2026

Season's Greetings

to all our adopters, volunteers, friends, and supporters!







It's been another impactful year for Midwest Beagle Rescue, Education and Welfare, and we're excited to share a few highlights made possible by our amazing supporters.

In September, we welcomed beagle lovers and their four-legged friends to our annual Beaglefest. With 633 people and 362 dogs in attendance, it was our largest event of the year! Thanks to everyone who attended, volunteered, donated, and helped make the day a success, we raised $29,917 to support the beagles in our care. We're so thankful for this incredible community and can't wait to gather again next year for the Twenty-Fifth Annual Beaglefest on Saturday, September 25, 2027, in Dwight, Illinois.

The 2027 Calendar Photo Contest was another huge success. We received 189 photo entries and an incredible 12,177 votes. The calendar includes every dog who was entered in the contest, making it a wonderful celebration of all the wonderful beagles who captured our hearts. These calendars are perfect for sharing the love of beagles with family and friends, so be sure to order yours (and a few extras!) for the holiday season.

Your donations help us provide the medical care that our beagles need while they wait for their forever homes. We're excited to share stories of some of the dogs whose lives have been transformed thanks to your continued support.

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Tracker

You might remember Tracker's story from an appeal we sent in April 2026. Found as a stray and taken to a shelter, Tracker's x-rays told a devastating tale: a shattered pelvis that was beyond repair. His best chance for a normal life was a surgical procedure known as femoral head ostectomy (FHO). The head of his femur (thigh bone) was removed, and the muscles in his leg held his femur in place until enough scar tissue built up to form a "false joint" between his femur and his acetabulum (hip socket). It sounds scary, but it was Tracker's best chance of regaining pain-free mobility—and it was a success!

Tracker spent time in a foster home skilled at helping dogs recover from complex medical issues and preparing them to be adopted into a loving home. His recovery included cage rest, pain management, and a formal physical therapy program along with home therapy.

Tracker's forever family provides regular updates to his foster mom, and she and Tracker had a chance to visit when his family brought him to this year's Beaglefest. His family shared that he has undergone additional therapy to strengthen his leg and is doing quite well.

Thanks to our generous supporters, Tracker was able to get the surgery that allowed him to (literally) get back on his feet, make a full recovery, and find his forever family. The total cost of Tracker's care was $3,175.35.





Tiny

We shared Tiny's story with you earlier this year on social media: this darling little girl was saved from a hoarding situation and was brought safely into our care, but within a couple of days, she started having seizures and was immediately taken to the vet. She was stabilized, placed on anti-seizure medication, and seemed to be doing well.

But then Tiny took a turn for the worse when her seizures not only returned, but worsened. She was rushed to an emergency veterinary clinic, where she remained for two days. An MRI revealed a mild degree of Chiari malformation, which means that the back of Tiny's skull is smaller than it should be. These malformations are likely associated with more global abnormal development of the brain, which probably predisposes Tiny to seizures.

Here's the rest of Tiny's journey, in the words of her foster mom:

"The next few months brought a roller coaster of seizures, emergency rescue medications, and constant adjustments to her treatment. Three months and approximately 20 seizures later, Tiny is finally making progress! Her medications are still being adjusted, but her seizures are now milder and resolve on their own.

"And what does Tiny do when she isn't busy keeping everyone on their toes? She enjoys the important things in life: going for walks, cuddling with her beagle foster sister, and taking exciting rides to the coffee shop for a pup cup. This holiday season, Tiny reminds us that miracles don't always arrive wrapped in a bow. Sometimes they come with floppy ears, a wagging tail, and a 12-pound body full of courage."

We're grateful to our generous supporters who made it possible for Tiny to receive the extensive medical care she needed to overcome her difficult health challenges. As her foster mom said, "Tiny's journey isn't over, but she is safe, loved, and is discovering that life can be full of wonderful little adventures."

To date, Tiny's medical costs have totaled $6,847.





Noble



We would like to share Noble's story with you in the words of the person who knows him best, his foster mom, who is now his forever mom.

"Noble became our very first 'foster fail.' When he came to us, he was terrified of even stepping inside the house. Every sound and movement seemed overwhelming. He was a little too skinny, deeply unsure of the world, and clearly carrying the weight of whatever he had been through before rescue. We enrolled him in training and worked hard on building his confidence. Slowly, this nervous little guy started realizing maybe life wasn't so scary after all.

"From day one, Noble had a chronic cough that puzzled everyone. After several vet visits, a referral to an internist, and extensive testing, we learned he has a form of chronic bronchitis, which is like asthma. The good news? With ongoing treatment, he's shown great improvement. His cough is much better, and things are clearly heading in the right direction. Just like everything else in his life, his healing has followed its own unique timeline. Rescues talk about the 3-3-3 rule—3 days to decompress, 3 weeks to start settling, 3 months to feel at home—but Noble looked at that guideline and said, 'Cute. Let's do 5-5-5 instead.' Now he's living his absolute best life with us and our beagle, Harper, who fell utterly, head-over-heels in love with him. Now they're inseparable partners in playtime, naptime, and general mischief-making. Watching their bond grow sealed the deal. Today, this once-frightened pup is a loved, cherished family member living his best life. Noble may have started his journey scared and uncertain, but now he's forever home—and he knows it."

Your generous support makes it possible for us to give beagles like Noble all the time, loving attention, and medical care that they need so they can fully heal and become the beloved companions that they were destined to be. Noble's veterinary care totaled $7,262.65.

Our Year in Review

In the past year, we've had 125 beagles come into our program and 118 beagles adopted. We've treated 29 beagles for Giardia, 21 beagles for dental disease, 1 beagle for heartworms, 2 for a UTI, and 29 for parasites. Many beagles in our program were treated for tick-borne diseases: 30 for Lyme disease, 9 for ehrlichia, and 5 for anaplasmosis. Additionally, 1 beagle had mass removal surgery, 2 beagles were treated for cherry eye (a prolapsed third eyelid gland), and 1 beagle received care for a heart murmur. We also had 10 puppies born in the safety of our wonderful foster homes.

Your kindness and generosity make it possible for us to provide lifesaving veterinary care to beagles who need it most. During this season of giving, we hope you'll consider opening your heart to a beagle in need. Every donation, no matter the size, helps provide these dogs with the care they so urgently need. 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

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the kindness and generosity of our amazing supporters. Your compassion makes a world of difference for beagles in need, giving them hope, healing, and the chance for a brighter future.

We wish you and your loved ones a holiday season filled with warmth and love, and a New Year full of joy. Thank you for being part of our rescue family and for helping us give the beagles in our care the second chance they deserve!

2026 Expenses
January 1, 2026 through October 31, 2026

Veterinary Expenses	$125,350.63	76.3%
Fundraising Expenses	$16,022.26	9.8%
Operations	$13,513.19	8.2%
Insurance	$2,989.00	1.8%
Postage and Mailing	$1,681.84	1.0%
Printing	$1,378.68	0.8%
Dog Supplies and Expenses	$1,362.65	0.8%
Tax Preparation and Reporting	$965.00	0.6%
Microchips	$530.00	0.3%
Other Expenses	$273.48	0.2%
Illinois Rescue License	$202.25	0.1%
Grand Total	**$164,268.98**	**100%**

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