



Greymatters

Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada's Information Source

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Annie Gardner relaxes on her deck on a lazy afternoon ...are there any other kinds when you're a greyhound?

Photo submitted by The Gardners of Nova Scotia

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Editors Note

Thanks to everyone who sent in submissions and please keep them coming. The more pictures and "stuff" I receive the better Greymatters can be.

Sue Locke

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then giving Fido only two of them.

Phil Pastoret

New Society formed to Promote the Welfare of Ex-Racing Greyhounds

Hi Folks,
It's, Belinda Gurnham.

Were Back!!

We'd like to introduce you to Greyhound Friends of Nova Scotia (GFONS), a Society we have formed to "Promote the Welfare of Ex-Racing Greyhounds". We are NOT an adoption agency, we'll leave that to those who know how to do it best. We, however, will be providing financial support through fund-raising and donations to retired racing Greyhounds. We are a 100% volunteer driven Registered Society and are working on obtaining a Not For Profit status with Revenue Canada.

This is in no way to be interpreted as a competition with any adoption agencies. Our love of the Greyhounds is so great that we felt the need to do more, so we formed

GFONS. To the best of our ability and financial means, we will provide support to Greys awaiting adoption, adopted Greys, and assistance to registered adoption agencies. And of course, we will always be promoting the adoption of Greyhounds.

In the coming months we will be having many fund-raisers and events. If you'd like to help, donate or become a member, or wish to receive more information please contact us at:

Greyhound Friends of Nova Scotia
6 Nelson Ave.
Halifax, NS, Canada
B3P 1V8
(902) 477-8714
gfons1@lycos.com

By the way, we plan to still Volunteer with GPAC at Meet & Greets, Hound Days and events. Yes, we love the Greys that much!!

Sincerely Yours
Belinda Gurnham, Chairman
Russell Pearston, Vice Chairman
Stephen Gurnham, Secretary/Treasurer
Mary Bucci, Director
Brenda Wile, Director

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Photo by Greg Locke



List of Donators to GPAC Kennel & Upcoming Fundraising Events

KHolly Kuster

- Wetnose Wardrobe - 6 martingale collars

Dapper Dawgs

- Donation of \$427.00

Little Ceasar's Pizza

- Cole Harbour - donated 3 topping pizza

Neptune Theatre

- Theatre Tickets

Nylabone

- Donated \$300.00 worth of products

Thank you!

*As a thank-you we will be giving our donators a free ad
in an upcoming edition of Greymatters.*

*Please send your ad to the Greymatter's
address on page 15*

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

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



CAN YOU HELP US HELP THE GREYHOUNDS?

Greyhound Friends of Nova Scotia (GFONS), located at 6 Nelson Ave. Halifax (off of the William's Lake Road), will be having a YARD SALE/BBQ/FUN TIME on Saturday, May 13TH from 11am to 2pm. We are a registered not-for-profit 100% Volunteer driven organization. All monies raised will go to help save the lives of **Retired Racing Greyhounds**.

GREY'T BIG FUN

YARD SALE - BBQ - BOOK SALE

For the kids and kids at heart -

SUCKER PULL - SPIN TO WIN (prize every time)

GRAB A STRING FOR A PRIZE

AND MORE

Brendas Dog Dudz will be on location showcasing her dapper dog apparel, dog accessories and T Shirts. She is a dedicated supporter of GFONS, and will be donating a portion of sales to the organization.

Please join us on May 13TH and spend a dollar or two.

Rain Date - May 14TH

Recycling is a Grey't idea. Just ask any Adopted Retired Racing Greyhound!

PAW PRINTS FOR GREY'T PALS - ORDER FORM

Family Name _____

Hound Name 1 _____

Hound Name 2 _____

Hound Name 3 _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - STAMP INK WILL BE PERMANENT

Please include cash, check or money order payable to GPAC

Send to:

GPAC

PO Box 38203

Dartmouth, NS

B3B 1X2

All Proceeds to the Sparkle Fund

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

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!

GPAC Sells on Ebay

We have now set up an ebay seller account, and a Paypal address to accept funds for items sold, as well as donations to our branch. Our ebay ID is [gpac-newfoundland](#), and our Paypal address is gpac_nl@yahoo.ca. This e-mail address will also be used for general inquiries about adopting a greyhound in Newfoundland, and will be included, along with our logo, in EXIT Realty advertising this year. (Thanks to Anne Squires and the EXIT team for offering to do this!).

The NS branch has also set up accounts, and will be doing the same thing as a means of fundraising. Their ebay ID is [gpac-ns](#).

Lauren Cheeseman

**New email address for general information
on GPAC Newfoundland gpac_nl@yahoo.ca**

Three New Greys Arrive in Newfoundland

Congratulations to the following families for opening their homes to a greyhound.

Jeff & June Noftall - St. John's - Angel
Nicholle Chislett - Mt. Pearl - Mo
and to Sue Michalski for fostering



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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

NS MEET N GREETS 2006 ...mark your calendars

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

GPAC Sells on Ebay

Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada is a registered charity that I volunteer with in Nova Scotia. Recently we decided it would be a good idea to try and list some items on Ebay to help raise funds for our Sparkle Fund.

It is with this intention that I am writing to all of you today to invite you to come and see GPAC's current listings and perhaps place a bid on something that interests you. All funds received from the auctions go directly to the dogs we place and adopt into loving homes.

Please visit <http://members.ebay.ca/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=125000000000> view the current listings and for more information about GPAC's Ebay listings.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and happy bidding!

Angela Collicutt

Donations Coordinator & Director of Operations

Tick Titer Clinic

When: May 6th, 2006 - 10 am til 2pm

Where: Harbour Cities Veterinary 194 Wyse Rd
Dartmouth

Contact: For more information email or call Judi Mallinson. judi_mallinson@yahoo.ca 902-648-2717

Cost: The titer testing price we have been given is \$125.00 per hound by Harbor Cities.

PLEASE NOTE: An update to the titer clinic is that I have spoken with Dr. Holland at Protatek regarding the use of Antibiotics prior to testing and she does not feel it will effect the results of the tests, she feels that any titer would show through. With regards to Steroids such as Prednazone she said that it can be tricky and given at an immunosuppressive dose (high) that it may cause a false negative titer result.

Even if one of your hounds is not on my list and you want them to be tested you can simply just show up to the titer clinic with them....we wanted the list for a general idea for a quote.

judi

Thank You Letter for Annual Auction 2006

To the donators and sponsors, the volunteers, the auctioneers, and the auction attendees;

First, I'd like to thank each and every one of you who were able to attend this year's Annual Auction! I believe everyone who attended had an amazing time and I think you were all able to get some fantastic deals too! There certainly were a lot of items available and I'd like to take a moment to thank our donators and sponsors for their most outstanding contributions! We couldn't have done it without them and I know I can speak for everyone when I say we are so very grey'tful for their generosity!

I'd also like to thank the volunteers who helped at the auction and those of you who helped organize donations from companies and people with whom you had a connection. The reason this year's auction was successful was because of the great team we all formed and I am very proud to say I was a part of that team! So two paws up for your help and support because without you guys, it wouldn't have been able to happen.

A huge thank you goes out to Lisa & Harv from Q104FM. They came out on their own time to act as auctioneers for the auction. The entertainment they provided kept things lively and jumping because let's face it... most of us were getting tired towards the end of the auction! Humor can inspire a second wind and I'd like to extend a personal thank you to the two of them for keeping things fun and exciting.

We were able to raise a total of \$9350 for this year's annual auction; a phenomenal amount! The live auction brought in \$4947, silent auction \$249, 50/50 draw (and the winnings were donated back to the charity by Ann & Dick Waller) \$118, miscellaneous donations in the donation box \$36, Scotia Bank's bid match \$4000. This is an amazing total and our very best to date!

So thank you, thank you, thank you to all of you who helped make this year's Annual Auction such a huge success! We are only able to accomplish such an achievement through the power of our donators, sponsors, and volunteers... we are only as grey't as the people who make up our organization. A standing "Roo"-vation to you all!

Sincerely,
Angela Collicutt
Donations Coordinator & Director of Operations

Hi Everyone! It is spring again and we have been busy thinking up all kinds of ways to show off our puppies. So here a list of what we have coming up in the next few months! Put us in your day timer and come out and fun with the group! If you can help out at any of the events please contact me when you get a chance. I will be keeping track of who wants to help out with what & when.

May 6 th — Tick Titer Clinic — Harbour Cities Vet Hospital, Dartmouth - 10am to 2pm - Contact Judi Mallinson to get on the sign up list
judi_mallinson@yahoo.ca

May 13 th — Meet & Greet at Bedford Place Mall — Bedford NS - Shifts
10-12, 12-2 and 2-4. Three to Four Dogs Max

June 3 rd — Apple Blossom Parade— New Minas to Kentville, NS - Starts at 1:00 but need to be a staging area in New Minas by about 11:00 am to avoid traffic. Need a big turn out for this one! Maps and directions will be posted on the discussion group files section.

June 9th and 10th — 50+ Expo booth — Fri 9am to 6pm and Sat 9am to 5pm - We will need lots of volunteers spread out through this event so please... help out if you can!!! We will try to run 2 hour shifts but may have to stretch some of the times depending on volunteer response.

Well that's the next few months in a nutshell. We may be adding events so keep an eye on the upcoming events section of the website. It is being updated constantly by Jalene!! And please contact me if you can lend a hand at any of the events!

Thanks! Cheryl Sinnott

Donators List For Annual Auction 2006

Joanie Cunningham
 Angela Collicutt & Darby Collicutt
 The Stylish Hound
 Boston Pizza – Cole Harbour Rd
 Budget – Kempt Rd
 The Garden View Restaurant
 “Take Me Home” Pet Tags
 Judy Rygiel
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 Pampered Paws Inn
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 Jan Navales
 Signature Vinyl Products
 Joey Retriever Designs
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 Melissa Ruginski
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 Vickie Gray
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 Mike’s Restaurant (Bedford location)
 Fong’s Restaurant
 M&M Meat Shops
 Pudgery Tire Ltd.
 Heritage Nissan
 Linda of Coleyspointscraft Ebay store
 Wetnose Wardrobe
 Pizza Delight (valid only at Tacoma Drive location)
 Patricia Rose

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Annual Auction Donators Cont'd

Kelli Swan of Animal Lover Gift Place
Jalene & Matt Lumb - Polar Bear Corporate
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BobbieAnne Beaulac – House of Dogs
Chris Brothers Mets & Deli – Cole Harbour Rd loca-
tion
Jacqui Sparham of Payless4jewels
Reader's Digest Association Canada
Scotia Bank
Bill Doucette
Teeft K-9 Centre
Ann & Dick Waller
Pet Portrait Studio
Sobey's (Forest Hills Drive location)
Global Pet Foods
Harbour Cities Veterinary Hospital
Bill Dooks, MLA Eastern Shore
Casino Nova Scotia
Donna Deskin
Mikayla Joudrey
Fred Connors of FRED.
Brandy Boone
Kate's K9 Creations
Judy Mallinson of Hot Coats for Cool Hounds
Parker's Satellite & Tech Shop Inc.
Bev Blackburn
St. John Ambulance (Tiffany Mullen)
Little Caesar's (Cole Harbour locations)
Kim Smith of WoofWatchers Inc.
Neptune Theatre
The Cat's Cradle Boarding Kennel
McDonald's (Lauralee Benson)
Liscombe Lodge
Linda Colin
Leslie & Dave Sears
The Wardrobe Too (Nancy Guildford)
Dio Mio
GFONS (Greyhound Friends of Nova Scotia) –
Belinda & Stephen Gurnham

The Smiling Greyhound.

I sit here in the dog pound
As people pass me by.
Does no-one want a Greyhound
Who's timid, sweet and shy?

I've tried my best to find a home,
And I smile when they come near,
It doesn't seem to work though,
They hurry by with fear.

Then suddenly, a little girl
Came and stroked my head,
And looking at her mother
With pleading eyes she said.

"I want that dog, he smiled at me,
You said that I could choose".
A Greyhound with a smiling face?
Well, how could I refuse?

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Ever consider what dogs must think of
us? I mean, here we come back from a
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haul – chicken, pork, half a cow. They
must think we're the greatest hunters
on earth!

–Anne Tyler

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The Deadline for Submissions is: the **20th of each month** for the next issue. Any late submissions will go in the next issue.

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- .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.