

# GREYT NEWS



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### **GREYT GREETINGS**

We hope this month finds you as happy and lucky as a leprechaun. Just beware the Ides of March.



If you have pictures or a story you would like to share, please email them to: grevtnews2014@aol.com

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#### **KENNEL KUTIE**

Bart's Beachparty "Wilma" is definitely a party girl—and not just at the beach! Wilma has a shiny black coat and personality plus! She is just 2 years old, but she thinks she's still a puppy. Wilma needs a home with no cats or small dogs, and preferably a big back yard to run around and play in.





#### DID YOU KNOW...

A Greyhound on a coat of arms symbolizes courage, majesty and loyalty.■



#### **QUOTABLES**

- "Happiness is listening to your dog snoring." (The Uppity Puppy)
- "When I needed a hand, I found your paw." (unknown)
- "If you are lucky, a dog will come into your life, steal your heart and change everything." (unknown)
- "Dogs never lie about love." (Jeffry Masson)
- "Histories are more full of examples of the fidelity of dogs than of friends." (Alexander Pope)
- "Acquiring a dog may be the only time a person gets to choose a relative." (Mordecai Siegal)

#### PLANNING TO MOVE?

Moving to a new residence can be both exciting and stressful for humans. Now imagine the situation from your dog's point of view. Dogs are very intuitive and when you start interrupting daily life with packing boxes, luggage, and furniture not in its usual place, your pet is going to become anxious. Here are a few ways to help keep your dog's stress level to a minimum and also ease into a new dwelling.

- 1. Try to keep things as routine as possible. If you have enough time, pack things over time and not all at once. Keep your dog on schedule for his feeding, potty breaks, walks and sleeping.
- 2. Make sure your dog has up-to-date identification tags with your new address and phone numbers. Also, it is advisable to have screened vets in your new area and select the one that is best for your pet and you. Having your pet's complete veterinary record will certainly help with that initial new yet visit.
- 3. On the day of the move, keep your pet safe and out of the main stream of the movers. Doors will be open and the excitement of so much activity can well make a dog want to escape. If your pet is small, put them in a carrier designed for their size. If they are larger, a crate set up in a quiet corner of the house would be favorable. If securing your pet on the day of the move is an issue, then perhaps boarding them for the day would be most helpful.
- 4. During transport to your new home, make sure your dog is comfortable and has a favorite toy or familiar blanket along with him. This will help calm his fears and anxieties.
- 5. Take a gallon or two of water with you. The water at your new home may be different than what your dog is used to and may cause an upset tummy. Gradually transition him to the new water.

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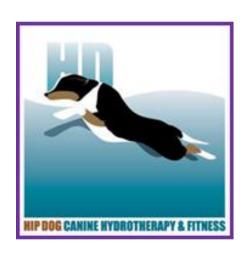
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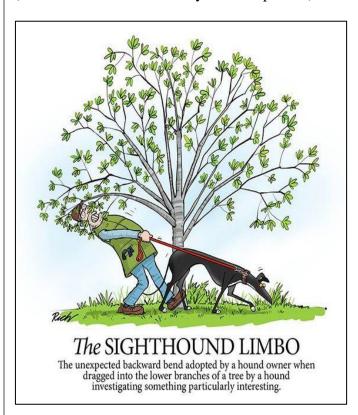
- 6. When you arrive at your new home, you may be tempted to let your dog explore the entirety of his new dwelling. Much like moving out of your former home, moving in a new home requires the same precautions. Keep the dog securely out of all the activity until everything has been moved in and doors are now closed.
- 7. Maintaining consistency when setting things up for your dog will be most helpful in the settling in process. If you kept his crate or bed in a specific area of your former residence, place it in that area of your new home. The same goes for his food and water bowls.
- 8. If you have a fenced yard, make sure it is well maintained and all gates are locked before you let your dog out in it. If you walk your dog, remember this is all new territory for him and he will take great delight in sniffing all the new smells. Be patient with his new inquisitiveness.
- 9. Keep him on schedule. The surrounding may be new, but his routine should not be. Dogs are creatures of habit and rely on their daily activities for comfort and security.
- 10. Give your dog lots of reassurances, love and treats. Let him know that even though his surrounding may be different, he still lives in your heart so pour on the hugs and kisses.

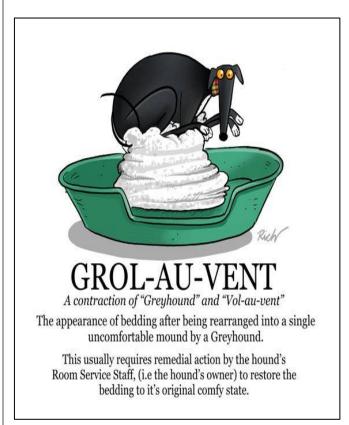
(source: dogguide.net)



#### **GREYHOUND HUMOR**

(Cartoons and illustrations by Rich Skipworth)





#### IT PAYS TO SHOP WITH AMAZON

GPA/GO just received its quarterly donation from the Amazon Smile Foundation. Whenever you shop using Amazon Smile, a portion of the sales goes to GPA/GO. It is any easy way for us to earn money, so when you shop, please consider using Amazon Smile and select Greyhound Pets of America/Greater Orlando as your designated charity.





#### TIME FOR A NEW COLLAR OR LEASH

Spring is a greyt time to deck your dog out with a new collar and leash from Decker Dawg Designs. Check out the latest selections at:

https://www.etsy.com/shop/DeckerDawgDesigns





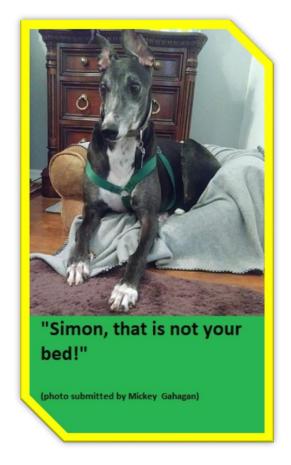




# **GREYT WALL OF PHOTOS**



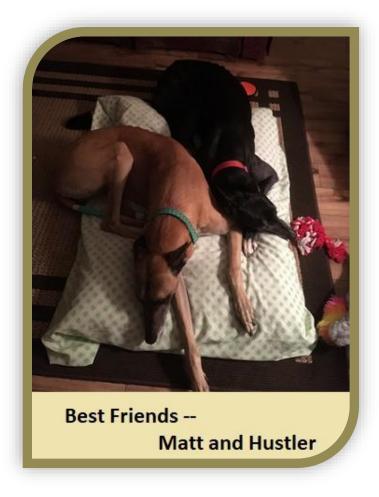






## AND MORE...









#### DANGER IN THE YARD

There are many plants that are highly toxic to dogs. A few of these include: Aloe, Lilies, Azaleas, Begonias, Carnations, Oleander, Poinsettia, Sago Palms, Snake Plants, and Wisteria. This is just a short list and a more comprehensive list can be found at:

https://www.aspca.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/dogs-plant-list

Ingestion of toxic plants can cause stomach upset, heart arrythmias, respiratory failure, seizures, and death. Before you plant, please consult the link above to make sure your flowers and plants are safe and pet-friendly.

Other dangers lurking in the yard are non-domestic animals -- coyotes, foxes, possums, raccoons, bears, deer and snakes. Each one of these can cause harm to your pets. While deer are not as likely to attack a dog, they are a primary carrier of ticks.

While squirrels don't seem like predatory creatures, they can cause indirect harm. Most Greyhounds will give chase if they see a squirrel. This sudden burst of energy and quick run can cause the dog to sustain an injury from jumping up against a fence, slipping in the wet grass or running into something.

Here are some ways to deter these unwanted animals from coming into your card.

- -- do not leave pet food bowls outside.
- -- keep your barbecue grills clean and store them in the garage if possible.
- --scented candles, especially those with a sweet aroma can attract critters
- -- berry bushes and fruit trees should be harvested in a timely manner.
- -- bird feeders should be brought in at night.
- -- keeping your lawns and grassy areas mowed short will help keep down the bug population and may help keep snakes from the yard.

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- -- do not allow piles of leaves or brush to accumulate. They make excellent hiding places for snakes.
- -- dog poop actually can attract unwanted pests so keep your yard clean.

As a responsible pet owner, keep your dog's vaccinations up-to-date. Never allow your dog to be in the yard unsupervised. At night, it is advisable to do a quick check of the yard before you let the dog out. Shine a flashlight around and see if anything is in the yard.

If you dog is attacked or bitten, get them to a veterinarian immediately.■

(sources: aspca.org; cesarsway.com)











#### **UPCOMING EVENTS...**

Saturday, March 9 – 10 am – 3 pm Pet Fest – Town Hall, 614 Main Street, Windermere

Stop by and visit the Greyhounds





While GPA/GO will not have official representation, we have had people participate with their Greyhounds. It is a very worthwhile event. ■

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS Continued**

Saturday, March 30, 11 am – 3 pm Dead Lizard Brewing Company 4507 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Orlando



Sponsored by The Rotary Club of Dr. Phillips Citrus to benefit dog rescues and adoption groups. We are pleased to announce that GPA/GO will be benefitting from this event.

Lots of dogs, raffles, vendors food and drink. Tickets are \$10.

https://www.facebook.com/events/600451153702868/

#### **WILDWOOD ANTIQUE MALL AT EUSTIS**

We are very excited to announce that the Greyhound Booth is expanding. Thanks to the hard work of Peggy Stasny, this venture has proven to be very successful. If you are in the Eustis area, please stop by and see the wonderful items we have for sale. The mall is located at 349 Plaza Drive in Eustis.■





#### **KIDS CORNER**

## St.Patrick's Day Word Search

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- Leprechaun
- Shamrock

- Clover
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· Irish March









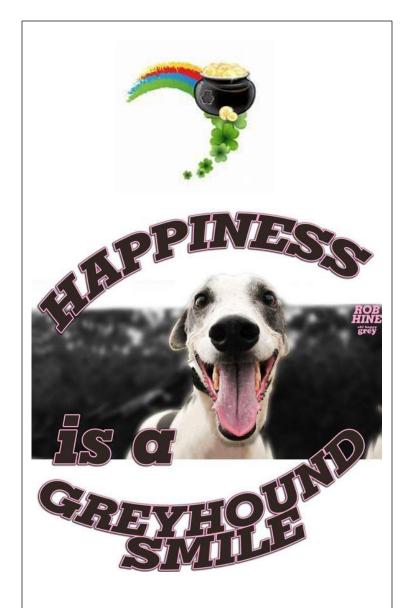
Owning a Greyhound is a wonderful experience so why not let the world know about it?!? Put these on your car and everyone will know how much you love Greyhounds!

https://www.ebay.com/str/greytbeginnings









Until next month...

Keep a smile on your face

and

A Greyhound in your heart.

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