



# The Greys Matter



**Boots' Story**



**Goodbye Tonsils**



**Two New Kids On The Block**



**A New Life For An Old Grey**



**Gluten Intolerance**



**G**reyhound Rescue goes from strength to strength and 2012 was our best year yet with a record 83 greyhounds finding homes. 2013 has started the same way and we have already homed 35 greyhounds, showing that more and more people are realising what great pets they make. The numbers speak volumes for the breed and is a great recommendation for them.

We are receiving more and more support from many areas, in particular the volunteers who go to the kennels, working 'on the front line' week in week out and we cannot thank them enough for the work they do. However, we are always looking for more support in this area.

Without the financial support of Sunsuper and the fundraising efforts of Mosman Vets we would not have been able to get our van, so a big thank you them both and there is no doubt that the van has made a huge difference to us. This year we have had two greyhounds requiring big surgery and the response and financial support we have had locally, interstate and internationally has been truly amazing and we thank all of you who have contributed to Boots and Millie's operations.

The support continues with great fundraising efforts from John's cycling and running marathons, Portia's Trivia Nights a must if you haven't been to one yet, Bunning's Sausage Sizzles and Gift Wrapping and now nearly 3000 followers on Facebook. Thank you to everyone who has donated or contributed in any way, however big or small.

We are really excited to welcome Bobby McLachlan as our new dog behaviour specialist who will be on hand to assist new and existing adoptees. Stay tuned to the website and Facebook for more details.

And finally there is a wonderful sense of community among greyhound owners, highlighted by the wonderful turn out for our annual 'Walk in the Park'. Thank you all for making it a day to remember.

We hope that 2013 continues as well as it has started and look forward to more people joining the Greyhound Family.

Best wishes, Peter and Janet.



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**W**elcome to the Autumn issue of 'The Greys Matter'. We have lots of news and plenty of interesting letters and articles. You can hear about Boots' hip, Jack's tonsils, Joseph's gluten intolerance and Lovely. A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition. Please keep your letters and stories coming in. Write to me at [joeturton@outlook.com](mailto:joeturton@outlook.com).

We hope you enjoy it, Joe.

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### New Behavioural Specialist

Bobby McLachlan's desire to become a dog trainer began when he was a volunteer and kennel hand at a local dog rescue shelter. He saw how many lovely and misunderstood dogs where there because of behavioural issues and his decision to become a dog trainer lead him to study and achieve a Certificate III in Dog Behaviour and Training, with the National Dog Trainers Federation. His interest in greyhounds came from the first time he saw the movie "The Castle", many years ago and saw how lovely greyhounds where, although they played a cameo role they really stuck in his mind. Over the years he read up and followed their sad story in society and decided that he would adopt a greyhound from being "let go" because of their unfortunate placement in the racing industry.

Putting his training skills to the test, he adopted a small Black greyhound named Lola and guided and trained her through pre existing separation anxiety and her mixture of baggage as a rescue pup. His dog training studies also required him to train a dog in obedience, assistance work and scent detection. Although many people say that greyhounds are "untrainable", she carried out these tasks with ease and played a big role in Bobby's achievement of his Dog Training and Behaviour Certificate.

The study of Dog Behaviour and Training is always ongoing as he continues to attend training seminars and take part in further learning. His dog training library continues to grow and he always aims to use the most up to date, science based and humane training in every session. His big interest in training greyhounds, is mainly because they are incredibly intelligent dogs, where trust and sentiment mean everything. You can't fool a greyhound and not all greyhounds are crazy when it comes to treats, either. Being bold can make them shut down, so being creative, patient and affectionate is the key.

Maera Dog training is owned by Bobby and his focus on one-on-one training makes it ideal when needing help with Behavioural problems and manners coaching as well as private obedience training. His aim is to help greyhounds grow with their new family, as adjusting to family life for a greyhound might be a daunting thing, when they have been programmed for years, to just eat, chase and sleep. As a Dog Trainer for Greyhound Rescue, his goals are also to help out new owners understand their greyhound's quirks and aid in making the transition from kennel life to home as easy and stress free as possible for both your dog and family.

If you have a rescue greyhound and would like to request some help with training or a behaviour issue, please email: [bmk9coach@gmail.com](mailto:bmk9coach@gmail.com) or visit [maeradogtraining.com.au](http://maeradogtraining.com.au) for more info on Maera Dog Training.

### Recent Adoptions

- Tall, dark and handsome Rocket has found his forever home with Martin.
- Young Bones has found a new life with Michelle, Damien and their boys Riley and Silas.
- Snowy has found a greyt home with Chemene in Newcastle.
- Charley and Bunny (now Honey) were adopted together in Canberra
- Ben and Keisuke drove all the way from Canberra to pick Jack up on Christmas eve.
- Jackson, now known as Jack who has found his forever with Greg and Jeannine.
- The dazzling Dally has officially found his home with his foster, now forever, parents Kath and Patrick who adopted Bobby last year.
- Chance has now been adopted along with kennel mate blue girl Bubbles (now known as Sally) by Rosemary and Geoff.
- Kate and Murray have adopted sweet boy Megsie, who is now happily living with them and their cats in the Blue Mountains.
- The gorgeous older gal Tess was adopted by Matthew and Donna.
- Puppy Basil has been adopted by Mira and Paul.
- Pipi and Tiger, who are 3 year old sister and brother have been adopted by Laura and Mark.
- Felix has been adopted by James and now lives in Newcastle.
- Ruby an absolutely striking girl in both looks and personality has been adopted by Peter and Cassandra.
- Meg and Madonna (now Maddy) have found their home together with Alan and Denise.
- Giselka formally Tigerlily, enjoying her new life with Patricia, Slide and their wonderful family (including 2 cats!).
- Bluey who has been officially adopted by Theresa in Port Stevens.
- Jo-anne and family have adopted not one but two hounds, Chief and Nico (Chiko).
- Phoebe and family who have been long term foster carers for Jake have decided they just couldn't part with him.
- Duke (previously Dude) had been with us for a while until he found his forever home with Caroline, Simon and their greyhound lady Ruby.
- Arnie has found his forever home with Emma,



daughters foster his foster carer.

- Chubbs has found his forever home with Lyndsay and Jason.
- Sisters Betty and Sally that were picked up by Janet and Peter on Australia Day have now found their forever home with Kim and Hilary!
- Gorgeous girl Lilly (formerly Chloe) arrived recently but she was very lucky and has found her forever home with Peter and Carleen and their whippet Shady.
- Joaney was to be euthanized at the vets, but now Joaney is spending the rest of her joyful life with Cathy and family.
- Diamond (now Zola) and soul greymate Georgie have found their home with the lovely Lisa.
- Bandit's has found his forever home with Paula and family.
- Blaise (previously Blaze) has found her forever home with Floss, Anne, greyhound Mia (previously Lou Lou) and their greyhound training cat.
- Calm has found his forever home with Debra
- Emmy, who is now sweet TimTam, has found her home with Christiane.

## Our New Vehicle

We are so proud to announce we had finally got enough funds to buy a van we can transport greyhounds, donated food, market stall items etc in!! Thank you to every single one of you that voted for us in the Sun Super vote, to Kris Farley who nomi-



nated Greyhound Rescue, to Mosman Vets and all who donated to Mosman Vets Mini Mos race last year, to everyone that donates in general and YOU for supporting us.

## 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.

### PetRescue/Jet Pets Adoption Event

Peter, along with hounds Solo and Sweetpea who on Monday went along to the PetRescue/Jet Pets



adoption event in Martin Place. Greyhound Rescue had some greyt exposure to the lunchtime crowds and the hounds of course were the stars. Thanks to Sarah, one of our helpers, for coming along with her rescue hound Archie.

### Bunning Parramatta Sausage Sizzle

Matthew who adopted Tess organised our first Parramatta Sausage Sizzle. Thank you to everyone involved for all your efforts.

### Bunning Belrose Gift Wrapping

Nora and Ed spent Christmas Eve at Bunning wrapping for gold coin donations. With help from Jenny, Mirren, Alyson, Isobelle and Janelle they raised more than \$300.



### Bunning Belrose Sausage Sizzle

The sausage sizzle was amazing raising almost \$2500. Thank you everyone who helped and everyone who visited. Ed, Nora, Tigerlily, Sue, *hubby*, James, Abbey, Gary, Brian, Dickin, Rosemary, Geoff, Michael, Georgie and Jerry.

### Fairday

Alyson, Jenny and Isobelle ran the Greyhound Rescue stall at the Mardi Gras Fair. As well as being wonderful ambassadors for Greyhound Rescue they raised about \$260, which we know will go a long way. Many thanks to everyone who stopped by, donated and brought their lovely greys along. It was great to see old faces as well as new.



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
- Hydrobath to wash and groom
- 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](mailto:peter@greyhoundrescue.com.au)

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

[www.greyhoundrescue.com.au/how-you-can-help/](http://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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# The Evolution of Man & His Best Friend

By Rob Zammit

There are many practices that humans perform that were common in even the last century that have since been debunked, either because they are useless or downright dangerous. If we look beyond the last century, such practices as burning people to the stake, now considered barbaric.

Will history look back at the practices that we perform with our dogs today and think, 'what a barbaric civilization those people were in the early 21st Century.' Indeed, we have stopped the practice of tail docking and the species survives well, with even the continuation of the breeds that were once docked. We have stopped shooting innocent birds for dogs to retrieve. So what is the contract between man and dogs? It is a complex yet unwrit-



ten statement but we know for sure that we have a duty of care to our best friend. So as a civilized people, we must now ask ourselves, is it fair to train a dog to run in a circle, to the point of its own detriment, simply for our entertainment?



## Trivia Night

Trivia Night went very well. In spite of, or because of, being further out at Austral, we had nearly 70 people there, more than we have had at other recent events.

It was a good night, Verity and friends were there, Rachel who adopted Oscar and Jenny made up a table, Laura and Mark, who adopted Tiger and Pipi and were the first to notice Boots hip problem, came along. Rhianna was there, so it was good to see some new faces. Hollie was there and Jenny Short also came along and helped man the sales table. It was a



fantastic turnout, raising \$2985!

Huge thank you to all involved and came to the trivia night. Portia - thank you for all you do: looking fantastic and talking the talk at our Trivia Nights.

## Trekking through Mountains for the Greys

John and Amelia adopted Maggie and Jimmy from us. Two beautiful black greys that you may have met at dog days out or the sausage sizzles.

John has embarked on a grueling two part challenge to raise money for Greyhound Rescue. John successfully completed the first challenge cycling the 235km 'SCODY 3 Peaks Challenge' on the 10th March. That was 9.5 hours in the saddle.

The second part of this epic challenge, 'North Face 50,' is a 50km trail run through the Blue Mountains on 18th May. This grueling event has an 11 hour time limit. We are hoping John can keep the time in single figures again.



So far John and his support team have raised an amazing \$2000. Thank you John, Amelia, Maggie and Jimmy. Good luck John on the 18th.

## North Sydney Market

Nora and Ed are a regular at the North Sydney Market and raise around \$400 each month. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. If you have donations contact [nora@dieppedesign.com](mailto:nora@dieppedesign.com).

## Forthcoming Fundraising

### Mini-Mos

On Sunday 16th June Mosman Vets will 'Run for the Greyhounds'. Last year they put a team together and raised over \$2500. It was so successful they have decided to do it again. Please support Mosman vet through gofundraise:

<http://makingadifference.gofundraise.com.au/page/VisserA1>

### Trivia Nights

There are two Trivia nights scheduled. The first on Saturday June 22nd Trivia Night at Parramatta RSL and the second on Saturday August 3rd at Alexandria, both hosted by Portia.

Contact Peter on 0412 562 104 or [peter@greyhoundrescue.com.au](mailto:peter@greyhoundrescue.com.au) for bookings.

### Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Belrose

There is a sausage sizzle scheduled:

- Sunday 8th September, 9am to 4pm

We need your help! If you can spare a couple of hours on these dates to assist and raise some money then please contact Peter.

## 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.

### North Sydney Market

The second Saturday of every month Nora, Ed and Greyhound Rescue will be at North Sydney markets. Come down and show your support and don't forget to bring a greyhound or two.

- Miller Street, North Sydney from 9am to 3pm.
- Next 15th Jun, 13th July, 17th Aug, etc.
- Information - [North Sydney Centre website](http://NorthSydneyCentre.com.au)

### Dogs Big Day Out 2013

On Sunday 25th August 2013, Greyhound Rescue will be at Warringah Council's 'Dogs Big Day Out'.

- Frenchs Forest Showground, Blackbutts Rd, Frenchs Forest. 10:30am to 2:30pm
- Details - [Warringah Council website](http://WarringahCouncil.com.au)

# Meet the Volunteer

By Joella Jan Tyler

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**A** brief account of some of my observations and experiences while working as a volunteer for Greyhound Rescue.

I hope that all the following will impart my absolute joy, delight and happiness from time spent with all the greyhounds at Riverstone each week.

It is marvellous and heart-warming to see their enjoyment from simply brushing their fur, and a nice gentle massage of their shoulders and back.

To be touched by their delight at even the prospect of that wonderful thing, a walk, let alone being taken out of their houses for this treat - to have it actually happen!

To witness their happiness when setting off across the paddock toward the gate, and.....freedom!!

To see their graceful, elegant walk, and watch their bright eyes noting everything left and right, not missing a single thing as they walk along.

To be amazed at their great strength as they occasionally pull on the lead - so strong, wow. And even the little girls can move a lot more swiftly than can I.

To feel the gratitude for the nice food brought to them each week, and as well a vegemite sandwich on multigrain goes down a treat from time to time, and the odd Schmacko meets with great



approval.

And, to give them all lots of cuddles/kisses/pats/hugs, and to chat to each one about all the lovely things awaiting them in their forever home - walks, balls to play with, comfy beds, lots of yummy food, lots more cuddles and kisses etc.

It is an honour and a privilege to help all the greys. Just being with these gentle, affectionate, intelligent dogs, these beautiful, patient, resilient, brave, noble creatures - just being in their presence is something quite magical.

They are all stalwart characters. They have an incredible effect on me. I give them all LOVE, and I receive love 10-fold in return. No, 100-fold.

## Your Letters

### The story of Sarah - Alyson Galea

**T**his is a small story to show that you never know what may eventuate.

About 10 years ago, at the Sydney Easter Show, I encountered a small stall devoted to rescue greyhounds. There was a lady at the stall with a three-legged greyhound. The dog was soft and very gentle. I had never considered owning a greyhound as I only knew then as racing dogs. However, at that point I thought that one day I would have a greyhound.

Well roll forward 10 years!

With the ease of an internet search, I found Greyhound Rescue. My only criterion was that I wanted an older girl dog because I already had a 9 year old Jack Russell. Peter and Janet brought Sarah to meet my family and check out my home. Sarah is a big, black, girl and at that time had a lump on her nose and very interesting crooked toes and nails which stuck out in all directions! She was beautiful. She wandered around our house and checked

out the various nooks and crannies. We kept her. After a brief spell of antibiotics, the lump on her nose disappeared. After eating Goodos, pasta, beef, doggie chews and anything not locked down, her coat became more and more shiny (a definite benefit of black greyhounds). And, after hanging around with our bossy Jack Russell, she considers herself the foot soldier to the little general.

She is beautiful and loyal and full of cuddles.

Sarah has settled in with us and has been followed and adopted sister, Betty.

Recently, I went away for 4 days. Sarah sat at the front door and 'almost' refused to eat. I say 'almost' because when faced with fretting or fresh chicken, the chicken won. That is a greyhound!

I hope Sarah's story will go on, with me, for many years to come.

For anyone looking at the Greyhound Rescue website or visiting one of the stalls - go do it, get a greyhound - you won't look back.



HOMED

## Curriculum Vitae

**Name:** Ashy

**Age:** 5 years old (March 2008)

**About:** Ashy is a beautiful and just loves human attention and would love a home where she is given cuddles as well as some good bonding time over training. She is quite playful and loves her squeaky toys and doing the greyhound 'hoarding' of all things cuddly.

**Cat Friendly:** No

**Location:** Foster care in Sydney, NSW.



Ashy

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Frankie

## Curriculum Vitae

**Name:** Frankie

**Age:** 4 years old (July 2008)

**About:** Frankie is a real soft soul, a little quieter than your average male. His personality may blossom once he finds his foster or forever home. He loves his 2 minute zoomie but when he's done he just wants cuddles and bed!.

**Cat Friendly:** Yes

**Location:** Foster care in Sydney, NSW.

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Tyson

## Curriculum Vitae

**Name:** Tyson

**Age:** 4 years old (December 2008)

**About:** This boy is a sweetheart. A volunteer says: "Tyson is a beautiful dog inside and out. He just wants to be with you and loves cuddles. He would suit a quiet to medium activity home because he is a little sensitive to change. I would suggest meeting this guy as he really is a special greyhound. Maybe its those eyes...so capturing!"

**Cat Friendly:** No

**Location:** Kennels in Sydney, NSW.

## Curriculum Vitae

**Name:** Zoey

**Age:** 2 years old (January 2011)

**About:** Zoey is a recent arrival so watch this space, but so far she has been easy going and calm. A volunteers says "Zoey is so well behaved and has a lovely nature. She's got some battle scars on the outside, but inside she's still perfect. A truly sweet dog, walks beautifully on the lead and is gentle and affectionate."

**Cat Friendly:** Yes

**Location:** Kennels in Sydney, NSW.



Zoey



### Curriculum Vitae

**Name:** Vincent

**FOSTER REQUIRED**

**Age:** 3 years old (December 2009)

**About:** Vincent is a large, handsome, red fawn boy. A friendly dog who is pleased to now have human company. With a huge smile from hear to ear, Vincent knows that his future is now promising. A volunteers says that "Vincent is a magnificent, joyous boy. I think his smile so reflects his personality".

**Cat Friendly:** Not test yet

**Location:** Kennels in Sydney, NSW.



Vincent



Tammy

### Curriculum Vitae

**Name:** Tammy

**FOSTER REQUIRED**

**Age:** 3 years old

**About:** Tammy arrived recently with a small scratch on her head which is healing fast and not bothering her. She is a red brindle that is easy going and walks well on the lead. She is a little girl and is very quiet.

**Cat Friendly:** No

**Location:** Kennels in Sydney, NSW.

### Curriculum Vitae

**Name:** Sallianne

**Age:** 8 years old (March 2005)

**About:** Sallianne is a gorgeous looking black beauty who is very laid back. She loves those cuddles. She has not been tested with cats but was not fussed about spending time with some cavaliers. At eight years old it is time for Sallianne to find that forever home.

**Cat Friendly:** Not test yet

**Location:** Kennels in Sydney, NSW.



Sallianne



Andy

### Curriculum Vitae

**Name:** Andy

**FOSTER REQUIRED**

**Age:** 7 years old (January 2006)

**About:** Andy is the most gentle, loving dog with a pleasant, easy manner about him. He loves his food and gets along well with other dogs. A volunteer says: "Andy is one of my secret favourites. He was so playful and happy but in a gentle way. He is a typical greyhound who loves cuddles. Who could not want this chap as a buddy!"

**Cat Friendly:** Unknown

**Location:** Kennels in Sydney, NSW.

**H**i, my name's Jack. I got picked up from a pound and taken to the shelter that Greyhound Rescue use. There I was named Jackson by one of their wonderful volunteers Verity. I don't know what my racing name was but when mum and dad adopted me late last year they decided to just call me Jack. I like it and even answer to it now.

Anyway, I wanted to tell you about how I recently got my tonsils removed. Yes that's right, my tonsils. Mum told me it's unusual for that to happen to a dog, but that little humans have them out quite often. I met a little human the other day actually. Her name is Jessica and she's quite nice, she liked me a lot and seemed impressed that I didn't want to lick her. I even got praised for not paying her any attention when she went a bit crazy in the back yard and started running around in big circles.

Sorry, got side-tracked there. So, when mum and dad brought me home I was very sick but nobody knew. You see I was hiding it. I had trouble eating from the first meal, choking on it, vomiting it back up and then quickly eating it again. That's what I'd been doing in the kennels, so nobody knew there was something wrong. Mum and Dad were really worried and asked everyone for advice on what to do. But it didn't get better. So they took me to the doctor, his name's Blair and he's nice and knows lots about us greyhounds. He listened to mum and dad, had a good look at me and then told them that it looked like I had stomach ulcers, a badly inflamed esophagus and my tonsils were infected. He gave them lots of bags and then we went home.

Well, the next three weeks weren't much fun, let me tell you. Every time I turned around mum was either giving me pills or some kind of liquid (yuck) or during the second week, a pill that had to be given crushed, made into a paste, then sucked up by a syringe (double yuck). I learnt that mum would not give me the medication while I was lying down, but she soon learned to trick me into standing with a tiny sliver of cheese! At the end of the three weeks I was feeling better and was able to keep my food (biscuits soaked in water for half an hour) down much better.

Over the next week though I got a lot worse. Soon mum and dad had to blend up the soaked biscuits and even then I wasn't always able to get them down. They were so worried we went back to the doctor. He was worried too, I could tell. He looked in my throat and told mum and dad my tonsils were bad again, even though I'd been on 2000mg of an-



tibiotics for 3 weeks, they were worse than the first time he saw me. Luckily, mum and dad were smart enough to not feed me that morning so the doctor said he would keep me in and look down my throat with some kind of camera. Now it was my turn to be worried when mum and dad left without me.

Well, everyone was nice, I rested in a cage for a while and then I had a long, long sleep. While I was sleeping the doctor looked down my throat and found my tonsils were inflamed, huge and very infected, I also have an esophageal pouch a bit further down but he couldn't find any other nasty things happening, so he took my tonsils out, they were so bad when he first grabbed one I reacted, even though I was asleep, so they had to put me even further under and it meant mum and dad couldn't pick me up until 6pm instead of 4pm. I didn't care, I was just glad to see them and go home.

My recovery went well, I had a bit of a cough for a few days but throat healed well and now I feel a lot better. I still have to take one pill a day for a while so that my pouch doesn't get any worse and my food still has to be blended every day. Mum said that I have to eat like this for another 6-8 months to give the pouch the proper time to heal, but she also said that the doctor told her and dad it may never heal and I might have to eat blended food for the rest of my life. There is an operation but I don't have to have it because the success rate is so low and besides mum says if I have to eat this way forever it doesn't matter because it just means I'm special.

So, that's the story of how me and my tonsils part-



# Goodbye Tonsils (continued)

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By Jeannine Barrett

ed ways. I've been with mum and dad for three months now and I love it. I love my daily walks, I love all my beds (I've got 3! and that's not counting the couch and human beds), I love roaching, I love eating (especially mashed bananas) and of course I love my new mum and dad.

One last thing my fellow four legged friends, if on the off chance you have to have your tonsils out one day and hear mention of bowls of ice-cream and jelly, don't believe a word of it.

Proudly typed up by Jeannine Barrett (mum of Jack)

## Your Letters (continued)

**Kate Allen**

**W**e just had to share a couple of happy snaps with you from our household that is all getting along! Got a photo of Twiggy (was Megsie) having dinner alongside one of the cats, and some of the chickens. Just to prove, it is certainly possible to keep a hound with small things, furred or feathered. We also have new neighbours that



have an Italian greyhound, they were very interested to hear about where he was from and it is quite amusing to watch two very different sized hounds give a nose to nose hello when we meet them on our evening walks (he does have to bend down quite far!) He is quite a cheeky boy,

and whichever one of us gets up first in the morning better not be planning to come back to bed, because our spot gets quickly taken...(in the photo attached Kate lost her spot!

We love him dearly and we are very happy he has settled into our family so well. We keep telling him he is a lucky dog!

**Sue Bradshaw**

**I** have never been a morning person. Unless I'm catching a plane or have to be in extra early for work - under the doona is the only place to be.

However, adopting a greyhound has changed all this! With the onset of autumn and daylight hours diminishing, I had to make a choice. Rise early

for our morning exercise or walk in the dark after work.

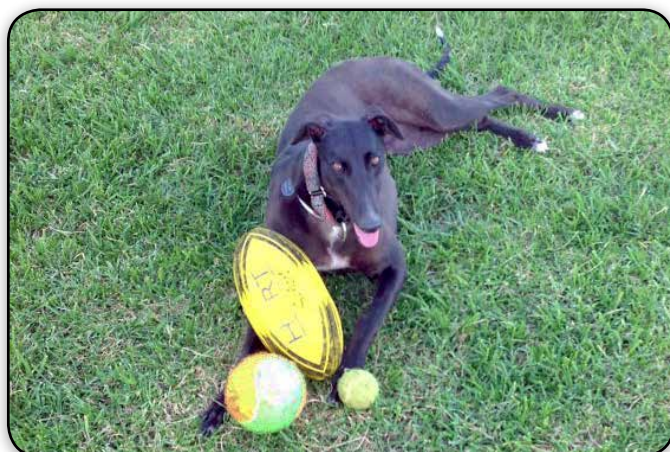
So as the days draw in I set my alarm for 6.15 each morning and with my very excited rescue grey Abbey, I drive to the local off-leash oval.

As the oval's surface is lower than the surrounding area I have been rewarded a couple of times by the sight of mist rising eerily from the ground. After we had so much rain it was flooded and the grass wasn't cut for many weeks. Some varieties began to sport purple flowering heads; so with the mist rising it almost looked like patches of lavender.

Watching a Greyhound race through the long grass and the mist is a really amazing sight. You see how they just love to run and run. But not for long, it doesn't take much for these sprinters to need a rest. This means lying down in the very wet grass; which for a dog with little fur on its hindquarters means Abbey is quickly soaked to the skin.

But as the sun's shiny rays penetrate the mist and warm us, and other dogs join in for their morning romp, it's time to go home. Abbey needs a rub down to dry her flanks and tummy, eat her breakfast and locate today's sleeping spot. And I need to go to work.

The locals tell me that as we head into winter the oval will crackle with frost but come rain, shine, mist and frost, for this new morning person - it's the best way to start the day!



**D**id you know that dogs can suffer from gluten intolerance? I certainly didn't until recently but it seems I own a gluten intolerant hound.

I adopted Joseph and Isi from Greyhound Rescue three years ago. From day one, Joseph had gut problems, while Isi rapidly gained weight and thrived. Joe didn't have full-on diarrhoea but he had loose droppings that frequently had a mucous look to them and he wasn't gaining weight. The vet diagnosed food intolerance and prescribed a special kibble that was mostly potato and fish. Joseph wasn't all that keen on it, but it seemed to do the trick. He had solid droppings for the first time in five weeks and he stopped rubbing his muzzle on everything. Apparently itchiness is another symptom of food sensitivity.

However, after a few weeks Joseph refused to eat the special food and was losing weight again. I have to say the food did not smell appetising! None the wiser as to what he was actually sensitive to I tried various other 'sensitive' dog kibbles. Most of them still upset his gut but I eventually found one that suited him. He gained weight and was well for two years. Then, suddenly, the loose bowls returned, and he was scrubbing his muzzle around his bed in a frenzy of scratching each morning. I noticed a sticker on the bag that said the formula had changed. Consulting the internet I saw a complaint from the owner of a gluten intolerant dog who said that the kibble now had corn in it and his dog could no longer eat it. I contacted the manufacturer but they said they would not change the formula back. For several weeks I fed Joseph cooked kangaroo meat and rice and his health improved but he wasn't gaining the weight he'd lost.

I searched pet stores but found no brands labelled 'gluten free' like you see for humans. It is amazing how many kibbles have cereal (wheat, oats, barley corn etc.) in them – all of which contain gluten. Eventually I found Nutro Natural Choice, lamb and rice formula at Petbarn. No cereals and it actually smells good – like lamb in fact! Joseph likes it and his guts are great again. I have also found a new dog sausage (dog log!) in the chilled pet food section at Woolworths. Made by VIP Petfoods it actually says 'grain free' on the packet and is supposed to be roast meat and sweet potato flavour. Both hounds love it, and I also use it mashed with hot water to make 'gravy' for their large bowl of kibble in the evening.

Other foods that Joseph can eat are tinned home brand Sardines for cats, boiled rice, cooked potato, and cooked kangaroo meat. He can eat uncooked rabbit, and raw chicken in small amounts, but raw red meat, especially beef, upsets him so his problem isn't just gluten intolerance. Looking back on the foods that made him most sick in the early days it was pasta and those hard rectangular greyhound biscuits, both with hindsight, would be full of gluten. If any of this sounds familiar it might be worth trying your hound on a gluten free diet for a while.



## A New Life For An Old Grey

By Daryl-Anne Le Roux

**T**wo months after adopting our first greyhound, we wondered how we'd ever lived so long without this magnificent breed. We wanted another one – for us to love and as company for Chita, our three-year-old Red Brindle.



We spent ages scouring the Greyhound Rescue website, reading the stories of the dogs available – a

daunting task as they are all worthy of adoption. At that time (November 2011) there were a lot of male dogs available, but we specifically wanted a female. What kept coming to our attention was the heartbreaking tale of two older girls – Possum\* and Lovely – who had both been found in extremely poor physical condition.

Looking online is a good source of information, but a personal encounter is where connections are formed so we made an appointment to visit the Box Hill kennels where some of the rescued greyhounds were housed.

Our seven-year-old daughter fell in love the first time she met Lovely at the gate of the kennels.



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But even though they bonded immediately, I was hesitant. Let me be honest, Lovely wasn't visually appealing at all. Her teeth were rotten, her coat was dull and hung off her skeletal frame; she was rather like a holocaust survivor. One of those sad stories of an old girl who had been a champion, then discarded once she had passed her 'use-by date'. Adopting an older greyhound wasn't really on my radar at all, especially one in such poor condition, but something about Lovely kept stirring my heart. We decided to get some advice from the Greyhound Guru himself, Peter Flann.

We really appreciated Peter's honesty and objectivity as he gave us the realities of the age and health issues. But on the other hand, having two dogs with a good few years between them could be a healthy balance. So the choice was ours: should we take a risk on Lovely?

## Lovely by name - Lovely by nature

It was Lovely herself who won us over. She may not have been 'lovely' to look at back then, but her sweet, gentle nature was irresistible. We allowed our heart guide us, took a leap of faith and signed the adoption papers.

Lovely was ten years old when she came to live with us. Eighteen months on, she has blossomed as life as a pet suits her more and more. Her coat is shiny, her ribs hidden by a well-balanced (with extra helpings) diet. She adds a quiet dignity to the household mix – a perfect foil for Chita's youthful, exuberant ways. Lovely enjoys lounging in comfort



on their daybeds, but leaps up happily like a puppy for their daily walks. She is a bit stiff in the colder seasons but is always excited to meet other neighbourhood dogs and young children who feel secure because of her calm, gentle manner.

We've lavished love and attention on her and have been rewarded to see the personality of this beautiful Blue Grey emerge. I don't know how many years we will have together, but it's the quality that counts. In the evenings, I often gaze into her dark eyes, take her paw in my hand, and tell her we're so glad she's part of our family. I don't know where she's been or what she's seen over the course of her twelve years, but she deserves to spend her latter years in luxury. We've never had a moment's regret taking her in. This gracious old lady has captured our hearts.

## Sponsor a Hound

Some of our supporters recently asked us how they can help if they cannot for reasons of distance, space or circumstance foster or adopt a hound, attend an event or volunteer at the kennels. The idea for sponsor a hound came from a wonderful lady who has been paying for the kennelling of two of the hounds for some months now. It seemed such a simple and effective way to help.

Sponsoring a hound couldn't be simpler. Take a look at our website [www.greyhoundrescue.com.au](http://www.greyhoundrescue.com.au) under Dogs Available. The hounds we have available at the moment are: Ritchie, Sallianne, Rosie, Indy, Fluke, Alfie, Tommy, Tammy, Baz, Boyd, Darcy, Rossi, Tyson, King, Lucky and Timmy. The others are in foster or on trial or being sponsored already. Choose a hound and decide on an amount per month or fortnight, which can be as little or as much as you are comfortable with, and then set up an automatic payment with your bank. Just email Nora on [nora@dieppedesign.com](mailto:nora@dieppedesign.com) with which hound you wish to sponsor. We will send you a photo of your hound and keep you updated on his/her progress.

The bank account details are:

Account Name: Greyhound Rescue Inc

BSB: 012289

Account No: 524792379

For a reference; if you use online banking just put your name and dog's name. If you use over the counter banking you can use your mobile number. Please remember to email [nora@dieppedesign.com](mailto:nora@dieppedesign.com) so we can keep track of your sponsorship. This is a tax deductible donation.

Our current Sponsors are:

Ross Maybury - Vincent and Roy  
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Shane Boulden - Fluke

Thank you for your sponsorship so far, we are very grateful for your support and care of these wonderful dogs.

# Boots' Story

By Sue Tofful

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*"This is Boots. He is the most gorgeous two year old who was saved by some kind hearted vet nurses who could not bear to see him put down for*



*no reason. Unfortunately, although Boots has had a second chance at life, he still has a big struggle ahead and we are calling on some help, any help, by way of donations to help cover what will be a very hefty vet bill.*

*You see from X-rays it would appear that Boots had an injury to his hip as a puppy- a fracture that was never treated (no surprise there- clearly this is why he was thrown away). This injury has interfered with the growth plate and as a result Boot's two thigh bones are 4cm different in length- which has caused extra stress on his hip. As a result of this his hip is worn out and he needs a replacement. Remember, poor old Boots is only two and a half years old.*

*Our very kind orthopedic vet has knocked \$500 off the cost of this operation for us and did not charge for the consultation. But we still need to find \$6500. Of course there is a cheaper option where they just cut off the head of the femur, which seems to work with little dogs, but it does not sound like a good option for Boots- and in that situation if the operation did not work, amputation is then the only option.*

*Boots will need 6 weeks recovery, basically in a cage, and we see little option but that he does that with Peter and Janet at home. One of our amazing volunteers Verity has pledged \$1000 to start the ball rolling.*

*I guess we feel like we are always asking for your hard earned money- but as you know we get no funding from the government that supports grey-*

*hound racing and the bills just keep on coming. We are not willing to euthanize an otherwise perfectly healthy young greyhound".*

**O**n Australia Day, Saturday 26 January, we posted the above story about Boots on our Facebook page and website. There followed the most humbling, and frankly staggering, outpouring of support for Boots emotionally and in monetary terms. It was obvious that most of the community believed in our decision not to just put Boots "out of his misery". He deserved to live.

The donation tally began to rise immediately with an incredible number of people donating to help with the operation. Donations came from every state in Australia as well as overseas. There were a few people on Facebook suggesting it was not worth it- that it was better for Boots to be euthanized. We found those suggestions upsetting as our policy has and always will be no-kill unless the dog is suffering and there is no other option. Many of our supporters jumped behind us, this was truly heartening.

24 hours into the campaign over \$3000 had already been donated and by Wednesday \$4800. Several people donated huge amounts- \$1000 each from two parties, as well as \$500 from another. Whether big or small it all counted and on Thursday we had \$6000 in the kitty. Not quite a week since the Boots campaign began, Peter advised the committee that a staggering \$7176.00 had been donated. Enough to cover the operation, the post-operative care and even help with another hound's toe amputation!

Because there was no point delaying it, Boots went in for his operation the following week. Once Boots was on the table, David Lidbetter, the specialist,





# Boots' Story (continued)

By Sue Tofful

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called to explain that a hip replacement was not going to be possible as the head of Boots' femur was out of the socket and positioned way above the socket. This must have happened a long time ago as the old socket had filled up and a new one was forming around the head of the femur. A full hip replacement cannot be done in this case because the artificial socket goes into the existing socket, and Boots' old one was not available and the new one was not strong enough. So a femoral head excision was done.

It seems likely that the injury must have forced the ball out of the socket at the time, and it has always been like that since the injury. David said that Boots must have been in a fair bit of pain all this time.

Boots recovered well back home with Peter and



Janet. By mid March he had been going to physio twice a week and this week it will be 3 times. Physio consists of a massage, sometimes acupuncture and always a session in the water tank on the treadmill.

When he walked slowly Boots was putting his foot to the

ground and walking on it, at other times, he jumped around on 3 legs with great ease. At his 5 week



check up the surgeon was happy with his progress but it was going to be a long haul to get him walking again with several daily short walks, heat pads, and massage at home.

By late March Boots had turned a corner in his recovery! His physio, Christine, said she could see he has made huge progress. He could now walk himself in the hydro bath treadmill using all 4 legs without needing a little push or pull on the lead. He was getting stronger both physically and mentally.

Boots continues to improve day by day and is almost ready for his forever home. He needs a home preferably without too many stairs or slippery hard floors and someone who will continue his rehabilitation in the long term.

Greyhound Rescue is truly humbled by this amazing show of community support and will be forever grateful. He continues his therapy today and will soon be ready for a forever home. I think you can be sure that Boots will always be a very lucky and loved hound. The writer believes that without Facebook this amount of money would never have been raised in such a short time. We send very, very sincere thanks to each and every person in this brilliant greyhound loving community who donated, and those that perhaps could not donate but helped spread the word.



Call for photo submissions for the Greyhound Rescue Australia 2014 Calendar!

Submissions required by 30th June 2013.

Full details: <http://greyhoundrescue.com.au/news/calendar-2014-submissions/>

Email: [greyhound.rescue.calendar@gmail.com](mailto:greyhound.rescue.calendar@gmail.com)

# Two New Kids on the Block

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By Denis and Graham Veness

After sharing 6 very special years with our first grey and losing him suddenly, our lives were unbearably changed, it just didn't seem to be the same without a grey in the house.

After a while my husband started looking for greys to be adopted. He got into trouble, as I did not feel I could bear to lose another dog. Eventually I just had to have a look at a big boy named Little Blue. Of course I was smitten, not only by him but by every grey looking for home via Greyhound Rescue. We arranged to go to Riverstone to look at Little Blue and a list of ten others! Needless to say, not only did Little Blue cast his magic on us, but also a petite black girl named Dina.

So they were tried together and got on well. And soon after we all started our lives with Grayson (Little Blue) and Holly (Dina). The greyhound magic was back in our home!

Holly was very timid, afraid of just about everything. We soon realised she was very traumatised, had little trust and wanted to hide most of the time.



Holly (Dina)

Grayson on the other hand made himself at home, scored the lounge as "his" and started to enjoy the new foods coming his way!



Grayson (Little Blue)

The first two weeks were a real challenge, as they both did not understand that humans have to sleep at night. They both sleep all day and expected us to play with them at night. It was hard going, like having children again, but Graham and I were determined to teach our greys about home life and watch them grow confident and happy.

Adoption has been finalised and we have had our new kids seven weeks. Every day presents new issues for Holly who was saved from the pound just in time by Greyhound Rescue. It is a joy to see her becoming more confident and relaxed, trying new things and learning how to trust. She is sweet natured and needs lots of cuddles something she did not know very much about. On the other hand Grayson is a big happy "puppy" who loves everyone, his food and sleeping.

Graham and I will always own greys, not only for the pure joy and fulfilment they bring to our lives, but because these wonderful sweet natured dogs are to some people disposable.

Thank you to all the people at Greyhound Rescue for making the experience of adoption easy and straightforward.

## Sponsors



Pet Paraphernalia are now offering all Greyhound Rescue parents a 75% discount off their first muscle top. Thank you Pet Paraphernalia!



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



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



PETstock have been consistently supplying food and selling chocolates at various stores to fundraise. PETstock Belrose is particularly supportive. Thank you!