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How to Make Your Greyhound Happy

by Mara Johnson



Mara and Gracie.

If you follow these instructions, you will have a happy Greyhound.

First, you need a toy. I recommend a squeaky toy or Greenie, or both.

Second, you need a comfy

bed. If your hound likes to lie by you, get one you can lie down on with your hound.

Third, you need to let your dog run. If you have been working on your yard, find somewhere else. That was my mistake. My Greyhound tore up my yard.

Fourth, give your hound love, and lots of it!

I guarantee you will have a happy Greyhound if you follow these instructions

GRAY by Mara Johnson

Gray is like a rock,
cold and hard.

Gray is like a stormy day,
cold and wet.

Gray is like a trophy,
cold and solid, but somehow makes you happy.

Gray isn't good or bad.

Gray isn't happy or sad.

Gray isn't bright,
but still in sight.

It is sort of like a Greyhound
calm and quiet.



Cora by Mark Dietrich (Cora's Dad and Jennifer's other half.)

Cora is your typical black hound. In other words, she's patterned exactly like every other black we've ever met. We just returned from a walk, about which she was terribly excited at the time. Now she's out cold on the floor. Not even enough energy to reach the couch. Still, you feel she's content.

Turn-ons: Anything outside, food, checking out the cat's activities (cat not amused), food, quality couch time, warm blankets, sleeping like a stone, and food.

Turn-offs: Nail-cutting, the muzzle, anyone who doesn't want to shower her with affection (this makes no sense to her), and the dreaded kennel.

That's our girl.

This is Cora and her favorite duck. There is no longer any stuffing in the duck. Is there a use for plush toy pelts?



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Holiday Gift Wrapping

Wrapping In Roseville!

The Barnes & Noble Har Mar location will be an added GPA-MN site during the annual holiday gift wrapping drive. The dates available to us are below. If interested in helping out, please contact **Jennifer Dietrich**, at jenifr2@earthlink.net or **651-487-5806**. The many greyhounds in our homes and hearts thank you!

Shifts available:

Tuesday December 23rd, 10-4

Wednesday, December 24th, 11-3 (or whatever we can do)

Book Wrapping at the Barnes and Noble in the Galleria

3225 West 69th St., Edina, MN

Here are the dates and times:

Friday, Dec. 12 6-10

Friday, Dec. 19 6-10

Sunday, Dec. 21 2-6

Tuesday, Dec. 23 6-10

The following is the wrapping schedule for the Borders Book Store in Calhoun Square, Mpls.

Sun. Dec. 14, 2-6

Sat. Dec. 20, 6-10

Mon. Dec. 22, 6-10

If you would like further information please contact Sylvia Kresal at 612-924-9057 or at nkresal@mn.rr.com

!!! Other Upcoming Special Events: !!!

Land O' Lakes Dog show

Jan 4th and 5th 2004

Minneapolis Pet Expo

February 28th and 29th 2004

Volunteers will be needed for both of these events. If you are interested in further information please contact Michelle Toftely at: mtoftely@hotmail.com Or call GPA-MN at: 763 785-4000

GPA-MN's Holiday Store!

For great holiday fun come join us at our yearly holiday event! Lots of goodies there for humans and hounds. Come shop for your holiday gifts and give back to the hounds in waiting at the same time.

Hope you will join us! We have an awful lot of fun at this warm and cozy winter event to raise monies for the hounds.

It is being held at:

Richfield Petco - December 13th, 2003

Noon - 3 PM.

Fridley Petco - December 21st, 2003

11 AM - 1 PM.

It is a chance to pick up some last minute gifts for humans and hounds!



Happy Holidays!!!



GREYHOUND'S CHRISTMAS WISH

Dear Santa to you I make my wish,
This could be my very last Christmas list.
No time to be frivolous, I must hurry you see,
I'm no longer the best, they no longer want me.

I've heard of places where there are soft beds,
Sofas and pillows to lay your head,
Plenty of food and toys for play,
People who hug you night and day.

I've heard of the warmth the hugs can bring,
And car rides to get you wonderful things,
Large spaces to roam when you feel the need,
A place they will love me for being just me.

My wish, Dear Santa, I clearly state,
My hope as I sit closed tight in this crate,
To ask for myself I know is not right,
But please bring a family to love me tonight.

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Your Donations and Dedication To GPA - MN At Work!



Copperkettle Ron by Marcy Barger

He came to us in September after smashing into the rail during what would be the last run of his short racing career.

He is a sweet, young (just turned two) boy who wants to do nothing but please and be surrounded by his two housemates, Chris and Star. We like to call it his harem.

After over two hours of surgery, his badly fractured patella was put back together with a lot of wire and pins.

Our veterinarians and surgeons are doing wonderful things nowadays to keep these dear creatures functioning and able to retire to a life that they so desperately deserve.

Ron (the bionic greyhound) has been going in for therapy 2-3 times a week to get those muscles stretching and working to the best that they can be. He's gotten to the point that he knows where his special room is at the clinic and heads right for it as soon as we walk in the door.

It's going to be a long, healing process for this boy, but he's young and strong and with all the good people helping him, he has the ability to make the best recovery possible.

Keep Ron in your thoughts. Wish him well.

It's a good thing we do.



In the hydrotherapy room Ron's therapist Barb Guse, PT, CCRP, with Marcy's help, helps Ron with some stretching and warming up of the injured leg. They are also checking to see how his leg is doing since the last session. He has had a set back which has resulted in him not wanting to put any weight on his leg. Ron puts up no resistance even with discomfort. He is a great patient.

The initial therapy for Ron included heat treatments and passive stretching exercises to maintain knee range of motion and gently increase the length of the quadricept muscles. The goal of physical rehabilitation is to return the patient to normal functioning and previous activity level. For Ron, just being able to use his leg functionally will be something to celebrate.



Ron now on the treadmill inside the hydrotherapy unit. The water decreases the weight on the leg so there is less stress on the knee. With the water up to his shoulders it gives him 60 per cent less body weight to deal with.

The treadmill passively moved the legs underneath him so he can walk without having to 'push off' so much. This allows him to exercise the leg muscles against the resistance of the water with less direct stress on the injured knee.

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Today Ron has arrived, with his foster mom Marcy, for his second round of Hydrotherapy at Pine Ridge Pet Care to help with his fractured patella.



Ron has gotten the hang of the treadmill now and is doing well. He is even using his injured back leg.



Ron all done for the day and checking out to go home.

As of this writing, Ron went again back to the specialist who did another set of x-rays of the sight of his leg surgery. A couple of the pins had come loose and were causing him some pain. Ron will need to undergo another surgery. Hopefully after the surgery and healing of the incision his therapy will be able to continue and Ron will eventually gain at least moderate use of his leg. Our hopes and prayers are with him for a positive outcome. Otherwise it may mean amputation will be in the cards for Ron.

Photos by Robin Krautbauer. Photo commentary by Barb Guse and Robin Krautbauer.



The treadmill stopped, the hydrotherapy session is over. Ron is holding his injured leg up as the water is being lowered for him to exit the unit.



Barb makes sure Ron is nice and dry before he leaves to go back home with his foster family on this cold winter day. He is in high spirits as he gets a lot of love and encouragement during his sessions.

Get Togethers - GASSY Walk: (Minneapolis) Meet near the Rose Garden at Lake Harriet at 2 pm for a stroll around the lake. Every Sunday (weather permitting). Please contact Sylvia and Neil Kresal for more information or directions. nkresal@mn.rr.com

RROO: (Fargo, North Dakota)

Saturdays 2pm. People will meet at the West parking lot of the Downtown YMCA. Please contact Kathleen Millard for more information or directions. (starting 5/4/03) kmillardeboel@email.msn.com

Every 2nd Monday:

GPA Get Together at Richfield Petco: Bring your hounds and join us at Richfield Petco from 7pm - 8pm. Get together with other GPA adopters and volunteers and their hounds. Find out what's going on in GPA, get involved, or just hang out. Please contact Sylvia Kresal for more information. nkresal@mn.rr.com



Meet & Greet Calendar

(www.gpa.mn.org)

Petco - Brooklyn Park

December 13 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

Petco - Coon Rapids

December 13 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

Petco - Eden Prairie

December 20 Saturday 1 - 3 PM

Petco - Fridley

December 21 Sunday 11 - 1 PM

Petco - Highland

December 20 Saturday 11 - 2 PM

Petco - Maplewood

January 3 Saturday 1 - 4 PM

Petco - Richfield

December 13 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

December 18 Thursday 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Petco - Ridgedale

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Petco - Roseville

December 20 Saturday 1:00 - 4:00 PM

February 21 Saturday 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Petco - St. Cloud

December 13 Saturday 11:00 - 1:00 PM

Pet Expo - Mankato

December 21 Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Borders Bookshop - Calhoun Square

January 3 Saturday 12:00 - 3:00 PM



Clip Art by Kim Parkhurst



Hope you will run on over and join in the fun!



Adoptions

Congratulations and best wishes to all these folks and their new hounds!



Adoptions for October/November:

Janet by Patrick and Kelly O'Shaughnessy.

Rocket by Tamara and Joseph Wood.

Mel by Jennifer Jones and Mike Kannenberg .

Elf by Becky and Mike Thyken .

Max by Barry Edginton and Fiona Green

Gracie by Lisa and John Quast

Sirius by Elizabeth Bassani and Andrew Wilbur.

GPA-MN Family Photo Album



Mr Blondie smiling pretty while waiting for his turn at the water dish. August 22nd, 2001 Photo by Pat Walsh.



Apollo and his Teddy Bear.

August 22nd, 2001

Photo by Sarah Snavelly



Art by Bonnie Booker



**Our most
heartfelt
condolences
to these
families!**

**Recent
Bridge Kids:**

MoMo - Jenney Egertson

Shane - Jonathan & Kendra & Braki Marut

A Christmas Wish

(by Terri Onorato)

Lights are glowing softly
on the lush, green Christmas tree.
And candles burn with lively flames
dancing just for me.

The house is oh so quiet
as my loved ones slumber deep.
It gives me pause to think of you
before I go to sleep.

I remember your first Christmas,
you were new and quite confused.
you concluded that it had to be,
each gift was meant for you.

The contents did not matter,
be it sweater, hat or game.

As far as you were concerned my dear
Each tag spelled out your name.

I smile and recall fondly
how you humored me and wore
those silly reindeer antlers
that I found at the pet store.

But my favorite Christmas memory
that holds steadfast and true,
is the kiss you placed upon my cheek
when I said, "I love you."

My deepest wish this Christmas
your first one at Rainbow Bridge,
that you're happy and content and safe
along with all of God's bridge kids.

When Christmas morning dawns so bright
my first thought will be of you,
and right away I'll know that you
are thinking of me too.

Enjoy Christmas in Heaven,
you are Home where you belong.

Merry Christmas from us both,
we love you always....Dad and Mom.

Christmas at Rainbow Bridge

(courtesy of Terri Onorato)

As the midnight hour approaches on Christmas Eve, a tremendous celebration begins. If you listen closely you will hear the exuberant sound of Bridgekids preparing for the remarkable moment that comes but once a year. Puppies romp through the tall green grass, chasing butterflies and rolling over and over until fits of giggles bring them to a tumbling stop. The volume increases as kittens, cats, tigers and lions purr in pure delight while the wings of snow white doves gently caress the air. The babbling brook that runs beneath Rainbow Bridge overflows onto the edge of mossy banks and fins of treasured aquatic life quiver in anticipation of this most joyous event. Nestled in the midst of this happy choir of Bridgekids are the littlest angel tots staring in awe at the majestic Christmas tree adorned with flowing strands of angel hair. Effervescent, twinkling stars seesaw elegantly from the sky and land in glorious harmony upon the stoic limbs of Heaven's most perfect Christmas tree. Swaying to and fro in nearby rocking chairs are grandmothers, grandfathers, parents, aunts, uncles and loved ones. The sound of their whispered lullabies permeate the air as they sing to tiny angel babies resting quietly in their arms.

Like magic the clock approaches midnight and a great stirring is heard in the distance. Each Bridgekid stops and listens, knowing the time is near, and they choose a fleecy cloud on which to snuggle. The roar of purrs drops to barely an audible hum, the babbling brook ripples hypnotically and the flutter of downy feathered wings fall silent. Heaven's spirited toddlers climb expectantly upon the laps of angels while babies coo in tranquil unison.

Amidst the warm glow of candle light which rises from earth below, the arms of the Bridge Keeper envelop the heavens and into the precious hands of each child and in front of each animal a holy gift is placed. With grand exuberance the ribbons are removed and left to fly on a tender breeze where they dissolve into showers of angel dust. As the golden lids of these heavenly gifts are raised, an amazing aura fills the sky, reaching down to the very core of earth. Ascending from each and every box is the greatest gift of all...unending, unconditional, all encompassing love. This blessed love gently wraps itself around the cherished souls of heaven, warming their hearts with beacons of radiant light and bringing forth from angels an exquisite chorus. As the clock strikes midnight the distance between heaven and earth is vanished. It is at this very moment on Christmas Eve that the Bridge Keeper, His children, angels and Bridgekids send a message to their earthly loved ones on the wings of his unbridled love.

Listening carefully with an open heart and we will hear the familiar voice of our own angel whisper softly into our ear their Christmas message..."Let me share with you this love of mine, always and forever. When you need me know that I am here. I have not left you for I am in your heart where I belong. Our love is eternal as is the brilliant glow of candlelight which illuminates the path to the heavens and Rainbow Bridge. I wait patiently as you do for our inevitable and glorious reunion. I love you, I love you, I love you."





HAPPY WINTER HOLIDAYS! by Sue Burkhard



Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly...just make sure you keep them high enough that your Greyhound doesn't pull them down, along with the tree! The holiday's are a wonderful, hectic, stress-filled, time of the year. And often in the hustle and bustle of decorating, parties, shopping, and get-togethers we forget about those fur-covered family members that live in our house. Unfortunately the Holiday Season (including Christmas, Chanukkah,

New Years Day, and others) is one of the most dangerous times for our Greyhounds.

Think about it. What we think of as Holiday Spirit must be looked at by our pets with sheer disbelief. All year round we tell our Greyhounds that they cannot drag sticks into the house and then we bring in a whole tree! After months of picking up items left lying around the house, we toss a whole bunch of interesting packages, all wrapped with funny smells and sounds, on the floor. No wonder pet owners find the holidays especially hectic. But it doesn't have to be that way. Greyhound owners can take a few simple steps to assure that the holidays are a joyous, peaceful, and safe time for ALL family members.

A little pre-planning goes a long way. A well placed ceiling mounted planter hook over where you are going to place your tree will allow you to wire your tree to the ceiling to prevent it from being knocked over by a toy- tossing Greyhound. Use the hard earned wisdom of other pet owners for tips on keeping your tree from becoming an indoor toilet area or giant chew toy. My family has used X-Pens for years to surround the tree. This keeps your presents and decorations safely out of reach of inquisitive needle noses. Also remember that even the best security system will be tampered with if whatever is on the other side is irresistible to your Greyhound. Do not put food or treats under the tree. Our hounds may be Sight Hounds but there's nothing wrong with those long noses when it comes to sniffing out a wrapped box of Chocolate. Other tree hazards include tree flocking which can be poisonous if ingested, tinsel and angel hair (spun glass) that can cause intestinal damage, and glass ornaments which can cut paws if broken. Also many tree preservatives, which you place in the tree stand with water, are poisonous and should be avoided. Electrical wires can be run through PVC pipe or kept inside your "gated tree" to prevent your hounds access to them.

With all the guests coming and going, remember to have your Greyhound secured away from the entryway during high traffic periods to prevent escape. An especially risky time is when packages are being delivered, since your hands are full as you are trying to navigate the door at the same time your vision may be blocked. This would be a prime time for your hound to make a break for it. Try locking your hound in another room while you handle the delivery person.

There's a good reason that half of America goes on a diet January 2nd of each year. The Holiday season is full of wonderful, fatty treats. We may feel like we need to share some of this bounty with our 4 legged

friends...but resist the urge! Chocolate can be toxic to dogs, fatty food can cause intestinal upset, pancreatitis, and diarrhea. And NEVER give alcohol to your Greyhound. As little as one ounce of 20-40 proof alcohol can cause your pet to go into a coma. Plants also pose an edible hazard for your hounds. Poinsettias and mistletoe can be poisonous to your pet, and pine needles can cause intestinal blockage or upset.

Always make sure your pet has a safe and quiet place to retreat to in case they get overwhelmed with all the activity. Actually, when you're feeling stressed, overloaded, and overwhelmed with the holidays, or when your getting a little case of the Holiday Blues, think about taking your Greyhound for a walk around the block or a romp in the yard. Your Greyhound will love the one-on-one attention that they sometimes miss during this season, and you will feel much better after you have had a chance to catch your breath.

Remember that our Greyhounds are experts at counter surfing and stealing things, so place candles and simmering potpourri pots on high shelves out of reach. Stockings should be hung with care, again high enough where your Greyhound can't get them. And while you're hanging those stockings why don't you hang one for your Greyhound. Finding small items that will fit in your hounds stocking will help you focus on your special companion.

Speaking of focusing on the Greyhound in your life, don't forget to have a little fun with your hound. Get them a holiday collar or collar cover so they can join in the celebration. Remember to switch ID tags to any new collar though, or have an extra set made to be placed on temporary collars. Inquire if your community has a Holiday Pet Parade (we have a ReinDog Parade) and get a group of Greyhounds together to walk in it. Make sure you have Adoption information on hand to pass out to anyone interested. And what would the holidays be without Holiday Pictures. Many non-profit animal groups have Santa Paws picture days where your pet can be photographed with the Jolly Old Elf himself. And while you're making your Holiday Gift Giving List, consider giving a gift in your Greyhound's name to your Adoption Group so other Greyhounds will have a Happy Holiday next year!

Gotcha' Day Anniversaries

Congratulations to these hounds and their folks on their one year adoption anniversary!



- Tiny (Dakota) by Cindi Rogers
- Dawn (Farrah) by Nikki Becker
- Strider to Beth and Ken Blomquist
- Indy to Mark and Shannon Dmytryzn



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In this issue you have met many hounds, from Ron and Chad who have had special medical considerations to Cora and Gracie who are safe and sound in homes with adoring families. Your gifts whether monetarily, of time, or in whatever way possible you GAVE, helped each of these greyhounds find their way into loving arms and is greatly appreciated. Our hope is that you understand that you have touched **MANY** lives. Not only the lives of the hounds but also of the families who love them. Thank you to all who have done so much. However, our task continues as there are still so many hounds in waiting who need so much help. It is up to people like us to make sure we can reach out to as many as possible. It is truly wondrous all the things we do and how much we all care.

Please continue to open your hearts, your homes and your arms once again to the hounds.

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Dixie's Delights

- 1 ripe banana
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1/4 cup wheat germ
- 1/4 cup unsalted peanuts—chopped

In a small bowl, mash banana and peanut butter together using a fork. Mix in wheat germ.

Place in refrigerator for about an hour, until firm.

With your hands, roll rounded teaspoonfuls of mixture into balls. Roll balls in peanuts, coating them evenly.

Place on cookie sheet in freezer.

When completely frozen, pack into airtight containers and store in freezer.



Art by Mik Wilkins



Art by Sarah Snavelly



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Chad - A Special Hound

by Kim Hrabe, Adoption Coordinator

Let me tell you a little about a very special foster hound named Chad. Chad came from the track in Kansas City. He broke the talas bone in his right hind leg. This is a large bone in the joint that we call the hock. He broke the leg in a race the first week of September 2003. I found out he was available when Kate Bressler of Greyhound Support in Kansas City called and asked if GPA would be willing to take him. Jen Rachac and I drove to Kansas City to pick him up and to also bring in another hound that Jen and her husband Doug adopted.

Let me tell you, Chad looked pretty rough when we first saw him. He had a flakey skin condition that I later learned was a bacterial skin infection. He had a cast on the right hind leg and boy was he dirty! However, none of these things seemed to bother him! He was, and still is, very happy, bouncy and full of energy! He dragged me around the grass outside of the kennel like I had wheels on and could actually keep up! He's the fastest thing on 3 legs!

We had one very big problem though, Chad hates to ride in a vehicle! He cried, howled or barked from Kansas City to Des Moines! By then I think he was just plain tuckered out! We have been working on helping him get over his fear of vehicles. The last 2 weekly trips to the vet were made without his tranquilizer! YIPEE! Good for me, but better for him!

Chad is making very good progress. The cast will stay on until about December 20th. He then has about 4-6 weeks of rehabilitation ahead of him before he can be shown to potential adopters. I know he will recover very quickly. His nick name here is "Tigger" because he is "bouncy, bouncy, fun, fun, fun"!!! He loves toys and throws them at you to get your attention. He is a clown and loves it when you laugh at his antics. He is totally cat safe and even gets a "face wash" now and then from my cat Heidi. He loves his crate and will go in there so that he can "cockroach". My theory is that the crate is the only place that can support that heavy cast! We take walks to the end of the block and back and he is learning to be good on a leash. He is also very sweet and loving.

I am so grateful to be able to be part of his recovery. He is only 2 years old and has many joyful years ahead of him. He has really brightened our lives with his clowning around. Fostering for GPA

is one of the most rewarding experiences that I have ever had. I encourage any of you with some extra time and love to give to consider fostering. Most foster hounds are only in your home 1-3 weeks. However, the memories and the love they give you will last a lifetime.



Chad in his cast.

To Foster Families Everywhere

Your home may have been
The first kind one I'd ever seen;
Your voice the first to teach, to praise,
To guide me through confusing days.
You're the one who taught to me
What the life of a good dog ought to be.
Your patient persistence all the while
May have won my very first doggie smile.
And now that I am off to roam
With the family of my "forever" home,
Yours is the home I will always dream of;
Your gentle hands, your smiling love,
The way you coaxed tangles out of my coat,
The sound of your voice, yes, every note.
If they learn to love me the way that you do
I will know that I owe my acceptance to you.
Though my paws may wander far away,
Yours is the home where I learned to stay.

Karen Ellery 2000





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