



Greymatters

Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada's Information Source



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Editors Note

This is the first issue of volume 3 of Greymatters. Hard to believe I am starting my 3rd year of Greymatters. This may be one of the longest issues to date and as a result there are a few submissions that are being held over to the next issue. If your's was one of them you can look forward to seeing it in March.

I will be looking for a cover shot for the March issue so send some in. My guy is going to have a swelled head, he may hold the record for a greyhound with the most cover shots in a magazine.

Sue Locke

Just a Cute Little Story

Since we got Max it has been a Gurnham household tradition that every Christmas Eve at exactly 7 minutes to 12 we take the dogs for a walk to hear "The Animals Talk". You see at Midnight the animals do talk but you won't hear them if you listen for them. It's a silly thing I brought into our home from my childhood. No idea where it came from. Really don't care. It's just always been fun to do.

On December 24/05 at exactly 7 minutes to 12 we did our usual Christmas Eve walk with the 3 M's. It was especially hard this year, with our Meggie Mey being so sick. I almost didn't go, but then I thought Meggie would love to go out tonight, and she did, in spite of her problems. It wasn't a long walk, just a few minutes down Williams Lake Road, considering Meggie's condition. It was uneventful going down, after all there was still time to go before Midnight. The Grey's did their thing, and I didn't hear a whisper of a woof, meow, baa or moo. I wasn't meant to because I was listening. However, on the way back, Minute started to murmur, chuff, and mutter. She kept looking over her left shoulder all the way back home. For anyone that

knows Minute, she is NOT softly vocal. She has blood curdling barks straight from her innards and she makes no exceptions who she gives it to. But, just at Midnight on Christmas Eve, she spoke softly. Was she answering the animals? Did she hear because she wasn't listening? Or was she asking them to look after our Meggie Mey? We don't know, but sometimes when you need a miracle, you grab at anything you can. Our Minute gave us hope that night and we still can't believe what we heard her do.

I guess in life sometimes we just have to listen to the animals, even if we can't hear them.

Grey't Advice

Now that winter is here, so far not too bad of one here in HRM, if you have concerns about how much exercise or how long a walk your Grey can handle, especially older ones, the following tip appeared in the Halifax Herald on Tuesday January 17/05

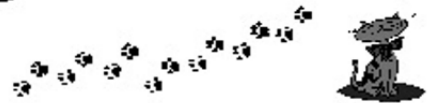
Pets need exercise, too RICK CONRAD

"A good indicator is usually the tail. If it's way up or a little above parallel with the ground, Doggy should be good to go. If the tail's below the magic parallel, it might be time for some water, a rest or to return home."

...Belinda Gurnham

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The Rainbow Bridge

In memory of our greyhounds

Mark and JoAnn Alberstat adopted Dash (racing name U-Turn) on June 11, 1999. During his 6 ½ years with them, Dash was a volunteer with and ambassador for Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada. He participated in dog walks, shopping mall visits, reunions and Greyhound Planet Day events. He was also part of a GPAC group that regularly visited the residents of Maplestone Enhanced Care (formerly Fairview Villa) in Halifax. Fellow retired racer Claire and Emily the cat will also miss Dash. His spirit runs free in the company of feline buddies Mickey and Otis.



Submitted photo

Ode to Dash

Lie in the sunspot
Snoozing and snoring
Tag-team beds with Claire.
Keep an eye
On your people
Ready to move in a flash.
Come spring, move outside
Lie on the deck
Stand in the sun.
Such a gentle giant
Coat black and shiny
Enjoying fresh air outdoors.

Nails on the floor
Click in the hallway
Then do a dog shake.
Search me out
See where I am
There you will be too.
Velcro pup
Following me
From room to room.
Won't settle down
Until I'm poised
To sit and cuddle together.

A W-A-L-K every day
The word is enough
To spur jumps of joy.
Big dog greetings
For everyone
We meet along the way.
Dogs, people
All who stop
For pats or a sniff.
You try to jump
Steal a kiss
Teeth rattle - happiness.

Race in the backyard
Moving at top speed
Tearing up the lawn.
Dog track stands
In our garden
Shaped like a figure eight.
Neighbours watch
Amused, amazed
As you run by.
Get huffy puffy

Start to slow down
Time for another sleep.

Run to the door
When we get home
Jumps, snorts abound.
Happy to see us
And visitors too
An eager greeting each time.
Big dog, goofy dog
Full of life, full of fun.
Life was one big adventure for you
Always an adventure with you.
You gave us so much
We will never forget you.

*Written by JoAnn Alberstat
In memory of Dash
Sept 10, 1997- Jan. 11, 2006*

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

If I Did Not Have Greyhounds.....

1. I could walk around my yard barefoot in safety.
2. My house could be carpeted instead of tiled and laminated.
3. All flat surfaces, clothing, furniture, and cars would be free of dog hair.
4. When the doorbell rings, it wouldn't sound like the NCDL kennels.
5. When the doorbell rings, I could get to the door without wading through dog bodies who beat me there.
6. I could sit on the couch the way I wanted, without taking into consideration how much space several fur bodies would need to get comfortable.

7. I would not have strange presents under my Christmas tree-like dog bones, stuffed animals or have to answer to people why I wrap them.

8. I would not be on a first name basis with three vets.

9. The most used words in my vocabulary would not be: "out", "sit", "down", "come", "no", "stay", and "leave him/her/it ALONE".

10. My house would not be cordoned off into zones with baby gates or barriers.

11. My pockets would not contain things like poo bags, dog treats and an extra leash.

12. I would no longer have to spell the words B-A-L-L or F-R-I-S-B-E- E or W-A-L-K or C-O-O-K-I-E-S.

13. I would not have as many leaves INSIDE my house as outside.

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Newfoundland Hound News

Save your Grocery Tapes for GPAC

Ray Mercer has just set up GPAC with the grocery tape program at Dominion supermarkets in Newfoundland. Every little bit of money we can raise will help save another greyhound!

If you would like more information please contact Ray at - rjmerc@warp.nfld.net

Local Chat Room

For any of you who might be interested, there is a new Yahoo chat group for local dog owners. It's similar to our GPAC chat that you can access through our website. You can select to receive daily e-mails, a daily digest, or just to read the messages on the site, whichever you prefer.

General dog related topics, local rescue and event announcements, dog chat etc., that is, in addition to the current lists devoted to showdogs and breed protection. NL_DOGS will likely be of interest to anyone who wishes to be kept informed of current dog-related activities and events being held in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Friendly discussion of dog related topics will be encouraged, and *any* dog rescue notices will be welcome. The only request made of group members is to *please* use appropriate subject headings to identify the content of messages. It may be helpful to use capitalized subject headers such as EVENT, RESCUE, DOGCHAT, INFO, HEALTH, GROOMING, TRAINING, CLASSES, SEMINAR, etc. before the subject title in order to help group members select messages pertaining to topics of personal interest. I hope others will find this group useful and invite anyone who may be interested to join the list and add to the collective knowledge and information sharing.

Join the list at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NL_DOGS/



GPAC Recycling Program - NL

I wanted to send this message as I realize we now probably have quite a few new members and I haven't got to do much with this program since I initially set it up. For anyone who doesn't know we have an account set up with Ever Green recycling-3 locations within the city. All you do is when you bring in your returns, ask to have the money placed into the GPAC account....it's that simple. I know we are well over 100 members so even if we donated some of that money it could most certainly add up. I have been giving some thought to ways in which we could increase this fundraising and am putting together a list of some companies that I may approach to see if they might donate recyclables to us. I also may be organizing several recycling blitz days where we could focus on picking up recycling from you, family and friends or even work places...I will keep you posted. I wanted to also ask you for your help with regards to any ideas you might have, companies we could approach or even just collecting from your workplaces...every little bit helps. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas or comments you may have. I could use your help with this one. Thank you.

Blair Ryan
Fundraising Co-ordinator
Greetings Everyone!

Two Greyhounds Looking for Homes

The Newfoundland GPAC group has two greyhounds available for adoption. An eight year old fawn, male and an eight year old female. The male is good with kids but not cats. Quiet, housetrained, and can be left uncrate. He has been in his home for 5.5 year and the child in the home has developed allergies.

If you would like more information on either of these dogs please contact Lynanne. lyfurlong@yahoo.com

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

Hello All and Happy New Year,

Wanted you all to read our over view of a very successful 2005 for Yarmouth and Area.

Throughout the Spring, Summer and Fall of 2005 Yarmouth's gpac branch has been busy with mall meet n greets, an exhibition booth, and several parades. As well we had a very successful basket Raffle bringing in over \$700.00 to the Sparkle fund and a lot of \$'s from Mall donations. 2005 has brought in 6 new adopting families to our area's, having Ritzie, Mathias, Carl, Jack, Leah, and Jada join new adoptive homes. Then we had Scarlet, Wild Fling, and Fallon join families with grey's already. Congreys to All. !!!! A Very Successful Adoption year for Yarmouth and Area !!!! Hat's off to all who have put their hearts and soles into promoting this fantastic breed.

On Wednesday evenings the Yarmouth grey's have been meeting at the Wendy's/Tim's Trainstation location to walk the water front.....this has turned out to be a great time for the hounds who love seeing one another and meeting the people walking...we get to meet lots of locals who some times pass us by in the mall, either because they are busy or they are scared of dogs.....we've met people who have patted big dogs for the first times on our group walks....they see us enjoying them so much and see the happy tails that they cannot resist saying hi..... we pass out alot of pamphlets and information not only to Nova Scotians travellers but to New Brunswick folks and Ontario to name a few...we also have the CAT Ferry bringing in tons of U.S visitors, and they seem quite delighted to see the hounds and find a new appreciation for them.....We adoptors enjoy grey's conversations talking about the funny things our hounds do and waiting to see who's hounds will poop before we get past the garbage bin on Water Street....Coffee at the end for the adults and the puppies get water.....what could be better I ask you ? So get your friends and their hounds together, have some fun and get those hounds visible !!!!

A Special thankyou goes to the Cottreau's (Abby's parents), in early Spring I thought it would be great for our area to have a basket raffle, I put forth the idea to the Cottreau's and Colette and Percy agreed to take on the basket raffle. They did the leg work in getting the donations and arranging the baskets, and also managing the ticket sales with the volunteers and several+ hours spent at the mall selling them. Awsome effort !!!! And also Chase (CL dreamscape) asked me to mention the effort your family has put into his recovery from his broken leg. He says he has had a great start and has a bright future ahead of him because of his foster family and Gpac's Sparkle fund !!!! We all love you Chase, and wish you the best future wherever you go.

Also a Special Roo to the Needham's...(Milo's Parent's) for coming through with a van for the Christmas parade !!!! and collecting most of the decorations and helping decorate too.....we appreciate it more than we can say !!!!

So a huge Rooooo Rooooo Rooooo to everyone for their individual promotions, support with parades, meet n greets and selling all of those tickets.....you guys are awesome....

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The closing of 2005 brings us to 2006, Lets hope for a fantastic year again.

The Meet n Greet are booked with possibly more venues to come. If you have a suggestion please let myself or Colette know. Colette is trying to arrange something for Shelburne and Digby for us, so that would be awesome, we now have a couple hounds there so we should be seeing some positive interest from people meeting them.

....Judi Mallinson

Fundraising

Fundraising.....it would be awesome to do another raffle....does anyone have a suggestion of items to raffle? Collecting all of those smaller items for the baskets was alot of leg work and I feel the businesses in our area are plagued with requests, that maybe we should give it a break for a year. Instead maybe we could get a few nice items donated....any suggestions or volunteers to take this on would be great.....

Now back to better things..like...CHOCOLATE BARS !!!!! Jeanette tells me that Melissa has been getting bars in again, so looks like we could sell them down here once again, we did quite well with them in the past....I know a few people have requested them so I'll go forward with bringing them in for the Spring. If you'd like to speak for a certain amount that would help out alot.

As with last Spring and Summer we enjoyed our walking get togethers on the water front, we will be setting a day and time in the next couple months and probably starting in Late March, early April.

We'd like to have a greyhound get together bbq this summer, maybe at the park, the beach or here. Also a x-mas get together as well.

Looks like a fun year ahead.....as always you can contact me at 648-2717 or 740-3409 judi_mallinson@yahoo.ca To book a meet n greet spot with Colette her number is 663-2292 pcottreau@hotmail.com

Happy Hounds to all,
Judi Mallinson

Parades

Parades...We will do the Yarmouth Seafest in July as usual and the Christmas parade in November. From there we will see, Last summer we cut back on two parades (Wedgeport and Clare) that we had done for the past two summers and instead we went to the Digby Scallop Days for the first time. From this parade Carl found a home...and from Carl's adoption led to Jack's family seeing Carl camping and getting more interested in adoption....so travelling to new parades etc helps out even though we had to drop a couple of the favorites, we don't want to burn out our volunteers totally !!!! If you can think of a new parade or place to set up a booth do let us know, we can always try.

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NS MEET N GREETS 2006

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The Middle of February, day yet to be set, we will be doing a presentation at Drumlin Height School, they have requested we do this for their Pet Week...this is an excellent chance to educate students and teachers from Primary to grade 12. We will be looking for hounds to come along...we can have as many there as we want, so if you think your hound would enjoy this please let us know.

April 8 Yarmouth Mall 2-4pm

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 accomodate the excellent volunteers we have and spread the word a little more.

The Fire Hydrant

There will always be another Hound Day and the Kennel will still need our help. 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.

Every little bit helps.

Lynanne: lyfurlong@yahoo.com

Blair: bryan@nl.rogers.com



The Four Types of Dog Vomit

1. YELLOW URKA-GURKAS--Dog runs around the house and hides under furniture while making a prolonged 'uuuurka-guuurka, uuurka-guuurka' noise (this noise is the only thing guaranteed to wake up a true dog lover who is hung over from a post-dog show celebration at 3:30 am). After mad scrambling to capture the dog and drag him outside, the episode ends with an indelible ten-yard line of slimy yellow froth from the living room rug to the back door.
2. BLAP DISEASE--Dog exercises hard and a) eats large mouthfuls of snow (Winter Blap Disease) or b) drinks a bucket of water (Summer Blap Disease). Within 2 minutes of returning inside, the dog spews out large amounts of clear slimy liquid while making a distinctive 'blap' sound and sharp percussive noise as it hits the linoleum.
3. GARKS--Dog suddenly clears his throat with loud and dramatic 'gggaark, gggark,' noises, generally followed by prolonged 'iiikssss' and then loud satisfied smacking noises. There is nothing on the rug. Don't investigate, you don't want to know.
4. RALFS--Apropos of nothing, the dog strolls into the dining room and waits until the innocent dinner guests are all watching him. Then with a single, deep gut-wrenching 'raaaalfff' disgorge the entire week's contents of his stomach on the dining room rug.
5. VARIATION--then he eats it.

from Karen Gosse/submitted by Lauren Cheeseman

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14. I would not look strangely at people who think having their ONE dog ties them down too much.

15. I'd look forward to Spring and the melting of the snow instead of dreading "mud season".

16. I would not have to answer the question "Why do I have so many dogs?" from people who will never have the joy in their life of knowing they are loved unconditionally by something as close to an angel as they will ever get.

17. How empty my life would be....

submitted by s.locke

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Why Dogs Don't Live Longer Than People.....

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife, Lisa, and their little boy, Shane, were all very attached to Belker and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family there were no miracles left for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for the four-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away. The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion.

We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation.

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Election Timeat GPAC

Hi everyone. It is that time again. Not only is there a Federal Election but GPAC is getting in on the election hoopla and having one of our own. If you have adopted in the last year or so, you may or may not know that GPAC is a registered Charity and as such, we have a Board of Directors who are elected every two years at the Annual General Meeting. It is still to be completely confirmed but the tentative date and location of this years' **Annual General Meeting will be at the Pampered Paws Inn in Hammonds Plains on the 4th of March, 2006.** A luncheon will be served and we will review the previous year as well as plans for this year. Also a new board will be elected for the next 2 years.

Each election all the members of the current board as well as anyone wishing to fill a board position will be nominated in the weeks before the meeting and at the meeting a vote will confirm the position. In past years as well as this year, nominations will be accepted via mail or email for the board positions. What we need is a letter of intent to let us know that you are interested in joining the board of directors. This should state which position you would like to be nominated for and a little bit of your background info that shows what type of qualifications you may have that will help the members decide who is the best person to take on that particular position. The letter of intent should be sent to **Election C/O GPAC, PO Box 38203, Dartmouth, NS B3B 1X2.** Please have these letters in the box by **Feb 10th, 2006.**

After the nominations are received, a file will be posted with the nominations so the members will have the information required to make an informed decision. Voting by proxy will be allowed for people who are out of town or who can not make it to the AGM but still want to vote. The proxy form to vote will be posted on the website and the discussion group as soon as we receive all the nominations. The proxies can be mailed to the post office box or emailed to a current board member. The proxies will remain sealed until the day of the election at which time they will be added in with the votes tallied at the AGM. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above procedures feel free to contact me at fastdog1@ns.sympatico.ca or call me at **902-435-1099**. This election applies to all provinces but note that Newfoundland has a board as well that is elected in by Newfoundland members. They can still vote for the

Society's Board of Directors. The Board members are listed as such on the NS Registry of Joint Stocks.

The responsibilities of each of the Board Positions are as follows. Please read them carefully and if it seems like a commitment you are able to make, please forward your letter of intent as soon as possible. This election is not a popularity contest in any way. There is no campaigning or any manner of competition. There is a lot of responsibility and time put into each position and it is not to be taken lightly. Again... if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact a current board member.

Each member of the Board of Director is responsible

- to uphold the Good Standing and Ethics in Public
- Standards as established in GPAC's original mandate
- to attend all Board meetings
- to keep the Board fully informed of the activities related to the member's area of expertise
- to help set responsible goals and develop long range planning
- to offer encouragement and assistance to GPAC members
- to assist in the resource budgeting process
- to answer to both GPAC members in good standing and the other members of the Board of Directors
- to submit a resume / background check to help the organization fill board positions with qualified people

All members of the Board of Directors are elected to the Board and are responsible for the Society's overall Administration, and its day-to-day operations.

President - Board of Directors

Responsible for:

- General management of Operational business only
- Presiding at all meetings
- Approving new sources of community support set up by members
- Bringing in new sources of revenue as approved by the Board of Directors to ensure Growth of the Society
- Directing the non-financial resources budgeting process
- Signing authority for commitments and financial obligations as required by the Society as approved by the Board
- Signing Bi-Laws as required
- All other responsibilities/duties as dictated by the membership and/or the Board of Directors
- Submit a budget proposal for position operating expenses

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Vice President - Board of Directors

Responsible for:

- Assisting the President of the Board as required
- Signing authority for commitments and financial obligations as required by the Society as approved by the Board
- In the absence of, or incapacity of the President, exercising the powers and responsibilities granted to the President by the Board
- General management of membership and membership issues
- Submit a budget proposal for position operating expenses

Director Of Operations

Responsible for:

- Signing authority for commitments and financial obligations as required by the Society as approved by the Board
- Coordinating, booking, following up, screening and final approval of adoption applicants
- Providing information to Board regarding availability of dogs for adoption, adoption applicants, new foster homes and status of dogs in foster homes
- Advising Board of anticipated expenses for Operations
- Providing financial information and receipts regarding Operations and retail sales to Board Treasurer on a monthly basis
- Acting as spokesperson on behalf of GPAC
- Submit a budget proposal for position operating expenses

Secretary - Board of Directors

Responsible for

- Recording all the meetings
- Accurate and timely distribution of "Meeting Minutes" and other information to the Board and GPAC Members
- Acting as custodian for, and exercising due diligence in safeguarding, all business records, statements, seals, papers and any other materials entrusted into their care, and delivering all such items as and when requested by the Board or when authorized by a resolution of the Board
- Signing By-laws
- Supplying Register of Joint Stock Companies with minutes, special meeting minutes and / or all updates of By-laws on a regular basis or as deemed necessary under the Society's guidelines
- Performing other duties as directed by the Board

- Submit a budget proposal for position operating expenses

Treasurer - Board of Directors

Responsible for:

- Providing accurate and timely financial information to the Board at the quarterly Board Meetings, annually for year end purposes, and as per ad hoc request(s) from the Board
- Ensuring implementation of financial strategies to raise revenue, adhere to Revenue Canada guidelines for not-for-profit organizations
- Accurate and timely filing of financial reports as required by Revenue Canada to maintain GPAC's not-for-profit status
- Exercising due diligence in following GPAC audit controls as deemed necessary by the Board and Revenue Canada
- Directing the financial resources budgeting process
- Submit a budget proposal for position operating expenses
- Maintain Books Through the use of Quickbooks Charity version
- Accounts Payable & Receivable and Expense Reimbursement

Fundraising Committee Chair - Board of Directors

Responsible for:

- Organizing, coordinating and supervising a Fund Raising Committee through the appointment of Fund Raising Reps in each Branch and interested volunteers
- Setting goals and preparing budget proposals for fundraising
- Presenting fund raising projects
- Obtaining prior approval for all Fundraising Committee activities
- Timely reporting of Fundraising Committee activities to the Board
- Ensuring projects are consistent throughout the Branches
- Providing feedback to Board regarding new contacts and opportunities
- Working closely with the Director of Operations and Treasurer
- Attending Branch meetings as required
- Submit a budget proposal for position operating expenses

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Events/Volunteer Coordinator

Responsible for:

- Working with Marketing/PR and Fundraising to develop information packages and market events through media
- Working closely with Director of Operations to set up events for education demos
- Setting up and coordinating visits to nursing homes, schools, and similar situations
- Releasing accurate information that is consistent with the goals of the Society to members, volunteers and members of the general public
- Ensuring information packages are set up at all demos
- Working closely with Communications reps to ensure schedules and dates of upcoming events as booked by Marketing/PR and Fundraising are relayed accurately
- Distributing event info on a timely basis in order to allow members and volunteers to participate
- Maintaining a list of all promotions held
- Communicating directly with adopters and volunteers to organize time and schedule sheets for events
- Relaying information to adopters and volunteers regarding upcoming meetings, mall displays, etc.
- Maintaining calendar of all promotions and displays held

Buddy System Officer (May fall Under Director of Operations)

Responsible for:

- Establishing a support system for adopters through appointment of Buddy System Reps
- Training Buddy System Reps
- Providing Reps with current information and educational material received from the Education and Events Coordinator
- Ensuring follow up information is received on a timely basis on all new adopters and dogs throughout transition process
- Providing feedback on progress of dogs in branches
- Training new foster home parents through the same means
- Developing and evaluating effects of Buddy System Program as a support program

Marketing / Public Relations Officer (May Fall under Events Coordinator if not filled directly)

Responsible for:

- Keeping Board apprised of new contracts and business opportunities

- Establishing new markets
- Developing new promotional and training literature, signs, banners, logos etc. as approved by the Board
- Promoting all approved group activities by working in conjunction with Multi-Media Coordinator
- Working closely with Fund Raising Committee Chair to properly market new contacts
- Working closely with the Director of Operations to ensure proper information and feedback for GPAC
- Establishing new discount opportunities for adopters with businesses, service providers, veterinarians, clinics, etc.

Multi-Media Coordinator

Responsible for:

- GPAC homepage coordination
- On-Line registry
- Updating chat rooms, bulletin boards (s)
- Working with Newsletter Editor to input and maintain newsletter on-line
- Forwarding question / concerns expressed on-line to the appropriate individual(s) for response

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual General Meeting in March!!!

Cheryl Sinnott , for the Current Board

Jeanette Reynolds, President
Steve Sinnott, Vice-President
Cheryl Sinnott, Treasurer
Melissa Ruginsky, Fundraising Coordinator
Rose Marie DeVilliers, Director of Operations
Carol Wood - Multi-Media Coordinator
Angela Collicutt, Secretary

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He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life -- like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?" The four-year-old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."

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- .doc MS-Word files (without embedded images)
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- .doc Lotus Word Pro file (no embedded photos or graphics)

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To the "Kennel Fund" to help GPAC realize their dream of a kennel to hold dogs coming off the track.

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