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Happy 6th Birthday Enzo

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on Enzo's special
day.



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The Rainbow Bridge

In memory of our greyhounds

Fozzie

In August 2005 a very special and delightful young black greyhound named Kups Chablis came half bouncing and half limping into the lives of myself and Titus (my first greyhound). This silly, energetic and playful pup was recovering from a badly healed broken leg and needed a special foster home to help him regain the use of his foot and leg again. His toes were curling under from lack of use and he hopped around like a rabbit but never once did you ever see a sad look in his eye... he was just happy to be with people. I brought him home after some convincing from Jeanette that he would be ok and would be able to manage the five stairs that lead down into the family room of my house. I was concerned that he would hurt himself even more with those stairs and his leg but she assured me he was a little trooper and it really shouldn't be a problem for him. As it turned out, she was right! He came into the house and made his way down those steps without much difficulty at all. It was as though he already knew how to use stairs. It was also at that moment that I knew I was going to be in trouble and more than likely would fail Fostering 101. (haha!)

Within four hours of Kups Chabis being there and interacting with Titus I knew I was going to adopt him. I called Jeanette and told her that when he was given his clean bill of health I wanted first dibs on him because he simply wasn't going anywhere... he'd found his home with me. She just laughed and said of course but reminded me that he really did need to recover first before I could adopt him... he needed a lot of love and care to get him through his ordeal with his leg. So the first thing the next morning I made the call to the vet and set up his first



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appointment. After examining him thoroughly, she recommended a new therapy that was out for dogs and luckily a new place had just opened up offering those services. I was to take this little monkey to physiotherapy at a place called K-9 Woof Watchers after a month of rest and some toe exercises at home.

By the time that it came to bring him to the physio place I had found a suitable name for him. His name became Fozzie soon followed by nick names like Captain Insane-O, *cont'd on pg. 3*

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The Rainbow Bridge cont'd

Fozzie cont'd from pg. 2 Balistic Boy, and Dozzer-Do. He was so playful and so full of life and energy and completely mischievous that Fozzie suited him perfectly. He was just like the Sesame Street character, Fozzy Bear.

Fozzie went through 6 weeks of physio, hydro and laser therapy for his leg and in the end came out with less of a limp but still a limp nonetheless. Several times he hurt himself afterward by being too playful and twisting the wrong way and I would have to rush him off to the emergency vet hospital in the middle of the night because his leg was swelling up and he was in so much pain. But even at that, he never lost his smile and his eagerness to meet new people. Fozzie just loved life and everything it had to offer him.

It has been over 2 years since I've had to take my beautiful black boy to the vet for his leg and then suddenly on the evening of Feb 13 when I came home from work, I noticed he had a sore front paw as I took him out of his crate. I couldn't figure it out at first because I could play with his paw pads and he didn't so much as even look at me but when I went to bend his joint above his paw he let out a little whimper and that's when I noticed the large lump on his leg. I thought (and prayed) he had just sprained it outside the morning before (though he hadn't shown any signs of hurting himself then but you never know) and so I gave him some Metacam that I normally gave him for his back leg because I thought it surely would ease the pain and reverse the inflammation. Sadly, I was wrong.

The next morning his leg had doubled in size and there was heat on the joint. I called the vet right away and she agreed to see him on her lunch break. I brought him to the vet and started to become very worried that it may be bone cancer or something like that but I was also thinking, nah... he's gonna be just fine! The vet took his x-ray and then came to get me. The look on her face told me everything before I even saw the x-ray sheet. It was worse than I had thought! Fozzie had a large fracture in his front left leg that had been there for a while (I hadn't even known!!!!) and a large cancerous tumor had developed just above the fracture with bone cancer being inevitable. This was the worst news I could have ever received because I knew my hand was going to be forced to make one of the hardest decisions I would ever be faced with. Surgery of course was an option but it wasn't a fair option to Fozzie in this case because he already had a bad leg and it would be more trouble for him when



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he learned how to walk again... it would have been a self-ish choice and I just couldn't do that to my baby that had already been through so much before.

We were supposed to all go to the doggie bakery and get drawings done of each dog for Valentine's Day. I was spending the day with my three boys (Titus, Fozzie and Chase) and it was supposed to be a fun day. The vet said I could take Fozzie home for the weekend and said it would be ok to take him to the bakery but suggested it might be better if the artist could draw his picture from the car or a picture I had in my wallet. So we went there anyway and got the pictures done. Such a sad occasion for what was supposed to be such a great day... but the artist and the bakery were kind and understanding about it all. The next day was the Doggie Expo and I picked up as many treats as I could for my special boy. Everyone there was just as understanding and I thank you all for that. On Monday, February 16 I gave the last gift I would ever give to my boy and gave him the gift of peace and an eternity without any more pain. It has been the hardest thing I have ever had to do in my life.

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Check Out These Interesting Sites

snuzzy.com

*(search for - Polar Bear Attack, Gravity Back Scratcher & One Smart Pooch)
Pampered Paws Inn*

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

The Rainbow Bridge cont'd

Fozzie cont'd from pg. 3

I believe Fozzie came into my life for a reason. Not so much for myself but for my other two dogs; Titus and Chase. Without Fozzie, Titus would have probably never come out of his shell the way he did when Fozzie taught him how to play with toys and Chase may have never learned how to be confident and know that just because something was new didn't mean it was scary. Fozzie's job was done here because he'd shown the other two boys what they were missing in their lives. Fozzie also showed me that no matter how much pain he was in, he would always have a smile on his face for his Mommy who loved him so much because he was such a brave little boy. I have a huge heart for animals and I think he knew that. He sure knew how to milk me for extra treats and tummy rubs even when he was being the little mischievous bear I'd named him after. I could never scold him for anything for too long... he just had a way of melting my heart. Just as I'm sure he melted many of your hearts.

Fozzie had been fortunate to be known by many members of this group. His picture (along with Chase's) is in our cookbook and his photo is on the Meet and Greet banner/poster that's taken to the malls and other events to promote adoption and awareness. He touched the hearts of so many and even opened the door for some donated therapy for Chase when he had to go through the same thing but for 9 weeks instead of 6.

If anyone would like to make a donation in Fozzie's name and honor, please donate to the Sparkle Fund. Without that fund many greyhounds with special needs like Fozzie's may not get the help they need to live and thrive in a better life. I know Fozzie would be smiling down from Doggie Heaven wagging his tail with a squeaky toy in his mouth, thanking you all for helping another dog just like him to have a better and happier life.

We will miss you all my little Fozzie Bear,

Love Mommy, Titus, Chase and all of your friends



Boo



Boo (GG's Boulet) was a pre-adopted puppy who passed away in early February. Boo would of been 2 in March. We were so sad to get a call early Wednesday morning that on Tuesday Boo was in an accident racing and broke his leg in 3 spots. The vet decided it was best to help him cross the bridge as he was in severe pain and the break wouldn't be able to be fixed easily. Boo was racing at Bluff's Run and was doing very well for the past few months. We watched him grow from a tiny puppy just born with his eyes closed into a fun, happy, big boy who loved to play and loved to run. He always was smiling in his photos, everytime we got new pics there he would be, smiling and/or playing. Seeing pictures of him and videos was great, he would of been a perfect addition to our family. We will miss him very much and what could of been his wonderful retirement and life in Canada. Run free sweet Boo, you were loved more than you'll ever know.

-Brandy, Mike, Caliloka & Will



The Rainbow Bridge cont'd

Fever

It is with great sadness that I am writing this email to let you know that Fever passed away suddenly February 10th. Within a day Fever had lost the use of his hind leg; he did not seem to be in any pain. I took him to our vet first thing this morning and dropped him off. He went into cardiac arrest shortly thereafter. They performed CPR and resuscitated him, but he went into cardiac arrest again and passed away. The vet does not know why this happened, short of performing an autopsy; he had his check up two weeks ago and seemed fine. I guess it was just his time. Fever was an amazing dog, a living teddy bear, so gentle and loving. I can see him now running free on the Rainbow Bridge.

Hug your greyhounds tightly, they are on this earth far too short a time.

XOXO

Dominique, Merrill, Stella, Tillie, and Gypsy
submitted by Lynanne Furlong

A NATIVE AMERICAN POEM FOR THE GRIEVING

Do not stand at my grave and weep.

I am not there, I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow,

I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain,

I am the gentle autumn's rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush,

I am the swift uplifting rush

of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry,

I am not there, I did not die...

-Anonymous

SPARKLE CUP NOMINATION BALLOT

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Tips of the Month



Tackling Ticks

Ticks aren't just annoying little bugs. They can infect your dog with Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and other tick-borne diseases.

So if your pooch loves the great outdoors -- particularly if she wanders into wooded areas -- make sure to check her coat thoroughly and often, especially around the ears and neck. If you spot the bloodsuckers, remove them as soon as possible!

A tick that has burrowed into your dog's skin may be tricky to take out. Here's how to do it:

1. Slip on a pair of gloves to avoid direct contact with the tick.
2. Use tweezers to grasp the tick by its head at the point where it's attached to your pet's body.
3. Gently pull the tick away from the skin, but do not twist. Make sure you remove the entire tick -- anything left under the skin can cause an infection.
4. Clean the bite area with antiseptic, and wipe your tweezers with rubbing alcohol. You can kill the tick by placing it in a glass jar that contains at least several inches of the alcohol.

Contact your vet if the skin around the tick bite remains irritated. And to protect your pet during tick season (generally April through September), use a tick-preventive product that your vet recommends

Thanks to Angela Seguin for submitting the tips each month.

Happy 6th Birthday Enzo



February 11, 2009 was a special day at the Humby house in Mount Pearl. Newly adopted 'Enzo' turned six years old and he had a grey't day. From Barkk burgers to a birthday cake to two of his greyhound buddies dropping by, he was exhausted when the celebrations ceased. He got a brand new squeaky loofa dog that he just loves and even though the toy is still intact, we'll give it a few days and we're sure to see stuffing all over the place! He loves his toys. His greyhound brother Shadow got in the excitement too when he thoroughly enjoyed his favorite thing - completely shredding a gift bag - nothing thrills him more! The cat looked on, totally poisoned that there were yet two MORE 'dogs' invading her space! Oh well...the dogs had a blast!

Gaylene Humby

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Nova Scotia Hound Events

Yarmouth Meet & Greets

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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.

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

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- .tif Tiff image format (2 Meg max file size)
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- .doc MS-Word files (without embedded images)
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- .doc Lotus Word Pro file (no embedded photos/graphics)

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