



The official newsletter of Greyhound Pets, Inc.



Happy Holidays!!

I sincerely hope everyone had a great summer and survived the scorching heat. My Greyhounds got their own air conditioner!! It was difficult to keep the inside temperature under 80 degrees for us, so a new AC unit and lots of water bowls were in order. I even resorted to putting ice cubes in the water to keep it cool.

Winter is almost here, and with it Christmas, Hanukkah, Solstice and many other festivities. This issue has our Holiday safety list again...if you have other great ideas, please contact me and I'll add them to the growing list.

This issue has a couple of great articles...one from Ruth Edwards, who volunteered with GPI adoptee Izzy at Camp Korey in Carnation, WA this summer. Thanks for you and others who take their Greyhounds into our communities for service. Also, you'll learn about the situation in Guam and the Greyhound track closure there. GPI was able to take two of these dogs and place them in homes. We have an additional article by an adopter of one, who I've had the pleasure of cuddling at many booths. What a sweet boy he is.

Enjoy this issue...and again, if you have article ideas (or want to write one), questions about something Greyhound related, want to tell us about an event you've attended or just want to say hi, please feel free to contact me at janance@comcast.net.

Be well, and stay safe,

Janice

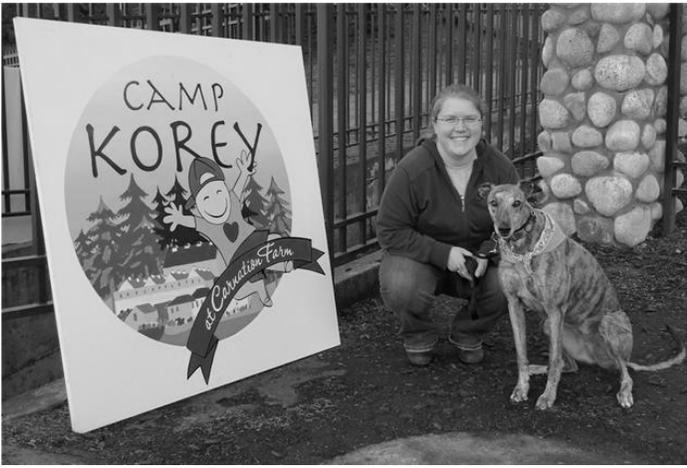
With Rosy (age 12.5), Rocky (age almost 7) and Oakley (only 4)



Oakley and Rosy are waiting for Santa Claus...what will he bring this year?

Rocky...dreaming of sugarplums...





Izzy—Service dog Experiences

Written by
Ruth Edwards

In June, 2007, we had finally decided that, of all the dog breeds, a greyhound would be the best fit for us. We had a home visit, got approved and started looking at GPI's website. As we looked at all of the pictures, there were a couple of dogs that we wanted to meet in person. As soon as Izzy (fka Danielle) came into the yard at the Red Barn, I think she knew that we were the perfect match for her. We took her home that day and proceeded to take obedience classes, volunteer at various booths in the area and become more involved in the overall greyhound experience through GPI.

In December 2008, I decided to embark on the adventure of getting Izzy certified as a therapy dog through Delta Society (www.deltasociety.org). We took two classes through Puppy Manners (www.pupppymanners.com) in Woodinville, and in February 2009, we passed the test without missing a single point. Izzy and I were now a certified Pet Partners team.

In April, I decided to try the Reading With Rover (www.readingwithrover.org) program, where elementary-aged kids read out loud to dogs to improve their reading skills and build their confidence. Izzy did really well with this and we had a lot of fun learning about the Bernstein Bears and Sponge Bob Squarepants. Unfortunately, as the school year came to an end, the program was taking a break and, as a high school teacher, I found myself wondering what we could do over the summer, when I heard about an opportunity that I just couldn't resist.

I found out that Diane Rich was starting a pilot Pet Therapy Program at Camp Korey (www.campkorey.org). Camp Korey is the newest Provisional Member of the Association of Hole in the Wall Camps. Located in Carnation, WA at the old Nestle Farm, it offers a week-long experience for children suffering from serious and/or life threatening illnesses at no cost to them. Out of numerous applications, Izzy and I were chosen as a Pet Partners team. We were so excited! We went to an information session where we met other teams, including a llama and a miniature horse, and learned that Bruce Williams-Burden and his greyhound, Ivan, were also going to participate.

Each day as a team at Camp Korey was awesome. The scenery was absolutely beautiful and campers were fascinated with all the different dogs and their yellow, volunteer bandanas: Greyhound, Corgi, Doberman, Labradoodle, Yellow Lab, St. Bernard, Papillon, English Pointer, Pug, the list goes on. While the Pet Partner teams only visited three days a week, each day was a learning experience for everyone. Some of the kids wanted to know everything about a dog, while others just wanted to love them for a little while. Either way, it was wonderful being able to give all of them the opportunities they were looking for. I actually made Izzy trading cards to hand out and the campers walked away with them, in awe of her picture. There was even a camper who had two greyhounds as pets and spent much of her time with Izzy and Ivan because they reminded her of home.

The experience was emotional, but worth every minute. We'll definitely be back next year!

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Guam Greyhounds come to GPI

In January of 1977, an airlift occurred between Australia and the island of Guam. The passengers on the aircraft were 300 greyhound dogs, five trainers and a Greyhound breeder (who had previously been a high ranking official in the Australian Greyhound Racing governing body). In a short time, the Guam Greyhound Track was up and running. It was a popular attraction for service men, locals and visitors alike for many years. In recent years, the owner of the track had tried to get legislation passed to allow casino-type gambling at the track in addition to the Greyhound races to boost income. When the measure failed in November of 2008, the Guam Greyhound Track abruptly closed, as it had been losing upwards of \$100,000 a month.

What became of all those Greyhounds living at the track? A public give-away was announced, and people turned out in droves to get their free Greyhound. 150 dogs were given away, however, there were no procedures in place to track dogs and adopters, no spays or neuters were performed, and no information about the breed was given to the new owners. In fact, many people thought they would be getting a good guard dog, took a male/female pair to breed, used the dogs as bait for fighting dogs, and even tried breeding them to the fighting dogs thinking they'd be faster, and would escape injury. Soon, as it became clear these ideas were incorrect, the dogs were let go to fend for themselves. Stray Greyhounds were found everywhere, and neglect on behalf of the "adopters" was rampant.

A group called GAIN, Guam Animals in Need reached out to the US Mainland for help in rescuing these Greyhounds from this situation. In December of 2008, an agreement was made with a group in the US to place the dogs. The Track agreed to a \$50 donation to help move the dogs off the island, and to care for, as well as sterilize the remaining dogs at the track until their transport could be arranged. Many of the Greyhounds were in horrendous shape, having to forage for food, and fight with local strays for their survival.

Continental Airlines brought the first dogs to LAX on their way to a new life in the US. Houdini and Jet Li were the first two Guam Greyhounds to set foot on the mainland. Since then, 120 Greyhounds have been placed with 15 different adoption groups around the US and Canada. Fundraisers have been an important part of this transport, as it costs approximately \$700 to fly the dogs here, far beyond the \$50 the track has committed to.



Chelsea
→
←
Thomas



Greyhound Pets, Inc. has been a part of this effort, taking two dogs in for adoption. Thomas and Chalsea (now Chelsea) arrived earlier this summer, and both were promptly adopted. Beverly Oliver and her husband adopted Thomas as a brother to Nathan. I have had the pleasure of Thomas' company at my Issaquah booth, and now they host the Samammish Civilized Nature booth on the Issaquah plateau. He is well adjusted, and knows all about giving and receiving love and affection. Thomas's goofy ear is apparent in the photos from the Guam Greyhounds website (www.guamgreyhounds.org) and he works that angle to appeal to new adopters. See the article written by Beverly on the next page. Check the Guam Greyhounds page at the link above to see updates on how many dogs are still available, and read more of the history of this incredible project, bringing together so many people and groups to find the Guam dogs great homes.



Thomas and Chelsea waiting for their ride to Seattle

Life with Thomas by Beverly Oliver



After saying the long goodbye through an extended illness and passing of our dear 10 year old Phoebe last March, we were drawn back to GPI and a visit with the dogs. Even though Moira knew it had been such a recent loss, she graciously and without judgment, asked if we would like to see the dogs. As we followed her past the runs, my husband happened to glance at Thomas, lying like a gentleman on his quilt, with such a sweet and calm demeanor. He stopped, pointed to Thomas and commented "isn't he just beautiful! Moira brought him out into the small turnout yard and we were all three in love: Richard, Thomas and me! The next day, with Nathan's (our black greyhound) approval, we brought Thomas home.

"Thomas is beautiful and he knows it" as it is written on his original evaluation form! This boy saved his frisky, bouncy "wild puppy" side for when he got home with us (I think he had sensed that our original thought was to adopt another calm, politely mannered greyhound like Phoebe always was). Thomas is a wonderful playmate for Nathan; they are both 4 years old. After some training in "sharing squeakies & play etiquette 101" he is simply a joy to love. He knows our daily walks are for scouting out rabbits & squirrels with his sidekick Nathan. He barks at me to "hurry up!" when he thinks I am taking too much time gathering the leashes and my walking shoes; patience is not his virtue!



He sleeps in our bedroom on his own bed. Every morning at about 5:30 am he rises and comes to my side, talking to me with soft growly noises and giving me lots of wet kisses. When he is sure I'm awake and I reach out to pet him, he turns around and settles back down beside Nathan on his own bed while I try to nod off again until I'm ready to rise about 6am ~ just a sweet, quirky trait of his that I have resigned myself to accept!

We are forever grateful to GPI for Thomas, and we are honored that he traveled from Guam to share his life with us!

Sponsor a Greyhound—the next best thing

If you can't adopt a greyhound, you may find that sponsoring a greyhound through Greyhound Pets, Inc. will be your next best rewarding experience. It costs GPI more than the adoption donation of \$200 to get most dogs ready for adoption. Some greyhounds wind up staying in foster care for longer than others for any number of reasons and these greyhounds incur expenses for things like food, vet care, prescriptions, and more. At any given time, we have a number of greyhounds who are considered "special needs" who have higher than normal care costs - extra vet care, special foods for allergies, etc.

You can help by donating \$10, \$15, \$25 or more to sponsor one of the many greyhounds in need through GPI.

To start the sponsorship process, send an email to Bunny Richardson, our Treasurer at rabbit99@whidbey.net Let Bunny know which dog you're interested in sponsoring and tell her how you intend to pay for your sponsorship. You can mail a check or money order to PO Box 891, Woodinville, WA 98072, you can call Bunny at 360-568-3773 and give her your credit card info, or you can donate through the Network for Good button on our website - www.greyhoundpetsinc.org. Your name will then be added below the dog's info as his/her sponsor.

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Do you need to contact Greyhound Pets, Inc.?

Call us at 1-877-468-7681. This number forwards to one of our many dedicated volunteers who will be happy to speak with you at any time.

Correspondence can be addressed to:

Greyhound Pets, Inc.
PO Box 891
Woodinville, WA 98072

Is Your Greyhound Wearing a Current GPI Tag?

Please take a moment to look at the tags on your greyhound's collar. If your greyhound is missing a GPI tag or it has a phone number other than 877-468-7681 on it, please call the toll-free number or write us at

Greyhound Pets, Inc.,

New Tags

PO Box 891

Woodinville, WA 98072

Please include the name and tag # (if known) 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!

Have you moved?

If you have, please e-mail Moira at fastpaws@centurytel.net or contact her through the PO Box. 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 to make arrangements.

Has your Greyhound passed on recently?

If you have recently had your Greyhound pass to the Rainbow Bridge, please contact Moira at fastpaws@centurytel.net or contact her through the PO Box.

Have you checked your gates recently?

Please check your gates and fences for loose boards and swollen gates that don't shut correctly. Put a spring on your gate to keep it closed, or lock it so the meter guy or neighbor kid won't leave it open.

What should I do if my Greyhound gets loose?

Call the Greyhound Pets, Inc. toll free number IMMEDIATELY!! 1-877-468-7681. This will help to get a search party organized and alert folks that your dog is missing. Take a squawker (available at the GPI warehouse) and your CELL PHONE with you when you start your search. If your home phone number is on your dog's tags, make sure someone is available at that number as well in case a good Samaritan finds your pup. Have a "Missing Dog" flyer with your dog's picture on your computer ready to print and post at a moment's notice.

Are your dogs shots up-to-date?

Your dog needs regular vaccines to help keep them healthy. The particular vaccines will vary depending upon the area of the country you live in and your particular environment. Depending upon the vaccine, they are due every six months, every year, or every three years. If you're not sure when your dog's vaccines are due, check his/her paperwork, contact GPI and/or speak with your vet.

Are your dog's teeth clean?

Your dog needs regular dental care just like you and I. Tartar and plaque build-up, bad breath, inflamed gums, loose teeth, gaps or holes, discolored teeth, difficulty eating – all these are signs that your dog's teeth need attention. If not taken care of, poor teeth health can greatly affect your dog's quality and length of life. Talk to your vet and give your dog's teeth regular dental care.

New Volunteers

Greyhound Pets, Inc. would like to welcome all of our new volunteers for the second and third quarters of 2009!! We welcome all of you to volunteer and help GPI find homes for greyhounds in whatever capacity you can!!

These folks signed up Summer and Fall quarter...your name could be here in the next issue!!

We would also like to thank all of our current and "old time" volunteers, who continually give of their time and resources. We sincerely appreciate everyone.

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Greyhound Pets, Inc. is a volunteer organization which depends on your gifts. Listed below are some of the items your donation can purchase for the adoptable dogs of GPI.

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PO Box 891
Woodinville, WA**

or donate on-line via Network For Good through the link on our website — www.greyhoundpetsinc.org

Thanks so much for your gift to the GPI dogs!! They thank you very much!!

Princess



Muzzle for one kennel dog	\$10
Food for one dog for one month	\$20
Vaccines for one new dog	\$25
One folding table for the new kennel	\$50
Running a tick test for a new dog	\$65
Sponsor a kennel run (per year)	\$500
Complete vetting for a new dog	\$350
Bench for the new kennel	\$420

Ned



Donate \$250, \$500 or \$1000 to receive an engraved greyhound "leaf" on our donation tree at our new kennel.

Adopted!!

These Greyhounds have been adopted in the second and third quarter of 2009!!
 Congratulations to their forever families!

Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname	Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname
3682	Annie When	Annie	4953	Sugarcoat Hilary	Hilary
3726	TB White Wing	Aurora	4954	EF Ben Jason	Jason
3767	Sally's Simon	Simon	4956	Oneco Canterbury	Canter
3863	Ali Blue Eyes	Blue Eyes	4957	WB Slick Jerry	Jerry
3927	USS Kickoff	Kickoff	4958	WB Wonderful Wes	Wes
4464	Move It Like This	Eagle	4959	WP's Lineman	Lonny
4477	MNS Nolie	Nolie	4960	None	Midnight
4518	Tapmar Cuzzy	Cuzzy	4961	A Total Boar	Bear
4595	Iruska Superman	Manny	4962	Addie Ann	Addie
4609	no registered name	Gable	4963	no registered name	Brodie
4697	Glo's King Kinevo	Nevo	4964	no registered name	Rocket
4702	Slatex Angeline	Angie	4965	Turkee Candy	Lady
4733	Sol Watch	Frank	4966	Mocan Della	Darcy
4802	WW's Time Table	Time	4968	UR Energized	Polar
4812	JNB Gold Nugget	Goldie	4969	None	Sugar
4838	Strawberry Micky	Kaiah	4970	Odd Sabor	Sabor
4860	LL Eckerdt Xpres	Simon	4971	WWW Anna Nicole	Anna
4867	BBR Cool Child	Cool	4972	Gone Zoe	Porshe
4882	LL Ranger Lee	Ted	4973	Hf Whipper	Whipper
4890	KC Doo Zee	Kacey	4974	FJ Zima Twister	Sam
4892	Flying Czarina	Czarina	4975	GLB's Warlock	Grand
4895	Dutch Garcia	Garcia	4976	Bohemian Redix	Redix
4899	Hiltex Ace	Ace	4977	WWW Glenn Beck	Glen
4907	USS Newyear	New Year	4979	Dang Neart	Big
4921	CTW Passem Patty	Patty	4980	CRK Tenfoot Pole	Pole
4922	Geeia	Gee	4981	CRK White Noise	Noise
4923	Pat C Terrill	Terry	4982	Rancho Mai Tai	Mai Tai
4928	Bella Billie	Billie	4983	None	Tic Tac
4930	Bella Warmfuzzy	Fuzzy	4984	AMF So Fair	Fair
4932	None	Mandy	4985	Cold B DeBunk	Cold
4933	AC Galaxy Jedi	Jedi	4986	Tapmar Sandstone	Sandy
4934	Bella Raheng	Ray	4987	SE's Bankontubby	Tubby
4938	Former Candidate	Tiger	4988	BD's Reba	Reba
4939	Electric Explore	Ex	4993	Pat C Signal	Signal
4940	Bella Brevet	Bravo	4994	Pat C Aisha	Aisha
4941	KMA Baklava	Lovey	4995	GS Kayla	Kayla
4944	Unknown	Chalsea	4996	Rathordan Althia	Nelly
4946	Cate's Dice	Cate	4997	RJ's Hailey	Haley
4947	Georgia My Love	Georgia	4998	CW Coolchange	Cool
4948	Go Bon Fine Pic	Bon	5000	Pat C Yosemite	Yosemite
4949	I'm Arwen	Arwen	5002	None	Giselle
4950	Springwater Onyx	Onyx	5005	Oneco Boodles	Boodle
4951	Springwater Solo	Solo	5006	RC's Juicy	Dale
4952	Sugarcoat Gina	Gina	5009	Irene's Choice	Nate



Rainbow Bridge Memorials...we will miss them.

Tag #	Registered Name	Nickname	Tag #	Registered Name	Nickname
2084	Nitro Royal Brat	Brett	3283	Pat C Out Come	Matthew
2219	Dublin Bebe	Bebe	3350	Ready Just	Caleb
2398	Little Girl	Girlie	3440	Coldwater Kaiser	Cole
2510	PJ's Why Not	Copper	3462	Alto Dutch Magic	Magic
2517	PJ's Why Cliff	Cliff	3482	Gigi Masters	Gigi
2548	Best Yet Harp	Harp	3519	No registered name	Buster
2559	Immanent Danger	Dancer	3523	Rolo Rain	Phantom
2572	Flamingo Streak	BV	3540	Jeste Elate	Gracie
2590	Calhan Magic	Indy	3563	Tuscanny Mike	Anubus
2711	Cruizin Coy	Tonto	3597	DB First Star	Cannon
2732	Sparks Will Fly	Greg	3598	Go Scoop Go	Scoop
2785	Clewett Did It	Jake	3624	Ole Checked Out	Pacco
2851	Power Charged	Power	3677	OJ Dark Memory	Chance
2856	Regency Renee	Molly	3678	Ole Bright Move	Molly
2862	PHD Sara Sue	Sara Sue	3799	Ole Try This	Lily
2868	OJ Smokin Guns	Smokey	3814	RD'S Super	Yalla
2901	No registered name	Tigger	3822	Valsora	Val
2918	One Way Around	Tater	3870	Mo Spike	Spike
2919	No registered name	Shane	3982	R Painted Warrior	Warrior
3001	Major Rain	Blues	4037	Miranda Jean	Miranda Jean
3002	TH Romeo	Rembrandt	4063	No registered name	Lily
3011	Fly Bye Punke	Claire	4318	Orla's Girl	Orla
3040	Brazo Coco	Coco	4330	Matthew	Matthew
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Holiday Safety for your Greyhound

It's holiday time again!! Can you believe it? This is a time when friends and family get together, parties are planned and the hustle and bustle and joy of the season fill our homes. That hustle and bustle can also distract us from the safety of our pets, Greyhounds as well as other dogs and cats in our homes. This article will help you prepare your home for a safe and happy holiday season. Compiled from many online articles, it's long, but a great reminder of all the little things we can do to keep our pets safe and happy during the holidays and all year long.

WEATHER RELATED ISSUES:

- When ice and snow are on the ground, be aware that your dogs pads will get cold FAST. Take them for shorter walks, or buy some booties to cover up those tootsies. (You may also get some interesting video footage for your files of the first time your dog wears them!) Booties will help not only with the cold, but to keep salt and chemicals off of your pet's feet as well as prevent cuts from ice along your walking route. If pets lick salt and chemicals off their feet, they can become ill. If you're not using booties, be sure to rinse your Greyhound's feet off with cool water when you get home to remove any residue.
- Check your gates: buildup of snow or ice may prevent your gates from closing correctly. Please make sure your gates are closed and latched before letting your dog out in the yard.

SAFETY PROOFING A HOLIDAY HOME

- Trees provide a great temptation for cats to climb and dogs to chew on, so holiday trees should be well secured to prevent accidents.
- Animals are attracted to bright, moving lights so candles should be kept on high shelves. Candles as well as fireplaces should be constantly supervised since embers, sparks and wax can injure pets.
- Other holiday products that can harm pets include snow globes (many of which contain harmful antifreeze) and artificial snow, which can cause reactions if inhaled.
- Holiday plants including ivy, holly, mistletoe, hibiscus, poinsettia, lilies and Christmas greens all have various levels of toxicity. Position these high off the ground to avoid dangerous ingestion mishaps.
- Pine needles, when ingested, can puncture holes in a pet's intestine. So keep pet areas clear of pine needles.
- The extra cords and plugs of holiday lights and other fixtures can look like chew toys to pets. Tape down or cover cords to help avoid shocks, burns or other serious injuries. Unplug lights when you are not home.
- Resist the temptation to tie ribbons around pets necks for the holidays. The pets can tighten ribbons resulting in choking or hang themselves if the ribbon is caught on an object.
- Dogs will often play with glass ornaments as if they were balls and serious oral lacerations can result. Sharp ornament hooks can also become imbedded in your pet's mouth or esophagus. Place ornaments that are shiny, or could be swallowed or broken high up on your tree. Larger, less intriguing ornaments can go near the bottom.
- Decorating trees with food is asking for problems. Candy canes and gingerbread people can be as enticing to your dog as they are to children. We know of one diabetic dog who ran into some problems with regulating her disease because she was stealing candy canes off of the tree.
- Popcorn, raisin, or cranberry garlands are beautiful, but can cause an obstruction when eaten, requiring surgery.

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- Because tree preservatives are often sugar-based (and inviting to dogs) and because the water stands so long, the water in the tree stand often harbors potentially harmful bacteria. Fertilizers, insecticides, or flame retardants that were used on the tree may also get into the water. Cover the stand with a tree skirt or use other means to prevent access to the water.
- Very important: do not put aspirin in the water (some folks do this thinking it will keep the tree or plant more vigorous). If a pet ingests the aspirin-laced water, his health or even life can be at risk.

HOLIDAY TREATS

- No table scraps for pets! Fatty meats, gravies and poultry skin can cause pancreatitis, gastritis, enteritis, colitis and other gastrointestinal problems. Bones put pets at risk for bowel obstruction or perforation and choking.
- No chocolate for four-legged friends. It contains theobromine, which is highly toxic to dogs and cats when eaten in even small quantities. Problems from ingestion range from diarrhea to seizures and death. Unsweetened baking chocolate and dark chocolate are the worst culprits, but all chocolate, fudge, and other candy should be placed out of your dog's reach.
- Pets should celebrate with home-cooked dog and cat treats. Recipes are available on the Internet.
- Coffee, and tea contain dangerous components called xanthines, which cause nervous system or urinary system damage and heart muscle stimulation. Alcohol can cause serious intoxications in pets, and many dogs are attracted to it. Every year hundreds of dogs die after a single bout of alcohol consumption. Clean up glasses after holiday parties. Dogs are often attracted by the sweet taste of drinks, especially eggnog.
- Bones from fish, meat, or poultry can also cause problems if swallowed. Even small bones can splinter causing lacerations (tearing) throughout the intestinal tract. So, no matter how big or how little they are, be sure to keep bones (other than those that are specially sterilized and treated) away from your dog. American made chews, Kong toys, and raw knuckle bones would be better alternatives.
- Uncooked yeast dough can expand and produce gas in the digestive system, causing pain and possible rupture of the stomach or intestines.
- Grapes and raisins contain an unknown toxin, which can damage the kidneys.
- Macadamia nuts contain an unknown toxin, which can affect the digestive and nervous systems and muscles of dogs.
- Remember, dogs have an exceptional sense of smell – juices on plastic or aluminum foil left on countertops are very tempting. If ingested, plastic or foil wrap (cellophane candy wrappers or food wrap) can cause choking or intestinal obstruction.
- Meat-soaked strings from rump roasts are also enticing. Ingestion can cause a surgical emergency called a '[linear string foreign body](#)' in the intestines.
- Xylitol gum can make your dog very ill. Make sure all gum products are up and away from where your Greyhound can reach them.



PETS AND PARTIES

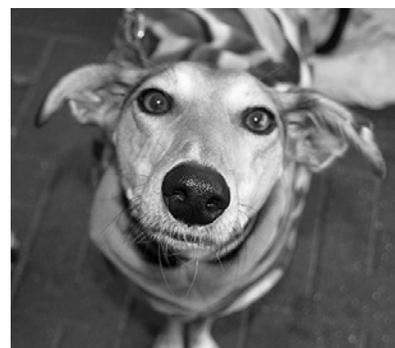
- An influx of holiday guests may frighten or agitate animals, making them more prone to barking or even biting.
- Pets can easily slip out through an open door as guests come and go -- keep a steady eye on pets and be sure they are wearing current identification tags. Use baby gates if necessary.
- Tobacco products can be fatal to pets, if ingested. Signs of poisoning develop within 15 to 45 minutes and include excitation, salivation, vomiting, and diarrhea. Pets may develop seizures, collapse and die from cardiac arrest. Keep cigarettes, cigars, tobacco, nicotine gum and patches, and ashtrays out of the reach of pets. Empty ashtrays frequently since cigarette butts contain about 25% of the total nicotine in a cigarette.
- A quiet room, away from the commotion with water and food available can be a retreat for an over-stimulated dog and help him be more comfortable.
- Cleaning products such as disinfectants get a lot of use during the holidays as we spiff up our homes for visitors. Remember, many of these products can be toxic to your pets.
- Holiday guests and other activity can be very stressful and even frightening to pets. It can also trigger illness and intestinal upset. Make sure pets have a safe place to retreat in your house. And make sure they are wearing current I.D. in case they escape out a door when guests come and go.
- Reduce stress by keeping feeding and exercise on a regular schedule.
- Always make time to care for your pets. Some folks get lax about walking their dogs, and a few resort to letting pets out on their own. This puts the animal in danger, while also leading to nuisance complaints and dog bite incidents. Don't take a holiday from responsibly caring for your pets.
- When pets are stressed by holiday activity or during travel, they may require more water. Dogs typically pant more when they feel stressed. Keep fresh water available for them to drink.
- If you suspect that your pet has eaten something toxic, call your veterinarian and/or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center's 24-hour emergency hotline at 1-888-4-ANI-HELP.
- Tell guests and remind household members to keep medication, toiletries and other potentially harmful items out of the dog's reach - and NOT to feed the dog any unauthorized foods. Remember, fatty foods can make a pet extremely ill.
- Have healthy pet treats handy so that your guests can indulge your pet safely. And if you want to share holiday flavor with the family dog, add a bit of white turkey meat or defatted broth to her bowl.
- Never leave dogs and children alone together. Always have an experienced adult supervise, no matter how well behaved the dog is. Anything can happen, especially with kids.
- Keep a pet first aid kit accessible.

Are you travelling this holiday season? Here are some quick safety tips.

Holiday Travel Stress Savers:

- Get a tag listing your temporary location and cell phone number. You can also create a temporary tag for each of your destinations using waterproof tape and an indelible marker.
- Pack a flashlight for night-time dog walks, along with lots of plastic bags.
- Remember to take a first aid kit. You don't want to get caught in a road or other emergency without one...you can use it for people and pets alike.

With all of the festivities, do not forget to relax and spend some quality time with your pet. Your dog will think that is the best gift of all.



The Kennel Needs 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:

Blankets & Quilts
Stamps (44 cents)
13-Gallon Trash Bags with Ties
Missing Link (or similar)
Paper Towels
Bleach

Canned pumpkin (not the pie filling)
8.5" X 11" white copy paper
Dog Biscuits
White Vinegar
Glucosamine (preferably from Greyhound Gang)

If you can help with any of these items, please contact Moira Corrigan at 425-333-0515.

The Greyhounds thank you!

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