

Greyhound Pipeline Express 2016



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by Jen C.

This issue will be our last for a while. Greyhound Trust and Alliance will be going on hiatus for a year to regroup and find ourselves again. It has been a tough year for me personally.

However, as you will see on Page 2, we won't be stopping the action and will continue to update everyone on Facebook. Greyhound Trust & Alliance has been working very closely with Greyhound Health Initiative to keep things moving.

In addition to this newsletter, we have attached the first edition of the Greyhound Health Initiative newsletter. If you would like to continue to receive their offerings, please ensure you join their newsletter: The Healthy Hound Quarterly.

You can contact them directly at :

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Be sure to follow us on Facebook, and if you are planning your summer already, we will be offering a Wellness Conference (a Greyt Escape "lite" if you will) for 2017.

I want to thank all of our amazing readers and I hope you will continue to follow us.

It's not goodbye, it's see ya later!

As always, should you wish to be removed from our mailing list, please email:

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If you enjoy reading our stories, then please feel free to refer a friend! All of our current and past issues are available on our NEW website:

www.greyhoundtrustalliance.weebly.com



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We held GreytVines and Greyhounds on September 24. It was one of the nicest days in September with bright sunlight, a cool fall breeze and a large group of greyhound people ventured out to hear Dr. Couto and Brian Collins speak about the Greyhound Health Initiative.

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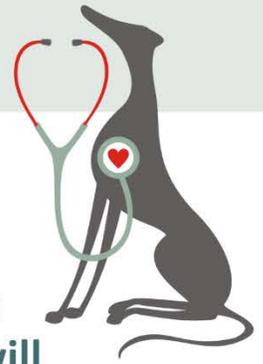


GREYHOUND TRUST AND ALLIANCE

Exciting News!

New for 2017

The Greyhound Health Initiative is excited to announce that the annual Sighthound Wellness Conference and the North American Veterinarian Sighthound Health Conference will be combined in 2017 and held at an exciting NEW location!



Plans for 2018

Following four greyt years, The Greyhound Health Initiative(GHI) and Greyhound Trust & Alliance (GT&A) have decided to give Greyt Escape - Kennel to Couches a year off to revamp this popular event.

Things we are working on for 2018:



-  **NEW location!**
-  **NEW track!**
-  **NEW farms!**
-  **NEW adoption kennel!**



Sculpture donated by Artist, Steve Wirtz. Auctioned off at the 2016 Greyt Escape.



Dr. Guillermo Couto speaking at the 2016 North American Veterinarian Sighthound Health Conference.



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American Lurcher Rescue Project

Saving the Underdogs of Underground Racing

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Our Mission

An exciting movement is underway to save the American Lurchers. The American Lurcher Project is a team of dedicated volunteers who are concerned about the plight of the American Lurcher — the Underdogs of Underground Racing. Our love for the retired racing Greyhounds has drawn us together to help Lurchers who have often been forgotten. We hope to make a difference by helping Lurchers who have been abandoned, no longer wanted, or who are in imminent danger. We find loving forever homes through transport of these dogs to responsible adoption groups throughout the United States and Canada.

We also raise awareness of the urgent need for finding homes for the racing lurchers once their career has ended, through social media, networking, and the general support of a caring community.

What We Do

The American Lurcher Rescue Project, Inc. works on behalf of the Lurchers to get them to responsible adoption groups. We believe these wonderful dogs deserve a second chance to live a life in a real home and have a loving family. Please pass the word or consider adopting one of these sweet and loving dogs. We can put you in touch with groups that have them. We rescue, provide medical care, and transport the dogs to groups throughout the United States and Canada. If you are an adoption or rescue

group and can take a dog or two, please contact us. We would love to talk to you

How You Can Help TRANSPORT HELP NEEDED!!!

Drivers Needed! We are in need of volunteers in many states to help transport. Most of the Lurchers go to groups many miles away. Transport is extremely important in helping the Lurchers find their forever homes. If you can assist with transport, we would love to speak with YOU!

Volunteer with Us

We are always looking to add new volunteers to our organization. We would LOVE to talk to YOU!

Donate/Shop

Please visit our [Ohio Lurcher Face Book page](#)

[American Lurcher Project Fundraiser page](#)

Donate through PayPal:
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Spread the Word

If you know of a group who may be able to take a lurcher or two, please contact us. The American Lurcher Project Team can assist with transport and basic medical (e.g, vaccinations, Capstar treatment, Frontline, Heartworm test). We are eager to talk to groups – either Greyhound adoption or all breed rescues — who would love to help with taking one of these special dogs. Without adoption/rescue groups, the Lurchers will not get their second chance.

What is a Lurcher?

By definition: [lurch·er] Hunting dog: A long-limbed crossbred dog that has predominant greyhound features. Lurchers are ancient dogs and are documented in medieval manuscripts such as the Book of Kells. It is in the tales of Irish heroes where we come across the strongest evidence of the importance of hounds to any Celtic culture. In old England, commoners were not allowed to own Greyhounds, but they were allowed to own lurchers. They depended on the lurchers to hunt small animals and to put food on the table for their families. A lurcher is not a specific dog breed; it is a type of dog. By definition, a lurcher is a sighthound cross, most often part Greyhound. Lurchers are defined in different ways depending on what part of the world you are from. Most

Lurchers we see are 7/8th Greyhound and 1/8th Coonhound.

The typical Midwestern Lurcher is the result of a NGA registered Greyhound, or a full-blood, being bred with a Greyhound mix.

Lurchers have a great love of people. Many of the Midwestern Lurchers have had a bad start in life and have lived their entire life outside and are not used to living inside a house. When they are no longer fast enough or start losing races, they are disposed of. We find the Lurchers to be affectionate, loyal, obedient, and social, as most have lived with other dogs. People who have adopted them say they are intelligent, athletic, and possess a sense of humor. Lurchers are deeply appreciative of finding a home where they can live inside and be loved. Like many Greyhounds, they excel at roaching, being a couch potato, and playing with stuffed toys. Most Lurchers have never seen toys, treats, or had the luxury of a sleeping inside a house on a soft bed.

Depending on their age and the type of breed they are mixed with, some Lurchers may be more energetic than Greyhounds, but yet have many of the endearing characteristics that Greyhound lovers adore. They love being with their “people” and are very loving and affectionate dogs. Lurchers make exceptional family pets, and most adore children. They do best in a fenced yard.

As with most breeds of dogs, they are all unique and have different personalities. Some Lurchers are initially timid or on the shy side, but most warm up quickly once they are treated with kindness and they secure. Others are outgoing and take to their new lives within a couple days. Some have had no basic training and may benefit and enjoy obedience classes as long as the training is positive. Lurchers have a wonderful strong spirit and are very appreciative of their new home and family!

“Lurchers are loyal, athletic, comical, sweet and loving dogs who thrive on attention and human companionship.”

If you are interested in adopting an American Lurcher, we can direct you to an adoption group in your area. Do you think a Lurcher will fit into your lifestyle? Questions to ask before adopting a Lurcher: Do I have the time and attention needed to devote to the dog? Am I willing to make this commitment for the rest of the dog’s life?

How Your Donation Helps!

- Foster costs - food, beds, bowls, crates
- Collars, leashes, medications
- Transport costs
- Spay/Neuter/vaccinations

100% of donations go to the Lurchers

We are a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization.

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!

Would you like to help us with these special hounds? We are in urgent need of foster homes either short-term which may involve a week to a month, or long-term which could be a month to three months. For more information, please contact us and we will be happy to answer any questions. "If you adopt, you can save one, but if you foster, you can save many."

Children and Lurchers

The majority of the Lurchers love children and adore being around kids of all ages.

Young children should never be left unsupervised with ANY dog. Families should wait until they are sure the children are able to: Respect the dog's space, stay out of the dog's crate, stay off the dog's bed, not pull ears or poke eyes, and allow the dog to rest undisturbed. Your adoption group will be able to advise you more about Lurchers and children.

Lurchers as Pets

- Easy to teach (things like housebreaking, stairs, glass doors, etc.) and are highly intelligent
- Are loyal, good natured, funny, and eager to please
- Are friendly, loving, and affectionate and very social

- Usually adopted around the age of 2-10 years old and can live for 12-14 years
- Come in different sizes, colors, and ages, but Lurchers tend to be smaller than most Greyhounds
- Usually adapt quickly to other dogs and some can share a home with other pets such as cats
- Like to be with you. They like to do what you do. If you lie around, they will. If you romp and play, they will. If you go for a walk, they will. They are very adaptable.
- **MUST BE KEPT ON A LEASH OR IN A FENCED YARD.** Invisible/underground fencing is not an acceptable containment system for Lurchers. Lurchers can run very fast and invisible fencing will not hold them back once they reach that speed.
- They require little grooming, have little "doggy odor", and usually eat about four cups a day of a good quality dog food.
- Are chemical sensitive like the Greyhound. Precautions must be taken for use of pesticides for flea/tick prevention and for lawn and garden care.
- **MUST LIVE INDOORS.** They have low body fat and are not tolerant of extreme temperatures.
- Make a great traveling companion.

American Lurchers as Family Members

Lurchers are very much like Greyhounds, but with a little something extra. They are highly intelligent, athletic, social, and take to houstraining quickly with TLC and patience. They also excel at sleeping and roaching. Lurchers have unique qualities that may present some challenges, however, once they adapt to your home and lifestyle, they will be one of the most endearing animal companions that you've ever known. They will reward you with everlasting love for many years.

Most of our Lurchers have lived on farms and are used to being around other breeds of dogs. Many live with small dogs as well as larger dogs. Like Greyhounds, not all of them are good with toy breeds or kitties.

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Fast Food: Liver Brownies

- 1.25lb. Chicken Livers
- 1 Cup Wheat Germ
- 2 Tbsp Whole Wheat Flour
- 2 Cups Quick Oatmeal
- 2 Eggs
- 3 Tbsp Peanut Butter
- 3 Cloves Garlic
- 1 Tbsp Olive Oil



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Liquify the liver in a blender until smooth. I also added the peanut butter, eggs, olive oil and garlic cloves and liquified all of that together. My blender isn't big enough to handle all of the dry ingredients, so I mixed the liquified slurry with the oatmeal, wheat germ and flour in large bowl.

Spread in a greased 9x9 or 11x7 pan and bake for 30 minutes.

When cool, cut into squares and refrigerate or freeze.

GreytVines & Greyhounds

By P. Cramp

September 24th was one of the best days Mother Nature had to offer. Sunshine, light winds and perfect temperatures for all to make the most of the Greyhound Wine and Cheese social organized by Greyhound Trust and Alliance and hosted by GINA and the GT&A at Ridge Road Estates Winery.

With a couple minor hiccups involving the tent arrival, our day started amongst laughter, smiles and the sound of bird bangers from neighboring farms that got the hounds attention.

By 11:30 the speaker tent was up and chairs were filled in anticipation of Dr. Couto's presentation on Greyhounds. The good Doctors knowledge of the breed, their needs and medical issues is so extensive he is one of the foremost go to people for consultation, teaching, support and treatment expertise.

His ability to hold the audience in his hand and guide them through the knowledge he shares so seamlessly was evident as more than an hour slipped by without notice. Dr. Couto then took the time to address any individual questions that were raised. A fascinating individual that did not disappoint.

There were swag bags for the first 25 guests, a lovely door prize to be had as well as carefully selected raffle prizes, donated by generous supporters of the Greyhound community and sot after be our guests. Attending vendors Treats Happen, Happy Houndz and GINA were also on hand to help you find what your heart's desire for your discerning hounds. Seeing people wander well sipping wines and nibbling the complimentary cheese, crackers and fruit provided by the GT&A brings a feeling of family to mind.

It was a time of connection with old friends and making new acquaintances in an enjoyable laid back setting. Good wines, and good fun bring out the best in people.

So here's to a successful day enjoys by all that attended.

This is what the Greyhound community is all about and how we support each other through this close network.



Greyhound Coat from an Old Fleece Vest

By drrmorse in pets

I was browsing around looking for a coat for my greyhound Klaus to help get him through the New England winter, and quickly realized that I could either spend \$75+ or make something from an old vest in the closet.

The nice thing about this is that it is (almost) free, and you can make it a custom fit to ensure that your dog will be snug as a bug in his/her coat. The only thing I ended up buying from the store for this project was a few strips of sew-on velcro (about \$7.49 per yard for 2" wide strips and I only used about 1 foot).

IMPORTANT NOTE: I HAVE BARE MINIMUM SKILLS USING A SEWING MACHINE, THIS IS NOT A DIFFICULT PROJECT!

Materials:

- Old fleece coat or vest
- Sew-on Velcro (2" wide strips)

Tools:

- Sewing machine
- Tape measure
- X-acto knife (or seam ripper)
- Fabric scissors
- Binder clips
- Straight pins

Step 1: Prepping the vest



Dog coats have a very basic pattern. You can search online to see some, but the best way to describe it is an hourglass (if it is laid out flat on a table). With this shape draped over the dog, the extra material covers their front and rear upper legs and the cut-away part follows up on their body.



The length of the coat should be measured from just below their head and down their back to the tail (for me, this was about 30" and was a pretty perfect match for the XL vest).

The first step was to remove the main zipper. I cut the seams on either side with an X-acto knife (you could use a seam-ripper but I found the North Face seams to be incredibly tight so the knife was easier). I did this carefully so that I could use the zipper in the future if I wanted to.

My goal with this project was to use as many of the existing seams as possible to cut down on having to sew hems (due to the thickness of the material).

The vest was assembled in four primary pieces (large back panel, and two front panels that came about two-thirds of the way up to meet a shoulder panel). I then cut the two front panels off at their seams (down the sides under the arm



pits) leaving the large back panel and shoulder panel.

I wanted to use the large back panel as the primary part of the coat down Klaus's back and use the shoulder panel with the collar to go over his head and cover the front of his chest.

Now that I have the vest cut into just the back panel and the shoulder panel, I wanted to sew the front of the shoulder panel (where the main zipper was) together so the collar would fit snug around his neck and the front of the vest would fit snug across the front of his chest.

Bring some binder clips to secure the placement (I wouldn't use straight pins here... if one stuck Klaus he would have jumped all over the place!), and lay the vest over your dog.

I pinched the collar around his neck until it was a good fit (snug, but still enough room for a few fingers to slip down) and clipped the collar. Then, I bunched up the front of the shoulder panel across his chest and clipped it a few more times (see figure 1 below).



It worked out such that the seam I needed to sew came up to the corners of the collar and then made an arc down towards the bottom of the shoulder

panel. I don't really have any measurements here because I just modeled it on him.

I took the clipped vest over to the trusty sewing machine and flipped the material inside out. Then, I traced an arc with a fabric marker that I could sew to secure the front of the coat. With the material completely inside out and folded in half to lay flat, I sewed a seam following the arc, securing both ends with a simple back and forth stitch. (see figure 2 below)



Once I sewed this seam, I turned the material back out, checked the fit, and then trimmed the excess from inside the seam. This creates a nice, finished looking seam from the front. (see figures 3 & 4)



The next thing I wanted to do was make the coat more of a tailor fit and less of a table-cloth draped over him. I did this by laying the material as flat as possible on the table (like it was draped over his back), and tracing a basic hourglass shape down the sides of the back panel of the coat. I did a basic estimation to begin, then put the vest on Klaus and checked my marks. Remember, you will want to leave about 1/2" extra to make a hem.



This cutaway should leave some extra material to cover his/her front and back legs and taper up as it goes down his/her body when you are looking at them from the side.

Once I was happy with the cutaway, I cut the material with some fabric scissors and then flipped it over and stitched a basic hem so it didn't fray.



The last step for this coat is to add a strap or two that will stretch under their chest/belly and hold the coat snug.



I used the material from the two front panels that I removed in the first step to make the straps. I chose to do two straps for Klaus because of his body shape. One goes directly under his chest (behind his front legs) and the other is just behind his chest. The second strap keeps the material close to him and also keeps it out of the way when he uses the bathroom!

The main strap was about 15" long and 7" wide. The second strap was about 10" long and 4" wide.

For both straps, I simply cut the length of material and hemmed all the way around.

Then, I positioned them inside the coat on one side, overlapping the coat about 3", pinned and sewed them on.

Next, I sewed one side of Velcro on the other end of the strap. Now it was time for another fitting. I put the coat on Klaus and brought the straps under him and marked the top of where the Velcro needed to be sewn onto the outside of the opposite side of the coat.

Finally, I sewed the other half of the Velcro onto the outside of the other side of the coat and I was done!

That's it, the coat is done, the dog is toasty, and you have saved \$75!

