



NEEDLE-NEWS

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WELCOME TO NEEDLE-NOSE

As always, it is my pleasure to present to you the latest edition of Needle-News. It continues to be a delight to see life through the eyes of our members and others who share life with greyhounds. We can learn so much from each other.

As I read this issue, however, I cannot help but feel a tide of emotions: from joy at the news of an education completed, to warmth at a greyhound's successful transition to a loving forever home, to great sadness in remembering our dear friends and greyhounds who have been lost in the past year. Once more

I am turned to the comfort of an important life lesson that our greyhounds wish to teach us; that life, as wonderful as it is fleeting, is something to be savoured.

It is my hope that with your loving hound by your side, you are able to do just that; get out there and experience what life has to offer. Visit the park, chew on a bone (much preferable to a flashlight, Eddie!) and meet some new greyhounds and friends at this year's BBQ. Above all, seize the day and enjoy.

Elizabeth Hunt, Editor, Needle-News

Brave, Sweet Eddie has a Fondness for Bottles, Cans and Trinkets

by Jayne Caldwell

Eddie is the much loved greyhound of Jayne Caldwell and Jason Thompson. Eddie's challenge with too rich a kibble is a common problem. His family did the right thing by consulting Needle-Nose for advice before rushing off to the vet for a diagnosis and possibly needless expense. Eddie is featured as "Mr. July" in Needle-Nose's 2011 calendar.

Eddie is one brave greyhound. Since joining us in July 2010, he has had three rides on the subway, two rides on a small boat, and has twice visited someone in hospital. In addition, we hadn't had him long when we moved; our new place is right beside the subway where the trains run above-ground. None of this has fazed him.

Eddie is a little anxious, however, particularly about being left behind. He has adjusted to our exits in the morning, however is quite upset when we leave at other times. Further, if we go into the basement, or outside, he fusses. He often begins frantic playing, as though to console himself. When he first joined us, we learned that we had to keep all bottles and cans out of his reach. He went for empty glass milk bottles, glass bottles full of water, and even beer cans, carefully removing them from the box and taking them back to his crate to be gnawed and licked. Once, I returned from fifteen minutes in the backyard (during which Eddie came in and out a couple of times) to find toys tossed everywhere, and the crushed remains of a small flashlight in the crate. A

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Eddie's Curiosity Gives him the Courage to Go Almost Anywhere

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piece was missing, which he vomited up a few weeks later.

Eddie is sweet, as greyhounds are, and quiet. He settled in with us easily. The only real problem was the consistent, runny "pudding poop", which we now understand is fairly common in greyhounds. However, Eddie had it for four months. Eddie was underweight when he arrived, and with constant diarrhoea, he lost weight. We learned that many greyhounds experience digestive problems as they transition to their new life. Eddie had difficulty adjusting to various types of kibble; he had a few weeks on Nutram, then a few on Wellness, then tried Natural Balance, with little change. A greyhound owner that we met suggested Hill's t/d, which had firmed things up for her boy. This food is expensive, however, and is only available from a vet. It worked, though we sought a cheaper alternative. Brenda suggested that the foods we were giving him were simply too rich for a greyhound. She suggested other brands, including Iams. This turned out to be the answer for Eddie.

Once he had stabilized on the Iams, he still seemed hungry all the time. Thanks to Brenda and Geoff, we discovered that the amount recommended on the package is less than a greyhound needs! Due to their fast metabolism, they need more food than other dogs. We were underfeeding him;

no wonder he was perpetually hungry. He now gets much more than that, and has gained weight; he's a healthy 83 pounds.

Eddie has adjusted well to all the changes in his life. He is our first dog, and Brenda and Geoff have been an invaluable resource. We challenge him by expecting him to join us in many of our activities, and he's always willing to try new things. In fact, he's so curious that he will go almost anywhere. (Well, except down the basement stairs...)



Sniffin' Around Town for Those Greyt 2012 Pin-Üps

Greyt Hound-dogs!!! It's already that time again! That means Christmas is only how many days away....uh, okay, let's not go there. Would you like to see your beautiful little couch potato with his or her very own calendar page? The 2012 Needle-Nose calendar is going into production and we need your photos now, so that a sample of the calendar can be available for viewing at the Needle-Nose Picnic on September 11.



Frankie: Polite, calm, sweet and adored!



Needle-Nose Hounds Bring Dimension to Book Signing

Needle-Nose hounds were invited by "The Greyhound" author John Cooper to greet literature lovers at Chapters in Ajax on August 6. John, whose book tells the story of a struggling 15-year-old youth who adopts a retired Greyhound, was at Chapters as part of a book-signing tour.



Clockwise from top left: Brenda Aston and John Cooper, and his book "The Greyhound"; Joanne Sandord and her hounds Elroy and Tony, and Brenda Aston and Greyhound Becky offer the reading public a chance to meet real live Greyhounds; a child stops to meet a Greyhound (Becky); Children peruse John's book; Joanne Sanford and her hounds listen to John open the book signing. 🐕

Where your Greyhound can stretch those longggg legs!

Greyhounds Havin' Fun (GHF) meets at a horse farm north of Ajax, just northwest of Highway 7 and Westney Road about once a week, by request.

There is an informal Greyhound Hour each Sunday at noon, at Norwood Park, just southwest of Gerrard Street/Main Street near the Beaches in Toronto. I say informal, as the time slot has never been designated specifically for Greyhounds, but the majority of the dogs there at that time are Greys. Other breeds sometimes join the mix,

and the situations are judged on a case-by-case basis. Lately, the Greyhounds have been increasingly accepting of the non-Greyhound playmates. For more information about Greyhounds Havin' Fun and Norwood Park, e-mail Lesley Cadham at timotheelea@rogers.com.

For west-enders, there is a greyhound only hour every Sunday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Prospect Park in Acton. For more information, see our website at www.needlenose.ca.

In Memoriam

Needle-Nose sends out our deepest condolences to these wonderful families.

David Ambridge

David Ambridge, beloved husband of Janet, devoted and loving father to Rebecca and William, and "Dad" to Greyhounds Nelson, Simon (deceased) and Sam, passed away on December 19th, 2010.

Jack Swanston

Jack Swanston, beloved husband of Nancy Dingman and "Dad" to Greyhound Tony, passed away on July 3, 2011. Tony is named after Nascar driver Tony Stewart, and was trusted companion and protector to Jack during his illness. Jack's passion for racing began at the age of 14, beginning with carts. His vehicles later included stockcars and dragsters and for the past 14 years, he raced with the Hurricane Midgets. During those years, Jack won 2 championships, finished second four times and was club president. In 2003, Nancy took her team role as scorekeeper and photographer further, joining Jack on the race track for the next seven years.



Dean Benoit

Dean Benoit, in his 35th year, died suddenly as the result of a motor vehicle accident, on Thursday, August 11, 2011. Affectionately known as "Gussy" by his loving wife of 12 years, Leann (nee Welsh) of Verona, Ontario. Dean is sadly missed by his children Madisen and Noah. Dear son of Isaac and the late Helen Benoit, and is fondly remembered by Leann's family: her parents Joyce and Christopher Welsh, sister Crystal Rumbolt (Robert), nieces Lilly and Leah, grandparents Helen and Wallace Maynard. Dean was predeceased by his grandparents Peter and Priscilla Benoit and Augustus and Ivy Hynes, as well as Leann's grandparents Mary and Israel Welsh. The Benois adopted Greyhounds Miss Tiny and Marlee.

Greyhounds who have Crossed the Rainbow Bridge



Indie, July 29, 1999 - October 20, 2010

Indie, loved family member of Megan, Yossi and Jager Foorer.



Simon, May 13, 2004 - February 1, 2011

Simon, loved family member of Janet, Rebecca and William Ambridge. Simon was predeceased by his "Dad", David, who passed away on December 19, 2010.



Okie, April 1, 1998 - April 29, 2011

Okie, loved family member of Mike, Joce and Jess Desrochers.



Rozz

Rozz, loved companion and walking buddy for Yvonne and Bob Richardson, passed away in June, 2011. Rozz adjusted very well from life in the country to condo living.

Ever wonder what all those wonderful Greyhound parts are for?

By Liz Carlson

Anatomy of a Greyhound

Lc. 2010

Ear Positions:



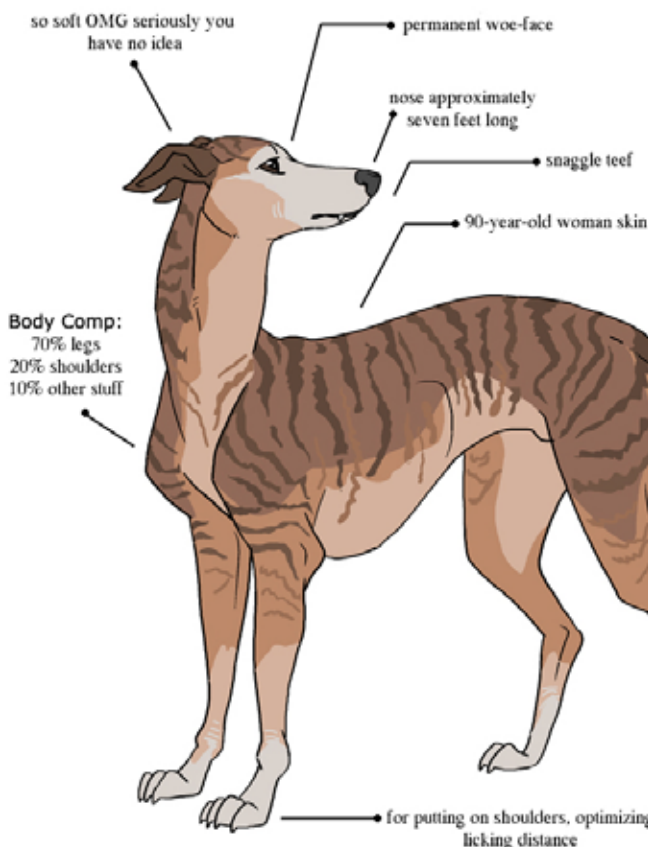
The Bunny Rabbit



Half-Mast



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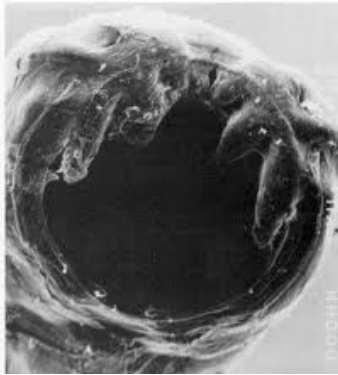
Due to their large hearts, flexible spine, high percentage of fast-twitch muscle and use of the double-suspension gallop, greyhounds can go from zero to batshit in approx. 3 seconds.

Needle-Nose thanks Liz Carlson for this artwork. Liz volunteers with Fast Friends Greyhound Rescue in Swanzey, New Hampshire.

Common Type of Worms that *Might* Live in a Hound's Intestines

by Dr. Stephen Ball, DVM, Brookville Veterinary Clinic

The information is meant to make you aware of the various types of worms and the symptoms a dog with them would exhibit. Needle-Nose gives all new dogs for adoption a deworming treatment, just to be sure anything they may have picked up from kennel life doesn't come home with them. If you are ever concerned about whether your dog may



Hookworm



Hookworm in intestines

have a parasitic infection, please see your veterinarian for a check up. Dr. Ball was kind enough to submit this information on the various types of parasites that a greyhound can contract. As the information is very detailed, you may feel concerned, but that is not the intent of this article.

Over the years lots has been discussed about parasite infestations of dogs. Some studies suggest that 74% of pups (<6 months) and 13% of mature dogs harbour worms. This article is intended to be a brief review of the more common types of parasites of the greyhound gut.

Roundworms (Ascarids, Toxocara)

Affected dogs pass the eggs of this common puppy worm in their feces. Eggs can also be spread by birds and small mammals. Within the dog, mature worms live free in the gut but immature larvae may be encysted in the somatic tissue (tissue of the muscle/breast). In a pregnant bitch larvae can be activated and pass transplacentally or into the milk. In the infected pups they cause bowel inflammation and lung/liver damage, giving them the typical poor doer and pot belly appearance. Humans can be at risk from roundworms, which cause visceral or ocular larval migrans.

Hookworms (Ancylostoma, Uncinaria)

Dogs may contract hooks orally (feces), transdermally (contaminated runs), through the bitch's milk or transplacentally. Hookworms cause intestinal inflammation and significant blood loss anemia in some dogs. With severe environmental contamination, dogs may show inflamed skin or feet.

In humans there are a few recorded cases of enterocolitis, but "ground itch" from dermal contact is more common.

Whipworms (Trichuris)

Whipworms are more common in dogs from southern USA. Their eggs are very resistant to drying and can exist in the environment for years. Dogs with chronic colitis should be screened for this worm. Whipworms shed very few eggs so it is advisable to treat the dog over several months.

Whipworms are not considered zoonotic¹.

Tapeworms (Dipylidium, Taenia)

These flat worms attach their heads to the lining of the gut while individual segments (egg packets) shed from the end of the parasite.

These can often be seen on the rectum or the feces of the infected dogs and appear to be moving grains of rice. Dogs can not be infected by these segments; they must ingest the intermediate host (i.e. a flea or a rodent). Most dogs do not show significant health problems with tapes. Only a few types of tapeworms can infect humans.



Tapeworm

Treatment

Round Worms and Hook worms

- Pyrantel pamoate (Strongid) 5mg per kg repeat in 10 to 14 days
- Ivomectin 0.2-0.4mg/kg

Round/Hook/Whip Worms

- Milbemycin (Interceptor) 0.5mg/kg repeat in 30 days

Round/Hook/Whip/Tape Worms

- Fenbendazole (Panacur) 50mg/kg daily for 3 days

Round Worms

- Selamectin (Revolution) 12mg/kg every 30 days

Tape Worms

- Praziquantel (Droncit) 5mg/kg

1. For more information, visit:

<http://www.vetmed.wisc.edu/pbs/zoonoses/>

Zoonotic diseases are those caused by infectious agents that can be transmitted between (or are shared by) animals and humans.

Needle-News Nips

Hey, that's OUR Webmaster!

Congratulations to our webmaster, **Liberty Karp**! In the Spring, Liberty graduated from York University with a Master's degree in Social Work.

Now Everybody Wants One!!!

Needle-Nose is launching its very first t-shirt! We hope to have some available for sale at the annual bbq. Thanks to our own Keltie Town for her creative design.



Hounds

Welcome to our newest members of Needle-Nose...and their hounds, of course!

These dogs arrived in Canada on June 28 and are happily enjoying their retirement! They are...

Mohican Trey Tot, now **Aspen**, a lovely fawn girl who will be 3 years old on December 20th. Aspen is with her forever family, Tracey, Marc, Bryton, Tristan and Henley Perfect.

Jim Mississippi, now **Moose** (his kennel name), a very mellow 19-month-old red boy with a black mask. He will be 2 years old on December 9th. Moose is with his forever family Ana Peres and Kim Brannen.

Calling all volunteers

Ever think you might want to write an article for our newsletter, or get involved in our next run to get greyhounds? Well, you can! Send your articles and other submissions to Elizabeth Hunt at beth-hunt@sympatico.ca for inclusion in a future newsletter. If you want to get involved in any of the many other areas of our group, let Brenda Aston know at aston@rogers.com.

Annual Needle-Nose BBQ

Can you believe this will be the 5th annual picnic? The **2011 BBQ** will begin at noon on Sunday, September 11th at the **Aston's** home in Campbellville. Once again, **Geoff** will have the grill fired up for burgers and hotdogs, and those attending can bring either a salad or a dessert to share, which usually makes for quite a nice spread. The event promises to be great fun for greyhounds and their people alike, featuring a fenced area to run your dog, games to play, and vendors to visit. This year we are proud to welcome the musical talent of **Tyler Gifford** and **Tim Aston**. Watch for your official invitation via email, which includes detailed driving directions.

See you there!



The 2010 Needle-Nose Picnic: About 30 hounds and 60 humans enjoyed an afternoon of savouring, shopping and socializing.

