



GREYT NEWS



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GREYT GREETINGS

Spring is just around the corner!!

This month we bring you a very important and informative health article regarding Greyhounds and anesthesia.

Our *Greyt Wall of Photos* is two pages this month and we've thrown in a little humor on page 2, "When Dogs Rule the World."

Happy reading!!



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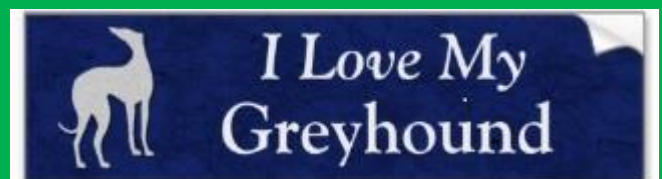
KENNEL KUTIE OF THE MONTH



KEEP DELIVERIN (aka "KENT") HAS IT ALL---

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PLEASE STOP IN AND PAY HIM A VISIT AT THE ADOPTION KENNEL!■



WHEN DOGS RULE THE WORLD

All humans must be registered and, when in public, must wear the official city tag and be up to date on their shots. Humans do not have to be leashed: however, owners are expected to be in reasonable control of their humans at all times.



No fighting among your humans will be tolerated. When humans ruled there was too much disagreement that lead to individual fighting and mass fighting such as wars.



Constant yelling is not pleasant for anyone.. If your human is unnecessarily loud, please take appropriate steps to modify this behavior. For instance, if your human's loud behavior is triggered by sporting events, or alcoholic beverages, remove them from his or her environment.



While humans may, in fact, be walking two-legged germ factories, they are allowed to enter bars, restaurants and other business establishments. Guide humans, therapy humans and service humans cannot be barred from any establishment or office.



Recreational parks belong to everyone. Please make sure your human is respectful of others and does not chase about after other humans. Some humans are unexplainably aggressive and their behavior can be frightening to others. Most parks have restrooms for your humans. Please make sure they use them. If your human is found relieving himself in the park, you will receive a 50 biscuit fine.



Humans cannot be forced to take part in human racing, pull sleds in sporting events, become part of a circus act or be used for scientific testing.



If, due to your negligence, your human ends up at the human pound, you will be required to pay a 150 biscuit fee to reclaim him or her and attend a mandatory human training program. Humans will be kept until claimed. In the event a human goes unclaimed, he or she will be put up for adoption.



Cruelty to humans is a serious offense, punishable by a lengthy kennel sentence. Abusing, neglecting and euthanizing humans is prohibited.■

(source: OhMiDog.com)

HEALTH WATCH

High Potassium During Anesthesia Causes Greyhound Sudden Death

The following article is an open post from Claire Sygiel Greyhound Options, Inc. It originally appeared on Greyhound Articles On-Line. It is something all Greyhound owners and vets should be aware of and take the necessary precautions to prevent.

In the hopes of saving even one Greyhound from what happened to Bailey yesterday, Jody and Peter would like to share this information with as many Greyhound owners as possible:

My vet called to let me know that in reviewing this incident along with another last week (where it occurred more slowly and the greyhound was able to be saved), they have done research and had a consult with Tufts Veterinary School and found the following: While it is rare, greyhounds are the only breed that has been observed to have an unexplained increase in potassium level while anesthetized, especially after being under for about 1.5 – 2 hrs. In both Bailey's case and the case last week, they discovered an extremely elevated level of potassium even though the level was normal just before the procedure.

They gave calcium to counteract it in both cases, but were unable to reverse it in Bailey's case. In the case last week, they had enough warning with heart rate gradually slowing that they ran a test and discovered it in time to reverse it; in Bailey's case it was too sudden for the treatment to work (they only even tried it because of the incident the week before).

This apparently has been observed in only Greyhounds (rarely) but the mechanism of what is happening is not understood. My vet has decided that they are now going to start doing istat tests for electrolytes at one hour in and every half hour after that during a procedure whenever they have a Greyhound anesthetized in order to try to catch this phenomenon early and reverse it before it causes a cardiac incident.■

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HEALTH INSURANCE FOR PETS

Pets are more than just animals who have taken up residence in our homes. They are part of our families. We live in a world of pet daycare, boutiques, spas, organic pet foods, strollers, designer collars and leashes and so much more.

It only seems logical that with our deep emotional bond with our pets, and our desire to give them the best of everything, including medical care, investing in pet health insurance would be a wise and prudent thing to do. However, before you sign on the dotted line, there are a few things to consider.

Unlike most human insurance, you must pay your vet bill out of pocket and then submit it to your pet insurance company for reimbursement. The good thing about this is that you can continue to use the vet of your choice and not have to worry about your vet being part of an insurance network. Depending on the stipulations of your plan, you may get back anywhere between 50 and 75% of your total bill. Some plans have deductibles that must be met before any reimbursement to you begins.



There are companies who offer stand- alone packages and there are companies that allow you to pick and choose the type of coverage you feel is suitable for your pet. However, those streamlined to meet your needs and, those that cover long-term care such as surgery, radiation and chemotherapy, usually carry a much higher monthly premium than the standard policy.

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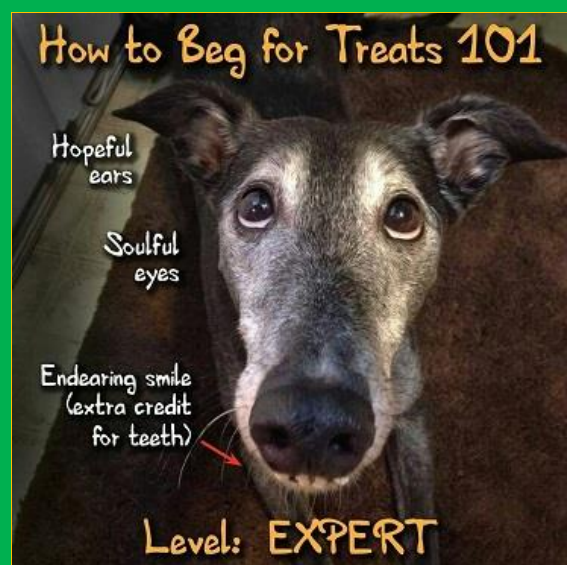
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HEALTH INSURANCE FOR PETS

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Be certain you understand what is included in your coverage. There are plans that only allow reimbursement for illness or accidents. Others do not cover such services as flea control, acupuncture or chiropractic treatments. Prescription coverage is also very often not included.

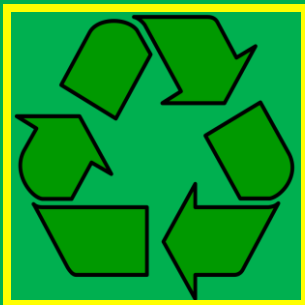
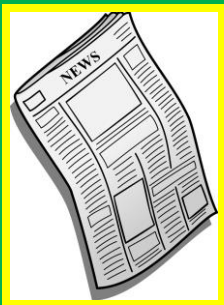
If your pet has a pre-existing condition, your chances of getting insurance are minimal. In fact, a thorough physical may be required before a company accepts your application. Older pets are also more difficult to insure.

The bottom line is – read the fine print and know exactly what is covered and what is not. If the premiums are more than you normally spend on vet bills, then it might not be worth the while. Be a wise consumer and shop around. ■

(Sources: hartz.com, petguide.com, petcarerx.com, fivecentnickel.com)

RECYCLE AND HELP GPA/GO

Don't forget to recycle your newspapers. We have a recycling container behind the kennel. Please gather your newspapers and drop them off at the GPA/GO office.



WISH LIST – KENNEL AND OFFICE

KENNEL –

Tall kitchen trash bags with ties
Baby wipes
Milk Bones
Laundry Detergent (HD)
Canned Dog Food (ground not chunks)
Jack Mackerel, canned
FortiFlora
Kirkland's Lamb & Rice Adult Dog Food
(Lamb Rice and Vegetable Formula) **



** Available only at Costco

OFFICE –

Postage Stamps
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Colored three prong pocket folders

These are just a few of the items we can always use. To view more, check out our wish list on Amazon. Just go to: www.amazon.com/wishlist and type in Greyhound Pets of America/Greater Orlando. To increase your donation power, use Amazon Smile and GPA/GO will receive a portion of each sale. ■



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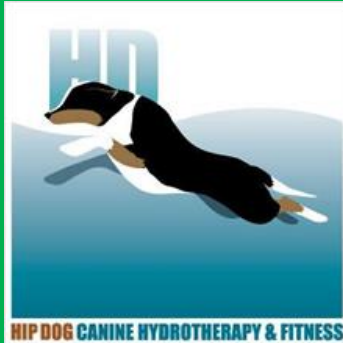
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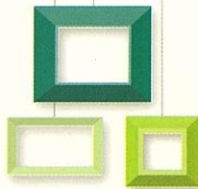
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GPA/GO was Burger 21's Charity of the Month for February. We will be receiving a check for over \$500 (10% of all food sales on Sunday, February 21) We had a greyt group of Greyhound ambassadors present to welcome those going in to dine.■



UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 5 Seminole County Annual
Pet Adopt-a-Thon 10am-3 pm
Bush Blvd and 17-92
- March 13 GPA/GO Annual Membership
Meeting –GPA/GO Office
2 pm
- March 19 PetSmart Meet and Greet
Lake Mary 10-noon
- Pet Supplies Plus, Meet and Greet
University Palms Plaza, Oviedo
12 – 2:30 pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

GREYT PLATES 2016
SATURDAY, OCT. 22
6:30—9:30 PM



QUOTABLES

Dogs lives are too short. Their only fault, really.
(Agnes Sligh Turnbull)

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. (Unkown)

If dogs could talk, it would take a lot of the fun out of
owning one. (Andy Rooney)



KIDS CORNER

Underline the correct answer.

Greyhounds are known as:

45 MPH Couch Potatoes
Vegetable Peelers

Greyhounds are the only dogs mentioned in
this book:

A Tale of Two Cities
The Bible

The average lifespan of a Greyhound is:

6-8 years
12-14 years

What type of spine does a Greyhound have:

Hinged
Fused

The Greyhound is a:

Long distance runner
Sprinter

Greyhounds arrived in the New World with:

Christopher Columbus
Ferdinand Magellan

DID YOU KNOW.....

The Greyhound is a popular school mascot, representing colleges and universities including Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts; Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, New Mexico; the University of Indianapolis in Indianapolis, Indiana; Loyola University Maryland in Baltimore, Maryland; Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; and Yankton College in Yankton, South Dakota, to name just a few.■

GREYT WALL OF PHOTOS



Ale Candee declares her spot on the couch.



Smiles abound on Flick's adoption day!



Two happy guys – Drew and his Dad!



Shhh, Baby is sleeping and doesn't want to be disturbed!



Love and Happiness just shine from Gracie's eyes.

MORE PHOTOS.....



Jimbo is ready to go to his forever home.



**Picture Perfect –
Holiday with her
new dad and mom.**



**"What time is dinner?"
asks Maury**



**Flick asks, "Mirror, mirror on the wall,
am I not the fairest Greyhound of them
all?"**



***Some serious nap time for
Simon and his friend Molly.***

2 HOUNDS AUCTION TO BENEFIT GPA/GO

The auction will remain live until Monday, February 29 at 10 pm or 15 minutes after the last bid is received.

For those of you who have been bidding, thank you for your generous support of GPA/GO. For those who haven't bid yet, here is the link:

<http://www.2houndsdesign.com/old/cgi-bin/2hounds.pl?category=GPA>

There are many fabulous items to bid on.



A round of applause goes to Mary M. and Dawn for their hard work in collecting the items, photographing and writing descriptions for each item.

Thanks also to the ladies on the technical end of the auction – Alisha and Mary L. ■



GREYHOUND BLOOD WORK

Normal Values for	Greyhounds	Other breeds
Red blood cells	7.4 – 9.0	5.5 – 8.5
Hemoglobin	19.0 – 21.5	12.0 – 18.0
Packed cell volume/hematocrit	55 – 65	37 – 55
WBC (white blood count)	3.5 – 6.5	6.0 – 17.0
Platelets	80,000 – 200,000	150,000 – 400,000

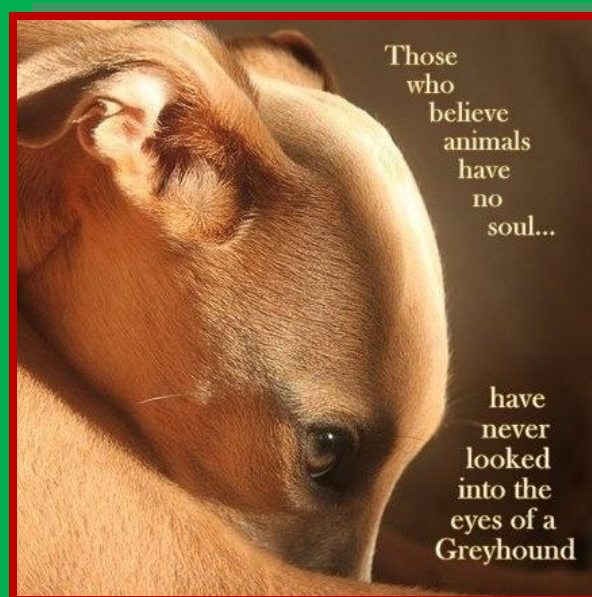
Chem Panel for	Greyhounds	Other breeds
Total protein	4.5 – 6.2	5.4 – 7.8
Globulin	2.1 – 3.2	2.8 – 4.2
Creatinine	0.8 – 1.6	0.0 – 1.0
T4	0.5 – 3.6	1.52 – 3.60

Urinalysis – same as other breeds

MATCHING DONATIONS

Many large companies will match their employees donations to charitable organizations.

Check with your employer and see if the participate in a matching donation program and please remember it when you donate to GPA/GO. ■



Until next month.....

*keep a smile on your face and a
Greyhound in your heart!*

<http://www.greyhoundpetsorlando.org>