

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

This past week ABC Morning show has feature the efforts of shelters across the nation that help animals in need. This past Friday they featured the efforts of the Humane Society of the United States to rescue over 4,000 beagles that were being used for research by Envigo. The Governor of Virginia and the US Justice Department declared that the facility be closed and all dogs removed – giving HSUS approximately 60 days to accomplish this task. According to HSUS, this is the largest rescue they have ever been involved in.

HSUS has reached out to partner shelters that participate in rescues. We will be receiving 31 beagles around August 22. Foster homes have been lined up for each of them – this will allow them to adjust and get ready for their forever homes. They will need to learn trust, how to interact with people, the feel of grass, develop muscle quality, learn house training etc. Support will be given to each foster family by Jana owner of Northwoods Canine Connection located in Chetek. Jana will guide the foster families via Zoom.

If you had a chance to have seen the footage of some of the many dogs being rescued, you may have had the same reaction I had.....melted my heart.

Like all breeds, beagles bring specific traits with them. It is important to know as much as possible about the breed or mixes of breeds you are adopting.

The following information was presented on the Hills Foods website about beagles.

Physically beagles are between 13 and 15 inches at the withers. They range in weight between 17 and 25 pounds. Beagles have an average energy level and need approximately 20 – 40 minutes of exercise a day. They live 12 to 15 years.

Beagles do little drooling or snoring, but have a high tendency toward barking. They aren't usually diggers.

Beagles were originally bred for hunting rabbits. They have a short flat coat and are usually black, tan or white in color. Beagles are muscular, solid dogs with a slightly domed skull. Their muzzle is square-ish and the nose is broad. Their ears are long and droopy. Their chest is deep, back is straight and they have a moderately long tail that is carried high.

Beagles are widely considered to be good with other pets and children. They are cheerful dogs that like affection. They prefer company, however, if left alone, they may howl and be destructive. Beagles are barkers and can be challenging to housebreak in the beginning.

Beagles are active, curious dogs. They are hound dogs and it is in their nature to roam. Care must be taken to prevent them from wandering off into harm's way by keeping them contained in a fenced in yard. Beagles are very friendly little dogs – don't depend on them to guard your house.

Beagles make loveable pets. We look forward to being yet again, a part of helping animals in need. This will be a costly endeavor for all involved, so if you can help, donations for this effort will be greatly appreciated. NHS – P. O. Box 82 – Hayward, WI 54843 or through PayPal on our website:

<https://www.northwoodshumanesociety.org/donations.html>

Dates to Save:

August 24 – Wednesday – Bingo – Red Schoolhouse Wines – Stone Lake – 5:30 p.m.

September 11 – Sunday – NHS 1K Dog Walk and Ice Cream Social – 12:30 p.m. – register at <https://www.northwoodshumanesociety.org/events--fundraisers.html> or on the day of the event.