# SOS Beagle Rescue

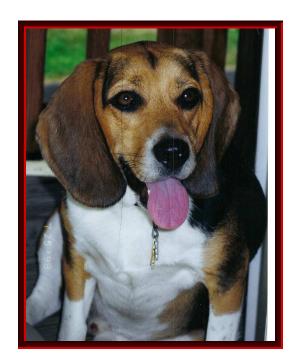
New Jersey Chapter

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Are You A Foster Angel?



#### Calling All Angels!

SOS desperately needs foster homes! With so many displaced dogs and so few foster homes available we at SOS find ourselves in a crunch! It is our goal to save as many beagles as possible from euthanasia but our resources are stretched thin! We need your help!

# **Why foster?**

Fostering provides homeless beagles with the opportunity for a second chance at life. Currently, SOS does not have a traditional shelter facility so we count on homes belonging to people like you who will open their doors and hearts to caring for an unwanted beagle. By doing so you create a future for a beagle whose life may otherwise have ended needlessly.

Fostering provides the ability to rescue beagles by placing them in a temporary home until a "forever home" is found. Without foster homes, SOS simply couldn't exist. The costs of real estate and all of the aspects related to constructing a shelter are daunting – especially in our area of the country!

# Aren't Shelter Dogs all "Problematic?"

NO!! While it is true that some are turned in to our care because of medical or behavioral problems that is not the norm. Often, that good intentioned Christmas present becomes a member of SOS's extended family when the novelty wears off and the responsibility of pet ownership becomes a burden.

Too often we find ourselves with strays. The reasons for abandonment are many. Some of our beagles were loving family members – that is, until their families stopped loving them!

#### I'm afraid to foster!

Some people shy away from the prospect of fostering because they fear they'll want to keep every homeless beagle that comes through their front door. With care, your adopted beagle will bond with you and no doubt you will become attached to them too. Letting go of your foster beagle may not be easy – there always will be a few special babies who make their way into your heart, but feel secure in "giving up" your fostered beagle!

SOS carefully screens prospective owners, and we do follow-up checks. We even have a group on Yahoo specifically for keeping in touch with new parents! To know that you made a difference in saving the life of just one beagle will make you want to repeat the foster experience.

NOTE: SOS needs "short term" foster homes too. That may mean you only have a dog for a 1 day – 2 weeks. This is a rewarding way to help a beagle and a great way to try out fostering to see if it is right for you!

# Responsibilities of Foster Parents:

Daily care for your fostered beagle includes feeding, exercising, training, grooming, and enforcing good canine behavior. You may need to give out daily medicines if you get a beagle with a health issue. You'll know that ahead of time so there are no surprises!

You will share your findings with the team at SOS – we monitor each beagle's progress so that when the time comes for them to be rehomed we make a good match based on YOUR findings and feedback. Along the way if you have questions remember - we're a network of volunteers who have a vast amount of knowledge to share with you so by no means are you in this alone! You'll have phone numbers, and email addresses at your

fingertips to help you if you need us. We even have a statewide group of veterinarians who can help in an emergency!

We'll ask that you watch for any problems, and you'll gently test your beagle in new environments so we know if he/she is good with other pets, children, etc.

You will also need to provide lots of attention, love and of course security to your adoptee – some of these dogs have lived hurtful lives full of abuse and neglect. They may be scared, standoffish, or confused by new surroundings. It's YOUR job to help them adjust and get ready for their new home. Since beagles are often referred to as a "nose followed by a dog" we of course want to be sure that you provide maximum security for them – that means no off leash walking!

#### Thinking about Fostering?

To provide the best foster match for you and your home we conduct in-person interviews, home visits, vet checks and we require a Foster application be completed. Our dogs are our number one priority so we try to be thorough matching a new "foster" with their prospective beagle. To help you along your journey we will supply you with a leash, collar, food, a safe crate for sleeping and we'll cover pre-approved veterinary expenses too!

# ► A final note:

Fostering a dog plays a very important role in our Establishment. Each dog that is fostered is saved from a lonely life – or worse! Most of the dogs in our organization make wonderful companions. You can make a difference in the life of a dog waiting for a forever home! Become a foster "Angel" and you'll become one of our most treasured resources!