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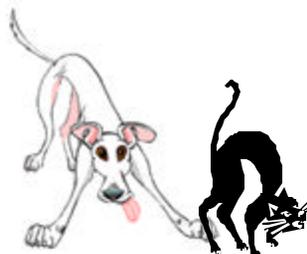
Halloween can be a frightening experience for your pet.

Make sure all animals are inside during the night the youngsters are Halloween trick'r-treating, especially black cats, to avoid the heartbreak of hideous "pranks." In fact, during the entire month of October, *all* black cats should be kept indoors. The safest thing for both you and your animals is to keep them indoors unless you are supervising their outdoor activities with them on a leash.

On the night of Halloween trick'r-treating, keep your pets away from the doors leading to the outside. Place them in a secluded room away from the noise and activity of the trick'r-treaters. As you are greeting your guests, the animal could become frightened and make a rush for the door as you are handing out the treats and become disoriented with those unfamiliar creatures in the neighborhood. Your normally placid pet may become frightened and bite an unsuspecting friendly ghost or goblin. Even if you know your pet will be confined, his or her tags or other identification are essential Halloween wear. Lock your gates if your dog *must* stay outside. Dogs left outside can become prey for pranksters who have teased, injured and even stolen animals during this holiday season. **DO NOT** leave the dog chained outside your home on Halloween night (or any night). A frightened dog can quickly become entangled in a chain -- and if you'er gone or don't notice quickly enough, your dog could choke or break the chain and flee.

Candy is not healthy for pets. Keep all sweets out of your pet's way. Chocolate can be fatal to your dog so, if your pet does eat chocolate, watch for vomiting or restlessness, and call your veterinarian for advice. A wrapper around the candy won't deter your pet, and might get stuck in the animal's throat, or cause stomach upset. The foil wraps on candies can cause internal injuries if swallowed - the foil can be like a razor as it is swallowed and ingested. Keep all candies and their wrappers in a secured place. If you dispose of left-over candy, make sure it is pet proof. Sticks on candy apples or lollipops may be swallowed and cause an obstruction or perforation of your pet's stomach or bowels. Other holiday treats, alcoholic beverages, rich, fatty food scraps and bones can be harmful or toxic to pets. Keep your pet on his regular diet and caution visitors against giving your pet "special treats."

If you plan to enjoy trick-or-treating fun while the dog stays in the car, plan again. Imagine sitting in a dark car with witches, goblins and the like passing you by -- and you have no idea what Halloween is. Don't take the dog out to trick-or-treat with your children.



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Greyhound Pets of America – Minnesota is the Minnesota chapter of a national non-profit, all volunteer organization. We are dedicated to finding loving, responsible homes for retired racing and also younger greyhounds that haven’t been successful at various tracks throughout the country. GPA-MN also take great pride in educating and informing the public that retired racing greyhounds make excellent, loving pets.



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Happy Hounds for Halloween

by Sue Burkhard

Halloween is a fun and exciting time for humans, but for our Greyhound family members it can be scary and fraught with danger. Not just from those frightening goblins and ghosts, but also other unsuspecting hazards lurking about. Here are some tips to make this howliday a ghostly success instead of a ghastly nightmare.

One of the most important things you can do to make this event pass by without mishap is **KNOW YOUR DOG**. If your dog is shy, startles easily, or is excitable then it would be best if you kept your dogs exposure to the holiday events to a minimum. However, if your dog is laid back, calm and very social you might want to include them in some of the milder events.

Times to be particularly cautious would be during any Halloween parties, at parades, if you take your hound trick-or-treating with your kids, and when the little trick-or-treaters come banging on your door.

Remember that dogs don't understand about masks and costumes and lots of screaming kids can be very scary. By the very nature of the holiday (lets see who we can scare the most) kids will be loud, sneaky, jumpy, and unpredictable. If your hound will not handle this type of behavior well, it would be better to put them in an interior room away from the noise and commotion.

If your dog is a social butterfly and you want to promote a little greyhound adoption while passing out treats then be extremely careful when opening up the door. Or better yet, remove the top half of your screen/storm door and pass the candy through the "open window". This will prevent any accidental escapes. Remember to lock the screen door so a little goblin on the other side doesn't open it and accidentally let your hound out. And as always, make sure your hound has a collar and ID tag on just in case. Also remember to put a padlock (and lock it) on your gate to the yard so no one plays a trick on you and leaves the gate open.

Try not to let your dog out in the yard during trick-or-treat hours as he might be tempted to jump on the fence and scare the little ones, or worse jump over it in fear or excitement. If you have to let your dog out during this time make sure you go out with him and monitor for any problems.

- Another risk for your greyhound is burning candles from luminaries, pumpkins, or other decorations. If your hound gets excited they could knock these over and cause a fire, or burn themselves. So keep these items away from your hound.

Halloween candy treats are hazardous to your hounds for many reasons. Too much chocolate can be poisonous for your hound, and the wrappers that many treats are packaged in can be choking hazards or cause intestinal upset or worse blockage. We all know how much hounds love to counter surf, make sure treats are kept well out of surfing range.

After all that you might be thinking "Boy, this really is scary, how can we have some safe fun with our hounds?"

Here are a couple of ideas to include your Greyhounds in the holiday safely. Everyone loves a good costume and if your hound likes to dress up consider a nice Halloween related bandana or martingale style collar with a Halloween theme. There are many greyhound vendors that sell these items. And a well dressed hound will cause people to take a second and look and would make a wonderful opportunity to share the joys of owning a greyhound.

Everyone loves treats (isn't that what this holiday is all about, mooching free treats?) so why not bake some Pumpkin Spice Biscuits, (recipe on page 10) or buy a box of doggie treats to pass out to visiting K-9 trick-or-treaters. You can even bag a couple of them up in a baggie and attach a Greyhound Group business card to it to help promote Greyhound Adoption.

Most importantly don't forget to watch your Hound for signs of stress or discomfort and immediately remove your greyhound from the activity if they appear to be overwhelmed. By following these simple tips you can make sure that everyone enjoys this Halloween, including your Greyhound!



Why are Seniors So Special? by Sue Burkhard

Thank you for asking :-)) Let me try to explain.

In life there are so few air tight, rock solid guarantees. Greyhounds are, as most of us agree, a special breed. The breed that we all love for a wide variety of reasons. And adopting animals that for the most part come to us as adults, already imprinted and molded in many ways is different then most dog adopters who seek out puppies and very young adults.

We as humans are compelled for some reason to want more. And I think Americans are more prone to this trait then other nationalities, for the sole reason that there is so much more here then in many other places. We are blessed. So naturally when we look for a new companion animal to share our lives, we look for the ones we think will give us *more* time. More time to love, more time to play, more time to share quiet moments, more time to spend happy moments. But then we forget to notice so many of those gifts in our busy homes.

Senior greyhounds don't always give us more. You take the chance of having a couple months, if your lucky, a couple years. However when you adopt a senior greyhound something changes inside your brain. A switch is turned on and suddenly you notice all those things you take for granted in a young dog. You appreciate them more. Those moments of intense play strike a chord deep inside your soul. It's as if a powerful joy hormone is released throughout your whole body. When they run, the real beauty shines through every time. You see every sprint, every jog, every wobble, and every stumble; and yes, you hold your breath the whole time, and when they are done, you sigh a happy sigh.

When they sleep, you watch them with the wonder you would view a newborn baby. You relish every new day with them. Seniors bring out the best in us. We so want them to be happy and content and comfortable that we strive to make their every moment the best that it can be. We don't take for granted that they will be here tomorrow, for sadly tomorrow may not come. We understand that and because of that realization we live in the here and now. We don't have their past to remember, that belonged to someone else. We know we don't have an extended future with them of many years. What we do have is today.

And today me and my senior greyhound will play in the yard with her ball. I will hold tightly in my mind every toss, every tail wag, every bark and prance. My senior greyhound and I will sit side by side on the sofa, her head resting in my lap, my hand stroking her head, trying to convey just how much I love her, even though I've only had her for a year and 2 months. I will watch my senior greyhound as she rises and as walk to the treat jar, and I will laugh at the little digging thing she does with her bed. I will fret over her as she comes in out of the rain and make sure she isn't cold as I dry her off and kiss her head. And I will not take her for granted one moment of

the day.

Beebe's Story by Robin Krautbauer



This gently wagging, light fawn, nine-year-old female fell into our lives much as many of our other hounds have. When our Blaze girl, (our 1st greyhound), passed away in March

of 1997 we had no intentions of bringing in a replacement. Not that you could ever replace Blaze, but we had no designs on keeping the status quo. The number of greyhounds had, in fact, risen higher than was ever in our plans. Then there were those lovely big eyes of Beebe's staring up at me.

Beebe had been brought into a public 'vaccination clinic' where she was seen and was not in the best of shape. Beebe's owner was then asked to bring her in to a vet clinic because there was trouble with her toenails and teeth that needed immediate attention. The owner agreed and brought her into a clinic I had been volunteering at. Her nails hadn't been clipped for a very long time and some of them were falling off. She was losing them due to a fungal infection and when the owner was told what needed to be done her reaction was not favorable. She explained that she had wanted to return Beebe to the track adoption group, but the track group wouldn't take her. The owner was also upset that Beebe was urinating in the house and crate. Beebe was too much trouble and costing her too much money. She didn't want Beebe anymore. So the owner signed a release and turned her over to the GPA-MN. After having Beebe for several years, the woman just walked out of her life.

I walked into the back room when they had Beebe on a table working on her feet. She was loosing so many nails and crying when they pulled out what was left of the bad ones. Poor girl, I was scritchng her head, rubbing her ears to try and help sooth her when I looked at the tattoo inside her ear. Beebe was already nine years old! Yikes, it's not very easy to place greyhounds of that age. She seemed a pretty remarkable girl to me, for some reason, and when she looked up at me I could have sworn she had Blaze's eyes. Though Blaze had gone from us a few months prior, I still knew those eyes. As soon as her feet had healed a bit, we brought Beebe to our house, where we knew she would stay.

We first brought Beebe in without the other hounds being loose to surround her, her feet still pained her and we didn't
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want her to get stepped on. We wanted her start here to be a good one. One by one we introduced all of the other greyhounds to her.

She got on with all of them pretty well until she laid down on a cushion and Tyler, the pup of our pack at that time, ran over and stepped on her feet right away. She jumped up and snarled and snapped at him, not that I blamed her. By the next day she seemed to pretty much accept all, even Tyler. The only growling she did was when he got close to her feet, and as her feet healed even that growling went away as well.

Beebe had to go back into the clinic to have her feet looked at again. Her fungus was very hard to deal with, again she lost more nails and her feet were very sore. We were soaking them daily and giving her various medications. Poor girl, what an introduction she got to our house. As the days went on she started to come around. She began to show lots of excitement when someone came home and had a little kangaroo bounce she did to express her delight.

We decided to look into her history a little bit and checked her ear tattoos out with the National Greyhound Association. Her racing name was P's Beebe, but what was most interesting to me was that her sire was BonBon Patriot. BonBon Patriot was also Blaze's sire. Wow, so I was right about Beebe's eyes being like Blaze's, they shared the same Dad! I saw many of Blaze's behaviors in Beebe and she was just an all around wonderful girl. She had only a couple accidents in the house and none in her kennel. She adjusted to our family so quickly it was like she had always lived here.

Unfortunately she continued having trouble with her feet for quite a while so we kept on working on them. Beebe seemed to just accept all the fuss as something she had to endure to live here. She did get to go running with Tex and the others elder hounds living here sometimes. We didn't want to turn her out to run around too much, because we didn't want her to further injure the delicate foot mending that was going on. Beebe just loved it. She did a few times around the yard with Tex (another elder hound) and then just kind of jaunted around occasionally, it wasn't too long that soon she was ready to go back inside. When she finally did her first Meet & Greet, Beebe was just a natural ambassador, as so many of the greyhounds are. She had trouble standing up for long periods and would start to get shaky in the back legs, but we just couldn't get her to lie down, she was just too excited. As she got a little more exercise and experience she grew stronger and more sure of herself. As far as we were concerned Beebe was 'meant-to-be' in our house. So here she stayed with us until she was well over 13 years of age and was over come by a bone marrow illness that took her from us...far too soon where we were concerned. We will always miss our Beebe and never ever regret that she blessed our lives with her warm tail wags and beautiful dances of delight. Beebe will always be at home in our hearts.



More Fun Things To Do!!!!



Saturday, October 4th,

GPA-MN will be at the Blue Earth and Nicollet Country Humane Society Fund Raiser

On October 4 from 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. the newly reformed Blue Earth and Nicollet County Humane Society is having a fund raiser at Ray Erlandson Park on the corner of East Main and Victory Drive. We will be there with our meet and greet setup. There will be prizes, games, silent auction and dog walk. Anyone interested in checking this out, come on over. Contact Bryan and Nancy Rittenhouse at: bryhouse@hickorytech.net

Sunday, October 5th,

Annual GPA-MN

Membership Appreciation Meeting

Sunny Square Pavilion (same as last year)

New Brighton, MN

4-7pm (map on Website www.gpa.mn.org)

From Highway 694 take the Silver Lake Road Exit which is 2 miles West of 35W. Head North on Silver Lake Road Turn Right onto Gregory Dr. (first right after the railroad tracks) Follow Gregory Dr. to the small parking lot at the end of the street. Take the short path to the Community Building. Map
Please RSVP to: mtoftely@hotmail.com by October 1st.

Sandwiches, cake, and beverages will be provided. We aren't allowed to bring our dogs.

Every Sunday at 2 pm (weather permitting):

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

RROO: (Fargo, North Dakota) Meet at the East Dike parking lot on Red River at 2 pm. 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 - Coon Rapids

October 11 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

November 8 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

Petco - Eden Prairie

October 25 Saturday 1- 3 PM

November 22 Saturday 1- 3 PM

Petco - Fridley

October 18 Saturday 11 - 1 PM

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November 28 Friday 12 - 3 PM

Petco - St. Cloud

October 11 Saturday 11:00 - 1:00 PM

November 8 Saturday 11:00 - 1:00 PM

Pet Expo - Mankato

October 19 Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 PM

November 16 Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Borders Bookshop - Calhoun Square

October 4 Saturday 12:00 - 3:00 PM

November 1 Saturday 12:00 - 3:00 PM

Bring your hound and come say hi!



Adoptions

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



AUGUST 2003

- Cookie adopted by Carie and Tom Peterson.
- Dewey adopted by Neil and Sylvia Kresal.
- TC adopted by Christine Bastolich.
- Abbey adopted by Jon and Julie Conner.
- Max adopted by Chuck and Bert Wagner .
- Cooper adopted by Lonni and Bob Skrentner.
- Faith adopted by Stephen Pachall.
- Rafael (Rafi) adopted by Bonnie and Joe Goldman.
- Gina adopted by Lisa and Dennis Kuhl.
- Lilli adopted by Julie Babler.
- Joe adopted by Michael Marchand.



Clip Art by Kim Parkhurst

SEPTEMBER 2003

- Mugsey adopted by Charles and Carin.
- Ludwig adopted by Morgan and Heather Holle.
- Elf adopted by Nicole Goodson.
- Lightning adopted by Jeremy and Amy Hansen.
- Jammy adopted by Dana and Jon Helgerson.



GOTCHA' DAY!

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

- Greta to Kevin Kocur
- Stormy to Chris and Jenny Fischer
- Bubba to Mark and Christy Janzen
- Chance to Thrond and Michelle Toftely
- Jess to Charles and Shelly Archer
- Bailey to Andy and Brenda
- Flyin' to Jon and Dawn Sanders
- Chloe to Mike and Nancy Mahoney
- Lion to Steven and Patricia Swanson



Clip art by Sarah Snaveley.



Our most heartfelt condolences to these families!

Recent Bridge Kids:

- Baba - Mike and Marcy Barger**
- Beckett - Mark Evans**
- Cajun - Martha and Walter Cleveland**
- Dixie - Greg and Liz Hendricks**
- Flash - Jackie Dubbe and Carol Jillian**
- Meggie - Steve and Jeanne Sedesky**

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge. When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge.

There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable. All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by.

The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; his eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together.... (author unknown)

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there, I do not sleep

I am a thousand winds that blow
I am the diamond glint on the snow
I am the sunlight on ripened grain
I am the gentle autumn rain

When you awake in the mornings hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circled flight
I am the soft star that shines at night

Do not stand at my grave and cry
I am not there, I did not die.

~ Anonymous ~



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Charles and Shelley Archer - In honor of Jess's birthday.

Jim Martin - In honor of Missy's birthday.



A Senior Moment....



Ease Into The Golden Years

Your dog's breed and size determine when he enters his senior years. Although you can't hold back the clock, there are many things you can do to help keep him healthy and active as long as possible.

Monitor Your Dog's Health

Visit your veterinarian frequently. Most vets recommend a check-up once every 6 months when your dog reaches his senior years. Blood tests, X-rays, electrocardiograms, ultrasound, CAT scans or MRIs might be necessary. Be prepared to tell your vet about any changes in your pet's stamina, appetite or behavior, when it began and what might have triggered it.

Have hearing and eyesight checked. It's not unusual for an elderly dog's eyes to look cloudy, and the condition may not signal illness. Like humans, however, they can develop cataracts and glaucoma, and can experience hearing loss. If your pet seems surprised when you come close to him, bumps into things or doesn't come when you call him, the culprit may be failing faculties.

Groom Your Dog Often

Brush your dog's teeth daily. This staves off tooth decay and helps prevent gum disease and tooth loss. Brushing regularly will also allow you to notice mouth and tongue ulcers early on.

Note any increase in "doggy breath." Dogs have their natural smells and dog food can linger on their breath, but a change in breath to the point that it becomes strong or offensive can signal various illnesses.

Groom him at least once a week. It's more important than ever to spare your dog the annoyance of fleas and other parasites: At this age, he won't be able to groom himself as easily as he used to. As you brush him, take note of any bumps, skin lesions or unusual hair loss. And remember that his skin is less elastic than it used to be, so be careful not to scrape or pull it. Be sure to clip his nails to help give him sure footing.

Massage his joints and limbs. If your dog isn't able to exercise routinely, improve his flexibility and circulation by gently massaging his muscles and joints.

Keep Your Dog Active

Provide moderate exercise. The old adage "use it or lose it" is as true for dogs as it is for humans. Exercise helps your dog maintain muscle tone, keeps his heart and digestion healthy and even improves his attitude. Walking is great. Gentle games of fetch and other play not only keep him in shape, but keep him mentally alert and interacting positively with you. Swimming is particularly good for arthritic dogs.

Give him frequent "bathroom" breaks. His digestion may be irregular and his bladder may lose elasticity and capacity.

Stick to a regular schedule. Your dog always liked a routine; he'll appreciate it more now. Feed him and walk him at the same times each day.

Minimize stress. As he ages, even the most social dog may not welcome strange animals or people, or even tolerate familiar children. Due to his failing senses, arthritis or forgetfulness, your dog may shy away from previously welcomed travel or other social situations.

Train him with both word and hand commands. This will help to prepare for the day when either sight or hearing dims.

Help Your Dog Eat and Sleep Comfortably

Don't leave him outside alone. Keep your dog indoors and minimize his time outside. As a dog ages, he'll be sensitive to changes in temperature - aging hearts and lungs don't adjust as well to extremes of hot and cold. Since his senses, reflexes and thinking aren't as sharp, the dog is likely to be more prone to accidents, injury from other animals or even getting lost.

Give him a soft bed. Arthritis, elbow calluses and other conditions will make it harder for your dog to sleep soundly. Orthopedic dog beds are available.

Feed him properly. An aging dog gains weight more easily because his metabolism is slowing. Your vet can recommend food that is high in fiber and lower in fat, so that your dog is eating his accustomed amount of food, but fewer calories. As digestion worsens, he might do better with smaller, more frequent meals. Conditions such as diabetes, arthritis,

heart or liver problems also call for special nutritional plans.

Always provide fresh, cool water. This is a good policy for creatures of all ages, but especially important for an older dog.



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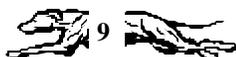
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Greyhound Pets of America/Minnesota to continue their work with the hounds we all love.

GPA/MN THANKS THE PETCO STORES A THOUSAND TIMES OVER!



Our Greyhound Guardian Angels!



Pumpkin Spice Biscuits

by Sue Burkhard

Preheat oven to 350-degrees (F).

- 1 1/2 cups unbleached flour
- 1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 large egg slightly beaten
- 1 cup water



Art by Mik Wilkins

Mix flours, cornmeal, brown sugar, and spices in large bowl. Add pumpkin, egg, and water. Knead dough with hands until smooth and stiff. Roll dough out and use cookie cutters to cut biscuits. Place biscuits on slightly greased cookie sheet. Bake for 30-45 minutes or until lightly brown. Turn oven to 150-degrees (or to low/warm setting) and leave in oven for 4-5 hours or until hard.



Rainbow Bridge

Sterling pendant 1"...\$25

Brooch 1"...\$30

Mention GPA-MN if you purchase items from Carmon and our group will get a donation from your sale!

No one knows how many greyhounds have lost their lives without ever knowing the love of a family or having a home of their own. This piece honors all dogs, both well-loved and unknown, who have crossed before us.

<http://cumor.home.texas.net/blackhorsesdesign/>



**Black
Horse
Design**

Animal Motif Jewelry & Handpainted Silk
by Carmon Deyo

Greyhound Sitting!!

The Coop has been a great benefit to all of us who have used it, knowing that our hounds are well cared for when we're gone! If you are interested in participating please call Bethany and Lauren Kauffman (763) 576-0455 for further information!



Sarah Regan Snavelly
fine dog art



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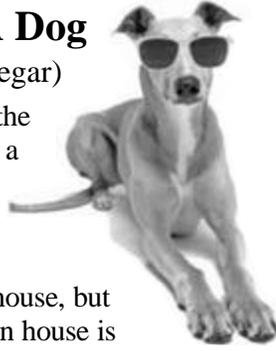
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Rules For Having A Dog

(submitted by Becky Pinegar)

1. Dogs are never permitted in the house. The dog stays outside in a specially built wooden compartment named, for very good reason, the dog house.
2. Okay, the dog can enter the house, but only for short visits or if his own house is under renovation.
3. Okay, the dog can stay in the house on a permanent basis, provided his dog house can be sold in a yard sale to a rookie dog owner.
4. Inside the house, the dog is not allowed to run free and is confined to a comfortable but secure metal cage.
5. Okay, the cage becomes part of a two-for-one deal along with the dog house in the yard sale, and the dog can go wherever he pleases.
6. The dog is never allowed on the furniture.
7. Okay, the dog can get on the old furniture but not the new furniture.
8. Okay, the dog can get up on the new furniture until it looks like the old furniture and then we'll sell the whole darn works and buy new furniture...upon which the dog will most definitely not be allowed.
9. The dog never sleeps on the bed. Period.
10. Okay, the dog can sleep at the foot of the bed.
11. Okay, the dog can sleep alongside me, but he's not allowed under the covers.
12. Okay, the dog can sleep under the covers but not with his head on the pillow.
13. Okay, the dog can sleep alongside you under the covers with his head on the pillow, but if he snores he's got to leave the room.
14. Okay, the dog can sleep and snore and have nightmares in bed, but he's not to come in and sleep on the couch in the TV room, where I'm Now sleeping. Okay he can , but I keep the TV remote.
15. The dog never gets listed on the census questionnaire as "primary resident," even if it's true.



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