



Greymatters

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Olie is one of the Greyhound representatives at the Pet Expo 2009 held in St. John's, NL



Morris Needs a Home



submitted Photo

To those of you who haven't had the pleasure yet, meet Morris. He is about 6 years old, maybe 75-80 lbs, all black except for a white patch on his chest. He has very expressive ears. He is VERY social and LOVES people! Especially men (which is not usually the norm, sorry guys!). Morris was adopted about 3 1/2 years ago, but his owners had to move and are unable to accommodate him. He is currently being fostered in a home with another greyhound, and a Bichon (small dog), and no crating necessary. He was previously in a home with cats and birds and was not crated there either. He is a huge favourite with the kids next door. He attended the Expo this past month and LOVED it! He tested negative for Babesia and the other tick-borne diseases.

Morris would do well in the home where there are not too many creatures competing for attention but would make a wonderful companion for another laid back grey who could care less if he takes all the attention!. He is VERY affectionate and likes to be in the middle of things, and he responds well to limit setting. There are no feeding issues; he is very gentle with treats from the hand. He is also gentle with his toys. Morris loves to go for walks, but is also content with a few circles around the backyard. He is completely housebroken and will let you know if he needs/wants to go out.

It gets said a lot, but it is true for his adoptive family that if they did not already have 2 dogs they would adopt Morris in a minute. If you are interested in adopting Morris, or know someone who might, please e-mail me and I can arrange for you to meet him.

Thanks everyone. Also, the adoption fee for Morris would be in the form of a donation back to the NL group.

Please contact Lynanne at lyfurlong@yahoo.com

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Please send ads to greymatters@straylight.ca and forward

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343 West Petpeswick Rd,
Musquodoboit, NS
B0J 2L0

\$10.00 - ¼ page ad
\$15.00 _ banner ad
(across the top or
bottom of a page)
\$20.00 - ½ page ad
\$35.00 - full page ad

Photo by Greg Locke

Ten Peeves That Dogs Have About Humans

1. Blaming your farts on me... not funny...not funny at all!
2. Yelling at me for barking. I'M A FRIGGIN'DOG
3. Taking me for a walk, then not letting me check stuff out. Exactly whose walk is this anyway?
4. Any trick that involves balancing food on my nose. Stop it!
5. Any haircut that involves bows or ribbons. Now you know why we chew your stuff up when you're not home.
6. The sleight of hand, fake fetch throw. You fooled a dog! Whooo Hoooo what a proud moment for the top of the food chain.
7. Taking me to the vet for 'the big snip', then acting surprised when I freak out every time we go back!
8. Getting upset when I sniff the crotches of your guests. Sorry, but I haven't quite mastered that handshake thing yet.
9. Dog sweaters. Hello! Haven't you noticed the fur?
10. How you act disgusted when I lick myself. Look, we both know the truth. You're just jealous.

Now lay off me on some of these things. We both know who's boss here!
You don't see me picking up your poop do you?

EVERY DOG HAS HIS DAY. A DOG ALWAYS OFFERS UNCONDITIONAL LOVE.
CATS HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT!

submitted by: Angela Seguin

PAW PRINTS FOR GREY'T PALS - ORDER FORM

Family Name _____
Hound Name 1 _____
Hound Name 2 _____
Hound Name 3 _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - STAMP INK WILL BE PERMANENT

Please include cash, check or money order payable to GPAC

All Proceeds to the Sparkle Fund

Send to: GPAC 343 West Petpeswick Rd. Musquodoboit, NS B0J 2L0

Tips of the Month



Helping Your Dog Cope with Loud Thunder and Fireworks

Fear of loud noises, especially thunder and fireworks, is a common phobia in dogs. It's usually displayed by hiding, whining, barking, pawing or even urination. Trying to help your dog cope with loud noises is important because the anxiety usually gets progressively more pronounced with age. A dog suffering from a fear of thunderstorms may begin to display anxious behavior before the thunder begins. Rain on the roof of the house, bright flashes of light or even the drop in air pressure before a storm may be enough to trigger anxiety. It is important not to punish your dog for being anxious, but equally important not to cuddle too much.

Punishing your dog will just create more fear and anxiety because thunder will then be associated with both fear and punishment

Cuddling or comforting your dog too much isn't a good idea because it teaches your dog that anxious behavior is appropriate

Instead, first provide your dog with a safe place to seek refuge. Dog crates, under a bed or under a chair are common hiding places for a dog. Your dog chooses these places because she feels protected and the noise of thunder or fireworks is muffled. If your dog has not already picked out a place, provide one. Try leaving a few treats in a safe place to encourage your dog to go there.

Try desensitizing your dog to loud noises so the sound becomes normal. This is usually done by playing recorded thunder at a low volume and in short intervals while you monitor your dog's behavior. Try to distract your dog while the noise is present by playing fetch or engaging in some sort of enjoyable activity. If your dog is too frightened to participate, you need to turn down the intensity of your thunder stimulus and try again later. This process is long and requires patience, but in the end your dog will be much more comfortable during a storm.

Thanks to Angela Seguin for submitting the tips each month.

Dog Sitter Needed

We need someone to take care of Chase from Friday, July 17 to Sunday, August 2.

In case there's no one in the group who can take care of him, do you know of a kennel that could look after him while we are away?

If anyone can help please contact Colleen Stockley at cstockley@gov.nl.ca

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Check Out These Interesting Sites

<http://http://www.dogage.com/care/tipoftheweek.aspx>
www.mammouthoutlet.ca

If you know of any interesting internet sites you would like to share send them in to greymatters@straylight.ca

Sky High Amusements and GPAC-NL Team Up



Left to right - Peter Dean with Skylar, Buster and Dasher, Pat Corbett with Tucker, Gaylene Humby with Shadow and Enzo, Jeff Serrick with Cicero and Oliver, Heather Pitcher with Sophie, Owner/Operator of Sky High Amusements Paulette Samson with JD and Anne Marie Bishop with Kiya

SPARKLE CUP NOMINATION BALLOT

I NOMINATE _____ OF
_____ TO BE THE NEXT SPARKLE CUP VOLUNTEER
OF THE YEAR. I BELIEVE THAT THIS PERSON IS DESERVING OF
THE AWARD BECAUSE;

Send Nomination Ballot to:
GPAC
343 West Petpeswick Road
Musquodoboit Harbour, NS
B0J 2L0



The crowds turned out to support Greyhounds and have a great time.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time, to all those who turned out their pockets for Greyhounds and to Sky High Amusements for making it happen.

Check out the following pages for more images from Bowring Park, NL.





Sky High Amusements provided a huge selection of bouncy rides for the day, this is just a few of them.

Sharon & Paul Gosse operated their Hot Dog stand and were quite popular throughout the day.

At the end of the day it was time for the volunteers to let loose. Here are Lynanne & Paulette doing just that with Mya looking on. (bottom left)





GPAC Recycling Program (Fundraiser)-NS

- Karen's Recycling** 805 Highway #7, Dartmouth, NS 435-7811
- Fader's Bottle Exchange**, 15 Sackville Cross Road, L Sackville, NS 864-4343
- Tanners Recycling**, 6393 Bayne St., Halifax, NS 454-4888
- Enviro Depot**, Water Street, Yarmouth
- Enviro Depot**, 12A Rosedale Ave, Dartmouth Nova Scotia



GPAC Recycling Program - NL

GPAC Newfoundland has an account set up with Ever Green recycling-3 locations within the city of St. John's. All you do is when you bring in your returns, ask to have the money placed into the GPAC account.

Karen McDonald
Fundraising Co-ordinator
Greetings Everyone!

Newsletter Submission Deadline Dates & Information

The Deadline for Submissions is: the **20th of each month** for the next issue. Any late submissions will go in the next issue.

The following are a list of technical requirements for e-mail submissions: I can accept:

- .jpg JPEG image format
- .tif Tiff image format (2 Meg max file size)
- .pdf Adobe Acrobat format
- .doc MS-Word files (without embedded images)
- .wpd Wordperfect file (no embedded photos or graphics)
- .doc Lotus Word Pro file (no embedded photos/graphics)

Send your submissions to:
E-mail greymatters@straylight.ca

CANNOT ACCEPT COREL DRAW FILES or IMAGES EMBEDDED IN WORD DOCUMENTS.

I Want to Make a Difference

1. I have enclosed my donation of \$ _____
 - To help Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada place ex-racing greyhound s into adoptive homes and promote public awareness of greyhounds as pets.
 - To the "Sparkle Fund" to help pay veterinary costs for dogs that are returned to our program or those dogs coming off the track that need extra medical attention.
 - To the "Kennel Fund" to help GPAC realize their dream of a kennel to hold dogs coming off the track.
 - To the newsletter to help defray the costs of postage, copying, and supplies.
2. I am interested in more information on volunteering in my area.
3. I am interested in fostering a retired racing greyhound.

Name _____
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 City _____ Prov. _____ Postal Code _____
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Send to: Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada. 343 West Petpeswick Road, Musquodoboit Harbour, NS B0J 2L0
 Please make cheques payable to "Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada." Tax receipts issued for all donations of \$10.00 or more.