



## **NORTHWEST CANADIAN GREYHOUND LEAGUE**

Providing Greyhound Rescue and Adoption Services

to Northwest Canada

Charitable Organization 89972 9214 RR0001

Web Site: [www.ncgl.ca](http://www.ncgl.ca)

### **Welcome to our new dogs!**

*Magic Thunder*

WW's Penske Fuel (FooMan)

*Queenie*

Jack's Super Cat (Molly)

Jimmy (not yet adopted)

Rummy (Stelio)

Delavan Drive (Galahad)

Eye of the *Tiger*

Pat C Kenzee (finally adopted!)

### **Rainbow Bridge**

Slingshot Clyde (Radar)

Iruska *Tino*

Iruska Simba (Saxon)

Dutch Darby (Tigi)

### **Positions available and duties:**

To avoid closure, we need some help in BC! If you are able and willing, please let us know if you can do one or several of the jobs below (not in any special order). We are happy to help out with contact info etc. but if we can't get more help, we can't keep finding homes for dogs.

1. Be first contact for email enquiries about greyhounds and the adoption process and arrange for them to meet greyhounds in your city or others before they apply (not meeting foster dogs).
2. Respond to foster homes and adopters about problems, questions with new dogs.
3. Writing/editing a newsletter (and getting content from others). We welcome articles, information or recipes – send 'em in!

4. Receive mailed in applications, pre-screen and then find someone to do the home visit (this includes sending deposits to the treasurer, scanning and emailing the application to the person doing the home visit, keeping files of applications, etc.) Ordering dogs from Heather for the foster/adoptive homes. Making arrangements for adopters to find out about the dogs and then arranging for adopters to get the dogs.
5. Organizing the haul: figuring out what foster homes are available, and what dogs will fit into them; getting someone to do the haul, keeping phone numbers and contacts in case there are problems. This could also involve finding somewhere for dogs and people to stay overnight on the mainland should the last ferries be missed. Ensuring foster families know where and when to pick up their foster dogs. Preparing contracts to be emailed to foster homes for the dog once it will be adopted.
6. Ordering and paying for supplies and sending in bills for reimbursement. This includes muzzles, collars, leads, tag collars, bellybands, and tags. Ensuring the shipments are sent to the correct addresses for use on new dogs.
7. Entering new dogs into the database; collecting the fees and contracts for newly adopted dogs and entering the info into the database and mailing the cheques to the treasurer. Entering updates on new dogs into the database.
8. Store supplies for the group: crates, auction items, foster coats, collars/leads, muzzles, tag collars, tags. Deliver to whoever needs them and/or mail them. (some crates are loaned out, haulers have some foster coats, etc. but tags needed for each haul.)
9. Respond to behavioural questions from adopters from NCGL and other groups. If unable to answer, find someone who can.
10. Occasional transport from different cities, and overnight dogs in Victoria or Nanaimo when dogs arrive there and can't be picked up till the next day.

11. Assist with fundraising, getting auction or raffle items, providing auction sign up sheets, canvassing businesses for donations of items.

## **Black dogs**

Why are people prejudiced against black dogs? Some people are frightened of the colour, ok I get that, but seriously? I've had 3 black dogs, all girls though I'd love a black boy some day, and they've been great dogs. Dogs should be adopted because their personality fits your lifestyle, not because it goes well with the furniture or looks pretty. Apparently black dogs of any breed are harder to adopt out and black cats are too (which is silly because research shows black cats are often healthier and friendlier than the other colours). I've also heard it is because people want "furbabies" and can't clearly see the eyes of black dogs so they don't look as appealing. Black dogs however are considered good luck for Hindus (ok, don't know if this is legit but many of the dogs we get turned over from the Indo-Canadian community are black so maybe it's true).

Friends of Greyhounds' website says:

### **The Black Dog Problem**

Many groups including ours are facing a growing problem placing black dogs. People are reluctant to adopt black or dark dogs.

What we hear is:

*"They are intimidating or scary looking."*

Look into those big eyes again. They are just as sweet as any colour of dog and they have so much love."

*"They look older."*

It is true, dark dogs noses tend to go gray more quickly. We have three year olds with very gray faces but they are still only 3 years old and young at heart!

*"They have bad skin."*

Flaking skin is more visible on a dark dog and their coats do not hold up well in our shelter atmosphere but once home with good food and a softer lifestyle, nothing compares to the shine of a black coat.

*"They are bad luck."*

We need to start a rumour that black dogs are GOOD Luck!

Please do not discount these wonderful dogs when you look. They are just as sweet and deserve homes too. Some of our black or dark dogs have been with us well over a year. YOU can be the answer to that problem, and have them warming your heart – and your couch – instead.

### **To A Black Greyhound**

by Julian Grenfell 1888-1915

Shining black in the shining light,  
Inky black in the golden sun,  
Graceful as the swallow's flight,  
Light as swallow, winged one,  
Swift as driven hurricane -  
Double-sinewed stretch and spring,  
Muffled thud of flying feet,  
See the black dog galloping,  
Hear his wild foot-beat.

See him lie when the day is dead,  
Black curves curled on the boarded floor.  
Sleepy eyes, my sleepy-head -  
Eyes that were aflame before.  
Gentle now, they burn no more;  
Gentle now and softly warm,  
With the fire that made them bright  
Hidden - as when after storm  
Softly falls the night.

God of speed, who makes the fire -  
God of Peace, who lulls the same -  
God who gives the fierce desire,  
Lust for blood as fierce as flame -  
God who stands in Pity's name -  
Many may ye be or less,  
Ye who rule the earth and sun:  
Gods of strength and gentleness,  
Ye are ever one.

Things at **Thanksgiving** that can kill your dog:

Turkey skin	Some nuts like macadamias,
Cooked bones, turkey, chicken and ham	Nutmeg
Onions and garlic	Sage
Alcohol	Raisins and grapes
Chocolate and cookie dough or cake batter	

Any food high in fat can cause pancreatitis so take your garbage out immediately after dinner and make sure it is where the dogs can't get it. Make sure your guests don't leave food on coffee tables (I once had dogs that ate the loose sugar out of the sugar bowl!).

Things they **can** eat:

Cooked deboned turkey	Cranberries
Sweet potatoes	Carrots
Plain pumpkin (cooked)	Apples
Green beans	

## **Doggie Gobblers**

You can also use leftover turkey to mix together treats, which are perfect as a meal or snack. Combine six ounces of cooked and chopped turkey with one cup mashed potatoes, one cup cooked carrots, two cups oats, and one large egg and blend until smooth. Lightly grease a muffin tin, spoon the mixture into cups, and bake for 40 to 45 minutes in a 350°F oven.

## **Hallowe'en**

Things that can kill your dog:

Candy especially chocolate and some nuts

Dangerous decorations

Some commercial costumes

Candles

Hallowe'en can also lead to lost and frightened dogs. Keep them inside, in a calm quiet room, away from the door where little goblins will arrive. If you have a lot of fireworks in your neighbourhood, take your dog to potty on lead just in case, and you may want to try Rescue Remedy, Dog Appeasing Pheromones (DAP) - but start at least a week ahead; or what I do: turn on the washer, the dryer, the tv, the furnace, a radio, all sounds your dog is used to but loud enough to drown out some of those explosions. We are so lucky in Victoria that fireworks are now banned without permits and that has cut down a lot on fireworks (yes there are still a few jerks out there but it's much easier to deal with only a few). And keep a collar with tags on your dog at all times, just in case.

Websites with interesting info:

[http://www.petmd.com/dog/conditions?icn=TopNav&icl=1\\_health\\_library](http://www.petmd.com/dog/conditions?icn=TopNav&icl=1_health_library)

[http://www.thundershirt.com/thundershirt/thundershirt-dogs.html?\\_\\_SID=U](http://www.thundershirt.com/thundershirt/thundershirt-dogs.html?__SID=U)

<http://www.almosthomeforhounds.org>

<http://www.greythealth.com/index.html>

<http://www.2houndsdesign.com/>

[What is Colostrum use for in Dogs and Cats? | Colostrum Pet Info](#)

Don't forget to check our FaceBook page for the latest news. The website is sadly out of date (we're working on it) but FB always has info for BC and Alberta. Often we can post pictures of our new dogs there before they go on the website.

This vendor will donate 20% of proceeds of sales to us, if you purchase and use the coupon code: ncgrescue [www.animalheartpendants.com](http://www.animalheartpendants.com)

## Pumpkin Pie Dog Cookies

### Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. ginger
- 1 tsp. allspice
- 2 tbsp. canola oil
- 1/2 cup pure pumpkin (not pumpkin pie filling)
- 1/4 cup natural peanut butter, smooth
- 1/4 cup water

Additional Flour for Rolling

### Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 325° F
2. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, oats, baking powder, cinnamon, ginger, and allspice.
3. In a medium bowl, stir the canola oil, pumpkin, and peanut butter.
4. Make a well in the flour and pour in the pumpkin mixture.
5. Using a stand mixer, begin to combine the wet and dry ingredients on low.
6. Pour in the water and mix on low, to medium low, until thoroughly combined.
7. Turn the dough onto a floured surface, and hand knead the dough until no longer sticky.
8. Roll out to 1/4 inch thickness and cut into shapes with your favorite dog cookie cutters.
9. Spray a baking sheet with baking spray.
10. Place the cookies on the baking sheet and bake for 12 minutes.
11. Turn the oven off and leave in for another 30 minutes.
12. Cool completely on a wire rack before serving.

**Storing** - This recipe, as well as other recipes for pet treats, can be stored for later enjoyment. Since they are baked quite hard, you can keep them in an air tight container for approximately 2 weeks. If you bake a softer pumpkin pie biscuit, you can store them in the refrigerator for 4 weeks, and in the freezer for 6 months.

**Yield** - You will get around 100 cookies using a small 1 inch cookie cutter. You most likely will get two baking sheets full of cookies, no matter what size cookie cutter you use.

**Other Fall hazards for pets:**

Compost piles, make sure they can't get into them

Mulch (especially some types with cocoa bark)

Mushrooms – popping up all over the lawn

Rat poison – someone was telling me the other day one of their greyhounds grabbed an obviously poisoned rat but thankfully she was able to get it away from her dog before it was eaten.

Antifreeze

Some Fall and Christmas plants are also hazardous:

Holly, amaryllis, mistletoe, poinsettias, Christmas cactus, chrysanthemums – keep all plants out of reach of your pets.

**Winter is coming....**

Greyhounds usually need coats and sometimes need boots too. If you don't have a custom coat (made by several groups and available through the internet) then you need to make or buy one. If buying one, check that your dog can move freely in it – often the generic dog coats are too restrictive in the shoulders for greyhounds. If you are surprised by a sudden cold snap and don't yet have a coat, there are several ways to make something quickly. Fleece zipper vests can work well putting the dog's front legs through the arm holes, and zipping it up the back. Cutting most of the sleeves out of an old sweatshirt and then tying or pinning it on top of the dog's back.

For frosty stairs and sidewalks, try EcoTraction – I buy mine at Home Hardware – one large bag will last a long time. You will have to apply it again over heavy frost and winds will blow it off so it's not a one time thing. It is not harmful to wood, concrete or lawns. Or your dogs! Great stuff, so glad the McMahens told me about it!