



A LETTER from the PRESIDENT

Leonard Schollen

Here it is, summer is upon us, it seems just yesterday I did the column for the spring edition. A lot has happened since then, the website is up and running, we are about to include "Happy Tails" again and the "Rainbow Bridge" photo gallery. Due to formatting issues these two segments have to be re-entered by hand, no transferring everything in one stroke.


Wife Judy, Jackie, Epie and I just returned from the Spring Fling in Nanoose Bay on Vancouver Island, I don't have attendance figures but the parking lot was full of cars and the play area full of dogs, food was Greyt so I think everyone enjoyed themselves.


You will find elsewhere in this newsletter an invitation to get involved, volunteer a little time to help us achieve our goals. There are many avenues within an organization such as ours and no one person has the expertise to do them all, it takes a team, a group with a common goal, some with a lot of time, some with a lot of experience, and all with a lot of enthusiasm. If you can spare some time or share some experience and have enthusiasm for finding homes for these lovely animals please get involved.

I would like also to talk about first aid and corns. I have heard of too many instances of mushroom and other poisonings, injuries caused by falls or encounters with barbed wire fences, all sorts of dangers while people are on hikes or outings with their dogs. A small well equipped first aid kit should be with you at all times. There are many suggestions on line on how to make one up Ours has Benadryl & Pepto Bismal tablets (bee stings & diarrhea), Hydrogen peroxide & a small turkey baster (to induce vomiting in case of poisoning), a roll of self-adhesive bandage, Neosporin ointment and some gauze pads (cuts & bruises). Simple, but effective.

One adopter at the picnic asked me about corns, I unfortunately didn't see her again before she left. We had a "corn hound", Missy, she suffered many years with them and we learned a lot during her struggle. First, I am not aware of a successful surgical removal. Dremmeling and hulling are the only treatments that lead to success. The Grassmere method works best (www.grassmere-animal-hospital.com).

Happy Adopting, Len

Rainbow Bridge		Dogs We Have Said Goodbye To	
Please note that an error was made in our last issue of the Newsletter. It was reported that Super C. Swayze (Swayze) had gone to the Bridge. Swayze is very much alive and enjoying life at his forever home on Vancouver Island. NCGL sends apologies to Swayze and his family.			
	Point of Grace (Gracie)	Vina Gold (Venus)	
	Cold B Hi Card (Card)	RSW Solo (Solo)	
	Kingsley	Olivia Bloom	
	Iruska Tino (Tino)		

Happy Tails		Welcome to Our New Dogs	
	Ashley (Holly)	AJN Golden Donna (Donna)	
	Angus (the Puppy)	Pat C Skimpy (Max)	
	Stella (Lola)	AJN Off the Hook (Hook)	
	Hilco Angry Bee (Bee)	BJ Kemosabe (Kim)	
	McGruff (Sully)	TC Awesome Hanna (Hannah)	
	AJN Belle Offer (Belle)	Jack	
	Dusty Dame (Briar)	Mango	
	Kiowa Discount (Count)	Katie (Hurry)	

Wee Angus Settles In!



Wee Angus is an adorable 5 month old mostly Greyhound puppy with snow white fur, pink skin, handsome brindle face, soulful brown eyes and charismatic ears. He now weighs 53 lbs and is growing like a weed [@ ~2 lbs per week]. Mostly house-trained, in that if his wee bladder gets too full, he wees on a puppy-pad in the bathroom, he nevertheless knows the appropriate place to eliminate [outside] and does so when his dog-foster takes him out in a timely way. He is learning puppy survival skills fast, such as “go get it” [a ball or stick], “stay” [waiting patiently on-leash], and “Angus, come” + loud whistle [as soon as he’s ready].

Very affectionate with humans of every age and description, they respond very positively to his greyhound goodwill. He nevertheless approaches new and strange sounds or creatures [such as cats, blue heron, Canada geese, & loud noises] with inquisitive caution. He loves children & babies and would be a perfect family hound. He has discovered how to bark when carousing with other dogs but stays mostly silent, unless he wants something that isn’t his – dog-foster’s dinner, for example. He lives happily with dog-foster in an apartment that has easy access to parks and beaches, where he loves to play, especially with other puppies.

Angus is very friendly, highly socialized and non-aggressive. He hasn’t had any formal obedience training and is still teething and just about to start producing hormones, so he jumps up, paws at and chews on his dog-foster, who keeps his hands protectively gloved during walkies. He has mediocre walking etiquette so far [Angus, not the dog-foster], as his inquisitive puppy brain is constantly being distracted by every sight, sound or smell, all of which need to be tracked down and investigated. He has had all his standard vaccinations; his neutering will likely take place between 6 and 12 months old.

[Not so] Wee Angus is a very good puppy, eager to please, but remains a puppy; therefore more work is still required with respect to his house training, leash-training, obedience and recall consistency, which will take much time and patience.

Fostered in Vancouver, BC

Delta Community ANIMAL EXPO



NCGL is participating in this event and **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** along with their Greyhounds to help in our booth. The volunteers will greet the public, introducing them to our Greyhounds, in some cases it will be the first time for many to meet retired racing Greyhounds. We all love to boast about our hounds, so here is a perfect opportunity to do that! Maybe there will be forever homes found for some lucky Greyhounds!

We will have a few items on sale such as Greyhound jewelry, Martingale collars, custom made Greyhound coats, and Limited edition NCGL T-Shirts - **kindly donated by HUMAN CAPITAL STRATEGIES**. There will be draws for gift baskets, Greyhound colouring sheets for the children, and lots of photos and information on how to adopt one of these wonderful animals.

Be sure to mark your calendars for this event and bring the whole family, including the furry ones too! There will be activities for everyone to enjoy!

Want to have some fun and volunteer? If so, please contact Judy Miller (treasurer@ncgl.ca)

Sunday, August 21, 2016, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. LADNER MEMORIAL PARK, 5010 47 Ave., Ladner, B.C.

Are Annual Exams for Our Pets Really Necessary?



Annual exams provide an important opportunity for you and your veterinarian to discuss the lifestyle, risk factors, and overall wellness of your pet.

- : Provides a baseline comparison for your veterinarian if your pet ever becomes ill.
- : Animals can't tell us when something is wrong.
- : Pets age faster than we do.

For an in depth review, please refer to: <https://positively.com/contributors/are-annual-exams-for-our-pets-really-necessary/>

TIPS : Thunder and Lightening

If thunderstorms are in your forecast, don't let your dog out in the yard without you having it on lead. Frightened dogs can leap over fences and take off. Likewise fireworks.

Instructions for a simple HOMEMADE DOG DOOR

by Di/John McMahan



We looked for a dog door for our sliding glass patio door, but were unable to find one that had an entrance large enough for a greyhound. Finally we decided to make our own using 2" styrofoam board insulation. Anyone making this door might want to vary the thickness and other dimensions depending on their situation.

Height: We cut our foam board the height of the door opening plus the depth of the track at the top of the doorway. Then we cut a notch along each side of the top so there is a flange running the length of the top, in the centre. This fits into the track at the top of the door opening and helps to keep the foam board in place.

Width: Our patio door opens to 24 ½". We made the dog door 19" wide, leaving room to hold it on both sides when installing or removing. Making cuts similar to those along the top, we created a flange down the centre of the door-sill side of the foam board. This tucks into the door track where the patio door closes, keeping the foam board in place and preventing air flow.

The dog entrance: For structural strength, the hole for the dog entrance does not extend to the bottom of the foam door. We made the entrance 26" high and 13 ½" wide, starting six inches above the bottom of the door. This allows 32" of headroom for the dogs, although they have to learn to step over the bottom sill. To prevent wear from the dogs' feet we attach plastic edge strip to the bottom edges of hole.

To cover the entrance: We use two pieces of heavy fleece, one attached on the inside and one on the outside. These fall back into place when the dogs have gone through, helping to prevent cold air from coming through the entrance. We attach the fleece with a strip of wood on each side, held together with four carriage bolts. The styrofoam can be covered (eg. with mac-tac) to make it more decorative. If reinforcement of any of the edges is necessary, we found that heavy packing tape is effective and invisible.

To install the foam door: Hold it on both sides and angle the door upward so the top flange fits into the track at the top of the patio door. Once the door is upright, slide it sideways so the flange on the side fits into the track on the side of the patio door opening. Close the patio door to meet the foam door.

Now the hard part begins: teaching your dog to go through the entrance!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AVAILABLE POSITIONS



NCGL needs the assistance of volunteers on various projects to bring the structure of our organization up to date:

:: A Volunteer or a Committee of Volunteers to research, register, manage and schedule flights for our Greyhounds between & within BC and AB with Pilots N' Paws, a new method of transportation that may be available to us. ([Air Transport Committee](#))

:: A Volunteer or a Committee of Volunteers to review our Constitution and to suggest changes which will keep our Charity Registration in line with the requirements of Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to maintain our status as a Charity. Our structure has changed over the years although our purpose has not and it is time to bring our by-laws in line with today's operations. ([Constitution & By-laws Committee](#))

:: A Volunteer or a Committee of Volunteers to research and develop a Policy and Procedures manual to guide present and future members in the day to day operation of NCGL and provide a Privacy Policy to which we must adhere. We collect personal information during the adoption and/or fostering process and therefore are required to develop a policy to protect that information. ([Policy & Procedures Committee](#))

:: A Volunteer or a Committee of Volunteers to research a procedure to hold Webinars (Virtual Meetings) for Board of Directors' Meetings and Annual General Meeting. We are a web-based organization with directors, officers and volunteers geographically separated and email has proven to be an inefficient method of conducting meetings. ([Communications Committee](#))

:: A Volunteer or a Committee of Volunteers to develop a series of fundraising opportunities in BC and AB. And to research grants that may be available to NCGL. Always a priority, as there are numerous grants that may be available to NCGL, however, due to time constraints the board has not been able to follow up on them. ([Fundraising & Grant Committee](#))

:: Anyone with a desire to help Greyhounds and an interest or experience in any of the above opportunities please submit a letter of interest to NCGL to: jackiepie@gmail.com

The Annual Spring Fling

The Annual Spring Fling was held Sunday June 19th, weather cooperated and didn't start to spit till it was over. The turnout was down from last year but everyone still had a good time. The dogs had a warm up roo in preparation for next year's try for the Guinness world record for greyhounds rooing at one time. There was a 50/50 draw won by Lila who kindly donated her half back to NCGL, and we also had a silent auction with tons of stuff.



Is 10 Hours too Long to Make a Dog Wait to Pee?



Short answer; probably yes.

Just saw an interesting topic on a TV show called Pet Talk. The discussion was about how a dog feels after not going out for 10 hours while their people work. They demonstrated with a 50 pound dog.

That size dog makes an ounce of urine an hour; that's 50 ounces minimum in ten hours. At this point the bladder is already pushing into the abdominal wall; this is very uncomfortable. At between 10 and 12 hours, the bladder may rupture if the dog jumps off the couch. Scary thought.

Moral of story; consider a dog door or getting someone to take the dog out during the day if you're gone that long.

Posted by [greyhoundarticlesonline](#) · March 20, 2016

TIPS : Summer Heat



Model: Yosie Brennan

Now that summer is here, it's important to be aware of the dangers excessive heat can pose to your pet.

Pets and Vehicles

Never leave your pet inside your car. Vehicles heat up to dangerous levels quickly in the summer months. Parking in the shade, opening windows, and even leaving the air conditioning on won't prevent a dangerous situation.

Hydration

Make sure your pet has plenty of access to fresh water. Excessive panting, lethargy, loss of skin elasticity, and refusal to drink or drinking too much and vomiting are all signs of dehydration. If you suspect your pet is dehydrated, contact your veterinarian right away.

Keep these tips in mind and you and your pet will be cool and safe this summer!

QUESTION:	ANSWER:	Articles or Pictures of Your Hounds	Please Send
What Goes Here ?	Anything You Want To Contribute	(We need models!)	To savethehounds @ Gmail.com



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