

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.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

DONATIONS NEEDED !!

As we all know times are tight for everyone, which is especially true for the dogs of Northern Greyhound.

Donations are down though we have as many dogs as ever - and more will need the care of a rescue soon. Your help is crucial!

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The dogs' needs haven't stopped or slowed down; each dog that comes in must be spayed or neutered, given a full wellness check, and vaccinated fully. There are also needs beyond the basic intake care; often retired racers arrive with health issues like broken legs or pinched nerves, and sometimes need to be treated for dental work above and beyond basic cleaning. And **recently we've had more emergency procedures and other expenses than usual** - even the washing machine (for cleaning the dogs' bedding) died and needed to be replaced ASAP instead of hoping for one to be donated.

The basic things that could be counted on donation-wise are no longer available ... N.G.A. used to be able to count on donations of food from local stores, but no longer. Perfectly fine dog food that arrived in ripped bags that used to be donated to the Greyhounds now gets taped up and sold at a discount, and the stores that do still donate do so to more than just N.G.A.

On a positive note; N.G.A. had a recent routine inspection from the Vermont State Department of Agriculture and the inspector was very happy to see that not only are all State regulations followed to the letter, but also that NGA's kennel manager goes above and beyond that for the dogs' needs and well-being.

We need to be able to continue that high level of care and are confident that a good many of NGA's supporters & adopters would be happy to be part of that.

If you can make a financial gift that would be wonderful! **All donations go directly to helping the Greyhounds** - they need things, but they also need funds for their vet care and overhead costs.

Sometimes our adoptable dogs are with us for years before their forever family finds them ... the donation in the form of the adoption fee only covers a small part of the overall cost of care of a dog at the kennel - **your donations MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!**

Diary Of A 'Socially Challenged' Greyhound (Part 7 - Continued from last edition)

- by Bandit aka Bo

- July 31st 2007

Today when SHE 'went away' she took Lola with her. SHE came back after a time, Lola did not. I wonder where she went? Will she ever come back? What is happening to her? I heard SHE say that Lola was 'going to her forever home'. What is 'Forever Home'?

- August 5th 2007

**** Bo's information gathering treks to the livingroom have so far proved non-fatal. With the isolation of the kitchen crate appearing less attractive, he concludes his next trip by ducking into Keiper's crate in the livingroom. This vantage point offers a soft secure place to lay, a view of more than half the room, most of the 'others' and with a stretch of the neck, foster mom. And so it is that Bo takes that first tentative step towards joining the pack.

Before too long SHE gets to moving about. SHE approaches the crate I've chosen for myself and looks at me! Ut Oh! Am I in trouble? He lifts his head and looks in her direction. Should I get up and go to my assigned 'kitchen' crate? What should I do?

"Nice of you to join us, welcome." She quietly says. He lays his head back down and resumes napping. Satisfied that he has done nothing wrong.

- August 7th 2007

**** It has been 9 days since Bo left the kennel in FL. He is getting used to things in his new world and relaxing more and more. He has moved from the crate in the livingroom, during free time, to one of the several dog beds scattered about. He has taken to tagging along after foster mom, like many of the 'others' do, staying well to the back of the pack.

He finds that more and more the 'others' excitement seems to be contagious. On this morning's first turn-out of the day the entire pack is as usual excited to be up and out. Time to stretch the legs, pee here and there, poop too. Time to inspect the territory and determine what went on there, if anything, during the night. Foster mom soon joins them, as is her custom. She picks up after them giving her important clues as to the well being of her pack. She is stopped dead in her tracks by a surprising sight.

Happy to see you! Hi! Happy day! Hi! Happy Day! Hi! Happy Day! Happy Day!

Bo greets foster mom for the first time! And with a bounce and a playbow no less! Her smile warms the early morning, she dares not make the wrong move and break the spell. She crouches in a pathetic imitation of his bow.

"Do you want to play? she asks in a soft voice.

It is said that 'A picture paints a thousand words.' The picture of his beautiful playbow; ears up straight, butt in the air, front legs splayed out in front of him, his gaze tainted with uncertainty, spoke volumes to her heart. 'There is a loving, playful greyhound in there somewhere, trying desperately to come out.' she thought.

What do I do NOW?! Oh Geez! What to do!? What to DO?

Oh Geez, Oh Geez! What was I thinking?! Why did I DO that? Oh Geez!

Bo does not know what to do beyond the invite. He stands tall again, and trots off with a glance behind him to be sure he's not followed by her. The encounter lasting only seconds, but the glimpse into his soul is priceless. At times he carries himself differently now, tail up instead of the tuck he arrived with. She marvels in all the tiny indicators that he is learning how to be himself.

New Couch Potato: Mac!



See more new Couch Potatoes on Pg 5

To quote Mac's new Mom:

My advice to potential greyhound adopters –

Don't pass up the shy ones.

They are a blank canvas waiting to become the Picasso.

- Lois

Vendor Spotlight!

2 Hounds Design



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Adoptable of the Month

Pauly

Registered Name: TF Pall Mall

**Sire: Flying Penske
Dam Wise Risk**

**RE: 45F
LE: 32290**

DOB April 27, 2005



Pauly is a talker, he will very reliably tell you when he has to go out - nothing wrong with that at all! He is large but gentle, and loves to play with the other dogs.

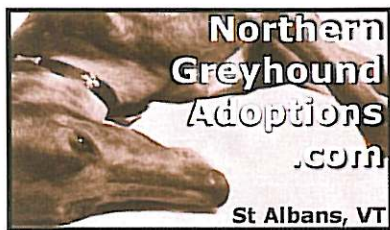


Cat & Small Animal Appropriate



Fond of Children

Calendar of Events



Fundraising yard sales at the kennel Throughout the summer, every other weekend starting Memorial Day Weekend – (weather permitting, of course). 8am to 3pm.

Shelburne Museum Goes to the Dogs. September 13th -The biggest dog party in Vermont! 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$7.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children 6-18. Museum members and dogs are free.



The League of Extraordinary Greyhounds

"Fete Canine 2009" August 1st – From 10AM – 3PM, All dogs welcome! Terrebonne, QC

Meet & Greet on Terrasse St-Ambroise August 23rd - From 3PM onwards! McAuslan's Brewery - Montreal QC

Retired Racers Walk With the Pros – August 29th – Around 2-ish during NASCAR Weekend - Montreal, QC

Paws for a Cause Walk - August 30th Benefiting Canine Cancer Research, – Laval QC

Pet Fair & Adoption Expo – September 12th – From 10AM – 3PM, Beaconsfield, QC

NDG Pet Fest – September 19th – From 10AM – 3PM, Montreal, QC

CAACQ Adoption Expo. September 26th – From 10AM – 3PM, Laval QC

National Pet Show – November 6th & 7th – Saturday 10AM – 10PM, Sunday 10AM – 6PM, Olympic Stadium, Montreal QC



Greyhound Picnic – August 29th 10AM – 3PM, Ottawa ON

Wiggle, Waggle Walkathon – September 13th, Ottawa ON

Kingston Humans Society Walkathon – September 13th, Kingston ON

National Greyhound Planet Day – November 6th, Ottawa ON

Please visit the following "Events" pages for more information:

www.northerngreyhoundadoptions.com/events.php

www.t-legs.com/events.html

www.greyken.com/whats-new.htm

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 of deth! Now, of course yoo know that wee greyhowndies are very stowik and strong both fisiklee and mentallee, so you MUST unnerstand that the skreem of deth is only eemitted in dire and awful circumstanses!

I will giv yoo an eggssample

The udder day I was resting on my bed. I turned ober and COT MY TOENAIL in the cubber of the 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 the 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 the leesh rapped arownd his nose. Unforchewnately at this point Logan cood only eemit The Greyhound Skweek of 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 newsletter@t-legs.com and I will reply to it heer in this collim. 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!

Click the link below to hear the op"roo"atic voice of the kennel's very own Singing Diva, Melody:

<http://s9.photobucket.com/albums/a86/CyberSage/Kennel/?action=view¤t=P1040157.flv>



Kennel Needs

- blankets & soft bedding
- high quality kibble & healthy treats
- dog toys & stuffed animals to cuddle
- laundry detergent & cleaning supplies

New Couch Potatoes:

Breeze



Cutter (Cutter is Skye's Brother!)



Cyndi (was Bindi)



Dallas



Echelon



Gunner (was Bob)



Caley & Rowan (were Gypsy & Eddy)



Mirage



Phoebe (was Invoice)



Sampson



Sassy



Tobey



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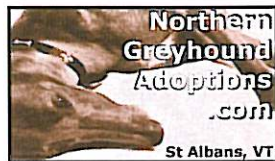
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groups to broaden our horizons!**

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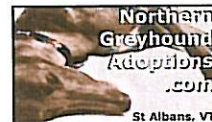
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Coming up next – Our Fall Issue The 2nd anniversary of The Northern Bark!



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



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Donation Form

If you would like to mail in a donation, please mail in this form with your donation.

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Name: _____ Date: _____

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This Gift is in Memory of:

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Make a Friend, Save a Life, Adopt a Greyhound!