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LAST MINUTE HOLIDAY SUGGESTION . . .

Besides our own gorgeous Nittany giftS (see page 3), greyhound lovers on your list might like to read about the breed, its care, and its past lives. Here's a list of children's and adult books your favorite greyhound lover might find interesting.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Proud Racer by Nancy Lassiter
<http://pages.prodigy.net/nan.lassiter/proudracer.html>

The Adventures of Buddi: Finding a Family
by Tara Tisopulos and Rob Tokar
<http://www.buddionline.com/>

The Home Stretch by Polly Homberger
<http://www.greyhoundlove.com/>

We Adopted a Greyhound by Wendy Cowley

Moonbeam by Holly Priestly

ADULT BOOKS, buy from
<http://www.adopt-a-greyhound.com/echo/echo.htm>

Adopting the Racing Greyhound (2nd ed.)
by Cynthia Branigan

Greyhounds by D. Caroline Coile

Greyhounds for Dummies by Lee Livingood

Ultimate Greyhound by Mark Sullivan

Swiftly by Michael Maguire

HAPPY READING!

You Need To Know —

TOXIC HOLIDAYS COMPRISED OF MORE THAN JUST RELATIVES!

Plants and other items associated with the winter and holiday season can be toxic to your pets. What follows is a general guide. Please consult your veterinarian, animal poison control, and the manufacturer for specifics. And, if your pet does ingest any of these materials, get them to the vet immediately.

Low toxicity — poinsettia leaves/stems; balsam/pine/cedar/fir; angel hair (spun glass); Christmas tree preservatives; snow sprays/snow flock; tree ornaments; super glue; styrofoam; icicles (tinsel); and crayons/paints.

Moderate toxicity — fireplace colors/salts; plastic model cement; holly berries and leaves; bubbling lights (methylene chloride); aftershaves/perfumes/alcoholic beverages; and chocolate (dark is more toxic than light).

Highly toxic — mistletoe (especially berries); epoxy adhesives; and antifreeze (this is especially awful and can cause immediate death).

Note that some items have special problems. For example, angel hair is usually considered to be of low toxicity but it can irritate eyes, skin, and the gastrointestinal tract; the contents of Christmas tree preservatives vary and symptoms depend upon

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WE NEED YOU!

DATA BASE INFORMATION REQUESTED

Jim Shadle, board member from Harrisburg, is working on the massive project of creating a data base of all Nittany adopters and friends. Although we have an e-mail list and a mailing list, the two were never combined. The information will be particularly helpful if your dog is ever lost and Nittany is contacted.

If you did not already send the following information to Jim as a result of

previous e-mail requests, please complete the following form and mail it to him: Jim Shadle, 1406 Harcourt Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17110, or e-mail the information to him at hhsusq@earthlink.net.

The data base is for Nittany's use only and will not be shared with any outside source.

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the amount ingested; styrofoam, small parts from Christmas tree ornaments and toys, as well as tinsel, can cause mechanical obstructions in the gastrointestinal tract; snow flock can cause problems if sprayed into the mouth or inhaled; and chocolate, of any type, should never be given to a pet.

Other holiday concerns:

If you plan to take your pet with you during holiday visits, make sure that your pet is welcome first (with all the activity, it may be better to board your pet or hire a pet sitter). Holiday treats, such as rich, fatty food scraps, bones from fish, pork, and poultry, alcoholic beverages, and chocolate, can be harmful or toxic to pets. Do not allow friends and relatives to give your pet special treats as it could ruin everyone's holiday (including your vet's). Do not allow pets to play with ribbons, yarn, or six-pack beverage holders and don't put ribbons or yarn around your pet's neck. If you want to decorate your pet, invest in a holiday collar. These last for many years, are more attractive, and are a lot safer! Cover or tack down electrical cords.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NAMED

Toni Duchi, long-time greyhound mom and volunteer, has been named editor of this newsletter. We will have quarterly issues, in March, June, September, and December, so if you have anything to submit or suggestions for articles or photos, please contact her at tjduchi@aol.com, or phone 814-692-7473 (evening). Note that space limitations may mean that your piece or photo might need to be deferred to the next issue, but be assured that it will eventually appear. Toni is President of The Paisley Group, a local marketing/advertising firm, and we welcome her to this important task.

We also want to thank Steve Zarit, our former editor, for all his hard work with our newsletter. We appreciate his efforts.

FEATURED GREY



ZORRO — LOOKING FOR LOVE!



Meet Zorro! He is a gorgeous 2-year-old male. Handsome, loving, and spunky, he arrived at Greyhound Lane in July with a race name of Zero (no, we don't know if that means he won zero races!). He's healthy, happy, and ready to join your household. Call today for more information.



Just wanted to let everyone know that on August 31, 2002, we (Shannon, Buzz, Pam and I) officially became one family.

Dear Friends of Nittany Greys

Two elderly female greyhounds, Sasha and Dara, need a home to stay in while their parents head south for the winter. They aren't able to take their dogs with them so they've asked Nittany Greyhounds to board them from early December to the middle of May.

Nittany Greyhounds will provide food and medicines. We also pay a small foster fee of \$75 per month. Sasha and Dara get along with little dogs, and should do fine with cats.

If you are interested in taking care of Sasha and Dara, please e-mail Elaine Skidel at nittanygreys@aol.com.

HEY SANTA! NITTANY GREY GEAR READY FOR HOLIDAY GIVING!

Most of you are familiar with our beautiful Nittany merchandise.. That merchandise will now be available through mail order. What a great way to do your holiday shopping! Here is a price list of the items available. For information about the merchandise, e-mail Dianne Shadle at twogreyhounds@earthlink.net, or phone her at 717-234-1860. It's not too late! (Note: All prices include tax—shipping extra).

T-Shirt (short sleeve)	\$15	Apron	\$12
T-Shirt (long sleeve)	\$18	Window Decal	\$5
Henley (long sleeve)	\$25	Fancy Collar (2 inch)	\$8
Golf Shirt (short sleeve)	\$25	Leash & Collar Set	
Golf Shirt (long sleeve)	\$28	•single trim	\$17
Rugby Shirt	\$35	•fancy trim	\$23
Sweatshirt	\$25	Dog Coats (Polartec/Ultrex)	\$44
Denim Shirt	\$30	Fleece Blankets (embroidered)	\$35
Hat	\$15	Muzzles	\$11
Visor	\$18	Stool Guards	\$5
Fleece Pullover	\$35	Pepper Spray	\$18



And, of course, the screaming monkey, a toy that greyhounds just can't resist. Just squeeze his belly and listen to him scream! We guarantee your hounds will love this guy...only \$12 (plus shipping)..for hours of fun.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF OUR MERCHANDISE BENEFIT THE NITTANY GREYHOUNDS ADOPTION PROGRAM.

FOR THE DOG THAT HAS EVERYTHING!

MESSAGE WORKSHOP TO BE OFFERED

A one-day workshop designed exclusively for Greyhounds will be held in the State College area on Saturday March 1, 2003. The workshop will provide instruction on how to apply simple, yet effective massage techniques. Therapeutic massage is recognized as one of the basic forms of hands-on healing and provides many benefits to dogs, including reducing physical and mental stress, helping to improve arthritic conditions, maintaining joint flexibility and proper movement, assisting in alleviating pain, and increasing range of motion.

Learn how to profoundly enhance your dog's health maintenance program by attending this fun and informative workshop. Part of the proceeds will benefit the Nittany Greyhound Fund. Although the class is specifically designed for greyhounds, the basic techniques can be used on any breed of dog.

Jo Ann Cooper is certified in massage therapy, canine massage therapy, and canine massage instruction. Although she has chosen to specialize in massage for greyhounds, she welcomes the opportunity to help any canine companion.

If you have an interest in this workshop, contact Jo Ann at 570-322-2868 or at poochitherapy@webtv.net.



These two little Nittany elves, Bobby and Cathi, don't look too happy about their new holiday fashions. (Thanks to Dad Mickey for the photos.)

Nittany Greyhounds
c/o Toni Duchi
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Port Matilda, PA 16870

THIS POEM WAS WRITTEN BY ONE OF
OUR NEW ADOPTERS—KRISTYNE BASOL.

With wind caressing ear and eye,
Seems twice the speed of sound you fly.

A flash of color, such graceful dance,
Yet one of many without a chance.

And so it ends, your day in the sun,
Rest well, my pup, your work is done.

What heart and such nobility,
So honored I am that you chose me

To share your life and care for you,
You came to me as if you knew

That though when racing you flew so free
Your destiny was to be loved by me.



*Nittany Greyhounds wish everyone
a wonderful holiday and a greyt new year!*

DATA BASE FORM (PLEASE PRINT)

YOUR NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY & ZIP _____

PHONE # (w area code) _____

E-MAIL _____

Dog Name _____

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Clip and mail to Jim Shadle, 1406 Harcourt Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17110.



**LILY'S KENNEL
WISH LIST**

- Dog Food (IAMS Chunks)
- Biscuits/Treats
- Blankets/Quilts
- Stamps

- Turn-Out Help (week days or weekends)
- Labor (right now we need storm doors to be installed on the kennel)
- Cleaning Supplies
Mr. Clean, bleach, paper towels, mops, Febreze spray, towels, Lysol spray, odor neutralizer, heavy duty trash bags (30 gal.)

Of course, financial donations are always accepted and are tax deductible.

Why not suggest to your friends that in lieu of a gift to you, they make a donation to Nittany Greyhounds in your name; or, make a donation in the name of a loved one (human or animal).