



# The Greys Matter



Big Is Beautiful



Millie's Story



Vegan Hounds



Canberra Zoomies



Your Letters

**I**t has been an incredibly busy year with more and more greyhounds coming into our care and by the end of the year we expect to have found homes for more than 100 greyhounds, an achievement which we are very proud. So many things have happened during this year Boots' story, Millie's story, a litter of two week old pups arriving, fundraisers, stalls, etc. There is never a dull moment.

The Parliamentary Inquiry into Greyhound Racing in NSW invited Greyhound Rescue to go before the Committee and the Inquiry sparked a lot of interest in the media with exposure for us on 'The Project', the ABC 7.30 Report and more still to come.

Greyhound Rescue has been given massive support from the community with more than 5000 followers on Facebook, an invaluable medium for our Rescue and we thank all those who follow and support us. Special thanks to those who raised funds for us in 2013, particularly John who cycled the 3 peaks and ran the North Face 50km, an incredible long-distance achievement.

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 programme', 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.

We wish all our volunteers, supporters and readers a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Best wishes,  
Peter and Janet.



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**W**elcome to your fifth Issue. There has been quite a gap since the last issue so as you can imagine this is packed full. 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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## Goodbye Boots

A lot of you will know Boots' Story from our website, Facebook page and our last edition of The Greys Matter. For those of you who do not know, Boots' had an injury to his hip as a puppy that was never treated, so for two years he walked around with a dislocated hip that must have been very painful.



RIP brave Boots (31/05/13)

Recently Boots underwent hip surgery and was recovering slowly from that. He went for his usual physiotherapy session where he walked on a conveyor belt in water, the session finished early as he did not seem himself. Moments later he was obviously in great pain and we rushed him to the nearest vet which was The Sydney University. An MRI showed fluid along the spine which was first thought to be an infection but may have been blood. The pressure from this fluid was affecting the nerves controlling Boots' back legs and he had lost the use of them within 10 minutes of the onset.

Despite every effort from the vets the paralysis was fast approaching Boots' lungs and we had no option but say goodbye to him.

Greyhounds are gentle and affectionate animals that make excellent family pets and Boots was a prime example of this. He lived with other greyhounds and little dogs and despite his problems he loved his walks and would literally bounce up and down when it was time to go out. He lived life to the full and even in his last few days was stoic to the end.

We would like to thank everyone who supported Boots' operation, recovery and final days. Rest in Peace Boots, you will never be forgotten.

## Recent Adoptions

- Cherry, is now Nala and has found her forever home with Corrina and family.
- Lilly has found her forever home with Anita, Jason and Peggie the Chihuahua.
- Darling, now Pepper, has found her forever home with Simone and Matthew O'Halloran.
- Skye, now Blue is set to have a happy life with Maureen and family
- Frankie has finally found his forever home with Lindsay and Savannah.
- Nicki went to Kate in the Hunter Valley.
- Sophie went to Tracy at Rouse Hill

- Sallyanne has found her home with Margaret.
- Bailey went to join Mike, Fiona, their human family and a house full of hounds.
- Kerrie and family foster failed with Nelson and couldn't bear to part with him.
- Peter and Ellen also fostered Jackie and couldn't part with her.
- Bones, formally Alfie has found his forever home with Lorraine.
- Our face of Greyhound Rescue, handsome and magnificent Vincent has found his furever home with his new mum Anne Evans.
- Bluey (now Kaden) and Lizzie have found their forever home with Brent and Natalie.
- Star was adopted by Ruth.
- Franny, now Poppy has found her forever home with Kate, Murray, Twiggy and Yoshi.
- Shadow was the fastest adoption ever, thanks to Liz and family.
- Sugar found her home with Wayne and family.
- Spice found her home with Vesna and family.
- Nappa, now Angel has found her forever home with Suzanne and her cats.
- Ringo has finally found his forever home with Kimberly, Andrew and family.
- Opie found his home with Deanne and family.
- Darcy has won over Hanady and Justin.
- Shani, now Audrey, has found her home with Tracy and family including her new brother William the whippet.
- Raz has found his home with Anna, who a year ago took Bond (previously Barney). Raz joins the cats, the dogs, the boys and Anna.
- Tammy, now Cheeky went to Canberra to join greyhound Nico, Thank you Jo-anne.
- Ricky has been officially adopted by Alissa.
- Lexi has a new home with Andrew and Clare.

## 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.

### The North Face 50

John McFadzean completed the 50km trail through the Blue Mountains in 6 hrs 45 mins, raising \$2,070. This completed the second part of his challenge. You can read about John's epic run on the web.



## MiniMoss

A massive thank you to Mosman Veterinary Hospital for their huge efforts in raising just over \$3000. Thanks to the runners who ran in pretty cold temperatures with an early start at 7am.



## Bunnings Belrose Sausage Sizzle

Whilst all the runners made their way through Mosman - Janet, Peter, Alyson, Brian and Gary began their early start at the Belrose Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. Ian, Jan, Sophie, Joella and Phil also took turns turning sausages and serving the customers all day!



## Catch Light Photo Imaging

Kim Talbert has visited the kennels on a number of occasions now. With Verity's assistance Kim has taken some stunning photos and video of the greyhounds who are looking for homes. Thank you Kim.

## Wagga Swim School

Helen Lauricella organised a raffle at Wagga Swim School raising \$300. Thank you Helen.

## Kennel Toys

Christmas came early in August for all the greyhounds at the kennel. We would like to especially thank DM & TP Rowlands, Linda, Treasured Pet Chest, Tracey, Leesa, Maiseshop, Ashley@TFH and Jennifer in Tassie. The dogs are so happy!

## Adoption Day

Adoption Day at Belrose Pet Biz/Pet Stock was a success! We had so many visitors and lots of people interested in learning more about the breed. A huge thank you to Alyson who manned the stall with Ella, the greyhound puppy. Lots of visitors

turned up to show their support with their greyhounds. At one point there were about twice as many greyhounds as customers in the shop. Thanks to Pet Biz, now owned by Pet Stock for their continual support over the years. We often have donation tins and chocolates for sale all managed by the great staff at Pet Biz.

## Harmony Festival

Cheryl ran 'The Blue Mountains Spirit and Harmony Festival' with proceeds going to Greyhound Rescue. This event raised a humongous \$2200. A big thank you must go out to Cheryl and her husband for working extremely hard in the months and days leading up to the event. Thank you to volunteers Alyson, Isy, Jenny and Steve who travelled from Sydney to represent Greyhound Rescue.

## BBQ at the Kennels

We held a BBQ at the kennels for our sponsors and volunteers. It was an excellent opportunity for our sponsors to meet their greyhound. Both humans and canines thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. A big thank you to Verity for organising it.



## Meet Masie Day

Greyhound Rescue had a fabulous day at the Meet Masie Day! Jorja and Red represented Greyhound Rescue and raised awareness and \$140 for the other kennel hounds!

## Pittwater Dog Day by the Bay

It was a beautifully sunny day at Pittwater and a very popular event this year. Thank you to everyone who took part, we raised \$437.





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](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 ACT Greyhound Pack Walk

By Gabrielle Openshaw

Once a month, us ACT greyhound owners assemble and walk our dogs as a pack through the scenic trails of Mount Ainslie, complete with kangaroos. Fifteen to twenty greyhounds walking together, accompanied by a few whip-pets, is certainly an awesome sight.

I attended my first pack walk to meet my 'perfect greyhound match', a dude named Bobby ('The Bobster'). As all the greyhounds began to gather, I noticed a somewhat intimidatingly tall hound prancing towards the pack in the hands of his foster mum, Cindy Daley. She handed him over, and despite looking a little confused as to why I had taken the reigns, Bob soon settled with me. I was already sold.

We've been to quite a few pack walks now; the atmosphere is always great and the dogs visibly love it. In addition to general people related catch-ups, we usually swap stories of the silly antics the dogs got up to during month. Its also a good chance



for newbie owners like myself to get a crash course in what's 'normal' greyhound behaviour, tricks for getting them to eat kibble, and so on. After the pack walk, Bobby is always calm, and happily returns to his rightful place for the rest of the day (the couch).

## Bunnings Belrose Sausage Sizzle

We managed to run a second sausage sizzle raising \$1200. It was a busy day, Mirren, John and Ciaran helped us get going early, Gary was there all day behind the BBQ. Christine and Ian came along and brought Diesel with them. Joella was there serving the customers, Alyson came with Audrey, Geoff and Rosemary came with Sally and Chance.

## Paws in the Park

It was a super fun day at the Paws In The Park Camden. We took Rich and Indianna from the kennels, both were perfectly well behaved and greyt ambassadors for Greyhound Rescue. Thanks to everyone who turned up to help and support us today, it's always lovely to see you all.

## Hayley and Barnaby Greyhound

Hayley did a little fundraiser at her work raising \$140 for Greyhound Rescue, thank you.

## Dorothea

Dorothea raised about \$300 through her Grooming business, thank you!

## North Sydney Market

Nora and Ed are a regulars at the North Sydney Market and raise awareness and money. Thank you to everyone who donates items to be sold at the market. Special mentions go to; Jenny Short who provides much of the jewellery. Annie who donated 20 packs of Christmas Cards and Margaret who donated hand made little stockings. If you have donations contact [nora@dieppedesign.com](mailto:nora@dieppedesign.com).

## Trivia Night @ Forestville RSL

Brian, the host, did a fantastic job of raising more than \$3000! Thanks Brian!!! Thanks to all the vol-

unteers assisting in organising the event. Everyone had an absolute ball. We'll definitely be doing this one again next year.

## PETstock Assist Pet Santa Photos

Brian was Santa, Joe took photos of kids, dogs, a cat, a rabbit and a bird. The obligatory greyhounds were on parade doing us proud. PETstock donated over a \$1000 and a load of food. Thank you!

## 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. There are always greyhounds there for cuddles, some up for adoption and some just visiting with their owners. For sale: calendars, greyhound and handcrafted jewellery, hand made cards, general bric-a-brac donated to us. Come along to buy new and vintage items, and show your support. Don't forget to bring a greyhound or two.

- Miller Street, North Sydney from 9am to 3pm.
- Next 14th Dec, 11th Jan, 8th Feb, 8th Mar, 12th Apr, 10th May, etc.
- Information - [North Sydney Centre website](#)



# Your Letters

## Gabby - Ann Ellis

We have had Gabby for the best part of a year. Gabby is very much part of the family including our children, our grandchildren and their dogs.

Gabby is wonderful with the 7 year old grandchildren, patient, friendly, tolerant and never showing any sign of annoyance. They love to see her and on visiting us are really more interested in Gabby than us.

We walk her on Balmoral by the beach where she is a favourite with the early morning walkers and swimmers. There is one other greyhound called Pepper otherwise Gabby is unique.

At home Gabby has become obedient, unobtrusive for most of the day asleep, and good at night. The mornings bring boisterous greetings as she knows a walk is soon to come.

On returning from shopping and other outings Gabby is beside herself with affection.

A highlight of our time with Gabby was on Bluey's Beach when she ran off the lead with another dog; absolutely beautiful.





# Meet the Volunteer

By Verity Spargo

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**I**t was two years ago I started volunteering at Greyhound Rescue, and I love going there today as much as I did that first day.

I'm a total animal lover, my husband and I own an equestrian property where we live happily with our 2 horses and 4 dogs, (2 of which are greyhounds!) I enjoy training and competing my horses at the highest level of dressage, Grand Prix level, and giving riding lessons to my students. I have a very happy life!!

I love the eyes of a greyhound, I love the way they look at you, these are just two of the reasons why I started volunteering. The dogs are always so pleased to see you, they love to be out in the yards and swimming in their clam pools, it makes me feel good knowing that our team of volunteers make a difference to these dogs each day while they wait for their forever homes!

I'm at the kennels most days of the week cleaning day yards, transporting greyhounds from vet visits, playing squeaky toys and just hanging out with them. I enjoy introducing the dogs to new people who are interested in fostering and adopting them, it's a wonderful feeling knowing that a dog you have cared for has gone to a loving family where they will be a forever pet!



I also love running the Sponsor A Greyhound Programme. Such a good idea for people who may not be able to own a greyhound, but love the dogs just as much as us, and want to make a difference to their life while they are in the kennels! We still have plenty of dogs who would love their own sponsor, so I encourage anyone who can't come and volunteer, foster or adopt a greyhound, to please sponsor one!!!

## Sponsor a Greyhound Programme

**O**ur 'Sponsor a Greyhound Programme' is a great opportunity for people who want to help. Distance, space or circumstance might prevent you fostering, adopting or volunteering at the kennels. Or maybe you just want to contribute. The idea for sponsoring a hound came from a wonderful lady who has been paying for the kennelling of two of the hounds. It seemed such a simple and effective way to help. Verity has recently taken over the running of this programme and introduced a fantastic 'Sponsor Pack'.

Sponsoring a hound couldn't be simpler. A dog can be selected from the Greyhound Rescue website, underneath their names you will see 'Sponsor Me'. 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. Email Verity on [vms\\_16v@hotmail.com](mailto:vms_16v@hotmail.com) with all the details and then set up an automatic payment with your bank.

When you join the programme we send you a sponsor pack consisting of a Greyhound Rescue sticker, a copy of The Greys Matter and a photo of your sponsor dog.

After receiving the pack Verity will keep you up to date with how your dog is going. For example, if they have been out on a walk, been to the vets etc. Verity will also try to take pictures regularly and email them to you so you can keep up-to-date. Once your dog gets adopted you choose another dog to sponsor. You will then receive a photo of that dog!

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



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## Curriculum Vitae

**Name:** Harry

**Age:** 3 years old (May 2010)

**About:** Harry is one of the very few internet savvy hounds you'll meet. He has his own Facebook page 'Harry AdoptMe'. He could be described as very playful, cuddly, goofy, clumsy, seriously good-looking and a couch potato. He loves playing with the ball and soft-toys, but is also very content to sleep the day away.

**Cat Friendly:** Unknown

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



Harry



Ashy

## Curriculum Vitae

**Name:** Ashy

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

**About:** Ashy is 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.



Indy

## Curriculum Vitae

**Name:** Indy

**Age:** 4 years (June 09)

**About:** Indy, short for Indigo, is brilliant in the car, good on the lead, friendly and extremely well behaved. Indy is eager to please and a happy-go-lucky boy who would love nothing more than to join a family who will give him his walks but also allow him to be a lazy lounge lizard when it suits him. He is food focused so good for training.

**Cat Friendly:** No

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

## Curriculum Vitae

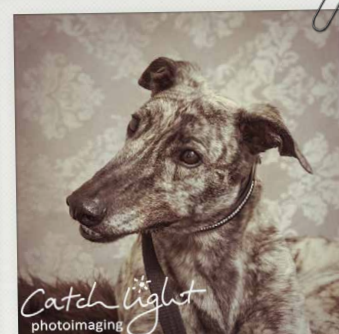
**Name:** Monty

**Age:** 6 years old (April 07)

**About:** Monty is a delightful 6 year old brindle. He is a big friendly chap with lots of character. He is pretty easy going. A recent visitor said "Monty has such a happy nature and responds to affection. He will make someone a great pet especially if they like large dogs."

**Cat Friendly:** No

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



Monty



### Curriculum Vitae

**Name:** Lily

**FOSTER REQUIRED**

**Age:** 8-10 years old (dob tbc)

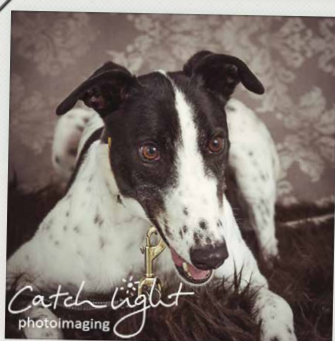
**About:** Lily loves company and cuddles. She always waits patiently to be let out of her kennel for some free time in the grass run. She then canters to her yard. She is very cute and walks so well on the lead. Lily is a calm older girl who would love just chilling out with her new family. Everyone thinks she's a sweetheart.

**Cat Friendly:** Not tested yet

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



Lily



King

### Curriculum Vitae

**Name:** King

**Age:** 4 years old (May 08)

**About:** King is well mannered, quiet and dignified. He just loves a lean and a snuggle like all greys. King is easy-going and ready to be a best friend to someone who is willing to teach him how to be a loved companion not a racing machine.

**Cat Friendly:** No

**Location:** Foster care in Canberra, ACT.

### Curriculum Vitae

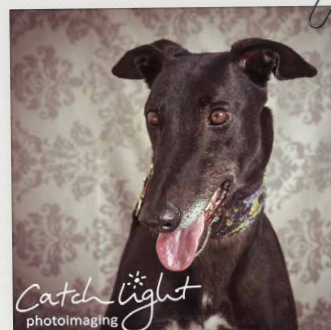
**Name:** Kernaghan

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

**About:** Black is beautiful, elegant, classy and sophisticated. With his stunning black coat and his loving temperament, Kernaghan encapsulates this description and more. This boy is not only an attractive hound; he is very loyal and loving. We cannot fault him; he's a role model for the breed.

**Cat Friendly:** No

**Location:** Foster care in Canberra, ACT.



Kernaghan



Chief

### Curriculum Vitae

**Name:** Chief

**FOSTER REQUIRED**

**Age:** 5 years old (Feb 08)

**About:** Chief is a big, fine, strong and confident boy. Chief is happy and friendly but best suited to a home with no other dogs and no children. He needs an owner who will be gentle but consistent about boundaries. Someone who will be willing to train him, using positive reinforcement-based training. He really enjoys his walks and cuddles.

**Cat Friendly:** No

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

# Big Is Beautiful

By Kate Allan

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Peter said to me not long ago someone needed to write an article on "big is beautiful" about the gorgeous greyhounds waiting patiently for their forever home. Bob definitely falls into this category. He also falls into the "big and black is beautiful" category too, the black dogs never seem to get homed easily. Us humans do a great disservice to these beautiful dogs when we only look with our eyes. We decide that the dog is too big/too small, not the right colour, or their ears sit funny, or a host of other things we have on our mental checklist. We all do it, subconsciously or not – the trick is to move past all that to find the dog of your dreams. Some really great dogs with amazing personalities miss out, and that's so sad. What everyone needs is a dog that fits in with their family, whatever they look like. Our lady grey Miss Poppy is black with a very grey muzzle, a broken tooth and a missing toe. But she has the most wonderful sweet and loving personality and we love her all the more for her "imperfections". In any case I think the black ones are just gorgeous – with a bit of TLC to get rid of



a kennel coat, and some sardines or eggs in their breakfast their coats get beautifully glossy (they can also wear any colour collar or neckerchief to advantage too!)

I first met Bob when Peter brought him to me to take home as a foster kid. My first thought was "whoa! Big boy!" My own boy Twiggy is not very big. I can see why people dismiss the big boys as they can look a bit daunting at first. But you know what – you get used to their size, it's no problem. According to Bob, size is a state of mind.

Bob, like many big dogs, fails to understand he is in fact, a large individual (just like many Chihuahuas that I imagine look in the mirror and see a Great Dane). It's hilarious watching him try to squish into the tiniest bit of space left on the sofa just so he can get near you for a cuddle (it's usually two humans and three greyhounds to a couch these days). There was a baby that would not stop crying on the TV the other night, and Bob decided it needed



Twiggy and Bob

investigating. Try as he might, he could not work out where the baby was! He tried to get behind the TV, and underneath the cabinet but with no success (again, his brain doesn't compute he is just too big to fit in those spaces). He was very upset he couldn't find it and kept coming back over to us and whining, but we were in fits of laughter. Poor Bob.

Any of the animals that I have ever lived with that are scared during thunderstorms try to get under something to hide. Not Bob. During the recent storms he decided to take "shelter" by hopping up on my armchair which could not fit him however much he tried. It put me in mind of those cartoons of an elephant hopping up on a chair to get away from a mouse!

One of the advantages of having a big greyhound is that you never have to bend down to pat them or pick them up, they are always at the perfect height! (Bob has found the table and desk also to be HIS perfect height – I came back out from the kitchen one afternoon to find Bob with his chin resting on the table watching the video that was playing on the computer). Because greyhounds should have their dinner and water bowls elevated to prevent bloat, this is a bonus for anyone with a back problem! Add to that the fact greyhounds don't need a lot of exercise, they are a greyt choice for people who can't do a lot of walking or running around. And they LOVE people. Bob's very good at listening out for his foster Dad coming home, and if I've been out he is always part of the greyhound greeting party that does happy dances along the fence. He always comes to say good morning, and his favourite trick is to put his front paws up on the bed, and bury his snout under the doona to find me and give some gentle love nibbles.

Bob like any of the greyhounds I've met loves company. He makes a great hot water bottle on a cold rainy evening curled up on the couch with his head on your lap. He is happy just to lie like a sphinx in



# Big Is Beautiful (continued)

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By Kate Allen

the kitchen doorway and watch me while I cook dinner, or lie at my feet while I'm sewing or working on the computer. He's happy to come and supervise any washing to be hung out, or any weeding that needs to be done. I think he fancies himself as guard dog. Except as a guard dog he's likely to jump for joy rather than bark at you as the courier found out. As a big dog he can look a bit intimidating to visitors, but sometimes that's not a bad thing. I had a couple of people come door knocking the other day who I really didn't have time for – but when the greyhound meet and greet party arrived they made a hasty retreat. I wasn't going to tell them they had nothing to worry about, but when the secret gets out, I guess greyhounds won't be as good a deterrent! I never worry about taking the dogs for a walk on my own when it gets dark either,

with a big dog at your side I don't think people will want to mess with you. Bob is also quite a gentleman on the lead, and doesn't pull. Unusually for a boy, he also doesn't feel the need to mark every lamp post, electricity pole or fence along the way!

With a bit of reinforcement with the squirty bottle Bob has learnt to leave cats alone. What a sook he was when he got a squirt! Obviously not all greyhounds are cat friendly, but there are always some who are – don't get put off by their size. We have had two pups in the house and although he is very playful with them he is very gentle. It just goes to show that big dogs don't necessarily equal loud, hard-to-manage animals. They are often gentle giants with big personalities to match, and all they need is a loving home.

## Millie's Story

By Edward Dieppe

Nora and I picked up Millie on the 21st of April to foster, and boy, how our life has changed! Many of you know Millie the greyhound puppy who lost her toes and pads and was left with a little stump. Still to this day, we are unsure why and how it happened but all we know is that it was not a proper vet amputation and Millie was picked up with no antibiotics or painkillers...Go figure!

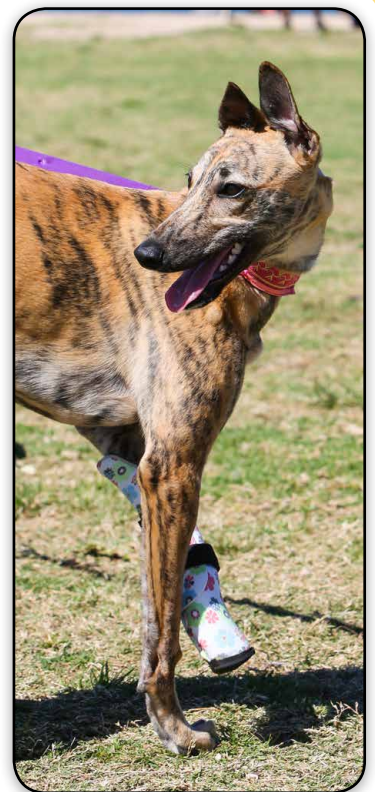
We had just said goodbye to Angel, our first foster puppy and was not expecting another puppy to foster so quickly! But, the foster puppies move quickly so we were happy to take Millie on for a few weeks. That was before we realized the extent of her 'injury'.

Mosman Vets, who support and have raised over \$5000 in the past years, saw to Millie straight away. It was looking grim, like a whole leg amputation was the only option. As I held tiny Millie, I fought back tears. Millie used that paw, she ran around on it with a thick bandage on. She boxed her doggie friends and bashed at the door when she needed a wee. We knew that dogs do well on 3 legs, but we wanted another option. Thankfully, her vet Dr Abbie Tipler, was thinking the same thing. Abbie researched and found Dogs In Motion, the Australian Distributor for OrthoPets who are the industry leader in orthotics and prosthetics for animals.

Michelle from Dogs In Motion and Abbie, worked together to work on a prosthetic for Millie so amputation was no longer an option. Greyhound Rescue raised a tremendous amount of money to cover her costs (if you donated/shared, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!!) Nora took Millie to physio rehab with Bec at the Animal Rehab Centre in Narabeen every week whilst I took her to her bandage changes at Mosman Vets, which was becoming almost her second home!

On the 20th of August, her prosthetic arrived. Michelle travelled from QLD to help with the fitting at Mosman Vets. It was a very emotional day, watching Millie walk instantly on her prosthetic as if she had it all that time. Since then, she has been in the water for the first time and gone from walking slowly on the lead to absolutely belting it in the park! All down to her amazing team at Mosman Vets, especially Abbie, to Bec her physio and Michelle from Dogs In Motion – thank you all.

There have been ups and downs the whole way; working with a few blisters that wouldn't go away, the drives to all her vet trips and physio rehab etc. But Nora and I, we wouldn't change it for the world. Millie has taught us, quite simply, "be happy!" Millie always has a smile on her face, she has taken life on with no fear and no anger. How can you stress over your first world problems, when Millie's smiling face is saying, "Mum, Dad...don't worry, be happy!" (Did we just write, Mum and Dad? Whoops, guess the cat is out of the bag...Yes! We adopted her!)



# Greyt Information And A Sad Fact

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By Joella Jan King

**T**he greyhound is one of the most unique breeds of dog in the world. Greyhounds are noted for their elegant appearance, grace, gentleness, patience and sensitivity.

And, of course, their speed.

The streamlined body of the greyhound is that of the ultimate canine athlete. The sight and silhouette of a greyhound running at full speed, muscles contracted, tail and legs stretched is a rare beauty in comparison to the rest of the canine world. His ability to reach top speed quickly is amazing. At maximum acceleration a greyhound can reach a speed of 45 mph within his first 6 strides from a standing start. No other land animal has that degree of acceleration, except the cheetah.

The greyhound's historical lineage dates back over 4,000 years ago, making the greyhound the oldest purebred canine still in existence. These animals are referenced in various ancient cultures over the centuries. For example, Greyhounds are represented in the sculptures of Persepolis, depicted with rich and stately trappings.

Around 500 B.C., greyhounds were depicted on the face of coins.

The greyhound is the only canine breed to be mentioned in the Bible, Proverbs 30:29-31. (King James Bible - written 400 years ago).

In early Britain, the ownership of a greyhound was a symbol of pride and nobility. In the year 900, the

King of Wales ordered that the punishment for the killing of a greyhound was the same for the killing of a human - death. (If I may comment - how very appropriate!)

Ever since the introduction of greyhound-racing in 1919, in the USA, the greyhound, this remarkable and magnificent breed of dog, a symbol of pride, respect and nobility throughout many great civilizations, has sadly fallen from his aristocratic connections to being the victim of callous exploitation, to be discarded on a whim.

From companion of kings to unwanted outcast, the greyhound's speed and agility have been his downfall.

A greyhound's future is now very much a matter of 'THE QUICK AND THE DEAD'.



## Love Greyhounds

By Claudia (age 7)

**L**ick a lot greyhound Millie

**O**f course greyhounds love couches

**V**ery naughty people race greyhounds

**E**ach greyhound has a different personality

**G**reyhound puppies are cute

**R**un fast

**E**verybody should foster or adopt a greyhound

**Y**ou should call Greyhound Rescue! Adopt a greyhound

**H**ave you met a greyhound

**O**ut of the door they go and now their having fun

**U**nfair for greyhounds they have to wear a muzzle

**N**o muzzle if they do the test and get a green collar

**D**ouble yeah for greyhounds

**S**ounds they make are very funny



## Shadow's Story - Liz Gardner

**H**ubby was always against even fostering as he said once a dog comes into this house it won't leave which is pretty-well-true.

Peter had asked me to go to Jilliby to collect a grey from someone who 6 months earlier had saved her from being put to sleep and tried to find her a home without success. I collected the poor little thing who at this stage didn't even have a name and took her home while I got ready for work and the trip to Peter's to drop her off.

Hubby came home and black Shadow we called her just wanted cuddles and to made a fuss of and she wasn't backward in asking either! Shadow and I were ready to leave and much to my surprise hubby asked when is she coming back?



It took all of about an hour for Shadow to weave her way into his heart. I dropped her off at Peter's on a Thursday, she had her vet work done on Friday and I collected her and brought her home on the following Tuesday.

She is the most delightful little grey not quite two and a half years. She has settled in very well and her and our other dogs' beds and toys take up a lot of our small lounge room. She is no longer terrified of the cat and we are working on the vacuum cleaner (she runs outside and stands in the middle of the lawn when it's on).

It didn't take her long to work out the council employees working on the gardens in the park where we walk are always good for a pat too!!!

## Morpheus - Deborah Lowery

**I** have been meaning to send you an update on Benzy (who is now Morpheus but normally just Morphy) but I'm awful at things like that but it's better late than never.

He is doing so well. The first six months he was a little unsure, I think he thought he was going somewhere else eventually so didn't settle well but one day he just relaxed completely. Since then he

has come on in leaps and bounds, has a growing number of fans - pretty much everyone who meets him and had become the sookiest dog I have ever met!

Some of the funniest things he did while settling in was develop a 'grain' addiction, no bread product or wheat filled heat pack was safe from His consumption, including my mother's loaf of banana bread (which strangely my dad got in trouble for since he was the one who left it on the bench). He also got caught either taking fairy bread from a two year old or maybe receiving it from Peta, she loves Morphy and it is highly likely she could have been feeding him. We just aren't sure and with a six and an eight year old running around that day something was bound to happen.

Morphy is a seriously wonderful and sweet dog and it is such a pleasure to have him in our lives. He has also settled in really well with Gracy who has unfortunately not had the best 12 months, and consequently not been the best hound friend. Last August she was standing on the 45 degree angled tiles that run along our back doorstep and she slipped off, cut across the back of her paw and severed two tendons. They were stitched back together and she was splinted but developed a seriously nasty pressure sore from the splint, and had twice weekly vet visits for about three months for dressing changes. We built a new doorstep that covers the tiles. Then two months ago we had a tumour removed from her side as it suddenly grew and another two spots were forming near it, it turns out they are hemangiosarcoma which is not good news. She has had an ultrasound and they have not yet metastasised at this stage but we are just waiting now to see what happens. In the meantime she seems to be back to her happy self.

We feel Morphy is such a gentleman too. It turns out he is the fall-guy for most of Gracy's misdemeanours, which we have now cottoned on to. Morphy was found at the scene of the missing hot cross buns, but Gracy was found ten minutes later with the sticky face... Morphy already having got into trouble.

Anyway, I really should go and feed these hounds now, but thanks for running greyhound adoption and matching us with our gorgeous boy! I think he is the best hound in the world!



Recently my greyhound Bear's litter brother died from bone cancer. As soon as I heard I started to research the subject to find out the likelihood of it being hereditary. It turns out this isn't likely but more likely caused by diet, resulting in a weakened immune system. This is an area that is relatively unstudied with mainly anecdotal evidence. But this really sparked my interest in discovering more about their diet. So what diet, vegan?

The whole subject of feeding your faithful hound on a vegan diet can be a controversial one. When you think of a dog, you naturally think carnivore but dogs are actually omnivorous. This means their diet can include both animal and vegetable tissue. Various veterinarian experts believe it is more important to ensure your companion animal is getting the right nutrients, whether that be through meat or an alternate source.

Armaiti May, DVM (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine) highlights some interesting health benefits for dogs:

- Skin problems are often caused by allergies, commonly beef, chicken and milk
- Healthy slimmer, many obese dogs. Naturally high fiber diet means they naturally lose weight.
- Not exposed to the '4D' meat. Dead, dying, disabled and diseased meat. In some cases in America BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) infected animals are used for pet food. When you see 'By Product' on the ingredients label this could mean spinal cord, diseased lesions, etc. none of which would be fit for human consumption.
- Reduced risk of degenerative diseases such as cancer, heart disease, kidney disease and arthritis.

According to Dr. May with allergies relating to diet the benefits of changing to a vegan only diet could take eight to twelve weeks. Over the first two weeks it should be a gradual transition.

Diet is obviously important yet so often we just get the cheapest food from the supermarket. What makes one brand of dog food or kibble different from another?

We try to give our hounds a balanced diet which includes a little fruit, veg, rice, pasta and kibble. But is that a good diet? I don't really know. I do know that if I crack a banana, Bear can hear it 10 meters away through any amount of background noise. He comes, running, drooling, hoping I will share.

Feeling inspired and wanting to understand more I got in touch with Jodie Cherry, a strong vegan

advocate, which she bestows on her greyhounds. If you know her you will know that her greyhounds clearly have the best life in the world and are clearly very healthy. And I was interested in how she achieve this.

"I'm really flattered that you would ask me to write for the newsletter but I'm not sure if I'm willing to put myself under attack from all those who are dead against vegan diets for dogs. I might be labelled as irresponsible and cruel by many. It took me a long time to come to a position where I was ready to feed the girls a vegan diet. Maple didn't start out as a pup on vegan food but I didn't feel good about feeding her vet dry food (which is all my vet said she needed!) I Initially fed the girls dry biscuits, steamed brown rice, veg, brewers yeast and raw chicken mince (as a vegan I felt that this was the lowest impact on farmed animals because it was the body parts humans didn't eat) but I was concerned about the mutant chickens being farmed for humans and what disease they might have had prior to death. I felt that people who farm and kill animals for a living can't be trusted. When I first adopted Phoebe I had read in a blog somewhere of a vegan woman in Adelaide that had vegan greyhounds and this fascinated me as I did believe that as the world's fastest hunting dogs their nutritional requirements might be different from a Labrador which we all know are pretty much happy to eat anything and everything. I read lots on online blogs and links which was my proof of many vegan dogs around the world that appeared to be happy and thriving on a vegan diet. As much as I would have liked to consult a vet I knew that unless the vet was vegan they would not be supportive of a vegan diet so that would be a pointless exercise. I also did eventually become FB friends with the vegan





# Vegan Hounds (continued)

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By Joe Turton

woman in Adelaide who confirmed she had fed her two rescue greyhounds on a vegan diet for approximately 12 years."

I was very surprised that Jodie thought she would be attacked, especially given that so many animal welfare advocates are vegan. Not everyone may agree but that doesn't make it wrong.

Given her vegan life style it must make it easy to extend to her companion animals. That won't be the same for everyone but potential 'food for thought' for others in a similar position.

"I'm definitely not claiming to be an expert in vegan dog diets. I transitioned them after the chicken mince to sardines and rice etc. before vegan. But I have to say when they ate a meat diet they did farts from hell. It's funny how their meat diet caused digestion problems. I thought a plant diet would cause problems, now they rarely fart and if they do it doesn't stink. weird!!!"

So what would be a typical diet for them?

"Breakfast: Wholemeal toast with natural peanut butter (from healthfood shop), followed by bananas from the banana farm. Sometimes a banana smoothie of bananas, water, carob powder and wheatgerm.

Dinner: Well steamed brown rice, red and yellow lentils, Nutrela (non-GMO soy protein chunks) in gluten free gravy, steamed sweet potato or pumpkin, pasta, BioPet vegan dog biscuits, avocado or a dash of olive oil. Supplements: flaxmeal, brewers yeast, seaweed powder, taurine and sometimes L-Carnitine.

Supper: every night the girls 'hound' me until they get a vegan veggie ear. I buy these in bulk each month, 75 in a box for \$120 plus postage, not cheap but they love them. They also like organic medjool dates as a treat."



"What people don't know is many commercial dog foods have TVP (textured vegetable protein) to make up the chunks with whatever other animal slop is in the mix. The Nutrela is higher in protein than meat and that combined with two types of cooked lentils meets their protein requirements. Also I believe that those who feed their dogs on a predominantly chicken based diet may also be lacking Taurine as from what I read it's found in red meats. I supplement the girl's diet with synthetic Taurine."

Dr May also talks about the need to supplement Taurine for large dogs. Supplementing a dog's diet with Taurine need to be done carefully as too much is as harmful as too little.

So given the right research and ensuring your greyhound has a healthy and balanced vegan diet with the necessary supplements there are some very tangible benefits. There are plenty of resources available on this subject and many people willing to share their experiences. Jodie's greyhounds' vegan diet is certainly not the most economical way to feed your pet but you are in control of the quality of the food they are given. It looks complicated and time consuming, but it is a lot simpler than you might think. It's based on the five step guide which is 1/2 protein, 1/4 grain, 1/4 veggies + Taurine Amino + extras. For those who want to embrace this diet there is a easy read PDF 'Vegan Canine Diet: A Good Place To Start' by Nicole Gabriel and a book you can get shipped from the US for ~\$20 AUS inc. P&P 'Vegetarian Dogs' <http://vegetariandogs.com/>.

For those that don't have that time there are vegan kibble alternative available from good pet stores.

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By Natalie Stirling

I always wonder what must be going through my two greyhounds' brains on a Saturday morning. Kadan insists on dancing around the house with any movement my husband and I make. If the car starts or the front door opens the energy levels go higher. Our girl Lizzie, usually quieter than Kadan, refuses to rest her pretty head. I often think Lizzie looks a little like Dobby from Harry Potter when he receives the sock from Lucius Malfoy, a contained excitement but none the less bulging eyes telling me something awesome is about to happen. These clever hounds only display this behaviour on a Saturday, all thanks to zoomies!

As we approach the Dog'otel and Perfect Cattery at 45 Church Lane Hall in the ACT the excitement heightens. To our right we see some deers grazing peacefully and shortly to the left we take a turn onto the Dog'otel property. Kadan and Lizzie know we are near, the car slows and Lizzie will usually let out a few small yelps. We are here! As we walk to the gate of a small fenced paddock Lizzie and Kadan grow even more excited (it is possible), leads tighten and their little feet try to walk faster and faster. We are greeted by other greyhounds from all over Canberra. We enter the gate and the two wait patiently to be unleashed. After they finish their sniffing it is time for a zoom!

These guys are breaking all the rules, no muzzle and leads. Kadan and Bobby usually compete the whole time. I am watching Kadan as he tries to cheat, taking sneaky head starts before Bobby knows what is going on. But they are both equally good. Bobby is a very tall boy and Kadan a little smaller, a very handsome duo. Lizzie, Marshmallow, Tim Tam, Lucy and Lucky will all follow Bobby and Kadan, sometimes displaying a nice line as they scoot around the grounds. It is a wonderful site to see when these pups are enjoying a good run. Nothing slows our Canberra foster girl Lucky down,



not even the two missing toes from her back paw. Ruby is happy to check the perimeters. I think she is making sure the paparazzi are staying away, we would not like people profiting from the pictures of these fine athletes at their most vulnerable (thanks Rubes xo). Jack is the supervisor, he has taken retirement literally. But if you are lucky you may get to see Jack do his little dance, it happens most Saturdays.

The pack usually ventures into the dam for a bit of a float, Lizzie usually trying to control the situation with her bossy demands that are telling the dogs this is her dam. Poor girl has so much to worry about, really wanted to be a police pup when she grew up. Lucy is one of our foster hounds in Canberra who will eventually find a nice grassy spot to have a lay down. This brindle grey is a true beauty and really modelling should not be out of the question.

The Dog'otel is managed by Kel Harris who has kindly allowed our Canberra group to meet on a Saturday morning with our greyhounds to allow them to stretch their legs and have a safe zoom in the dog exercise area. It is free to people who board their animals with Dog'otel and \$5 per hound if you don't. The area provides a large gated area with flat grounds and a nice dam for a little dip. At the moment we have two groups that meet, one at 8:30am and the other at 10:30am. However, over the warmer days we start at 9:30am instead of 10:30am. We allow 8-10 greyhounds per group. If you are interested in attending please email me (Natalie Stirling) on [Natalie.stirling@hotmail.com](mailto:Natalie.stirling@hotmail.com) or Cindy Daley on [cindydaley@kpmg.com.au](mailto:cindydaley@kpmg.com.au). It is well worth it, the greyhounds really do love to run and allows some time to socialise.

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