



The Bark

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Letter From The President

Happy Spring Everyone!

If you are living in the Pacific Northwest, hopefully by now you are getting at least some sunshine and the mud is starting to dry out a little. I don't know about you, but I'm a little tired of mud and washing paws off.

The past six months have been rough for us with returns and turn-ins. Through mid-April we've taken in 22 returns and 5 turn-ins from other groups (by their request or with their permission). In general the majority of the returns/turn-ins have been senior dogs that have lost their homes due to severe illness or financial reasons. It is always sad to see one of our beautiful greyhounds lose their home for those reasons, but these senior greyhounds make wonderful companions and we continue to work hard to find each and every one their true forever home. If you're looking for another greyhound to share your home, won't you consider a senior? Each of them is so grateful for their homes and will reward you with endless love and companionship.

On a happier note, it is always a delight for me to spend time with some of the dogs that have been in the kennel for a little longer. Snoopy is one of those dogs. If I have to take care of paperwork at the kennel I often bring him out into the Adoption Center with me. I open up the toy box and he has a blast!!! He is such fun to watch as he digs through the toy box to find just the right toy, then he runs around the room tossing the toy and then heads to one of the dog beds. By the time I go to put him back in his run he usually has the toy box nearly empty and quite the pile of toys around him on the dog bed and a big smile on his face. Won't you help us find this wonderful boy his forever home?

As the summer approaches, don't forget to be careful with your greyhound and the heat. Greyhounds can overheat very easily. On those hot days be sure to walk them in the cooler hours of the day and don't leave them in the car. Even with the windows open, a car can quickly heat to well over 100 degrees. My pups always love when it is warm enough to pull the kiddie pools out – they love to lay in the cool water, play in them, or some of them just think it is a big drinking bowl.

Have a safe, happy summer everyone.

Moira Corrigan
President



Who We Are..... - By Jeani Penn

I first met Nancy Naslund in June of 2006, in front of a pet store in our Safeway Shopping Center in Sequim. I had seen the Greyhound Pets, Inc. sandwich board and followed the arrow. She was there with her lovely girl Maya, her handsome boy Copper and the most beautiful black and white male I'd ever seen, her foster, Andre. MaryLynn Weller had her very shy little girl Music, who was hanging back and taking it all in. I was in awe of these beautiful creatures (the dogs, not Nancy and MaryLynn) and I visited with them for a few minutes, then made a beeline home to get my husband and dragged him back kicking and screaming. You see, he wasn't a doggie person at the time and thought our Westie was already one dog too many. One look at Nancy's Copper changed his mind. That led us to have Nancy do our home visit and we adopted our Emma (fka Vanessa Rose) and our story began. But, I digress.....

Anyone who has been around for a dog load arrival knows Nancy. She's the one with the long strawberry blond hair and her glasses are always on top of her head. Let me tell you a little about a woman that I admire, and whom I consider to be a grey friend.

Nancy was born and raised in the Seattle area, so she's a "native". She has her BA in Biology, followed by a Master's degree in Marine Biology from UC Santa Cruz. After getting her Master's, she worked as a Wildlife Biologist, primarily with seabirds, which led her to her husband, John. They met through a mutual friend and had corresponded off and on for several years before fate finally threw them together in Monterey, CA at a Pacific Seabird Group meeting that Nancy had organized, and John attended. Then one thing led to another as they say. They married, lived in Anchorage, Alaska, where Nancy worked as a Wildlife Biologist, and started their family. Nancy had planned to go back to work after Grace came into their lives, but found being a full time Mom worked better for them. They left Alaska in 2004 and moved to Port Townsend, Washington.

They have the most amazing kids..... Ella, Bereket, Grace, Frehiwot, Forrest, and Michael. They started the family with Grace in September of 1994, when Nancy and her Mom flew to Changsha, China. They had decided before the adoption process began that their first daughter would be named Grace, and the referral information they got about their new baby said her name was 'Ting Ting', which translated means 'graceful'. It was prophetic. Then came Ella (almost 5), Forrest (10 ½ months) from Korea, and Michael (5 ½) from Thailand, and siblings Frehiwot (8) and Bereket (11) from Ethiopia. Now, they've all grown into teenagers and lead

very busy lives which keep Nancy and John hopping. Bereket is a "famous" cross country runner. I say famous because he's in our local paper frequently with all his wins and records.

This is an amazing family. They live on 10 acres outside of Port Townsend and true to Nancy's nature, have a menagerie that would make any animal lover jealous. They have four Greyhounds, an English Setter, an all American dog, numerous cats, birds, furry creatures, and 53 chickens. The family even has a resident house chicken!!!!!! In diapers, no less.

Nancy first became interested in Greyhounds after adopting a dog that was thought to be a lab/whippet mix. Research on Whippets led to reading about Greyhounds, then research into Greyhound "ownership". She was struck by the intense and heartwarming stories that folks wrote about their hounds. She then found Maya on line, read the personality description, emailed Marchet with questions and soon sweet, wonderful, little Maya was theirs! They were fostering within a few months and their second foster was Copper, who stayed. Andre, who ended up staying with MaryLynn, was fifth in a succession of hounds that were fostered by Nancy and her family after that, and she's kept three of them.. She lost Maya in 2007 and I think we all felt the loss as strongly as Nancy and her family.

Nancy Naslund is almost singlehandedly responsible for initiating the Greyhound "boom" on the Peninsula. She got me involved and we've worked booths together, done home visits together and shared our love for this very special breed. Nancy is one of GPI's greytest assets and I, personally, will always thank her for starting me down the path that got me involved with Greyhound Pets, Inc.



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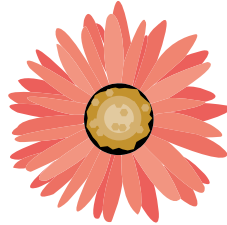
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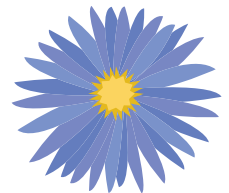
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Got Bark Ideas?

Do you have something you would like to see in the Bark? Something you would like more info on, health, food, etc? Please email Teri at tspevak@gmail.com

This one is written by our Mom because she feels that it is an important story to tell (of course it is about Koda AGAIN!!). Thanks, Karma

I debated on writing this article because it is tough to admit when you have done something wrong, which is what I feel I did with what happened. We should have known better, we didn't practice what we preach, until now. Hopefully we can help so that someone else doesn't have to go through this. It goes like so...

I got a phone call at work from my daughter, she was crying and close to hysterical, she was screaming into the phone "Mom you have to come home Fleet is bleeding and has blood all over him, he is walking funny too, Mom come home, Hurry!" Fleet is our 11.5 year old rescue whippet. Needless to say I ran out of work, thank goodness I only work ten minutes from home. I get in the Van, trying not to freak out. She phones me back even more hysterical, "I can't find Koda Mom, I can't find Koda, I'm too scared to go upstairs, I can't find him, Mommy please hurry". Now the panic has set in. Fleet had come from upstairs and she was scared that Koda would be dead upstairs. I get on the phone to our Vet and explain to them that I have no idea what I am going home to but can I bring them both in, I can.

When my daughter first called me I was on my cell phone with my Girlfriend, she heard my daughter screaming into the phone. She lives near me and was right around the corner so she called me and told me she was around the corner so I let me daughter know that she would be right there. I then get a call back from my girlfriend telling me that Koda and Fleet are both alive but I need to get them to the Vet right away. I get home and she is bringing Fleet out to my Van, I took one look at him and knew something was very wrong. He did have a fair amount of blood on him but he was walking very funny, kind of like he had something pushing into his back legs and tucking his bum under. His eyes were glazed and he had holes in several places on his little body. Then she brings out Koda and he is certainly not as bad as Fleet but blood down his front and a rather large lump of blood under his chin. Off to the vet we go, me trying not to cry because Fleet just isn't good, he isn't focusing, and just seems to be slipping further away.

They take us right into the back of the clinic and lay Fleet on the table and Koda on a blanket on the floor. They start assessing them right away and after knowing that Koda was okay they focused more on Fleet. His blood pressure was dangerously low and he was so

cold and shivering.

At this point they asked us to leave the back because they needed to stabilize Fleet before they could do surgery, Koda was very stable but they kept them both. We left and went to get a coffee, we knew that they would call us when they were ready or if something else came up. I didn't want to be anywhere but at the Vet's office waiting so we went back there and waited for about 3 more hours, 3 very long hours. Finally we got the news that they were both going to be ok but Fleet took a while to stabilize to do the surgery.

We got to take them both home that night, Fleet had a drain in his neck to let the blood drain out instead of in and stitches on 5 other places, three on his head and two on his side. Koda was lucky, no stitches or drain but we had to do a lot of treatment with him for his healing process.

Here is what we can figure out happened.... Fleet likes to sleep under the blankets and we would leave our bedroom door open and he would go burrow under our blankets (not much point in making the bed here). We think that Koda jumped on the bed and startled Fleet who snapped at Koda and, naturally, Koda snapped back and then one thing turned into the other.

The reason for this story is sort of like the trust article in the last bark. We muzzled them when we first brought Fleet into our house 3.5 years ago but then they all got along so we started to relax the muzzling and not be so diligent with it. With us making this decision, one that I should have known better, we put our pups through unnecessary pain. The least of our worry was the vet bill but, lets face it, that is a reality and that was also an unnecessary expense.

Please, if you have more than two dogs use the muzzles, more than two dogs is a pack, dogs are pack animals. Our dogs ultimately pay the price because WE feel sorry for them when we put muzzles on them. We are VERY lucky that our other 3 dogs didn't get involved, this could have been so much worse. I feel horrible what my daughter came home to and I never want to put any of my children (two legged and four) through this again. When we go out Muzzles are worn in our house now, even on a run to the corner store or if the kids are home but sleeping. This was a couple months ago now and all our dogs are just as happy now as they were before being muzzled.

They're Here!!!! - By Jeani Penn

What happens before and during arrival of a new load of dogs? How do we arrange for them, how do they get to us, and what happens after they have arrived? Some of you already know, it's not a simple matter of taking them off the trailer and putting them on the website.

Moira Corrigan, GPI's President, arranges for the dog loads many months in advance through other groups, and individuals across the country that work with the tracks, kennel owners, trainers and owners. She has contacts throughout the U.S. and knows where the needs are and the greatest availability of dogs coming off the track. Although the loads are prearranged, there is often a change in plans somewhere along the way. It's a long road from Arizona, Florida, Colorado, Kansas or Oklahoma to Woodinville, WA, with many potential variables. Periodically dogs come from elsewhere when there is an emergency or we can fit in additional loads. Typically, GPI does not pay for the hauling of the dogs. This is paid by any number of sources such as dog owners, the track or kennel owners, the NGA, the group sending GPI the dogs, or any combination. Many groups hold regular auctions to sponsor the hauls of Greyhounds on their way to their forever homes.

When the dogs arrive at Hern Greyt Works they come either on a bus, in a van, or in a trailer. A few loads are already vetted (like the ones from Colorado) and but most need to be. Before the load arrives, Marchet schedules the appropriate vet visit, Moira gets the paperwork, collars, tags and dog information ready, names on the kennel, turnout and run boards.

About an hour before the load arrives, volunteers set up the runs (bedding, food, water) get the tick/flea station ready, worm/vaccine station (if needed for that load), get out muzzles and leashes, label muzzles, set up the turnout yards with water, etc. There is a meeting with the volunteers and they are given the name of the dog they will be handling for that day, or their "assignment" of tick/flea station, gate management, weigh station, or wormer/vaccine station.

When the bus, van, or trailer is secure behind the closed gate Moira and the driver get the dogs out of their cages and deliver them to the waiting volunteer who makes sure that the collar, leash and muzzles are fitted and secure. Then the dog is taken to a turnout area to relieve themselves and stretch their legs a little. They are given just a bit of water, care is taken not to give too much as to not cause bloat. This is also where they are checked for cuts and/or abrasions or any obvious health problems. The volunteer also notes on the dog's ticket

whether they have relieved themselves, if there are any physical problems, and/or behavior notes. Their tattoos are verified and noted on the ticket. From this area they are taken to their pre-assigned run in the kennel and given a chance to eat and relax until it is their turn for "processing".

The dogs are then brought out one at a time, for weigh in, ear tattoo verification (again), tag number verification, and if they need shots or worming, those are administered. This is also where the dog is verified to its paperwork and the paperwork is double checked. Generally, this is when the pup gets its muzzle and collar with his/her name. From here the dogs go into the training area and are checked and sprayed for fleas/ticks and body checked; then taken to the turnout yard for another quick turnout, and lastly taken to their runs to rest.

They are allowed to rest for a couple of days, then they are bathed and cleaned up. The dogs that come to us already vetted are then put on the website. The dogs that are not vetted are then taken to one of two veterinary clinics for either spaying or neutering, blood work, microchipping, teeth cleaning and rabies shots, if needed. Wounds are also checked by the vet. Some time during this stage of the process, pictures are taken. After they have had a chance to heal from their surgery, they are put on the website and on to their new forever homes.

Some of the dogs go to foster homes between arrival and the fortunate event of finding their forever homes (sometimes it's the same home - this is called Failing Foster 101). This is another group of wonderful volunteers that open their homes and families to share with a lucky dog. These are the people that are willing to take the time to do training and socializing.

Even getting them on the website takes some time. Name, racing name and picture are all coordinated before the information is released. And it doesn't stop there. Employees and volunteers that do turnout observe the dogs and help with the personality descriptions that you see on the website.

It seems simple enough, but when you consider that most loads are at least 16 dogs, some larger, it becomes quite an undertaking. Just organizing the 20 or so people involved takes time and patience. But since everything we do is a labor of love for the Greyhounds, it's so worth it.

WORMS, WORMS, WORMS - Lesley Kovar, DVM Bothell Pet Hospital

There are 4 major internal parasites that we need to be concerned about in dogs in the Pacific Northwest: roundworms, whipworms, hookworms, and tapeworms. They each have their own unique life cycle and effect on our pets, and methods of control may vary. Except for tapeworms, we typically diagnose their presence by detecting the ova, or eggs, on a microscopic fecal examination. Tapeworms are most commonly noted by the owners finding segments in the dog's feces.

ROUNDWORMS

Roundworms are the most common of the canine digestive parasites. Dogs become infected in multiple ways. Most commonly, they acquire the parasite through the uterus during fetal development or during nursing as newborns. Adult dogs can ingest the roundworm eggs contained in contaminated soil. Ingesting a prey animal, usually a rodent, that is carrying developing worms, can create an infestation in the dog as well.

After the dog ingests roundworm eggs, the eggs hatch and larvae develop in the walls of the small intestine. The young worm burrows out of the digestive tract and encysts in other body tissues, mostly the liver. At some point, the larvae can excyst and migrate to the lungs and travel to the upper airways. The dog then coughs and the worms are swallowed to enter the intestines again. In a pregnant dog, the larvae travel to the uterus and infect unborn puppies. In a nursing mother, the larvae can travel to the mammary glands and pass into the milk.

The adult worms lay eggs which are passed in the feces. Once the eggs are in the environment for a month, they become infective and the cycle continues. The eggs are very resistant to environmental conditions and can remain infective for months to years. Note that a dog does not become infected with roundworms by contact with fresh feces.

Roundworms may have an adverse effect on your dog's health. They can cause diarrhea, and if the infestation is heavy enough, vomiting and poor body condition. Roundworms are long, white, and resemble spaghetti. Rarely do these pass in the feces, and this is why your vet may want to do a microscopic exam looking for eggs.

In deworming, the medicine only eradicates worms in the digestive tract. It does not affect the encysted larvae and therefore routine dewormings do not prevent transmission to puppies. Several deworming medications are

effective for roundworms. Also many flea control and heartworm preventatives include monthly deworming which help to control environmental contamination. Medication needs to be repeated in 2 to 4 weeks to interrupt the life cycle of the roundworm.

An important fact about roundworms is that they have zoonotic potential. This means that they can cause disease in humans. A human can ingest eggs from soil contamination — children and people with poor hygiene are most prone. If ingested, the resulting larvae migrate through the person's tissues, especially liver, lungs, brain, and eyes. It may sound far-fetched, but thousands of people in the US are diagnosed yearly. For this reason, the CDC and veterinary organizations are recommending routine fecal testing and dewormings.

WHIPWORMS

Whipworms are blood sucking parasites that reside in the large intestine, or colon, of dogs. Dogs become infected by consuming eggs from contaminated soil. The eggs enter the small intestine, hatch, and the larvae ultimately are carried to the large intestine. There, they embed in the lining of the colon and develop to adults.

Generally, a dog with a light infection is asymptomatic but if the worm load becomes heavy enough, serious bloody diarrhea can result. The dog can become anemic and lose weight dramatically.

Testing can be difficult because the female worms only intermittently shed eggs. Therefore a microscopic fecal test can be negative. Veterinarians will commonly deworm for whips if there is a suspicion of an infection.

Many deworming drugs are ineffective against whipworms. Treatment is frequently repeated in 3 weeks and 3 months due to the life cycle of this parasite.

Soil contaminated by eggs can remain infective for years. This can make long term control difficult. Feces need to be rechecked and a long term plan should be initiated. Fortunately, whipworms are not transmissible to humans.

HOOKWORMS

Hookworms live in the small intestine of the dog, adhering to the intestine by sharp teeth and drinking its host's blood. The adults mate and the female passes its eggs into the feces.

WORMS, WORMS, WORMS -

Lesley Kovar,

DVM Bothell Pet Hospital, Cont

The egg hatches in the environment and develops into the larval stage. The larvae may be ingested by the dog licking contaminated soil. In addition, the larvae can penetrate the skin of the host through the feet or whatever part of the body is touching the ground. Puppies can contract hookworms in the uterus and the dam can infest the pups through nursing, similar to the process discussed with roundworms.

Dogs with hookworm have the potential to become very ill, especially puppies and geriatric pets. Signs may include weight loss, diarrhea, lethargy, and anemia. Different types of medications may be used to treat for hookworms, and some require retreatment in several weeks because of the larvae that migrate through the body.

Hookworms are of zoonotic risk as they can infect people. The larvae in the environment can penetrate the skin and cause a disease called Cutaneous Larval Migrans.

TAPEWORMS

Tapeworms are transmitted to dogs who ingest fleas or who hunt and eat wildlife infested with tapeworms or fleas. The flea gets the tapeworm in its system by swallowing the larval worm stage. The dog sheds segments of the tapeworm containing eggs in the feces. These segments are flat and move about shortly after excretion. They resemble tiny grains of rice when dried and can be found either in the dogs stool or stuck in the hair around its anus.

Tapeworms are not a significant cause of disease in our pets. Most animals do not even show any clinical signs. Treatment may be by injection or oral tapeworm medication. Keep in mind that the dog can easily reinfect itself by ingesting more fleas -- proper flea control is essential.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Regarding parasites in your dogs, one of the most important things you can do is to have routine fecal examinations performed by your veterinarian. We are always amazed how many positive samples we may see in otherwise healthy pets. We recommend yearly or biyearly checks. Also, it is essential to dispose of your dog's feces, be it in your yard or at the park. There is a current trend to keep dogs on monthly deworming medicine year round, or to treat periodically throughout the year.

What's new at the Needlenose Rootique:

Hand-knitted sweaters*
Dog shampoo from local lavender fields
Running greyhound garden stake*
Car license plate holders
Pins

* Sorry, we cannot mail these items

We continue to add to our selection of collars. Check out our leather tag colors, some plain and some adorned with bling. We have lots of colors to choose from in our velvet tag collars.

The Needlenose Rootique at the Hern Greytworks Kennel is open the second Saturday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Each month we put different items out on the sale table. After shopping, come and enjoy visiting and snacking in the "Skinny Dog Social Club", aka the training room. Have your hound's nails trimmed at the nail salon for a \$10 donation to GPI.

Also, if you are a member, your hound can play (with a muzzle) in the dog park.

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By Teri Spevak

If you set out to choose a good quality, commercially prepared, dry dog food, there are hundreds of choices. You have a hungry hound at home. How do you choose?

There is no single diet that is best for all dogs at all stages of life. Age, size, weight, activity level, and individual metabolism all affect a dog's nutritional requirements. The best food for your dog, today, may not be the best food as the same dog gets older. There's a lot to know about canine nutrition. So how do you choose?

Does it have the nutrients your dog needs?

Protein

Dogs are carnivores, with a digestive system that efficiently processes a diet primarily of meat and fat, with a little carbohydrate and fiber. There are 10 essential amino acids that dogs cannot synthesize, and must consume in their diet. Since different protein sources have different amounts of these essential amino acids, some are better in a canine diet than others. Animal sources (egg, milk, beef, chicken, lamb) are more complete than plant sources (soy, rice, wheat, corn). In addition, plant sources must be processed (cooked) before dogs can digest the available protein. Protein requirements vary with age, activity level, reproductive demands (pregnant, lactating).

Carbohydrates

Dogs don't have a particular dietary requirement for carbohydrates, but they can be a good source of energy and a secondary source of protein. Carbohydrates in dog foods come from grains (rice, corn, wheat, barley, oats) or other sources (potatoes, tapioca, peas, etc.). Individual dogs vary in their tolerance for different sources and amounts of carbohydrate in the diet. As carbohydrate sources are cooked during processing, the nutrients become much more digestible for dogs. In addition to their nutritional value, starchy carbohydrates give extruded or baked dry dog food the desired form and texture.

Fat

Fat is a concentrated source of energy and provides essential fatty acids, which play a role in cell membrane structure and in metabolic regulation. Fat also serves as a carrier of fat-soluble vitamins, and makes the food taste good.

Fiber

Dietary fiber is non-nutritive carbohydrate that increases bulk and water in the intestinal contents, moderates the speed at which food moves through the intestine, and contributes to the feeling of fullness for dogs that eat a small volume of very concentrated dry food.

Vitamins, Minerals, And Other Essential Nutrients

The heat of processing destroys many necessary nutrients, so manufacturers add them back. A dog's diet must provide all of the essential nutrients in the proper amounts, and in a form a dog can digest. For some nutrients, too much can be as bad as too little.

Read the Label

The label provides a lot of information that will help you evaluate the quality of a dog food, as well as some information that doesn't really tell you much. Terms like "Premium", "Super premium", "Gourmet", "Human grade", or "Holistic superfood" mean whatever the manufacturer wants them to mean. There is no uniform standard that products using these terms must meet.

Let's take a look at a label.

This example comes from a bag of Kirkland Signature Super Premium Adult Dog Lamb, Rice and Vegetable Formula.

Guaranteed analysis

The guaranteed analysis tells you the minimum percentages of crude protein and crude fat, and the maximum percentages of crude fiber and moisture in the product. Some manufacturers guarantee the amount of other nutrients as well.

Guaranteed analysis	
Crude Protein	23% minimum
Crude Fat	14.0% minimum
Crude Fiber	4.0% maximum
Moisture	10.0% maximum
Zinc	200mg/kg minimum
Selenium	0.4mg/kg minimum
Vitamin E	150IU/kg minimum
Omega-6 Fatty Acids	2.2% minimum*
Omega-3 Fatty Acids	0.4% minimum*
Glucosamine Hydrochloride	300mg/kg minimum*
Chondroitin Sulfate	100mg/kg minimum*

**not recognized as an essential nutrient by the AAFCO Dog Food Nutrient Profile*

The minimum amount of protein recommended for an adult dog ranges from 18%-30% or more, depending on age and activity level. In a healthy dog, any protein that is not needed to satisfy the dog's protein requirement is either used for energy, metabolized for storage as fat, or excreted. Although dogs with kidney trouble might be advised to limit their intake of protein, for most dogs the only problem with a high-protein diet is that you may be paying for expensive ingredients your dog doesn't need.

Fat requirements range from 5-8%, depending on age and activity. Most foods have more, since fats are inexpensive ingredients that provide energy and increase palatability.

The term "crude" in the guaranteed analysis means that these values are the result of a chemical analysis. Crude protein could come from meat, or from ground feathers. It doesn't tell you how much of the protein or fat contained in the food is in a form your dog will be able to digest.

Ingredients

The ingredients are listed in order of weight before processing. To assess the quality and digestibility of the product, consider the ingredients up to and including the first source of fat. These make up the bulk of the food.

Ingredients

Lamb, lamb meal, whole grain brown rice, white rice, rice bran, egg product, cracked pearled barley, chicken fat (preserved with mixed tocopherols and Vitamin E), dried beet pulp, potatoes, fish meal, flaxseed, natural flavor, millet, brewers dried yeast, potassium chloride, salt, choline chloride, carrots, peas, kelp, apples, dried skim milk, cranberry powder, rosemary extract, parsley flake, dried chicory root, glucosamine hydrochloride, taurine, vitamin e supplement, iron proteinate, zinc proteinate, copper proteinate, ferrous sulfate, zinc sulfate, copper sulfate, potassium iodide, thiamine mononitrate, manganese proteinate, manganese oxide, chondroitin sulfate, ascorbic acid, vitamin A supplement, biotin, niacin, calcium pantothenate, manganese sulfate, sodium selenite, pyridoxine hydrochloride (vitamin B6), vitamin B12 supplement, riboflavin, vitamin D supplement, folic acid.

In this example, the major ingredients are lamb, lamb meal, whole-grain brown rice, white rice, rice bran, egg product, cracked pearl barley, and chicken fat.

Although lamb is the primary ingredient by weight, fresh meat may be reduced by 75% during

processing into dry food. The dry weight of this ingredient might put it further down in the ingredient list. The second product, lamb meal, is already dehydrated and will not be further reduced during processing. A good quality food should have whole fresh meat, or single-source meal (lamb meal or chicken meal, for example, instead of meat meal) as one of the first ingredients.

Although they are listed as separate ingredients, whole-grain brown rice, white rice, and rice bran are all rice. Taken together, the rice-based ingredients might outweigh the lamb and lamb meal, or not. There's no way to tell, from the information on the bag.

Antioxidants are added to dog food to prevent the fat from becoming rancid and losing nutritional value. Artificial antioxidants (ethoxyquin, butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT), and butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA) keep food stable longer, but some consumers have concerns about their safety and prefer foods that don't contain them. Commonly used natural antioxidants include tocopherols (vitamin E), ascorbic acid (vitamin C), citric acid, and rosemary.

Rice bran and dried beet pulp provide fiber.

According to the product description, this "Lamb, Rice and Vegetable Formula" is "...enriched with garden vegetables, fruits, and herbs", and the colorful graphic on the front of the bag prominently features peas, carrots, and apples. They are less prominent in the ingredient list — there is more salt in the product than any of these ingredients.

This product is supplemented with glucosamine hydrochloride and chondroitin sulfate, but if you look at the guaranteed analysis, a dog would have to consume over 10 pounds of this food a day in order to get the amount of these supplements normally recommended for greyhounds. The amount in a normal ration probably won't hurt, but, by itself, it probably won't help much, either.

Calories/Metabolizable Energy

Calorie Content

3,653 Kcal/kg (373 kcal/cup) Calculated Metabolizable Energy

The metabolizable energy in a given weight of food is the total amount of energy it contains, minus the amount excreted as waste. It's a measure of the energy available to the dog. A higher ME means you feed less, and have less to clean up.

The Dog Food Dilemma

By Teri Spevak - *con't from pg 9*

Ask Around

Ask your vet what food he or she recommends, particularly if your dog has allergies or other health problems. Ask experienced and knowledgeable dog owners. Everybody's got an opinion.

Give It a Try

When it comes right down to it, the most important thing in evaluating a dog food is how well it suits your dog. A well-fed dog will maintain proper weight, have plenty of energy, have a healthy skin and coat, and produce a relatively small volume of firm feces. And of course, your dog has to like it. The best food made is no good for your dog if he won't eat it.

Switch to a new food gradually, and try it for 4 to 6 weeks. If it doesn't suit your dog, try something else. Some dogs can eat almost anything and do fine, while finding a suitable diet for other dogs takes some experimentation.

This is just the tip of the nutritional iceberg. There is a lot to know about canine nutrition, and a lot of things you can feed a dog besides dry food.

Web resources with more information:

American College of Veterinary Nutrition. Nutrition Resources.

http://www.acvn.org/site/view/103264_NutritionResources.pml

Ohio University Veterinary Hospital. Nutrition Support Service

<http://vet.osu.edu/nssvet>

Nutrient Requirements of Dogs.

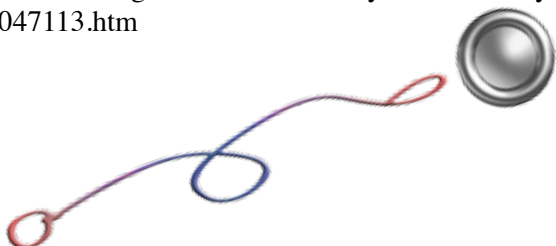
National Research Council

http://www.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=15&page=R1

US Food and Drug Administration

Pet Food Labels – General

<http://www.fda.gov/animalveterinary/resourcesforyou/ucm047113.htm>



The Notice Board

Stuff you need to know!!

Do you need to contact Greyhound Pets, Inc.?

Call us at 1-877-468-7681. This number forwards to one of our many dedicated volunteers who will be happy to speak with you at any time. Correspondence can be addressed to:

Greyhound Pets, Inc.

PO Box 891

Woodinville, WA 98072

Have you moved?

If you have, please e-mail Moira at fastpaws@centurytel.net or contact her through the GPI PO Box. Thanks for helping keep GPI's database current!

Returning your Greyhound

Please remember, if for any reason you cannot or do not want to keep your greyhound, it MUST be returned to Greyhound Pets, Inc. Finding a loving greyhound home for your dog should be handled by someone who understands the needs of these great animals. Contact us at 1-877-468-7681 to make arrangements.

Is Your Greyhound Wearing a Current GPI Tag?

Please take a moment to look at the tags on your greyhound's collar. If your greyhound is missing a GPI tag or it has a phone number other than 877-468-7681 on it, please call the toll-free number or write us at:

Greyhound Pets, Inc.,

New Tags

PO Box 891

Woodinville, WA 98072

Please include the name and tag # (if known) for each dog. Why is the GPI tag important? If your greyhound gets lost, the toll free number can be called and you can get your dog back faster. Plus, if you've moved and haven't updated your phone/address tag, then our toll free number could be the only way your greyhound is safely returned to you. Please keep your dog's tags current and update GPI about any phone or address changes. Thank you!

What should I do if my Greyhound gets loose?

Call the Greyhound Pets, Inc. toll free number IMMEDIATELY!! 1-877-468-7681. This will help to get a search party organized and alert folks your dog is missing. Take a squawker (available at the GPI warehouse) and your CELL PHONE with you when you start your search. If your home phone number is on your dog's tags, make sure someone is available at that number as well in case a good Samaritan finds your pup. Have a Missing Dog flyer with your dog's picture on your computer ready to print and post at a moment's notice. For more tips on finding your lost dog go to... www.greyhoundpetsinc.org/lostdog.html

Has your Greyhound passed on recently?

If you have recently had your Greyhound pass to the Rainbow Bridge, please contact Moira at fastpaws@centurytel.net or contact her through the GPI PO Box.

Sponsor A Greyhound - The next best thing

If you can't adopt a greyhound you may find that sponsoring a greyhound through Greyhound Pets, Inc. will be your next best rewarding experience. It costs GPI more than the adoption donation of \$250 to get most dogs ready for adoption. Some greyhounds wind up staying in foster or kennel care for longer than others for any number of reasons. These greyhounds incur expenses for things like food, vet care, prescriptions and more. At any given time, we have a number of greyhounds who are considered "Special Needs" who have higher than normal care costs - extra vet care, special foods for allergies, etc.

You can help by donating \$10, \$15, \$25 or more to sponsor one of the many greyhounds in need through GPI.

To start the sponsorship process, send an email to Bunny Richardson, our Treasurer, at rabbit99@whidbey.net. Let Bunny know which dog you're interested in sponsoring and organize payment.

You can mail a check or money order to PO Box 891, Woodinville, WA 98072, you can call Bunny at 360-568-3773 and give her your credit card info, or you can donate online through the Network For Good button on our website - www.greyhoundpetsinc.org. Your name will then be added below the dogs info as his/her sponsor. Greyhound Pets, Inc. is a volunteer organization which depends on your gifts. Listed below are some of the items your donation can purchase for the adoptable dogs of GPI.

- ~ Muzzle for one kennel dog \$10
- ~ Food for one dog for one month \$20
- ~ Vaccines for one new dog \$25
- ~ One folding table for the kennel \$50
- ~ Running a tick test for a new dog \$65
- ~ Sponsor a kennel run (per year) \$500
- ~ Complete Vetting for a new dog \$425

Donate \$250, \$500 or \$1,000 to receive an engraved greyhound "leaf" on our gifting tree at the kennel

Thank you to our recent sponsors

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Your Donations are so appreciated!

Greyhound Pets, Inc.

Attn: Treasurer

PO Box 891

Woodinville, WA 98072

Or donate online via Network For Good through the link on our website, www.greyhoundpetsinc.org

Thank you so much for your gift to the GPI dogs!!! They thank you very much!

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Andrea Higgins	In Honor of Alexis Lund
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Barbara Lui	For Daisy
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Anonymus	In Memory of Boomer
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Sue Curtis	In memory of Lois Becker
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4th quarter of 2010, 1st quarter of 2011

Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname	Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname
3739	WD's Seth	Pita	5141	Unknown	Farah
4091	Red Hotman	Redman	5142	El Kan Hannah	Hannah
4325	Okie Rollie	Romeo	5143	DLT Apache Dawn	Dawn
4350	Okie Sonata	Treacle	5145	Bluffame Decker	Decker
4521	Greys Caravan	Carol	5146	Zoomn Sammy	Sammy
4566	Ale Troy Boy	Domino	5149	Zebulon Pike	Nash
4648	Gilly Gun	Gil	5150	Drop N Demons	Demon
4706	KL's Tilly	Tilly	5152	Clever Jimbob	Jim Bob
4875	Dtl Brutus	Benny	5158	Kinky Tailz	Tailz
4876	Tailwaggin Tyrus	Tyrus	5159	Vals Fast Girl	Girl
4888	Hilltex Georgie	Georgie	5162	KK's Flaky Jake	Jake
4891	Dutch Doozie	Daisy	5163	Curious Sonny	Sonny
4926	Bella Jorja	Jorja	5164	Bella Pioneer	Pie
4953	Sugarcoat Hilary	Hilary	5165	Star Studded	Stud
4980	CRK Tenfoot Pole	Sasha	5166	LPH Takoda	Takoda
5011	Disturbia	Turbo	5169	Bella Linen	Linen
5029	Turbo Voltrume	Volt	5170	Shutter	Shutter
5031	Give In to Sin	Ned	5171	D's Cookiedough	Cookie Dough
5032	RLM's Dollarbill	Bill	5172	Whispering Lee	Riley
5083	No Speed Limit	Speed	5173	Moses Flight	Flight
5091	Mist Ya	Misty	5175	WWW Shes Allthat	Allie
5092	None	Alpern	5177	Take Off Terry	Terry
5095	RJ's Miss Kitty	Kitty	5178	DC Flyer	DC
5096	DLT Mutant Ninja	Turtle	5181	Saratoga Girl	Maddie
5099	Red I Fern	Fern	5183	Regall Lil Do	Dolly
5111	Unknown	Monty	5184	Chaska Mulan	Mumu
5116	Glitter Glider	Pretty Girl	5185	Our Lulu Tutu	Tutu
5117	Red Brin Dee	Brindy	5187	VJ I'm Okay	Farmer
5122	Bridgette Rose	Bridgette	5188	PW's Dolphin	Kent
5124	Half Back	Halfback	5191	Cbar So and So	Sosa
5125	Whytell Murphy	Murph	5192	Shelleysayswin	Shelly
5127	Vans Katmandu	Billy	5194	Flaming Crystal	Ruby
5130	Lumberjack Drive	Jack	5197	PJ's Denver	Denver
5133	Starz Knight	Knight	5198	BW's Daphne	Daphne
5135	PC's Whistletime	Time	5201	Boc's McKray	McKray
5137	J's Eclipse	Eclipse	5206	Bebop Lookin	Bebop
5139	Unknown	Pumpkin			



Rainbow Bridge Memorial ~ We will miss them

Notices received through May 1, 2011

Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname	Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname
2737	Kids Bay Hey Be	Isis	4081	Winnie	AAA Sprite
2846	Unknown	Ron	4095	Spice	Westmead Spice
2971	EF's Freida	Freida	4146	Scooter	WW Kiowa Gallop
3030	EF's MS Scarlet	Scarlett	4163	Dawn	SP Dawn
3064	T's Little Ryan	Ryan	4165	Aura	Del Aura
3076	Unknown	Ronin	4183	Jody	Okie Jody
3140	Mystery Midge	Midge	4280	Marvin	Santa Fe Marvin
3147	Pat C Recuperate	Cooper	4284	Charley	Dear Mr Charley
3174	OJ King Biscuit	Biscuit	4307	Otto	Nan de Otto
3212	Tell the Judge	Bob	4310	Crystal	PA's Crystal
3245	SS Misty Sue	Bailey	4317	Lucy	PG Sister
3291	Be Accused	Brynn	4325	Romeo	Okie Rollie
3308	I Know Steph	Stephanie	4367	Mary	Maldonados Mary
3343	Plane Mischievous	Alex	4436	Tink	Easi Tinkerbelle
3367	Tim Rogers	Timmy	4438	Dingo	Luke's Jeb
3453	Rapido Video	Nikki	4527	Jester	Joe Bob Walker
3459	LB Kirstie	Karma	4533	Miles	Miles Walker
3479	EF's Ansel Fire	Galadriel	4599	Emma	Vanessa Rose
3488	Jet Boy	Max	4646	Marin	Diamonds Marin
3511	Bass Fisherman	Fish	4699	Sir	Fliowa Sir
3539	Floor It	Eva	4712	Daisy	WWW.Shark Tale
3542	Rapido Elect	Duke	4831	Enzo	Super C Genghis
3602	Kid's Violet	Violet	4858	Skye	Kiowa Gen Cathy
3657	Veejay Countess	Test	4868	Misty	RSW Mist
3691	TV Dave R	Dave	4906	Nan	Sassy Nan
3720	Echo Rain	Echo	4925	Emmy	Bella Emeline
3793	Pinker Trouble	Pinky	5026	Buzz	Tough Old Buzzard
3873	Phase Out	Neutron	5110	Wulftric	Work This Out
3924	HC's Sandpiper	Finn	5111	Monty	unknown
3946	Usagainstthem	Burkhart	5133	Knight	Starz Knight
4025	JNB So Lively	Cyrus			

*Adopting one Greyhound won't change the world
but it will change the world for that Greyhound*

Share Your Memories

Share your memories of your beloved pup -- Submit a memorial write-up and a few pictures to our web editor and she will put up a Rainbow Bridge tribute to your pup on our website. You can reach Cathy Munro, our web editor, at adopt.greyhounds@gmail.com



The Kennel Needs You

Would you like to donate some goodies to the kennel? Here is a list of things the kennel needs to keep our newest pups warm & healthy:

Kirkland Lamb & Rice Kibble

Bleach

Canned Pumpkin (not the pie filling)

Kirkland Dog Biscuits

13-Gallon Trash Bags with Ties

Missing Link (or similar)

Paper Towels

Non-Stuffed Blankets

8.5" x 11" White Copy Paper

Stamps (44 cents)

White Vinegar

Glucosamine (preferably Greyound Gang)

Blankets & Quilts

If you can help with any of these items, please contact Moira Corrigan at 425-333-0515 or fastpaws@centurytel.net

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