



The Greys Matter



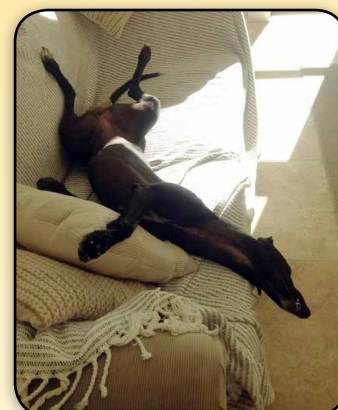
Changing Angles



Delta Therapy



Greyhound Rally



Abbey's Journal

Last year was a very successful year for Greyhound Rescue, during which we homed more than 100 greyhounds for the first time since our website went up in 2009. The incredible interest in the beautiful breed has continued in 2014 with adoptions for the first 3 months of the year surpassing expectations. We hope the public will continue to adopt but if you can't then fostering, donating and sponsoring are all high on the agenda. We can't get enough foster carers to help the greyhounds adjust to home life.

A big talking point in recent months has been the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into Greyhound Racing and it is with great anticipation that we look forward to reading the soon to be published report, hoping it will make some strong recommendations to help the greyhounds. To coincide with the last public meeting of this Committee, we attended a big Rally in the Sydney, highlighting the loss of so many greyhounds each year due to over breeding. We would like to thank the organizers for such a successful Rally.

Thank you to all of you in the community who continue to support Greyhound Rescue, either through facebook, donating or sponsoring etc. Your help is invaluable to us and as always we could not survive without our tremendous team of volunteers at the kennels, on the computer, producing this Newsletter and Calendar, the 'Sponsor a greyhound project', a dedicated team that makes Greyhound Rescue what it is today, a thriving Rescue that is always going forward. A huge thank you to everyone, whatever part you have played.

To end on a sombre note, we have just heard that the property where our kennels are is to be compulsorily purchased by the Council for future development, throwing a cloud over our future unless some kind person can help us with alternative accommodation.

Best wishes to everyone for 2014.

Peter and Janet.



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Welcome to your sixth issue, catchup on the latest news from Greyhound Rescue and find out how the 'Gone are the Dogs' rally in Sydney went. Read about Delta Therapy dogs and we cover some behavioural topics including Abbey's Journal and an article by our behaviour and training consultant Bobby McLachlan.

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition. Please keep your articles and stories coming in. Write to me at joeturton@outlook.com. We hope you enjoy this edition.

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Recent Events and Fundraising

There have been some fantastic efforts in raising awareness and funds for Greyhound Rescue. A big thank you to everyone who has contributed.

Urban Animal Magazine

Greyhound Rescue's name was entered to win an iPad from the couple behind Urban Animal Magazine, Lisa and Paul. Thank you to Greyhound Rescue supporter and volunteer Jess for entering Greyhound Rescue and massive thank you to Lisa and Paul for choosing us. The aim of the iPad will be to raise awareness of our greyhounds up for adoption by having their profiles up for people to flick through at all our events, trivia nights and the North Sydney market stall. We cannot wait to start using it.

Millie and Beau came down to Lisa and Paul's Marrickville market stall called MuttSpace to represent



Greyhound Rescue and pick up the iPad. They got lots of cuddles and tasty doggie muffins. They are here every Sunday, and trust me, it's worth the visit. They have lots of toys, treats, interactive treat toys available to try. Please come and visit their stall.

Future Vet Kids Camp

Peter and volunteer Alyson went to Scott Bainbridge's Future Vet Kids Camp earlier this week at Waverley College. Scott is a vet in Toronto, Canada and this is the third year that he has come to Sydney in January and run the Camps. Greyhound Rescue took Pixie and Alyson's Betty and Audrey. They were all a hit with the children but Betty was the star, modelling for Scott while he did a demonstration examination.

Vineyard Vet

Massive thanks to Vineyard Vet, Ann and Laura for running the Christmas Present Drive for Greyhound Rescue. Our greyhounds are thoroughly



enjoying their food, treats and toys at kennels.

Gone Are the Dogs Rally

Thank you to all who were able to join and all who supported and pledged. Peter spoke for Greyhound Rescue. It was a fantastic speech, thank you Peter and also to Janet who helped make sure Peter stuck to the truth in the industry.



Volunteers Caroline and Ed also spoke. Both were informative, relating to the changes that need to happen and sharing Millie's story. The truth behind the cruelty she endured.

Thanks to the volunteers who turned up. We thought the turnout was amazing. Greyhound Rescue was proud to have been a part of this. Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen, especially to Inez and Lisa, very passionate and hard working greyhound lovers.

Forthcoming Fundraising

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Belrose

There is a sausage sizzle scheduled for Sunday 28th June. We need your help! If you can spare a couple of hours to assist and raise some money, then please contact Peter.

The Hall Markets

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By Natalie Stirling

Whether you want to sell freshly made furniture, homemade foods, or even freshly grown fruit and vegetables, a market stall can be the way to go. On behalf of Greyhound Rescue, a team of enthusiastic greyhound lovers in Canberra decided to run a market stall on Sunday 2nd February 2013 at the Hall markets in Canberra.

The Hall markets is one of the largest handmade markets in Australia. It offers a variety of handmade and/or home produced products that attracts many people on the first Sunday of every month (except January). The Hall markets is run by Hartley Lifecare, a local charity in Canberra, who raises funds to support children and young adults with disabilities. Therefore, a great market to organise a stall with.



The purpose of our stall was to recruit more greyhound owners and fosterers and to raise funds for Greyhound Rescue. To achieve our purpose, we provided the opportunity for the public to talk to greyhound owners/fosterers, meet Canberra greyhounds, handout pamphlets on why greyhounds make great pets and highlight some adopted or available greyhounds and to purchase homemade dog treats and cards for a gold coin donation to Greyhound Rescue.



From a personal perspective, I do think our store was the most popular! It did seem very busy and for two hours straight I don't think I spent a moment not talking to somebody about greyhounds. We provided nice squishy beds for hounds to lounge on and so the hounds could show the public the fine art of chilling out. We even had a clam pool for the hounds to dip there feet in and cool off. The hounds, of course, were well behaved and received many pats and smooches from the public. Unfortunately, the weather was very hot which meant the hounds were only at the store for around 2 hours. It reached well over 30 degrees by 12pm, which meant the market became quite. However, we were happy with what we achieved.

We look forward to seeing if our efforts gained more greyhound owners. Time will tell. We managed to raise \$403.00 for Greyhound Rescue, which was mainly achieved in around 2 hours. I would like to thank all our volunteers in Canberra (and a special thanks to Jenny Short for making the trip from Sydney); including those people who baked treats, donated goods to sell at the store, provided print outs, had taken photos and helped manage the stall. We have many individuals with wonderful skills but it is the combining of these skills that makes a wonderful team, for which I am very grateful to be a part.

Sponsors



Annie has been a great support and has supplied many coats for our greyhounds. Thank you Annie!



Kaye Groves, has sent more winter coats for our greyhounds in the kennels. Thank you Kaye!



PETstock have been consistently supplying food and selling chocolates fundraise. PETstock Artarmon and Belrose are particularly supportive. Thank you!

Greyhound Rescue is a non-profit making charitable organisation. Asking for help and financial assistance is always difficult.

However, we have vet bills, food bills, kennel bills, etc and we receive no official financial funding, so we are very grateful for any help and donations that will ensure that we can keep going on to save these beautiful greyhounds.

Wish List

We are often asked what items we are most in need of; well here is our wish list:

- Flea and worm treatments
- Clam shells for the kennel hounds to splash around in on those hot days.
- Help with Insurance payments
- Winter coats for the dogs in kennels
- Merchandise to sell on stalls and advertise
 - T-shirts
 - Caps
 - Car stickers
 - Banners

Foster Carers Required

We are always in need of foster carers so we can move existing dogs out of the kennels to make room for more saves. We cannot save dogs we have no kennel or foster for- it's as simple as that.

We are so appreciative of our existing foster carers, some of whom have more than one foster. To foster a grey all you need is a love of dogs, some experience with dogs, maybe you already have

dogs, this is good for the greys. Greys just need a comfy inside bed, lots of patience and love, food and a nice walk each day.

Please consider fostering, it is a great feeling to know you have saved a life.

Donations

If you would like to donate to our cause you can through either PayPal, Direct Bank Transfer or cheque.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

PayPal

Greyhound Rescue's PayPal account is:
Greyhound Rescue (DABS)
peter@greyhoundrescue.com.au

This can also be performed directly from the Greyhound Rescue website:

www.greyhoundrescue.com.au/how-you-can-help/

Direct Bank Transfer

AccountName: Greyhound Rescue Inc
BSB: 012289
Account No: 524792379

Cheque

Please send cheques in favour of:
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And mail to:
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News (continued)

Meet the Greys

This is an opportunity to meet fostered greyhounds and show your support for Greyhound Rescue. Volunteers and guest appearances for these events are encouraged.

Dogs Day Out

On **Sunday 30th March** Greyhound Rescue will from 10am to 3pm at the St Ives Showground.

Trivia Nights

There are two Trivia night planned for April and July both hosted by Portia.

- **Saturday April 12th** at The Technology Park Hotel, Alexandria.
- **Saturday July 26th** at Austral, with an 'Xmas in July' theme.

North Sydney Market

The second Saturday of every month Nora, Ed and Greyhound Rescue will be at North Sydney markets. There are always greyhounds there for cuddles, some up for adoption and some just visiting with their owners.

- Miller Street, North Sydney from 9am to 3pm.
- Next 8th Mar, 12th Apr, 10th May, 14th Jun, 12th July, etc
- Information - [North Sydney Centre website](#)

'Walk in the Park' - Centennial Park

On Sunday 4th May from 10am until 3pm Greyhound Rescue is hosting our annual 'Walk in the Park' at Centennial Park to increase awareness of the charity and greyhounds as pets. It will be a great social event for everyone interested in greyhounds. Stay tuned more details to follow.

Sausage Sizzles in Canberra

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By Natalie Stirling and Dee Gibbon

You can achieve a lot in 1 1/2 days. This was proven very true when the Canberra Greyhound team organised a very last minute sausage sizzle fundraising event. Pet Stock contacted one of our volunteers to ask if our Canberra team could organise volunteers to cook sausages at their Belconnen and Tuggeranong stores, with all profits going to Greyhound Rescue. Pet Stock supplied sausages, a BBQ at the Belconnen store and shelter. The rest was supplied by our lovely volunteers in Canberra.

I volunteered at the Belconnen store, along with Justin Mayfield, Cindy Daley and Brent Stirling.



Justin was in charge of cooking the snags and onion, and what a pro. Even some balsamic seasoning to spice up those onions for our happy customers. Cindy and I managed to tackle the sausage sandwich making. Brent kept our Greyhounds Ruby, Lizzie and Kadan happy by introducing them

to the customers, which resulted in pats and cuddles. We even had Greyhounds Jack and Lucy visit to help eat any snags that fell on the ground.

Team Tuggeranong was hosted by Dee Gibbon and David Shilling, with a wide range of volunteers throughout the day. Special effort was made to promote Rossi and other long-term hounds. Team Tuggeranong found they had a lot of interest greyhounds which we hope will convert into adoptions. Special guests included Opie, Polly, Rupert, Kara, Oscar, Morpheous, Syd and Tiny covered the morning shift.



Weather was not our friend, although welcoming the rain it may have reduced our customer flow. We were still thrilled with our result, with a few people happy to give a donation and not take a sausage. In total, the Belconnen and Tuggeranong stall made \$572.00 which was donated to Greyhound Rescue. Not only a big thank you to our wonderful Canberra team but a very appreciated thank you to Pet Stock. Pet Stock have informed us that they look forward to dealing with Greyhound Rescue in the future.

Your Letters

Dogs and sticks don't mix! - Helen Lauricella

After posting this story on my Facebook wall, I realised what an important issue this was.

Rooster a young greyhound puppy had to have emergency surgery one unlucky afternoon. He had a stick in his mouth and he was running full speed with his brother chasing him. He fell and it pierced his throat. At first we thought the stick had pierced his neck. Under the anesthetic the vet discovered it had pierced his saliva glands under his tongue and caused the saliva to build up. In a short time, it caused an infection. It went through his glands and out his neck. He got it all cleaned and stitched up but had to stay overnight.

It is such a dangerous toy and so many of us don't realise the harm it can do. Here's the warning -

dogs and sticks don't mix!

Get one of these instead:

http://www.doog.com.au/shop/category/cat18829/The_Sticks.html

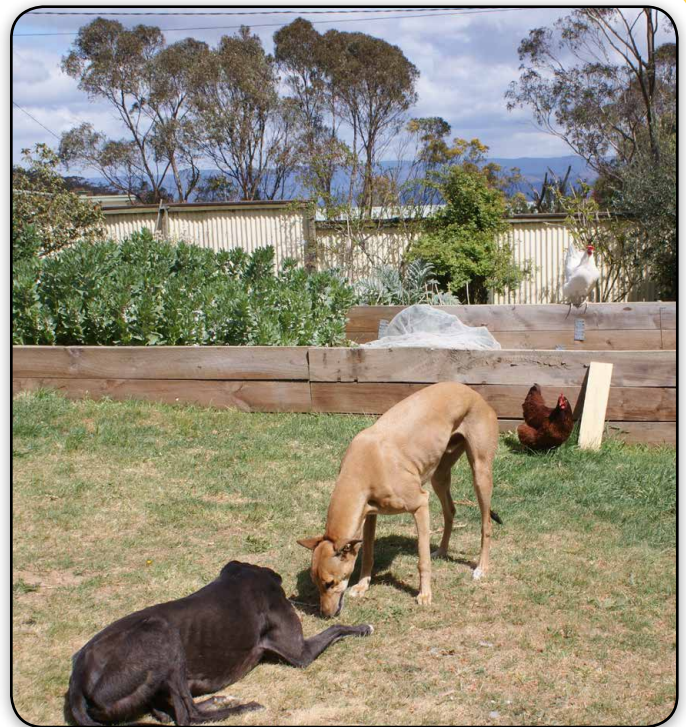


Greyhounds and Chickens - Kate Allan

Recently one of my sisters said to me that there must be a spell on our house because our animals don't behave like they are supposed to. When I asked what she meant, she said that she didn't expect the greyhounds, the cats, and the chickens to coexist so well. I certainly don't think it's a spell, perhaps God directed the right personalities to our house? But really, I think a lot of it is patience, love, and persistence. We really wanted greyhounds and we really wanted it to work. So we did. We had a trip to the vet not long ago and the vet remarked greyhounds were beautiful but it was a pity they couldn't be kept with anything small. I actually laughed out loud and informed him we also had four cats, four chickens, and a duck, all whom roamed freely in our garden. I don't think he believed me, as many people don't. After doing this process twice, I believe any grey that is cat friendly can be trained to be with other smaller creatures. This is what we did...

We kept the chickens locked in their run for the first couple of weeks, and got dog and chicken used to seeing each other through the fence. It took less time with Poppy because I think the chickens were just so used to Twiggy. I would often give the chickens scraps while the dog watched so they knew they were there first and part of the pecking order. Before long, the birds wouldn't scatter as they had got used to the new addition, and each greyhound got used to seeing these creatures and knew they were part of the family.

When that was going well we then let the chick-

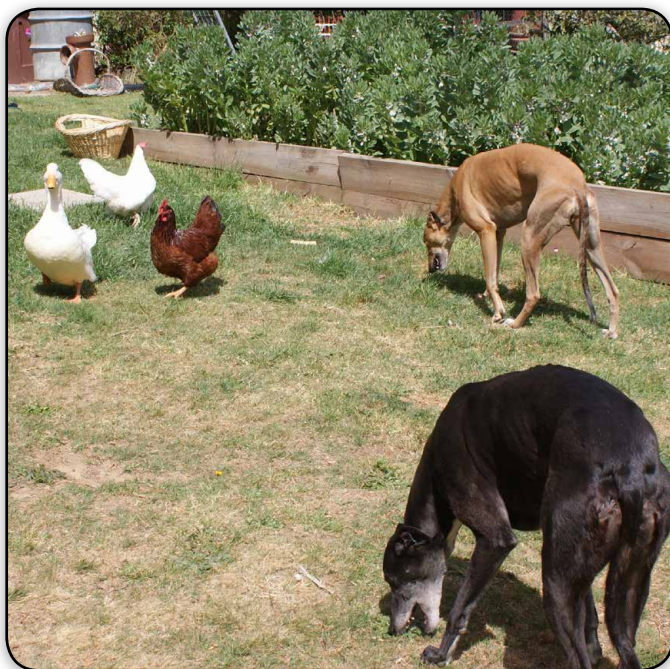


ens out and muzzled the greyhound, taking it for a walk around the garden – just watching how they interacted. Any sudden movement towards the chickens would get a fierce “NO,” and a pull back on the lead.

When that stage was accomplished we left the dog muzzled and supervised time in the garden with everybody out together. Again, any sudden movement towards a bird got a fierce “NO.” I think it was about two weeks after that with Twiggy, less with Poppy we left the dog unmuzzled and supervised time in the garden with everybody out again. I think they both wanted to please us and just got it that we were happy when they left the chickens (and cats for that matter) alone. Treats after a good session never go astray either.

Before long we were confident that everybody got along and could be trusted together unsupervised. A bit too much in Poppy's case. We thought the chooks had stopped laying, but then we caught her coming out of the shed with a fresh laid warm egg. The cheeky monkey was stealing the eggs to chomp shell and all, and the silly birds let her.

By the end of the process, we also knew each grey's personality and we were able to judge much better. It was much easier second time around because we knew what to expect. If anyone thinks that it is impossible to have greys, cats, and chickens together – our fur and feather kids are proof you can.



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Curriculum Vitae

Name: Ellie

Age: 6 years (March 2008)

About: Ellie has a beautiful shiny silky soft coat. She loves food treats making her easy to train. She rarely barks unless highly excited. Ellie would do well with basic obedience lessons. She walks beautifully on the lead and doesn't pull.

Cat Friendly: No

Location: Foster care in Sydney, NSW.



Ellie



Sid

Curriculum Vitae

Name: Sid

Age: 8 years old (August 2005)

About: Sid quickly found the couch. He is a boy who'll rest his head in your lap for hours as he catches up on long lost cuddle time. He makes friends easily (with dogs and people). Every day, Sid gets more and more handsome. He is a gentle and incredibly lovable boy.

Cat Friendly: Unknown

Location: Foster care in Canberra, ACT.



Anna

Curriculum Vitae

Name: Anna

Age: 4 years old (Feb 2010)

About: Anna is a smaller girl who is full of happy beans. She would love to be in a home where she will get plenty of exercise and obedience training would not go astray. She loves cuddles and attention, just like all greyhounds!

Cat Friendly: No

Location: Foster care in Sydney, NSW.

Curriculum Vitae

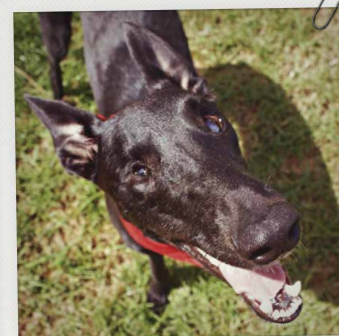
Name: Bailey

Age: 8 months old (2013)

About: Bailey only has a small amount of vision but he makes up with it with a big personality. For a dog nearly blind he is totally fearless and doesn't let anything stop him. Once he's mapped out the house and yard he hardly bangs into anything. He loves everybody and everything. Being a pup he is still learning and needs a bit of guidance. Once you meet him you'll fall in love with his happy face.

Cat Friendly: Yes

Location: Foster care in Sydney, NSW.



Bailey

Curriculum Vitae**Name:** Murphy**FOSTER REQUIRED****Age:** 2 years old (March 2012)

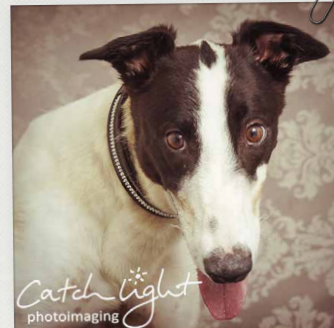
About: Murphy is a litter mate of Oscar and Brocky. He is an affectionate and gentle young boy and appears to be the quietest member of the family. One of our volunteers says: "I found him to be a very playful and happy dog, he was doing zoomies and playing chase with me all over the run, and we had cuddles afterwards."

Cat Friendly: Not tested yet**Location:** Kennels in Sydney, NSW.*Murphy**Oscar***Curriculum Vitae****Name:** Oscar**FOSTER REQUIRED****Age:** 2 years old (March 2012)

About: Oscar is a gentle and affectionate young boy. He is very relaxed and loves meeting all the other greys at the kennels. He walks well on the lead and loves one on one time.

Cat Friendly: Not tested yet**Location:** Kennels in Sydney, NSW.**Curriculum Vitae****Name:** Brocky**FOSTER REQUIRED****Age:** 2 years old (March 2012)

About: Brocky is a lovely, affectionate boy. He loves his baths and being pampered, he is very sooky. Brocky is outgoing and bouncy and does well when he has a running partner to tire him out. He also loves playing with toys.

Cat Friendly: Not tested yet**Location:** Kennels in Sydney, NSW.*Brocky**Princess***Curriculum Vitae****Name:** Princess**FOSTER REQUIRED****Age:** 3 years old (June 2010)

About: Princess is extremely sweet natured, very food focussed and just loves any attention shown to her. She sits on her bottom, just like a staffy, and looks quite odd, but very cute. She is a lovely natured and affectionate girl, with a soft, silky coat – she's a beautiful example of the breed.

Cat Friendly: Yes**Location:** Kennels in Sydney, NSW.

Delta Society Therapy Dogs

By Laura Clutterbuck

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For years now I had wanted to get involved with Therapy Dog work as I saw how rewarding it could be. I knew I needed to wait until I had a dog with the perfect temperament suited to this kind of work. When I had a first proper interaction and fell in love with a retired racing greyhound I knew I had to have one. When I adopted Pip and Tiger I thought hang on, I think I finally have the perfect dog to make a therapy dog in Pip. They both passed their Greenhound assessments and as that it a rigorous test I did a lot of training to prepare for it. I attended training classes and got to know the dogs better. Pip is drawn to people; Tiger loves attention too but is more social with other dogs. Pip would meet people on the street and do the trademark greyhound lean on them. I realised that she could be patted all day long. I found out about the Delta Society as an option to volunteer with through the Greenhound Assessor that I used. On the website they had outlined everything that had to be done to pass their assessment with my dog and immediately I could tick almost everything off the list. Through the training Pip and I were going to we checked out how she would respond to being yelled at as this was the only thing I was not sure about. I needn't have worried as she wagged her tail. The day came around for her test and there was a flyball club training right next door which added to the atmosphere. She passed with flying colours and earned her bandana. I then had



Pip and Tiger

to attend my human training for what to expect when visiting. I was then placed at an aged care facility called Easton Park in Glenfield. Pip was an absolute pro on her first visit and it was wonderful to hear the resident's stories about their dogs and how they reacted to Pip. Greyhounds are the perfect height for the residents to be able to pat her when they are seated or in bed and I have taught her to put her front paws up onto a bed or chair if someone cannot reach her. She brings a lot of joy when she prances down the hallways and staff and families of residents always come over for a pat.



Tiger was getting better and better at his concentration in training and he already had a wonderful temperament like his sister so after a few months I decided it would be great to have both dogs accredited and can either alternate the visits or someone comes along and holds one of the dogs for me and they do a floor of the aged care facility each. The residents were all very keen to hear how he went in his assessment and were looking forward to meeting him. When I arrived at the venue on the day he was to be tested he was so excited when he got out of the car I was a bit worried. After a short run around and some training exercises he was focussed and he too passed with flying colours.

I received a call a week later from a staff member at the Whiddon Group (who run my facility), they were having a photo shoot for promotional material and put in a special request for both the dogs to come along and be part of it. They were absolute pros and were the stars of the photo shoot. I took Tiger for his first visit the same day and everyone was very excited to meet him. He walked around like he had been there before. Nothing bothered him and he would actually put his head under people's hands so he could be patted. At one stage he lay down on the floor next to someone's bed he was that relaxed.

It is a very rewarding experience and the dogs and I enjoy our visits immensely. There are a few residents who I know miss their pets dearly and it really brightens their day to see the dogs. It's like greyhounds were made for this role.

If anyone would like any information or has any questions please feel free to send me an email laurasonja@gmail.com and the delta website is <http://www.deltasociety.com.au>

Rescued but Regal

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By Gabrielle Openshaw

A Modern Introduction to Pet Greyhound Behaviour and Training

The ACT Greyhound Support Network was lucky enough to score a day long seminar with certified dog behaviourist and trainer, Bobby McLachlan (<http://maeradogtraining.com.au>). Bobby's expertise is in positive reinforcement, and he has a real passion for greyhounds as companions (as anyone who he has helped out will know!). He designed the course to benefit new owners and people considering greyhound adoption, but also anyone simply wanting to better understand their greyhound.

The day was fantastic – we covered topics such as greyhound breed history, body language, prey drive, how to harness food drive, and the basics of solving problems using positive reinforcement, Pavlovian conditioning, targeting and clickers. It was also an excellent chance for us owners to get to know one another more, hear about each other's quirky hounds and how

Bobby would approach these 'unwanted behaviours'. Big congratulations to Cindy, Justin and Bobby for their hard work to get the day together. We were able to get the venue for free (thanks to Sam), all food and snacks were donated, and Bobby volunteered his time, so all registration fees have been donated to Greyhound Rescue.

All in all, the seminar was a greyt idea with greyt outcomes for both ACT hound owners and Greyhound Rescue charity!



Your Letters (continued)

On Second Thoughts - Natalie Collins

I had taken my 3yr old Jude down to the Paws In The Park day at Camden just to see all the dogs as we didn't have a dog and he loves them. We patted lots of dogs and chatted to lots of people and Jude particularly liked the greyhounds and whippets. We made our way around the stalls and came to the Greyhound Rescue stall. There were a couple of beautiful greyhounds there being patted by children and I got talking to a lady by the name of Verity. As we spoke I looked down and there was a book full of pictures of greyhounds waiting to be fostered or adopted. I flicked a through only a couple of pages and that's when I saw Bill for the first time. His beautiful eyes caught my attention. I watched a brief video about greyhounds whilst I was standing there and took a photo of Bill's picture with my phone. We said goodbye and continued on, looking at the other stalls.

All afternoon I couldn't get Bill out of my head. I went home and talked about it with my husband and showed him Bill's photo and we agreed that we would like to adopt him. Once we got all the formalities out of the way we drove out and picked Bill up. He was with us one night and he was very unsettled and particularly unsure about our birds in our aviary. He was extremely excited and after one night of him bounding all over the place we decided that maybe Bill was not the right dog for our situation.

We returned him the next day and I have never been so sad so on the way home I started making arrangements to have fencing built to section off an area of our yard for our birds. It took a week

but we were so happy when drove back out to pick Bill up again.

When he walked into our house for that second time it was like he knew he was home. He made himself comfortable on our lounge and to be honest I am not sure if he has moved since. He sleeps on our lounge all day and night and comes in to me in the middle of the night to wake me to go to the toilet. He is very intelligent. He has learned the rules very quickly and knows he is very clever.

He loves his 3 lap run around our yard once a day and his 10 minute walk in the afternoon but that is all he is keen for. He has a quick bite to eat and a slurp of water and is straight back to the lounge. He is a big sook. He thinks he's a Chihuahua and loves to sit as close to you as possible, on your lap if he can. He is fantastic with our small children and they just love him. He's our big baby.



This is the story of bringing home our greyhound Abbey, and how together we overcame her extreme separation anxiety with the help of Bobby McLoughlin of Maera Dog Training.

Sunday, September 8 2013

We brought Abbey home to our still unfinished house. We didn't have a proper driveway or fences and only a makeshift front door. Anyone who's gone through a major renovation will know that you get to the point where you'd be prepared to camp on the floor and eat toast every night just to move back in. So that's what we did.

Our block is sloping so the levels are completely separate from each other and we'd designated a relatively flat fenced area as Abbey's Garden near the pool. In this way she'd have somewhere safe to be while the construction work continued around us. However she fretted when left there because she couldn't see us. I think she felt she'd been abandoned.

So we brought her inside, where she patrolled the perimeter incessantly until collapsing on her bed, but she didn't really sleep. You'd only have to make a move and she'd be up and by your side. We gave her lots of reassurance that she was safe and had found her forever home. We learned a lot about how our attitude and energy can affect hers.

Our house is upside down, with living at street level upstairs and the bedrooms and Abbey's area downstairs. We couldn't even go upstairs to unpack boxes without Abbey crying like the world was ending when she was left by herself. I just didn't know what to do and Nora suggested I call Bobby to see what he could suggest, so we organized for him to come over on Tuesday.

Monday

I've become a morning person overnight. Up and about early, getting used to feeding Abbey and tapping into her body language when she wants to go out.

As usual I took her with me to the Greyhound Rescue kennels where I volunteer and put her in a run with one of the boys to race around with and hang out with in the shade. This was also good for tiring her out so that when we came home all she wanted to do was sleep. We all had a bit more sleep that second night.

Tuesday

Bobby came over and taught us how to start building that all-important trust with Abbey, so that she would learn we weren't leaving her every time we 'disappeared' upstairs. Of course food is the key.

By encouraging her to touch one outstretched hand and giving her a treat from the other, accompanied by the word 'Yes' we learned how to get her attention.

We then extended that to the use of a Kong toy to divert her attention from us when we went upstairs, and come back down again before she started to fret. In this way she would learn to associate that us leaving her meant she'd get something good to eat and that we'd be back really soon. Thank you Bobby for your enduring patience and love of greyhounds and your kindness and generosity to us adoptive families.

Wednesday

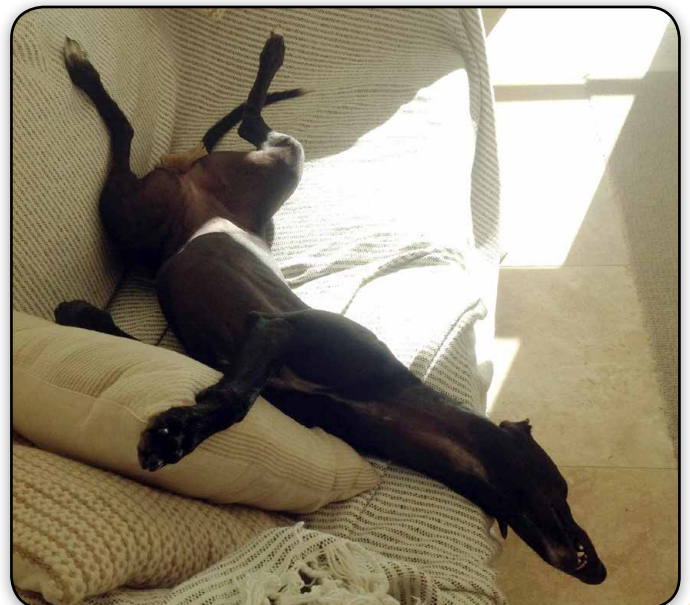
Abbey began to settle just a little, but we still had tradesmen here and my husband worked from home to keep her company, as well as making sure that she didn't get out accidentally as we didn't have proper fences. We were terrified that one of the tradies would leave one of the makeshift gates open and she'd be gone in an instant. She loves people and gets very excited when newcomers arrive and with all the comings and goings it would have been easy for her to slip out without anyone really noticing.

Thursday

My husband worked from home again today and was able to leave Abbey for longer periods without her crying. He went upstairs to his desk and outside to talk to the builders several times and she stayed on her bed.

Friday

We're a bit more organized now. A few days pass and the separation anxiety is easing. Using the



Abbey's Journal (continued)

By Sue Bradshaw

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techniques Bobby taught us and with the passage of time, Abbey learns that we are not going to leave her, and this place is no longer strange.

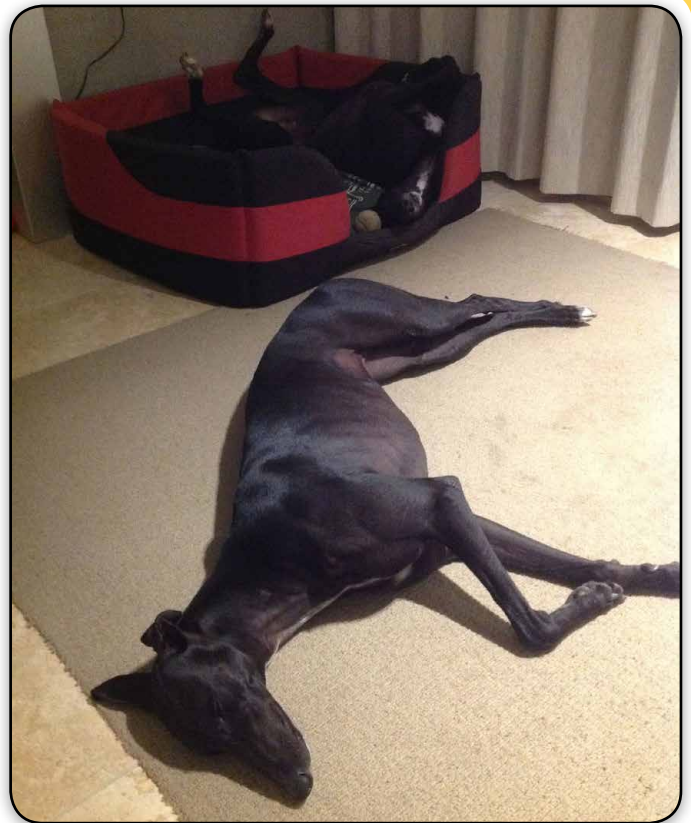
The days, weeks and months passed and now we've all been living together for almost 6 months. Abbey doesn't fret when we leave her downstairs and gets really excited when I come home, waiting for me with a few cries of joy. I give her a cuddle when I arrive and try not to make too much of the greeting and then she settles right down again.

As the house is multi level I didn't like leaving Abbey downstairs by herself while I was upstairs preparing a meal, or unpacking while watching a bit of TV. The main reason she can't come upstairs is that I have two cats and Abbey is not cat friendly. She showed some potential early on but as she settles more is definitely not. We have tried to bridge the divide but I think for peace of mind all round it's best they stay separate.

So for ages I had longed for a second greyhound to keep her company but it was made clear to me that one was enough. As it got closer to Christmas I worked on my husband to bust out one of the kennel dogs for a few days. I had already chosen one who had been due for euthanasia after only five races. The vet nurse contacted Peter and Janet, and on Christmas Day Cody came into our lives.

In the pouring rain we went out to the kennels with Abbey, put them in a run together for a while then loaded the two wet muddy dogs into the car. Unlike Abbey he just walked in, settled down and made himself at home. Of course there was a period of adjustment for Abbey who up 'til now had had everything including us completely to herself. I have to admit she was becoming a bit of a Princess – we were spoiling her!!

That first night that Cody was with us Abbey got on the sofa with my husband as if to claim him as hers. Anytime he even looked in her direction she'd growl at him, not once did he retaliate. He is the



most good-natured, loving, enthusiastic dog you could want to give a home to.

I'd decided to return him to the kennels just before I went away in early January but by then he had worked his magic and we changed his status from 'on holiday' to 'on trial'. He's now adopted and adored.

It's funny to watch them together, the bed hopping, shoe stealing and the odd snarl from Abbey but they have settled in very well and it has made her a nicer, calmer dog. She will still walk up to him and if she thinks we're not looking give him a sideways snarl and an 'air bite' but follows it with a play bow and off they go.

So solving separation anxiety requires building trust, time, positive reinforcement, lots of patience and consistency. Food is the key and if you can find that perfect companion you'll get there!



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When training dogs both in 'manners' (obedience) and also in behaviour modification (behavioural training), it is always met with a raised eyebrow or a wrinkled forehead when it is requested that a person stops 'telling' a dog to do something or to cease something. Instead it is suggested to 'ask' them. It is historically ingrained into our minds and culture that dogs are supposed to 'do as we tell them' and if they don't they are naughty, problem dogs or worse. One thing that is interesting is that there are not that many dog breeds that have been bred to ignore their hunting instincts. Terriers and scent hounds, herders and sight-hounds, even gundogs and retrievers still have that find or chase instinct so close to the surface, but this is what makes them so good at reading our cues. sighthounds and greyhounds specifically are the leaders of their original job, we surely can't run faster than them, so really we have historically entrusted the job to them. In terms of their instinctual purpose, they also know what they are doing, so who better to lead than them? In today's modern and often urban society we are entrusted to lead them, but that comes with a big responsibility, and we owe it to them to be fair and understanding.

Dogs very rarely respond reliably to nagging and even less so to 'barking' at them with prodding demand, particularly if they are under social or environmental pressure. But a consistent handful of treats, in differing environments, and a jolly 'come

here!', love and affection, will in no time create better recall reliability.

It is sometimes a good idea to call upon basic life experiences to help put yourself in your dogs shoes (or paws). Having said this, it is safe to say that most of us adults have had more than one job. If you have ever had a boss that shouts and commands you to do parts of your daily work routine, you would slowly but surely lose motivation, even though you are still getting paid. Think to a time where you might have had a lower paying job, but a friendly and socially aware boss. Most of us would stick it out for a fair while there, based on loyalty and a sense of camaraderie. Now before we get too far into the 'dogs aren't humans' discussion, it is important to note that, yes, dogs are not humans. But it is now widely known that studies of emotional responses, one of them is established as empathetic yawning, is justification that animals like: humans, chimpanzees, baboons and dogs, do express empathetic responses and/or behaviours. A study, by Elaine Alenkær Madsen and Tomas Persson, at Sweden's Lund University, has come to conclusions that our emotional instincts are correct about dogs being empathetic to our emotions. Hence, on the level of relationships, mood, camaraderie and loyalty etc, it is very reasonable to say that important 'bonding' moments and how we treat them sensitivity wise, does mould how they relate to us. Going back to the topic of friendly and





caring bosses who also pay us, means that it is also important to understand that give and take is not just about the external and physical wellbeing of any animal. We may feed our dogs, give them a bone, give them jumpers and a nice place to sleep, but if it is not paired with taking care of them in an emotional capacity, then relying on them for 'obedience' matters, is often futile. Environment, peace and quiet, 'bonding' and 'caring' behaviours are all incredibly important when we are asking dogs to respond to our 'strange' requests.

Our 'strange' requests are just that. If your dog was to survive well without you, how many times would it be important to 'wait' before eating, being 'gentle' when taking treats, giving things back to others, and sharing space and resting places? Almost never. Yet we often think it is their duty to know these behaviours and understand the even more bizarre blabbing we do almost all of our waking lives. So to ask our dogs, and even more so, a dog who has come from competitive and restrictive backgrounds, to do these 'obedience' behaviours, it is even more necessary to have compassion and understanding that they are like people in a foreign land learning all the new customs and language, to keep their place in a new society.

On the topic of 'requesting' behaviours over expecting them, it is not so different to what you are probably already doing. The key things to take note of is environment, pressure and practice. If your dog has learnt 'stay' in your home and back yard or even the morning walk, it is not necessarily fair to expect them to be able to do so in an unfamiliar or high pressure environment, like a dog park or busy

street. Although it is possible, we would find it difficult to participate in a 'spelling bee' during a concert. A 'sit and wait for a minute' could be equally as difficult for your dog when in a new, interesting and unfamiliar walk route. It would also be difficult for a while in a new home that might have a different layout or even an apartment, as opposed to a town house. Practice makes perfect and even so, I'm sure we have all been to a place where the hot and cold taps are switched, all the while we wait forever for the water to get warmer.

So even the most trained dog, has their moments, from time to time. If you cue your well trained dog to sit and they don't do so, sometimes it is a matter of environment, heat of the ground, sore joints, something is too exciting, being nervous, a smell we can't detect, or even our rapport with them. The list could go on. But as before: the more practice, reward and bonding we do the higher the behavioural reliability we can grow to expect.

Greyhounds aren't search engines, programmed and ready to please, although they do want to. It is a matter of building up a clear consistent reward system and image of yourself through their eyes that warrants the giving of good behaviours. Seeing things from their angle can often help tremendously, when they don't seem to be understanding something. If you are good and the pay is good, the work is good.

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Greyhound Rally

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By Deborah Field

The 'Gone are the Dogs' campaign against greyhound racing was held in Sydney on Thursday 6 February to coincide with the ongoing NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into greyhound racing. The theme of the campaign "Gone are the Dogs" was to bring the general public's attention the fact that 90% of greyhounds born in NSW over the last 10 years are 'gone' – gone because they have been killed due to injury; destroyed for being too slow; used as blood donors; dissected by vet students; experimented on; exported to China; and disposed of as puppies when not cut out for racing. This figure represents about 80,000 greyhounds in NSW alone.



Although the Rally was held on a regular working day, it attracted more than 180 participants from not only Sydney, but as far as Tasmania, Queensland, Wagga Wagga and Canberra. Many Sydney-siders came with their beloved rescued greyhounds who were given doggie bandanas to wear.

Participants marched from Martin Place to the steps of the State Library where the Inquiry was taking place that day, walking 'invisible' dogs on blue leads and 'empty' red collars to represent the dogs who were victims of the greyhound industry – all the dogs that had 'gone'.

Rallying the protesters on the loud-hailer along the way to chants such as "You bet – they die" and "Born to die – that's no lie" was Alex Greenwich, independent MP for Sydney. Alex pleasantly appeared from 'nowhere' that morning to join the



Rally and take over the reins (One assumes that Alex came down from Parliament House when he saw the Rally gathering in Martin Place).

On the steps of the State Library participants heard from a number of distinguished speakers: Clare Mann, the MC, of Communication 31 / Animal Effect, Jeroen van Kernebeek from GREY2K USA Worldwide, Dr. Rosemary Elliot from Sentient The Veterinary Institute for Animal Ethics, Caroline Hoetzer, a lawyer and vet student, Hayley Cotton from Animal Liberation Qld, and Peter Flann from Greyhound Rescue – each speaker relaying their various experiences with and professional knowledge of the greyhound industry. The most poignant speaker was Ed Dieppe, Millie Greyhound's dad, who relayed Millie's own personal experience as a survivor of the greyhound industry.

It was here on the steps of the State Library that participants experienced yet another unexpected moment of the Rally with an impromptu speech by Alex Ottaway, Vice President of the Animal Welfare League NSW. Alex is also the National Co-ordinator for the Barristers Animal Welfare Panel. Alex told the Rally that Animal Welfare League NSW had decided at its most recent board meeting to change its policy on greyhound racing: "It was agreed that AWL NSW's policy is to oppose greyhound racing without qualification." This announcement is an important event in the Gone are the Dogs campaign.

The significance of the Rally should not be underestimated: Those that converged in Martin Place on the morning of 6 February 2014 represented people from all walks of life; who unstintingly and selflessly contribute every day, in a myriad of ways, to the 'betterment' of the plight of the greyhound – reminding us all that we each have a role to play, however large or small; and to keep on doing what we do.

For more information on the Rally including photos and videos, and for updates on future events, please visit the Gone are the Dogs website at www.gonearethedogs.com.