

Fighting abuse in Newfoundland

Beagle Paws – Atlantic Canada's first Beagle rescue organization

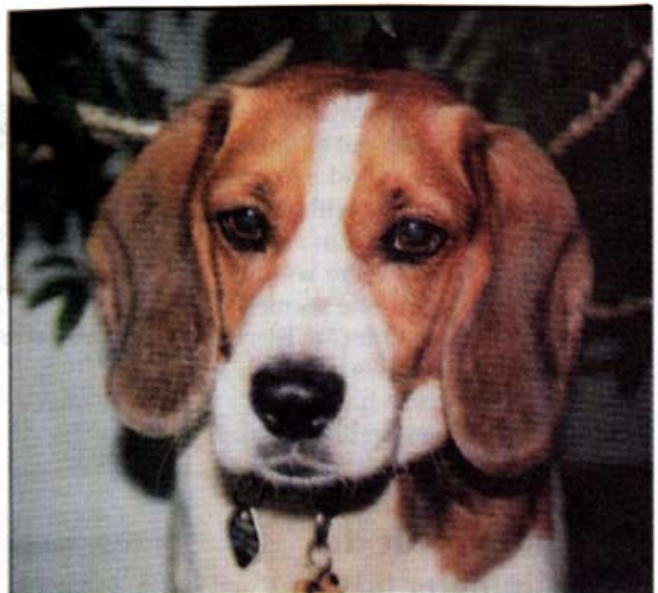
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Beagle Paws is a not-for-profit organization formed in response to the terrible problem of Beagle abuse and neglect in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Beagle Paws website (www.beaglepaws.com) was introduced to the public in October 2002 and the rescue group became a reality in January 2003.

The mandate is to promote public awareness and education about these beautiful but often misunderstood dogs. Because Beagles are excellent hunting dogs, they are frequently purchased from breeders for hunting purposes only and are never integrated into the family home. Unfortunately, some hunters believe living with the family as a pet will diminish a Beagle's hunting skills.

While some are provided with good outdoor kennels, many Beagles in Newfoundland and Labrador spend lonely lives in miserable conditions with little protection against the weather and next to no human contact. When rabbit hunting season is over at the end of February and the Beagles have served their purpose for the



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Beagles can easily adapt to family life and prove to be loyal, loving companions. Here, Denise Aucoin's Beagle Teddy enjoys playing with his ball.

year, they are sometimes abandoned in the woods and left to fend for themselves. Some succumb to the elements, while others wander onto highways and are injured or killed. The goal of Beagle Paws is to make the public aware of this unfair treatment and to promote them as family pets.

Beagle Paws works closely with local shelters and has a successful foster program in place, whereby Beagles

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are taken from the shelters and placed in temporary homes while waiting for a permanent home to be found. While in foster care they are given love, attention, and if necessary, housetraining. Even dogs that have never before been indoors easily adapt to family life and prove to be loyal, loving companions. Since January 2003, more than 100 unwanted Beagles and Beagle-crosses that might otherwise have been euthanized have been adopted with the assistance of Beagle Paws.

Out of province adoptions are easily arranged and rescued Beagle Paws Beagles can already be found in most provinces throughout Canada.

To learn more about this organization or to inquire about adopting one of our beautiful Beagles, contact www.beaglepaws.com or call 709-738-PAWS. 