

THE NORTHERN BARK

"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion" -- Unknown



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



Message from the President: First, I want to thank Donna Deskin for volunteering her time and energy to revive the NGA newsletter, it has been missed. My goal for this newsletter is to maintain communication between the NGA board members and NGA members, sharing stories, photos, asking questions and networking. Most of all creating an opportunity for us to make lasting friendships. Friendships brought together by the love of a greyhound or greyhounds, because like potato chips, you can't have just one!

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Second, I want to praise everyone that makes this organization tick, Donald and Dorothy Westover, without them there would not be a Northern Greyhound Adoptions. The outstanding volunteers like Kathy and David both have given SO MUCH of their time, we cannot thank them enough. There are many others we hope to highlight in the coming issues of this newsletter. The board members, through out the years there has been so many people that have served and without them we would not be where we are today.

Northern Greyhound Adoptions is a 100% privately funded organization, which means that every penny, nickel and dime donated is needed and greatly appreciated. Time and money are the two major needs of this organization. Volunteers are our workforce, which again is greatly appreciated, we know that in this day and age everyone has a busy life style, so any time which is given to us is a gift. Thank you to all of you that have given your time to the many duties at NGA.

I personally have been with this organization since its inception in 1999. My husband and I adopted a very small female greyhound, Breeze. She is well known for her princessness! We adopted her when she was 2 1/2 years old and she is now 10! I can't imagine not having this dog or any greyhound. We lived in St Albans at the time and volunteered to do turn outs on Tuesday evenings, I always enjoyed the time, it was very Zen. I currently live in Waterbury, so making the trek to St Albans weekly does not happen, I do miss the opportunity to really get to know each grey that comes through the kennel. We have also extended our greyhound family to include two wild Italian Greyhounds, brothers named Loki and Odin, they are 6 years old.

In closing I want to ask that as members of NGA we try to raise the bar for ourselves, maybe volunteer one extra time this year, tell more people about the joys of owning a greyhound, what ever you can do to continue the work of Northern Greyhound Adoptions will be a shining moment for us all.

Please send us your stories, photos; we would love to share them!
Thanks- Cyndi

Adoptable of the Month

ARWIN



Racing name – Fanatic Ace
(Abita Simon x Fanatic Fantasy)

Red Fawn

DOB April 17th, 2002

75 lbs.

**Loves to play and get into
mischief!**

Health & Wellness

Things You and Your Veterinarian Should Know

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Greyhounds, especially those that have survived to race on the track and retire, are fundamentally healthy dogs. They do not have any hereditary problems found in some breeds. They have had some immunization shots on the track, depending on what state requirement were where they raced, or they may have been immunized at the adoption program prior to adoption. It is probably safer to assume that the shots, if any, are no longer current unless the adoption program can supply you with immunization certificates with your dog.

Because Greyhounds are kenneled with a large number of other dogs and the population is highly transient, it is very likely that your dog has whipworm or roundworms or tapeworms or all three. Despite the best efforts of even the best kennels, one infected dog can be the source of contamination for the whole kennel unless all of the dogs are quarantined all of the time. Intestinal parasites (worms) can cause blood in your dog's stool and result in general debilitation including indigestion, gas, weight loss, and dull coat. Bring a stool sample to the vet with your dog. All of these parasites are easily treated but may require some persistence. Your dog should have a bloodtest and be placed on preventive heartworm medication prescribed by your veterinarian.

Recently retired Greyhounds may suffer from depressed liver function. This appears to be a temporary condition, but one that your veterinarian should take into considerations before treating your dog.

Thyroid related symptoms appear to be common in sighthounds, including Greyhounds. The typical symptoms include thin coat and "bald thighs." Dogs recently retired may lack fur on their thighs due to rubbing against the bedding in their crate. If the condition persists after several months in your home, your dog can be tested for thyroid levels by your veterinarian. Greyhounds have no anatomical fat layer which in most other breeds acts, in part, as a filter for toxins. Commercially available flea collars should **never** be used on a Greyhound. The ingredients that kill the fleas penetrate the dogs's skin and enter the spinal column resulting in serious illness and possibly death.

Greyhounds are also especially sensitive to anesthesia and can be easily over drugged resulting in the best cases in prolonged recovery of consciousness, and heart failure and death in the worst. Your veterinarian should be aware of this tendency before conducting any procedure that requires anesthesia.

Although virtually all retired Greyhounds are fundamentally sound, they may get diarrhea as a result of changes in food or as a stress reaction. Brief periods of stress-induced colitis is not uncommon in Greyhounds making the transition into a new environment. These episodes may last from a few days to a few months depending on the dog.

For reasons of long term health and to avoid more unwanted pets, ALL adopted Greyhounds, both male and female, MUST be sexually altered (spayed or neutered). Some adoption programs have been able to provide these procedures for some of the Greyhounds before adoption. For those dogs that are intact when adopted, it is the new owners responsibility to see that the dog is altered as soon after adoption as possible.

New Couch Potatoes!

**Adopted a new pup? Here's
where we'll show him/her
off!**

In Memory

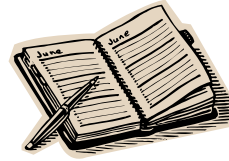
They should issue a warning when you adopt a pet that says
"Warning, this pet will worm it's way into your heart, stand by you no matter what, require nothing, take nothing, and finally have to leave you way before you're ready, no matter how old they are."

Please send us stories and pictures of your "Bridge kids" to be remembered here.

Meet our Volunteers!

We will be highlighting those special greyhound angels – otherwise known as volunteers, here.

Interested in volunteering sometime? Email odinloki@comcast.net



Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

September 16, 2007 1-6pm

'Shelburne Museum goes to the Dogs' - Shelburne Museum, Shelburne - sponsored by PetFood Warehouse

September 16, 2007 – Can't make it to Shelburne? Then visit our Yard sale at the kennel

Demos at PetFood Warehouse almost every weekend, (as long as we have someone to volunteer). Their website is <http://www.pfwvt.com/>

OCTOBER

Pumpkin sales throughout October at all of the demos and at the kennel – Check the website calendar for more information! www.northerngreyhoundadoptions.org

We could use people for all events! Bring your grey, your kids, friends, we ask that you can give us a couple of hours of your time. These types of events give NGA the opportunity to educate the public about greyhounds; we also use these demos to raise money. As we get closer to winter and our opportunities for demos slow down, this is a great opportunity to boost NGA's purse. NGA is 100% privately funded non-profit organization.

PetFood Warehouse will once again offer Santa Day (pictures with Santa) a portion of the proceeds benefit NGA. More info to come!

Event Recap – 2007 Reunion – a greyt success!

See page 5 for photos!

Deer Joe



Deer Joe,
I hear you have a column in the NGA Newsletter. Please let us know your qualifications.
Curious in Canada

Deer Mr. Curious
I am a very worldly and intellect, um intilleckehual um smart. That is probably why I was given this opportunity. You sound kinda jealous, Mr. Curious. You wouldn't be a red fawn going by the name of Logan would you?

Now, if any of you hounds out there have a reel question for me – please send it to me at chilidog@t-legs.com and I will reply to it heer in this column. Pictures are always accepted!

Greyhound Fun Stuff!

Greyt Quotes:

"In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog that will worship him and a cat that will ignore him."
-- Dereke Bruce, Taipei, Taiwan

Greyspeak – words that usually can only define our greys

Sighthound: Sighthounds are dogs of the Greyhound type which hunt game by sight. Their focus on distant objects is very sharp. Please note that they also have an excellent sense of smell, but not as highly developed as the scent hounds, such as the Bloodhound. Generally included in this group are the Greyhound, Saluki and other desert breeds, Ibizan, Pharoah, Whippet, Irish Wolfhound, Scottish Deerhound, Borzoi (Russian Wolfhound), Afghan Hound, Italian Greyhound, Rhodesian Ridgeback, and Lurcher. Some definitions also include the Basenji. But don't forget, Greyhounds are the fastest of all dogs."

Three horses were bragging about their race averages.

"I won 5 out of 20 races" said the first horse.

"Oh yeah, I won 15 out of my 30" said the second.

"Hah, I won 50 out of 60" said the third.

Hiding behind a hay bale a greyhound was listening in on the conversation. He steps into view and says, "Well I won 99 out of 100 of my races".

The third horse looks at the second horse and says

"WOW!!...A talking dog!"

Kennel Needs

We are in need of support, particularly during our turn-out schedule at the kennel. Times we especially need your help are 6-8am, 11am-1pm, 5-7pm and 9-11 pm If you, or someone you know, would like to volunteer their time to help Northern Greyhound Adoptions, please call Dorothy at (802) 524-6659

Wanted:

Volunteer coordinator – contact Cyndi at 802-244-0666 or odinloki@comcast.net

2007 Reunion Pictures!



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A word about the newsletter

First off I'd like to thank Cyndi and
the entire Board for giving me this
opportunity to help the kennel by
keeping people informed with this
Newsletter! Secondly, with each
issue I hope to be able to bring
you newsworthy articles,
educational insights, and sometime
funny sometime sad stories about
the one thing that we all have in
common – our greyhounds! Please
feel free to forward any stories,
pictures, anecdotes and
suggestions for stories you may
have to me sos@chilipaper.com or
to Cyndi odinloki@comcast.net

Thanks!

Donna

COMING UP NEXT -

OUR

HOWL-O-WEEN ISSUE



CONTEST!!!!

WE WANT PICTURES OF YOUR HOWL-O-WEEN PUPS FOR OUR NEXT ISSUE!

WE'LL INCLUDE THEM HERE AND HAVE YOU SELECT THREE WINNERS!

Forward them to Cyndi (odinloki@comcast.net)
or Donna (sos@chilipaper.com)