



Greymatters

Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada's Information Source

Happy Valentine's Day



Photo submitted by: Terry Goodyer

Penelope and Roxanne

Doesn't this make you feel warm all over!

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Editors Note

As soon as I saw the photo of Penelope and Roxanne I knew I had to put it on the cover. I also had to show it to our grey Tiagh and our cat Legier just to show them that cats and dogs really can love one another. They refused to look at the picture together but there is hope, after three years they can be in the same room together. Check out the last page for another Penelope and Roxanne picture that will be sure to make you smile.

...Susan Locke



The best portion of a good man's life,
His little nameless, unremembered acts,
Of kindness and of love.

William Wordsworth

Nobody will ever win the battle
of the sexes.

There's too much fraternizing
with the enemy.

Henry Kissinger



Answers to Greyhound Trivia Test from Page 8

1 - D 2 - A 3 - A 4 - C 5 - B 6 - D

The Fire Hydrant

BUY & SELL...If you have dog related items you would like to buy or sell this is a grey't place. Send the information to the submission address with the heading The Fire Hydrant and it will be posted.

DONATIONS...GPAC would also be very grey'tfull for any donations. Things like blankets, kennels, kennel supplies, etc. Contact gpacmcs@hfx.eastlink.ca if you have items for donation.



May those who love us,
love us.
And those who don't love us,
May God turn their hearts.
And if he doesn't
turn their hearts,
May he turn their ankles,
So we may know them by their limping!

Irish Blessing

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All profits go directly to
Greyhound Pets of Atlantic
Canada**

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Photo by Greg Locke

VRP Update

Volunteer Recognition Program

AUCTION

Well, 2004 is gone, 2005 is here. To reflect back - well, what an amazing group of people GPAC Volunteers are! No wonder the organization is so successful. To each and every one of you, so many thanks for what you do to help the Hounds. Your hearts must be really full right now, knowing what you have done.

Thank-you from Jeanette Reynolds, the VRP, the BOD and MOST IMPORTANT, Hounds adopted already and those waiting to be adopted in the future (Their life depends on people like you). Thank-you

We would like to thank everyone who supported VRP and other fund-raising projects over the last year. This includes all who donated items, bought raffle tickets, sucker pulls, post office, draw strings, etc. To let you know, through these small efforts we raised an amazing \$570.50 through VRP fund-raisers. This was done during Hound Days and Planet Day. Monies used were used to help with the VRP Picnic, Meet and Greet draws, the Paw Print stamp, postage for parcels sent, letters for donations to the Auction, thank-you letters for the Auction, trophies, engraving, gift bags, Scrapbook for Jeanette, decorations for parades, lunch for the Santa Claus Parade, frames, certificates, Singing Hound, "Refreshments" for the Kennel workers and window installers, lollipops for the sucker pull etc. The list goes on. This was money well spent and kept a lot of the costs from coming from GPAC coffers, thus taking very little from the Hounds. Now can you see how much you helped! It was awesome. So the next time you see me selling raffle tickets and pushing to get money, you'll know where it goes. It's to take care of all the thank-you's without putting an onus on GPAC's budget, and to make the road to adoption financially smoother for our Grey't Greys.

Yes, the VRP is a shoestring operation, but it's the cord that binds. Thank-you to the wonderful adopters and the non-Greyhound owners that make GPAC so successful!

by Belinda and Stephen Gurnham

The 3RD Annual GPAC AUCTION is coming soon. Therefore we will need lots of items to make this even more of a success than last year. We will also need people to attend the Auction! You are what will make it Grey't. If you have anything to donate or can solicit anything (please, approach your bosses, business owners etc.) please let us know. Last years Auction brought in \$2,009.00 to GPAC and this years goal is \$3,000.00! There is no over-head for this fund-raiser, all proceeds go to GPAC!!! Please help us to make a Greyhounds dream a reality.

PS. We hope to have a date and venue in the near future. If you need letters to request donations (many businesses require them for tax purposes) on GPAC's behalf, they will be available once the date and venue are in place.

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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

The Greyhound Diner

Icy Paws Frozen Homemade Dog Treats

- two 32-oz. tubs plain or vanilla yogurt
- one 6-oz. can tuna in water
- 2 tsp. garlic powder
- 24 3-oz. plastic (not paper) bathroom cups

Open yogurts. If they are full to the top, use a spoon to scoop out one bathroom cup. These will be frozen as plain yogurt. Put half of the can of tuna in each yogurt container. Add 1 tsp. garlic powder to each container. Mix each container thoroughly. Use a spoon to scoop the mixture into the cups. Place on tray and pop in freezer overnight. Makes approximately 24 treats.

Variations:

Natural Flea Prevention: mix in garlic powder, brewers yeast, and fennel seed

Veggie Delight: mix in cooked peas or other veggies

Chicken Icy Paws: used canned chicken instead of tuna

Potassium Boost: add in a mashed banana

Can also use standard ice cube tray instead of plastic cups. When frozen, pop out and put in plastic bags or wrap in wax paper.

Dragonbear.com/recipes.html Posted by Jack and Amy Corrigan

The Business of Greyhound Racing and it's Aftermath

One of our readers has a friend who is studying law at Dalhousie University and did a paper on Greyhounds for professor V. Black's law class 2191-01 Animals and the Law. The paper is entitled THE BUSINESS OF GREYHOUND RACING AND IT'S AFTERMATH by Ian Sweet. Since the paper is 26 pages we can't print it in the newsletter but if anyone is interested and would like a copy they can email cass at cookingwithcass@eastlink.ca

Submitted by Cass and Lio

**A door is what a dog is perpetually on
the wrong side of.
- Ogden Nash**

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.

Let VRP know!

We of the VRP urge all Volunteers of GPAC to contact us of any Volunteer activities; be it a parade, Meet & Greet, 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.

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



Announcing - "Paw Prints for Grey't Pals"

Thanks to those who have purchased paw prints to honor their hound(s). We are pleased to announce the following paw prints are now (or will soon be) in place;

Theriault - Monkey

PAW PRINTS UPDATE

As of January 6/05 we have raised to date \$308.00
\$140.00 - Paw Prints
\$168.00 - Donations

See___ it does work.

All monies raised donated to the Sparkle Fund.

If you don't have your Paw Prints ordered yet, please do it.
It might make the difference in the life of a Hound.
Thank-you.

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 FOR GREY'S - ORDER FORM

Family Name _____
Hound Name 1 _____
Hound Name 2 _____
Hound Name 3 _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - STAMP INK WILL BE PERMANENT

Please Send to B. Gurnham - Include check payable to GPAC
6 Nelson Ave.
Halifax, NS
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All Proceeds to the Sparkle Fund

Meet Our Greyhound



"Minute"

Our Greyhound "Minute" came to us from the Racetrack July 25/03 as a foster. We were keeping her until a good adoptive home for her was found. She was so bad, she was good at it. The first full day we had her, she stole 112 items including my eye glasses, the steak off my plate, and Steve Murphy's book "Live at Five". However, at the same time we were battling cancer in one of our other Greyhounds, "Meggie Mey". Minute kept us so busy with her antics it kept our minds off Meggie's horrible disease. She was such a blessing. Just recently, one of my precious cats was diagnosed with terminal liver disease. During this terrible period of time, Minute would follow me all over the house and lay her head in my lap when I sat down. She did this continually until a few days after the passing of our beautiful "Cuvee".

Oh, by the way, we officially adopted Minute on August 12/03 from Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada, making a Grey't little sister for our Big Max, and our sweet Meggie Mey (a cancer survivor), now collectively known as the 3 M's. We took the time to know Minute and we are so glad we did.

Belinda and Stephen Gurnham
Halifax NS

Note: To all those who are wondering why I have inserted this same picture for the third time - this is the first time I realized there was a written portion. Oops!

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

NOTE: The Rosedale Avenue, Dartmouth site raised \$38.40 in bottles.

Newfoundland Hound News

Hazard's of Winter Walks

Tiagh and I are faithful walkers and the weather is rarely a deterrent. We are used to the icy roads, the darkness, cover ourselves in reflective tape, avoid the salt and slush when possible and try not to walk over that crispy snow that has the thin crust of ice over the top that can slice up the tender skin on a grey's legs.

Recently we found a hidden hazard with the potential for serious injury. Hidden Man Hole Covers! I know everyone avoids those, even the dogs, but we found one a few weeks ago that was completely covered with new snow. It was Tiagh that found it when his back leg went through. He gave a little yelp of surprise and fell over in the slush. He couldn't get back up and I couldn't pull his leg back out due to the angle he had fallen. So with my rear end sticking out in the intersection of two busy roads I squat down and picked up my 75lb greyhound and gently pulled him free. It is amazing what you can lift when you really need to. Lucky for both of us the only damage was a scraped leg.

I don't really have a solution to the problem, other than avoiding urban streets in the winter, but a warning - you can't always see such dangers!

Are you wondering how Tiagh made out? Once on his feet and most of the slush wiped off he insisted on heading for his favorite trail and continued his walk with his skinned shin. We were lucky!

s. locke

Do you have a Greyhound Item to Sell... Trade.... or are Looking For?

Why not let us know and we can post your request. Send your submission to: greymatters@straylight.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:

Greyhound Quiz and Other Fun Stuff

Dog Property Laws

1. If I like it, it's mine.
2. If it's in my mouth, it's mine.
3. If I can take it from you, it's mine.
4. If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.
5. If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.
6. If I'm chewing something up, all the pieces are mine.
7. If it just looks like mine, it's mine.
8. If I saw it first, it's mine.
9. If you are playing with something and you put it down, it automatically becomes mine.
10. If it's broken, it's yours.

www.showdog-magazine.com/Poems

Greyhound Quiz Test your Greyhound knowledge!

1. How many times does a Greyhound's heart circulate its entire blood volume during a 30 second race?
A) 2. B) 3. C) 4. D) 5.
2. The Greyhound is among the fastest of all land mammals. How fast can one run?
A) 40-45 MPH B) 35 MPH C) 25 MPH D) 18 MPH
3. Is the Greyhound the only breed of dog mentioned in the Bible?
A) Yes B) No
4. What is this breed's best known nickname?
A) Hyper Harry B) Scaredy-Dog C) Couch potato
D) Skinny Puppy
5. In Homer's, The Odyssey, Odysseus had a Greyhound by the name of: A) Hecate B) Argus C) Arrianus D) Actaeon
6. Some of the chemicals commonly found in flea collars can, in a Greyhound cause: A) Nausea B) Convulsions C) Death D) All of the above

www.recycledracers.org

Answers on page 2

You know you're a Dog Person if...

- You can't see out your car's passenger window because of all the nose-prints.
- You have a kiddie wading pool in the yard, but no children.
- You match your furniture/carpet/clothes to your dog.
- You never completely finish a piece of steak or chicken (so your dog gets a taste, too).
- You make popcorn just to play catch with your dog.
- You keep eating even after finding a dog hair in your pasta.
- You like people who like your dog. You don't like people who don't.
- You sign and send birthday/anniversary/Christmas cards from your dog.
- Your parents refer to your dog as their granddog.
- You are the person walking in the pouring rain because your dog needs her walk.
- You talk with people about responsible dog ownership every chance you get.
- Your dog sleeps with you.
- Your dog has her own web site.

home.att.net



Greyhounds and Girl



Photo submitted by: Terry Goodyer



Penelope and Roxanne share a meal

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.