

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



The newsletter of **Northern Greyhound Adoptions!**
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.



HAPPY HOWLOWEEN



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Pampered pets dress up for Halloween

From catnip-filled pumpkins to pirate costumes for furry friends

NEW YORK - On past Halloween holidays, 9-year-old Rosie has worn a tutu and dressed up as a bumblebee, joining millions of American children trick-or-treating over the holiday.

This year, as age catches up with her, the English bulldog will just be wearing a T-shirt to match her "dad," Justin Rudd.

"Traditionally, she's a ballerina and she wears a tutu and pearls," said 37-year-old Rudd, who lives in Long Beach, California and shepherds Rosie around in a carpeted "chariot" tied to his bicycle.

Rudd, who said he typically spends around \$50 on Rosie's Halloween costume, is one of a growing number of "pet parents" willing to dig deep into their pockets to buy their furry pals creative Halloween costumes and tasty holiday treats.

According to the National Retail Federation (NRF), American consumers are expected to spend \$4.96 billion on Halloween-related merchandise this year, up from \$3.96 billion a year ago.

'Super Dog'

Phoenix-based PetSmart, the largest U.S. retailer of pet food and supplies, is rolling out 12 costumes for dogs this year, including Superman, Darth Vader and a "Devil Dog Hood."

The company is also carrying six styles of "cat hats" for feline lovers who'd like to get the often temperamental creatures into the spirit of the Halloween holiday.

"Some cats have no problem wearing it and are perfectly comfortable," Friedman said. "Others wear it for a little bit, take a picture and are done."

Rival retailer Petco Animal Supplies Inc. is also stocking pet costumes. Its pumpkin and pirate costumes for dogs are two of its top-selling items, according to the company's Web site. "Every year (pet costumes) get more and more popular," said Shari Maxwell, co-owner of online store Annie's Costumes. The online shop offers more than 100 different pet costumes so that cats and dogs can dress up as everything from superheroes to firemen, brides and even French chamber maids --frilly aprons, skimpy skirts and all.

Last year the company sold more than 8,000 pet costumes. This year, it expects to sell at least 11,000.

The most popular choice for both children and pets this Halloween is expected to be pirate costumes due to the success of the Hollywood blockbuster "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest."

Last year, the "Yoda Dog" took the top spot at Annie's Costumes online store as Star Wars fans sought to dress their dogs as the wisest Jedi. The growing popularity in pet Halloween costumes is giving new meaning to the tradition of trick-or-treating. Contests for pets dressed in Halloween costumes are springing up across America this year and most are offering the winning animals goody bags filled with their favorite treats.

At the Haute Dog Howl'oween Parade in Long Beach, the dog voted to have the best costume wins a yearly supply of dog food, said Rudd, who spearheads the event. The parade attracts nearly 600 dogs in costumes ranging from cowboys and firefighters, to pumpkins and devils. "An octopus was pretty cool," said Rudd, laughing. "There's always chicken dogs in the parade for some reason."



Diary Of A 'Socially Challenged' Greyhound (Part 4 - Continued from last edition)

- by Bandit aka Bo

**** *It is early morning. It has been 2 moons since Bo was ripped from all he knows and understands. My belly aches!*

All is quiet except for the low drone of two-legger voices that are here but not here, real but not real. The rest of the pack is in the living room sleeping, foster mom is upstairs sleeping also. Bo is all by himself, which is just fine with him right now. Except.....

MY BELLY ACHES!! Oh God!! My belly ACHES REALLY BAD!! Silently.....

PLEASE lemme 'OUT'! Please lemme out. Oh please! Please! Open the door! Open the door! Oh God! Oh no! Too late! Too late!

The sound of his silent cries finally escape his throat, try as he might he can not stop them. Bo's terrible cries wake the 'others'. They hear, see, and smell his shame. One by one they begin to ROOOO.

*He tries to cover up his mess, but it's everywhere. **WHAT is WRONG with me? I tried to wait, really I did! I just couldn't do it! I tried REALLY hard!** All he can do is stand in it and wait. **What will happen next!?!***

There are sounds of movement overhead. She is awakened by the sounds of the group roo.

Oh God! This could get ugly! What will happen? Will she YELL? Will she do worse?! Oh No! Lemme OUT! Lemme OUT! Open the door! Open the door! Open the door!

*She opens the door, but only a tiny bit. She reaches in to take his collar. **Oh God! Oh No!! This time he doesn't move to the back. I WANT OUT! Don't TOUCH me! Don't LOOK at me either! Just want OUT! I gotta GO! Belly ACHES! Lemme OUT! Lemme OUT! LEMME OUT! Please.....***

*She's got him by the collar, his feet are scrambling on bare floor. "Poor baby! Relax, Easy." , she murmurs quietly. **Got to HURRY! Got to GO!***

She turns him loose at the door to the pen, he and the rest of the pack go about their business, while she goes about cleaning his crate and replacing his bedding. She assumes that this is the usual new arrival bout of mild diarrhea and that it will resolve itself in a day or so. The stress of the long journey coupled with the new environment. The food is the same, she purposely bought the same food he'd been getting at the adoption kennel. She is blissfully unaware that it will last far longer than a day or 2.

This time when she opens the door to let them all in Bo joins the others. He has figured out to follow them and they will know what to do and when. He avoids bringing attention to himself in this way, which is what he wants right now. He scrambles in the door and across the slippery bare floor, bounding into his crate. Magically clean now.

I smell FOOD! YAH!!! FOOD!! FOOD!! FOOD!! I want FOOD! *She places a dish in the crate and closes the door again. **FOOD!!!***

OH! MY! GOD!!! WHAT is THAT!?!?? Oh NO!!

He looks at his food dish with horror, as if the 'thing' in it will jump out and bite him!

Oh geez, there's something in my food! Something in my food, something in my food..... What do I do? What do I do? WHAT DO I DO!?

He's beside himself, he wants the food so badly, but the scary 'monster' is sitting right on top and in the way.

"It's pumpkin, you silly boy. It'll make your tummy feel better.", SHE says.

What is 'pumpkin'?

He eventually eats what he can without touching the 'monster'. Bo is already getting a bit used to the rhythm here of meals, turn-outs and quiet time in the crate. The crate is the only thing that is familiar to him, all else is different and scary. His tail is now untucked and he has stopped shaking. He is relaxing now a little bit in the crate, but that is about to change. It seems that just as he begins to get used to things something changes.

... To be continued in our December Issue

Vendor Spotlight!

GREYTSTOCKINGS

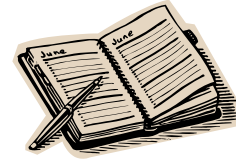


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Calendar of Events

November

Greyhound Planet Day (T-Legs) – November 1st 10 – 4
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
420 Sparks St. Ottawa, ON

National Pet Show (T-Legs) – November 29, 30
November 29 – 10:00 am – 10:00 pm
November 30 – 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Olympic Stadium, Montreal
<http://www.snac.ca/montreal.htm>

“Pictures with Santa” Day – November 29 – 30
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
PetFood Warehouse on Williston Rd. in South Burlington.

November/December – Wreath Sales – dates to be advised

And Beyond!

NGA is always at PetFood Warehouse, both locations Williston Rd and Shelburne Rd, as often as we have people to man the tables. We also like to be at PetCo every six weeks. The meet & greets are a lot of fun, talking with people about the greyhound, introducing a greyhound to people and just enjoying yourself!

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.

T-Legs **

For more info on the Quebec events don't hesitate to call us at 514-239-2513 or send an email to greytleader@t-legs.com

Deer Joe



Deer Joe,

Do hounds who raced more make better pets?

Questioningly yours,

A. Nonymous

Deer Whoebber

Tanks fur your qwestchin. Let me try to 'splain dat as best I can.

All raisin dogs make the most eggsellent of pets reegardliss of how many erases they ran (or in certain cases, strolled).

Take my noo sisser Miz Greta fur sample. Miz Greta erased almost **too hunnered** races. Does that make her a bedder pet than me, yours trooley? No ob course KNOT! I just makes her more tired!

I was smart! I erased only 3 races and came in last ebbry time. I wood come outta the box and look arownd and decide I did KNOT want to run that day. Or I wood see a pretty flutterby and go over to look at it. OR (most ofda timbe) I wood haveta pee so I wood stop to take care of my bizniss. That was the end of my raisin career! I gots to go home erlee, and relaks on my sowfa.

So the morale of this artickle is "adopt a greyhound – we like sofas!"

Tank you!
Yoor pal Joe

Have a question for me – please send it to childog@t-legs.com and I will reply to it heer in this column. Pictures are always asepted!

Greyhound Fun !

Greyt Quotes:

"Women and cats will do as they please and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea."
-- Robert A. Heinlein

Greyspeak – words that usually can only define our greys

Needle Nose: Have you ever actually looked at a greyhound profile? They have loooong, needle like noses, with a pointy end, all the better to greet you with. (see crotch rocket)

Crotch Rocket: In reference to the pointyness of greyhound noses, their most favorite place to put them while greeting you, is right in your . . . er - well, crotch, which can be quite surprising for guests who have never been greeted quite so intimately before <g>!



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

Needed: Blankets!



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A word about the newsletter

First off I'd like to thank 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
sometimes funny sometimes sad
stories about the one thing that we
all have in common – our
greyhounds! Please feel free to
forward any stories, pictures,
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Thanks!

Donna

Coming up next – Our Howl-iday Issue



Got pictures?? Got stories??
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