness and health for her remaining years with a loving family. As fate would have it, Nana found her new home while recovering from her surgery at the clinic! The veterinary technician who cared for Nana fell in love and adopted her. Nana (now Rosemary) also had her other mammary chain removed as a precautionary measure, and she is doing very well.



Here's what her family had to say: "She's fully recovered and back to our normal routine. While we enjoyed the extra snuggles during recovery, it's so great to have her back out on walks and running around the backyard. Our next thing is taking some training classes together. She's very smart and food motivated, so we know she'll do great. We've also been working on her confidence with men, as it's clear that someone in her past life wasn't kind to her. We love her so much and are so happy we were given the opportunity to give her a forever home."

We want to thank both the clinic where Nana was first seen and the specialty clinic for taking such wonderful care of Nana. Both clinics generously discounted the costs of Nana's care, freeing up vital funds for the medical needs of the other beagles in our care. The cost of Nana's care was \$1,838.





Minnie

Minnie's life before she arrived at Midwest BREW was filled with sadness and neglect. She spent years being used for breeding, never knowing the love and comfort she deserved. When her owners were evicted from their home, they left her behind, but a kind neighbor intervened and took care of Minnie until she came to Midwest BREW.

At just 5 years old, Minnie had very poor vision due to advanced cataracts in both eyes. She underwent surgery to have the cataracts removed and replaced



with artificial lens implants. Her surgery was a resounding success, but she will need daily eyedrops for the rest of her life along with an annual visit with an eye specialist to ensure that her eyes are healthy.

We found Minnie to be extremely outgoing and friendly, despite her very difficult life. Her tail never stopped wagging, and everyone she met was a potential new friend, be it a dog, cat, or human. In her foster home, she delighted in snuggling and

curling up in bed with her foster mom or sitting on her lap and giving kisses. And when it was mealtime or time for a treat, Minnie was known to dance with delight.

We're happy to report that Minnie has found her forever home and that she's doing very well! Her adoptive mom describes Minnie as a spitfire who is quite sassy. Minnie is living her best life in a home that appreciates her beagle spirit. Happy endings for beagles like Minnie are made possible only by your generous support, for which we are always deeply grateful. The total cost of Minnie's veterinary care was \$6,659. cost of Nana's care was \$1,838.





Zandy

Zandy first arrived at Midwest BREW in 2020 and was adopted into a wonderful home. Sadly, her mom passed away four years later, and Zandy became a Midwest BREW beagle once again. During her second time with us, Zandy won the hearts of everyone she met and was the star of the annual Novi Pet Expo in Michigan.

Although Zandy was eager to find her new forever home, she had some medical issues that needed to be taken care of before she could start her new life. Despite being spayed after she initially came to Midwest BREW, she displayed symptoms of ovarian remnant syndrome, or remaining ovarian tissue fragments in her body. Blood tests confirmed elevated hormone levels, which seemed to confirm the diagnosis. Because the hormone levels put her at an increased risk for the development of cancerous tumors, exploratory surgery was performed to find and remove the tissue. Even though no tissue was found, Zandy will be regularly monitored for developing tumors.



Zandy also had several minor seizures, so we had testing done in that regard as well. The results didn't point to anything definitive, so the decision was made to monitor her for any ongoing seizure activity.

Despite her medical challenges, Zandy is now in a forever home where she enjoys sleeping late and performing her cute mealtime dance, which greatly amuses her mom. Because of our supporters, Zandy was able to get the necessary medical care that allowed her to have a second chance at finding a loving home. The cost of Zandy's care was \$3,456.



Our Year in Review

So far in 2025, we've had 134 beagles come into our program and 133 beagles adopted. We've treated 5 beagles for heartworms, 28 beagles for Giardia, 32 for dental disease, 1 for parvovirus, and 2 for pyometra (a serious, potentially life-threatening uterine infection). Many beagles in our program were treated for tick-borne diseases: 32 for Lyme disease, 8 for ehrlichia, and 2 for anaplasmosis. Additionally, 2 beagles had dental surgery, 1 beagle was treated for cherry eye (a prolapsed third eyelid gland), and 4 beagles received care for heart murmurs.

Your generosity is what makes it possible for us to provide the critical veterinary care so many beagles desperately need. During this season of giving, we ask from the heart: will you 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

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We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our wonderful supporters. May your holiday season be warm and bright, and your New Year filled with joy. Thank you for all you do for beagles in need!



2025 Expenses January 1 through November 21, 2025

Veterinary Expenses	\$151,481.92	73.8%
Operations	\$20,544.50	10.0%
Fundraising Expenses	\$18,348.50	8.9%
Postage and Mailing	\$3,176.97	1.5%
Other Types of Expenses	\$3,022.52	1.5%
Insurance and IL Rescue License	\$2,898.50	1.4%
Printing	\$2,067.77	1.0%
Boarding Expenses	\$1,080.25	0.5%
Dog Supplies and Expenses	\$994.68	0.5%
Tax Preparation and Reporting	\$964.18	0.5%
Microchips	\$759.77	0.4%
Total	\$205,339.56	100%

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