



# Greymatters

Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada's  
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## J's Newton



With his Dad standing over him, our handsome boy passed away December 7, 2009 in his Mom's arms. There are so many words to describe Newton. He was funny, loving, stoic, forgiving, amazing, and tolerant. The list could go on and on. Newton was a loyal friend and companion to grey brother Cacher. With Cacher being much younger, Newton had to tolerate many of the silly and energetic antics Cacher would get up to. Newton did so with patience and grace. Newton was the calm in an otherwise hectic house. He was our faithful alarm clock, he expected his meals at a certain time every day, he expected Cacher to move out of his way and calmly stood still until Cacher got the hint, and he was very set in his ways. He loved his walks but only when it was cool/cold out. Summers were becoming very hard for him. His one biggest joy was in the field running. He wasn't able to run often as he had a sore hip so we thank God every day that, on a whim, we took him on what was to be his last run just a couple of weeks before he died. There he played with many of his grey and human friends. I can still see him running towards me and looking so proud of himself. He literally smiled and if he could talk, he would have said "Look at me Mom! I'm running!" Newton had many health problems that he fought hard to overcome - and he did. Ultimately, his last fight only lasted a few days and as horrible as this has been, we are thankful that he did not suffer a long illness. Cacher still walks around the house whining and searching and all of our hearts are broken. We know he has crossed the bridge and is running free, without pain, and is very happy. We find comfort in that.

I would be remiss not to mention a few people who impacted Newton's life, and through Newton, our lives. Jeanette and Dave - I'm sure you don't remember but the night we picked Newton up was bitterly cold and we didn't arrive at the kennel until after 10pm. Nevertheless, you were both there waiting, Jeanette in her PJs, Newton all ready. There are no words to thank you enough for allowing Newton to come into our lives. Belinda and Stephen Gurnham of GFONS. You are both incredible people doing incredible things. You were with Newton from the very beginning of his life with us and your kindness was always present and unwavering. Thank you from us but most importantly, thank you from Newton.

Submitted by C. Bower

### 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



**Darcy enjoys a Xmas snooze under the tree.**

Submitted by M. Snow

## Check Out These Interesting Sites

<http://http://www.dogage.com/care/tipoftheweek.aspx>  
[lifestyle.sympatico.ca/living/pets](http://lifestyle.sympatico.ca/living/pets)

*If you know of any interesting internet sites you would like to share send them in to [greymatters@straylight.ca](mailto:greymatters@straylight.ca)*

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### 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;

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Send Nomination Ballot to:  
 GPAC  
 343 West Petpeswick Road  
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## Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge.

There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by.

The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....

Author unknown...

Submitted by: J. Melanson



## Rest in Peace

We would like to send our thoughts and wishes to all our friends who have recently lost their beloved greyhounds:

Kelso (Jan 2010) - Jennifer Melason  
Storm (Nov 2009) - Lauren Cheeseman  
Newton Orbit (Dec 2009) - Chris Bower  
Rico (Dec 2009) - Lynn, Robert, Alyssa & Family  
Sidney (Dec 2009) - Barry Tucker & Family

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(across the top or  
bottom of a page)  
\$20.00 - ½ page ad  
\$35.00 - full page ad

Photo by Greg Locke



## **RICO (JC Deans Party)**

June 7, 1996 - December 31, 2009

On New Year's eve, we lost a wonderful old friend; we made the very difficult decision to help our ole' Rico to the Rainbow Bridge.

This sweet boy came to us in March 2005, (at almost 9 years of age), after he was returned to GPAC. His first family no longer had time for him and his "brother", Tucker, even though they had them for over 5 years. Tucker was immediately adopted into a loving home, and we agreed to foster Rico until another home could be found. At that time, we already had our first greyhound, Pablo, and our 4 1/2 year old daughter, Alyssa. We were not looking to have another dog in the house, but he charmed his way into our hearts within a

few days, and we KNEW we would not be letting him go.

Rico was a sweet, loving and goofy boy; very different from the reserved and somewhat aloof, Pablo, but they quickly became the best of friends.

Rico never met a stranger and he loved everyone. He was a wonderful ambassador for greyhound adoption, taking part in many parades, meet & greets and in-home visits with potential adopters.

Some of my fondest memories of our boy was seeing him play in the snow! He LOVED the snow! He would run, play and romp in the fluffy white stuff for as long as we would let him.

In the next few years, he helped us welcome 3 more special hounds to the family: Halo, Tator Tot and Dale. He was more than happy to let us share our love with them. As I said before, he loved everyone.

Our sweet ole' fella slowed down a lot in the last couple of years, and his health deteriorated, including hind-end weakness, but he still maintained his zest for life. It wasn't until last week, we noticed that he lost his "sparkle" and was having a more difficult time with normal activities of daily living.

It was one of the hardest decisions we have ever had to make, but our vet came to the house on December 31, and sent our wonderful ole' friend to the Rainbow Bridge. He passed away with his Mom & Dad at his side and his head on Mama's lap.

Rico, we will always love you and cherish all of the wonderful memories that we have of you. We miss you so much already and we are heart-broken that you are gone. Our lives have been enriched because of your presence, and we will never, ever forget you.

RUN FREE, Sweet Boy! We hope there is some snow in heaven for you!

Love,  
Mama Lynn, Daddy Robert and Alyssa & Pablo, Halo, Tator Tot & Dale.  
XO XO



### 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](mailto: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.

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