

Greymatters

Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada's Information Source

A Walk in the Park



Stephen, Peter and dogs hang out while Belinda Gurnham takes a picture.

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Happy Canada Day

Editors Note

Wow! Summer is here, even in Newfoundland, well most days.

A grey't time to take some pictures of the dogs so don't forget to send a few my way.

Enjoy the summer.

Sue Locke

TO GOD - FROM THE DOG:

Dear God: When we get to heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or is it still the same old story?

Dear God: We dogs can understand human verbal instructions, hand signals, whistles, horns, clickers, beepers, scent ID's, electromagnetic energy fields, and Frisbee flight paths. What do humans understand?

Dear God: Are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?

Dear God: Let me give you a list of just some of the things I must remember - to be a good dog.

- 1. I will not eat the cats' food before they eat it or after they throw it up.
- 2. I will not roll on dead seagulls, fish, crabs, etc., just because I like the way they smell.
- 3. I will not munch on "leftovers" in the kitty litter box, although they are tasty.
- 4. The diaper pail is not a cookie jar.
- 5. The sofa is not a 'face towel'.. neither are Mom and Dad's laps.
- 6. The garbage collector is not stealing our stuff.
- 7. My head does not belong in the refrigerator.
- 8. I will not bite the officer's hand when he reaches in for Mom's driver's license and registration.
- 9. I will not play tug-of-war with Dad's underwear when he's on the toilet.
- 10. Sticking my nose into someone's crotch is an unacceptable way of saying "hello".
- 11. I don't need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm under the coffee table.
- 12. I must shake the rainwater out of my fur before entering the house not after.
- 13. I will not throw up in the car.
- 14. I will not come in from outside and immediately drag my butt.
- 15. I will not sit in the middle of the living room and lick my crotch when we have company.
- 16. The cat is not a 'squeaky toy' so when I play with him and he makes that noise, it's usually not a good thing.

And, finally, My last question . . . Dear God: When I get to Heaven may I have my testicles back?

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VRP Wrap Up

Volunteer Recognition Program

- by Belinda and Stephen Gurnham

Certificate Of Appreciation

Presented to Rose Marie deVillers Hound day, June 10/05 Rose Marie is a dedicated Volunteer who over the past year, has, with her husband Pierre and family, adopted 2 Greyhounds and fostered several others. She participated in several Meet & Greets and other GPAC functions and most recently took on the board position of Director of Operations. We give her our sincere thanks.

Hound Day - June 10/05 - Draws and Raffles

Volunteers for Hound Day - Free Draw Winner of the Suede Visor - Pierre deVillers - Dartmouth

VRP Raffles

Canada Day Pinata - Leslie Sears - Halifax

FM Ear Radio - Carl Doty - Yarmouth/Halifax

Chinese Cutlery - Lynn Brown - Timberlea

Doggie Gift Basket - Blair Ryan - Newfoundland

Golf Clock Desk Set - Ed Holmberg - Mansfield, Mass.

Many thanks to all that supported the VRP raffles and sales.

Also, a Grey't big thanks to everyone for coming to Hound Day.

Newfoundland, it was really good to see the three of you again.

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



Paw Prints Update

Thanks to those who have purchased paw prints to honor their hound(s). We are pleased to announce the following paw print has been, or will be shortly, added to the kennel

Anderson - Jake

Many thanks to all who support the Sparkle Fund through this program.

"THE VRP HITS THE ROAD"

On Saturday May 28TH, a luncheon was held at the "Lakes" Resort in Margarie Valley, Cape Breton, OK, well actually it was some soup and a little of "Dis" N "Dat" at our rented cottage on Lake O'Law. In attendance were; from the Isle of Boularderie, the Squire Peter Bauer, Dame Sandra Kay, Prince Solo and Princess Zephie, and, from the Kingdom of Halifax, the Court Jesters, Max and Meggie Mey, the Village Idiot Minute, as well as ourselves, the Gurnham's of the Rectangle Table. Well, actually, it was just the bunch of us having a Grey't time and conversation.

Many casks of Grog was drunk, well actually, it was glasses of ice water. Sandra and Peter were presented at that time with the "Royal Order of GPAC". Ok, it was a Volunteer Recognition Certificate in a glass frame from GPAC. The whole point is, these people have donated beautiful jewelry over the years for GPAC to fund-raise with. Many coins have been raised because of them.

We offer a Royal Thanks to them both from us and GPAC. They are very special.

Belinda and Stephen Gurnham



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Family Name	
Hound Name 1	
Hound Name 2	
Hound Name 3	

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All Proceeds to the Sparkle Fund

Newfoundland Hound News

Eight more Hounds on the Rock

This weekend our branch saw the arrival of 8 beautiful greys. They were all in awesome shape and doing well in their new homes.

I want to send out a big thank you and welcome to the following families who have opened their homes and their hearts to a greyhound.

- Craig and Lola O'Neil adopted Bohemian Griffin aka Daisy
- Jocelyn Sweeney and Wayne Grant adopted WJS Amata aka Jade
- Rhonda Watkins and family adopted My Gothic Barbie aka Ariel
- Susan Bemister and Ray Mercer adopted Whistler Toy aka Enzo
- Anne Squires and Derek Stapelton adopted Safari Spats
- Karen McDonald & partner Terry adopted Mystic Rain aka Rain

A special thank you to our new foster homes you have done a wonderful thing by helping a grey in transition Judy Power and Quinton Cribb caring for Eddie Action Sharon and John Pelley caring for Mystery King and a special thanks to Sue Michalski who is cared for Mystic Rain.

Take care and enjoy the world of greyhounds, beware it is addictive!!

Lynanne Furlong

Greyhound Flea Market Big Success

Where to begin!!!!!! First let me start by saying....WOW! I think this fundraiser exceeded all our expectations, except mine of course as I want all to work out this well. I want to say a very big thank you to everyone and I mean everyone that got involved, from donations to sell, the use of vehicles to transport items, volunteering for the mini meet and greet (this includes the dogs!!!!), and to all who generously gave of your time to set up Friday night and the sale today! Again it all came together because of you guys. It was alot of work but based on the result well worth it. We do have a few spinoffs in the works.

Thanks to Sue Michalski and her doanation of a silver tea set and some late night elbow grease and research by Joe Chase. We are hoping to sell this item on ebay. We also decided to make off with a van load of items we thought could sell at a yard sale at a later date which could possible bring a few more dollars. I could not be more pleased with this result. I'm not sure whats next....but I will keep you posted!

Thanks again to all.

Blair

Meet and Greet Dates to circle on your calendar

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 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



GPAC Recycling Program - NL

Here's how it works. An account has been established on behalf of GPAC with EVERGREEN RECY-CLING. 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!

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 yourgrey.! granitestudios@nl.rogers.com

Check out the site at: www.granitestudios.ca/rockhounds.html

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 grey-hound 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



HOUND DAY = PAYDAY

By Belinda and Stephen Gurnham

To New Adopters;

They're Here! Now we get paid!

The Hounds have arrived. At least that's the way we look at it!

Meet & Greets are done, functions are over, applications are processed, the final word is said. You are getting a Greyhound. We are so happy, actually, we are ecstatic for you. You are receiving shortly, a rare experience in life. You are receiving a Greyhound. We've done everything we could to help you and this beautiful baby come together. We've talked the talk and walked the walk, and done everything humanly possible to be sure you meet each other. You're almost there.

However, we as Volunteers need to have the first nose to nose contact with the new babies. We have to watch them arrive and come off the hauler. This is our payday. This is what we have worked for over the weeks, months, and years. Many of us give up Vacation Time, lose pay etc. to be at a Hound Day. We don't mind, as long as we can see the hounds arrive. We are jealous of you as new adopters. We want more Greyhounds ourselves, but most of us have several already. If we can't have anymore, we're so glad you can. That's what we do. We, each and every one of us, want every Greyhound that comes off the hauler, but when we can't, we're glad you can. We laugh and we cry when they arrive, because it's Payday. Everything we've worked for is here. Everything we hoped for is you!

May your right hand always
Be stretched out in friendship and never in want.

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 to 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

Meet & Greet Schedule

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:

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:

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

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

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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 pamplets 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...

Enjoy your Summer Everyone, Judi

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!!!!!



Basket #1 \$250.00 value

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

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

Meet Our Greyhound



A Grey't Adoption Story

I have to say a super big thank you for introducing me to Greyhounds through the meet and greets. Seeing the Greys up close and personal was the first step in our process of adopting our lovely lady Ariel. About a year ago, I saw these wonderful animals at the Village Mall and fell totally in love with their presence and personality. Since then, I have frequented the web site and made a point of shopping when a meet and greet was scheduled. I visited the web site several weeks ago and saw a plea to adopt grey's as a race track was closing, I felt this was a calling to make a grey't addition to our family.

When Lauren made a home visit with "Storm", my better half was a little intimidated with the physical size of this beautiful boy, however, after we adopted My Gothic Barbie a.k.a. Ariel, we realized her largest feature was the love, affection and companionship she has to offer.

As of today's date we have had Ariel for 4 days, and each day we grow more in love with our black beauty. She was with us for little than 12 hours when she lay on her back, four paws up and enjoyed a belly rub. After 1 day she was playing with a stuffed squeaky toy like a little puppy. This morning, as she awoke and left her crate, she lay her head on my shoulder and gave me hug and smothered me with kisses.

She continues to amaze us with every passing moment. I can not thank you enough for allowing us to adopt Ariel.

Special thanks to Lynanne, Lauren and Sue for guiding us through the adoption process. Your helpful hints and advice are a godsend.

Rhonda, Scott, Cole, Skye and Ariel

Rhonda Watkins



GPAC Board of Directors Update

To position the group for future growth, GPAC has restructured their Board of Directors and some of the functions of those positions. The new Board consists of the following:

President - Jeanette Reynolds
Vice President - Steve Sinnott
Director of Operations - Rose de Villers
Secretary / Treasurer - Terry Goodyer
Fundraising/Events/Volunteer Coordinator - Melissa Ruginski (Also under the position of Fundraising/Events/Volunteer Coordinator, is the administration of the VRP)
Multimedia Coordinator - Carol Wood

For more detailed descriptions of the positions, visit www.gpac.ca

Events Update - Nova Scotia

- GPAC was out in full force to 'Roo' in the summer season! We were a force to be reckoned with during the Apple Blossom parade. While George Canyon was the Parade Marshal, our Grey's stole the show, working the crowd for lots of pets and putting smiles on all the spectators' faces!
- We had an amazing response at the 50+ Expo at Exhibition Park. We were able to promote adoption and volunteering, all while the Puppers working in the booth were inundated with pats, scratches, hugs and even the occasional kiss.
- Charlene Hector is doing an outstanding job organizing greyhound walks throughout the HRM! This is a grey't way to raise awareness for the breed, and for everyone to get outside and socialize, all while getting a bit of exercise. What's not to like?!

Fundraising Update - Nova Scotia

- The Vessy Seeds fundraiser was a success, kick starting Spring/Summer fundraising. However, with the record setting amount of rain received during May, I'm sure many of the seeds are only getting planted now. Ah well, better late than never.
- There are still lots of tickets available for the Quilt fundraiser. This Quilt is truly a work of art. It is absolutely beautiful. So let's all get together and sell lots of tickets in recognition of April Austin and Terry Goodyer's hard work and dedication!
- While we're only starting the summer season, GPAC is already gearing up for our fall/Xmas season fundraiser. Beginning in August, we will be accepting orders for Hand painted Xmas Balls and/or Fridge Magnets. Dianne McInnis is a local artist from Cape Breton who hand paints images directly onto glass/plastic Xmas balls or fridge magnets. You can have your Puppers beautiful face painted onto a keepsake to admire for years to come!

These make grey't gifts and keepsakes. Details will follow!"

Potpourri

It has almost been a year since we adopted our greyhound Steve. If there is one thing we've learned during this past year, it is that the average person has absolutely no idea what a greyhound is all about. People see a lab, and they think "Oh that dog loves to play", or they see a German Shepard and think, "That dog loves to work". And in these instances, they are usually correct. However, when people see our Steve, they are quick to comment, "Those dogs are high energy". I suppose the fact that the dogs are retired racers leads people to believe they run to burn off all kinds of excess energy. In their defense, that's a fair assumption. However, it also couldn't be further from the truth and may very well serve as a deterrent for potential adopters.

So how do we dispell this myth? As 'experts' in the field of our 35mph couch potatoes, it is up to us to let people know the true nature of this breed. Sleep. Eat. Love. (not necessarily in that order) When someone asks about your grey, mention their docile nature, and lazy dispositions. Take note of the raised eyebrows as people tend to be quite surprised. Letting the general public know what grey't pets these dogs make, and that they don't require a marathon runner as an exercise companion, may very well lead to more and more adoptions and lots of happy retired racers!

Funnies

A man going into a small shop sees a sign on the door saying "Beware of the Dog". Going in a bit cautiously, he sees a Greyhound asleep in the middle of the floor. "Hi" he says to the shopkeeper, "is that the dog you're warning about?"

"Yes, that's him alright" says the shopkeeper.

"Well he doesn't look dangerous, does he?" replied the man. "Why do you have that sign up?"

"Before I put that sign up" said the shopkeeper, "people kept tripping over him".

-Anonymous

VRP Update

Another successful Hound Day has come and gone. On June 11th, seventeen more retired racers may their way to Musquoidoboit Harbour. During the day, Rose de Villers was awarded a certificate for her outstanding volunteer work during Hound Day. Hip-Hip-Ha-Roo for Rose!!

List of Donators to GPAC Kennel & Upcoming Fundraising Events

- **A&J Pet Collectibles** 7 Greyhound items
- Judith A. Brody of Long Beach California USA
- 3 greyhound art prints.
- Jennifer Hendersen from **The Stylish Hound** 22 martingale collars.
- **Ann Burbidge** of Kent England two greyhound face embroidered face cloths?

 Mark Abrams of Calgary Alberta - one greyhound zipper pull

Thank you all for your kind donations.

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)
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•.doc Lotus Word Pro file (no embedded photos or graphics)

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E-mail greymatters@straylight.ca

Or snail mail to:

Greymatters

c/o Susan Locke

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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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