



Greymatters

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Starbuck is Newfoundland's newest Greyhound. She arrived just in time to enjoy the Mt. Pearl Christmas parade.

Special Note: Newfoundland now officially has 200 Greyhounds on the island.



The Rainbow Bridge

In memory of our greyhounds

**Jake Benson (aka Rock's Jetman)
May 2, 1994 – November 29, 2008**



We helped Jake across the Rainbow Bridge on Saturday, November 29th about 8:15 pm.

Jake arrived at Dave & Jeannette's (Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada) in September of 1996. Lauralee fostered him through three homes until March of 1997 when she finally heard what he was trying to tell her, that his mind was made up, he was staying with her. Jake was our "Crank Man" right from the start. He was one of the few Greyhounds who resented the way he was treated on the track and easily showed his anger towards some people. We had a lot of disagreements but we knew that we belonged together. He was Lauralee's "heart dog". As all old men do, he got crankier as he aged and we loved him more for it. He has had liver disease for about four years and his kidneys started failing. He would not accept any help getting up or down so when he got to the point where he just couldn't get up on his own, we knew it was time.

Waiting for Jake at the bridge are Kitty sisters Shayna (2005) and Lacey (2008), Doberman sister, Tequila (2008), and Greyhound sister, Tilly (2008). Jake is very much missed by Greyhound sisters, Jenna and DeeJay, Pomeranian brother, Dusty, and Kitty sister Asia as well as his heart-broken Mom and Dad.

We miss you Jakester, our old man. Mommy loves you buddy.

Love and big hugs,
John & Lauralee Benson

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Pets of Atlantic Canada,
PO Box 38203 Dartmouth,
NS B3B 1X2

\$10.00 - ¼ page ad
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(across the top or
bottom of a page)
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Photo by Greg Locke



I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers a safe and happy new year.

Greymatters, as an on line monthly newsletter, is now entering it's 6th year with this January 2009 edition. It is hard to believe it has been that long. That makes about 62 issues of Greymatters so far and for those who are scratching their heads and muttering "gee she can't count" I will add that at least 2 years had extra Christmas issues.

I would also like to send out a big thank you to all of you who send in submissions. For all you who think about sending them in - keep trying!

Sue Locke

Greeting's of the season to you all!

I feel it is fitting for me to send you all a message expressing my appreciation to you all for your help this past year. With both parades now behind us, it brings this year's Meet and Greets to a close for GPAC-NL...that simply means you probably won't be getting anymore rambling e-mails from me until 2009!

As your Meet & Greet Coordinator, I count it both a privilege and an honour to arrange events and schedules for GPAC-NL. I am big enough to realize that our Meet and Greets are not about me and my schedules - this organization would fall apart if it were not for you - our volunteers - who are there through thick and thin to help us out. For that, I am very thankful.

This year GPAC-NL has seen many events - Meet & Greets at both the Avalon and Village Malls, the Stanley Cup at St. Francis Field on Canada Day, Regatta Day at Critter's and Things, Christmas at the Glacier (my absolute favourite!) and more recently, the Delta Hotel Craft Fair. The past two weekends have given us the opportunity to participate in two different Christmas Parades. Every little bit of exposure helps and I just want to send my most sincere gratitude and thanks to you for your help in making 2008 such a grey't success for GPAC-NL. I look forward to many more events with you and your hounds!

In closing, on behalf of my wonderful husband Shawn, our bossy cat Noelle, our two lovely greys Shadow and Enzo and myself, we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Successful New Year!

Gaylene Humby *Meet & Greet Coordinator, GPAC-NL, 2008*

Happy Birthday Sidney December 4, 2008



Sidney or Sid turned 13 years old on Dec.4, 2008. He came into our lives as a 5 and ½ year old. Unlike some hounds that arrive thin and a bit "bedraggled", Sid was well fed and looked the picture of health when he arrived. We thought that he may have been kept in a private home but when we checked the database we found that he had been on the track only 3 weeks before. We figure that he must have made somebody a lot of money and they took good care of him.

Many of you have met Sid at "meet & greets" or other events. He is the most quiet and laid back of dogs, and wins over little kids with his gentleness; yet in his younger days he was almost uncontrollable at the sight of a cat or a squirrel, and was never happy if another dog was in front of him. Our observation of him running with other hounds was that he was not super fast, but that he would "cheat" in the corners and bump the other dog with his shoulder to put them off stride so he could get ahead.

He is a classic omnivore and loves to eat pretty much anything he can get. He is an expert counter surfer and only in the last six or eight months is it safe to leave anything remotely edible around if we are not there. Frozen loaves of Flax bread, rings of mushrooms from the garden, bowls of leftover party mix are all tasty to our Sid. This is thankfully combined with a "cast iron stomach". There are never "leftovers" in our houseour Sid gets them all.

He is getting pretty deaf now and can't keep up with the other hounds when running; but he still loves his food, his walks and his stuffed toys.....and he can still catch our sister in law's 9 year Lab.

Most of his time is spent upside down on the couch dreaming "doggy dreams". We hope that he stays with us for a long time yet.

...by Gaylene Humby

Tips of the Month



Also, consider picking up a few extra toys or packages of treats and donating them to less fortunate dogs at your local animal shelter.

Thanks to Angela Seguin for submitting the tips each month.

Table-Scrap Scares

Sure, you'd like Fifi to share in the joys of the holiday table, but resist the urge to be generous. Foods and drinks you digest easily, like the following, can cause trouble for your pooch:

Dinner rolls -- Dough expands in the stomach, creating distressing gas.

Onions and garlic -- These flavor enhancers contain a compound that could damage a dog's red blood cells, causing anemia.

Rich sauces -- Gravy upsets the stomach and may lead to pancreatitis.

Bones -- Sharp pieces of bone can choke a dog or pierce or block her gastrointestinal tract.

Alcohol -- Even slightly spiked eggnog can be toxic, so don't leave any drinks unattended.

Doggone Good Gift Ideas

Got a special canine on your holiday gift list? Here are a few goodies guaranteed to keep her tail wagging:

A rubber treat toy stuffed with a few of her favorite biscuits will distract her from your holiday buffet.

Give an older dog the gift of comfy naps this winter with a memory-foam bed; or keep her toasty with one that's heated.

Resolve to control your pooch's weight -- invest in a ball launcher to get her running and fetching.

Tucked Bolster Beds are back in stock

Tucked Bolster Beds are back in stock at the Kennel. If you want to order them please contact Jeanette Reynolds.

They can not be stocked at the kennel but can be ordered for you.

The retail cost is as follows:

Tucked Bolster Small	18"x 12"	\$44.35
Tucked Bolster Med	22"x 18"	\$64.35
Tucked Bolster Large	28"x 21"	\$80.70
Tucked Bolster ExLarge	36"x 24"	\$110.00



To order your Bolster Bed please contact Jeanette Reynolds at greyhnd@ns.sympatico.ca

Check Out These Interesting Sites

From the gang at Pampered Paws Inn
www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJkCSZT6t-E

If you know of any interesting internet sites you would like to share send them in to greymatters@straylight.ca

Shadow, Enzo & Lincoln enjoy the Festival of Trees and Lights



Bowring Park, St. John's, was a beautiful sight on December 6, 2008 with the annual 'Festival of Trees and Lights.' There were cookies and hot chocolate for everyone in attendance and Christmas carols could be heard throughout the park as many different groups shared thier singing talent with the public. Three special greyhounds made an appearance and, as usual, attracted lots of attention...those three greys being Shadow, Enzo and Lincoln. We had quite the task trying to stay in one spot and take in the sights and sounds as people kept coming by to take pictures of the dogs and ask questions about them. We didn't mind though, it was the main reason for us attending.

SPARKLE CUP NOMINATION BALLOT

I NOMINATE _____ OF
_____ TO BE THE NEXT SPARKLE CUP VOLUNTEER
OF THE YEAR. I BELIEVE THAT THIS PERSON IS DESERVING OF
THE AWARD BECAUSE;

Send Nomination Ballot to:
GPAC
343 West Petpeswick Road
Musquodoboit Harbour, NS
B0J 2L0

St. John's Christmas Parade



On a beautiful sunny, Sunday afternoon, GPAC-NL once again paraded through the downtown city streets of St. John's for the annual Santa Claus Christmas parade. As usual, all eyes were on the greyhounds who were all decked out with bells and antlers- people still 'ooh' and 'awwww' over this most gorgeous breed, then again, can you blame them? Over twenty greyhounds walked the parade route with their heads held high, their owners every bit as proud as they were! It was a grey't day with city sidewalks packed to capacity - just the kind of attention these retired racers love! Thanks to all who made the effort to attend - it was awesome. When people see just one greyhound, they often stand in awe of them, when they see a group of twenty plus with not a single bark, they're amazed! Excellent job everyone.

Gaylene Humby

Meet & Greet Coordinator, GPAC-NL, 2008.

All photos on this page by: Shawn



Jabba



Buster



Shawn, Shadow & Enzo pose for a picture during a break in the parade

Mt. Pearl, NL Christmas Parade



submitted by: Gaylene Humby

Saturday, December 2008 was a cold, nippy morning in Mount Pearl, Newfoundland, but the cool temperatures certainly didn't slow down any of the greyhounds that were participating in the annual Mount Pearl Lion's Club Santa Claus parade. While participants were fewer than the week before at the St. John's parade, the eight greys that strutted the streets of Mount Pearl turned just as many heads as though there were hundreds of them. The greys in attendance were Rain, Jasper, JD, Shadow, Enzo, Buster, Lincoln and newest addition to Newfoundland soil, Starbuck. Starbuck arrived on Monday, and walked the parade with us on Saturday - and she didn't flinch! She did awesome...and the 'boys' are totally smitten with her! She's a little beauty for sure! Special thanks to each and every grey owner and grey lover for participating in this parade. I realize this is a super busy time of the year for everyone, but your help certainly helps our cause in making the public more and more aware of these beautiful dogs and the never ending need for greyhound rescue and adoption.

Greetings to you all!

Gaylene Humby
Meet & Greet Coordinator, GPAC-NL, 2008.

PAW PRINTS FOR GREY'T PALS - ORDER FORM

Family Name _____
Hound Name 1 _____
Hound Name 2 _____
Hound Name 3 _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - STAMP INK WILL BE PERMANENT

Please include cash, check or money order payable to GPAC

All Proceeds to the Sparkle Fund

Send to: GPAC 343 West Petpeswick Rd. Musquodoboit, NS B0J 2L0



GPAC Recycling Program (Fundraiser)-NS

Karen's Recycling 805 Highway #7, Dartmouth, NS 435-7811

Fader's Bottle Exchange, 15 Sackville Cross Road, L Sackville, NS 864-4343

Tanners Recycling, 6393 Bayne St., Halifax, NS 454-4888

Enviro Depot, Water Street, Yarmouth

Enviro Depot, 12A Rosedale Ave, Dartmouth Nova Scotia



GPAC Recycling Program - NL

GPAC Newfoundland has an account set up with Ever Green recycling-3 locations within the city of St. John's. All you do is when you bring in your returns, ask to have the money placed into the GPAC account.

Karen McDonald
Fundraising Co-ordinator
Greetings Everyone!

Newsletter Submission Deadline Dates & Information

The Deadline for Submissions is: the **20th of each month** for the next issue. Any late submissions will go in the next issue.

The following are a list of technical requirements for e-mail submissions: I can accept:

- .jpg JPEG image format
- .tif Tiff image format (2 Meg max file size)
- .pdf Adobe Acrobat format
- .doc MS-Word files (without embedded images)
- .wpd Wordperfect file (no embedded photos or graphics)
- .doc Lotus Word Pro file (no embedded photos/graphics)

Send your submissions to:

E-mail greymatters@straylight.ca

CANNOT ACCEPT COREL DRAW FILES or IMAGES EMBEDDED IN WORD DOCUMENTS.

I Want to Make a Difference

1. I have enclosed my donation of \$ _____

To help Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada place ex-racing greyhound s into adoptive homes and promote public awareness of greyhounds as pets.

To the "Sparkle Fund" to help pay veterinary costs for dogs that are returned to our program or those dogs coming off the track that need extra medical attention.

To the "Kennel Fund" to help GPAC realize their dream of a kennel to hold dogs coming off the track.

To the newsletter to help defray the costs of postage, copying, and supplies.

2. I am interested in more information on volunteering in my area.

3. I am interested in fostering a retired racing greyhound.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Prov. _____

Postal Code _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Send to: Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada. 343 West Petpeswick Road, Musquodoboit Harbour, NS B0J 2L0
Please make cheques payable to "Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada." Tax receipts issued for all donations of \$10.00 or more.