

The official newsletter of Greyhound Pets, Inc.

A Note from your editor

By Janice Mosher

Hello!!

I'm Janice, current editor of "The Bark". I just wanted to introduce myself to those of you who don't know me and let you know of a few things that will be happening in "The Bark" in the upcoming issues.

First, I'll be interviewing the Greyhound Pets, Inc. Board members!! They are the people "in the know" who get the dogs to Washington State and in general, keep GPI running like a well-oiled machine. I'll interview myself for this issue, (just to give you an idea of what to expect) and you can look forward to two other interviews per issue going forward.

Also, we'll be adding general Greyhound knowledge articles in "Your Greyhound's Health". These will be topics that the Board feels are important for every new Greyhound owner to be aware of, and for those of us that have had our hounds for a while, a refresher course is never a bad thing. New information comes out all the time, and we'll try to compile it into one easy resource for you to refer to. Plus, we'll be contacting GPI's wonderful vets to get their perspective on these topics, so it'll be from a truly educated source!

We'll be putting a calendar of events in each issue so you can make plans well in advance. Don't miss any of the great things happening with GPI!!

As always, if you have story ideas, or want to write something for the group, please feel free to e-mail me at walterandrosy@hotmail.com. I'll do what I can to work them in to future issues!!

Thanks to everyone for their support of our wonderful Greyhounds!!



Janice, Walter and Rosy
at the NGA Grounds in
Abilene, Kansas

Heart Felt Thoughts From a Greyt Foster Family

Today we woke up with an empty feeling. We were missing one dog. She hadn't run away, she hadn't crossed the rainbow bridge, she had been adopted. You see, we are foster parents. We take the raw dog and ease the transition from track to home, from racer to pet. Yesterday we introduced a little lady to her forever mum. It was a very public handover, at a GPI meeting. Being public didn't make it any easier, the tears were evident, but they were tears of happiness as well as tears of sadness at our loss. If you should wonder why we would want to put ourselves through this repeated sense of personal loss and sadness as each dog goes to its forever home, look back to when your own dog first arrived.

Do you remember the learning curve the dog went through? The interest in new experiences, the observation and analysis each time a new stimulus was encountered. We get to experience that over and over again. We get to see new parents meet their new family members. We get to see that spark of instant love. When we are out walking, and we have to explain that this is not our dog, we are just the lucky fosters allowed to care for him/her until the right people come along, we get thanked by total strangers for our good deeds. They don't realize just how much we want to do it.

Interview with the Editor

Tell us about yourself:

I'm Janice, married to David for almost 17 years. We have three kids: Chelsea (15), Samantha (12) and Quinn (9). We live in Snoqualmie. I am originally from Canada, growing up in the Vancouver area. I work as a Help Desk Technician in the IT (Computer) department of a local Wholesaler of Imprintable Sportswear. I've been with the company in many capacities since 1989.

Any other pets?

We had Sophie, our Shih Tzu, before we got the Greyhounds. She tries to tell them who's boss, but I think they just ignore her. She taught Walter and Rosy to bark (which she does because she gets lost in the forest of legs at the gate to the kitchen, I think). We also have two hamsters, Banana and Frappachino, and a fish tank which is currently empty, but will have Mollies and Danios in it shortly.

Tell us about your Greyhounds:

We got Walter March 31, 2001. My big, red-with-black-sabbling boy. He'll be 10 in May and is the ultimate doofus. When they say the big boys are goofy, he's the poster boy. And he's klutzy in the yard....never had a scratch on him until we adopted him. He raced in Colorado and Oregon.

Rosy, almost 9, became part of our family April 2, 2002. She's a red brindle girly with a HUGE overbite. And she has silly teeth. Not particular about rain and snow, but that's probably from being an Arizona dog. She is quite a princess, and loves to follow me EVERYWHERE!

What attracted you to Greyhounds?

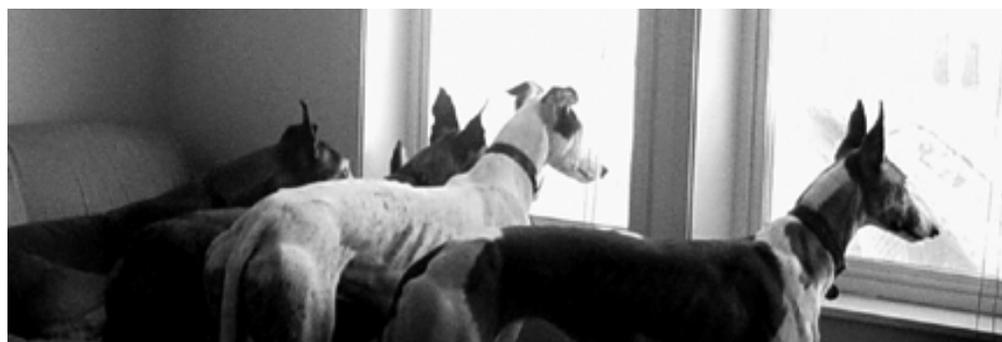
Growing up, I was involved in horseback riding and competed in Hunter-Jumper. Once I got a job, I didn't have time for riding anymore, then I got married and had kids...even less time and certainly not enough money. My husband wanted a Pug, but I found GPI's website while looking for a Pug rescue. Greyhounds reminded me of the majesty of seeing a horse run free in a field. The long legs, elegant head carriage. Then to meet them and find out how loving and wonderful they are. They are the dogs for me.

How are you involved with GPI? What do you love about GPI?

I host the Meet and Greet once a month at the Issaquah Petsmart. It's a great store, and the manager has two Greyhounds of his own, so ours get SPOILED. I also transported dogs from Idaho, and someday I'll foster again (just have to convince the husband...:)

I love GPI because of the friendships I've made, and how much our people love the dogs, and will do anything for them. Every dog is welcomed and cared about, regardless of its previous situation. GPI is a very supportive group. I hope to be a part of GPI for a long time.

L-R
Walter and Rosy, with
friends Dino and Bailey. All
four were adopted through
Greyhound Pets, Inc.



We get asked why we don't adopt the dog ourselves. Because we have an imposed pet limit, to adopt means we can no longer foster. By adopting we would help one dog, by fostering we help many. You, too, can help. You already have a dog, another one is not twice the work; it's just as easy to walk two as it is one. GPI needs more fosters, and the joy really does outweigh the pain. And you do get to see the dogs again at GPI events, so you tell yourself that it is really your dog, and it is now being fostered for you, by people who think they own it, (but we won't tell them that).

Join us and share the joy — Be a foster parent.

Shelley & Brian Ingle,
Part of the GPI family in British Columbia

Greyhound Pets, Inc. Needs YOU!!

We're looking for a few good men and women!! We always need volunteers, in every capacity. Have you ever considered volunteering? You don't have to run a Meet & Greet, or foster a dog (although we need those too!). You can do little things like:

- Collect blankets and quilts for the kennel dogs (they go through a LOT of blankets!)
- Ask your employer to donate an item or service to one of our fundraisers (Houndfest is around the corner!!)
- Pick up dogs from the kennel and take them to Meet & Greets (they need the exposure AND the socialization!)
- Arrange a night to do kennel turnout—a great way to meet and play with the dogs waiting for foster homes.
- Check with local pet stores to see if they have any food or biscuits they can donate to the kennel.
- Be a temporary foster over a holiday—give it a try, you might like teaching a Greyhound the ropes of living in a house!
- Write an article for The Bark!
- Help out with a committee at Houndfest in April or Houndraiser in October. We need decorators, security, bake sale items, LOTS of opportunities!
- Cat, small dog or kid test an available dog.

Of course, our greatest need is for foster homes...of all kinds. Do you have a cat or a small dog? Many of the dogs we get in are safe with your small pets. Please don't use this as a reason not to foster. Even for short term, it's nice to get dogs out of the kennel and into a loving home.

We love to have helpers at Meet & Greets! You can do this even if you don't have a dog, or if your dog doesn't enjoy the hubbub of a pet store. Bring a kennel dog! Come along just to talk up these wonderful animals, and meet new friends! There can never be TOO many hands at a booth!! This is only a 3 hour commitment!!

If you know of some new and wonderful places to hold our Meet & Greets, please let your Regional Vice President know. We're always looking for new venues to showcase our Greyhounds, and get the word out.

Contact your regional rep to VOLUNTEER!!

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Please let me know if there are changes to be made.

You can e-mail or call me, Janice Mosher, at: walterandrosy@hotmail.com or 425-445-6489.

Have Internet Access?

Join our greyhound pets e-mail/chat list.

To subscribe to the List just visit:

<http://www.greyhoundpetsinc.org/chat.html>

For more information about the chat list, send an e-mail to

Cathy Munro at adopt.greyhounds@verizon.net.



Chase takes a taste of the camera strap. Aren't Greyhound puppies FUN?

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Please mail donations to:
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Greyhound Pets, Inc., Treasurer
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Woodinville, WA 98072

In memory of Marjorie Strelley
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Your Greyhound's Health "It's all about the weight"

How much does your Greyhound weigh? Many of us know the answer to this question. But, how much SHOULD your Greyhound weigh? That is a more difficult question. Do you know the healthy answer?

General consensus in the racing world is that "pet weight" should be no more than 5 pounds more than racing weight. Your Greyhound is an athlete—bone, muscle and not much else. When he stops racing, the physique he maintained with a high protein diet at the track is going to "mellow" or soften as the racing muscles aren't used as much. But packing on the pounds is not going to benefit your dog in ANY way. Just like humans, we have a "recommended" weight, based on our build and height. The same goes for your Greyhound. For a retired Greyhound, muscle will turn into fat, and we all know that fat weighs less than muscle per square inch.

Your Greyhound should always have a "tuck", where the belly comes up to meet the back legs at the "waist". Looking at your dogs back from the top, you should be able to distinguish the "waist". You should also be able to see where the last two ribs are on each side. The ribs shouldn't stick out, but you should be able to see a shadow. You should also be able to feel your dog's hip bones.

How do you find out what your dog's racing weight is? Look on your adoption papers....it's usually on there. You can also check out www.greyhound-data.com. Plug in your dog's racing name (if known) or his left ear tattoo and do a search. On the left side, you should see the weight listed. Add 5 pounds to that and you'll have something to shoot for.

Keep in mind that if your dog is overweight, you'll have to look at what he's eating, and how much exercise he's getting. Keep track of how many treats you give your dogs (just like human treats, they DO have calories!). If you add goodies to your dog's food (for health reasons or otherwise), remember, they will add to your dog's caloric intake. If you add a lot of fatty or high calorie foods, cut back on treats, or even a half cup of dog food. You're not depriving your dog, you're keeping him healthy!!

One last thing....read the label on your dog food. Beware of foods that are high in corn or soy products. Not only will they give your dog paint-peeling gas, they're fillers, and not high in nutrition. Try to feed a food that has protein sources as the first two or three items in the ingredients list.

Keeping your dog at a healthy weight will delay the onset of arthritis in your retired athlete.

If you have any questions about weight, check with your vet, or call one of GPI's wonderful volunteers.

A healthy Greyhound is a happy Greyhound!!

The Notice Board

Stuff you need to know!!



Contact Greyhound Pets, Inc.

Please address snail mail correspondence to:
Greyhound Pets, Inc.
PO Box 891
Carnation, WA 98072

Have you moved?

If you have, please contact your Regional Vice President (see Page 4 for a complete list).

Thanks for helping keep GPI's database current!!

Returning your Greyhound

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

Have a great story idea for The Bark?

Contact the editors...email your stories and story ideas to:
walterandrosy@hotmail.com

Is Your Greyhound Pets, Inc. ID Tag Current?

Have you received a new ID tag for each of your greyhounds? Please take a moment to look at the GPI tag on your hound to make sure it has the new toll free phone number. If you haven't received new tags, or want to check, call 1-877-468-7681. Or write to us at Greyhound Pets Inc., New Tags, PO Box 891, Woodinville, WA 98072. Please include the name and tag # 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!

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Momma Banjo gives some loving to her 5 brindle boys: Chase, Dallas, Roux, Vito and Pippin



We're thrilled!!

Houndraiser's back!

Sunday, Oct 15, 2006

11am to 4pm

Evergreen State Fairgrounds

Monroe, WA

Pavilion Bldg aka Cow Barn

*Live music, Doggie games, Live auctions,
Silent auctions, Doggie costume contest,
raffle baskets, vendors and more!*

News from the Kennel Committee

The time has come!!

The building project is ongoing and as a group, we need to set up work parties to clean up the grounds, watch burn piles, work on fences, etc. To make the arrangements and get volunteers, I have figured the easy way for everyone is to make the dates a regular event.

The Committee has decided that the last Sunday of each month will be work party day. Anyone who can is invited to show up at the property in Woodinville, WA at 10AM. Please bring shovels, rakes and other yard tools. If you have large equipment such as tractors, please call me and we can determine if they will be useful for that month's projects.

Dress for the weather....we just had a rainfall record, and it's getting cold again. Bring rain gear and gloves.

Jack Richardson and I will lay out each Sunday's work ahead of time.

If you can come, please send me an email or call me, as we're going to try to have beverages and possibly some form of snacks (you can volunteer to bring this as well!).

Upcoming work parties will be held **March 26th and April 30th, from 10AM to 3PM.** Please contact me (Don) for directions.



Moira drives the tractor...are you SURE about that?

My phone numbers are:

H 425-788-3083

M 206-954-6819

(Eastside Mobile Marine)

My email address is:

doubleduckfarm@msn.com

I look forward to seeing many of you each month. Even if you can only help out once or twice, the greys are better for it. Myself, the Kennel Committee and Board thank you for whatever help you can give.

Thank you

Don St. Clair

Chairman, Kennel Committee

Mary trims a tree...is Moira still driving the tractor?



Who is quoting Shakespeare in the photo above? Find out at <http://macca-l.org/NewKennel/WorkParty/>
See these pics and MORE full size and in COLOR!!
You'll get witty commentary from Cathy Munro too!

Greyhound Pets, Inc. 2006 Events Calendar

April 2 11AM to 4PM	Houndfest2006	Benoschek Building at the Thurston County County Fairgrounds 3054 Carpenter Road SE Lacey, WA 98053	Edie Gutierrez 360-438-3699
April 30 11AM to 3PM	5th Annual Greyt Walk	Spanish Banks Vancouver, BC	Colleen & Rich Stranix 604-946-8202
June 3 TBA	Duvall Days Parade	Valley & Main Streets Starting point	Moira Corrigan 425-333-0515
June 17 & 18 Both days !	Biringer Farm's Pig Out	4625 40th Place NE Everett, WA	Julie Eaton 360-651-9449
August 2006 10AM to whenever	Deas Park Picnic	Deas Park Delta, BC	Colleen & Rich Stranix 604-946-8202
October 7 & 8 10AM to 6PM Both days	Issaquah Salmon Days Festival	Issaquah, WA	Bob & Yumi Burnett 425-483-7998
October 15 11AM to 4PM	Houndraiser 2006	Evergreen State Fairgrounds Monroe, WA	Cathy Munro 425-742-1388

Please check our website at <http://www.greyhoundpetsinc.org/events.html> for more information, and email links to contacts.

Country Village Booth dates

March 11	The GPI Warehouse will be at ALL Country Village Booths, so bring your checkbook and deck out your hound!!
April 8	
May 13	
June 10	
July 8	
August 12	
September 2	

Country Village is in Bothell, WA, just west of I-405. It is an outdoor venue, so please dress yourself and your pups for the weather!



Houndfest 2006! !



Sunday
April 2, 2006
11:00 to 4:00

Thurston County Fairgrounds
Lacey, Washington
\$3 per person, \$7 per family
Sponsored by
Greyhound Pets, Inc.

Adopt a Greyhound! !

We hope you find a wonderful greyhound to add to your family!!

For the safety of the dogs and to minimize any conflicts, the following rules will apply:

You must have a pre-approved application and a money order to adopt and leave with a greyhound. Available dogs shall not be "reserved" either before or during the event. You may not leave the foster area or the building with any dog (an area behind the foster pen will be available for visiting).

Shopping

The Greyhound Pets, Inc. ware house and other vendors will attend, with items ranging from books, dogbeds, sweaters, artwork, specialty grooming items, scrapbooking and stamping, special leashes and LOTS MORE!!

Events

Silent Auction

Live Auction

Bake Sale

Nail Trimming

Doggie Games

Raffles

Refreshments

Saint Martin's University Alumni
Association Concession Stand

Known for their delicious
hamburgers, cheeseburgers and
curli fries!!

Directions

From Interstate 5 North: Take exit #109. Go left on Martin Way to Carpenter Road. Follow Carpenter Road to Fairgrounds on the left side.

From Interstate 5 South: Take Exit #109. Go right on Martin Way to Carpenter Road. Follow Carpenter Road to Fairgrounds on the left side.

Directions also available on the website below:

MORE EVENT INFO:

<http://macca-l.org/Houndfest2006>

Rainbow Bridge Memorials...we will miss them.

Tag #	Registered Name	Call Name	Tag #	Registered Name	Call Name
733	Bargain Floyd	Floyd	2677	Crosswired John	Johnny
899	Malikki Strike	Maggie	2721	Blaze Around	Blazer
1099	Indy Larry	Indy	2807	Bel's Shy Laura	Yoshi
1413	JA Taylor Danielle	Philly	2900	Cetum Colonel	Colonel
1841	Southern Ribsby	Wiley	2912	Riki D's Hardroc	Riki
1867	LK's Starlite	Star	1877	Ten Can	Winner
2989	Margarita Snow	Maggie	2381	DNJ Red Dawg	Red Dawg
3782	Shady Promotion	George (Promo)	2179	Orange Light	Shasta
2402	Life's Surprise	Fred	4031	not registered	Beauty
2452	Flea's Ragtime	Toast	4052	RD's Uranus	RB
2683	Miss Kittie	Maizie	4383	TWM Amazing Joe	Zipper



Cookie
Canadian Cookie
Tag # 1655
April 25, 1991 – June 23, 2005

Dearly missed by David & Rachelle Woodcook

Nearly 10 years ago Cookie became part of our family, at the time she was almost 5 years old. I had no idea how much a part of our family she would become or the enormous space in my heart that she would occupy. Today I realize how much of my heart and soul she touched in what now seems to have been far too short of time she spent with us.

Cookie was a wonderful silly sweet girl who loved to play fetch with her squeaky ball and as long as she thought you weren't watching, rough-house with her fuzzy blanket and seal. I can honestly say that she was healthy and happy until the very last hour of her life.

I believe we were truly blessed to have been the recipients of the unconditional love of such a wonderful companion.

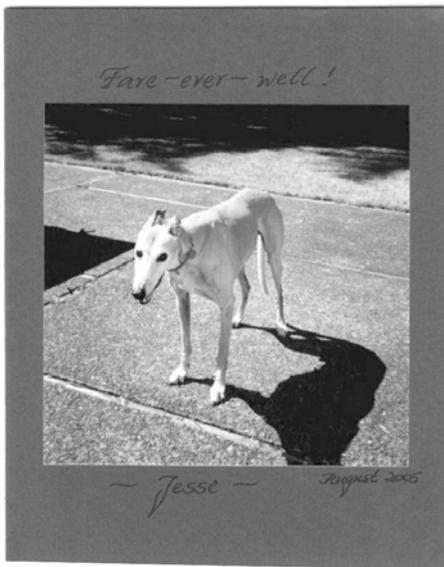
Until we meet again, be a good girl Doodle O, Momma loves you.....

Paloma
Rapido Paloma
Tag # 2344
June 1993—February 2006



Arley
MMC Matt Man
Tag #3836
August 2000-February 2003





Jesse
GK's Unruly Jess
Tag #1274
July 1992-September 2005

The first time I saw Jesse it was destiny. He was a "return" dog and thrown in with a wild bunch fresh off the track. There he sat, shaking uncontrollably trying to shrink into the background. Thus our wonderful journey began. After one month of dealing with Jesse's anxiety - driven stubbornness - I almost gave up. He would not let me do that! It was the first of many turning points. For about one year we took turns being teacher and student.

Then our delightfully exuberant Barbara came along and tested everything. Jesse remained steadfast, sweet, devoted and ever so patient with her. He never failed to set an example for best behavior, and his sense of orderly routine helped guide us through each day. Above all he cherished his home and his food. Yet he was willing to give up his favorite bed or treasured heat to any other dog living or visiting with us. I would not let him do that! After we lost Barbie last December, Jesse stood by the garden gate every day looking for her. Wrapped up in my own grief, I refused to accept his gradual decline. Jesse was the strong, silent type. He simply never, ever complained. Despite his growing weakness from congestive heart failure he taught his new "little brother" Commanche (adopted July 4th) everything there is to know about our home and habits. Now I know it was Jesse's parting gift to me, to help carry on his legacy.

On Sept. 2nd I held Jesse in my arms while his broken heart beat for the last time, taking with him a part of my heart and soul rightfully his forever. Farewell my most trusted friend and deeply loved companion. We miss you more than words can ever say.

With all our love,
Angi and Commanche

One summer day I was diving through Hollywood, Florida with my uncle and decided to stop at the Greyhound race track. I looked inside and saw these amazing dogs running on the track. At that time, I never thought I would be the owner of a Greyhound.

Years later, my job brought me to the Northwest, decades passed, and I found my wife. After newly being married, we decided to adopt a Grey. In October 2002 we met Shivers at the Greyhound Fest in Monroe. From the moment we saw him we knew he was "our boy". We all spent some alone time and fortunately realized the feelings were mutual.

We took him to our home in Renton where he settled in quickly. Soon after getting to know his personality - being so gentle and well mannered he became known as our "Gentle Giant". His walk was that of a champion, and his gallop was that of a true and proud racer.

We would take him on long walks along the river's edge, in the midst of the ducks and squirrels - oh how he loved to chase the ducks and squirrels (his eyes would light up and he'd beam with a smile). He was very fast and graceful and appeared to become a puppy all over again. He loved getting treats of ice cream and yogurt, as well as anything else we were willing to share with him.

He was soon joined by three more Greys to which he shared his last years. He had eyes like pearls and the look of a graceful and peaceful animal. He was our friend and our "Gentle Giant".

To our Shivers, We will always love you, you will be missed and you will always have a special place in our hearts. May our paths meet once again in God's country where we will all gallop together along the river's edge and in rolling meadows.

Rafael & Eileen Pardo



Shivers
Cold Shivers
Tag #1993
April 1993 - December 2005

The Turnout Pen *fun and games*

Available Dogs!!

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- SEATTLE
- SIERRA
- SPARROW
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The watercooler



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"The Top Ten Reasons to Adopt a Greyhound"

10. They truly know the meaning of retirement.
9. People will stare at your dog instead of at you.
8. They can curl up to the size of a ball if they need to.
7. They can expand to the size of the whole bed if they want to.
6. They rarely bark, keeping your neighborhood safe for burglars.
5. You can play their ribs like an air guitar.
4. They are the only dogs that know how to really smile.
3. You can dress them up as a reindeer for Christmas.
2. They are never confused with poodles.
1. A greyhound in flight is the most amazing sight you'll ever hope to see in your own back yard!

Submitted by Yumi Burnett



Rowdy thinks his
momma, Annie, is a
jungle gym!!

Characteristics of the Greyhound

- Low-allergen coat: a greyhound can make a good pet for those with allergies who normally cannot live with dogs.
- Puppies are VERY lively and energetic. However, 99.9% of pet greyhounds in the West are retired racing greyhounds, which are adult when adopted.

Typical ex-racer characteristics are:

- A fondness for soft lounging places, e.g. sofas, beds, duvets;
- A chase instinct, though this varies from dog to dog;
- A love of people and an enjoyment of being stroked and praised;
- A tendency to steal food left within reach (and they are tall dogs!)
- A chattering of the teeth when happy;
- Wind problems when nervous or stressed;
- Not inclined to "Fetch"!
- Not natural sitters, though can be taught;
- Good at any task which involves lying down and doing nothing!



Learning to RUN!!

Submitted by Marchet Anshell

Funniest Greyhound Story Contest

We all know that our Greyhounds do funny things. Admit it. Now's your chance to tell the world!! Send us your funny stories...whether it's about your Greyhound being caught standing on the dining room table, or eating out of a frying pan still cooking on the stove!!

Please submit your story of 250 words or less to:
FUNNIEST GREYHOUND STORY CONTEST
 Karen Samdahl
 7714 131 Ave NE
 Kirkland, WA 98033



Or email it to walterandrosy@hotmail.com. You may submit one picture of the culprit with your story.

Stories will appear in the next few issues of The Bark. The Bark Committee will select the two (2) FUNNIEST stories to receive a surprise Greyhound-related gift.

Get those creative juices flowing!! We welcome stories written by humans of all ages. Even your Greyhound could write the story. Look how well Walter and Rosy write!!

He Said, She Said

By Walter and Rosy

Walter's side:

Are we being replaced? They're going to let other Greyhounds write stories? Well, then I'm taking a vacation. Hey Rosy, wanna go back to Abilene? That was FUN!! Or, maybe the beach? They have those in Washington and Oregon. I miss the sand between my toes. Maybe our friends Dino and Bailey can come with us? What do you think?



Rosy's side

Replaced? They could NEVER replace us. Hmph.

As far as the vacation, I'm up for that. Abilene is a LONG way away, but our last trip there was fun (except for Dino's little escape...). And the beach might be fun if someone brings my coat (it's COLD at the beach in the Northwest!). Dino and Bailey can come as long as I get the good spot in the new car.

When we get back from our trips, we can share our adventures with all our faithful readers. But they need to send stories in to fill in for us while we're gone.

Au revoir all....see you next issue!

The Kennel Need You...

Would you like to donate some goodies to the kennel this year? Here is a list of things the kennel needs to keep our newest pups warm and healthy:

Dog Biscuits
Liquid laundry detergent
Blankets & Quilts
Canned pumpkin (not the pie filling)
Antibiotic cream (Neosporin or similar)
Paper Towels & facial tissue
Stamps (39 cent)
8 and 13 gallon plastic bags
Missing Link (or similar)

If you can help with any of these items, please contact Susie Kush at 425-338-0116 or Moira Corrigan at 425-333-0515

The Greyhounds thank you!



Puppy pictures courtesy of Cathie Lambert at <http://www.followthahound.com>. ENJOY!!

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