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The Rainbow Bridge

In memory of our greyhounds

Chase

It is with great sadness and tears in my eyes that I report the loss of our beloved Chase. The vet thinks he suffered from a brain tumor and he became sick very quickly.

For those who do not know, Chase came into my family's life only a year ago after being returned from his first home for behavioral issues. We had the privilege of loving him for that short time. He displayed no behavioral issues and enjoyed his walks, cuddles on the couch and an occasional sharing of any family bed. He loved life and tolerated having his ears cleaned daily by one very annoying pug.

Chase was the most beautiful greyhound I had ever seen with that blue fawn coat and amber eyes. It still amazes me how one dog can affect two families so differently. One who cannot handle him or understand him, and one who cannot let him go. He made a huge impact on me and taught me that you get back what you put in. He was the only greyhound I ever met that could hug you from behind and would eat anything including spinach. He was the pre-wash cycle in our dishwasher and a foot warmer. He will be truly missed. Thomas wonders if he has met Fred, Cooper and Darcy in heaven and I am sure he has.

For any of you who have ever considered adopting a returned dog, I highly recommend it as they change you forever. I have included a picture of him here.

Lynanne, Jason, Thomas, Dolly and Buster.



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LUKA PERRY

GPAC # 297

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Chris and I adopted Luka on May 12, 2000. It was not a good time for me, my mother had died on April 21st, after a short illness. I didn't think I had enough room left in my heart for a second dog and had called Jeanette to tell her I didn't think we could go through with the adoption. However, we kept talking about it.. My mother had been so looking forward to meeting Luka as one of her care-givers owned a greyhound and spoke often of their quiet, gentle nature.

We kept our promise and picked up this scraggly, tick-ridden, three year old from Jeanette's house in Lake Echo. I rode in the back of the vehicle on the three hour trip home with "Highball Ricki" laying across the seat and on my lap. We'd already decided on her new moniker, Luka, taken from the Suzanne Vega song of the same name. She wasn't black, which was what we wanted, but a beautiful, chocolate brown. Unlike Labs, I don't think there is a colour classification for a Chocolate Greyhound, but if there was, Luka would have met the breed standard.

She was nervous when we arrived home, but who wouldn't be, thrust into an unknown environment with stairs, wooden floors and glass doors. There was also another dog in the house, who wasn't a greyhound, and who was overeager to teach the newcomer the ropes and to share her toys. For the first week we had to be on "high alert" when the cats came around Luka. More than once we found white hairs mysteriously clinging to Luka's muzzle. We also had to teach her to go up stairs, an undignified lesson, with Chris at the collar and me pushing up the rear. It didn't take her long to fit in and the first time she looked me directly in the eyes was momentous indeed. She trusted us and gave herself completely over to this new notion of being a beloved pet. Soon, she would quietly stand beside us to be stroked and would remain in position as long as we were touching her. She was also the master of spinning in a tight circle, in the middle of the living room floor, without ever running into anything or doing any damage. She also became a lover of plush, squeaky toys and her favourite was always the newest one. Christmas and birthdays were especially fun and she loved to help unwrap her present. Her last toy, a mauve hippopotamus, was even played with once or twice, a week before she died. Now a stray or abandoned dog is enjoying it at our local animal shelter.

The only challenge our Luka posed, is that she had sleep aggression. The cats and other dogs soon learned to avoid her when she was fast asleep but her humans weren't so lucky. Luka went to work with me until I retired 4 years ago and spent her time sprawled on my office floor. Our busy days did not allow us the luxury of remembering her sleep aggression before startling her out of a fast sleep, with a touch or a nudge of our feet. I was nipped a couple of times without too much damage, but my co-worker suffered quite a bite, breaking the skin and ruining her pants. We knew we had to do something to prevent this happening again. A soft muzzle, worn during the work day, did the trick and our beautiful girl did not resist it or try to remove it. Once she retired (for the second time) at home with me, there were no more sleep aggression encounters.

Her gentle, dignified demeanour never changed for the almost 9 years we were privileged to love her. She always remained undemonstrative in her demands for affection but expressed her love with her eyes and complete trust of us. She did go through a period of time when she would chest butt us (with her front legs, like a kangaroo) when we came through the door after being out. That too changed as she grew older.

Luka was such a tolerant creature and accepted a toy poodle "sister" into her life four years ago. Those two chased around the dog yard in circles around the tree, and became fast friends. Maggie still looks for Luka at the door and wonders where she is when she goes outside in the yard. We now spell L-U-K-A, because just the mention of her name aloud sends Maggie looking for her.

Luka died as she lived, quietly and gracefully. She was only visibly ill for three days. It took exploratory surgery to determine that her liver was almost completely full of a cancerous tumour. She went to sleep with our expectations that she could possibly recover, and simply did not wake up. Her ashes will be scattered along the walking trail that she loved to go on every morning. And on each future morning we'll say "Good morning, Luka!" as we walk past the bench dedicated to her and her canine sisters, Princess (1991 - 2007), Maggie & Ladybug.

Chris and Frieda Perry
Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

In Memory of Kadin



in and was adopted by Michael Hollett and Susan Duggan. I am not sure old Kadin was, for he always acted like a pup. Kadin was diagnosed with bone cancer just before the summer and spent the summer in splints and on pain medication. These are 2 pictures taken when he got his splints off and the meds kicked in. Michael took him for a run around the baseball field, like old times. Kadin was in pain and taken to the vet last week and hooked up to an IV, and was in a huge amount of pain, so with heavy hearts his owners had him put out of his suffering. Micheal emailed me today to offer us Kadin's food, etc. that he has left. He told me that his house feels empty their hearts are broken. Kadin is the first greyhound we met and fell in love with and in turn we adopted our girl Tao. I thought I would share this, so we can all give out grey's an extra big hug and treat in memory of Chase and Kadin.

Thanks,
Bonnie Green and forwarded by Lynanne Furlong

Harley Needs A Home

This beautiful caramel coloured Greyhound is named Harley. Her coat is so soft, it feels like velvet. It is hard to believe that she is 10 years old, she has such a youthful way about her - curious, affectionate, lively at times. But, like any senior, she likes the quiet life. Her daily routine is to get up and have breakfast, go outside to do her business, come back in and lie around for much of the day. She tends to want "out" throughout the day when you are home but if you are not, she is able to wait until you get there. Harley is very easy to walk, especially (it seems) if you have another Grey. She has bonded with our Jasper and the two of them share beds, water bowls, and favourite sniff places on their walks. She is small-dog friendly (this is her second home with a small dog).

Harley does have a personality. She is always "there" when there is food around. She likes to get up on the sofa when no one is looking. She is very sociable and not shy around people. Her way of saying "hello" to visitors is to stick her nose in their crotch.....for quite a while if you let her! She has chewed through two leashes since she has been with us. We use a chain leash (NOT choke chain!) with her now; she started on Jasper's leash the other day! Nothing else, just leashes. Also, she is a vocal dog - when she wants something she whines until you guess what it is. She moans at times - sometimes when she is awake and at other times in her sleep.

Harley is in good health. Her last medical indicated only problems with her teeth and she has had surgery to deal with that. Truth is, if we didn't already have 2 dogs, we wouldn't think twice about adopting Harley ourselves. It breaks our hearts to give her up, so we would like her to go to a home that will appreciate her as much as we do.

Anyone who might be interested in adopting Harley please contact Lynanne at lyfurlong@yahoo.com



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Tips of the Month



10 Ways to Sniff Out the Perfect Doggie Doctor

Your choice of veterinarian is one of the first and most important decisions you'll ever make about your dog's health. Make it a good one by considering the following factors:

Credentials: Is the doctor a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association or any other professional organizations?

Hours: Do they mesh with your schedule?

Location: Is it convenient to home and work? (Especially in case of emergencies.)

Facilities: Do they seem clean and well-organized?

Availability: How easy is it to book an appointment?

Staff: Do they seem friendly and knowledgeable?

Prices: Do they fit your budget?

Experience: How savvy is the vet about any special health conditions your dog may have?

Services: Do they perform diagnostics, such as x-rays and ultrasounds, in the office, or do you need to be referred to a specialist?

Reputation: Ask friends, family members, and colleagues for recommendations.

Wax on, Wax out: The Safe and Healthy Way to Clean Your Dog's Ears

Ear cleaning is not a tail-wagging event for many dogs, but occasional gentle cleaning is the best way to keep infections away. Here are a few pointers:

Have your vet recommend an ear wash solution and demonstrate how it should be used. Also, ask how often and how thoroughly you should be attending to your dog's ears, since overcleaning can be harmful.

Wash your hands before beginning -- you don't want to introduce any new nasties to the ear canal.

Place the tip of the bottle of ear wash just a few millimeters inside the ear canal, and slowly squirt in the recommended amount.

Rub lightly around the base of the ear with your fingers to help the solution settle in.

Reach into the ear with a cotton ball or gauze pad, but don't dig, and don't use cotton swabs. Gently wipe away any discharge or wax that's within your reach.

Thanks to Angela Seguin for submitting the tips each month.

Correction

In the January 2009 issue, on pg. 3 "Happy Birthday Sidney" I had noted that the article was written by Gaylene Humby. This is incorrect the article was written by Barry Tucker and submitted by Gaylene Humby. Sorry about that!

Nova Scotia Hound Events

Yarmouth Meet & Greet

April 11th 10 am - 4 pm Yarmouth Mall
June 13th 10 am - 4 pm Yarmouth Mall
October 3rd 10 am - 4 pm Yarmouth Mall

Contact judi_mallinson@yahoo.ca if you can attend. Spots are from 10 - 2, 12 - 2, 2 - 4.

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

GPAC-NL's 2009 Kick Off!

January 10, 2009 was a very cold but beautiful Saturday morning as many greyhounds and their owners gathered at Bowring Park in St. John's for a nice winter walk. [see cover picture] It was indeed our pleasure to have the one and only **Jeanette Reynolds** with us for the weekend and she was delighted to see all the greyhounds enjoying retirement on the Rock. This woman's memory is remarkable - she knew every dog in the park regardless of thier age...I'd even bet she remembers thier racing names - and that's a challenge for sure as there were some strange names on these hounds proir to their adoption!

We had a grey't turnout for the walk with about 15 dogs in attendance...not too bad for a snowy Saturday morning in January! It was nice to connect with the owner's again and of course the dogs just love to see thier grey friends. It was a wonderful walk and I can't think of a better way to kick off GPAC-NL's activities for 2009. Many thanks to our Branch Director, Lynanne Furlong. for organizing this event for our group. Hope to see you all at our next event!

Gaylene Humby
Meet & Greet Coordinator, GPAC-NL, 2009.



Happy Birthday

Kate turns 13 on February 1st.

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Lincoln (left) and Nikki are hangin out.
Lincoln seems to think this is pretty funny!

submitted by: Gaylene Humby, pictures and dogs by Ellen St. Croix

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Chase Stockley
Chase is well recovered from his surgery...LOVES to go for walks!

submitted by:Gaylene Humby

Enzo

Enzo is enjoying a walk with his buddy Chase.



submitted by:Gaylene Humby

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L Sackville, NS 864-4343

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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.

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