

Dental Clinic Set  
for April 29-May 2.

Get Your Grey  
Therapy Certified!

New I.D. Tags Ordered



## NEWS FROM THE FRONT

An itty-bitty weekly e-newsletter from Nittany!

### JUST SO YOU KNOW...

I'll be leaving for sunny Phoenix this weekend, where I will visit with Elaine and her pack and enjoy a bit of time in the sun. I remember when Elaine and I traveled cross-country with her hounds to her new home -- at that time we made a pact that we would keep in touch. Well, you know how those kinds of pacts go -- my expectation was that we would keep in touch for a while and then gradually fall away.

But I can honestly say that hasn't happened. She and I talk often and e-mail at least every week. I go out once a year and she tries to get here every year. Truly, our friendship, with a strong foundation built on trust, loyalty, respect, and a love for greyhounds, keeps going and going. I have said many times that she is my inspiration and the reason I got involved in greyhound adoption.

Elaine is my mentor and my guide, and sometimes my conscience! Her experience with greyhounds is invaluable to me and I'm proud to call her my friend.

See you on the other side of Phoenix! (I'll be back on Wednesday).

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### SHE'S COMING BACK!

### THE TOOTH FAIRY WILL HOLD ANOTHER CLINIC!

Those of you who met her last summer will never forget her. Kathy, the Canine Tooth Fairy, will visit Rooo Valley again, and offer teeth cleaning services to our adopters and supporters (any breed of dog). She did about a dozen cleanings last year (including one of my dogs) and she was very impressive!

This is an all-inclusive sonic dental cleaning without anesthetic. You can be with your dog the whole time, and it is a thorough, under-the-gum procedure exactly like what veterinarians do. It's over in about a half hour (depending on the seriousness of tartar).

Kathy needs to have a certain number of reservations to make her trip East worth while, so we're asking you to call and make an appointment. The number of appointments we have will determine whether or not she will come. Dr. Jeff Miller is also going to book her for a clinic at the same time, as is Shari Trythal in Clearfield (Waggin Trains Pet Store).

Learn more about the procedure at either [www.dogs4dogs.com](http://www.dogs4dogs.com), or [www.houndstoothdental.com](http://www.houndstoothdental.com).

#### DETAILS:

- DATE: April 29, 30; May 2 (May 1 will be in Clearfield only)
- PLACE: Rooo Valley, Jeff Miller's office & Waggin' Train in Clearfield
- COST: \$160 each (with \$20 deposit to confirm your appointment)
- RESERVE: Call Nancy at 814-933-6981 for more info or an appointment



*Advanced periodontal disease.*



*This is how your dog's mouth should look.*

## THERAPY CERTIFICATION TO BE OFFERED

If you've ever thought you'd like to take your greyhound into nursing homes or other health or educational facilities, here's your chance to get an official certification for your dog.

On Sunday, March 7, 2010, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., a therapy certification program will be offered at Waggin' Trains Pet Shop in Clearfield.

The cost is \$35, which includes all the materials and one year of insurance. If you'd like to sign up or would like further details, call Shari Trythall at 814-765-0123.

## ADOPTIONS

Patriot went home for a trial this week with Barbara Donnini, a Penn State student in her last semester.

Steeler is in Picture Rocks with Dawn & Greg Easton. Even though he's having a bit of an SA issue, they are willing to work with him. Yeah Steeler! It's your lucky day!

## DONATIONS LAST WEEK

Mary Kisner, a good friend of mine for more than 20 years, is now making new winter coats for our adoptable dogs. Between Mary and Kelly Enscoe's mom making coats, all of our new dogs will go home with one, free of charge! So now, every dog gets a new collar and leash, a 5# bag of Taste of the Wild dogfood, a new coat, Buffalo treats, a zombie toy and an embroidered towel. What a great gift basket for our new adopters!

## NEW I.D. TAGS ON ORDER

Used to be that we provided a new I.D. tag for every dog. The tags gave Nittany's phone number in case a grey got away from its owner. Even though most people put I.D. tags on their dogs, it was a good insurance policy just in case. We stopped giving them, however, because the information on them was inaccurate after we moved.

I kept getting requests for them though, and so we have now reordered new tags. They should be in by the end of this month.

If you'd like a new tag, please let me know ([tonijduchi@aol.com](mailto:tonijduchi@aol.com)). There will be no charge to get a new tag.

## WEBSITE HOLDS HIDDEN GEMS!

If you haven't explored the Nittany Greyhounds website lately, you really must take a moment to check out all the cool things on the site. We have the educational articles covering everything from thyroid conditions to nutrition; then there are the cool videos (under "Media") and fun photos and stories. Also, we now have a new video, set to music, called "The Race." It was custom-made for us and appears several places on the site.

And don't forget about the President's Logs. There are a couple of years' of logs there, and I put up my personal thoughts, stories, and other stuff that some people find interesting!

If you want to know every time something on the site is changed or added, click on 'NEWS.' That button contains a news feed, which gives a running account of every change on every page. It's very cool. Go to [www.nittanygreys.org](http://www.nittanygreys.org) and check it out.

## RECIPE Sweet Potato Cake

2 cups cooked-mashed sweet potatoes  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
1/2 cup honey  
4 eggs  
1/2 cup vegetable shortening  
3 cups unbleached all-purpose flour  
2 tsps baking powder  
1/2 tsp baking soda  
2 tsps ground cinnamon  
1/2 tsp ground nutmeg

(1) Preheat oven to 350 degrees.  
(2) Grease a 10" tube pan  
(3) In a large bowl, beat together the sweet potatoes, vanilla, and honey until well blended. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating 1 minute for each

egg. Add the shortening and beat until well combined.  
(4) In another bowl, mix together the flour, baking powder, baking soca, cinnamon, and nutmeg.  
(5) Slowly add the flour mixture to the sweet potato mixture. Beat on slow speed until combined.  
(6) Pour the batter into the prepared pan. Bake for 60-70 minutes.  
(7) Cool the cake on a wire rack.  
(8) Cut into thin slices; store in refrigerator or freeze.

To cook potatoes, wash, peel and cut them into quarters. Boil for 25 minutes then mash.

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## The Latest Dog Intelligence Research

Research at the American Psychological Association has shown that the average dog has the same developmental abilities as a human toddler. They can recognize approximately 165 to 250 words, as well as understand gestures, signs, and symbols -- and they can even count to five.

Different breeds and personalities vary, of course, but it's believed that border collies top the list, followed by Poodles, German Shepherds, Golden Retrievers, Dobermans, Shetland Sheepdogs, and Laboratory Retrievers.

Through various studies, it's becoming more apparent to researchers and scientists that dogs can think and solve problems in ways previously thought to belong only to humans and higher primates.

How many words does your grey know? Have you taught them any tricks? Tell us what... send photos...we'll print them on our "Boast Board!"



## FUN PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



Freckles Willett enjoys the lounge chair.



Belinda Johnson writes, "It has been so great to add Jeeves (formerly Elmo) to our family. The new name just seemed to fit his regal personality. He has adjusted wonderfully and after three months, we have added an 8-week old puppy that will be trained as a guide dog for the Seeing Eye School. Our puppy's name is Stevens. As you can see, they have become fast friends. To watch Jeeves play with Stevens is just a hoot. He is so gentle and playful at the same time with 'his' puppy. The extra activity is good for them both and helps everyone get a good night's sleep. So now we have Jeeves and Stevens. Friends say it sounds like we have both a butler and a driver. Too funny! Thanks for everything and especially the connection to a wonderful grey.

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