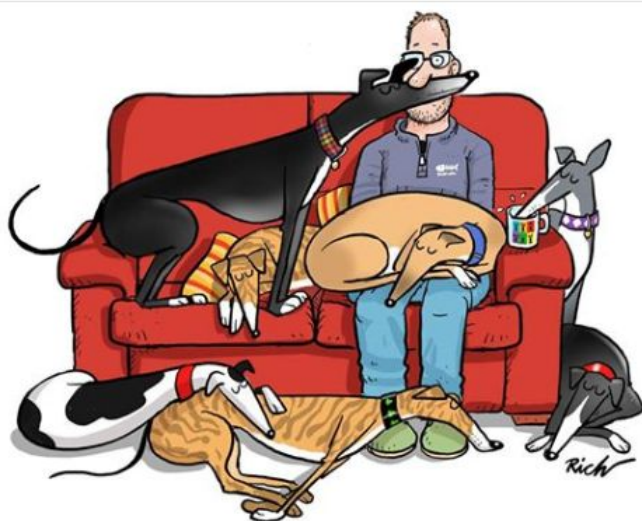


Happy Father's Day to All Our Greyhound (& People) Dads!



MULTIPLIGREYTION

The frequently observed consequence of
adopting one's first Greyhound.

Greyhound cartoon
artist Rich
Skipworth has
captured the
sentiment of this
holiday!

Click to see other
work by Rich
Skipworth:

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Run With It! * * * * * June 2021

We received some good news... The Exel Horse Show in Germantown is on for June 26 and September 25, and MSGAO will be able to have a Meet & Greet! This is a sign that things are getting back to "normal." We need volunteers to work the Meet & Greet on Saturday, June 26. Because of the rising temps, we will have a reduced schedule to keep us all out of the heat. If you and your greyhound can help us, click the button below to email Michele Poland, MSGAO Volunteer Coordinator.

Of course, just as things are starting to be more normal, we have the situation with the I-40 Mississippi River bridge closure. This is creating quite a traffic tie-up in getting from Tennessee and Mississippi to MSGAO in West Memphis. **If you are boarding your greyhound(s) this summer, we recommend that you drop off & pick up for boarding at 7 a.m.** Traffic coming across the 1-55 bridge is lightest in the morning. Late afternoon and evening, traffic from Memphis to West Memphis is a nightmare, so avoid late pick ups.

Coming from Memphis to West Memphis:

There really is no good way to come. If you come up from Riverside Drive to the I-55 bridge, stay in the RIGHT lane. If you come up Crump Road to the I-55 bridge, you should stay in the LEFT lane.

Going to Memphis from MSGAO, West Memphis:

To get back onto the interstate, do not use the usual route! When you

leave MSGAO, turn right onto Southland Drive and take it to the dead end. Turn left onto 7th Street, and follow the signs for 1-40. You will have to get on the service road for a very short distance. Once you're on I-40 get into the LEFT lane to avoid merging traffic. Please get off the service road and onto the interstate as soon as possible. DO NOT STAY ON THE SERVICE ROAD to go to another entrance ramp. The service road is usually very congested.

If you are coming from the Oxford, MS area, you may want to use the West Helena, AR bridge. I have not personally traveled this route. Just trying to think of ways to avoid the I-55 bridge traffic in Memphis.

On another note, I have asked Renée Dinger to write about a different way to use a dog harness for high prey or young greyhounds. This is a little different than MSGAO has recommended in the past. We both have equestrian backgrounds, and some of the tips she has for more assertive greyhounds may help you "reign" them in on your daily walks. I mean this literally!

Remember to keep your greyhounds inside, out of the heat, and to walk your hounds in the cooler early mornings or late evenings, if possible. Offer them plenty of water, and don't be too concerned if they don't want to eat as much. The heat makes them tired, just like it does us! Plus, no one wants to take a chance on heat exhaustion or heat stroke that can affect greyhounds faster than other dog breeds.

Have fun this summer, and we hope that the bridge situation is resolved soon so we can see everyone again!

Adam Loeffel
Director

**Email Michele to
Volunteer!**



Greyhound Door Mats

MSGAO has a few Greyhound door mats still in stock. These have been screen printed just for us! The mats are \$50.00 each, and would make a terrific statement at your front door.

[Click Here for the MSGAO Shop](#)

A Different Way to Harness Your Greyhound

When we walk our greyhounds in the neighborhood, we are often confronted with other owners walking their harnessed dogs, who are pulling the owners long like this little guy on the right. Unfortunately, what the owners don't know is that the harness design is actually *encouraging* the pulling!



I grew up with a horses, and I was around horses more than greyhounds (until recently--LOL!). Horses are big animals, and if you don't know how to handle them, they can unintentionally (or intentionally) injure you. So equestrians know that they must be in charge of the animal for the relationship to work.

When we got our first greyhound, Riley, he was a very aggressive, high prey greyhound. It took me a while to figure things out, but eventually, I learned how to be his pack leader, and Riley became a very docile Meet & Greet hound. I learned a lot from my horse riding background, particularly on how to handle Riley on daily walks.

When I tried to control Riley using the Martingale collar alone, I pulled too much on his neck, and I was concerned it would harm him. So the first thing I had to do was get him walking with a harness. However, I didn't buy the type of harness you see in the above photo, which has the leash hook on top. I knew from my horse riding days that this type of harness is similar to hooking a horse up to a plow. Look at this photo of a plow horse:



The halter is hooked up to the plow at the sides, and the reins come off the sides or the top of the halter. This type of set up is designed to get

the horse to pull, and to pull *hard*. The same thing is true of a dog harness that attaches a leash to the back of the harness. Instinctively, the dog wants to pull more, not less.

Unless the horse is very well trained, you would never want to go horseback riding using this type of halter and reins. You wouldn't have enough control, and you could be thrown off. Instead, to ride a horse, you put a bit in his mouth and the reins are attached to the bit. A horse's mouth is very sensitive, and this allows you to control the horse's head. When you control his head, you control the horse. If you pull back on the reins evenly, the horse will back up. If you pull the head to one side or the other, he will turn in the direction you are pulling. If he starts to buck you off, you pull hard to keep his head very low to one side. This way he can't throw his head up to buck. You can stop him because you control his head.

To control Riley, I needed a "bit" to control his head. So I devised something similar. Instead of getting a harness like the one above, I bought a harness with a hook in the FRONT. I loosened his Martingale collar (so he wouldn't choke), and hooked up both the Martingale collar AND the harness to the leash. (See the photos below of Dyson and Lexie with this same system.) WHAT A DIFFERENCE THIS MADE! I had better control of his head (via his neck) and upper body. Instead of being dragged all over the park on animal scent trails, Riley was forced to go where I wanted him to go because I controlled him without pulling too hard on his neck.



I also learned that a shorter leash was better than a longer one. In a dog's world, the dog in front is the pack leader. A long leash encourages a dog to be **your** pack leader. A shorter leash makes it easier to keep a dog at your side so you are the pack leader. I now use 3-foot Wack'y Walker leashes (because they absorb any unexpected lunging after rabbits or squirrels... greyhounds are still hunting sighthounds!). Now I have the best behaved dogs on a leash in the neighborhood!

If you need more control than this, you might try the Gentle Leader. This loops over the dog's muzzle, making it even more like a bit in the horse's

mouth. When it comes to walking, controlling the head is the most important part of bringing a dog to heel.

More compliant or docile greyhounds may not need this excess control. However, it works very well to control younger greyhounds and high prey greyhounds. It even works to encourage stubborn greyhounds who don't want to walk, as long as you portray yourself as the confident pack leader.

If you have questions about this or any other greyhound "situations," you can email me by clicking the link below. I'm always happy to help!

**Email Renée Your
Question**

Your Kroger Awards Are Making a Difference!

Thank you to everyone who donates to MSGAO through Kroger Community Awards! From February 1 to April 30, 2021, MSGAO received over \$335! This really helps MSGAO meet its budget needs in these trying times.

If you haven't linked MSGAO to your Kroger Plus Card, here a link to the instructions on how to do it:

Kroger Community Awards

The MSGAO number is YT691.

Thank you for your support!

Your Photos



Mallory Toste posted these



photos of Custard on FB. Someone who goes by "forbiddenfroot" took her photo, and made a funny. LOL!



Emily Santiago sent us this photo of Sundae, lolling on her son Jonathan's floor pallet. Sundae seems to be smiling at her!



Emily wrote, "This is the 'MOMMYYYYYYYY please feed me NOW face.' LOL!!!"

Alice and Karl Pfeiler sent a bunch of photos of their new sweetheart, Noelle, beginning with this note:

"[Noelle's] name was imarkjudyblueeye. We adopted her 4-24. She's our second greyhound. She's settled in. Her 3rd birthday was 4-29, and we celebrated. Started her birthday out running with her birthday hat on. Spent the day working from home with Mom. Daddy brought a big yellow toy and a new fluffy bed home for my birthday. Noelle had a birthday treat and even had Mom's friend sing happy birthday to me over the phone. 'I've even been Blessed by a priest, and he really loved on

me,' says Noelle. 'We go to Home Depot in the mornings for walks and got to meet some Home Depot friends that love on me.'

"She's a sweetheart. She's learning to love to go. She is our Noelle (Christmas). We love the Christmas season."



This is from Noelle's first vacation:

"We wore her out. Did well. Glass elevator. She's so curious. But she's catching on. When on vacation, got to lay in bed with mom and dad. Went to center of the universe. Just the beginning of our travels."





Noelle writes:

"Some smell the roses I prefer
the daisy's fewer thorns...if
your not a retired
greyhound....I'm sorry.....go
run....."

LOL!

GREYT photos, Alice & Karl!

SEND RENÉE YOUR PHOTOS!



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