



Greyhound Rescue of New York

Months of 2011 Newsletter

November

Greyhounds care little that there are a few colored leaves yet to fall from the trees, but the changing of the clocks will occur this weekend.

As I view it, this time change is somewhat easier to get the greyhound use to, because one of their favorite things will occur, getting fed meals an hour earlier. Speaking of things being earlier

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I needed to put another flea/tick application on the greyhounds and cat again this month; what a crazy year, the swamps of mosquitoes seem to have been replaced by the influx of those nasty little creatures: fleas and ticks. An ounce of prevention, whichever brand you choose, is for your benefit as much as it is for the greyhounds.

Also speaking of prevention, I would like to thank you for sending in updates with your emails and addresses, and for keeping the brass tags with our 877 number on your greyhound's collar. None of us expect that moment of escape, but should it happen, there will be a phone number trail back to you.

Also, a reminder that 2012 greyhound calendars, wall or desk, are now available for purchase. Plus, there are only two awareness clinics this month, clinics will again resume in January. However Santa pet pictures begin with the first weekend in December. GRoNY will be at Saratoga the first weekend, great time to get a family photo for holiday greetings. Remember to let your friends and family know about the pet pictures dates too.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and please remember a greyhound's nose is able to reach the top of table. Even a senior who knows he or she is not to do so, just may try.

Until next month

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October

This has been the year of complete weather changes, very quickly. Mother Nature has turned her weather knob and once again splashed beautiful color on our tree leaves, accompanied by cooler temperatures.

Speaking of a splash of color, do you still have your brass tag on your greyhound's collar? While on vacation in Dewey Beach with two other directors, one of GRoNY's worst fears occurred: a call regarding a lost greyhound; and because of that brass tag with our 877 number, a lost greyhound was able to get back home quickly. So take a moment to check your greyhound's collar to be sure it is there; if you need another one, just email us. Plus does GRoNY have your updated information: new house address, did you change emails, or no longer have a home line and only use your cell phone, let us know. GRoNY is not intrusive; we just want to get your greyhound safely back home to you in the unexpected event that they get loose.

GRoNY is gearing up for Santa pictures, so if you need a family picture for a holiday greeting card, think of stopping by, dates and places are listed on the website. In addition, let your family and friend know that pictures are not just for greyhounds, it is for all loved family members.

Another reminder, this is the beginning of rake or scrap season, I give this warning with a bit of a snicker grin on my face because I've had to scrap already, didn't expect leaves to be off the trees yet, in Delaware they are still mostly green trees.

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September

Not my normal newsletter chatter, because two words earthquake and hurricane, not often related to being in the news here in the northeast area.

It has been a week of telephoning, emailing and checking in on members, and I've still more to call and talk with however thought the newsletter would be able to reach more members faster.

So to those I have not talked to yet, you are in GRoNY's thoughts, and you are extended family and as long as you didn't change your telephone number, I'll be calling at some point, or you can just save yourself from that and check in with GRoNY. Joy is doubled and Sadness divided when shared. This week has been both for GRoNY.

I promise to send a normal, chatter newsletter shortly.

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August

With canopies set up, x-pens available for greyhounds to rest, tables to sit at and one full of delicious food, GRoNY members and greyhound came to give us another wonderful memory. As always thanks to our wonderful cooks for their expertise, and for our members for sharing their side dishes and salads.

Thank you to all who have been emailing regarding GRoNY's annual picnic return to Kelly Park. After three years away, it was nice to once again have the creek for the greyhounds to cool off in, a new pavilion' much larger than before with many electrical outlets, which were used for cooling fans for the greyhounds. The children and young at heart were able also to enjoy the beautiful playground adjacent to the pavilion.

This year there were not as many greyhounds that dunk for biscuits this year, but many thanks and kudos to Abby for willingly helping to demonstrate again and again just how to retrieve the sunken biscuit, or piece of chicken.

Hope you share your pictures with us of your captured moments, or tell GRoNY about an activity that you enjoyed.

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July

Oh what a wonderful life of a greyhound, playing in the back yard, soaking up the warm of the sun, splashing in the pool, eating grass and regurgitating it after coming back inside. Is it their way of saying 'thanks', perhaps, hounds are always communicating with us. One member is convinced her greyhound has a shoe faddish, because shoes are always disappearing.

As I now think about it, unless I block off my sewing room, my hounds seem to enjoy stealing my spoons of thread, which I am secretly glad because it is not my fabric they touch. So the next time your greyhound does a form of communication, (i.e. cozying up on your side of the couch, or wiping their face off on the side of couch, or my absolute favorite, the coach roach pose; all are their way of say 'I love you' and thanks for adopting me and making me part of the family. That being said . . .

July always comes in with a bang, a boom and that is just the first weekend, then sparkle and

glitter will be at the end of the month, GRoNY's annual picnic. GRoNY is trying something a little different; this year there will be an additional table with pet related garage sale items. If you have some slightly used, not in use items you would like to donate for sale, you can bring them to the clinic on the July 9th, or if you are attending the picnic, you can bring them on the July 31st. All the familiar events will still be held, from Dunkin' for Biscuits, Golden Bone Awards, to the ever creative costume contest.

As most of us do, I mark events and appointments on my calendar, I would hope for myself it is because I do not want to double book but lately it maybe because I don't want to forget. So GRoNY is hoping you mark your calendar to be with us at the picnic, so mark your calendar.

Hope to see you there . . .

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June

This past weekend included splashing in the pool, playing in the backyard, resting in the shade and drooling as the smell of hamburgers, and chicken cooked on the barbeque; my greyhounds know how to enjoy life outside after sleeping in an air conditioned house and laying on soft pillows. Their favorite form of exercise is tail wagging, play bowing or side to side bouncing, and running. Although bowls of water with ice cubes are brought outside for drinking, more often the pool is the victim of emptying by thirsty greyhounds.

Before I get too distracted, for those who sometimes do not look at the GRoNY website, the date of the picnic is July 31st . Whatever direction you will be coming from, the webmaster put a link to a Google map. All the familiar awards and game favorites will be on the schedule, and practicing is suggested and permitted, because not all greyhounds understand Dunkin for Biscuits, although I understand because if you tossed a piece of my favorite chocolate in a basin of water, hmmm I'd be thinking you were crazy too.

Remember to protect your greyhounds and yourselves, mosquitoes and ticks have been attacking everyone, canine and human. It seems they have migrated to the suburbs and backyard and are not just in the wooden areas anymore. Be sure to get your tick puller behind the head and little legs of the tick or you will just be pulling off the body and leaving the worse part still embedded in yourself or your greyhound.

GRoNY is still selling Great Escape tickets for \$19.99, greyt price for a fun day.

Until next month,

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April

Last month I mentioned about cabin fever and how my greyhounds were going in circles, and then it occurred to me that this occurrence was just before we turn the clocks ahead for daylight saving time. If you've read a few of the GRoNY newsletters, a greyhound's memory and internal clock are amazing. Greyhound memories for our schedules of waking up, kids coming home from school are astonishing when you first realize this oddity is occurring. Perhaps last month circling cabin fever greyhounds were the hounds' internal clock reminding me, as did the news media, I should turn my physical clock in the kitchen ahead.

Note to self, mark physical calendar to watch which way greyhounds circle in the fall.

Has the bright sunlight brought daydreams of the GRoNY annual picnic? What do you mean no, okay here is a hint, it is only four months until the picnic in July. At times anticipation of seeing the greyhounds and their humans is dwarfed by stress of will everything be just right. Of course then I have a few glasses of wine and remember, its a greyhound get together and it always good. Plus now that I have your attention, with regards to the picnic, the location is going to be back to Kelly Park in Ballston Spa. A new pavilion has been built, there are picnic tables, and of course, a favorite with many greyhounds and members, the creek will provide greyhounds and members a place to cool off in between all the fun picnic activities. The playground is larger than the previous Menands location and there is also an enclosed dog run. More updates as time gets closer.

Until next month, grab a leash and make your greyhound happy with a walk.

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March

A little bit of sunshine coming in the window has my greyhounds thinking it is warm enough to be outside. Cabin fever is common this time of year and as yet there is no vaccine available. Symptoms can appear very quickly, and are contagious if you have more than one greyhound. First signs would be the greyhound goes in circles, playfully bounces about, tossing a stuffie up and catching it, then squeaking the stuffie., before beginning once again going in a circle. Treatment for this 'fever' is a large enough area, and enough time to let the greyhound continue until they are tired and lay down. Other optional treatments would be a ride in the car to Petsmart, or a brisk walk.

Somehow even with high snow-banks and blustery March winds, there is a smile on my face

because on the calendar it indicates our clinic on the third Sunday of the month, Spring begins ! Not sure we will be able to wear T-shirts but perhaps we may be able to have sneakers on instead of boots.

Brief as it may be, that's all for this month.

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February

Okay who forgot to turn off the snow switch ?! My 5 foot fence is now looking like a baby gate size. However, there is a plus to new snow, it covers the yellow and brown spots, or at least for a little while. Then like most of my fellow greyhound owners, the shoveling the path to a favorite spot needs to be done. Then the second half of the comedy routine begins, the deck (if you have one) becomes a snowy slip slid for greyhounds trying to get back inside to their warm favorite pillow or for that delicious treat for doing their business. With that mental vision in your head, now an even funnier vision, the look your greyhound gives you when they slip and fall, as if you put out your foot to trip them. Plus I need to remember to have camera in hand as I try to communicate to a foster greyhound, which has just come off the track, to slow down, two words not in any greyhound vocabulary, least of all a newbie.

Lots of activities, from picnic to fundraisers, are now in the planning, so if you have a favorite to list on your greyhound calendar, check the events page for date listings.

I mentioned fundraisers, one of which will be GRoNY again selling fundraiser tickets to the Great Escape for a small price of \$19.99. I'll be sending more detail information shortly; however, I'm taking orders for those tickets beginning now.

The camaraderie of greyhounds and greyhound owners is very apparent at any event; especially if greyhounds are allow to attend. Moreover even if the greyhounds are not allowed at some events, like proud parents, cell phones are promptly clicked to produce photos; both fur kids and skin kids. A mixture of many backgrounds blended with an encircling love of similar interests; perhaps you should think about attending an event this year.

Time for me to close, let's hope that Punxsutawney Phil predicts an early spring, and even more so, the weather delivers one.

Until next time, stay safe and warm.

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January

Each year as the holiday get close, there is a flurry of activities. There are holiday pictures and cards, this year also for GRoNY brought two new fosters to the mix, however the most interesting one is decorating the tree, or placing the Menorah somewhere safe to be lit. Those of us who have enjoyed many years of greyhound ownership have created many interesting ways to balance the decorations verses the high-speed wagging tail or the dancing backward hound. No these are not new yoga positions, but a burst of affection given to you by your greyhound. To experience this burst of affection is seeing the phrase bull in a china shop visualize to reality.

My reaction goes from OMG and Oh No to panic mother checking to make sure the greyhound, not the decoration, is okay and safe. That is why there is after Christmas sales, to replenish broken decorations or perhaps find new ones made of wood, or cement. On a recent bus trip to NYC with a side tour of Dyker Heights in Brooklyn, there was a house with an upside down Christmas tree, hooked from the ceiling, now that is a new way of dealing with the endangered decoration dilemma.

Doreen and I send our sincere thanks to everyone who came to Santa pictures, to our photographers Melanie and Daryl, plus our biggest thanks to our volunteer Santas: Kurt, Don and Jer. Not that there is a score card, however this years Santa with the most visitors was Don. All Santas' laps were left dry, and were exotic animal free this year, Ho Ho Ho there were smiling Santas.

As 2010 comes to a close, GRoNY looks forward to starting a new year of activities. To mention a few: awareness clinics, annual picnic (which continues to grow, thanks to our members), the Vegan Expo and the best activity, interacting with our members.

That all for this newsletter, Happy New Year, and be safe.

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