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# All the Greyt News

## The Irish are Coming!

NSGA is thrilled to announce that our first group of 4 Irish greyhounds from the GPA Irish Greyhounds to America program will be arriving in Calgary on March 28, 2023.

Through the hard work and planning of members of the Executive of Greyhound Racing Ireland (GRI), the GRI Rehoming Team, Officers of GPA National and the President of FLIGHT., they have reduced the fee to groups to bring the dogs over to North America, making it feasible for NSGA and many other groups to now welcome the Irish Greyhounds into their programs. Although the costs involved in getting these greyhounds into our program have been greytly reduced, the current adoption fee of \$650.00 does not cover the full cost of transport, vetting and supplies for the dogs. However, the Board of NSGA has decided to subsidize the adoption fee to keep it at the current amount. We will be looking to do some additional fundraising through the year to accomplish this - starting with our March Donation Drive (details below)

Three of the 4 dogs that are coming are already spoken for. If you are interested in adopting a retired Irish racing greyhound from this group or from one of our other planned arrivals in 2023, please send us an email to let us know.

## Happy New Year - Happy New Life!



In early January, Ripley headed to his forever home with the Otto family in Winnipeg, where not only does he have greyt brother Wilson to smuggle with, but he also has two kids to play with him and his folks Dana and Tristan to spoil him. Cash and Ripley must have been very good boys as Santa sure delivered on their Christmas wishes! Cash, after many months in a foster home, welcomed in the New Year with new mom Judy in Calgary. He settled quickly into his new home, as if he knew that this was what he had been waiting for and where he was meant to be.



him and his folks Dana Congratulations to these two handsome boys! and Tristan to spoil him. Greyt things DO come to those who wait!

#### **Bring him home**

Anytime, but especially in the cold of our prairie winters, it's our worst nightmare. We look fondly over to watch our beloved companion happily napping on the couch or bed and HE'S NOT THERE! Panic starts to set in as we frantically run through the rooms of the house, calling out his name. When no response is received, we head for the door to check outside and .... well let's have Jane and Bringo tell you the rest!

Jane: I somehow left the back gate open, he of course went out, I freaked out. But Bringo is fine because I put an "Apple Airtag" on his collar and my phone told me his exact coordinates. Found him in minutes. Just sharing as I thought other Greyhound owners might benefit from this technology.



Bringo: Didn't get in too much trouble. In fact after momma brought me home I ended up getting more attention than usual. My momma was worried but I must admit, I sure enjoyed my little adventure.

Tags get dogs home - fast, safe and sound. Please always keep a tag collar with ID tags, and perhaps a GPS tracker on your greyhound and Bring them home.

# NSGA Board of Directors Expression of Interest

NSGA is an all-volunteer run organization, spear-headed by a dedicated Board of Directors that have been in place since our first dog arrived in March of 2013.

Ten years later - and with exciting new opportunities for expanding the scope of our operations to include international dogs - we are looking to add 3-5 positions to our Board. These new positions would assume some of the responsibilities of our current board members and focus on fundraising, social media, coordination, transport and arrival planning. Time commitment would vary month to month based on upcoming activities but would likely be in the range of 10-20 hours a month. This would include attendance - via Zoom - at our monthly board meetings.

If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact us by email or speak with any of the current board members to get more details and have any questions answered.

Our thoughts are with the families of these beautiful souls who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge

Oliver, Gracie, Merry, Emma, Ranger, Lincoln, Shock, Charlie, Honda, Chase, Jamie, Jazzy, Every, Mouse and Slider



"Everyone is taught that angels have wings, but lucky people know that Angels have four paws."

## Remembering the past - preparing for the future - our March Donation Drive

Its no secret that NSGA subsidizes each adoption with our fundraising efforts. It's a balancing act to keep the adoption cost reasonable while planning the number of dogs that we can bring into the NSGA family. Last year the direct costs of getting a dog home was almost double our adoption fee and vetting, transport and care costs continue to climb. However, with your support we CAN remember the past while preparing for the future. We would be greytful for any donation that you can make to our March donation drive. To show our appreciation, from all donations received during the month of March, 8 donors will be randomly selected to receive a piece of racing history - one of the racing silks worn by the dogs in Race 5 on the final day of racing at Iowa Greyhound Park. Donations can be made by e-transfer to northernskygreyhounds@gmail.com or by following the donate link on our website www.northernskygreyhounds.com. Your gift is tax deductible and an official receipt will be issued for all donations received.