

# 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



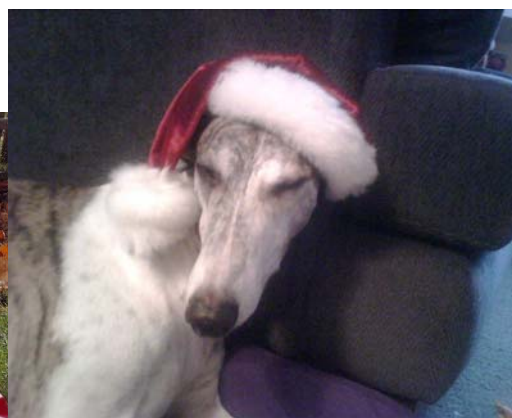
The newsletter of **Northern Greyhound Adoptions!** As a non-profit organization, NGA's aim is to integrate ex-racers into the surrounding communities. Each year, we strive to place 60 dogs. Dogs are welcomed into our kennel, and socialized with our volunteers and other greyhounds as they relax and adjust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



**HAPPY  
HOWLIDAYS**

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## Diary Of A 'Socially Challenged' Greyhound (Part 5 - Continued from last edition)

- by Bandit aka Bo

*It is early evening, more than 24 hours since Bo was unloaded off the hauler. It's the first turn-out after foster mom has come home for the day. The pack comes in from outside and Bo rushes to his crate, he stands panting and waiting. The rhythm here dictates that a treat be offered, refused by Bo and so placed on the floor of the crate. Then the crate door is closed, and she moves off, then and only then will he eat the treat. This time though she offers the treat, leaves it and passes by but does not close the crate door.*

**What do I do NOW? I'm in my crate, waiting! Close the DOOR! Close the door! Close the door. I'm WAITINGGGGGG! Oh geez! Oh geez! What do I do now? What do I DO? Oh geez! Oh geez!**

*After doing a few chores she retires to the living room, Bo's crate is in the kitchen. All is quiet except for the 'drone'.*

**She went in THAT direction, should I go see what's going on? WHY didn't she CLOSE THE DOOR?**

*He creeps out of his crate, muscles tensed and ready to flee. He is on full alert, ears standing rail straight. He slowly creeps in the direction he saw her go. One tentative step after another. One more step and he'll almost be in the living room where the rest of the pack is resting. He takes that last scary step.*

**Darn! I can't see anyone! One more step.....**

*He's as far into the room as he dares, but still can't see anyone. Oh Geez! This is scary! What do I DO? What to DO?!*

*Already too far from the safety of his crate for comfort, he dares not take another step! Muscles tensed, ears at attention, he stretches his neck to peek around the corner for a better view. Prepared to flee at the drop of a pin!*

**Hey! You forgot to close my door! OH MY GOD!!!!!! She LOOKED at me!!!!**

*He is frozen in place. "Hi!" she softly says. The image of his beautiful face, ears at attention, anticipation and uncertainty shining bright in his eyes, is one she will hold in her heart forever.*

**FLEE! FLEE! FLEE!**

*He scrambles back to the relative safety of his open crate, he stands there panting, waiting.*

**What will happen NOW?**

**Oh God! Oh, God! Now she knows she forgot to close the door, she saw me so now she knows. I wait!**

*Nothing! The door is still open! Oh my! There's no way he can lay down and relax with that door open! WHY didn't she come close it??*

*Again he creeps from the crate, muscles tensed, ears at full attention! He peeks around the corner yet again. 'Hey! Close the door!'*

*"Hi! Aren't you beautiful, with your ears standing up so nice and straight!" she says. "Silly handsome boy!" OH NO! SHE LOOKED at me AND TALKED to me!!! Oh No! Oh no!! He scrambles back to his crate to wait.*

*Nothing! Hey, what is 'beautiful'? What is 'handsome'? Oh, I can't think!*

*He repeats the whole process several more times. Each attempt with the same result, which is no result. She does not come to close the door.*

**Why in HECK doesn't she CLOSE THE DOOR?????**

*He spends the rest of that evening in this manner, ill at ease with his new found freedom. Not knowing what all to do with it. He seems relieved, after the last turn-out of the day, to have his crate door finally closed.*

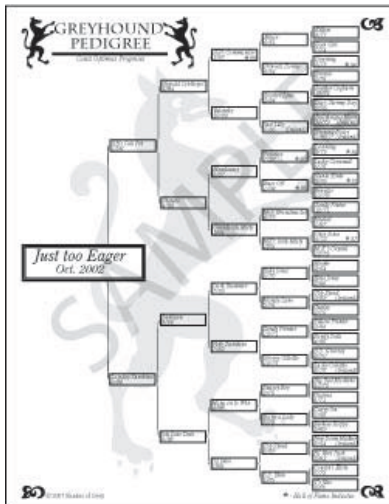
*... To be continued in our Winter Issue*

## Vendor Spotlight!

### Shades of Grey – Pedigree Listings!

According to most experts, your hound is descended from a noble breed going back over 8,000 years. In America, hounds have been raced since the early 1900's but have been present on this continent as early as the late 1600's. Because of careful record keeping, in order to avoid inbreeding, racing greyhounds are one of the best documented dogs in existence.

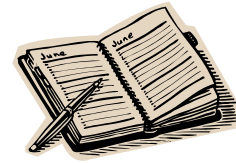
Your Hound's Pedigree goes back five generations and is presented in a vertical 8 1/2 x 11" format. Hall of Fame inductees are noted, as are dogs born outside the United States.



There are two options available when ordering your hounds pedigree:

Option One: an emailed PDF file  
Option Two: printed and mailed.

For more information or to order a pedigree visit:  
<http://www.shadesofgreyca.com>



## Calendar of Events

We are working on our listing of events for 2009!  
Keep watching this space!

Looking for siblings, or just your dog's career highlights?  
Check out **Greyhound Data**

[www.greyhound-data.com](http://www.greyhound-data.com)

Greyhound Data provides information about greyhounds from all over the world with pedigree information drawn from the last four centuries. Online are [2,524,037 race results](#) and [1,481,505 greyhound pedigrees!](#)

Search the database of **1,481,506** Greyhound-Pedigrees.

You can search by dog's name:

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## Deer Joe



Deer Joe,  
Why is it at this time of year that our humans offer us indoor plumbing only the throw a hissy fit when we actually use it??

Questioningly yours,

S. Claus

Deer Sclaus

Tanks fur your qwestchin. Let me try to 'splain dat as best I can.

Nonononono!

Us howndies have a motto –  
“No See No Sky No Pee” – so eben tho there is a tempting tree in the libbing room dat tree is KNOT for yoor bizniss!! That is a Crisp Mix tree and it is there so Sandy Paws can put gifties and presents there for us to enjoy at the Howliday seezin!

Which brings me to anudder topic of discusstin – do KNOT eet the presents, the tinsil, the wrapping paper, the pine needils, the tree lites, the ornamins or enny other unyoushooal (yet tasty looking) object dooring this Crisp Mix seezin. It cood be dedlee to yoo! Which wood provide for a very unhappee timbe for yoor huminz.

So be well, eat well, snooze and nap and sleep well and I will see you in 2009

Tank you!  
Yoor pal 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 axepted!

## Greyhound Fun !

*Ellie's Amazing Time Machine!*

*Ellie meets Santa Claus*



*Each issue we will bring you an historical moment in time – starring Ellie!*

## 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!

## Frisby – before and after

Frisby was awaiting adoption for over 3 years at the kennel – he was seven years young

The day of the adoption, May 17, 2008. Frisby was lying at the bottom of his cage, impossible to touch. I opened the door of his cage, and he left like a rocket to go into the turnout area. It was impossible to pat or even touch him. He was so frightened that he did his business right in front of us. To get him back into the kennel I opened the door and he ran back into the room. In there we caught him and I told him `You will not be returning to your crate here any more!`.

We had brought our other two dogs with us, Daisy, the Dalmatian (11 years young) and Streaker (our 8 year old greyhound who developed osteo and went to the Bridge August 2008). The meeting went very well! The return trip to Quebec was uneventful and went very well.

The meeting with our two cats also went well. When the cats have fun or run, Frisby likes to take part.

He adapted very well to our lifestyle. The open cage (we never closed the door) was in the living room at least 3 weeks. He returned there from time to time, but he also tasted the pleasure of the armchairs and the bed. The cage thus was removed. A few days later he was “cockroaching” in our bed. He likes to demolish our bed covers and to settle with them his own way.

People who knew Frisby saw his transformation at the NGA Picnic last June. We meet people on our daily walk and Frisby is still not quite sure of them. But there is much improvement because he now lets them pat him!! He likes to have his teeth brushed (what few teeth he has left) It is a ritual before our walks and he does not miss it. He enjoys it so much, that he wants to take Daisy or Danny's toothbrush but they put Frisby in his place!

It is also a very good hoarder. He brings his toys and our shoes everywhere in the house. He has a bit of arthritis and he's being treated with cartrophen. This is going very well. Frisby is a very good dog!! All he needed was to be given a chance! In September 2008, we adopted Danny, greyhound 8 years old, and they are grey together!  
Sylvie Blouin et François Jobin  
Québec



## Frisby's Kennel Photo:



## Frisby's Retirement Photos ☺



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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  
[chilidog@t-legs.com](mailto:chilidog@t-legs.com)

Thanks!

Donna

## **Coming up next –**

# **Our Winter Wonderland Issue**



**Got pictures?? Got stories??**  
Send them along to [chilidog@t-legs.com](mailto:chilidog@t-legs.com)