



The Bark

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Letter From The President

I hope all of you had the chance to enjoy the somewhat brief sunshine and summer of the Pacific Northwest. While the rest of the country baked, it seemed that summer was a very long time coming in most of the NW and didn't hang around for very long and now we're back into the cooler, wetter season. Oh well, at least we have our pups to play with and make us smile.

The past six months have been exciting and there have been many events and happenings within GPI.

In May we had the Spring Gathering and Ice Cream Social at the kennel. In July we had our first Greyt Walkathon which was a resounding success!! Thank you to everyone who walked, donated or helped run the event. Next year we are looking to do it again and making it a multi-region event! We had several new booths in each of our regions as well as the usual exciting festivals and regular booths. Picnics were held in several of our regions. Our semi-annual Tick Testing Clinic was held in October; what a wonderful tool this is for our adopters. November brings the Crafts Fair. Thank you to all our volunteers that make these events happen!!

We also had the introduction of our brand new brochure. What talented volunteers we have!!! We hope you like our new look!

September saw the arrival of an all-black greyhound load from Florida. Read more about the Black Greyhounds Roool!! event in this issue.

Much of this issue of the Bark is focused on senior greyhounds. All of our greyhounds are special, but the seniors hold such a special place in our hearts. My own pack is aging, but I enjoy each and every one of them for as long as they are with us.

We have wonderful folks that donate to GPI and I always love reading the stories or looking at the pictures some folks send. One particular recent donation really caught my eye – it was from a wonderful little girl who had asked her parents to give her money in lieu of gifts for her birthday. Her parents then asked her to put some of that money in savings, give some to charity and spend some on herself. This lovely little girl chose to help animals and specifically greyhounds and sent her money to GPI. Along with the money was a darling picture drawn by the little girl of a greyhound. Thank you so much Maddy!!!

Happy Holidays everyone and have a safe and warm winter season.

Moira Corrigan
President



Who We Are - Mayetta Tiffany

By Jeani Penn

The first question I had to ask Mayetta is the significance of her name. I laughed when she answered that she doesn't know what it means, but that she was named after her maternal grandmother. I was hoping there was some romantic story behind it.

Mayetta was born in Vancouver, Washington. She's one of those rare natives that the rest of us hear about. She was raised on a small farm between Camas and Vancouver, then went on to Sacred Heart School of Nursing in Spokane, WA. After that she spent three years in the Army where she served a year near Monmouth, New Jersey and two years in Japan. The majority of her patients came from Vietnam, so she was trained to take care of almost any situation. Her Emergency Room training paid off. After exiting the Army, she worked at Tacoma General for a year, then on to Madison, Wisconsin for 5 years, before returning "home" for good.

She loves to travel and has been all over the U.S. (except the South), England, France, Italy, Australia and New Zealand. Her favorite places are Florence, Italy, London and all of Australia, but when she wants to vacation she heads for Hawaii, especially Kauai.

I asked her how she became interested in Greyhounds and she told me that she had read an article in Readers' Digest about the breed, then when on vacation with her sister at the Tillamook Cheese Factory in Oregon, they met a man travelling with five of them in his motor home. That peaked her interest even more, so after doing some research, she found GPI and adopted her first one, Missy, in 2002. She had Missy for seven years and became hooked.

Mayetta retired in 2003 and had many good years with her Missy. After Missy died from shoulder cancer in 2009, Mayetta fostered until she found and fell in love with Luke. It didn't take much time for her to change his name, and deservedly so, to Goofy. She says he should walk through life wearing a red nose and big floppy shoes.

Mayetta is one of GPI's dedicated and cheerful volunteers. She's always at a meet and greet, no matter where it is, and volunteers for turn out at the kennel and does home visits. Her homemade goodies are enjoyed by all when she helps with the new dog load arrivals. She sews beautifully, too, and has been known to make a dog coat for her foster's adopters. She must be a decorator too, because the first time I emailed her about this article she was busy.

She had bribed six friends with pizza to help her paint her house. This is a woman of many talents, but the most important of which is her love of the greyhound.

Unfortunately, Goofy doesn't always agree. He seems to like to poop in the house every time she brings in a foster. Guess that's his way of saying he'd like to be an only dog. He'd better get used to sharing Mayetta. She's going to be doing this for a very long time.

Thank you, Mayetta. GPI, and the rest of us, appreciate everything you do for the hounds!!!



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Koda & Karma's Korner - By Koda

Canadian Thanksgiving!!! YIPEEEEE!!! What it means to me... TURKEY and if I am VERY good I might even get some gravy, yummy... Oh, I am starting to drool!

I thought I would tell a few little stories about when I first came to live with my two legged family. I think they are kinda funny, my mom says that I have quite the personality. I am not exactly sure what that means but she is usually smiling when she says it so I think its a good thing. When I first came here I was very young, 15 months old, so I really had a lot to learn! My first night here I was SO tired I had the best sleep, Dad called it the sleep of the dead, I didn't wake up until the morning!

One of these new things that I had to learn was that I wasn't allowed to take anything that I wanted. Apparently this included the loaf of bread off of the counter, I had a lot of fun throwing that loaf of bread up and then up again and then I pounced on it, man that was fun! After that day there were no more loafs of bread to play with... That counter has some pretty neat stuff on it and I don't even have to strain to get it, it just pops right into my mouth! One other time my Mom was outside and when she came back in I met her at the door with these yellow things called Bananas. I thought she might like them, I only bit one and the rest were hanging not even touching my mouth. I was just trying to help.... I guess they don't like my help in the kitchen anymore cause there is never anything left on the counter. sigh...

I also had a hard time sharing my space, on the floor, on my bed and sometimes I was allowed on the couch but I didn't like sharing that either. I had some very soft little things dropped on me so that I got used to being woken up and now I will share my bed and because I know how to share I am even allowed on the couch!!

Karma wanted me to share that not everyone sleeps like I did on the first night. She paced, was very restless and she also liked to whine a lot. She didn't really like sharing her space either, she would just get up and move to somewhere else if she wasn't left alone. Now she loves getting cuddles and belly rubs!! Karma didn't really know how to ask to go out to the potty spot so a few accidents happened. Now she barks like crazy, sticks her bum in the air and man look out for her tail, that thing will take an eye out the way it wags!!

This home living thing can be kinda tough to remember everything but once you get used to it this homelife is pretty special. I must say that I am pretty thankful for making my way here and to all the two leggers that helped get me here. Thanks everyone!!



The First 24 Hours - Jeani Penn

After the process of the home visit, and then letting your hound pick you (we all know that's how it happens), what comes next? The first 24 hours can be challenging, but they can also be the most fun! Watching your new dog or foster discover the "real world" always makes me realize how much they have to learn.

The very first thing I do after bringing a new hound home is let them go potty. Every time they do, they get a very enthusiastic "good dog", and a little pat or rub. This is done while they are still on a leash, and with muzzles on. I walk them around the yard, showing them the fence, by tapping on it, in several places. I want to make sure that they know there is a barrier through which they cannot escape. I give them a drink and let them look around a little. Then I bring the rest of my pack out (muzzles are a must!). If you're an apartment or condo dweller this is the time to take them on a short walk around the 'hood'.

Then we go in the house. Before going to pick up a new dog I take painter's tape and put big X's across all the windows that the dog can see through. Always, always make sure counter tops and coffee tables are void of anything that can be ingested. It doesn't matter if it's food or not. If it fits in the mouth, it will go in the mouth. Make sure everything that can be eaten, knocked over, or make them fearful is put away. I say this because I've heard of dolls scaring dogs. REALLY!

Sometimes a new dog walks in the door and freezes, amazed by all the new things they see; or they see a bed and head right for it and lie down (their way of "adjusting"); or they see all the toys I have everywhere and know exactly what to do with them. Again, the new dogs and my dogs are ALWAYS muzzled at this point. If you, like me, have a small dog or cat, muzzles are especially important until you can establish that your new pup is safe with your little one. As thorough as our cat testing is, it is NOT a guarantee and even if your new dog is cat safe, it may not be small dog safe. These creatures are two different things in your Greyhound's eyes.

After I've given them the tour of the house, I take them outside again. I want to make sure they associate outside with potty. Again, big praises if they do what you think they should do. Dogs coming from the track or kennel won't realize that the big open spaces of a house aren't potty areas. If they do try to potty in the house, I still have them on leash and can correct them with a quick jerk and stern "NO" to stop them.

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Now, I give them some water and show them where the water bowl is. Then, believe it or not, I take them outside AGAIN. This time I remove the leash, but keep the muzzle on, and let them run around a bit with the rest of the dogs. With a really shy dog that won't come to you, it may be better to keep them on a leash for the first few hours. My yard is over half an acre, so it would be difficult to catch a dog that's afraid of me. Besides, I want to teach them they need to stay close to me.

I have steps going from the house to the yard. Most Greyhounds have not navigated steps, so this is something I teach them immediately. Going up steps usually isn't so difficult for them, but going down might be a little more daunting.

By this time it's usually time for dinner. I give the first dogs of the house their food first, and the new dog gets fed last and in a place that's far from where the others eat. I won't always feed the new dog last, but for the first few days it helps to let everyone know that the first dogs are in an alpha position and the new dog has to fit in. If your new love is an only pet, then feed them where they will be fed on a regular basis.

Then it's time to settle down for awhile. My dogs are so used to new dogs coming in the house, they hardly pay attention any more, so it's easy for the new dog to learn how to relax. Everyone has their own bed. By now, you'll have a feel for how well everyone is getting along. I usually keep muzzles on until day two or three, then the muzzles come off only in the house; ANY time the dogs are outside they need to be muzzled.

I take everyone out to go potty just before I go to bed. I usually have the new dog sleep next to me on the floor in their own bed, so I'm aware of any movement or need that might come up during the night. Some people prefer a crate for the night. This works very well, as most Greyhounds are not afraid of it and like the safety that it gives them. It's VERY important to remember that some Greyhounds, because of their nature or the stress of a new home, are proprietary about their beds. It's always best to leave them alone when they are in their "safe" place. It's also important to teach children to respect the dog's bed and not disturb them when sleeping or resting. All dogs need a place where they can take a break from the activity of the household. This holds true whether it's the middle of the night or during the day.

First thing in the morning they all go out, I let them out together, but everyone has a muzzle on. Depending on the dog, you might want to take them out on a leash.

This, of course, is mandatory if you live in an apartment and this is their only way of relieving themselves.

Breakfast should be fed only after a morning walk. They are like us, and need to "take care of business" first thing in the morning. A short walk after breakfast isn't a bad idea, either, but, no running for at least an hour.

Even if you can spend the day with your new hound (which we recommend), it's important to leave them for a few minutes in the morning and again for a few minutes in the afternoon. They need to learn that you WILL be back and that being alone is not going to kill them. Some dogs don't even know you're gone and others will destroy the house. This is the day you find out which you have.

There are a couple of things to remember.

- Don't let them run for an hour before or an hour after they eat.

- Keep muzzles handy, unless yours is an only dog.

Even if you have an only dog, a muzzle is a good idea until you know whether they can be trusted with things around the house.

- When leashing them, make sure you've put the leash on properly (see article in this Bark for proper adjustment of a martingale collar).

- The muzzle should be placed with the smooth band over their nose and the strap around their ears. This takes a bit of practice at first, but it's important that both of these tools are properly in place.

This is the time to let your wonderful new Greyhound know what you expect of them and what behaviors are acceptable. Don't let them jump on the furniture unless that's where you want them. Any action that they perform at this stage could very well become a habit, so keep that in mind. Remember this is a time of learning for them and these lessons and behaviors might just stick in their minds.

But most important of all, use good old fashioned common sense and love your dog to pieces. They are Greyhounds and they are special, but they're still dogs.



Keeping Old Hounds Healthy

Veterinary Care for Senior Greyhounds - Lesley Kovar, DVM Bothell Pet Hospital

The following is from a presentation Dr. Kovar gave to GPI on 27 June 2010.

A dog older than six years is generally considered senior, and at ten is geriatric. In a regular exam for an older greyhound, the vet will be looking for problems that are more likely to appear in this breed with advancing age.

Beginning with the eyes, vets look for cataracts, which are actually uncommon in greyhounds. What is usually the case is something called nuclear sclerosis, which makes the eye appear cloudy. It is especially evident when light is reflected in the eye. This develops in older dogs of any breed, and usually doesn't begin to affect vision until very late in life.

Pannus, an immune-mediated condition that can affect vision in greyhounds, usually appears in older dogs. It is identified by the appearance of blood vessels, pigmentation, and scar tissue that begins to cover the cornea (the protective surface of the eye). It usually affects both eyes, but is not symmetrical. Although there is no cure, it can be treated and controlled with drugs that suppress the immune system.

Teeth and gums are a major problem for greyhounds. Periodontal disease, or inflammation of the gingiva, is common. They can become allergic to their own tartar. The gums recede, exposing the roots of their teeth, which become loose and may eventually need to be extracted. If periodontal disease is left untreated, bacteria from the dog's mouth can cause problems in the kidneys, liver, or heart.

Greyhounds are one of the breeds prone to laryngeal paralysis. What you may hear is raspy breathing or sounding hoarse when panting as well as more frequent panting. What happens is the larynx is not opening or closing fully as it should. The noise arises as air is trying to move through a smaller opening. If the LP becomes serious enough that the dog's breathing is impaired, a tie back surgery can be performed. Since there can be complications, it should be considered very carefully before deciding surgery is necessary.

Greyhounds seem to be susceptible to "corns" on their feet. These can be quite painful, analogous to walking with a rock in one's shoe. There are a number of possible remedies, but getting rid of them permanently is not always possible.

Arthritis and spinal issues were discussed at length. As dogs age they may begin to have trouble getting up and down. Usually, the cause is arthritis. However, a more

serious degenerative disease is lumbosacral stenosis. This is a condition that arises from nerve compression in the region where the lower spine meets the pelvis. Typical symptoms include a weakness in the rear end, and it sometimes includes bowel or urinary difficulties. Although an MRI is really the only way to distinguish between LS and other types of age-related degenerative disease, a dog with a healthy spine will straighten out its foot if you curl the foot under and then release the foot. When spinal problems are present, a dog will often leave the foot knuckled under or will be slow to set it right. NSAIDS (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs) are best used to alleviate pain. If it is LS, a "depo" shot, a long acting steroid injection, can provide dramatic relief.

Osteosarcoma (bone tumor) is, unfortunately, not uncommon in greyhounds. It usually presents as lameness that gets worse with time. By the time a vet can find the source of the pain, the bone is already quite weak. Treatment methods range from using NSAIDS (Metacam, Rimadyl, Deramaxx, etc) or other medications for pain relief. More invasive treatment includes amputation, chemotherapy and/or radiation. Greyhounds seem to tolerate amputation fairly well and dogs, in general, handle chemo much better than humans. It is critical, however, to consider the quality of the dog's life when considering any of these treatments. Four months is the average amount of time the dog will survive post amputation. Even x-rays may not show that the cancer has metastasized to the lungs.

Kidney disease is a common problem as greyhounds age. Typically we do not notice signs, nor see abnormalities in labwork until 75% of the kidney function is compromised. At that point changes will be seen in creatinine and BUN levels which can be determined by bloodwork.

If general anesthesia is necessary for a senior greyhound, given the current protocols for administering anesthetics, it is considered safe as long as the dog is basically healthy. That is why a general blood test before the procedure is always recommended.

Canine cognitive dysfunction ("dog dementia") is a possible problem with older dogs. The dog may appear disoriented or confused. There are medications that can be helpful by increasing normal functioning. However, make sure there are not other problems before diagnosing this. Loss of vision or hearing is common in older dogs, and can cause similar behavior. Cognitive dysfunction is usually diagnosed by exclusion of other possible issues.

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As dogs age, changes should be made in their diets and supplements. A lower protein diet is recommended as well as fewer calories. Look for the AAFCO label on foods. Essential fatty acids should be included to help keep an older dog's skin and coat healthy. When adding supplements like fish oil and products like glucosamine, check for quality. Synovi, Adroitin, Dasequin, and Cosequin are good veterinary products that provide joint support.

[Http://www.veterinarypartner.com](http://www.veterinarypartner.com) is a good resource when dealing with osteosarcoma and many other pet ailments.



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Roo-ray for Seniors! By Pat Cattolico

I started to write an article about the joys of adopting senior greyhounds. Pages poured from my fingers into the keyboard. When I read what I wrote, I realized that my pages were really about the individual personalities of each of the senior greyhounds who have owned me. But, each and every dog, senior, puppy, or teenager, has their own unique personality. We GPI'ers have...5,000+ of those stories to tell! So, what is it about seniors? why adopt a senior greyhound?

We tend to think that as dogs advance in age, they are more likely to have health issues than when they were puppies. However, in the greyhound world we know that young dogs can have health challenges just as easily as seniors. Young dogs have suddenly left our GPI earthly pack for the Rainbow Bridge. My first greyhound was a 3 year old with arthritis. There are no guarantees. So that argument doesn't hold up with me.

Currently we have 3 seniors in our house: Julia Martinez and Gordo came to us at 7 or 8, and Annie When at 11. Before them were Barklee (10 when he arrived) and Pepper (9). And before them all was Taco, who was 3 in age when he came to us, but was 12 in body due to arthritis. Pepper came into our lives when Taco needed a buddy. By then, Taco was himself a true senior, and with his arthritis, we didn't want a very young dog who Taco would have trouble keeping up with. From there, we were hooked on seniors.

Most seniors available for adoption from GPI have had a home already. They end up back with GPI for a variety of reasons, through no fault of their own, and often, not through the fault of their owners either. Their owners haven't chosen cancer, assisted or hospice living, or even death. These are the things that often bring seniors back to GPI.

I think that most greyt People would agree that witnessing the transformation from track dog to lovable couch potato is an ultimate tickle to the heart. The dogs come out of their shells; their personalities bloom. My experience is that when adopted as seniors, they too, go through another kind of transformation and it is also a joy to witness. My experience is that seniors go through a second, more dignified, puppyhood when they find their new home. They are beyond their puppyhood antics and have a sense of "knowing", a wisdom that comes with age. They thrive in their new homes. They live their life.

One example of this transformation and second puppy

hood is Annie. When she came to us, her doggie yoga (down dog, up dog, cat) was hardly noticeable. Little by little, she began loosening up, and today, she does some mighty stretching, including back-pointing her toes in up dog. When she would shake herself at first, just her head would go back and forth a little. Today, she shakes from nose to tip of tail, smiling all the while.

Don't think that seniors are the ultimate in couch-potatoing! Seniors have so many decisions to make, so many things to do. It is such a joy to watch them decide: Lounge outside in the sun with a greyt buddy? Start a stuffie frenzie? Join in a stuffie squeakoff? Raid the trash can while Food Lady's not looking? Convince the Mister it's time for a cookie break? Take a nap alone on your favorite bed? Go for a walk with FoodLady? Work on a chew project? Get ready for dinner? It's a busy life!

Our most senior of our seniors instigates stuffie frenzies, getting the other two to join in. Imagine three seniors loping up and down a long hallway, back and forth from dining room to bedroom, tossing, catching and squeaking stuffies, grabbing the next one until all 30 stuffies are in a completely different place than at the start of the frenzie. Then they collapse, panting and smiling, on their beds. Puppyhood or what!?

Friends and family have questioned why we would adopt dogs we know won't likely be with us for 10-12 years. My answer is that we really don't know how long any of us – greyt or human – get to ride planet Earth, so to say no to a relationship with a Being, solely on the possibility of a short time, is not a sufficient reason to resist the relationship. This quote, given to me by a friend after one of our greys went to the Bridge, really hits home:

*Those of us who share our lives with Beings
whose lives are decidedly shorter than our
own would choose nothing different*

The harsh reality of adopting a senior dog is that it is unlikely that s/he will be with you for 10-12 years. Barklee came to me at 10; I lost him at 12, yet I feel like he had been with me my whole life. There is no way, NO WAY, I would have ever traded those two years with him for a longer relationship with another dog. So, I accept this reality, and I put a positive spin on it. I enjoy my relationships with my greyhounds for as long as the Universe allows, and when that time is up – for that dog – it creates a place for a new relationship, for someone else, who needs me, and as I have learned from the Universe,

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who I need too. Each senior teaches me something important about life. This allows me to find peace with the reality.

We also have some household rules about our seniors that help:

~ The last one into the family is The Baby. For example, when Annie came to us, she was the oldest dog in age, but being the last one to arrive makes her The Baby of the house.

~ You can be your own person, as long as you are a good citizen. Seniors have been around. A lot of the seniors know the ins and outs of living in a home. They may be set in some of their ways. We recognize this, honor this, as long as they follow the general good citizenship rules of the house (no dogs on the furniture, be nice, no fighting, be calm and collected while waiting for food or leashing up for walks, bed time is bed time, not run around the house time).

~ On your birthday, the only number that counts is the last one (or if zero, go to first number). So even though you may be 12, on your birthday, your cards and cake says "2". When our greyhounds give birthday cards, they follow the same rule. Imagine Auntie celebrating her 45th birthday in human years, and receiving a "now you are 5" card from her nephdog and niecedogs.

~ When it's not your birthday, no one is allowed to remember your age. It is wiped away as if your age doesn't exist.

~ No one is allowed to point out any new grey hairs (these days, that applies to the humans in the house as well as the greyhounds).

So, I say again: ROO-ray for Seniors! The next time you're ready to adopt, won't you consider letting a senior into your heart and home?



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Greyhound Pets, Inc.

PO Box 891

Woodinville, WA 98072

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

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Please remember, if for any reason you cannot or do not want to keep your greyhound, it **MUST** be re-turned 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.

Check Those Leashes! ~ By Moira Corrigan

With greyhounds, it's not enough to use a leash with a martingale-style collar. To be effective, the collar must be put on correctly and properly adjusted. An incorrectly adjusted collar may be uncomfortably snug, or the dog might be able to pull out of the leash, creating a potentially dangerous situation for your dog or for those around you.

When taking a dog out on leash be it for a walk, to a booth, to a GPI event, or to the Dog Park, please check that:

- The collar part of the leash is adjusted correctly. When the collar is positioned behind the ears and pulled taut, there should be roughly two fingers worth of space between the two rings. If the rings are touching or too far apart, adjust the length of the collar.

- If your dog has a smallish head, it is fairly easy to put your dog's head through the wrong "hole" on the leash. Be sure to check that the leash loosens and tightens when you pull on it. If it does not loosen or tighten, the dog's head is through the wrong "hole" on the leash.

Also, it is good to periodically check the martingale collar on your dog(s) as they can sometimes loosen over time.

If you are taking a dog to a booth, a GPI event, or to the Dog Park, make sure that:

- Your hand is through the loop and securely holding the leash.

- The leash is short. You need to know where the dog is related to other dogs, people, those little kids and little dogs that people bring by and aren't watching so closely. When walking, keep the dog next to you, where the dog can see/watch you for direction and you can easily watch the dog.

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



Moira Corrigan

As many of you may have heard or seen, we recently took in an all-black load of greyhounds from Florida.

In many parts of the country, black dogs are very difficult to place. In Florida there is already an overabundance of greyhounds and the black ones often are the last to find homes or an adoption group, especially the not-cat friendly ones. In working with my contact in Florida it came up in conversation that they have a very hard time moving the black dogs as many adoption groups will not take them or they are often overlooked by potential adopters. A light bulb went off in my head! We don't seem to have a hard time placing the black dogs and anyone that knows me knows that I have a soft spot for the black ones (especially the boys). I ran the idea of taking an all-black load by several folks and they were all as enthusiastic as I was. So I asked my Florida contact "How about we take an all-black dog load?" She was ABSOLUTELY thrilled!!! Most of the dogs are in the 4 to 7 year old age range and many of them have been waiting for a spot in an adoption group for more than half their lives!!!! This is a perfect age for many of our adopters.

So the wheels were set in motion and we scheduled a load to arrive at GPI in mid-September.

Meanwhile, some of our very talented volunteers got to work. The "Black Greyhounds Roool!!!" logo was designed by our own Robin James and up it went on our website, flyers, a button, and a t-shirt.

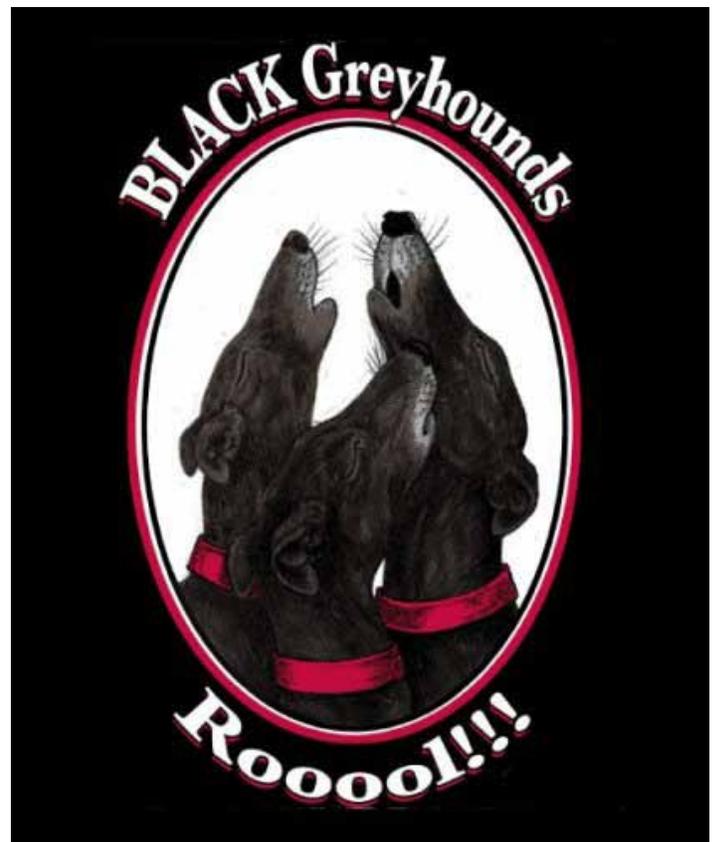
On Thursday, September 8th, 30 greyhounds left Miami, Florida (including the 12 black ones headed for GPI). Friday night found the dogs in Abilene, Kansas for a little rest and something to eat. Very early on Saturday morning, the dogs were loaded up and continued on their journey west. At about 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 11th, 12 black greyhounds arrived at the Hern Greyt Works kennel. They were greeted warmly by a team of enthusiastic volunteers. Each dog had a chance to relieve themselves, get something to drink and eat. Then came the processing of each dog – weighing them, checking tattoos, checking paperwork and vaccines, spraying them for fleas and ticks, and then getting them settled for the morning. The additional 18 dogs on the load (many of which were black) went to Utah and Oregon.

Tuesday, September 13th was bath day and each of the black greyhounds came out shiny and clean smelling after being lovingly bathed by our wonderful volunteers. Because most of the dogs were underweight, their vetting was delayed until the following week, but soon they were all vetted and ready for adoption.

Sleet was the first dog from the Black Greyhounds Roool!!! load to be adopted. By the time you read this I'm sure quite a few more of the black dogs will have been adopted.

There are still many more black greyhounds waiting in Florida for homes. We are going to continue to work with Florida to move as many of them to GPI as space opens up in our kennel and in between our other scheduled loads.

Thank you for helping us find homes for all our deserving and loving greyhounds, but in particular the black ones.



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 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

Thank you to our recent sponsors

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Your Donations are so appreciated!

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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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Heather Collins	In memory of Zac and Moni, for your many years of love and companionship
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Thank you for your Donations!

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ADOPTED!!

2nd & 3rd Quarter 2011

Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname	Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname
4322	Jimmy Cat	Jimmy	5212	Gotcha Cinnamon	Cindy
4553	Regall Right Wing	Grace	5213	Luvbug Skunky	Luvbug
4577	PA's Texas Tear	Tear	5214	Myway Barbie	Barbie
4934	Bella Raheng	Reggie	5215	Woman Power	Liberty
5003	Unknown	Dave	5217	Reward Sweetin	Chubby
5046	Prince of Power	Prince	5218	Unknown	Lily
5088	Redsmyname	Red	5219	Gonna Hustle	Etta
5089	Burma Sunrise	Burma	5220	Bj's Buzzinbetsy	Betsy
5090	DLT Royaltourist	Royal	5221	Frank Farmer	Farmer
5139	Unknown	Pumpkin	5222	Hayfana	Hayden
5144	DLT Blackwater	Tyra	5223	Fisch N Chips	Fisch
5147	It's Tricky	Tricky	5224	Forkloz	Mafia
5153	N Black Velvet	Carly	5225	Unknown	Snowball
5154	Kiowa Friedapple	Apple	5227	CTW Saddle Bronc	Brock
5160	Skip the Details	Dana	5228	OJ Maranella	Nelly
5161	Wayne's Scooter	Scooter	5229	Easi Elise	Elise
5167	Bella Beltran	Beltran	5231	B's Ring of Fire	Ring
5168	Bella Ramses	Ramses	5232	Holley Heaven	Holly
5174	Tee N Tea	Tea	5233	Second That	Scarlet
5179	Lure Man Johnny	Johnny	5234	Sun Catcher	Sadie
5182	Fuzzy's Tulsa	Tulsa	5235	Perks Queenie	Queenie
5189	Misremembered	Clemmens	5236	Unregistered	Judy
5190	Shall We Shag	Shag	5237	Barts a la mode	Alamode
5193	Crystal Sunfire	Sunny	5238	Heir Ontheway	Cher
5195	Boc's Text Tori	Tori	5240	Chasmo's Raiford	Raiford
5196	WWW Live Wire	Watzee	5241	Haskell	Henry
5199	NMS Flying Lilac	Lilac	5243	Swansons Song	Swanson
5200	Delta's Filly	Filly	5245	Happy Enchilada	Opey
5202	Hubris Man	Lucky	5247	TV Explorer	Indie
5204	TNJ Toby	Toby	5249	DM Matilda	Matilda
5207	Diamond Stones	Diamond	5256	Yellow For Nello	Nello
5208	AHK Laughoutloud	Loud	5258	RC Highway Man	Highway
5209	Black Label	Shadow	5260	Pat C Mo Jo	Mojo
5210	Ja Keepitmoving	Chatters	5261	Jean's Comet	Comet
5211	Unknown	Gale	5262	Atascocita Lane	Lane



Rainbow Bridge Memorial ~ We will miss them

Notices received through September 30, 2011

Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname	Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname
2841	Flying Oath	Orion	4256	CD Tim	Tim
2963	PA's Precious	Shy	4272	Ja Keepitmoving	Chatters
3020	FMC Franklin	Frank	4276	WW Danger Girl	Daisy
3185	Bradi Ahoy	Bonkers	4302	WD's Seth	Pita
3194	It's True		4432	Move It like This	Eagle
3269	Pat C Solana	Ellie	4464	Brooks Frighten	Lacey
3345	-	Betsy	4491	No Wonder	Wonder
3410	TV Calamity Jane	Janey	4668	My Survivor	Kiro
3460	All Rise	Lizzie	4805	Fresh Spin	Annie
3636	Cajun Rose	Rose	4857	Nitro Cannon	Cannon
3739	Subatomic	Scrapper			(aka Happy Boy)
3807	TNT Dakota	Dakota	4882	-	Dash
4002	-	Jubilee	4901	LL Ranger Lee	Zeke
4018	Chasmo's Bertha	Bertha	4919	RLMs Aspen	Aspen
4154	Vic Meadowlake	Sampson	5210	Coldwater Jollie	Mary
			5230	Kid's Camilla	Cammie

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 and Rice Kibble
Natural Balance Potato and Duck Kibble
Kirkland Dog Biscuits
Canned Pumpkin (not the pie filling)
Bleach
13-Gallon trash bags with ties

Paper Towels
Non-stuffed Blankets
Blankets and quilts
Stamps (44 cents)
Glucosamine (preferably Greyhound Gang)

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

The Greyhounds Thank You!

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