




Rainbow Bridge		Dogs We Have Said Goodbye To
	Across the Pond (Hunter)	Fortified Dream (Lexi)
	Tough As Nails (Maqsoum)	Bohemian Fanfare (Topaz)

Happy Tails		Welcome to Our New Dogs
	Craigie Tofari (Tafi)	Lexi
	Jazmine	Brownie/Steve (Caesar)
	Rowdy (Bronn)	Blue Velvet (Velvet)
	Wiggs Well (Finn)	Marsh
	Vip Princess (Princess)	



NCGL is raffling off this incredible handmade toboggan donated by David Gall of Black Swan Boats. Tickets for this raffle are 5 tickets for \$25.00 (minimum purchase of \$25.00) or 15 tickets for \$50.00. We will be collecting tickets until February 17th when the winner's name will be drawn! You can enter our meet and greets (Calgary) or you can contact us at [adopt@ncgl.ca](mailto:adopt@ncgl.ca) to make arrangements! If you'd like to help us by selling tickets for this raffle, please contact us at [adopt@ncgl.ca](mailto:adopt@ncgl.ca).

Northwest Canadian Greyhound League (NCGL) became a Registered Charity in the year 2000. Our mandate is to rescue and rehome retired racing Greyhounds, owner-surrendered Greyhounds and Greyhound mixes as well as other Sighthound breeds. Our Board of Directors are all volunteers and a large percentage of our Greyhound owners assist in offering their homes to foster incoming hounds as well as participate in our fundraising activities, such as Meet and Greets in PetSmart stores, picnics, Animal Expos and other events as they arise.

On Saturday, February 2nd, 2019 we are holding our second major fundraiser "**For the Love of Dogs**" to raise funds that will go towards our major expense, Veterinary fees. All of the hounds that come into our organization are completely vetted before being adopted out to approved forever homes. **Our entire operation depends on donations because the adoption fees seldom cover the veterinary fees paid.**



Before you can look up your dog's pedigree, you need either its registered name or ideally its tattoo numbers from each ear. One ear has the litter registration number and the other has the month and year of the dog's birth and its litter letter, A,B,C, etc. (Example: September 2008 would be written 98 and then a letter A, B, C).

Sometimes the tattoos are difficult to read. You may have them listed on the papers that came with your dog. If not, try shining a flashlight behind the dog's ear, as that often makes the tattoo clearer.

The litter number is the one you really need if you don't have a registered name (see more below).

Go to:

<http://www.greyhound-data.com/>

If you have the dog's registered name, on the top left you will see Dog Search. Click that and type in the dog's name (spelling is important). That should take you to that dog's pedigree. Some dogs have similar names so you may be presented with a short list. For example, one of my previous dogs was Golden Flyer. When I type in his name to the database, I get:

<u>Name ^</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Dob</u>	<u>Land</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>	<u>DamSire</u>
<a href="#">Golden Flyer</a>	m	APR 1994	US	RF	<a href="#">Voyager Two</a>	<a href="#">Kc's Red Flame</a>	<a href="#">Rum Roller *</a>
<a href="#">Golden Flyer</a>	m	JUN 1991	AU	F	<a href="#">Blazenka's Flyer</a>	<a href="#">Gainaway</a>	<a href="#">Getaway King</a>

Choose the one that is likely your dog. My dog was registered in US not AU which is Australia so I know it is the first one. Click on the name, and you get to his page. You can probably also do it right from this article. Since the sex of the dogs may be different, ignore any that don't match your dog. Color is also a clue. My dog was a red fawn (RF) not fawn (F).

Due to a large amount of spam, the database now requires that you set up a login ID and password. The screen will pop up with a login box – look above that and in red you will see **create new account**. Click that and follow the directions. This will allow you to view at any time by logging in. (There are occasional notice emails from the database, but they can be deleted and they do not sell your information).

Once you've logged in there, you will see the dog's sire and dam names, and much farther back. You can scroll down the page and at the bottom you will see a list of all the dam's offspring. From this find your dog and look for others with the same birthday so you know which are your dog's siblings. You can click on any dog's name from anywhere at the bottom or in the pedigree and it will take you to that dog's individual page. Off to one side of each dog's name on the bottom of the page, you will see how many races it has been in, what it's best grade of race was, how many wins and second places it had. Again, most of the things there are linked if underlined so you can click on the number of races and it takes you to the race page.

On your dog's home page, across the top you will see X number of races. Click on that and it will take you to a list of every race your dog was in. You can see which tracks it raced at (click the track name to go to the track's website to see what state it was in). You can see how far the dogs ran, what grade your dog raced in, which trap it started in (traps are the racing boxes the dogs start from, similar to starting gates for thoroughbred race horses), how it placed in the race (there are normally 8 dogs per race), a short comment about the dog's trip in the race (i.e. bumped far turn), what dog won the race, etc. If you are really, really lucky, the last column is film. If there is a little piece of film beside one of those races, you can actually click it and watch your dog race! How cool is that?

There is also a link for offspring. Unless you adopted a brood or sire, your dog likely has no offspring. But if it did, it will say X number of offspring. Click on that and it will take you to all that dog's offspring and will list (for broods) which sire fathered each pup. You can also click on the pups' names and go to their page. If you happened to adopt a retired sire, the number of offspring can be enormous (literally thousands because they keep frozen semen).

If your dog did not come with a registered name, you may still be able to find out some information about it.

Using the same website, across the top you will see Tattoo. Click on that and it opens a box for right ear and left ear. Leave off gender, under Land select USA – occasionally one will come from Ireland, so try that if USA doesn't work - leave off birth year unless you are sure and type the tattoos into the right ear, left ear spot. Instead of typing the litter letter though, put an \* (i.e., put 98\* for September 2008). This way if one of your dog's siblings was registered but your dog was not, you will still find the pedigree and siblings of your dog. Sometimes you can even find that they did indeed race a few times and now you have their registered name.

The database has hundreds of thousands of dogs in it, but it is not actually a requirement of owners/trainers to enter their dogs into it. And long deceased dogs often aren't there either. So it is possible you won't find your dog. But dogs are added all the time, so keep checking.

I have managed, just from tattoos, to find a lot of dogs' pedigrees when the dog itself was not individually registered. (Litter registration for breeders is required, but after that, dogs that will race must also be individually registered and if the dog isn't going to race, the breeder won't spend the extra money to individually register it.)

When you are on that page you can also add things like current pictures of your dog. You can add your name as owner and adoption groups often post a little picture of a house and a notice: This dog was rehomed by Name of Adoption Group. You can also add a little bit of info such as what I put on Flyer's page: This dog retired in 2002 and now lives in Victoria.

I have also, through adoption groups listed on the pages of my dog's siblings, found the owners of my dog's siblings and emailed them. Just email the adoption group, explain that you have a sibling of X dog and ask if they will forward your email address to the owners of your dog's sibling. Then they can contact you if they want to. We usually find that many are adopted on the opposite side of the continent but it's fun to exchange pictures and stories and find similarities in their personalities.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are always needed.

Why not join in the fun and lend a hand?

**PRESIDENT**

We need someone to serve as President of NCGL. Duties include calling and chairing annual meetings, compiling a handbook of policies and procedures and job descriptions, assisting in decision making for the group, signing cheques and reviewing treasurer's reports, as well as attending important annual events such as the Gala.

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