



Greymatters

Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada's Information Source

Tiagh enjoys a nap with a friend!



Photo by: Greg Locke

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Editors Note

Here in St. John's the Regatta is over and that is the signal that summer is nearing an end. It is hard to avoid it any longer, the "back to school" stuff is everywhere and the evenings are getting shorter and cooler.

Tiagh is enjoying the cooler evening walks a bit more. He is always willing to go for a walk and starts out with great enthusiasm no matter what the weather but there were days when 5 minutes into the walk he would stop and seem to say "man it's hot, unzip the fur coat and lets go home". I know there will be many moments the winter when we will think back on those day with a bit of disbelief, not to mention longing.

Enjoy those last few warm weeks.

Sue Locke

The Grass Really is Greener on the Other Side

A couple of week's ago I left my office and had an open envelope with \$1000.00 in cash in it. I dropped home around 6 p.m., Derek was on the deck having a glass of wine of wine and I put the envelope, my cell and my keys on the kitchen table and I popped out to the deck. Our deck was in the construction stages with no side railings, the dogs were all hopping on and off the deck and I sat and had a glass of wine.

When I came in I noticed the envelope had only \$350.00 inside. I asked Derek if he had taken some - no he hadn't even seen it. I traced my steps, checked the Jeep upside

down - all to no avail. We had to go for a dinner so I attributed it to loosing it between the office /bank and home.

Next day I had to go to Marystown and my daughter and Admin. Staff - Sue here at the office went by to let the three dogs out at noon.

Jen called me and said, "Mom, are you missing any money?"

Sue and Jen walked into the fenced yard looked at each other and thought it was some cruel joke.

Boss, our new Greyhound had buried \$650.00 in \$20 and \$50 bills in the back yard with all the edges slightly visible! Who says the grass is not greener on the either side?

He takes everything - either to his bed or the back yard. Our shoes, pajamas, and Sunday's roast, loaf of bread - you name it! He really is the boss - but he still is the best. He really is a puppy although he will be 4 years old next week.

Anne Squires

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Photo by Greg Locke

Roxy's close call



Photos submitted by: Terry Goodyer

On July 17, our Roxy became critically ill. She would not eat her breakfast or dinner and was vomiting a bit all day. By 9:30 that night we knew there was something terribly wrong so we rushed her to the Metro Animal Emergency Hospital. She was diagnosed with hemorrhagic gastroenteritis which is a severe gastric infection with hemorrhaging. They have not been able to find a link to any known cause for this infection (and it's not greyhound specific). She was hemorrhaging all through her intestines and was losing a lot of blood. She spent every night at the Emergency Clinic and every day at our vet's office for 3 days, during which she was under critical care and treated with IV fluids and a barrage of medications. It broke our hearts every morning and every evening when we would pick her up and transport her back and forth. We were so worried, but, after the first 24 hours, she looked a little better with each trip and we were hopeful that she was recovering. When she finally came home, she was very weak and we had several antibiotics to administer and a special diet, but now, she is almost back to her old self. She doesn't quite have all her energy back, but as I chase her through the living room trying to recover the loaf of bread she just stole off the kitchen counter, I can see the mischief dancing in her beautiful brown eyes and I know our baby girl is going to be okay.

At one point the vet thought Roxy might need a transfusion, and we were very comforted by the fact

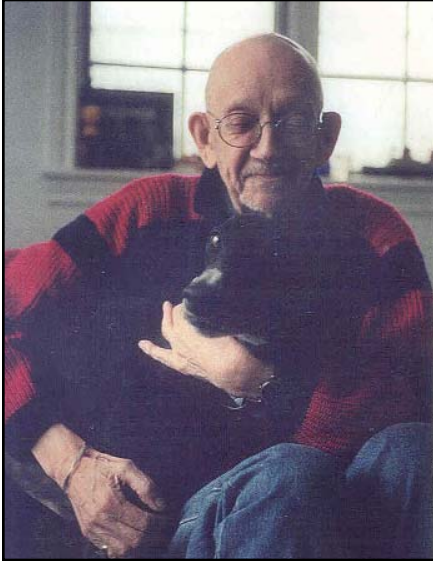
that we had a blood donor in the house. Our Simon has given blood several times at the Emergency Clinic and has saved the lives of a few dogs. Fortunately, Roxy never needed the transfusion, however, when, a few days after she came home, they called and asked if Simon were available to give blood, we didn't hesitate. Even though he was supposed to be at a Meet and Greet, we rushed him to the clinic where there was a dog in desperate need. This is a wonderful service that he is able to provide and he really enjoys the visits. He gets lots of attention and treats. They also tested his blood and with a PCV of 65.5% they say he has the best blood they've ever had!! We are very proud of him.

Simon



A Tribute To Ralph

by Belinda Gurnham



Submitted Photo

On August 3, 2005, I lost a very special person in my life. His name was Ralph Keith (like the beer). Ralph and I became acquainted on November 15, 2002 at Hound Day. He was there to collect his beautiful new Greyhound "Eli". When Eli did arrive, Ralph was very distraught because he forgot his camera and couldn't record Eli's arrival. I had my camera so I offered to take pictures and send them to him. When I asked his name, he said, "It's Ralph Keith, like the beer". This became a joke with us over the years. After Hound Day, I immediately had the pictures of Eli developed and sent them to Ralph. This started a not long enough telephone/mail relationship.

Over the last 2 3/4 years. Ralph and I have exchanged cards, pictures of our hounds, and made spontaneous phone calls to each other. Our notes were usually short, but on the phone we chatted forever. I was very touched when Ralph informed me that he had given my phone number to friends and neighbors, along with Jeanette's in case something happened to him. He needed to know Eli would be looked after.

The last time I spoke to Ralph was a couple of months ago. He had tried to call Jeanette but he had the wrong number. We chatted for awhile but my cordless phone started to go dead, so I had to cut off the conversation. That's one I'll live with for a while. I had told Ralph we were coming to Wolfville in September to make him lunch and walk Eli, as he hasn't been able to anymore because of his hip problems. He was so excited. Now I can't. I guess life lessons are hard learned. Don't do to-morrow what you should have done yesterday.

Years ago we started a Column for Greymatters called "Grey't Corner", where we would write about Volunteers, Ed, adopters and other people that touched our lives in this wonderful world of Greyhound Adoption. The following is one we did on Ralph in the Spring of 2003 Issue.

I miss you Ralph. You were such a gentleman and it was a privilege to know such a wonderful person like you. This little fuss would have embarrassed a modest person like you, but here it is Ralph Keith (like the beer).

PS. Ralph, Eli will be looked after.

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GREY" T CORNER

by Belinda and Stephen Gurnham
Spring 2003

A GREY" T ADOPTER

We started this column sometime ago based on people that inspired us. Every once in a while someone comes along that makes an impression. Someone we go home and think about and talk about. Someone that takes us from the norm. We met this person on November 15, 2002, the last Hound Day of the year. So, Ralph Keith (like the beer), this column is dedicated to you.

On a cold windy day in the Arctic, with gale force winds blowing off Frobisher Bay (well actually it was chilly with semi-mild winds blowing off Lake Echo), we met "Our Ralph". He was there to pick up his Greyhound. He was soooooo excited. He wondered around restlessly, awaiting the arrival of his wonderful new friend. The Greyhound anticipation syndrom had definitely set in on Ralph. Now, five minutes was a hour, one hour was a day! "Is my boy ever going to get here" he wondered? Suddenly those two famous words were shouted, "HE" S HERE"! In comes the Greyhound Hauler with Ed and "Our Ralph's" hound aboard. Well, he was beside himself, he spun circles, paced back and forth, and looked like a little kid on Christmas morning.

Welcome to "Hound Day" Ralph!

Then came the processing! Well "Our Ralph" was going through his own version of separation anxiety. They took his hound in to be vet checked, fed etc. He watched the door to the basement like a new Dad waiting for the new arrival. We suggested he go inside to Jeanette's nice warm kitchen. But, no, that was not to be. So, with knees knocking, noses running and teeth chattering (mine, not Ralph's) we stood outside on the deck and waited. Then finally, Eli's comin, Eli's comin, and there he was! His guy was here. His new companion, best friend, his gentle giant. "Our Ralph" made sure his Eli was covered in his new coat and knew who his Dad would be. To see the already commitment and love that Ralph showed that day was a bit more than I could believe. What a wonderful adopter!

To give you a little background on "Our Ralph", he was born in Boston in 1930 to an American father and Canadian mother. No wonder he wanted a Greyhound_____ they're American too! Just to let you know though, he became a Canadian citizen in 1978.

O'Canada, we're pleased to have you Ralph. "Our Ralph" was educated at Acadia University and Dalhousie Law School, however, he didn't choose to be a lawyer, but instead became an Ordained Lutheran Priest. Well, all we can say is "Thank God" for people like you.

Ralph Keith (like the beer) is a firm and true believer in GPAC. Through correspondence I have had with him, he so believes in the program, we are printing some of what Ralph has said, and these are direct quotes; "He's my gentle giant with his magical ears and great disposition". "Eli is so special, just so special". "I look at him and thank God for the great people that rescued him" The next quote is why we chose Ralph for our Grey't Corner. In the years we have been doing volunteer work for GPAC, never have we heard such a dedicated statement; "I have had a lot of dogs in my time. I've always worried about what would happen to them if anything happened to me. I never knew what would happen to them. With Eli, I know he will go back to Greyhound Pets and will be loved and looked after. That's very important to me to know that. I don't dwell on this, but I can relax about it. Two of my neighbors have Jeanette's phone number and instructions to call her about Eli". How is that for dedication folks! Ralph, you are an inspiration to us all. Thank-you for caring, so much. To end this article, a final quote from Ralph; "The most important thing about Eli - he's turned my house into a home again. No one can buy that kind of love and companionship."

**May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at
your back.
May the sun shine warm upon
your face.
And rains fall soft upon your
fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow
of His hand.**

Newfoundland Hound News

Flea Market Update

Remember that “stuff” we had left over from the big flea market? Well Blair lugged all of it out to a family yard sale in Bay Roberts and added a bit more to our GPAC funds. Anything that was left over was donated to St. Vincent DePaul Store on Gower Street in St. John's. They were delighted and thanked the group. On behalf of the group I would like to say a big **Thank You Blair** for your efforts and considerable time on this project.

A special thank you to the *Nichols* family who have taken on Mystery King in all his shyness!! He is lucky to have you.

Thank you all for opening up your hearts and home to a greyhound, it is truly a wonderful experience, and we thank you for taking them on. Be careful though, it is addictive! Pretty soon you'll be wanting a second greyhound for company....

We hope to see you all at the picnic this year!

Thanks to Lauren, Lynanne, Sue M, Cheryl, and the rest of the gang, they all arrived safe and sound!!

A big welcome to the new greyhounds in Newfoundland.

Congratulations to *Colleen Power* for adopting "BG Cobra" now named "Jaden". Jaden is a beautiful fawn male with a sweet personality, who is very happy in his new home, and is getting along well with his cat sibling "Jasper".

Congratulations also to *Joji Varghese* and *Aaron Aggarwall* for adopting "Tootie Pop", a handsome red male who is now named "Tyson". Tyson came out of the crate wagging his tail and happy to see his new family at the airport, so I'm sure he is doing well in his new home too.

Congratulations to the *Thomspon* family who adopted Inside Draw.

Also, thank you so much to the *Bemister/Mercer* family and *Avery/Hogg* family who are among our newest foster families and allowed two more greys to move off the track!!

Regatta Day Big day for Greyhounds

I wanted to extend a really big thank you on behalf of the group and myself to **Anne Squires** and the **entire staff at Exit Reality** on The Rock for raising quite a bit of money on Regatta Day for GPAC. Anne and the staff set up a booth, supplied everything needed for the event and were there the entire day giving of their time and energy with ALL the proceeds being donated to GPAC. As well they have graciously donated the remaining 800 or so prize bags to GPAC to do with as we please. As I am sure everyone knows fundraising can be very demanding with respect to volunteer time and effort as well as sometimes financially so that's why this was such a great boost for us at this time. Wonderful job guys!!!!!! It is Grey'tly appreciated.

Blair Ryan
Fundraising Co-ordinator

Note check out Page 9 for a newspaper clipping

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

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!

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



Man's Best Friend

A man and his dog were walking along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead.

He remembered dying, and that the dog walking beside him had been dead for years. He wondered where the road was leading them.

After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road.. It looked like fine marble. At the top of a long hill, it was broken by a tall arch that glowed in the sunlight.

When he was standing before it he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother-of-pearl, and the street that led to the gate looked like pure gold. He and the dog walked toward the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side.

When he was close enough, he called out, "Excuse me, where are we?"

"This is Heaven, sir," the man answered.

"Wow! Would you happen to have some water?" the man asked.

"Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some ice water brought right up."

The man gestured, and the gate began to open.

"Can my friend," gesturing toward his dog, "come in, too?" the traveler asked.

"I'm sorry, sir, but we don't accept pets."

The man thought a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going with his dog.

After another long walk, and at the top of another long hill, he came to a dirt road leading through a farm gate that looked as if it had never been closed. There was no fence.

As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book.

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Cont'd from pg. 7 "Excuse me!" he called to the man. "Do you have any water?"

"Yeah, sure, there's a pump over there, come on in."

"How about my friend here?" the traveler gestured to the dog.

"There should be a bowl by the pump."

They went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old-fashioned hand pump with a bowl beside it.

The traveler filled the water bowl and took a long drink himself, then he gave some to the dog.

When they were full, he and the dog walked back toward the man who was standing by the tree.

"What do you call this place?" the traveler asked.

"This is Heaven," he answered.

"Well, that's confusing," the traveler said. "The man down the road said that was Heaven, too."

"Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? Nope. That's Hell."

"Doesn't it make you mad for them to use your name like that?"

"No, we're just happy that they screen out the folks who would leave their best friends behind."

Submitted by Lauren Cheeseman

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.

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Exit Realty on the Rock... Wins Big on Regatta Day!

Thank you to our dedicated team for tremendous efforts and outstanding results at Regatta 2005. A morning time of 5:16 was superb, not to mention a place in the championship race really made the day. For a Team that "rowed together" for the very first year - you were awesome!



Our Team Names (L-R): Kerry-Ann Evelyn #4, Emily Thompson (Spare), Tracy Hussey #3, Ann Murrin Stroke, Maureen Murrin #5, Alison Moore #2, Melissa Keough #1. Not shown: Gord Delaney; Coxswain, Doug Trainor; Coach

Thank you to all the staff at Exit Realty On The Rock for their support in the booth for The Greyhound Society. We realized a profit of \$876.17, painted many kids faces, ...and here are just a few of the painted faces and some photos of "Boss" - our Greyhound for the day. He is a real social butterfly and tremendously enjoyed the extra attention.

To all those who made it a great day... Thank You.

Anne Squires



The Winner of the Barbecue at the Regatta Booth was I. McDonald Ticket # 694268

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The Evening Telegram - Saturday August 6, 2005

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

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:

September 24 - Bedford Place, Bedford

October 15 - Yarmouth Mall, Yarmouth

October 22 - Sunnyside Mall, Bedford

November 19 - Halifax Shopping Center, Halifax

Contacts:

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

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

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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 pamphlets 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 !!!!!

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Thankyou to friends of the greyhounds for their donations. **(Basket #2 \$150.00 value)**

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Basket #2 150.0 value

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Good Luck

2nd Prize



3rd Prize

We are sorry to report that the Mercer's have recently lost Isabelle. It was discovered that she had a cancerous tumor in her intestines and was laid to rest.

Our hearts are with you.

Give your Grey an extra hug today.



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