

Caruso is a Lucky Dog

by Suz Jones

We adopted Bailey (alias Caruso) from BREW in October 1999. We had recently lost our beagle of 10 years and were quite lonely. We came upon the BREW web site through our local humane society and started looking at pictures of available beagles. Bailey caught our eye right away.... we couldn't resist.

Our adoption was a little more difficult because we live in Illinois, but with Laura's help, Bailey was placed on an airplane and flown within 100 miles of us. He was so shy and withdrawn for those first few hours, but eventually, the playful beagle in him began to emerge. He was obviously still a young pup because we went through the chewing stage for another year. The worst thing he chewed was my Birkenstock sandal. The shoe storeowner asked me if a lawnmower had gotten a hold of my shoe, I replied, " No, just a beagle!"

Bailey is quite settled now. He loves his cage and retreats there on his own when he's tired, but he also loves to snuggle with you on the couch, the recliner, the bed, or wherever else he can wedge himself next to you. He loves his morning walks and he loves to go in the car wherever you will take him. Oh, did I mention that he also likes to stand in the bay window and watch the kids walk by on their way to school? Everyone says that Bailey is a "Lucky Dog," but we know in our hearts that we are the lucky ones to have him in our lives!