



Greymatters

Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada's Information Source

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Editors Note

Thanks to everyone who sent in pictures this month. I have some beautiful greyhound pictures that you can look forward to seeing in upcoming months. If you have sent something in for submission and don't see it this month look for it in the next issue.

I am sad to report that Jeanette & David Reynolds have recently lost Indy. Our thoughts are with them.

If you have any greyhound related items you would like to share with others please send them in to Greymatters.

GPAC now offers a free 1/4 page ad in return for a donation and as you can see the response has been overwhelming. We should all thank Angela Collicutt for her ceaseless work in tracking down donators. If you have any donations to include for upcoming GPAC functions please let Angela Collicutt know. You can reach her at mysticalas@ns.sympatico.ca

In Newfoundland please contact Lauren Cheeseman lcheeseman@nf.sympatico.ca

Sue Locke



Sellers Donate to GPAC

Search ebay for unique Greyhound items

The following are ebay sellers who kindly donated products to GPAC.

Lenora Conlon - (seller ID egull) - donated crocheted greyhound dolls and patterns - see ad on pg. 10

John White (seller ID ukhippo) - 2 sterling silver greyhound rings.

Debra Anderson - (seller ID leftie9) \$300.00 donation of totebags, pillows, blankets, baby bibs, aprons, pins, potholders, and a quilt. See ad on pg 5

Jan Navales from Paintitgreen0 - donated a scarf & purse

Custom-Vinyl - donated greyhound decals

Jeremy & Richard Mossip (seller ID quality sunglasses) - donated sunglasses & sunglass bags

To view these sellers products go to www.ebay.ca and click on the advanced search button which will bring you to a page you can Find Items by Seller.



AUCTIONS

By

PAINTITGREEN0



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Photo by Greg Locke



Ollie relaxes

Greyhounds seem to do this so well!

Remote control - leather sofa -
life is good Ollie.

Photo submitted by Cheryl Hatfield

Poetry Corner

A Prayer for Animals

Hear our humble prayer,
O God,
for our friends, the animals,
especially for those who are suffering;
for any that are lost or deserted
or frightened or hungry.

We entreat for them all
Thy mercy and pity,
and for those who deal with them,
we ask a heart of compassion
and gentle hands and kindly words.

Make us, ourselves,
to be true friends to animals
and so to share
the blessings
of the merciful.

Albert Schweitzer

The Creation

When God had made the earth and sky
the flowers and the trees,
He then made all the animals
the fish, the birds and bees.

And when at last He'd finished
not one was quite the same.
He said, "I'll walk this world of mine
and give each one a name."

And so He traveled far and wide
and everywhere He went,
a little creature followed Him
until it's strength was spent.

When all were named upon the earth
and in the sky and sea,
the little creature said, "Dear Lord,
there's not one left for me."

Kindly the Father said to him,
"I've left you to the end.
I've turned my own name back to front
and called you dog, My friend."

Author Unknown



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...And God Created the Greyhound

On the first day, God created the Greyhound.

On the second day, God created man to serve the Greyhound.

On the third day, God created the animals of the Earth to serve as potential food for the Greyhound.

On the fourth day, God created honest toil so that man could labor for the good of the Greyhound.

On the fifth day, God created the tennis ball so that the Greyhound could or could not retrieve it.

On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the Greyhound healthy and the man broke. (AMEN!!!)

On the seventh day, God tried to rest, but he had to walk the Greyhound.....

On the eighth day, God believeth that He was done, but Lo! The Garden of Eden was full of Greyhound poop and craters. Adam & Eve, having been banished from the garden, no longer dwelleth therein to serve the Greyhound, so it came to pass that He had to clean the mess up Himself. And God was displeased.

On the ninth day, God sayeth unto the Heavens, "Who hath dominion here, me or the Greyhound?"

On the tenth day, God came upon the Greyhound cockroached on His throne and abideth there unmoving, despite all His beseeching.

And so it came to pass that God had his answer. He then sayeth unto Moses, "Fine! You're in charge now. Here's my ten commandments. You deal with the Greyhound! I'm retiring to Miami Beach!"

And Moses convinced the Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of bondage in Egypt and journey to the Promised Land. God sayeth unto Moses, "The Promised Land shall be yours, but you must take the Greyhound with you.

And so it came to pass that the Israelites wandered for 40 years in the wilderness, waiting for the Greyhound to go potty, mark every bush and sniff every blade of grass in its domain.

And the Greyhound was fruitful and multiplied.

The people were taken by the comliness and manner of the Greyhound, but they were sorely distressed. "Lord" they cried out, "The Greyhound is an attractive and sweet creature, but there are so many, what shall we do?"

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*****Let GPAC Know!*****

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



Turn a greyt photo into a beautiful clock!

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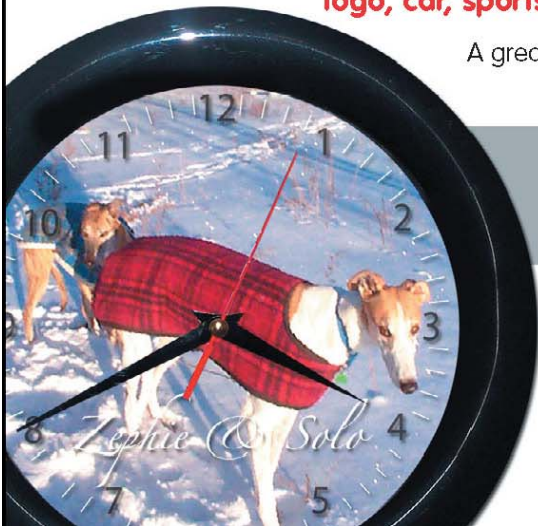
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...and God Created..cont'd from pg. 4

And God sayeth unto the people, "Ye are a cursed people and shall be known as adopters! Thy yards shall be barren of grass. Thy dwellings shall overflow with dog beds, squeaky toys and Greyhound kitsch. Thy carpets shall be forever stained. Thy vet bills shalt be large and thy lives forever ordered around by the Greyhound. And thy minds shall be muddled, as thou shalt treat thy Greyhounds as thy do your human offspring."

And Adopters begat Chippers. And Chippers begat Fosters. And Fosters begat Adoption Groups. And Adoption Groups begat Discussion Lists. And Discussion Lists begat Gatherings. And Gatherings begat Vendors. And Vendors begat a wardrobe for the Greyhound. And the Greyhound was spoiled.

God looked down on this and was pleased.

(Brett Weeks.)

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 Lyanne or Blair a line. In Nova Scotia contact the Kennel.

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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
rjmercerc@warp.nfld.net

Two Greyhounds Looking for HomesUPDATE....

Thanks to Derrick Barrett and Juanita Brown for opening their home and hearts to Jake, who was returned recently and had been placed in foster with Juanita and Derrick. As it turned out it was impossible for them to part with him!! Thank you Juanita and Derrick for seeing the value in adopting a senior grey!

PS: Casey is still waiting for her home, so please if you or someone you know may be interested in a senior grey contact Lynanne. Shipping to the mainland can be arranged.
lyfurlong@yahoo.com

Flea Market St. John's

Last year we had a very successful flea market and this year are hoping to do better. If you have any items to donate we would be happy to have them.

The Flea Market is going to be around the end of April. Start your spring cleaning a little early and dig deep. Those CD's or movies you thought you bought last year and thought you would like! The skates your kids outgrew 10 years ago! Start collecting now.

Depending on the location of items, pick up may be available. If you would like more information please contact Chris at chrishb@hotmail.com or call 368-3973.



GPAC Recycling Program - NL

GPAC Newfoundland has an account set up with Ever Green recycling-3 locations within the city of St. John's. All you do is when you bring in your returns, ask to have the money placed into the GPAC account.

Blair Ryan
Fundraising Co-ordinator
Greetings Everyone!

Spring Snap Leads

It has recently come to my attention that I am not the only one who has had a problem with spring snap leads. Those are the leads with the pull back spring that opens to let you clip the leash onto the collar. I thought I must have had a lemon of a lead, however, lately I have heard complaints.

In all cases the dogs have somehow managed to get loose of the leads. I have watched Tiagh give a body shake only to leave me with a dogless lead.

I haven't managed to find much information on these leads or any warnings associated with them. If anyone has further information they would like to share please send it to me and I will do a follow-up.

s.locke

**Did you know that Greyhounds
came to the New World in 1493 on
Columbus' second expediton**

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
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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

NS MEET N GREETS 2006 ...mark your calendars

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 Greyhound Diner

Cheesy Dog Biscuit Treats

Ingredients:

1 cup rolled oats
1/3 cup margarine
1 cup Boiling water
3/4 cup cornmeal
1 tablespoons sugar
2 teaspoons chicken or beef flavored instant bouillon
1/2 cup milk
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1 egg, beaten
2 - 3 cups whole wheat flour.

Preheat your oven to 325 degrees.

Grease cookie sheets.

In large bowl, combine rolled oats, margarine and boiling water; let stand 10 minutes. Stir in cornmeal, sugar, bouillon, milk, cheese and egg; mix well. Lightly spoon flour into measuring cup; level off. Add flour 1 cup at a time, mixing well after each addition to form a stiff dough.

On floured surface, knead in remaining flour until dough is smooth and no longer sticky, 3 to 4 minutes. Roll or pat out dough to 1/2 inch thickness, cut with bone shaped cookie cutter. Place 1 inch apart on greased cookie sheets. Bake at 325 degrees for 35 to 45 minutes until golden brown. Cool completely. Store loosely covered. Makes 3 1/2 dozen large dog biscuits or 8 dozen small dog biscuits.

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Common Greyhound Conditions

Bald Thighs

It is not unusual to see Greyhounds with not a bit of fur on their back ends. It is not known exactly what causes the problem but the result is mostly a cosmetic concern, unless you live in a climate with severe winters. It has not been linked with hypothyroidism. I have heard that bald thighs are a result of wear on metal kennels during the dogs racing career. I have not been able to substantiate this during my on-line research. After stating this I will mention that my greyhound arrived off the track with not a hair on his back end but did grow it back within 6 months.

Comedones

Comedones are those black achne like bumps that are sometimes found on the chest area of Greyhounds. Sometimes it looks almost like your grey is going moldy. This is usually a cosmetic problem and not a cause of undo concern. Some more advanced cases may need some treatment, especially if infection sets in.

Happy Tail

Happy Tail is an injury as a result of vigorous tail wagging. Anyone reading this who is not familiar with greyhounds are now scratching their heads, but those of us who have experienced this are thinking of clean-up on par with a murder scene.

Greyhounds have long delicate tails and skin that is thinner than other breeds. The result is that their skin can tear fairly easily. Tail wagging against a hard surface, like a door frame, can crack the skin. Surprisingly this doesn't seem to hurt much cause they keep on wagging that tail. It is astonishing the results a little bit of blood and vigorous tail wagging can cause. I have personally wiped blood off the ceiling, walls, floor, and door from a tiny cut.

The first thing to do is stop the bleeding and the tail wagging. Try a soft bandage to protect the tail and your home. It will need to be lightweight or will simply come off during the next tail wag. Monitor the condition and seek veterinary help if needed.

Part two of this problem is how to clean all the blood off the walls and carpet, etc. The website mentioned at the end of this article suggests hydrogen peroxide.

Osteosarcoma

Osteosarcoma is bone cancer. A high percentage is found in the legs and shoulders. The cancer starts inside the bone causing intermittent lameness and eventually causes severe pain. It weakens the bones to a point where they can fracture quite easily.

An x-ray can provide a diagnosis but early cases may trickier to determine. A definitive diagnosis can be obtained through a bone biopsy.

Treatments for Osteosarcoma are two part - pain relief and cancer treatment. Discuss options with your vet, research the topic and search your soul for strength.

Cancer research is ongoing and one of the organizations is the University of Michigan, they are conducting a genetic study. If your Greyhound develops osteosarcoma you can consider the donation a small blood sample to this study. For further information on this please refer to the web site noted at the end of this article.

Seperation Anxiety

Most newly adopted greyhounds are not used to being alone. The fear of being separated is sometimes overwhelming.

Seperation anxiety can result in a variety of unwanted behaviours from urinating on your laundry basket to chewing up the furniture and everything inbetween. It is not believed this is a conscious effort to punish the owner but a result of panic at being left alone.

Most dogs who suffer this anxiety exhibit the symptoms every time you leave no matter how long you are gone. It is thought that the greyhound who never leaves your side when you are home may be more likely to show symptoms of anxiety when you leave.

It is believed that leaving your pet alone for some period each day, right from the beginning is a good idea.

Even a dog who seemed settled can show signs of seperation anxiety after an upsetting event in their lives. Moving to a new home, boarding while you are away, etc. Having said that we had the opposite reaction when we moved to a new home, my greyhound's seperation anxiety stopped when we moved. At our last home my greyhound would cry if he was inside and we were outside; even if he could see us.

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Solving the problem will take some time and patience. Each dog is different and what works for one may not for another. Here are some things to try.

- Avoid eye contact or interaction with your grey for about 30 minutes before you leave and 30 minutes after you return. Don't let them think that you going out or coming home is really that big a deal.

- We usually do the same thing every time we go out and our dogs are watching. We get boots, keys, coats, etc. and almost always go out the same door. Try going through the routine and then put everything away again, then try leaving through a different door. Your dog's anxiety was building as he is watching the familiar routine and this pattern building up and not leading to the usual panic state can lessen the effect of the anxiety.

- Try leaving for extremely short times. Go out the door walk around the car then come back in. This time you came back before the panic took hold. Don't forget to ignore the dog when you come back. Remember the part about patience! Well results won't happen overnight but by gradually lengthening your departure times you should see results.

- Try leaving the radio on.

- Some dogs may feel more secure crated, while others may not.

- Greyhounds may enjoy the company of another greyhound but this shouldn't be the main reason for adopting a second greyhound.

What not to do.

- Never punish your dog for the results of separation anxiety. You will end up making the situation worse.

If your dog is not responding to your efforts you can seek help from professionals in your community. If you are unsure where to go ask your vet, they will probably have suggestions or contacts.

Symmetrical Lupoid Onychodystrophy

This is the condition where your dog loses an entire toe nail. Initially you may think he caught it in something but after examining the other nails you may notice that they

don't look normal. Nails may seem loose, tender or otherwise abnormal.

Symmetrical Lupoid Onychodystrophy is an autoimmune disease that targets the toe nails. The body actually makes antibodies against itself, and rejects it; in this case the toe nail. Sometimes SLO is misdiagnosed as an infection. SLO should be treated as an immune disorder. Treatment may be long term. Consult your vet if you notice these problems. Don't be afraid to suggest your suspicions of SLO.

Signs of the SLO are:

- nail loss
- licking nails
- oozing around the base of the nail
- limping
- infection

The good news is, it is treatable. In some cases it may be caused by severe allergies to food and diet restrictions may solve the problem. There may be over the counter medications that may help so ask your vet.

Canine Blood donors

Greyhounds are often thought to be universal blood donors, but this is not always the case. The universal blood type is Dea1.1 and not all greyhounds have it.

Donor dogs should be screened for tick-borne diseases, must be heartworm negative and you should let the clinic know if there has been a past infection.

Greyhounds with the right blood type do make excellent donors because they have an unusually high number of red blood cells.

Your dog does not have to be sedated to give blood and it takes about 10 minutes. 10 minutes that could save another animal.

....sue locke

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Midas Muffler Shop - a car service package

Holly Kuster from Wetnose Wardrobe - donated 5 martingale collars.

Shirley Hill - donated 2 jump suits, 1 jogger, 1 sweater with hood, 1 sweater with a hat, 8 other sweaters - All hand knitted baby clothes

Lucky Pet Tags - donated 4 "one complimentary item" forms and a display case.

Kara's Urban Day Spa - donated \$55.00 coupons for shampoo/cut/style/brow shaping/ 1 stand up tan session and \$5.00 off a tattoo or piercing.

Fabutan - 3 100 minute tanning session gift certificates, \$30.00 each.

Finbar's Irish Pub - donated \$50.00 gift certificate

Pug Cafe - donated 3 pairs of greyhound socks (for people) & an illustrated book "Iggies & Greys"

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Photo Submitted by the Gardners

**7 year old Annie is the
quiet, lovable, clean, gentle friend of
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Dartmouth, Nova Scotia**

If a dog was the teacher you would learn stuff like:

- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.



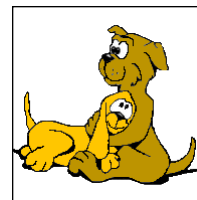
- Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
- Take naps.
- Stretch before rising.

- Run, romp, and play daily.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.



- No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout...! run right back and make friends.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

- Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough.
- Be loyal. Never pretend to be something you're not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.



submitted by: Angela Collicutt

cont'd from pg. 12

Shur-Gain - donated a stained glass weather vane

Vickie Gray - donated 3 1 hour sessions of computer assistance & 1 hour session of gardening assistance.

Kelly Koonce of Accessories by Kelleen donated 64 little charm decorations for collars, key chains or pendants.

Thank you!

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- .tif Tiff image format (2 Meg max file size)
- .pdf Adobe Acrobat format
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- .wpd Wordperfect file (no embedded photos or graphics)
- .doc Lotus Word Pro file (no embedded photos or graphics)

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Or snail mail to:

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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 _____

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