



Greymatters

Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada's Information Source

Leap into a New Year



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New Brunswick

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Editors Note

This is our first edition of Greymatters for 2005 and I would like to send out a Happy New Year's Greeting to all who read our Newsletter.

I am always looking for new ideas, photos, etc for submissions so send them on in. We would love to hear from anyone who reads Greymatters (even if you don't have a Greyhound - gasp!).

...Susan Locke

Introducing a new column for a new year of Greymatters, **MEET OUR GREYHOUND**

We know everybody loves to brag about and show off their hounds, so why not share it with the readers of Greymatters. Simply send a photo and write up to Greymatters and one will be randomly chosen and published each issue.

Is Minute Looking for Santa!



Submitted Photo

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.



Do you have a photo of your grey that you would like to share? or are you tired of seeing my pictures? Send your grey photos to greymatters@straylight.ca

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Photo by Greg Locke

VRP Update

Volunteer Recognition Program

Congratulations To;

November Meet & Greet Winner

[Suzanne Osmond & Sable](#) - Micmac Mall.

Thank-you Suzanne and Sable, although only recently adopted, Sable has been present at the last two Meet & Greets in HRM.

Overall 2004 Meet and Greet Volunteer Draw

[Judi Mallinson and Quade](#) - for their participation at the Yarmouth Exhibition Dogs on Display. Judi and her family's commitment to GPAC is extraordinary!

Thank-you to everyone (316 entries received) who volunteered their time for Meet and Greets this year and we look forward to seeing all of you in 2005

2004 Parade Draw

[Dave Marder and Lio](#) - for their participation at the Spryfield Santa Claus Parade. Although Dave is a small business owner (Bikes By Dave) and works 6 and 7 days a week, he, Cass, Ian and Lio are Grey't Ambassadors to GPAC and take part in every function they can manage.

Thank-you to everyone who volunteered their time to participate in the numerous parades GPAC took part in this year. What Grey't exposure for our organization. We look forward to seeing all of you again next year.

Special Presentation of Thanks

A token of our appreciation was given to [Aubrey Gladwin](#) (Max, Meggie Mey and Minute's Great Uncle) with so many heartfelt thanks for the use of his trailer for the Spryfield Santa Claus Parade. Not only has he loaned us the trailer for the past two years, he has also delivered it prior to the parades so we could decorate it, and picked it up afterwards. On top of that, he and his wife Joan have been Grey't contributors to the reunion and auctions over the years.

Holiday Plant Fund Raiser

WOW! Thanks so much to all of you wonderful people who purchased and sold the Poinsettias, Wreaths, Christmas Cactus and Center Pieces. Total sales were \$1,688.00 of which \$541.78 went to GPAC. Not bad for two weeks work!

A small token of our appreciation was given at the Spryfield Santa Claus Parade to [Melissa O'Brien](#), our "top

salesperson" with \$588.00 in sales and a special thank-you goes out to [Rose Marie de Villers](#) for her sales of \$459.00 Thank-you everyone and maybe next year with a little more lead time we can do even better.

Christmas Parades

Spryfield Santa Clause Parade.

A Grey't big thanks to all that attended the 30TH Annual Spryfield Santa Claus Parade on November 28TH .(approx. 28 hound and over 50 humans) Once again you showed how much you love and are proud of your hounds. A special thanks to [Russell Pearston](#) for pulling the float with his SUV, and [Mary Bucci](#) for being a good sport and being our Angel. To all that donated treats and passed them out (all 1350) of them. The kids love you! The banner carriers, sign carrier, decorators, car and people shufflers, undecorators, walkers and Greyhounds, thank-you. You are the reason this organization is so Grey't. Congratulation to those of you that won the pre-parade draws. We just wanted to let you know you are appreciated. Hope the kids enjoyed the candy canes and the hounds their goodie bags.

Yarmouth Christmas Parade of lights

Congratulations to all the Greyhounds and their families who participated in the Yarmouth Parade of lights on November 27TH. They won **Best Overall Entry!** with 14 greyhounds so beautifully dressed. A special thank-you to [Carl Doty](#) for joining them and walking Quade and [Jeff Trask](#) who normally drives their van but this time walked Dimino.

Everyone of you are winners in our book. Thank-you from the bottom of our hearts for making these parades such a success

Belinda & Stephen Gurnham
VRP Coordinators.

Special Mention

A very special thank-you to [Laurel Joudrey](#) for coming up with the idea for the Secret Santa and for making it work. By the look of all the e-mails exchanged on the chat line it was a huge success. Three Rooos to you, it was a lot of fun.

Kids Volunteer Draw

Congratulations to **Brooke Shipley** whose name was chosen in a random draw to win the 2004 GPAC Kids Volunteer Prize. Brooke participated in several events last year with both Zoe and Cleo and is a wonderful ambassador to GPAC. When we asked people to submit names for this draw the results were not at all what we expected. We were only looking for names but received such wonderful accolades with each submission it really opened up our eyes to just how much young volunteers do for GPAC and the promotion of the hounds. We would like to thank all of the kids for their contributions and support of the organization as they are The Future Of GPAC.

The following is the submission that Leslie Sears sent for Brooke. Although this was a random draw of all names submitted, we would like to share this with you;

I would like to submit my daughter's name - Brooke Shipley. Brooke was 13 and wanted a dog to call her own which is what started the process of us getting our first grey, Zoe. Brooke came with us to meet greyhounds at the mall and to each adoption interview. Like most kids, she promised to care for her dog and feed, walk, groom and clean up after her. Surprisingly, she did and has continued to do so for a year and a half now. It was an easy decision to get another greyhound - so 8 months ago we got Cleo. Brooke does all the same things for Cleo as well. During the time we have had them, Brooke has taken Zoe to two meet and greets and three parades and Cleo to two parades. She has volunteered at one hound day. Recently,

Brooke helped talk us into fostering the two senior greyhounds that needed a home. She has for the best part of a week been caring for four dogs! One is going to Newfoundland on Friday but we may have the other for awhile. She truly loves greyhounds (and animals) and takes the responsibility of caring for them very seriously. She has a digital camera and has taken hundreds of pictures of them, some of which she posts on her website. She has taken them to school to meet her friends and teachers and is always hoping to help find a loving home for one more. She is 14 now and has been an honor student at Herring Cove Junior High for the last two years. She aspires to be a veterinarian some day.

Leslie Sears

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

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.

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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"

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.

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

- Joudrey - Jake, Gilbert, and Judi
- Michalski - Raven, Kelso, and In Memory of Theo
- Theriahult - Jasper

A special thanks to the following who so generously made a donation to the Sparkle Fund.

- Carl & Nancy Doty
- Guy & Venita Theriahult

Thanks also to Carl and Nancy for the box of business cards.

**Do you have a Greyhound story, poem, picture,
or even a treat recipe that you would like to
share?**

**Let us know at
Greymatters@straylight.ca**

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
A3P 1V8

All Proceeds to the Sparkle Fund

Nova Scotia Hound News

Real Estate Agent donates to Charity

My name is Cindy Vallis. I just read the December issue of Greymatters. It's a greyt read. When I came across the recognition section, it made me think of an experience my husband and I had this summer.

At the end of August we moved home to Nova Scotia from BC. We bought a house through a fantastic real estate agent, named Sandy Miller. She was a great agent, but what made the experience even better was knowing that with our house purchase, our favorite charity, GPAC, would be receiving a donation. You see, Sandy donates 25% of her commission (from every sale and purchase) to her client's charity of choice. It's a wonderful program and I would encourage anyone looking for a real estate agent in the Halifax area to consider Sandy. She can be contacted via email: SandyMiller@royallepage.ca or by phone: (902) 453-1700.



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

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.

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

This space could be yours!
Advertise in Greymatters
All profits go directly to
Greyhound Pets of Atlantic
Canada

Medieval Greyhounds



Newfoundland Hound News

Hi Everyone, and Happy New Year from me and my hounds! As some of you know, I now have a foster with me who is looking for a loving home. Her name is Melba and she is 12 years old. A beautiful brindle girl who is still very playful and full of lots of love! If anyone is interested in adopting her, please give me a call and we can chat about her.

Now onto fundraising from the Rock!! Let me start by saying that 2004 was a fantastic year for fundraising here, with money raised by selling flower bulbs, Subway coupons, calendars, Meet and Greets, donations, and our Annual picnic. I've probably forgotten something, but let's just say you've all done a greyt job, and my heartfelt thanks go to each and every one of you for your help and support! I still have some Subway coupons available, so if you're interested in selling them, please contact either myself or Lynanne asap. They are \$5 each, and you get a sub, cookie and drink for the coupon at any SUBWAY location in Newfoundland. We also have a few calendars left, so anyone who wants one, let us know asap. The cost is \$15 each, and if you live outside of NFLD, we can mail it to you for an extra \$1.

Now for 2005...We will be having our annual GPAC Newfoundland meeting coming up very soon, and I encourage anyone who is interested in volunteering with our group this year to come on out and have some fun! There's no pressure, and if you decide you don't want to take a formal role, you can help in any way that you want. Lynanne will send out a message with the details on a time and place. Also, if anyone has any suggestions or ideas for some new fundraising ideas/events, please let me know, we're always looking for something new!

On a final note, I'm off to sunny Mexico for a couple of weeks, so enjoy the snow, and I'll see you all soon! In my absence, feel free to contact Lynanne about any fundrais-

ing matters, and I will be checking my e-mail periodically, so you can reach me there.

Thanks again, and Happy New Year!!!

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Hounds on the Rock
2005



Greyhounds of Newfoundland

We have a small number of **2005 Hounds on the Rock** calendars left if anyone would like to purchase one. The cost is \$15.00 plus any postage required. Please contact Lynanne at lyfurlong@yahoo.com or 709-754-3371.

Note: This year's calendar was organized as a Photo Contest. The selection of pictures was determined by a panel of 6 judges and to make the whole process fair I was not a judge and only submitted 1 photo.

S. Locke

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:



From The Heart Of A Greyhound

Dedicated in loving memory of our dear
departed hairy, fluffy, fuzzy "kids"

Don't Cry For Me

Don't cry for me my human
You have to let me go,
My spirit now needs to go free
As my physical self has ceased to be.

Where I'm going, there is no pain
But warm sand and grass on which to run,
And clouds to soften the path I take
And departed others to guide me there.

I might be a little selfish
To ask so much of you,
But as long as you suffer so much pain
I can't go on my way.

I gave you everything I had
While I was here with you,
Now it's time for me to play
The way you taught me to.

I know your heart really hurts
Because you loved me so,
Take some time to really grieve
But make it very soon.

Remember the good times that we had
Everything that we've been through,
Love can't be measured by months or years
But only by the heart.

I have need no more for collars or leads
My earthly bonds I shed,
I welcome now this chance I have
To know true freedom for the first time.

There are others out there that need you now
Help and love to them you'll give,
Remember me with kindness of heart
And know I loved you so.

Don't cry for me my human
You see I'll still live on,
My spirit will be in the next Greyhound
You bring up for a deserving family.

Just look into their eyes that day
And you will see me there,
Happily smiling up at you
As you smile back at me.

Don't cry for me my human.....

Belinda Gurnham



BELLE
1993 - 2004

We always knew that one day we'd have to say "Goodbye",
yet when that day arrived it was still so painful.

For eight wonderful years Belle kept us in high spirits. On
only one day, October 30, 2004 did she cause us grief. On
that day Belle crossed over the Rainbow Bridge to join her
adopted sister, Crissy.

Belle was a sweet, wonderful, gentle girl who will forever
cling to our hearts.

Good bye sweet friend.

Sadly missed by Helen and Bob Dickie.

Their lights will shine for ever.

St. John's Santa Claus Parade



Photo submitted by Lauren Cheeseman

The Dog Rules!

Rule #1 The dog is not allowed in the house.

Rule #2 Okay, the dog is allowed in the house, but only in certain rooms.

Rule #3 The dog is allowed in all rooms, but she has to stay off the furniture.

Rule #4 The dog can get on the old furniture only.

Rule #5 Fine, the dog is allowed on all the furniture, but she is not allowed to sleep with the humans on the bed.

Rule #6 Okay, the dog is allowed on the bed, but only by invitation.

Rule #7 The dog can sleep on the bed whenever she wants, but not under the covers.

Rule #8 The dog can sleep under the covers by invitation only.

Rule #9 The dog can sleep under the covers every night.

Rule #10 Humans must ask permission to sleep under the covers with the dog.

Ranking of Dogs for Obedience/Working Intelligence by Breed

Newsletter Submission Deadline Dates & Information

Based on a dog trainer's survey.

Have you wondered what the average intelligence of a Greyhound is?

Well according to a survey I found while visiting the web-site www.petrix.com the Greyhound falls at # 46 of 79. They tie this spot with the Tibetan Spaniel, English Foxhound, Otterhound, American Foxhound and the Wirehaired Pointing Griffon.

The test is of the Average Working/Obedience Intelligence. #46 means that the Understanding of New Commands takes 25 - 40 repetitions and Obey on 1st Command 50% of the time or better.

Nobody will be surprised to find out that the Border Collie ranks #1, with the Understanding of New Commands taking 5 repetitions and the Obey on 1st Command 95% or better.

Anyone who has ever met an Afghan Hound will not be surprised that this breed is #79. Understanding of New Commands taking 80 - 100 repetitions and Obey on 1st Command 25 % or worse.

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.