



Greymatters

Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada's Information Source

One dog at a time

'Crisis' in Massachusetts: racetrack closing and 1,000 greyhounds homeless; Lynnanne Furlong hopes eight will come to this province



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Editors Note

“One dog at a time” say the headline in a local St. John’s Newspaper. (see cover picture) “The World’s fastest dogs sprint their way into people’s hearts” say another local headline. Here in St. John’s we have received quite a bit of local media coverage with two newspaper articles and a piece on our local community T.V. channel “Out of the Fog”. Let’s hope it stirs up some interest.

Hey Belinda, it took Tiagh almost 4 years to build up the courage to claim the couch.

Sue Locke

The Fire Hydrant

Hound Day will arrive quicker than we think so anyone who can send the kennel a care package of cleaning supplies, towels, blankets, etc. it would be appreciated. You don’t even have to have a greyhound in order to help.

In Newfoundland just drop Lynanne or Blair a line. In Nova Scotia contact the Kennel or

Every little bit helps.

Lynanne: lyfurlong@yahoo.com

Blair: bryan@nl.rogers.com



The Animals' Savior

I looked at all the cages in the shelter.....the cast-offs of human society

I saw in their eyes love and hope, fear and dread, sadness and betrayal.
And I was angry

"God", I said, " this is terrible! Why don't you do something?"

God was silent for a moment and then He spoke softly.

"I have done something," He replied.
"I created YOU."

Submitted by: Lauren Cheeseman
www.voiceforcanines.net

Please... if you have organized or are planning on organizing an event in another province or city, please forward the information to Susan Locke (greymatters@straylight.ca) for the monthly newsletter and also to Cheryl Sinnott (gpacmcs@hfx.eastlink.ca) so she can spread the word to the members.

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Photo by Greg Locke

VRP Update

Volunteer Recognition Program

- by Belinda and Stephen Gurnham

Special Thanks To;

Francis and Laurel Joudrey

For donating the "Greyhounds Race Into Your Heart" decals. They were sold at Hound Day, April 8/05, with \$60 being donated to the Sparkle Fund.

Also, for the donation of the two coats for the two new hounds. Laurel, You should have been there to see Francis put them on two shivering hounds. It was tooooo cute.

To both of you, Thank-you so much for what you do to support GPAC, you are very special people.

Grey't Note To Lisa Morrissey

From Belinda and Stephen Gurnham

What a beautiful article you wrote in the last Greymatters. Returned Greyhounds is an issue very seldom ever touched upon, and you certainly turned what could have been a negative, into a positive positive. As volunteers for many years with GPAC, we have worked very hard to assure Greyhounds have gone to a permanent loving home. It just breaks our hearts when they are returned. To know there are people like you out there eases the pain we go through when there is a return.

A picture is said to paint a thousand words, but the one of Julia, Spanky and Pharaoh needs only a few. "Returned doesn't mean rejected - Just really meant for me!"

Thank-you

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of Atlantic Canada**

Letter To Max

By: Belinda Gurnham

Dear Max,

Ok! You Win! I have tried for almost 5 years to keep you off the couch. Just because I didn't pee on the corner to mark it, doesn't mean it's not my territory. I expected you to respect that. Your Dad gave in a long time ago. It's been years Max, yes YEARS, since Dad sat on my couch. He gave into you too a long time ago. You took his recliner. However, Dad has a new one, not quite with the window view you have, but at least he has a place to sit.

Your Aunt Jeanette told us a long time ago to make you stay off the furniture, if we didn't want you there. Well, I tried Max. I was very firm in my command "DOWN". You thought "down" was something in a pillow, and immediately went to sleep. For awhile I thought you might be deaf, as you never seemed to listen. I was so worried something was wrong. However, when I said "WALK" you seemed fine, I noticed, as I picked myself up off the floor, where you knocked me on your way to the door. Obviously Greyhounds have selective hearing! I am a strong person Max, but you are a stronger Greyhound. I don't have the patience, determination, and tenacity that you have. I don't have the intelligence to be as cunning, stealthful, or sneaky as you. I'm only a human after all.

I sit here tonight, in a one foot square corner of the couch, having my dinner, trying to watch a little TV, I hope my butt isn't in your way as you stretch out.

I put up a good fight though, didn't I Max? MAX!! zzzzzzz. Oh, forget it!

Love Mom.

Letter To Mom

By: Max

Dear Mom,
It's all about ME!!!

Love Max



"Paw Prints for Grey't Pals"

Now is your chance to honor your Greyhound(s) and help support the Sparkle Fund. For a mere donation of \$12.00 we will place a stamp of an actual custom Greyhound Paw Print within the interior of Houndmart. Each paw-print will include the family name as well as the name(s) of your Greyhound(s), to a maximum of 3 Greys per print. If you have more than 3 greyhounds (Bless you), any additional paw prints are available for a donation of \$8.00 each. Should you have space left on your print, future adoptions will be added at no extra charge. We can provide gift certificates.

For those who wish to remember their dear departed Greys through a paw-print, we will do separate "In Memory" prints. Donations at your discretion.

To order your Paw Prints for Grey't Pals please complete the order form.

Paw Prints Update

As of April 8/05 \$401.00 was donated to the Sparkle Fund through Paw Prints in the Kennel and donations. Many thanks to all.

If you haven't requested a Paw Print yet, please do so. Everyone wins including the Hounds.

Ps. The Audit firm of Hound, Rooo and Couch Potato has brought to our attention a misprint of the donation to Paw Prints in the last issue. We apologize for any confusion. (Donations said \$8.00 - Should have been \$9.00 to bring total of \$69.00)

Welcome New Adopters

We would like to extend congratulations and a grey't welcome to any new adopters.

Are you moving?

If so please send us your new address.

My Name
123 Rocky Rd.
Anyplace Somewhere 1B2 C3D

Greyhound Pets of Canada
P.O. Box 38203
Dartmouth, NS B3B 1X2

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

Send to:

B. Gurnham -

6 Nelson Ave.

Halifax, NS

B3P 1V8

All Proceeds to the Sparkle Fund

Newfoundland Hound News

Flea Market

The Flea Market will be held at Mary Queen of the World on Topsail Road on Saturday **June 18** from 8:30am-1:00pm. We're looking for donations of anything that could be sold, as well as volunteers both the night before to help set up, and the day of the event to help out. If any of you with a van or truck would be willing to help us get everything there the night before, that would be greatly appreciated. If you have donations please let either myself or Blair know at lauren@nl.rogers.com or bryan@nl.rogers.com and we can make arrangements to get it from you.

Thank you



GPAC Recycling Program - NL

Here's how it works. An account has been established on behalf of GPAC with EVERGREEN RECYCLING. Anytime you, your family or friends bring in all those bags of pop bottles etc., you can now ask for the return to be placed into the account. This can be done via either of the three locations across the city. It will remain there until a time when we have a need for funds. The returns are usually small but with a small push I think it can work.....SO START RECYCLING!

Come one come all to the SPCA Walk for the Animals.

It is fast approaching and I would like to invite everyone to come along and enjoy the walk around Kent's Pond as a group of greyhounds and maybe raise a little money for the shelter. It will be held on Sunday, June 12 at 2PM - so please mark your calendar and pray we have nicer weather than what we are having now.

I look forward to seeing everyone there with their greyhound(s). Please check out the SPCA web site for all rules and conditions - www.spcashelter.nf.ca click on News & Events and you will see the links for info on the walk and the sponsor sheet. Or you can call me or SPCA (726-0301) and I will mail you a copy.

Any questions please feel free to contact me.

Cheryl Stacey 722-6102

Meet and Greet Dates to circle on your calendar

June 4 - July 23

The Village Mall - Topsail Rd., St. John's, NL

For Nfld Meet & Greets: Call Lauren Cheeseman at (709) 368-3973 or e-mail lauren@nl.rogers.com

Let VRP know!

We of the VRP urge all Volunteers of GPAC to contact us of any Volunteer activities; be it a parade, Meet & Greets, Above and Beyond, Sparkle Cup Nominees, visits to hospitals, schools, museums, nursing homes, exhibitions, libraries, or anything you do to promote our wonderful hounds. We want to know! This includes all chapters in all provinces within our organization. Based on everyone's enthusiasm and the venues booked so far for 2004, it's going to be an awesome year. You are making a difference. Thank-you.

Belinda & Stephen Gurnham
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P.S. - we would appreciate it if you send names you also include phone numbers for the people participating.

Another successful adoption

I just want to say thank you again for allowing us to adopt another beautiful grey. Reb's Lane (Lane-Y!) is doing amazingly. It seems as though it was like magic- one day timid and shy, tail between legs, TERRified of the stairs.... but after only two full days here, he is wagging his tail (which I'm sure he had to 'learn' to do for God's sake, why would he be happy and wagging in his six years at the track), he is smiling and eager to follow & please. AND!!! Get this! He is running UP the stairs on both the outside and inside, and (though tentatively) he also comes DOWN the inside stairs with increasing confidence. It's really sweet to see him start to relax already and to know that he is starting to realize that 'this is the way it is'.....

He has opened up our hearts even more, and even has reminded us of where Dahl came from (because over time, it is easy to forget they ever were depraved of love and affection, since they adapt so perfectly to a home and feel like they've been here forever..)

Laney is the most gentle and loving grey I've ever met, though we absolutely adore Dahl too of course, (and I feel that we have the two best greys one could ever wish for--biased?? nope. :)

Thank you,

Vanessa, Todd, Dylan, Dahl, and Laney

Newfoundland GPAC Website

Vanessa Stockley has built us a new local GPAC website, which is amazing! A grey't big ROOOOO to you, thanks. She's looking for photos of our Newfoundland greys to be included on it, so if you have any to send, her e-mail address is listed below. This is your chance to show off your grey. ! granitestudios@nl.rogers.com

Check out the site at:

www.granitestudios.ca/rockhounds.html

A really BIG thank you to everyone that managed to place an order, every bit helps as GPAC gets exactly half of the total amount sold. That's not bad for something that doesn't involve much work. Though, like all these events, it takes your involvement-so i will say it again.....THANK YOU! To all that placed orders we can expect about a two week turn around on the order... so probably the middle of May.

Blair

FOR FOSTER FOLKS

There I sat, alone and afraid,
You got a call and came right to my aid.
You bundled me up with blankets and love.
And, when I needed it most, you gave me a hug.
I learned that the world was not all that scary and cold.
That sometimes there is someone to have and to hold.
You taught me what love is, you helped me to mend.
You loved me and healed me and became my first friend.
And just when I thought you'd done all you do,
There came along not one new lesson, but two.
First you said, "Sweetheart, you're ready to go.
I've done all I can, and you've learned all I know."
Then you bundled me up with a blanket and kiss.
Along came a new family, they even have kids!
They took me to their home, forever to stay.

At first I thought you sent me away.
Then that second lesson became perfectly clear.
No matter how far, you will always be near.
And so, Foster Mom, you know I've moved on.
I have a new home, with toys and a lawn.
But I'll never forget what I learned that first day.
You never really give your fosters away.
You gave me these thoughts to remember you by.
We may never meet again, and now I know why.
You'll remember I lived with you for a time.
I may not be yours, but you'll always be mine.

- Author Unknown

Submitted by: Judi mallinson



GPAC Recycling Program (Fundraiser) - NS

People may or may not know that your cans & bottles can raise money for GPAC. For the last several months, there has been accounts set up at 3 different recycling depots throughout the HRM. We also encourage any of the branches to follow suit if they are not doing so already. All you have to do is contact your local recycling center and ask them to set up an account. Then anyone can designate that their recycling return can go to GPAC. In Dartmouth we have raised over \$60 so far. It could be a lot more!! The following locations have accounts set up. Please consider donating your recycling to GPAC.

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 Lady Hammond Rd,
Halifax, NS 454-4888

Enviro Depot, Water Street, Yarmouth

Enviro Depot, 12A Rosedale Ave, Dartmouth
Nova Scotia

All Meet & Greets are scheduled from 10am – 4pm except where noted. We are always looking for volunteers to come out and donate a couple of hours of their time to educate the public on these wonderful dogs. A lot of people are not aware that a greyhound adoption program exists in the Atlantic Provinces. The more exposure the dogs get, the better the chances will be of placing more dogs. The malls are a great way to get that exposure. Mall meets are the number one source of new adopters. So if anyone who would like to come out and help, here are the contacts:

June 18 - Sunnyside Mall, Bedford

July 30 - Halifax Shopping Centre, Halifax

August 20 - Mic Mac Mall, Dartmouth

September 24 - Bedford Place, Bedford

October 15 - Yarmouth Mall, Yarmouth

October 22 - Sunnyside Mall, Bedford

November 19 - Halifax Shopping Center, Halifax

Contacts:

For Halifax Meet & Greets: Please call Cheryl Sinnott at Home: 435-1099, Fax: 435-0415, Cell: 471-6973 or e-mail fastdog1@ns.sympatico.ca

For Yarmouth Meet & Greets: Please call Judi Mallinson at 648-2717 or e-mail judi_mallinson@yahoo.ca

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;

Send Nomination Ballot to:
Attn: B. Gurnham
6 Nelson Ave.
Halifax, NS B3P 1V8

Attention! Yarmouth Area Greyhounds

Yarmouth Area Greyhounds will be walking every Wednesday night at 6:30pm, meeting at the Tims/Wendies Train Station, we can walk the Water Front route or Main Street depending on the wind/weather. There is no cancellation for these walks, it's by choice, you decide if the weather is not suitable for you and your hound(s). Sometimes there may be only one family or a dozen or more but regardless your puppy will appreciate the walk. If you need pamphlets to pass out on your Summer walks be sure to ask me for some. When the ticks die down we can head back out to Ellen Wood park again and maybe try some of the local trails as well on a Sunday Afternoon. Put on your walking shoes and pack the poop bags :-) Lets have some fun with the hounds...

Thanks to everyone who participated in our April 23rd meet n greet, as always it was alot of fun and lots of info was passed out.....!!!!!! The NS tartan donation dog coat that Gayle Owen made was a huge success again bringing lots of change and \$10 bills as well !!!! Awsome...A grey't idea !!! And the home made dog treat are a huge hit with folks....a total of \$125 + was donated !!! and the raffle for two baskets is under way as well. A big Rooooooo to Colette and Percy Cottreau for taking letters around to local businesses, collecting the items and arranging the rafle....you guys are grey't !!!!

And welcome to "Cisco" who has moved to the area with his family !!! So glad to have you here !!!!!

Enjoy your Summer Everyone,
Judi



Basket #1 \$250.00 value

Both baskets contain a bottle of K-9 shine - not shown

Yarmouth GPAC Basket Raffle !!!!!

For Tickets to buy or sell please call Colette Cottreau at 902-663-2292 or email her at pcottreau@hotmail.com
Draw date is **October 15th, 2005** at the Yarmouth Mall 4pm...right after the meet n greet :-)

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 !!!!

Just think of how quickly you can finish your Christmas shopping if you win one of these baskets.....!!!! oh and the greyhound watch is a must have item !!!!!

Raffel Donators:

A big thankyou goes out to the following businesses for their donation(s). **(Basket #1 \$250.00 value)**

1. *Feeds n Needs* - Bird Feeder, bird seed, \$ 30.00 gift certificate and dog food.
2. *Ellis Print*- Pen and Paper
3. *Hillside Tack Shop & Pet Store*- \$15.00 Gift Certificate
4. *Atlantic Super Store* \$10.00 Gift Certificate.
5. *Catherine's Hair Care*- Shampoo
6. *Lazer's K-9 shine*- 2 500ml bottles
7. Credit Union - Travel Mug

Thankyou to friends of the greyhounds for their donations. **(Basket #2 \$150.00 value)**

1. *Fannie Bourque*-Doilly, coasters and candle
2. *Yvonne Cottreau*- wallet and tea towel
3. *Gayle & Rick Owen*- Greyhound watch !!!!!
4. *Rea Saunier*- chocolates
5. *Sheri & Mike Needham*- cookbook.
6. *Una Cottreau*- ceramic dog
7. *Hotcoats4coolHounds*-small dog coat
8. *Lazer's k-9 shine* - 500ml bottle



Basket #2 150.0 value

Why I Love My Dog

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

-Anonymous ~

Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful.

-Ann Landers ~

If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die, I want to go where they went.

-Will Rogers ~

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.

-Ben Williams ~

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.

Josh Billings ~

The average dog is a nicer person than the average person.

-Andy Rooney ~

We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made.

-M. Acklam

Dogs love their friends, and bite their enemies, quite unlike people, who are incapable of pure love, and always have to mix love & hate.

-Sigmund Freud ~

I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult.

Rita Rudner ~

A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down.

-Robert Benchley ~

Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like, never washed a dog.

-Franklin P. Jones ~

If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons.

-James Thurber ~

My dog is worried about the economy, because Alpo is up to \$3.00 a can. That's almost \$21.00 in dog money.

-Joe Weinstein

Ever consider what our dogs must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul...chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the! greatest hunters on earth!

-Anne Tyler ~

Women and cats will do as they please; and men and dogs should relax, and get used to the idea.

-Robert A. Heinlein

Speak softly, and own a big, mean Doberman.

-Dave Miliman ~

If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. That is the principal difference between a dog and a man.

-Mark Twain ~

You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, "Wow, you're right! I never would've thought of that!"

- Dave Barry

Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.

-Roger Caras

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then giving Fido only two of them. -

Phil Pastoret ~

My goal in life is to be as good a person as my dog already thinks I am.

-Unknown author

www.hotcoats4coolhounds.com

Submitted by: Judi Mallinson

Meet Our Greyhound

Louie



Photo submitted by the Sears Family

Louie turned 12 years old on May 3. He has been with us since early December '04 as a foster. He has been a wonderful companion for our other two greys Zoe and Cleo. Louie is a loveable senior who greytly appreciates every little thing from his daily walks to his puffy bed. He is hard of hearing so we sometimes have to call him very loudly to come for his supper but he never misses it! He has recently spent the weekend at our cottage where there is a very large fenced in area for him to run. He had a great time even though he didn't run too long. He loves hugs and kisses and especially likes it when he is brushed and massaged, but who wouldn't?. We made sure that Louie got special treatment on his special day.

Happy Birthday Louie, We love you!

The Sears Family

Dog food delimas Update

Where do you store your dog food? In the basement on a concrete floor, leaning against the concrete wall, unheated shed/porch, barn, or garage. Well these are all "bad" places to keep that foodbag. Damp places can cause the introduction of mold to the dog food.

Now I know that some people have more than one greyhound and some people need to buy dog food in the pick-up truck size bag and most of us just don't have room in our kitchen or cupboard for a bag that size. Here are some ideas:

- If you keep your dog food in the basement in an unheated or damp area keep the food off the floor and not against the walls.
- If you need to transfer smaller more manageable amounts in another container try and find one that is suitable for food storage.
- Always reclose the opening to prevent "things" from crawling in and to simply keep it fresh.

Sue Locke

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 or graphics)

CANNOT ACCEPT COREL DRAW FILES
or IMAGES EMBEDDED IN WORD DOCUMENTS.

Send your submissions to:

E-mail greymatters@straylight.ca

Or snail mail to:

Greymatters
c/o Susan Locke
4 Meighen St., St. John's, NL
A1A 2M4

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.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Prov. _____

Postal Code _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Send to: Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada. PO Box 38203, Dartmouth, NS B3B 1X2

Please make cheques payable to "Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada." Tax receipts issued for all donations of \$10.00 or more.