



# *Greyhound Rescue of New York*

## Months of 2012 Newsletter

### December

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving. I was enjoying mine in New York City, watching, yelling and having a blast at the Macy's Day Parade. My fur kids watched for us on the TV with their hound-sitter. I'm sure they tried to find us, however no one would be spotted in that mass of people.

Finally, waiting time is over and new greyhounds will be arriving December 1; there will be newbie pictures posted on the website as soon as possible. We know a few details about them, but for now, I will let you know that there are two males and one female. So remember to check the website mid week for updates.

Also, just a reminder that GRoNY is scheduled to do Santa pictures, and if you need a family photo for a card, GRoNY first date is December 2 at Clifton Park.

There are still 2013 calendars available for purchase; they make a wonderful Christmas gift for friends and family.

Need to get ready for Santa pictures and the newbies. That all for this month and for this year.

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### November

Chilly greetings members. Not sure about you, but sadly, my brain is still in vacation mode and refusing to accept this time change and brisk temperature. Well, refusing to accept, that is, until I go outside in a t-shirt. Yes then is when my brain reacts quickly to accept at least the temperature change.

The Harvestfest in Stillwater was wonderful and GRoNY was thrilled to have many visitors, both canine and human. We had treats for the fur kids and skin kids, all who entertained us with their wonderful costumes and GRoNY looks forward to being part of this event next year. Attached is a picture of our scarecrow

Have you flipped the page on your 2012 Celebrating Greyhound calendar? If you have then you know it is time to order the 2013 Celebrating Greyhound calendar. The calendars are available now. You will be able to paw print event dates, so not to forget and help GRoNY enjoy each adventure together.

I know everyone has been checking in to the website regarding new fosters, and GRoNY was anticipating newbies to be arriving. Time of the haul has been delayed, because safety for people and hounds are more of a priority now. GRoNY extends our hearts and thoughts to those who are dealing with so much destruction in the wake of hurricane Sandy.

Pull out the flannels and GRoNY sweatshirts for yourself and I'm sure your greyhounds will eventually need their coats on longer walks. Stay warm, that all for this month.

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## **September**

Hello again members.

Either the heat fired my brain cells, or I was bit by too many mosquitoes, so the newsletter took a hiatus. Hope you missed it.

During the sizzling heat, the hounds were digging holes to middle earth by the fence to lie down in, or soaking in the pool before digging holes, and then we all would head inside to the extra comfort of air conditioning.

Despite the rumors, GRoNY still does get new foster greyhounds. The northeast heat index was high, however southern states were even higher; which kept haulers from endangering the transport of newbies. GRoNY is looking forward to the arrival of new fosters, so check the website in October.

Also the 2013 calendars have been ordered and will be available very shortly. Send an email if you would like to purchase a wall calendar, a desk calendar, or both.

My greyhounds are letting me know there is a break in the rain, or they need to go, either way, it is time to stop typing and get them outside.

Until next month

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**July**

Hello July. Oh I know I'm time challenged lately, but I get so distracted doing stuff; fireworks, fairs, being with friends. This is one of my favorite times of year, and the best is still on its way.

Yes, I am talking about the GRoNY picnic. Although this year's picnic will have fewer activities, there will still be enough. The board of directors had their last meeting to finalize plans, and one of the event games is being brought back; it was called dunkin however for some greyhounds it turned into scuba diving. So, for those who voiced a complaint or protest as if were, that event will be back with an updated change. Plus GRoNY is still working on a few other items of interest to provide you with an enjoyable afternoon, but mostly this year GRoNY is not trying to overload our members with so many activities and games. If we do get too boring for you, there is the creek for cooling off, which most of the greyhounds really enjoy.

Try and send one of the directors an email, to let us know if you may be coming, so that enough food will be purchased.

Hope to hear from you

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**June**

Is your air conditioner in yet? Just in case they were needed for the greyhounds, we put our air conditioners in during the heat wave in mid May, and then the weather changed, is that Murphy's Law or just a sad coincidence? Plus here is another greyhound quirk, why do greyhounds dislike going out in the rain? During the past cloudy cool days, the hounds have enjoyed getting soaked in the kiddies pools, but question my sanity when I open the back door for them to go out to do their business during the rain; I totally love their ability to get me to laugh, and like an ongoing April fools' joke, I fall for it each time.

It has been a while since we have chatted, and this chat is brief. I could make excuses, truth be told I did have a sewing needle go thru one of my fingers; which stopped me from typing some; however mostly there are times when listening to GRoNY members is more important than talking. There has been a lot going on in everyone's life, so I've been listening.

Until next time

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## **April**

Was reading an article the other day on how to get organized, oh right. Sadly I have several of those articles, pinned on a core board, and I will continue to aspire to obtain that goal of being organized, however I don't think it applies to those of us who own greyhounds.

Seriously, stuffies never go back in the toy basket, there is always a hound bed being re-arranged by a greyhound from the side of the room to the middle of the room. Plus there is the leash hook décor needed, and space in the cabinet for treats, so actually the space for small appliances to be hidden from view, is not going to happen. The water bowl does have a placemat under it, which helps with sloppy greyhound drinkers. See I am using some organization ideals in the article. I may need to re-read that article again; there just might be other ideals I could use.

Just to remind those who may want to come, July 29th, is GRoNY annual picnic date this year. Each picnic has been special in its own way; although not large as some national events, it does give a day to get together, and a function to be able to bring our greyhounds with us.

Plus GRoNY is also selling Great Escape Fundraiser Tickets, and for the thrill seekers, there is a new water ride called the Alpine Freefall in the water park, six stories high, count to three and the bottom door opens, my heart is pounding already. Twisted Racer lets you compete with friends and family, through pretzel-shaped tubes, opening up into a final drop to the finish line, where each competitor's time will be displayed on LED boards. After those rides I need to go the lazy river ride for sure.

Until next time...

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## **March**

Hello snow ! Oh sorry most of you know already that there is frozen participation outside. For normal canine owners, change in routine does not create perplexity, let me explain.

Each morning of this mild winter I've been pouring a cup of coffee, putting on a coat and walking out on the deck to watch the greyhounds stretch and play; however not this morning. Heck the snow pushing against the door only allowed me to open it part way, which created a change in routine. For the greyhounds, there is dilemma, a moment of hesitation to go out, why is the door only partially open. However alpha Mom was there with coat on and cup of coffee and out we plowed, yes - pun indented.

On a different subject, the unexpected surprise of a thumbs-up and a smile from a fellow traveler on the Northway brighten a cloudy day. Several years ago as I was traveling on a route outside of Syracuse to a funeral, and it was seeing a greyhound decal on the back of a vehicle which brighten my otherwise sad journey. Although I was not able to give a greyhound hello smile to them, the camaraderie was shared. So to that person in the blue car, just past the twin bridges, my heart heard a greyhound roooo from your thumbs-up. With the expanding greyhound community, I hope you also get to experience a shared traveling smile and thumbs up, it just may be me.

Tickets for the Great Escape once again are being sold for a greyhound fundraiser. Tell friends, relatives and neighbors that orders for the discounted tickets are now being taken. Plus there are other GRoNY activities being planned, and you are welcome to brainstorm with us too, let us know your thoughts for activities or fundraisers.

Until next time...

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## **January**

A belated Happy New Year to everyone, although I'm may be in a minority, I'm enjoying this unusual winter; and the greyhounds are also, because they are able to still play in the larger fenced in yard.

The return into the house begins the 'Goldie-locks' activity of trying ever pillow to find the right one to snuggle into for a nap.

I would also like to send out a huge thank you to GRoNY volunteers who were our Santa for pet pictures, Larry, Kurt and Don and Jer.

Extreme appreciation to Melanie aka quick click photographer extraordinary, who captured the best photos, one person could not choose, and brought all seven amazing snapshots. Doreen completed the GRoNY team, and thank goodness she was prepared for any unexpected printing problems, which could and did occur, and no one even knew they happened until after the day of pictures was complete. Thank you all so very much.

Awareness clinics resume shortly and the start of another fabulous year is beginning. Those clinics which have been established are already listed on the events page. Other events and invites are in the process of being confirmed and further information will be posted as soon as available.

Until next month

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