



NORTHWEST CANADIAN GREYHOUND LEAGUE

**Providing Greyhound Rescue and Adoption Services
To Northwest Canada**

Charitable Organization 89972 9214 RR0001

WebSite: www.ncgl.ca

Welcome to our New Dogs!

Nayna (nka Nina) from S.Korea
PoPo Pepsi (nka Norman)

Gonzales (nka Gonzo)
Perez

Rainbow Bridge Dogs we have recently said goodbye to

Garden Magic (Magic)
Slatex Abigail (Abby)
GS Gertie (Gertie)
Rockin Roma (Roma)
TJ's B Bronson (Bronson)
Super C Queen (Queen)
SC Zane Grey (Bosco)

Slingshot Clyde (Radar)
Tz Barthedoor (Katy)
Roc a By Tootsie (Sooty)
Black Rocket (Riki)
WBF Buzz Off (Buzzy)
Super C Swayze (Louie)

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

First, allow me to say thank you to outgoing President Maureen Nelms and her capable Board of Directors. Since the inception of NCGL they have done a masterful job of setting up, registering and creating this wonderful organization dedicated to finding forever homes for Retired Racing Greyhounds in British Columbia and Alberta. Three Cheers!

Next I take this opportunity to introduce myself; I am Leonard Schollen (Len), formerly of Sechelt BC, now residing in Oak Harbor, WA USA. My wife Judy and I adopted Blue (URBlue) in 2004 through GPA-MN, he was 2 years old, about a year later came Missy (WW Fast Inez), she was 7 yrs. Old and a bounce back. We caught the Greyhound bug and have since fostered in excess of 30 Greyhounds. The absolute most rewarding thing we have ever done. This brings me to the purpose of this letter,

NCGL is in desperate need of foster homes, without them it is not possible to place Hounds in loving homes. It's easy and fun too. You get to watch as these hounds discover all that is new, like stairs,

windows, slippery floors, cats and those strange things called dogs, wait they are just like me only different, you also get to meet the new families, make new friends and share your excitement with them. And there is always the possibility to earn some cash, we became the perfect home away from home when someone needed a dog sitter, we are “Greyhound savvy”, and the hounds are comfortable in their old foster home, which allows adopters to travel worry free. Please consider this wonderful opportunity.

The track closings for 2016 started early with Bluffs Run Greyhound Park in Council Bluffs, Iowa on January 1. This closing has produced a glut of hounds looking for homes in the Midwest, this year there will be several more. The positive side is there will be an abundance of hounds to keep us busy and give us a lot to do.

If you have tried to visit our website, NCGL.ca, lately you will notice it is back but not fully functional. (it has been down since June) Under development and scheduled for release is an all new website, watch for it middle to late February, same URL but with all new format.

The new board of directors held their 1st meeting Feb 4, a full report will follow. The new website will feature an introduction of the board with a small Bio about each of them. We will be inviting your input, comments and suggestions as we move along with our new assignment.

Happy Adopting, Len

Dog Hauls

We are Di and John McMahan. Several times over the past few years we have been part of transporting dogs from Washington to their adoptive or foster homes. Here is the story of our dogs’ travels from the Colorado adoption kennel to their homes.

In recent years we have received greyhounds from Almost Home for Hounds in Colorado. The AHH facility was founded by, and is run by, Heather Weir DVM. As well as managing the facility, Dr. Weir also drives the trailer full of hounds to the adoption groups wherever in the US that may be. Usually our dogs are dropped off at the Greyhound Pets Inc. facility at Woodinville, WA, just north of Seattle.

GPI has a large and well-appointed adoption facility, with spacious kennels for the dogs and well-fenced turnout pens. When Dr. Weir arrives, she backs her trailer into the compound and immediately begins unloading the dogs. On most trips there are up to 35 dogs for various adoption groups. She and GPI recognize that the dogs for NCGL still have a journey ahead, so ours are always unloaded first. GPI has a well-organized team; each dog is received by a volunteer and immediately moved to one of the turnout pens. With the help of the volunteers, we remove Dr. Weir’s collars, muzzles and leashes for return to her and replace them with NCGL’s, ensuring that each dog receives the correct ID tag. The dogs are quite a handful at this point. They are excited to be out of the trailer after their long trip from Colorado and eager to run about. They are also hungry and thirsty, so they are given water and small meals. We always have to strike a balance between giving them turnout time and starting our trip home. Of course ferry times are always a concern, so we keep delays to a minimum.

At the border, we have to go through the Pacific Crossing as our greyhounds are considered commercial goods. We park and go into the customs building where we complete customs declarations and invoices, then pay GST.

Depending on who is receiving the dogs, some may be dropped off in Delta on the way to the ferry. We may take a ferry directly to Victoria, or to Nanaimo to drop off dogs before driving to Victoria. It is touching that often the dogs remaining in the van will stand at the window and watch the dog we have just left until it disappears from view. Eventually each dog is left with its foster or adopter, very tired and ready for a good meal and some affection.

NCGL Dog Hauls



Happy Hounds to their new Homes



NCGL Dogs in
Van

To Brush or Not to Brush

At my first greyhound meeting, I met a lady from Vancouver Island who had ferried over to adopt a hound ... with no teeth. I asked her why she would adopt such a dog and she said ... "no need to brush her teeth!"

I had to admit she had a good point there. This is not a task that most dogs or dog owners relish. However, as responsible parents, it is a necessary one.

Dental disease can affect your dog's life span due to its effect on the heart, kidneys, liver and respiratory system. Brushing is the most important aspect of home dental care. Ideally you should brush their teeth daily or at least every other day with toothpaste formulated for dogs. Don't use toothpaste made for people or baking soda. Your dog can't spit it out.

Here is a great article and video regarding "How to Brush Your Greyhound's Teeth":

<http://hubpages.com/animals/how-to-brush-greyhound-teeth>

Designing a Lost Greyhound Flyer

First and foremost call the NCGL lost dog line to report your lost dog 1-866-568-3423

Well, congratulations! You now have a current photo of your special hound. So, now is the perfect time to plan for that terrible day when your dog might get lost. Hopefully, you will never have to use this flyer but, if you do, you will be relieved that you planned ahead.

Your flyer will be used in a variety of ways:

- posted outdoors on poles, fences in all kinds of weather
- posted indoors on bulletin boards (vets offices, grocery stores, schools, SPCA, etc.)
- posted to websites (social media such as Facebook, dog rescue groups, etc.)
- given out to neighbors, friends, pedestrians, mail carriers, gas stations, etc.

Design Tips

:: Title:

In order to catch the eye of a passerby, the lettering should be thick, dark and as large as possible on two lines, stating: **LOST GREYHOUND**, (not lost dog).

Now your searchers already have a picture in their minds of your lost dog.

:: Photo:

Add your dog's photo. Make sure that it displays well in color as well as in black and white. If you decide to print 100s of flyers, color printing can be expensive. Be sure to leave ample room for additional text.

:: Phone Number:

Again, this information should be bold and large so that a passerby can quickly jot it down. This phone number should be manned at all times so carry your cell phone with you.

:: Reward:

If a reward is offered, make this word large and bold

A reward may increase participation. It is not necessary to state the reward amount at this time.

:: Other Helpful information:

Use smaller text for:

- lost date, time, place, name
- tags and clothes worn
- shy, open car door and he/she may hop in, etc.

Other Design Tips:

- laminate your flyers or put them in plastic sleeves in bad weather
- colour flyers will show up best on crowded bulletin boards i.e., colour paper or colour printing
- remove all flyers when your dog is found

For some excellent suggestions, please read this article:

www.missingpetpartnership.org/recovery-tips/posters-5555/

And, if you have any other helpful tips, please let us know. We will list them in our next issue.

Understanding Your Greyhound!

This article recently published by Greyhound Articles' Dennis McKeon is outstanding – great information for new adopters as well as seasoned owners!

<https://greytarticles.wordpress.com/adopters-treasure-chest/a-simple-primer-to-help-you-understand-your-greyhound/>