

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.



"Sandy in the Pool"

The "Dog Days" of Summer!

The lazy days of summer are here! Now is the time to review some hot weather tips for our pets. (Actually this applies to all dogs and cats.) Summer is a season when people and pets can have much fun together, but it is also when our pets have many injuries and heat related health problems. Just remembering the following tips can help avoid many of the heat related problems. We all know that heatstroke is dangerous for humans -- it is just as dangerous for animals. Learning the signs and symptoms of heatstroke may help you save your pets life.

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Animals react differently than humans to heatstroke. We sweat to cool ourselves; however, dogs only sweat through the pads of their feet. Dogs can also cool themselves off by panting. The panting draws air over the moist membranes of the nose and tongue and cools by evaporation. But panting only works for a short time. Prolonged panting can critically upset the metabolic system. The first symptoms you may notice could be laborious panting, drooling and a bright red tongue and gums. The tongue may be swollen and appear "foamy". The inside of the ears can also appear red, not pink. The animal may appear very hot to the touch. They may have "twitching" muscles and a dazed look. The animal may then collapse. You must take EMERGENCY ACTION at this time. To cool the animal off quickly, you may wrap them in a towel soaked with tepid water--in severe cases (for example if your pet has actually collapsed) you can immerse the animal in a tub of cool (NOT COLD) water, put them under a cool shower or give a cool water rubdown immediately. Heatstroke can be fatal - cooling the animal down may help, but you should rush this animal to a veterinarian as soon as possible.

Never leave your pet in a parked car - not even if you crack the windows or park in the shade - this is the number one cause of heatstroke in animals and causes a number of needless deaths each year. On a 70 degree day the interior temperature of your car can rise to above 150 degrees in just minutes.

You must always provide plenty of cool, clean and fresh water to all animals in hot weather. Refresh the water bowls often and watch that the bowls do not turn over.

Outdoor pets must have a shady area where they can cool off during the day. A gentle spray with the hose can provide quick relief from high temperatures. Many Greyhound owners purchase a child's wading pool for their dogs in the summer. Greyhounds, of course, cannot be left outside in the summer because of their sensitivity to hot weather; however, when outside in the heat they love to play in the water. I have heard of greys who just lay in the pool -- enjoying the cool water! (Continued Pg. 2)



(Dog days of summer – continued from Pg 1)

The National Humane Society suggests that cats be kept inside to prevent them from getting lost or injured. Dogs and cats do react differently to situations, probably due to their different dispositions. In the heat of the day, dogs are often more active, especially if a strange dog or person comes near their yard. They will jump and bark excitedly to protect their turf. On the other hand, cats may not even lift an eyelid, preferring to save their excitement for the cool of the night.

You should not encourage exercise during the hottest part of the day. This is another leading cause of heatstroke. Intense activity causes body heat to rise, therefore, take your dogs for walks in the early morning or late evening after things have cooled down. When you do have to take your dog out during the hot times, be very careful about walking them on hot pavement or sand. Their sensitive paws can burn easily. Remember pets can sunburn just as you can. Especially short haired animals who have fair coats and light skin. Their exposure to the sun should be limited. Sunburn, as we all know, can be very painful, and in animals may lead to serious complications. My Whitney has a white, thin coat. She loves to lay out in the sun - I have to be very careful - she starts turning red in a very short time! Keep in mind that your greyhound's normal temperature is 101 to 102 degrees.

Your pet may have more skin problems in warm weather. Allergies are more prevalent during spring and summer. Common pet allergies include pollen, grass, weeds, and fleas. If your pet is scratching more than usual or has raw skin, call your veterinarian. He/she will be able to prescribe medication that will make your pet more comfortable. Daily brushing will help keep your pet's coat healthy and clean.

By all means, you and your greyhound should have fun this summer! Just remember these common-sense tips and enjoy your summer!!

Diary Of A 'Socially Challenged' Greyhound (Part 2 - Continued from last edition)

- by Bandit aka Bo

Bo - Florida to New York - July 26th, 2007 -----

**** They're putting me in that box! Oh! I don't like this, don't like the box. It's like my crate but different, can't see out of this, and it's dark. I've been in here before! It means I'm going somewhere. Where? What's going to happen? I'm so scared! I'm trying to listen to what the two-legs are saying, new words I don't know. What is 'northern group'? What is 'home'? There's another in here with me! He's scared too, almost as much as I am! Oh no! Oh no! This is all different, different is scary, different is bad!

- July 27th, 2007 -

It is a long time, 24 hours that he is 'in the box'. Then it stops moving and doors nearby are being opened. Soon his door will open. What will happen then? I'm scared!

It's happening, the door is opening! The other is taken out! Where are they taking him? What scary things will happen to him? The door closes again. I am by myself, it is more scary now that I am alone.

He can hear them, they're nearby, talking the two-leggers talk. Soon the door opens again. I am the only one left, he's come back to get ME! Bo is too scared to move! He is trying to melt into the back wall and be invisible. It's not working. He's coming in after me! Bo is shaking uncontrollably. I hear a two-legged ask "Does he need a muzzle?" don't know what that means really, but know what a muzzle is. "Ha, Ha, Ha, No he doesn't need any muzzle." the other two-legged says as he climbs in the box to get me. He lifts me out of the box and sets me down. Oh! This is a very different place! Oh! Too scary! Too scary! FLEE! FLEE! FLEE!

"Ha, Ha, Ha, Well that certainly doesn't fit his personality! Tiger stripes! Ha, Ha, Ha!" says the two-legged who lifted me out of the box. There is another two-legger standing nearby holding a collar and leash, orange and black stripes. "Ha, Ha, Ha" she says, "We are going to give him some confidence, even if we only start by LOOKING confident! Ha, Ha, Ha!" Oh no! Oh no! What is 'confidence'?

Here is the big wide world, full of strange sights, sounds and smells. Nothing is familiar to him. EVERYTHING is different, big, open and scary. Oh no! FLEE! FLEE! She is trying to walk him. All he wants is to escape. All he capable of is straining at the end of this 'tiger' leash and vibrating! "Not going to pee?" "Okay," she says, "Time for your bath then."

What is 'bath'? Oh yea, 'bath', I don't like 'bath'! They're touching me! Oh no! Touching me EVERYWHERE! Oh no! No way to flee, no way to stop them from touching me! Powerless, Bo submits to his bath, frightened beyond measure.

He is led outside again, in hopes he will relieve himself. He is too tense, too frightened to do more than dart away from the human holding his leash, away from the bowl of water he thirsts for, but is too afraid to even investigate. What is that?!? I'm scared! FLEE! FLEE! FLEE!

He is loaded into the SUV for the much shorter ride to his foster home. Oh NO! Another box, this one MUCH bigger! Oh, too scary, too scary! Oh no! This is all different, DIFFERENT is scary!

Next Issue – Meeting the rest of the new "Pack"

Bohemian Yahoo (aka Bo)



Noteworthy News!

The Kennel has set aside a "Slush Fund" for greyhound medical emergencies and/or dental problems. Please call Dorothy at (802) 524-6659 and give the nature of the emergency and/or dental problem.

This is one way NGA "gives back" to it's Greyhound Community. They appreciate each and every one of their adopters!

Adoptable of the Month

SALLY



Sa Bar Mirant
DOB: May 10th, 2005
S – Shycargo
D - Aberfan

**New Couch
Potatoes!**

BUDDY & SKYE

See page 6

On the first day, God created the Greyhound.

On the second day, God created man to serve the Greyhound.

On the third day, God created the animals of the Earth to serve as potential food for the Greyhound.

On the fourth day, God created honest toil so that man could labor for the good of the Greyhound.

On the fifth day, God created the tennis ball so that the Greyhound could or could not retrieve it.

On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the Greyhound healthy and the man broke.

On the seventh day, God tried to rest, but he had to walk the Greyhound.

On the eighth day, God believeth that He was done, but Lo! The Garden of Eden was full of Greyhound poop and craters. Adam & Eve, having been banished from the garden, no longer dwelleth therein to serve the Greyhound, so it came to pass that He had to clean the mess up Himself. And God was displeased.

On the ninth day, God sayeth unto the Heavens, "Who hath dominion here, me or the Greyhound?"

On the tenth day, God came upon the Greyhound cockroached on His throne and abideth there unmoving, despite all His beseeching.

And so it came to pass that God had his answer. He then sayeth unto Moses, "Fine! You're in charge now. Here's my ten commandments. You deal with the Greyhound! I'm retiring to Miami Beach!"

And Moses convinced the Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of bondage in Egypt and journey to the Promised Land. God sayeth unto Moses, "The Promised Land shall be yours, but you must take the Greyhound with you."

And so it came to pass that the Israelites wandered for 40 years in the wilderness, waiting for the Greyhound to go potty, mark every bush and sniff every blade of grass in its domain.

Author Unknown.

Vendor Spotlight!

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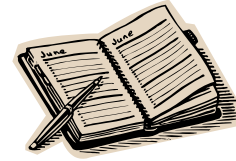
Yes... all dogs need collars. But - as you well know - all pooch parents don't have to dress their babies in drab, run-of-the-mill pet store collars. Gasp! You'll find no mass-produced, generic neck jewellery here! Only custom-made, creative and comfortable designer dog collars for medium, large and extra-large breeds.

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Calendar of Events

August:

University Mall, Dorset St, S. Burlington

August 9th Community space (across from Applebys)

"Fete Canine 2008"

August 9th, 2008-07-23 – Terrebonne, Quebec

The League of Extraordinary Greyhounds (T-Legs) will have a greyhound info booth

Paws for a Cause Walk – benefitting Canine Cancer Research

August 10, 2008 – Laval Quebec **

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September

University Mall, Dorset St, S. Burlington

September 20th Community space (across from Applebys)

NDG Pet Fest

September 20th, 2008 – Montreal Quebec **

The Pet Fest will be sponsoring Greyhounds this year and include a Greyhound Parade!!

And Beyond!

We are always at PetFood Warehouse, both locations Williston Rd and Shelburne Rd, as often as we have people to man the tables. We also like to be at PetCo every six weeks. The meet & greets are a lot of fun, talking with people about the greyhound, introducing a greyhound to people and just enjoying yourself!

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.

Yard Sales

We start accepting donations in April, so think of NGA when you are doing your spring cleaning, Kathy Pecor is the contact person for any questions about the yard sale, you can leave a message for her at the kennel 524-6659.

Yard sales usually start Memorial Day weekend, and are weather permitting.

August Yard Sales 2nd – 3rd, 16th – 17th, 30th – 31st

** For more info on the Quebec events don't hesitate to call 514-239-2513 or send an email to greytleader@t-legs.com

Deer Joe



Deer Joe

Could you please explain the Greyhound Scream of Death? I have heard that it is the most horrifying bone-chilling sound in the world! Is it truly a scream of impending doom?

Auntie Gail

Deer Antee Gail,

A hewman beenk has KNOT ebber herd such a horrendibulous sownd as the greyhownd skreem ob deth! Now, ob course yoo know that wee greyhowndies are very stowik and strong both fisiklee and mentallee, so you MUST unnerstand that the skreem ob deth is only eemitted in dire and awful circumstanses!

I will gib yoo an eggssample

Dee udder day I was resting on my bed. I turned ober and COT MY TOENAIL in da cubber ob da bed. Nachoorally I had to emit da GSOD (as it's called) becuz it was a dire eemergency! I cood have bin injured. I almost had my toe ripped from my boddee! It was a horrific site to behold. Momma came running and eggstraked my toe frum da cubbers and all was well again. Phew!

Heers anudder eggssample – A few months ago Logan was owt wokking and after he finished his errr "bizniss" he got a big case of da zoomies. He twisted and zoomed abowt and managed to get da leesh rapped arownd his nose. Unforchewnately at this point Logan cood only eemit The Greyhound Skweek ob Deth!! He sowneded like a little mowse – eep eep eep hahahahaha!!! It was funneee!!!!

I hope dis cleers up any misconsepshuns about the GSOD. Beleebe me – when we skreem it is for a gud reezin!

Lub, Joe

Have a question for me – please send it to chilidog@t-legs.com and I will reply to it heer in this column. Pictures are always axepted!

Greyhound Fun Stuff!

Greyt Quotes:

"Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside a dog, it's too dark to read."
-- Groucho Marx

Greyspeak – words that usually can only define our greys

Roo: AKA howling, but with style and even harmony! Greyhounds will sing together, in four part harmony - get one started and a whole group will quickly follow suit if they are within ear shot!



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

Needed:
Blankets!

New Couch Potatoes:

Skye: Proud owner of Elena and Jason of Montreal



Buddy and his new buddies Oscar & Gaia (and new Mom & Dad, of course) !



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A word about the newsletter

First off I'd like to thank 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
sometimes funny sometimes 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 at
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Thanks!

Donna

Coming up next – Our Fall Issue (The 1st anniversary of the Northern Bark!)



**Got pictures?? Got stories??
Send them along to newsletter@t-legs.com**