



# Greymatters

Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada's Information Source

## Inside June's Issue:



**Titus** is ready for bed now that he has his nightshirt and cap on.

*Photo submitted by:  
Angela Collicutt*

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## Editors Note

Thanks to all those who made donations to GPAC, you can see their ads throughout the newsletter.

I hope to see many people out to the the Flea Market here in St. John's, I am sure there will be many interesting items up for grabs.

For more information see page 5.

In order to keep Greymatters a monthly newsletter please send in submissions. Photos, articles of interest, upcoming events in your area, stories, poems, etc.

*Sue Locke*



## The Rainbow Bridge In memory of our greyhounds

We are saddened to report that we have lost two Greyhounds here in Newfoundland.

Derrick Barrett and Juanita Brown have lost their beloved greyhound, Bailey. They also have a second greyhound Jake who is nine years old.

Lynanne, Jason & Thomas lost Cooper to osteosarcoma. He was a great ambassador to GPAC and will be missed by all who knew him.

Our thoughts are with both families.



## In Memory

It is with greyt sadness that I report the passing of Patricia Cowan, age 62. For those who did not know Patt, she was the first person in Newfoundland to adopt a greyhound with her adoption of Darcy in 1998. She loved her dog dearly and once she moved to the Miller Center, Darcy was permitted to visit her. Despite her pain, the smile on her face and tears in her eyes said it all. Patt was an animal and human rights activist and a close personal friend. Myself, Darcy and many others will miss her.

*Lynanne Furlong*

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## List of Donators to GPAC Kennel & Upcoming Fundraising Events

Nylabone

- Donated \$300.00 worth of products

2houndsdesign.com - donated collars

Animal Wow

Dog Stories

crazycollars.com - ebay seller

**Thank you!**

*As a thank-you we will be giving our donators a free ad  
in an upcoming edition of Greymatters.*

*Please send your ad to the Greymatter's  
address on page 10*

## The Greyhound Diner

### GREYHOUND GREEN BEAN GRUB

1 lb. green beans, cooked and sliced (fresh or frozen) 1 can  
cream of mushroom soup  
1/2 cup milk  
2 tsp. worcestershire sauce  
1/2 cup cheddar cheese + extra

- Mix all ingredients together except beans.
- Place beans in oven casserole, add sauce mixture and stir well.
- Cover and bake in a 350 degree oven for 25 minutes.
- Uncover the casserole and sprinkle top with more cheddar cheese.
- Bake 5 minutes more.
- Let cool.

\*This is great as an occasional treat with regular kibble -  
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**\*\*\*Let GPAC Know!\*\*\***

Due to some organizational changes within GPAC the "Let VRP Know" will now be referred to as "Let GPAC Know".  
Please contact Melissa Ruginski. [mruginski@yahoo.com](mailto:mruginski@yahoo.com)

*Soothing Stories and Music  
for the Solo Dog*



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## Newfoundland Hound News

### Spring Cleaning

#### Flea Market

St. John's

There will be a Flea Market on June 17th from 8 - 2 at Mary Queen of the World Parish Hall on Topsail Rd, St. John's.

Start cleaning now and think "do I really need that?" If you have donations or would like to volunteer to help out please call Chris at 689-9374 or email [lcheeseman@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:lcheeseman@nf.sympatico.ca)

Depending on the location of items, pick up of donations may be available.

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#### GPAC Recycling Program - NL



GPAC account.

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

Blair Ryan  
Fundraising Co-ordinator  
Greetings Everyone!

## Nova Scotia Hound News



### 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

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### NS MEET N GREETS 2006

...mark your calendars

June 10 Yarmouth Mall 2-4pm

Late July, early August is the Exhibition booth.

October 7 Yarmouth Mall 2-4pm

Remember we can only have two hounds per shift now in the Mall so less organizing means we are able to have more meet n greets to accommodate the excellent volunteers we have and spread the word a little more.



## Dental care and your Greyhound

**D**ental care is a very important part of a retired Greyhound's health care. Many Greyhounds who have been retired off the tracks have bad teeth.

**Why...** Bad teeth is usually the result of their diet on the track. Most racing Greyhounds are fed a soft diet which leads to a buildup of tartar. Other dogs have broken teeth due to accidents or chewing on their cages.

**Result...** Just like humans if this tartar is left to build up it will cause the gums to become inflamed, otherwise known as gingivitis. Untreated gingivitis can lead to periodontitis which is more severe. Periodontitis causes red, swollen, tender gums, receding and bleeding gums, pain and bad breath. The gums have a rich blood supply so when infection occurs in the gums it is easy for bacteria to travel to other parts of the body leading to other health problems.

**Warning Signs...** Here are some warning signs of bad teeth: bad breath, a change in eating or chewing habits, pawing the face, tartar around the gums, pain or bleeding when dog eats or when you touch the gums.

**How to Avoid Bad Teeth...** Feeding your dog dry food and hard dog biscuits can help with tartar buildup. Crunchy vegetables are good, if your dog will eat them. There are many products available to help promote healthy teeth and gums but be aware of what you are buying if doing so for the first time. Brushing your dog's teeth is also helpful but try to avoid human toothpaste. Human toothpaste is not designed to be ingested. You can purchase special toothbrush kits for pets with brushes and toothpaste.

Here are some useful sites:

<http://www.adopt-a-greyhound.org/advice/health.html>

<http://www.arizonaadoptagreyhound.org/health/oxyfresh.html>

<http://www.arizonaadoptagreyhound.org/newsletter/articles/medical.html>

## How to brush your Dog's Teeth



**Step 1** - Select an appropriate time  
Find a quiet, convenient time when you and your dog are both relaxed.

**Step 2** - Acquaint your dog with the process.  
For the first few sessions don't even use a toothbrush. Hold your dog the same as when you are cuddling her. Gently stroke the outside of her cheeks with your finger. After she becomes comfortable with that, place a dab of toothpaste on your finger and let her taste it.

**Step 3** - Introduce the Toothbrush  
Place a small amount of toothpaste on the brush. In a slow circular motion, brush one or two teeth and the adjoining gum line. The purpose of this step is to get your dog accustomed to the feel of the brush.

**Step 4** - Begin Brushing  
Over the next several days, gradually increase the number of teeth brushed. It is important to eventually brush the rear teeth where plaque and tartar have a greater tendency to accumulate. Go slowly and gently. Stop brushing when you decide to stop, before your dog begins to fuss. If she learns to dislike the procedure and finds out that more fussing makes you stop quicker, then this brushing business is going to get harder, not easier.

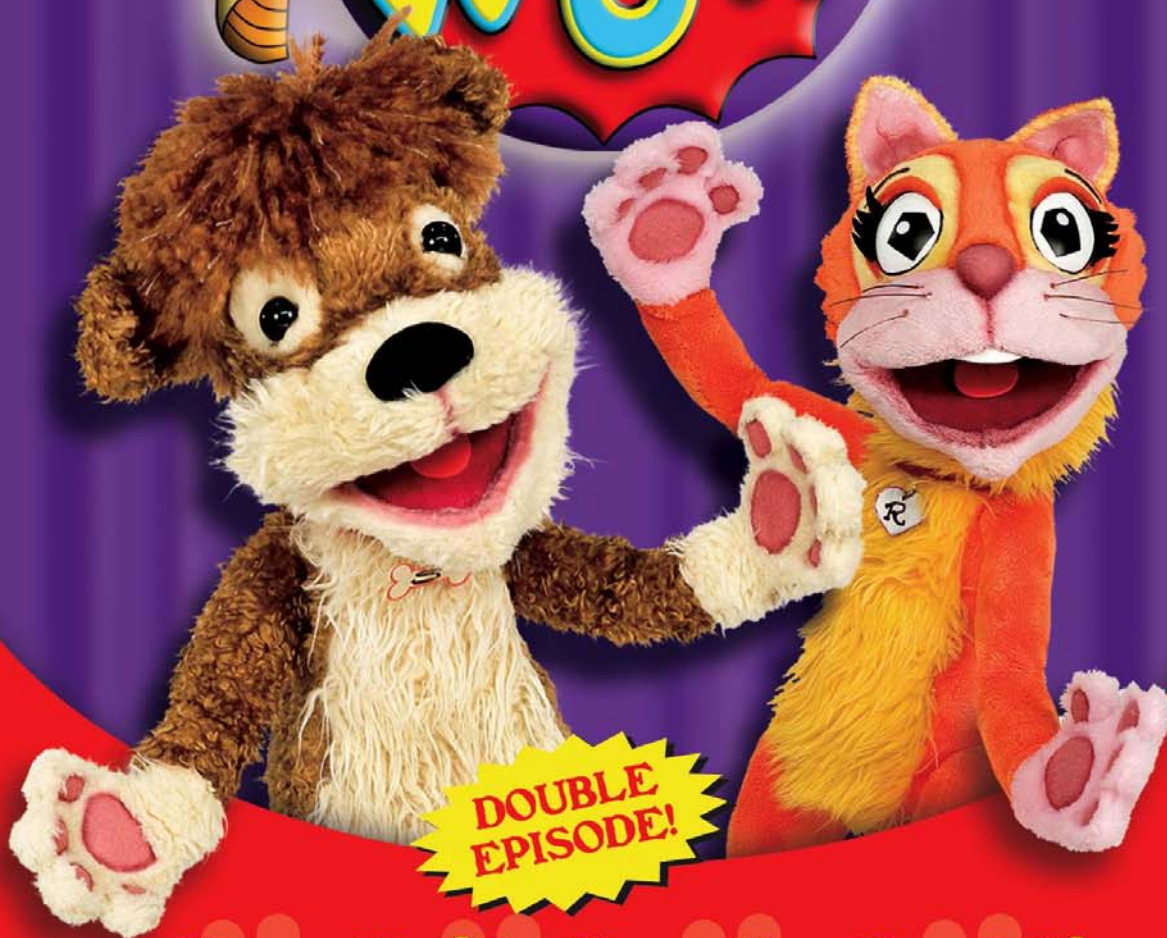
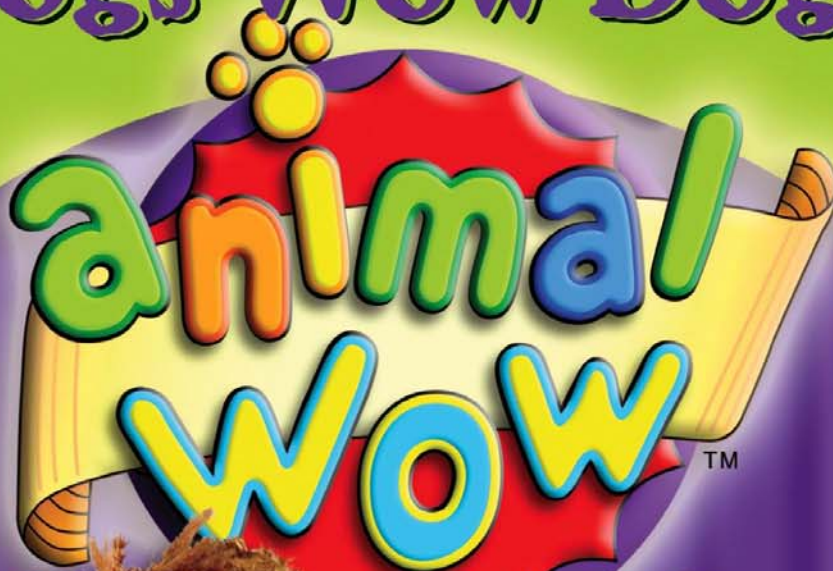
Build up to about 30 seconds per side. Dogs don't get much tartar on the inside surfaces of their teeth, so you only need to worry about the outside surfaces. Be sure to brush the big teeth way in back.

Make tooth brushing a pleasurable experience, proceed slowly and gently. Stop each session while it is still fun and lavishly praise your dog afterwards. She will soon start looking forward to tooth brushing and it will become a pleasant activity for both of you.

*This article is directly from the following source:*  
<http://www.placervillevet.com/dental%20health%20topics.htm>

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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)
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### Send your submissions to:

E-mail [greymatters@straylight.ca](mailto: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.

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