



The Bark

The official newsletter of Greyhound Pets, Inc.

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Letter From The President

Happy Spring!

We have our 5th Annual Greyt Walkathon coming up on July 25th. Sign up and come on out and join the fun. If you can't walk, why not sponsor someone who can. Sign up, walk, sponsor someone, donate or volunteer and help us help the dogs. You can find information on our website, Facebook page or on our chat lists. We had a fantastic turnout last year and we are hoping to surpass that this year.

Also watch for information on our other upcoming 2015 events.

GPI's main focus continues to be the NGA greyhounds, but we also bring in greyhounds and greyhound mixes in a partnership with the American Lurcher Project. In this issue you can read about the dogs we bring in through the American Lurcher Project.

In the last issue I spoke about Leptospirosis. Be sure to read the article about Leptospirosis by one of our wonderful vets, Dr. Lesley Kovar, in this issue.

All of us shop – whether out of necessity or because we like it. Why not help the dogs at the same time? When you are out shopping, you can help GPI by linking your various buyer cards to GPI and each time you shop a percentage of what you buy (at no cost to you) will be donated to GPI. So why not have fun shopping as you always do and help the dogs at the same time. Here are the stores/connections to partner programs. The links to these programs can be found on our website at www.greyhoundpetsinc.org/donations.html#programs.

- Bartell Drugs
- Amazon Smile
- Amazon.com
- Rescue Chocolate
- Igive.com
- Fred Meyer

We now have a vehicle donation program, where your donated vehicle will help the dogs. The details can be found on our website.

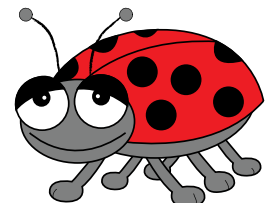
We always need donations of various kinds. Some of the items we always need are:

- Blankets and quilts for the dogs in the kennel
- Kirkland dog biscuits
- Kibble for our foster dogs – good quality kibble.

The Kirkland Lamb and Rice is one suggestion, but there are several pet store quality brands that work as well.

Have a safe and happy summer. Thank you for all you do for the dogs!!

Moira
President



Who We Are - Kathy Kreyling - By Jeani Penn

Most of you know that we have a new Regional Vice President for the North Puget Sound Region of Greyhound Pets, Inc. That person is Kathy Kreyling and I, for one, want to welcome her as my VP. Kathy has done so much for our organization and scheduling the volunteers is probably the most challenging job of all. I'm sure you've all seen the pleas for help that she sends out regularly.

Let me tell you a little about Sophie's Mom. She was born and raised in Evansville, Indiana and most of her family is still there. She attended Ohio Wesleyan University and majored in Economics, then went on to get her Master's from American graduate School of International Management.

Her career took her all over the U.S. while she worked in consumer research. She's lived in Phoenix, San Francisco, and Cincinnati. She worked her way up to Vice President of Sales and ran the Cincinnati office for a firm based in Indianapolis. She moved to Seattle almost 20 years ago.

When she moved to Seattle she did some freelancing before deciding to take the plunge and retire. She has been a very busy woman ever since. Until GPI put her to work, she was involved with the American Singles Golf Association. She and a few friends started the chapter here and she was Treasurer for 5 years. I'm wondering with all she does for GPI now, if she has time for golf??? It was through the ASGA that she met Turtle Humphries, who introduced her to the Greyhounds. Up until that time she had been a Golden Retriever person. With Turtle she began volunteering at the kennel once a week, then twice a week, then helped out at meet and greets, started sending out packets to new volunteers and learned home visits and adoptions (which what she was really working toward). Somewhere along the line she took up volunteer scheduling for turnouts. Recently, she took on managing the Theraplate. This tool has already shown results with the kennel dogs and many folks are starting to use it on their personal pups. She is hoping it pays for itself by offering its use to anyone who would like to use it and, for those who didn't know (I'm one) it's available for other breeds as well.

Even though she was involved with GPI to the extent she was, she didn't actually have one. She thought her Golden, Bridgette, was so protective that she wouldn't be able to bring one home. But then came one of the three sisters. For those who have been around for awhile, you will remember the painfully shy three little black sisters who were at the kennel for a bit. Kathy fell in love with Sophie and took her home.

I still remember the "where's Sophie?" picture where Sophie was hiding among all the pillows on Kathy's bed. She said that Bridgette wasn't exactly welcoming, but Sophie plied her charms and now the two are okay with each other and Kathy is thrilled to be owned by her Greyhound.

Kathy enjoys her time at the kennel and working with all the wonderful volunteers at GPI and has made many friends. In her words "The thing that impressed me most when I started volunteering is that the dogs always come first and the driving force behind most decisions is doing what's in the best interest of the dog". She says that speaks well about the organization and the people who run it!!!!

Thank you Kathy, for keeping the turn outs running smoothly and for all that you have recently taken on.



Have Internet Access?

Join our Greyhound Pet, Inc. email/chat list.

To subscribe to the list just visit
www.greyhoundpetsinc.org/chat.html

Want more information? Just email Cathy Munro at
adopt.greyhounds@gmail.com

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?

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**Why does GPI have a Theraplate?
By Kathy Kreyling**

That's a question I've been asked many times. It helps to know what it is first ... The Theraplate is a machine that uses an orbital motion to rhythmically contract and release the muscles which increases circulation and enhances muscle tone. The increased circulation improves a wide range of conditions including, but not limited to, increasing bone density, reducing stress, pain relief, speeding healing and much more. The reason we looked into getting a Theraplate on site is that we tend to get dogs with issues such as broken legs and stress problems just to name a few. We are now able to treat dogs daily and more frequently if needed. We've had the unit for about 6 weeks and we have already done a little over 200 treatments on our kennel dogs and BTW, our dogs love this thing!!! And, we have definitely seen improvements in the way the dogs who have had broken legs are using their legs. We have also noticed stress reduction, this is a little more subtle, but still noticeable. The good news is that faster recovery and stress improvement etc, help our dogs get ready for their forever homes faster. The unit is also for human use. And, we've had greyt feedback from our human users too. We are actually planning to defray the cost of the Theraplate through donations and fees we collect for using the Theraplate and we have already collected enough money to pay for over half of the machine. Next time you are at the kennel, come check it out and try it out... it's in the training (nka "healing") room. It's only \$10 bucks for a 20 minute session. Or, if you would just like to make a donation, we'll take that too!



The 'Woofs' of Wes 'n Heff... By Judith Fleming

Heff: Hey Wes, how ya' doin' today Bro'? Last time we wrote our column you were worried about me! Now it's my turn to talk about me worrying about you Bro'!!

Wes: Thanks Bud! I'm back to my old self these days! I think we have now made MJ (Momma Judith) really happy she got us both Pet Insurance! I seem to have been the troublemaker these past few months. Although, I'm still scratching my head on how my paw just blew up like a balloon two weeks ago!?!

Heff: Yeah, so weird! We had a ton of fun in the watershed walking around and even had a shower when we got home to clean up! No cuts or nicks that MJ saw when we were showering. And bammo – the next day it looked like someone had swapped your paw with a Husky or something!

Wes: Yuppers! And the Benadryl sure tasted good that morning but didn't do nuthin'! Was a fun truck ride to visit the Doc tho'. He got me all fixed up after a few days with some antibiotics since the x-rays showed I hadn't broken anything. That antibiotic stuff worked wonders!

Heff: How did all that compare with your amputation just before Christmas? Which one hurt more?

Wes: I'd say that darn balloon foot! When I slipped, fell and broke my tail, I didn't realize what had happened. It was about 5-10 minutes later when MJ stopped me to check my paws that she saw the blood dripping off my back end. I think she thought I was having some bad reaction to the yummy treats I got for donating blood the day before! I knew she wasn't that silly and would quickly realize it was blood dripping off my tail!

Heff: Getting back to the car, I was worried you were gonna wag and spread the blood all over me and the car! Thank goodness MJ had our first aid kit in the car. Those wraps sure kept everything together and not a drop was found in the car!

Wes: It wasn't a pretty wrap job but it did what it needed to do!

Heff: I think we just really like the Emerg. Clinic since they give us good cookies! But weren't they surprised to see us back again so soon!

Wes: Well, the silly cone thing they gave me when I woke up after surgery I certainly didn't appreciate! Thank goodness MJ switched to my muzzle. That was so much more comfortable!

Heff: You did really well with leaving your tail alone! Well, up until week 2 wasn't it?

Wes: Sure, remind me.... those few licks of the tail with the bandage off certainly wasn't worth the consequences!! How was I supposed to know the stitches would come out so easily and the bone was RIGHT THERE!! I think MJ was kicking herself for trusting me on the couch beside her. Anyways, another trip to the Doc and they shortened my tail even more! Not fair!! Now when I go poo my tail looks like someone jumped off a

diving board and it "boings" up and down! I know it was only 2 more vertebrae but to cost another \$400 ... oops! Like I said – thank goodness for insurance or I think MJ woulda stopped buying the good treats and extra toys for a bit!

Heff: I still can't believe you actually crushed the vertebrae. It wasn't a break between the vertebrae when you fell. That musta been one goodie of a fall.

Wes: Hey, you know us, never show anyone our pain. Stay strong and stoic! That's our motto! Well, unless there's a little pain in our foot and we can scream murder! That's just to keep everyone on their toes! *grin*

Heff: Bro', I think MJ has reached her yearly limit for you with the insurance, can you stay outta trouble for a few more months at least?! The renewal is in June I think. That's the same month as when you turn 8 isn't it?!

Wes: Don't remind me! That means I will only have one more year to donate blood. No more once I turn 9.

Heff: Don't worry, I know you have saved some good lives with what you have already donated! I'm so glad you're my Bro'!

Wes: I love you to Heff! ... as long as you don't try and steal my treats!



Let these dogs lurch into your heart By Gail Perry, Winnipeg, Canada

The American Lurcher Rescue Project

Those of you smitten by retired NGA Greyhounds (and who among us isn't?) – by their beauty, intelligence, gentle impish nature, athleticism and unique working background – will love their sibling-cousin, the American racing Lurcher. There are over 5,000 of these hounds throughout the Midwest, from Iowa to Connecticut and, each month, dozens of Lurchers need new forever homes.

The American Lurcher

The “underdog of underground racing”, the Midwest American Lurcher is a by-product of the oval racing industry, typically 7/8 Greyhound and essentially like a Grey. Since the late 1940's, they have been bred for wagered sporting events – field trial races on rough tracks or swim races – held on private lands, sportsman clubs, or on state lands.

These closest relatives to the NGA Greyhound may look and behave like extended family members, but the Lurcher's working life is different. Instead of racing once or twice a week, a Midwest American Lurcher will race a series of heats over one or two days, usually on weekends. The winning dog will have participated and won multiple races in this time. Their training consists of “roading”, the practice of running a leashed dog from a moving vehicle. Typically, Lurchers are not crated indoors but live outside, yearlong, chained to doghouses. Unless they are rescued, most will never see toys or treats or know the luxury of sleeping inside on a comfy roaching-bed. They will have no reason to brandish that goofy Lurcher (or would that be a Greyhound?) smile.

Yet without an NGA tattoo, with the addition of hunting dog bloodlines (usually 1/8 coonhound or Whippet in the Midwest, though swim dogs may be half coonhound), and with their own special story still generally unknown, these sweet deserving dogs have – until recently – been left unconnected to loving families when they are no longer fast enough. Most racing Lurchers do not make it to adoption. While some owners are more responsible and find places in their community for their retired Lurchers, more often than not, the dogs that are no longer performing to their owners' satisfaction, are disposed of - - and often not humanely.

Enter the American Lurcher Rescue Project Inc. (formerly the Ohio Lurcher Project), a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit All-Volunteer organization. Since September 2013, this small, dedicated group has saved close to 200 Lurchers. Says the organization's President, Suzanne Reep (who is also the Vice President of Joey's Greyhound Friends Inc.), “Our love for the retired racing Greyhounds has drawn us together to help Lurchers who have often been forgotten.”

Like the Greyhound Project Inc., the American Lurcher Rescue Project raises awareness about the dogs' plight and promotes their post-career adoption. The American Lurcher Project is not yet an adoption group, but rescues Lurchers who have been abandoned, are no longer wanted, or are in immediate danger, and provides basic and sometimes more extensive medical care if needed (e.g. vaccinations, Capstar treatment, Frontline and Heartworm test). The hardworking team of volunteers finds loving forever homes for these dogs by transporting them to responsible adoption groups throughout the United States and Canada.

Bias alert: My own heart-dog, Firestyxx was among the first dogs saved by the American Lurcher Project, in October 2013. The elaborate, choreographed journey to his new life was neither long nor unusual in the experience of the American Lurcher Project: A volunteer from Toledo picked him up from Detroit and kept him overnight; she met another driver in Central Ohio who picked up two more dogs and yet another volunteer and, together, they drove further west; in Indiana, another volunteer transported the three dogs further west; another volunteer drove them to Madison, where they were met by volunteers of a Greyhound rescue and adoption group from Winnipeg, Canada who transported the dogs to Manitoba.

The American Lurcher Project website and Facebook page include information on the Midwest American Lurcher, field trials, dogs currently available for adoption and those who have been rescued.

From these social media entries, stories unfold about the Lurcher character, which could be summed up as sensitive, intelligent and forgiving. For example there's Mia, the brood mama who collects and piles her many stuffies around her at her forever home; Rain, blinded by an untreated infection, knows the commands “steps” and “wrong way”, and even counts the steps in any new surroundings; Duck (who awaits his forever home) sustained a compound fracture to his leg while roading, was rescued and stoically underwent surgery and rehabilitation to good health; Cornelius, who has found his home, is an obliging blood donor for other dogs; Firestyxx regularly visits residents of a seniors' home and walks at least seven kilometers daily because that's what his people do.



Let these dogs lurch into your heart By Gail Perry, Winnipeg, Canada *Con't*

Most recently, another athletic dog, Otis (formerly known as Lobsterpot, and Sam I Am), was adopted by a professional photographer/surfer/snowboarder/skateboarder through the Greyhound Adoption Centre in California, with the help of the American Lurcher Project. According to the GAC's blog, his new dad calls him a "total cuddle bug and a bit of my shadow." (Sounds like a Greyhound.) He says, "He's such an incredible dog, by far the best I've ever had. He is just so freakin' awesome."

For more on these awesome (and deeply appreciative) dogs, see:

the website: <https://www.americanlurcherproject.org>
the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/329757577168024/>

The Lurcher as a pet

Lurchers make excellent pets. Like Greyhounds, they are social, smart and have a sense of humor. Depending on their age (they can live 12-14 years) and type of breed they are mixed with, Lurchers may be more energetic than Greyhounds. Their size and weight are within the greyhound range. Coming to their forever home from an outside environment, their coats (available in any of the greyhound colors) may be fluffier or thicker but, within a few months of indoor living, they lose their farm coat and become sleeker.

The usual "greyhound rules" apply to Lurchers. They must live indoors. They have low body fat and are not tolerant of extreme temperatures. When outside, they should be leashed or supervised in a fenced yard (invisible/underground fencing is not an acceptable containment system for Lurchers). They are chemical sensitive like the Greyhound. Precautions must be taken for the use of pesticides for flea/tick prevention and for lawn and garden care. Lurchers should be tested for their compatibility with cats, which may vary with the particular feline and circumstance. They normally come well socialized with other dogs, including small dogs. Their high-prey drive may be a challenge to the rabbits, squirrels and birds they encounter.

Also like Greyhounds, newly retired Lurchers will not have had home experience so they must be taught the rules of the house. They are easily housebroken and must learn about windows, mirrors, stairs and hardwood floors. They may benefit from basic obedience classes as long as the training is positive.

A real plus for the Lurchers is that the majority love children and adore being around kids of all ages. They will want to join in the activities of their family, including play with stuffed toys. Unlike most NGA Greyhounds, Lurchers will enjoy a game of fetch. They also love to sleep and roach.

They reserve the right to be champion coach potatoes.



Leptospirosis

By Dr. Lesley Kovar, DVM

Leptospirosis is an infectious disease that occurs worldwide and is emerging as a more common diagnosis in the Puget Sound area. It is caused by the spiral-shaped bacteria *Leptospira*, of which there are several serovars (strains) of significance. There are 8 main serovars that cause disease in dogs. Cats can be infected but rarely become ill.

The leptospira are carried by reservoir hosts that do not show clinical signs, however shed the bacteria in their urine. In our area, we worry about raccoons, rodents, and farm animals as carriers. The pet is exposed when it comes in contact with infected urine. It is especially prevalent in wetter weather so we see more cases here in the fall. Historically, we thought of leptospirosis as a disease of rural areas. However, with increased urbanization/suburbanization of our previously undeveloped land, wildlife is more prevalent in our shared spaces. The bacteria enter the body through the mouth, nose, eyes, or a skin break, then spreads through various body organs. The organism is ultimately cleared by most tissues, but can have an overwhelming effect on the kidneys and/or the liver. Clinical illness develops after about one week, where the dog may exhibit flu-like symptoms. A fever often occurs, along with muscle weakness, loss of appetite, and depression. Then vomiting and dehydration can follow. If there is liver involvement, the skin may appear jaundiced.

Leptospirosis can be difficult to diagnose because the signs can be very non-specific. Your veterinarian will likely suspect it in any dog that presents with acute kidney failure. A confirmatory diagnosis can be made from a blood test. These results will indicate which serovar is involved in the disease. Treatment involves intravenous fluid therapy, supportive care, as well as antibiotics to clear the organisms. With prompt diagnosis and treatment, chances of survival are good.

Fortunately, there now exists several efficacious vaccines to protect against leptospirosis. They provide immunity to four different serovars, and there is some evidence to indicate cross-protection from some others. The vaccines are initially administered in a series of 2 injections, followed by yearly revaccination.

It must be noted that Lepto is a zoonotic disease. This means that it can be transmitted to humans and can occur through contact with infected urine or contaminated water. The majority of people affected have subclinical disease or very mild symptoms. However, some people can suffer from severe disease, and even death. For this reason, any cases diagnosed in pets are reported to the local health department.

Peanut Butter and Pumpkin Dog Treats

- ~ 2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- ~ 2 eggs
- ~ 1/2 cup canned pumpkin
- ~ 2 tablespoons peanut butter
- ~ 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Whisk together the flour, eggs, pumpkin, peanut butter, salt, and cinnamon in a bowl. Add water as needed to help make the dough workable, but the dough should be dry and stiff. Roll the dough into a 1/2-inch-thick roll. Cut into 1/2-inch pieces.

Bake in preheated oven until hard, about 40 minutes.

Original recipe makes 25 treats



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 \$300 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 Robin James, our Treasurer, at robin@artstreegallery.com. Let Robin 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 Robin at 425-481-3501 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.

Do you purchase items from Amazon.com?

Click on the Amazon.com link on our home page and GPI receives a referral fee donation for every dollar spent. www.greyhoundpetsinc.org

Do you know that Greyhound Pets, Inc. has a Facebook Page? Check it out – there is a link on our home page or just search for us on Facebook.

Are your gates and fence secure? Have you walked your fence recently to check that it is secure - no rotten boards, holes that a dog could escape through, missing boards, rusty wire, etc.? Are all gates securely padlocked (if possible) or secured with some kind of clip and/or automatic closing device?

The Notice Board

Stuff you need to know

~ Returning Your Greyhound.

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

~ Have you moved? Do we have your current phone and e-mail addresses as well as physical and mailing addresses?

Please make sure that GPI has your current **physical, mailing and e-mail addresses, and your home and cell phone numbers.** E-mail Moira at fastpaws@centurytel.net or contact her through the GPI PO Box. Thanks for helping keep GPI's database current.

~ Is your Greyhound wearing a collar and identification tags? Please take a moment to make sure your greyhound is wearing a collar with identification tags. Please make sure your greyhound has a GPI tag on his collar. If your greyhound is missing a GPI tag, please call 877-468-7681 or write us at:

Greyhound Pets, Inc.

New Tags

PO Box 891

Woodinville, WA 98072

We will gladly send you a new GPI tag.



~ Why is a collar and GPI tag important? If your greyhound gets lost, the toll free number can be called and we can help get your dog back to you faster. Plus, if you've moved and haven't updated your phone/address tag, then GPI's toll free number could be the only way your greyhound is safely returned to you. Without a collar and ID tags, it is much harder to locate and reunite you. Please keep your dog's tags current and update GPI about any phone or address changes.

If you don't like the sound of the tags jingling, try a tag bag, an elastic band around the tags, or some of the rubber bumpers for keys around each tag. But please do not leave your dog without a collar and tags. Your dog's life may depend upon those tags.

All current GPI dogs are microchipped and registered to GPI, as a backup safety net, but if found, someone has to get the dog to a place that can read the microchip before we can try and reunite you and your dog.

The Notice Board Stuff you need to know

~ **What should I do if my Greyhound gets loose?**

- Call the GPI toll free number IMMEDIATELY!! 877-468-7681 (enter us as a contact in your cell phone). We will get a search party organized, post it on our website and social media pages, and alert folks your dog is missing
- Take a squawker (available at the GPI Rootique) 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 you Greyhound passed on recently?**

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

5th Annual Greyt Walkathon 2015

When: July 25, 2015

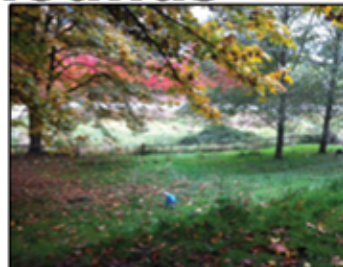
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Are you on Social Media? If so, are you following GPI on their Social Media?

Did you know that Social Media double, tripples and even quadrupals our exposure? It allows Greyhound Pets, Inc to increase the awarhness of this breed that we love so much! Simply by sharing, liking, commenting, pinning, retweeting our content you could be responsible for a person or persons learning more about GPI and the breed itself. By taking that simple action you could have helped educate someone and peak someones interest enough into coming to a booth or going to our website for more info. You could help one more of our dogs find their furever home! Pretty amazing huh?!

Our Facebook page is an awesome way to stay in touch with GPI, find out what is happening in your area. Is there a booth in your area that you would like to help with, a walk that you would like to join in? Our Facebook page announces those events and more! Are you curious as to what dogs have been adopted? That is all there too.

Greyhound Pets, Inc is on most Social Media along with many other websites that promote adoption. If you are on any of these Social Media platforms go there now and follow, like and share GPI's Social Media!



Follow Gizmo's story on Facebook

Heatstroke

By Shannon Smith, DVM

Summer is coming! Whether human or canine, who doesn't love soaking up a few warm, golden rays? With our glorious sunshine, comes play dates at the park, car rides and a general increase in time spent outdoors. Of course, with the onset of summer, we cannot forget the inherent risks that come with the rising temperatures.

Heatstroke is a danger that can affect us all. It has the potential to be life-threatening, but is often quite preventable. Heatstroke results from an increase in body temperature, also known as hyperthermia. If not treated, hyperthermia can lead to changes in blood pressure, internal organ damage, brain swelling and even death. Thus, it is important that we are all familiar with signs of heatstroke and how to prevent it.

Our dogs can be at increased risk for heatstroke when exercising in hot/humid weather, being left outdoors in hot/humid conditions without adequate shade and water, or when left in a car on a sunny (even relatively cool) day. Other risk factors include respiratory conditions such as laryngeal paralysis, advanced age and obesity. Our brachycephalic (short-nosed) friends, such as Pugs, Boston Terriers and Shih Tzu's are also more inclined to be affected.

The first signs of hyperthermia include panting, restlessness and drooling. Your pet may also become unsteady on his feet, unable to stand, vomit or have bright red gums, due to lack of adequate oxygen levels. Internally, blood vessels dilate causing blood pressure to drop and the heart must work harder to supply tissues with oxygen. As hyperthermia progresses, organs such as the kidneys, liver and stomach/intestines are damaged. Brain swelling and blood clots in the brain may also occur, as well as seizures, coma and death.

What do you do if you suspect heatstroke? Immediately move your dog to a cooler environment. Cool him/her using fans and cool water. Do NOT use very cold water or ice water because this could actually worsen the problem. Water may be offered, but do not force any water into your pet's mouth. Take a rectal temperature if possible. A dog's normal temperature should be 101.5°F (give or take 1 degree). If your dog's body temperature is at, or above, 105°F (prior to attempting any cooling strategies) a true emergency exists. Any dog suffering from hyperthermia should be seen by a veterinarian immediately.

Luckily, there are several things we can do to prevent heatstroke. First, avoid leaving your dog in direct sunlight on warm days, especially when the humidity is high. If outside, bring them to a cooler area indoors.

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Do not leave them in a car on a sunny day. Never exercise your dog in the sun on a hot day. Save exercise for cooler times, such as early morning or dusk. On particularly hot days, dipping all four feet in a wading pool, placed in a shady area, can be refreshing. Having a flexible, digital rectal thermometer with your pet supplies is also helpful. Taking your dog's temperature after exercise on even a mildly warm day may be eye-opening.

As most of us already know, we never want to leave our pets in a car on a warm, sunny day. But many people don't realize how dangerous this can be, even on cooler days. A study recently published by the Stanford School of Medicine, found that the temperature inside a car on a sunny days, with highs ranging from 72-96° F, increases by 40° F in only one hour! This happens when a car is parked in the sun, regardless of what the temperature is outside. Also, 80 percent of the temperature increase occurs within the first 30 minutes. Furthermore, the study found that leaving windows cracked had an insignificant effect on the rate of heating and the final temperature in the car after one hour. Therefore, even on a mild, sunny day of 72° F, your dog is still at risk for heatstroke if left in the car for just a short time!

Now that we are prepared to prevent heatstroke emergencies, let's enjoy the sun!



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November 11, 2014 - April 30, 2015

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4775	Daring Mozart	Snickers	5713	None	Serenade
4850	Water Event	Evan	5714	Raiders Cameo	Cameo
5251	JJ's Sonny Ross	Tiffany	5715	Running Fire	Run
5385	Atascocita Kegan	Kegan	5716	GS Natalie	Natalie
5475	Scupper	Scupper	5717	Raiders Jamie	Jamie
5526	Sunsand Violet	Violet	5718	Pat C Pearl Drop	Pearl
5594	Nb's Wild Win	Wanda	5721	Wait a Minute	Minute
5601	Atascocita Jalyn	Zen	5724	Pat C Fast Enuf	Nuf
5618	Atascocita Major	Major	5725	None	Jewel
5622	Atascocita Trace	Trace	5726	None	Spirit
5626	Hotfoot Stammer	Stammer	5728	Malibu Stacy	Stacy
5639	Leannes The Best	Leanne	5729	La Gazelle	Jenny
5647	None	Ridge	5730	Dea Desequana	Dia
5648	None	Diamond	5731	Fee Fontaine	Fee
5658	None	Ellie	5732	Monsue/Waterfall Sue	Sue
5660	None	Whiskey			
5661	None	Silus			
5667	None	Anna			
5668	None	Elsa			
5669	Larks Flying	Lucy			
5670	Jawa Debbie	Debbie			
5671	Hi Toby	Toby			
5674	Clydal Minnie	Molly			
5675	Harbour Bullet	Benson			
5682	Mega Anchor	Anchor			
5683	Joe Gilmore	Gilly			
5684	Jean's Mogan	Mogan			
5687	Atascocita Moses	Moses			
5688	Atascocita Ipod	Ipod			
5689	Atascocita Hugh	Hugh			
5691	Astar Quikrunner	Runner			
5692	WW Gail Indy	Indy			
5693	Where's Thirsty	Thirsty			
5694	TMC's Chickaboom	Chick			
5695	Sunshine Camper	Camper			
5696	Shegotdat Shwing	Swing			
5697	Oshkosh Sydney	Sydney			
5698	Oshkosh Oriole	Oriole			
5699	Nellie Bones	Nellie			
5701	Honey Boo Boo	Honey			
5702	Flying Tiger	Tiger			
5703	Atascocita Zlana	Zlana			
5704	Atascocita Watch	Watch			
5705	Atascocita Truly	Truly			
5706	Atascocita Texie	Texie			
5707	Atascocita Sessi	Sessi			
5709	Atascocita Bema	Bema			
5711	Divine Gizmo	Rock			
5712	None	Brownie			



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2068	No Registered Name	Amanda	4648	Gilly Gun	Gil
3538	Fig's Treeka	Rika	4724	No registered name	Darlin
4043	No Registered Name	Sasha	4782	Abenaki Mist	Misty
4120	Poco Zinny	Zinny	4786	Springwater Clay	Clay
4153	Kadees Conductor	Ajax	4838	Strawberry Micky	Kaiah
4223	Flying Solitary	Vegas	4850	Water Event	Evan
4254	AZ Valley Doll	Alex	4930	Bella Warmnfuzzy	Fuzzy
4292	Notorious Pyro	Astro	4947	Georgia My Love	Olive
4360	Okie Walker	Walker	5156	Bangin Body	BB
4409	MI's Shakenbake	Shake	5198	BW's Daphne	Daphne
4433	Nitro TB Disco	Disco	5228	OJ Maranella	Nelly
4437	Regall Ripntip	Pace	5314	Pat C Tesla	Tesla
4476	ALE Big Valley	Alex	5323	Diana's Gem	Molly
4500	Carlee's Angel	Francesca	5367	Major Challenge	Momma
4539	Regal Playpoker	Reggie	5442	Sol Watch	Frank
4540	Bella Earth Quake	Omar	5575	UCME Retro	Sadie
4634	G's Tatum	Tony	5576	Rico's Saturn	Saturn



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