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Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada's
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Darla is willing to share her pillow and be a pillow for Maggie as well.

submitted by: Gaylene Humby



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Pup My Ride

Honda puts dogs in their Element

As a further evidence that humans will give anything for their dogs, Honda Motor Company unveiled its Element for Dogs at the New York Auto Show last month.

The small SUV comes with everything for safe and comfortable travel for the discerning dog and dog owner. Easy clean material, a cushioned dog bed, doggie seat belt, rear compartment fan, spill resistant food bowls and even a loading ramp for those too large to lift. Seat covers are machine washable. For smaller dogs there is an integrated cushy pet carrier in the backseat and a line of pet accessories to fit all Honda models. The rubber floor mats feature a toy-bone pattern, and paw-print emblems on the side and back of the vehicle draw attention to its pet-friendly status.

Never before has a car company put so much effort into marketing to the dog loving demographic but in Japan there are more dogs and cats than children under the age of 15. It's a marketing no-brainer.

"Pets have become more like family, more important to households than ever before," said James Jenkins, a senior product planner for Honda. "We felt this was the perfect vehicle to offer such dog-friendly features."

Honda showed an interest in pets through the "Wonderful Openhearted Wagon" concept that the company unveiled in 2005. That demonstration model included pet-friendly materials, a place for small animals to ride up front and a larger pet carrier that popped up from the floor in the back seat. Pet owners clamoured for Honda to put the features into production, Jenkins said.



Dog friendly Honda Element at the NYC Auto Show.

There are about 75 million dogs in the U.S. and the market for pet products and services totalled more than \$43 billion last year, according to the American Pet Products Association. Expect to see the Element in the showroom in the fall.

No price was announced for the pupped out ride .dog!

...by Greg Locke



**Dash-
board
Carrier in the
Honda Wow
Concept Car.**

Photos courtesy of the NYC Auto Show and Honda Motor Co.

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Photo by Greg Locke

Greyhounds meet Beavers



Some time ago we were asked by a leader of a local Beaver's Group in Mount Pearl if GPAC would be interested in attending one of their meetings. Of course, as we never turn down an opportunity to publicize this most wonderful breed, we accepted the invitation and rounded up a few 'ole faithfuls' and off we went!

April 28, 2009 was the date of the meeting and in attendance was Lynanne Furlong with Dolly, Ellen St. Croix with Nikki, Karen McDonald with Rain and myself with Enzo. There were close to twenty Beavers in attendance and to say that they were 'excited' would be an understatement - they were over the moon to learn that a greyhound can run faster than their scooters! One of the leaders said it would be fun to let the dogs run free in the gymnasium...and fun it was! I'm not sure who enjoyed themselves more - the children or the dogs!

It was a grey't evening and of course, as usual, we left a pile of mini cards behind - because you just never know!

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

Come join
'Sky High Amusements'
as they sponsor a
'Grey't Family Fun Day
June 14, 2009 - 2:00 PM
Bowring Park, St. John's, NL

Tips of the Month



Shedding: How to Keep the Fur from Flying

A dog that doesn't shed? Not unless it's one that's totally hairless. Shedding is the part of your pup's biology that lets a new coat come in. Fortunately, one simple thing can help keep more fur on Fluffy and less on your favorite sweater.

Brush, brush, brush. The more hair you're able to dispose of, the less of it you'll find on your clothes, couch, carpet, and car seats. Short-haired dogs should be brushed two or three times a week, while medium- to long-haired dogs should be groomed daily, especially during the spring and the summer. If your pooch develops severe mats, take her to your vet or a professional groomer -- careful shaving is the only way to take care of the problem.

And ask what kind of brush is best for your dog's coat.

Let your vet know if your pooch starts shedding more than usual or if you notice bald spots. Excessive hair loss is not a part of normal aging, and it could be a sign of a health condition, including cancer, ringworm, mange, or a skin infection.

A bonus of regular brushing, besides keeping your house as hair-free as possible: It'll keep your pup's coat cleaner, softer, and completely petable!

Parasitic Conditions – Intestinal Worms

Intestinal worms, including tapeworms, hookworms, and roundworms, can cause dog health problems such as diarrhea, weight loss, dry hair, and vomiting. In some cases, there are no symptoms and the worms can be passed from mothers to offspring during pregnancy.

There are many types of intestinal worms:

Tapeworms are one of the most common intestinal parasites in dogs. Dogs contract tapeworm by licking and swallowing fleas that are carrying tapeworm eggs.

Hookworms and whipworms can cause anemia by sucking large amounts of blood from the intestinal wall vessels of dogs.

Roundworms are particularly dangerous because they can infect humans; they infect children more often than adults.

There are treatments that can eliminate most parasitic worm infestations. Ask your vet about the best treatments for Greyhounds.

Thanks to Angela Seguin for submitting the tips each month.

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www.conceptionbaykennelclub.com

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Easter B'egg Hunts



This was the first year of many Easter B'egg Hunts to come by the Three Dog Bakery and Naughty Dog Boutique in support of the Bide A-While Animal Shelter. I posted a note on the GPAC discussion group about a week before the event and encouraged other greyhound owners to come join the fun. I saw five greyhounds there (my two included) but chances are there were many more I did not see. There were so many dogs from all over HRM that I am sure it would not have been possible to see everyone who showed up.

...Angela Sequin

**The Easter B'egg Hunt
sure was a lot of fun.**



... Angela Sequin

Good Food, Good Friends, Good Naps



This is what happens when you give greyhounds a morsel of Easter turkey and then take them for a short stroll through the neighborhood. This is exactly how Shadow, Enzo, Nikki and Lincoln ended up on Easter Sunday.

...Gaylene Humby

Titus celebrated his 9th birthday and 4th Gotcha Day April 8, 2009



submitted by: Angela Seguin

SPARKLE CUP NOMINATION BALLOT

I NOMINATE _____ OF
_____ TO BE THE NEXT SPARKLE CUP VOLUNTEER
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L-R - Rod Stockley with Chase, Julie Myles and Mark Porter with Starbuck, Gaylene Humby with Nikki and Lincoln (thier owner Ellen St. Croix took the picture) and last but not most certainly not least, Laura Lee Hiscock from the Conception Bay Kennel Club.

A Heart for Homeless Hounds

Early at the start of our Meet & Greet in Carbonear on April 25, 2009, I left our booth in the reliable hands of some of our volunteers and took a stroll through the mall. There wasn't many people around and for that minute I began to question myself why I even bother to put so much of my time and my life into volunteering with GPAC-NL. I stopped questioning myself later that day...

While giving someone at our Meet & Greet in Carbonear information on the adoption process for a retired racer, I noticed in the corner of my eye another young lady seemed to be waiting for my attention. I didn't rush the conversation I was having, I finished up what I had to say and then proceeded to speak to her, not realizing how what she had to say would move me to tears. Her name was Laura Lee Hiscock. She held an envelope in her hand and started to tell me who she was and why she came to see us. She is a representative from the Conception Bay Kennel Club and told me that she admired how hard we work in rescuing greyhounds. She said we seemed passionate. I told her we are. She passed the envelope to me and said 'Instead of our group exchanging Christmas gifts this year, we collected the

money that we would spend on presents and decided to donate it to Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada to help with your rescue efforts. Here is \$180.00 to use however you can.' Well, that was it for me...I looked at her with my eyes filled with tears and thanked her as best I could with a crackly voice. I told her that we work really hard and we put our heart and soul into our organization and that this very kind gesture means so much. It will most certainly help us out and our gratitude goes beyond words. In addition to that, Laura Lee invited GPAC-NL to their annual kennel club expo in September. I told her to we would be honored to attend.

Volunteering isn't always easy. It's hard, unpaid work. Really, it is work. But the rewards are better than any pay cheque. Like Lynanne said to me one time, 'Seeing those skinny, dirty faces get off an airplane makes all the difference.' And it does. That's why I and so many countless others work so hard to make GPAC-NL what it is today...without our volunteers, we wouldn't exist. I'm a volunteer like everyone else, but from me to you, thank you a million times over. The hounds we've rescued are resting comfortably and are quite happy - thanks to you.

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Laura Lee Hiscock, (see above) just recently opened her own boarding kennel called 'Happy Tails.' For more information please contact 596-PAWS (7297) and her e-mail is happy-tails09@hotmail.com.

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



Shadow, Enzo, Lincoln and Nikki soaking up the attention in Carbonear, NL



Starbuck checking out the toy selection

Styxie, Missy and Indy attend their very first Meet & Greet

Styxie (below right) and Missy (right) who are both from Ontario and Indy (below) meet the crowds at the TC Square in Carnonear, Newfoundland. The Meet & Greet was a huge success thanks to all who participated and helped present our cause to the outstanding generous people of Conception Bay North.



All pictures submitted by Gaylene Humby

Nova Scotia Hound Events

Newfoundland Hound Events

Yarmouth Meet & Greet

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.

St. John's Meet & Greet

May 16th 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Avalon Mall

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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

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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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