



A LETTER from the PRESIDENT

Leonard Schollen



Happy Halloween everyone. Halloween in Canada can be a scary time for all dogs and Greyhounds in particular with all the fireworks and fire crackers. We have found it helpful to keep some music up louder than normal, isolate the dogs in a small bedroom, windows closed and a fan on, or a Benadryl tablet just before the noises start. Keep in mind doses for over the counter products is the same as is recommended for children by weight per the direction on the package.

We have had a busy summer, a total of 22 hounds since the last newsletter that have been placed, including the Calgary 7-hound haul September 24th. Their photos should be up as you read this.

We are still looking for someone to work with Pilots for Paws Canada in the event we need to fly a hound to the BC interior or Alberta north country. Speaking of which we will try a Greyhound haul out of the Kansas/Missouri area in the spring of 2017, possibly 16 dogs, 8 for AB; 8 for BC.

The need for more foster homes is the only thing preventing us from bringing in more hounds so get your foster applications in and give it a try. There is nothing more enjoyable and rewarding than having your ex-foster go crazy when seeing you a month or two after you have placed them in their forever home. They never forget.

Have a Greyt fall, save the turkey neck for your special hound (raw & frozen of course).

Happy Adopting,

Len,
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Rainbow Bridge	Dogs We Have Said Goodbye To	
	CJ Stylish Fran	Voodoo
	Fergus	Red Ice (Skirmy)
	My Frenchy (Lucy)	Pat C Driver (Dieter)
		Global Flyer (Garfield)

Happy Tails	Welcome to Our New Dogs	
	Jazz Taz (Jazz)	Across The Pond (Benson)
	Pat C Ilana (Ilana)	Emery board (Hawk)
	Pat C Sinner (Sinner)	Yogi (Argos)
	Boc's Sneak N By (Sneak)	PG Milan (Milan)
	Amf Clemency (Pinky)	LOL Ash (Ashley)
	CRT Ulmer (Ulmer)	MV EM Mello (Mello)
	PJ Make A Play (Kam)	Fuzzy's Phil Epps (Phil)
	Superior Hottot (Hottot)	UMR Jaguar (Jackie)
	CRT Ivanna Bunny (Jags)	Bob's Jannet (Janet)
	Tabu	Lenny (fna Boofer)

Hookworms



NCGL has learned that some of the Greyhounds from the Florida track have been diagnosed with hookworms. Although they were treated prior to arriving here in Canada, if they are dormant when treated they may not show up until a later date. We therefore suggest that your Greyhounds be checked on an annual basis and the article following provides further information.

Hookworms in Greyhounds have always been a problem, but it appears to be getting worse. While dogs adopted through NCGL have been wormed, medications only kill adult worms. As well, in an effort to ensure their host doesn't die from blood loss, hookworms have developed an enzyme they infuse into their larvae to keep many of them from developing at the same time. Hookworms feed on the dog's blood; too many larvae maturing into adults at one time would drain too much blood from the dog, killing it and the hookworms at the same time. This means you have to worm many times to kill all the worms.

The best treatment for hookworm are to worm every two weeks for a minimum of three times. I personally tried several different medications and finally used liquid Strongid every two weeks for 3 full months. That was 7 treatments and finally my dog tested free of parasites.

Hookworms can also live outside the dog and infect other animals including humans (hence no dogs allowed at the beach during warm months or at children's playgrounds at any time). They can actually enter through the skin. Yuck. Pick up feces immediately and treat the ground if your dog has hookworm.

You should probably check your dog at least twice a year for internal parasites. And treat immediately if discovered.

Find further information here at GREYHOUND ARTICLES ON LINE:

<https://greyarticles.wordpress.com/medical-first-aid/parasites-including-tick-diseases/worms-worms-and-more-worms/>

Plants can be poisonous to your dog!



Christmas is coming and you probably know that your dog should not be eating poinsettias. But, did you know about Castor Berries? They are the red berries found on decorative wreaths.

Other plants can be dangerous for your dog, also. There may be plants in your yard or your walk around the block or on your far away travels. So, best to keep your yard clear of these plants, walk with your dog on a tight leash and learn about these plants before you go travelling.

The Humane Society of the United States has warned about numerous plants and provides a listing that is downloadable for printing at:

http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/plants_poisonous_to_pets.html

TIPS : Muzzles

Is your dog wearing a muzzle? Muzzles can help prevent your dog from eating things on the ground that they should not be eating.

Bleeding Disorders in Greyhounds

"We are publishing this link for greyhound owners/fosters information. It would be advisable to share this with your veterinarian and of course make sure that you read all of the related articles yourself. It is not meant to scare anyone but is additional and recent information that most of us should be aware of. One of our foster dogs has just been neutered and has suffered from excessive bleeding and the veterinarian was unable to establish the cause. There was bleeding from his injection areas, his micro-chip incision and from his neutered area. More blood work was done to ascertain the cause and no abnormalities were discovered in this particular case. The good news is that this foster Greyhound is recovering well and on the road to a full recovery."

We are going to do a bit more research on this particular issue. We found out that the recommended medication is not available in Canada and when we inquired in the US found out it has been taken off the market or at least no longer available.

►► Note the alternative to Amicar, tranexamic acid to help stop bleeding.

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Subject: Medical: Re: Medical: bleeding after surgery

Tranexamic acid is an alternative if Amicar isn't available or is cost prohibitive. It comes in 650mg tablets that are given 3x a day for 5 days to a typically-sized Greyhound, usually beginning the night of the surgery. I have a tripod who received Amicar post-amputation and tranexamic acid a year later after rib resection surgery who healed remarkably well from both procedures with minimal bruising/bleeding. I always keep it on hand at home so I know I'll have it available in an emergency.

On Fri, 30 Sep 2016 18:38:11 -0700, Maureen Nelms <quailrunfarm@SHAW.CA> wrote:

Thank you to everyone who has responded regarding our bleeder. The vet thinks he was allergic to the anesthetic but I think we need to look further. It is unlikely he has a tbd because he was bred in Canada and has never left Canada where we have very little tbd. I am trying to find out if Amicar is available somewhere in Canada and if not, we should try to get some from the US so the vet (and other vets) can have it on hand for dogs with these problems. We may also test him for Von Willebrands disease. Fortunately he is now up and back to his normal bratty one year old self!

http://pgreys.org/assets/BLEEDING_DISORDERS_IN_GREYHOUNDS.pdf

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

Rabies Vaccination

Do you and your dogs drive to the USA? Do they have proof of their Rabies Vaccination with them? Personally, I have never been asked for proof at the border, but, it is best to be prepared!



Rabies vaccination is required for all dogs entering the United States from a country where rabies is present. Dogs that have never been vaccinated against rabies must be vaccinated at least 30 days prior to arrival. Adult dogs older than 15 months of age that have previously received a rabies vaccination given no earlier than 3 months of age and that has since expired may be imported immediately following booster vaccination, without the need to wait for 30 days.

Dogs must be accompanied by a current, valid rabies vaccination certificate that includes the following information:

- Name and address of owner
- Breed, sex, age, color, markings, and other identifying information for the dog
- Date of rabies vaccination and vaccine product information
- Date the vaccination expires
- Name, license number, address, and signature of veterinarian who administered the vaccination

For more information, see Centers for Disease Control at <http://www.cdc.gov/importation/bringing-an-animal-into-the-united-states/dogs.html>

Ever danced with your hound?

This happy ditty might inspire you to do so.

<https://www.facebook.com/BonnyGraphics/videos/865560316906597/>

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