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Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada's
Information Source

Inside April's Issue:

No facecloths needed

Malcolm is more than happy to do his part to keep Orion clean.

Submitted by Rosette
Comeau, Meteghan, NS



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The Rainbow Bridge

In memory of our greyhounds

Jade

It is with great sadness that I let you know that Jade Amata, aka WJS Amata, has crossed over to the Rainbow Bridge. She went to sleep in the arms of her Mom & Dad, Joshlyn Sweeney & Wayne Grant at the Torbay Road Animal Clinic @ 2:30 pm today.

We are both heartbroken but know that we could not let her continue to suffer with her bone cancer. Jade was seen by one veterinarian on February 16th and diagnosed with a pulled muscle. As she didn't get any better, I took her to another veterinarian for a second opinion. He took X-Rays which clearly showed bone cancer in her right front leg. She was given medication and we thought she may get better. But we know that we weren't able to accept the inevitable at that time. Since Monday evening, she was in pain and could not hardly get up or down.

I called the veterinarian early this morning and an appointment was made for 2pm. I was still not accepting the inevitable and requested more X-Rays which showed the cancer had progressed. The veterinarian could have increased her Demarol, but she would not be able to get around and I knew that it was selfish of me to do this. So with a heavy heart, she laid in our arms and went to sleep.

I have had pets all my life, but I was never so attached as what I was with Jade. She was my anchor



when I took sick in 2007 and she stayed by my side for 2 weeks after I came home from hospital, only leaving to go outside to do her business and return immediately. Her favourite past time was trying to find me when I would hide on her. You could hear her all over the house running back & forth, pushing doors open with her nose.

As the sticker on my van says: To own a greyhound - PRICELESS

Joshlyn Sweeney & Wayne Grant
Jade's Mom & Dad

submitted by Lynanne Furlong

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Photo by Greg Locke



The Rainbow Bridge

In memory of our greyhounds

Liza

The oldest known Greyhound in Atlantic Canada passed away Feb 25 at the 14.5 years of age.

She had a lot of personality and was still having some good times right up until the end. Some of you may recall the happy day we found her on the streets of Tulsa and brought her home. Of course, she descended from champions and was a successful racer back in the day.

D.Sorensen

Submitted by Lynanne Furlong

Foster Homes Needed

Temporary foster homes are needed. Satin a four year old brindle female is LOVELY! She is quiet and a little shy (so i would not put her in a home with children under 10). She is small animal friendly, loves her crate, can go 8 hours without peeing and loves walking and people. She just takes a little time to warm up but I think she will come out of her shell. I could place her just about anywhere just don't have a home waiting right now.

I will then take Hardy in myself unless someone would like to foster him (but I am waiting to hear back from another grey owner about adopting him). He needs follow up before any permanent plan can be made as he is refusing to walk (maybe takes retirement very seriously!). He had xrays yesterday but needs another one under sedation on tues. He is positive for babesia at 1:360 and may require treatment. Just waiting the results of the xray. He too is a four year old brindle male (beautiful dog!). So, if you may be interested in him, he is small dog friendly (would need to retest with cats) and LOVES everyone! Tail is always wagging and he actually hugs you! He nibbles your sleeve when really happy! He too crates really well with no accidents. Let me know if you would like to help out as it would be so nice to have two of them in a home.

Thanks and feel free to contact me at lyfurlong@yahoo.com.

Lynanne

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Tips of the Month



Infectious Water

Man's best friend can share more than the good things in life. Dogs can also share a pesky parasite.

The parasite Giardia is contracted by dogs that drink contaminated water, such as that found in puddles or lakes or even on wet kennel floors. Symptoms include diarrhea, weight loss, and hair loss, and puppies are at highest risk. Keep your dog away from water sources that may be contaminated and from wildlife fecal matter, and make sure to wash your hands after playing with pets. See your vet if you suspect that your dog has been infected.

Dog Safety – Training Your Dog

Well-behaved dogs are happier dogs...and so are their owners. Most undesirable behaviors can be changed with a strict training program. A well-trained and disciplined dog, one who is able to perform various tasks as well as provide personal and home protection, is an asset to his or her owner.

Proper training can fix most behavioral problems such as:

- Aggression with people or other dogs
- Excessive barking, growling, jumping, and/or biting
- Separation anxiety
- Home or yard destruction
- Begging, stealing, or whining for food
- Escaping and chasing cars
- Not responding to commands

Thanks to Angela Seguin for submitting the tips each month.

Giardia Parasite

Giardiasis (GEE-are-DYE-uh-sis) is a illness caused by a microscopic parasite. Once a person or animal has been infected with Giardia, the parasite lives in the intestine and is passed in feces. Because the parasite is protected by an outer shell, it can survive outside the body and in the environment for long periods of time (i.e., months).

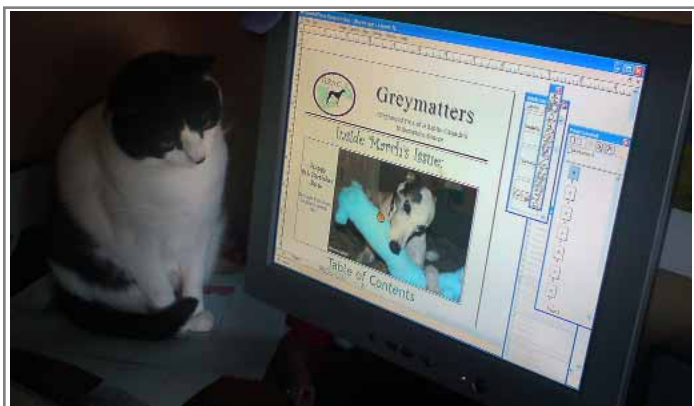
The Giardia parasite lives in the intestine of infected humans or animals. Millions of germs can be released in a bowel movement of an infected human or animal. Giardia is found on surfaces or in soil, food, or water that has been contaminated with the feces from infected humans or animals. You can become infected after accidentally swallowing the parasite; you cannot become infected through contact with blood. It is not wise to let you dog drink from any water that is near any fecal matter from any animal.

Infection can cause a variety of intestinal signs or symptoms, which include

- Diarrhea
- Gas or flatulence
- Greasy stools that tend to float
- Stomach or abdominal cramps
- Upset stomach or nausea

Most people who become infected by Giardia are infected by other people, however, it is possible to be infected by pets.

s.locke



Cloe over sees late night production in the Greymatters newsroom.

No More Poop Deck



For anyone traveling to Newfoundland with their pets via Marine Atlantic they will soon be faced with some changes. Marine Atlantic will be refitting their ferries to accommodate their new kennel facilities. In the near future when you book travel arrangements on Marine Atlantic Gulf crossings, either from North Sydney, Port aux Basque or to Argentia, you will be asked if you are traveling with pets. There will be two options available to you:

You can choose to keep your pet in your vehicle during the Port aux Basque crossing.

You can pay \$15.00 to use their kennel area but you MUST provide your own kennel and it must be “air-line” approved. Space is limited so if this is your option you must book ahead.

It is not recommended that pets be kept in the vehicle during the longer Argentia crossing as there will be no access to the car deck. Pets must be brought to the kennel area in their kennels unless size restricts doing so. In this case dogs must be muzzled and leashed during the walk to the kennel area.

Pet owners will have access cards to allow them entry to the kennel area but it will be a restricted area for non pet owners. The kennel room will have a gated area where pets can do their “business” and pet owners are expected to clean up after their pet by removing any soiled shavings. Adequate disposal units, bags, etc are supposed to be on hand for this use.

I had a few questions and concerns about the new policy so on March 26th/09 I contacted Marine Atlantic. I was concerned about those individuals who are traveling with large breed dogs. Now they have to travel with

large kennels as well. If you are traveling with your family and your large dog and you don't happen to have a huge van then you may have some difficulties, namely where are you putting a huge kennel in your car along with all the rest of your travel “stuff”. I can't think that many people would be happy to have to purchase a very expensive item, not to mention a muzzle, for a 6 hour crossing. I proposed that Marine Atlantic provide kennel rentals at the ferry terminal and these could be ordered at the time of booking passage. The Marine Atlantic spokesperson said that this would be considered.

For the most part, I personally believe that changes were needed to their current pet accommodations. I have traveled Marine Atlantic in April with a new greyhound fresh from Hound Day in NS and I can say that the accommodations were not good and at the time, only one of the boats had a kennel area.

All in all Greyhound owners will probably not be too worried as most of us have crates as well as muzzles but just imagine the German Sheppard or Newfoundland Dog owner who arrives at North Sydney to visit Newfoundland, they may not have a kennel and probably don't have a muzzle. Are they going to spend a few hundred dollars extra to visit us? Anyone interested in setting up a stall selling crates and muzzles? If you would like more details on the new policies check out Marine Atlantic at <http://www.marine-atlantic.ca>

If you have concerns or would like to make suggestions don't keep them to yourself let Marine Atlantic know.

...s. locke

Those Big Brown Eyes

The day we met, you stood there firm...
Those big brown eyes said fear.

I came toward you treat in hand...
You would not let me near....

Our car trip home was full of stress...
You escaped into greyhound sleep.

I showed you your new home and bed...
You asked if it was yours to keep?

Over the hours and days and weeks ahead...
Those big brown eyes they changed.

As we settled into our daily routines...
I found my life rearranged.

The morning walks, the daily plays...
Your eyes became so clear.

They sparkled wide and full of life...
Whenever I came near.

This is your home and now you see...
Your fear and confusion is done.

Those big brown eyes can focus now...
On having Greyhound fun!

They question, they challenge, they dance with joy...
Those big brown eyes, they do.

All the while I'm bending over...
Picking up after you.

So, fear not new adopters....
You are also starting to learn.

That Greyhounds use those big brown eyes..
To give our hearts a turn.

Have fun with yours but watch those eyes...
They tell you what you can't see.

But those big brown eyes will always say....
Thank You for Adopting ME!

*By: An anonymous adopter of 2 greys
in Atlantic Canada*

*(Dedicated to all of the brand new
Greyhound Parents in Atlantic Canada)*

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Girl Guidin' Greyhounds!

In early February I was approached by a Girl Guide leader asking me if GPAC-NL would be interested in being a part of one of their monthly meetings in Foxtrap. Of course I jumped at the opportunity and dug out sixty mini cards to make sure that our message went well beyond the room we were in!

The Girl Guides and Brownies congregated together and with close to fifty five in attendance the four greys at the meeting got lots of love and attention. The girls had several questions they wanted answered and they were just itching to pet the dogs! The leader of the group had treats for the dogs (greyhound's favorite) Timbits! and the children were delighted to see such big dogs get so excited over little tiny timbits!

It was a grey't night and I think it's safe to say it was enjoyed by all! One of the Girl Guide leaders says that she's going to have a greyhound some day and even before we got inside the room where the girls were waiting for us, I handed a mini card with our info on it to a gentleman inquiring about our adoption process! One should never underestimate the power of volunteering - it goes far beyond what you can imagine!

Thanks to those that participated in this event - Lynanne and Dolly, Karen and Rain, Ellen and Nikki and of course my Enzo. You guys did grey't! Thanks so much!

Gaylene Humby

Meet & Greet Coordinator, GPAC-NL, 2009.

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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
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- .pdf Adobe Acrobat format
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 - 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.

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