



The Bark

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Letter From The President

Welcome to fall and another wonderful time with our four-legged friends!

In September 2011 we took in an all-black greyhound load from Florida. In this issue of the Bark, we visit with most of the black load and get updates on where they are today.

Have you ever thought about working with your greyhound to become a therapy dog? If so, we have a wonderful article about therapy dogs in this issue. We have several GPI greyhounds that are therapy dogs.

Is your greyhound too heavy or too thin? We have some tips and pictures in this issue to help you. And with the holidays coming up, it is always good to refresh our memories on what foods are ok to give our greyhounds and which are not. Some of the foods to avoid – chocolate of any kind, coffee, tea, alcohol, bones from fish, meat and poultry, uncooked yeast dough, grapes, raisins, macadamia nuts, meat-soaked strings from roasts, and Xylitol gum. For more holiday tips go to: www.greyhoundpetsinc.org/publicforms/holidaysafety-tipsforyourgreyhound.pdf

Come on out and join us at one of our many events. You can find a listing of our events on our website.

Around the country the tracks continue to close and racing is declining. We continue to work with various organizations to move some of those dogs being retired to us at GPI for placement.

As always there is one dog that catches my eye. This time it is Alex. Alex has unfortunately been through several homes and is looking for another forever home. This boy is now slim and trim. He is affectionate and playful – he loves to play ball and run with you in the yard. He can be a little stubborn, but as long as you are pack leader he soon comes around. Alex needs a home with another dog, preferably a confident, silly girl. Won't you give this wonderful boy his true forever home.

Happy Holidays everyone!

Moira
President



Who We Are - Roger & Lynn Smith - By Jeani Penn

Roger and Lynn Smith both were born in North Vancouver, in Canada but took different routes to join up. Lynn left as an infant for Richmond, BC, then moved into Vancouver for high school and then ended up back in North Vancouver. They met at work at an after hours office function and married just over two years later. That was 37 years and two children ago.

They both grew up being animal lovers, but didn't get their first Greyhound until May of 1997. Her name was Bailee (Oshkosh Trophy) and they had her for nine years. Bailee left such an impression that they both knew Greyhounds were the only breed for them. When they started looking for another, Greyhound Pets of America had become inactive in Canada, so they went on the 'net and found GPI and Colleen Stranix. This led to the adoption of Suvi (Mount Vesuvius). And then they succumbed as so many of us do and got a second hound, Brodie, a week later at an adoptathon at the Red Barn. Two years after that Brodie's brother came available, and thinking of fostering him, they soon failed at that, so Zeus joined the family. Recently Lisa, another former GPI dog has joined the family as a forever foster. Thank you, Roger and Lynn for taking care of Lisa.

They become involved with GPI almost immediately after adopting Suvi. She chose them on Friday and they went to their first GPI picnic on Sunday. I think we all know the rest of that story. Adopting Suvi was unexpected, because Lynn did not want a black dog. She was afraid the shedding would be too much. Colleen cajoled them into seeing Suvi as she was a bit difficult to place because of her strength of will (some of us call it stubbornness). "But", Colleen would say, "you have experience with Greyhounds". Then they made the mistake of going and meeting Suvi in person. Two days later Roger went to get her and she ran out of the foster home, jumped into the back seat, curled up and went to sleep. Finding a "roommate" for her was no easy task, though. Every dog she was introduced to at the kennel was met with a growl, except Brodie. However, poor Brodie didn't get an easy ride home to Canada that day. Every time he moved Suvi would growl or snap. Once home, though, they became fast friends and are to this day.as long as Suvi is the boss.

Roger is retired now, after a career with the Canada Revenue Agency. During his time with them he became a Certified General Accountant, but it would seem his main interests were sports. He still stays busy with bike riding, soccer, basketball and curling and then there's always the daily dog walk.

They have two children, Cam and Janine. Cam followed in his father's footsteps and went to Simon Fraser University. Janine is nearing completion of her degree at Capilano University. While the kids were growing up Roger coached soccer, baseball and softball and served on the North Shore Soccer Association Board. How does one person get all this done?????

Lynn worked at the CRA until she had Cam, then was a stay at home Mom (the hardest work of all, as far as I'm concerned) until 1988 when a friend of theirs, who was a Lawyer and Law Librarian offered her a job. She worked as a Library Assistant, received other job offers, and has since worked her way up to Library Manager, at Lindsay Kenney LLP. She works three days a week now and in her "spare" time enjoys various house projects. She recently refinished the fireplace by refacing it with sliced river rock. When she isn't working for pay, or working inside the house, she loves gardening. They recently purchased a bigger greenhouse to hold all her growing projects. And then there is book club and her theatre group.

But, the most interesting part of these two is their animal history. They have the kind of household every kid should grow up in. They've had Chameleons, Gerbils, Cats, Cockatiels, Iguanas, Hamsters and who knows what else. The current Iguana is 3 ½ feet long, and they tell me, friendly. I'll take their word for it. And if that isn't enough they have a pond with 2 big Koi, named Nemo and Moby who share their world with numerous Goldfish. Can you imagine taking this menagerie on vacation? Well, they did. Packed up kids and animals and took off.

Needless to say, these two are part of the reason GPI is so successful in Canada. They have a strong love for the Greyhound, and are out there frequently promoting the joys of having a Greyhound adopt us. We are very lucky to have them in our band of volunteers.

Good doggies!!!!!!



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Koda & Karma's Korner

Canadian Thanksgiving has come and gone and the wonderful smell of Turkey has left the kitchen. Thanksgiving and Christmas bring that wonderful smell wafting through the house and the two leggers and four leggers have a hard time not coming into the kitchen asking if it's ready yet. OK, the four leggers may not ask but the amount of times they sneak into the kitchen with their noses twitching and in the air they may have well asked.

Even though the smells are wonderful and all that yummy food is good for us, well maybe not all of it is "good" for us but it sure is yummy, it isn't good for our dogs. All the fat that comes along with the dinner isn't good for our dogs stomach. I admit we have been guilty of giving our pups a treat of Turkey and gravy. I can tell you that they paid us back with vomiting on our bedroom carpet in the middle of the night. Lesson learned!! The high fat content in these foods that we enjoy so much can cause gastrointestinal upset or even pancreatitis, which is a very painful condition for our pups. We do give ours a small amount of white turkey meet with no gravy now and they are quite happy with that and they don't feel the need to pay us back. Thankfully!

We do keep a gate across our kitchen while we are eating so that they stay out of the kitchen and aren't underfoot. This also eliminates any counter surfing temptation when our backs are turned. We keep this gate up until we have cleaned up all the temptations. There are quite a few foods that we enjoy at this time of year that are not good for our dogs, please check out our website for a list of some (if not all) of those foods among some other tips to keep our four leggers safe, <http://www.greyhoundpetsinc.org/publicforms/holidaysafetytipsforyourgreyhound.pdf>

Koda & Karma (and their two legged family) wish everyone all the best this 2012 Holiday Season and look forward to 2013's Bark!



Where Did The Black Dogs Go? By Jeani Penn

Once upon a time.....oh, no. That's a different story. In September of 2011 Greyhound Pets, Inc. took the challenge of arranging for an all black load of dogs from Florida. It's difficult to find homes for black dogs in some parts of the country. Some folks have some unusual, but deep seated opinions about black dogs, like they are curs, they are cursed, they are just plain evil, possessed by the devil, or they shed too much and will get the furniture dirty, or it's too hot for black dogs in the heat. The list is endless. Fortunately, in the Northwest, we LOVE our black dogs. We think they are sexy, sophisticated and elegant.

We, at the Bark, thought maybe you would like to know where some of this precious cargo ended up. Every single one of the dogs got adopted and now are in good, loving, homes. We even have a celebrity of sorts from the load right here in Sequim.

Kwik (Starz Kwik) was adopted in November of 2011. I call him a celebrity because he loves walking where there is hustle and bustle of cars and lots of people who will stop and pet him and love him. The more people the better. I hear about him all the time from people that know me as the Crazy Greyhound Lady of Sequim. Kwik loves to travel, especially to Portland, OR where he gets pampered at the Best Western Pony Soldier Inn - Airport. They even put towels out for the dogs (good to know). When his person first met Kwik at the kennel she thought he belonged to someone because he was so calm. When she found he really was available, she lost her heart to him and the way he stood next to her, the feeling was obviously mutual. Kwik is one happy fellow, I can tell you, and we love him in Sequim.

Then there is Orson (Atascocita Orson). Orson became the big brother to Etta, the first Greyhound of the house. Etta didn't like her first introduction at the kennel because he peed on her shoulder, but Orson was much much more gentlemanly. The demeanor translated very well into his new home. He's calm loving and very dignified. He thinks Etta is a little silly when she plays with toys, but he's very patient with her. But when they go to a fenced in park, it's look out! Orson spins four or five times then takes off like a rocket.

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Bree (Atascocita Bree) joined her family in May of this year. She and Ace (not a black dog, but we'll forgive him) got adopted at the same time and joined a family with two children and a lab-mix. The family couldn't agree on whether to take Bree or Ace, so they took both. Bree thinks she's being sneaky when she steals things off of her children's plates, but I think they might be doing this on purpose. Bree loves sunbathing, fetching tennis balls, and long walks in Lincoln Park.

Desmond (Kiowa Happy Boy) has really become a cuddler, contrary to how he started in his new home. When his new family decided on a Greyhound, after much reading, researching and thought, they went to the kennel. After seeing many dogs, Marchet suggested Happy Boy. They were a little concerned about his Lupus and living in a warm climate like they do, but he bonded to them immediately. And he and his female owner both dislike the sun, so it works out very well. He's a pretty good actor, too. He won them over with the famous Greyhound teeth chatter. Desmond and their little Shitzu/Poodle Mix were buds from the beginning. Desmond is now living in Canada and is loved by everyone in the household, and is Mr. Social at Doggie Day Care. His family wrote to me what so many do. They aren't sure who rescued who. He is such an integral part of the family, they can't remember what it was like before him.

Ace (Starz Fame) is quite settled in his home as well. He's a very lucky boy. His 7 year old human made a bed for him out of pillows and he loves sleeping on it next to her bed. But he's also discovered sofas, his first pick for a place to sleep. He is generous with the kisses, but he's also quite vain as he enjoys looking at himself in a full view mirror. He likes his peace and quiet, but when he hears the jingle of a leash, he's up and ready to go. He follows his Leader, Tea. She needed someone to lead and he needed someone to follow, so it all works out very well. Another happy story.

WTD Black Ice, who is now known as Isis, Icy Girl, Isis Dog is, according to her new family (who started out as her foster family) is not sophisticated at all. So much for my statement at the beginning of this piece. She runs through the house with abandon and absolutely no awareness that she cannot stop on the hardwood floors, she plays, she chases the ball at the park and even occasionally barks!

None of the things a "typical" Greyhound would or wouldn't do. The only problem with Isis is when she's in the bright sun, she isn't black. She's brown!!!!!!

Stuart (Atascocita Stuart) has become the best friend of the first Greyhound in his house. He's taught her to catch rabbits, given her a shoulder to lean on and is trying his best to get her to roo with him. Fortunately (or unfortunately) she is not as vocal as he is. He is a rather needy boy and follows his human everyone, but that's part of his charm. Stuart and Mackey are greyt ambassadors and go to the bank, the park, the feed store and the farmers market together. Everyone they see admires them and tells their person how beautiful they are. Keep spreading the word, Stuart. Good job!

Atascocita Wine picked her people by being so friendly they couldn't say no, but when they got her home, they realized that she is really very shy. Another shining example of how the Greys know who they want to live with. She has now been renamed Friday and she's a quiet girl, which works out greyt because she lives in an apartment. She loves playing with her stuffed horse toy, but she really likes the retired life because she can sleep all day!!! She's a very happy Girl Friday now.

For those of us who were curious about where the Black Dogs went, I hope this answers that question. It would seem that all of them are happy, healthy and in very good, loving homes. That's what we want to see with every one of our pups.

Thanks to all of you who adopted these special guys and girls.



Your Greyhounds Weight

Some of the most common questions we get are about a greyhound's weight. An overweight greyhound is not healthy, but an underweight one is not either. It is so important to keep our greys at the correct weight for their health and longevity.

So how do you know what is the right weight for your greyhound? The most important things to look for in a greyhound that is the right weight are the following:

Two or three ribs should be showing (just slightly) You should be able to feel the hip bones or they should be showing just slightly.

If you cannot see any ribs or the hip bones, your greyhound is too heavy. If you can see more than 2 or 3 ribs, the hip bones are pronounced or you can see the vertebrae, your greyhound is too thin.

Is your greyhound's racing weight a good number to target? Yes and No. His/her racing weight will certainly give you a ballpark idea of correct weight, but what we call pet weights are usually (not always) a few pounds (as in 2 to 5 pounds) heavier than racing weights. You also need to consider that muscle weighs more than fat and that when your greyhound is racing they are usually kept on the slim side.

There are a lot of factors that come into play when determining how much to feed your greyhound and keeping them at the correct weight:

- Metabolism (some dogs just need less food than others)
- Amount of exercise (if your dog is getting a lot of exercise, he/she will need more food)
- Age (generally as your dog ages he/she will need less food)
- Health (the health of your dog can affect the quantity and type of food they need/want)
- Type of food (Caloric values differ between foods, so you may need to feed more or less depending upon the food you are using)
- Treats and those little "extras" (they can add up, so be sure to calculate any treats into their total food intake)
- Season of the year (For example: I find that some of my greyhounds eat/need more in the winter than they do during the summer)



You will need to watch your greyhound closely and adjust your feedings as you see your greyhound losing or gaining weight. I find that I have to adjust each of my dog's feeding quantity slightly several times a year as they gain or lose weight.

Are you not sure whether your greyhound's weight is correct, just ask us at any event or give us a call; we're happy to help.



Overweight



Underweight



Proper weight



The Notice Board

Stuff you need to know!!

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

Have you moved?

If you have, please make sure that GPI has your current **mailing address, home and cell phone numbers, and e-mail address**. E-mail Moira at fastpaws@centurytel.net or contact her through the GPI 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.

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
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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!

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 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. For more tips on finding your lost dog go to... www.greyhoundpetsinc.org/lostdog.html

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

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Therapy Dog? Why Not? By Jeani Penn

We all know that Greyhounds are clean, loving, gentle companions, but have you ever thought of training your Grey to be a Therapy Dog? After doing a bit of research, it seems to me that the Greyhound is designed for this task.

How do Therapy Dogs help? Let me explain what a therapy dog is. They are not a "Service Dog" that performs tasks for one that has a disability. Therapy Dogs International says that the "primary objective of the TDI dog and handler is to provide comfort and companionship by sharing the dog with the patients in hospitals, nursing homes and other institutions and wherever else the Therapy Dog is needed. This is done in a way that increases emotional well-being, promotes healing, and improves the quality of life for the people being visited and the staff that cares for these people."

A Therapy Dog can spark good memories of a special pup from long ago, open up conversation with one that is usually quiet, but mostly a visit from a Therapy Dog will put a smile on a face. A visit from a Therapy Dog can spark an interest in physical therapy. The touch and the feel of a nice soft coat or the lick of a hand can make a patient want to get up and get better. In some cases the motion needed to reach out and pet a Therapy Dog is a form of physical therapy in itself. Therapy Dogs can help children learn to read. Many libraries have a reading program whereby a Therapy Dog will visit and sit while a child reads books to them. This seems to spark an interest in reading for some children that otherwise wouldn't be interested. Therapy Dogs are even used during that last hours of life where they give comfort to the dying patient and the family.

Let's face it. Nothing warms the heart more than a sweet, friendly dog walking up to you with it's tail wagging in greeting. Therapy Dogs' visits have helped patients with depression, lowered blood pressure, relieved stress and made otherwise dreary days happy. I know the nursing homes around here absolutely love it when the Therapy Dogs visit. I've talked to staff members who say that the whole facility is calmer after the Therapy Dogs have visited. I think as humans, we all need that connection with animals as part of who we are. Nursing home residents may need this more than the rest of us because of their isolation. The staff loves the visits, too!

Therapy Dogs have to pass a test, to prove that they are unflappable in loud or busy environments, will obey without question, have an easy temperament, and be

gentle with everyone they meet. They must be outgoing and friendly to all people and other animals. Most Therapy Dogs have to sit, stay, lie down, but testers know that Greyhounds aren't the best sitters, so that is not a requirement for our special pups. I'll cover more of this later.

Before applying and testing begins some criteria must be met. Your dog must be at least one year of age. Your dog must be certified healthy by your veterinarian with proof of a check up within the past year; up to date on Rabies vaccine, and Distemper, Hepatitis, and Parvovirus vaccines; a negative Fecal Sample result within the past 12 months, and a negative heartworm test result. The Heartworm test criteria is a little odd for us as we don't have heartworm in this party of the country, but the national organization requires it. If your dog is on continuous heartworm medication (as some of us use for things other than heartworm), the negative fecal result can be as old as two years. If your dog is not on continuous heartworm medication, the test result must be within the past 12 months.

A fifteen stage test must be performed and passed by your dog. This test is administered by an evaluator who is associated with and/or certified by the organization that will issue your certificate. If you look online, there are tests being given almost every week. If you live more than 4 hours away from an evaluator, arrangements can be made for that too. Check the website.

Now, for the testing.

Test 1 - Accepting a friendly stranger. This test shows that the dog will allow anyone to approach it. The handler and the tester will shake hands and speak to each other. The dog must show no sign of resentment or shyness.

Test 2 - Sitting politely. Again, most testers know that this is difficult for most Greyhounds and they don't require this. TDI actually has on their website that Greyhounds are exempt from this requirement.

Test 3 - Appearance and grooming. Again, this is no problem for the Grey. They are clean by nature, but a good brushing wouldn't hurt if they are in the middle of one of those semi-annual "sheds".

Test 4 - Going for a walk. The dog must show that a loose leash is all that is needed to control it. The tester will ask for a right turn, a left turn and a stop.

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Test 5 - Walking through a crowd. This shows that the dog can handle several people at a time without being stressed. This must also be done with a loose leash. If the handler chooses to stop and talk that is fine, but it cannot be the decision of the dog.

Test 6 - Sit and down on command. Again, sitting for the Grey is not a requirement but down is. The dog must remain in place once down and not get up until the handler says so.

Test 7 - Coming when called. This shows that the dog will obey and stay where it's put until the handler calls. Then and only then is the dog allowed to get up.

Test 8 - Reaction to another dog. When the dog has been given a command, it must obey that command regardless of the distractions, such as another dog. The dogs should show no more than a casual interest in each other.

Test 9 - Reactions to distractions. This test demonstrates that the dog is confident and will not be disturbed by common situations, such as dropping of a book, slamming of a door, ring of a phone, a jogger running by, a horn blowing from a car, etc. Ears may go up in interest, but not more of a reaction than that.

Test 10 - Reaction to medical equipment. Therapy Dogs are near wheel chairs, crutches, canes, walkers and other devices, so they need to be calm and easily steered out of the way of patients using these devices.

Test 11 - Leave it! The dog is tested with food on the ground and must leave it when told to.

Test 12 - Respect for Infirmities. The dogs must show no reaction to people that are coughing, wheezing, limping, shuffling or any other distractions that people make.

Test 13 - Supervised Separation - The dog must show that it can be left with a stranger and still maintain and calm and confident demeanor.

Test 14 - Howdy - The dog must show a willingness and eagerness to meet people and show affection to them.

Test 15 - Children - Therapy Dogs are used in school, libraries and where there are a lot of children. Some libraries have programs where the children can read to the dog so a love of children is a must.

So now that your dog has passed all the required tests and you are interested, what do you do next? Although Therapy Dogs International (TDI) is probably the biggest organization, it is not the only organization. Pet Partners (formerly Delta Society) is another big one. Almost every area has either a chapter of TDI, Pet Partners, or a Therapy Dog group of their own. There are at least seventeen therapy dog organizations in the State of Washington, and even more in Canada. They can also be found simply by Googling "Therapy Dog".

There is a fee for testing (generally around \$10 for dog and handler). If there is no evaluator close to you, arrangements can be made through TDI or the organization you want to join. This could be a local dog training facility, your vet, or someone else that qualifies to do the testing. Once the testing is done and certified, it is a simple matter of registering with the organization.

TDI can be reached by phone at 973.252.9800, or online at www.tdi-dog.org. Pet Partners (formerly Delta Society) by phone at 425-679-5500 or can be found at www.deltasociety.org. Pet Partners actually has classes that can be taken prior to testing in preparation for the test. Both organizations' websites are very helpful. There truly is too much information available to put in this article.

Now that you have all the information, you might want to consider one of these programs for you and your Greyhound. It's a very rewarding experience, does a lot of good for the folks that you visit, it's a wonderful bonding experience for all involved and it's just plain fun. It's also a good way to make friends with people that have the same goal of sharing the love and warmth of their pets.

Think about it!



Veterinary Transplant Services

Veterinary Transplant Services has an amazing program and helps all breeds of dogs, including greyhounds. Ramona and Lucky are two GPI dogs that had surgery on their broken legs this year. Both were recipients of bone grafts from VTS. Also, some of you will remember Rocker who we sadly had to put to sleep earlier this year. Rocker went to VTS so that he could help other dogs. So read about VTS's program and should the time ever come and your dog meets the criteria for this program, please consider donating your dog's body to VTS so that he/she can help other dogs.

Moira Corrigan

One late summer day, Amy Rutledge let her four dogs out to romp in the yard behind her Lilburn, Georgia, home. Among them was Delenn, a seven year old Sheltie with a bushy tricolor coat. Up to that day, the bossy herder, with AKC and UKC obedience titles to her credit, had been enjoying middle age – chasing small critters and peppering the backyard with tiny holes. But when Rutledge called the dogs back to the house, Delenn lagged behind, limping badly.

“I thought, this doesn't look good at all,” Rutledge says. “As far as I can figure, Delenn was chasing after something and stepped into one of her own little holes and torqued her leg.” The Sheltie's injuries were serious – the femur had splintered as it broke. Delenn's regular vet employed a traditional fix: screwing an external rod into the bone above and below the break, creating a splint to hold the bones in place so that they could eventually knit back together. After two surgeries, it became clear that there was not enough bone in the gap for a full mend. Worse, the bone ends were shrinking away from each other.

Rutledge was referred to orthopedic surgical specialist Ken Greenwood at Northlake Veterinary Specialists in nearby Clarkston. “Twenty years ago, we probably would have amputated the leg. And it wouldn't have been the wrong thing this time,” Dr. Greenwood says. Instead, he suggested they try a bone transplant.

“I looked at him like, you mean they do that for dogs?” Rutledge remembers. Greenwood explained that thanks to a veterinary tissue bank in the Pacific Northwest, a customized canine bone transplant was possible. “He said Delenn had an 85% chance of being able to walk... afterwards,” Rutledge says. “And I thought, I'll take those odds.”

Greenwood used a segment of metacarpal bone (originally from the paw of a much larger dog) to bridge the break. “Delenn recovered far past my expectations,” says Greenwood.

The limb-saving bone for Delenn's surgery came from Veterinary Transplant Services, in Kent, Washington, the world's first tissue bank for canine and feline surgical procedures.

Knowing that bone grafts are such a boon in cases like Delenn's, you may wonder why it took so long to create a ready supply. On the one hand, a bone bank didn't exist before VTS because there wasn't a sufficiently large demand. On the other hand, there wasn't demand because a convenient reliable source didn't exist.

Enter Dr. Helen Newman, a tall, fast-talking redhead with a BS in biochemistry and a PhD in anatomy. After more than 16 years in banking human tissue, Newman took the necessity of her work for granted until she discovered the meager state of affairs in canine medicine.

She was drawn into the vet world by Ted Rigley, one of the lab technicians at the Northwest Tissue Center in Seattle, where she was an associate director. Rigley's beloved leopard-spotted Catahoula needed surgery for a bad case of hip dysplasia. When veterinary orthopedic specialist Ken Sinibaldi said he'd be using a plastic wedge for the operation, Rigley and Newman were flabbergasted. Dr. Sinibaldi enlightened the human tissue pros with a few realities and VTS was born.

Today, the full-fledged tissue service operates out of a renovated boat warehouse south of Seattle. VTS supplies freeze-dried or frozen bone, soft tissue and cornea grafts to veterinarians around the country, as well as in Europe, Japan, Finland, the UK, South America and Australia.

VTS products include chips and powder that can be used to fill voids caused by bone loss, gunshot wounds and tumors, and to aid in the repair of fractures. It's a lean and efficient operation, but the protocols are elaborate, based on human tissue standards that Newman learned at places like Red Cross Tissue Services. Every step of the processing history for each graft is recorded and double-checked all the way from donor to recipient.

Veterinary Transplant Services *con't*

Among these records is a complete history for Penny, a six-year-old Wheaten Terrier mix, whose body was donated to VTS. Penny had been adopted from a Seattle shelter by Diane Spaulding and named for a lucky penny Spaulding had found on the sidewalk earlier that day. She had hoped Penny would be her "retirement/lifetime dog." Unfortunately, after only nine months with Spaulding, the dog was struck and killed instantly by a truck.

The vet techs at the animal hospital where Spaulding brought Penny's blanket-wrapped body told her about VTS. "I heard about this 45 minutes after Penny died," Spaulding says. "I thought, she was so perfect, for god's sake, help any other animal. If she's a good candidate, do it."

VTS usually finds donor animals through veterinarians and some breed rescue groups. A single dog can help as many as 150 others. Ideal donors are generally young to middle-aged adults who have been vaccinated and were in good health at the time of their deaths. That means that these are often animals euthanized for irreparable trauma, intractable aggression or chronic pain. Sometimes they are healthy animals killed by a car, as was the case with Penny.

Almost immediately after the accident, Penny's corneas went to save the sight of a dog in Sherman Oaks, California. In May her femur was used to fix an intractable leg break in a one year old Sheltie in North Carolina. "It doesn't change the amount of grief," Spaulding says, "but there's just a small bit of happiness. You feel that out of this terrible tragedy with this perfect dog at least some good came."

Excerpt from : "Give a Dog a Bone" by Lisa Wogan. Bark Magazine, Fall 2005. Used with Permission.

For questions or comments, please contact Donna Clements, Donor Coordinator, Veterinary Transplant Services. Kent, WA 253-520-0771

Got Bark Ideas?

Do you have something you would like to see in the Bark? Something you would like more info on, health, food, etc?

Please email Michelle at gpi bark@shaw.ca

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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 \$250 to get most dogs ready for adoption. Some greyhounds wind up staying in foster or kennel care for longer than others for any number of reasons. 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.

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You can mail a check or money order to PO Box 891, Woodinville, WA 98072, you can call Robin at 425-481-3501 and give her your credit card info, or you can donate online through the Network For Good button on our website - www.greyhoundpetsinc.org. Your name will then be added below the dogs info as his/her sponsor.

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.

~ Muzzle for one kennel dog	\$10
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~ Vaccines for one new dog	\$25
~ One folding table for the kennel	\$50
~ Running a tick test for a new dog	\$65
~ Sponsor a kennel run (per year)	\$500
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2nd Annual Walkathon



A Greyt BIG thank you to all that took part in our Second Annual GPI Walkathon.



ADOPTED!!

April 1 through Sept. 30, 2012

Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname	Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname
4807	None	Paco	5350	Just Another Bob	Bob
4983	None	Tic Tac	5352	Seegold Finn	Finn
5071	Mulberry Dawn	Dawn	5354	Blanco Bronco	Jason
5094	DLT Kahlua	Kahlua	5358	WW Jimbo Jones	Jones
5121	None	Gail	5359	Barts Hot Harry	Harry
5135	PC's Whistletime	Time	5362	None	Pita
5143	DLT Apache Dawn	Dawn	5363	Fuzz Face Whoops	Plum
5156	Bangin Body	BB	5364	Golddust Nymph	Dusty
5157	Crackerjac Jane	Jane	5365	Sweet Zilla	Zilla
5165	Star Studded	Stud	5366	None	Velvet
5205	Foolz Gold	Ryder	5367	Major Challenge	May
5271	Kiowa Happy Boy	Happy Boy	5368	Mulberry Mimi	Mimi
5272	WTD Black Ice	Ice	5369	JW Lady Lee	Lady
5274	Atascocita Bree	Bree	5370	None	Patches
5277	Rams Kid Dundee	Kid	5371	Malibu Country	Mal
5284	Naughty Brian	Brian	5372	Unknown	Dublin
5290	PJ's Box Breaker	Breaker	5373	Smokin Fatman	Gantry
5291	AMF Special Kay	Kay	5374	DLT Growing Pain	Payne
5297	Jawa Scotch	Cosmo	5375	Dog Aflaying	Sweeper
5302	Fuzzy's Excalibur	Calib	5376	JK's Justin	Key
5312	Mad Hot Sue	Sue	5377	Heath Bar	Heath
5313	Super C Ace High	Ace	5382	Starz Equalspeer	Speer
5314	Pat C Tesla	Tesla	5383	WW's High Speed	Speedy
5315	Atascocita Chico	Chico	5384	Atascocita Hagen	Hagen
5318	Unknown	Moe	5388	Where's Klover	Klover
5320	Pat C Bombastic	Bomb	5389	Moon Lit	Waco
5325	Power Play	Power	5390	Atascocita Saxon	Saxon
5326	RayRay Dciscokid	Cisco	5392	Atascocita Brisa	Brisa
5329	Enchanted Nicky	Doug	5393	Atascocita Hotie	Hotie
5330	Atascocita Bella	Bella	5394	Atascocita Regan	Regan
5332	Hotfoot Starr	Star	5395	Atascocita Zedra	Zedra
5334	Ugo Chanel Drive	Chanel	5396	Atascocita Dot	Dot
5335	Rx Cyclone	Chloe	5397	Atascocita Hestia	Hestia
5337	Anita Girl	Anita	5398	Hotfoot Caren	Caren
5338	GV Mariah Girl	Mariah	5400	Candace Parker	Candace
5339	Flying Fanatic	Fany	5401	Bella Cameyway	Camey
5340	Atascocita Rafer	Rafer	5402	T's Baby Blue	Tabby
5341	Atascocita Ray	Ray	5403	Gloria Estefan	Gloria
5342	Atascocita Night	Night	5404	Bella Zippy Zena	Zippy
5343	Atascocita Shado	Shado	5406	Chickaboo	Chickaboo
5344	Jim Rome	Jim	5407	It's Just That Way	Way
5345	TR Jaxx	Joe	5409	None	Sara
5346	Local Dealer	Dealer	5411	Starz On Me	Starz
5347	Where's Get Sam	Sam	5413	BS Pepi	Pepi
5349	WW's Wolverine	Wolfie			

Rainbow Bridge Memorial ~ We will miss them

Notices received through October 15th, 2012

Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname	Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname
2951	Antone Malone	Antone	4544	Cmon Ez Roller	Roller
3171	Rapido Victory	Vicki	4550	Joz Kbear Kaylee	Monet
3222	Ultra Lite	Lite	4553	Regall Right Wing	Gracie
3360	D's Trojan Hoss	Hoss	4582	Slatex Snoopy	Snoopy
3508	Kiowa Zeke Mina	Sarah	4591	Tx's Solitary	Rocket
3640	Red Dawn	Dorie	4613	Regall Right Now	Muszka
3668	Kids Calvin	Calvin	4627	Razzle Me Mega	Meg
3763	Hylife Bill	Bill	4633	Sir Fox	Fox
3767	Sally's Simon	Simon	4651	Okie Rulin	Charlie
3821	Cosmo's Performer	Cosmo	4662	Cliff's Mystical	Missy
3943	NNR Jump Away	Portia	4664	KMA Tornado	Scooter
3986	Kids Denise	Denise	4700	NNR Holy Roman	Roman
4047	Big Wine Drinker	Bailey	4730	Dodds All In	Oliver
4156	Kadees Santa Fe	Duke	4731	GLS Thebuckle	Buck
4157	Westmoreland	Sisko	4737	Don L Danny Boy	Danny
4262	Freddy the Fixer	Stryder	4743	RC's Twyla	Twyla
4273	Fortified Finery	Layha	4778	Julia Martinez	Julia
4327	None	Casper	4779	Mistexas Alexis	Lexie
4372	Twilight Renee	Beya	4804	None	Gordo
4393	System RG Reggie	Reggie	4885	AA's Closer	Cozee
4401	Bruce	Elvis	4957	WB slick Jerry	Jerry
4449	Expresslane Emy	Emmy	4974	FJ Zima Twister	Sam
4490	NNR Bernice Baby	Kira	5000	Pat C Yosemite	Yosie
4506	None	Gracie	5136	Going My Way	Pete
4518	Tapmar Cuzzy	Cuzzy	5216	Star Rhea	Rhea



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 can reach Cathy Munro, our web editor,
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Kirkland Dog Biscuits	Blankets and quilts
Canned Pumpkin (not the pie filling)	Stamps (Forever)
Bleach	Glucosamine (preferably Greyhound Gang)
13-Gallon trash bags with ties	Fish Oil Capsules

If you can help with any of these items, please contact Moira Corrigan at 206-718-0475 or fastpaws@centurytel.net

The Greyhounds Thank You!

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