

# THE NORTHERN BARK

"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion" -- Unknown



The newsletter of **Northern Greyhound Adoptions!** As a non-profit organization, NGA's aim is to integrate ex-racers into the surrounding communities. Each year, we strive to place 60 dogs. Dogs are welcomed into our kennel, and socialized with our volunteers and other greyhounds as they relax and adjust into their retirement years. Pursuing our mission, we work to educate the public and increase awareness of the greyhound.



Ripley, Duncan, Allie & Lizzie – York, PA

## Keep Your Pets Safe Over The Holidays

While the holidays can definitely be stressful for the humans, it can be worse for your pets. Please keep them safe and healthy during this busy time of year.

**Don't** over do it on the treats, (and remember – NO chocolate), which can make your animals very sick. Keep those sweet treats up and out of their reach!

**Be** careful of sharp or breakable ornaments and decorations. These are almost too much for a curious greyhound to resist, and can be dangerous if ingested or broken and stepped on.

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**Greyhounds** have been known to unwrap the gifts under the tree if left unsupervised too long, so take extra precautions to keep them out of reach.

**At** Christmas sometime it cools down fast, and your greyhounds will get cold very quickly if left outside too long. If you will be spending time outside consider a coat for your greyhound to keep him or her warm, and never leave them out for long unsupervised.

**Take** extra precautions to keep your greyhounds safe at home during parties or when guests visit. Many greyhounds get out this time of year during the excitement of the season. Doors and gates are more likely to be left open, so be careful not to lose your pet. There is nothing worse than missing your beloved greyhound during the holidays.

### A Quick trick to induce vomiting:

In case your dog ingests chocolate, or any other Christmas treats, a quick way to get them up is to use salt to induce vomiting. It works faster than hydrogen peroxide, is always available and has no after effects like gas from the bubbles. For an average greyhound, mix a tablespoon of salt with enough water to make a moderately thick solution, just pour or use a syringe, to get it into the side of their mouth. This usually works in less than a minute.

### What if they eat the ornaments?

First don't induce vomiting.

Before the holiday go to a pharmacy and buy a box of cotton balls. Be sure that you get cotton balls...not the "cosmetic puffs" that are made from man-made fibers. Also, buy a quart of half-and-half coffee cream [also called light cream] and put it in the freezer.

Should your dog eat glass ornaments, defrost the half-and-half and pour some in a bowl. Dip cotton balls into the cream and feed them to your dog.

Dogs under 10 lbs. should eat 2 balls which you have first torn into smaller pieces. Dogs 10-50 lbs should eat 3-5 balls and larger dogs should eat 5-7.

You may feed larger dogs an entire cotton ball at once. Dogs seem to really like these strange "treats" and eat them readily.

As the cotton works its way through the digestive tract it will find all the glass pieces and wrap itself around them. Even the teeniest shards of glass will be caught and wrapped in the cotton fibers and the cotton will protect the intestines from damage by the glass. Your dog's stools will be really weird for a few days and you will have to be careful to check for fresh blood or a tarry appearance to the stool. If either of the latter symptoms appear you should rush your dog to the vet for a checkup but, in most cases, the dogs will be just fine.

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# Adoptable of the Month EVAN



**"Where's Evening"  
DOB March 4, 2002**

Evan is a very shy, timid boy who needs a family with a lot of patience and understanding. Once he warms up to you he has the sweetest disposition!

**Because it's Christmas here's  
another Adoptable!**

# BROOKE



A beautifully breathtaking girlie!

**New Couch Potato!**

# CLAYTON

"So here is the update from Clayton the love sponge. Mr stubborn didn't want to eat or drink the first 24 hours. I won him over with a tablespoon of beef baby food smeared on his kibble, now he is eating and drinking just fine. He was quite the leg lifter the first two days but has not had a single accident today. Turns out he is a snow hound. We had 40 centimetres and he thought it was great fun. The kids on the tobaggan hill had his attention for ever. The neighbours have all made a big fuss over him which of course he loves. Clay is a little scared of the cats (understandable as there are four). However, he has been well behaved and was nose to nose with the bravest one today. The hardwood floors are proving to be a challenge so we have laid a path of no skid carpets until he gets his footing. He loves his kennel but is learning that he doesn't have to be in there all the time. We only shut the door if he is unsupervised. Right now he is sprawled on the floor with a polar fleece blanket, the cat is asleep in the chair three feet away. This is our peaceable kingdom."

Kathryn, Scott & Family



## The NGA Board Members

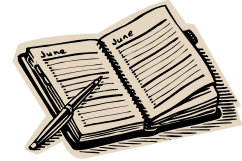
Hard at Work:



Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup> was a traditional NGA board meeting event – Wreath Making! Thanks to the collective efforts of the members, 70 wreaths were decorated and then later sold with the proceeds going to Northern Greyhound Adoptions!



Interested in volunteering sometime? Email [odinloki@comcast.net](mailto:odinloki@comcast.net)



## Calendar of Events

We are preparing our calendar of Events for 2008! Stay tuned!

We could use people for all events! Bring your grey, your kids, friends, we ask that you can give us a couple of hours of your time. These types of events give NGA the opportunity to educate the public about greyhounds; we also use these demos to raise money. As we get closer to winter and our opportunities for demos slow down, this is a great opportunity to boost NGA's purse. NGA is 100% is a privately funded non-profit organization.

## Event Recap –

### “National Pet Show” Olympic Stadium, Montreal

Participants – about 30,000 people, adoption applications sent out – lots! ☺ The dogs were greyt – they behaved like real troopers. Many many thanks to Lillianne, Johanne, Sheba, Catherine, Stewie, Pierre, Coast and Minnie!



## Deer Joe



My Dearest Joe,  
When our humans make remarks about us aging, getting gray, or slowing down, do they not think we have feelings? Do we complain - no. How would they like it if we started giving them looks like - "Hey, you're adding a few pounds on there" or "wow!, what did you do to your hair to make it so gray?"  
Thank you Joseph for letting me vent. Til the New Year....

xoxo  
Geisha

Deer Miss Geisha  
Thank you for that question – I shall try to 'splain. Our hoomins have absotively no unnerstanding of our feelinks. They tink our feelinks are like their feelinks. But do they have feelinks that say to them that it's a good time to pee in the kitchen? No! Their feelinks don't even tell them that you kin find all sorts of yummy stuffs buried in the snow! All they do is yell and carree on when you dig up those tasty poopsicles. Take it from me, Miz Geisha – hoominz are really strange....  
xoxo  
Joe

Have a question for me – please send it to [chilidog@t-legs.com](mailto:chilidog@t-legs.com) and I will reply to it heer in this column. Pictures are always accepted!

## Greyhound Fun Stuff!

### Greyt Quotes:

"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself."  
-- Josh Billings

### Greyspeak – words that usually can only define our greys

**Gotcha Day:** Adoption day. Some adoptive families celebrate this day just like a birthday. It is a good time for extra treats, pets and maybe a Frosty Paws or trip to the dog bakery!

### Motivational Posters:

(Design your own at <http://bighugelabs.com/flickr/motivator.php> )



### Kennel Needs

We are in need of support, particularly during our turn-out schedule at the kennel. Times we especially need your help are 6-8am, 11am-1pm, 5-7pm and 9-11 pm If you, or someone you know, would like to volunteer their time to help Northern Greyhound Adoptions, please call Dorothy at (802) 524-6659

#### Wanted:

Volunteer coordinator – contact Cyndi at 802-244-0666 or [odinloki@comcast.net](mailto:odinloki@comcast.net)

#### Needed:

Blankets!

And just because it's the Holiday Season:



Kelsey – Boston, ME



Andy – Cumberland RI



Cody – Pittsburgh, PA



Gizzy & Specky - Winter Springs FL



Sally – Shreveport LA



Sadie & Spud, Tucson, AZ

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#### **A word about the newsletter**

First off I'd like to thank Cyndi and  
the entire Board for giving me this  
opportunity to help the kennel by  
keeping people informed with this  
Newsletter! Secondly, with each  
issue I hope to be able to bring  
you newsworthy articles,  
educational insights, and sometime  
funny sometime sad stories about  
the one thing that we all have in  
common – our greyhounds! Please  
feel free to forward any stories,  
pictures, anecdotes and  
suggestions for stories you may  
have to me [chilidog@t-legs.com](mailto:chilidog@t-legs.com) or  
to Cyndi [odinloki@comcast.net](mailto:odinloki@comcast.net)

Thanks!

Donna

# Coming up next – Our winter edition



**Peanut says “Brrrrring it on!”**

**Got winter pictures of your grey(s) – send them along to**

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