



## What's a Beaglepalooza? Cultivate Your Kennel Family

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Buying a dog isn't like buying a ream of paper or a mattress. When you buy a pet, you are engaging in a lifelong commitment to another living being that will be completely

dependent on you. So you want to know things, you want to meet the breeder, see their kennel, meet your dog's parents, and you want to know that you can be a part of that breeder's inner circle. Why? Because you'll need advice and support on everything from runny noses to mate selection. So how do we, as breeders, set up and nurture that relationship with each family that buys from us? This month we've interviewed a UABR breeder that is showing us all how it's done!



A Beaglepalooza is a very special family reunion. People gather, talk, eat, play with their dogs, go for a walk... just like other family reunions. But this one is for families that have adopted pups from Lonesome Grove Beagles in Tyndall, South Dakota. 2014 was the third year for the event, which was started by the beagle owners themselves.

It all started with this fella...

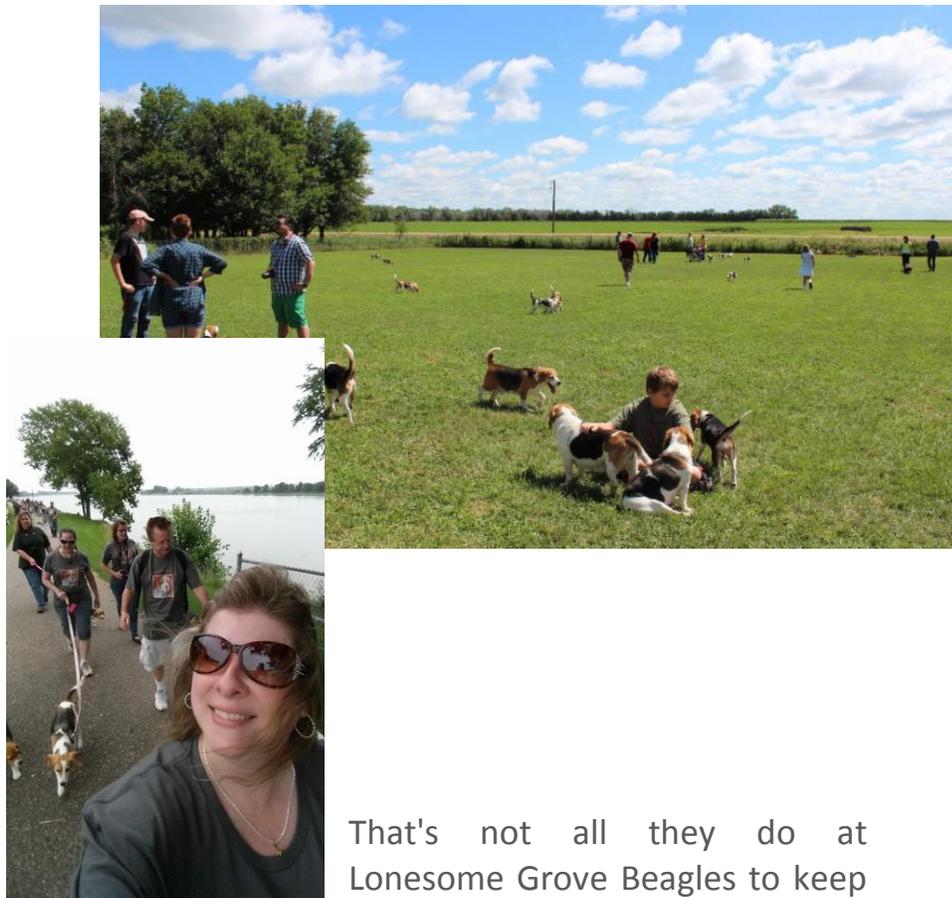


Chardon Red River Shootout. Call name Shooter. He sired more than 600 wonderful bundles of joy in his lifetime, and though he passed earlier this year, his legacy of five generations lives on in homes throughout the U.S.

In addition to a great website, breeder Dean Schroeder facilitated the family connection by creating a private group on Facebook for everyone that got his dogs. He calls it "a unique support group of sorts." Mostly, folks post pictures and updates as their puppies grow. It has a positive focus of sharing the antics and adventures of

life with a beagle. People on the group also look to each other for advice as they go through the triumphs and challenges of puppy parenthood. Members have reached out to support when difficulties arise, even praying for ailing human family members.

From this Facebook group the idea arose to get together and meet each other's dogs (and each other!) in person. So the Schroeders agreed to host the event at their home. They have a one acre play yard where all the dogs are set free to romp and play and meet and greet to their heart's content. Everyone brings some food to share. This year, the group also took a "field trip" to an historic bridge in the area and crossed the Missouri River together.



That's not all they do at Lonesome Grove Beagles to keep in touch with the folks that adopt from them. It's common for their pups to be reserved

within one week of birth, so the Schroeders start connecting almost immediately...

- They update pictures of the puppies on the website every week as they grow
- They post videos on YouTube of the puppies at play
- As their puppy grows, so does the relationship between the breeder and the adoptive family
- They meet every potential adopter in person and give them advice and encouragement.
- They always ask what experience the family or individual has with puppy raising
- They keep in touch by email and Facebook with every home that has one of their pups, after the sale.
- They make it known that they are eager and happy to help with anything that comes up

What are the results? Dean says that through the years, countless families have returned to get a younger sibling for their beagle. Some have begun breeding at home. Rather than excluding inexperienced people, they put more time and effort into preparing them the task of raising their own puppies, inviting them to come and meet the pack. They try to provide all the information a new breeder needs before they jump into it.

Beaglepalooza has also attracted the attention of people who just want to come and see the beagles play, people who want to get to know the breed better, and even newspaper reporters and a television news crew!



If you would like to imitate the fine work being done by Lonesome Grove Beagles, please follow the links below for more information.

*Thank you Lonesome Grove Beagles!!*



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