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Letter from the Editor**HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL!**

I am sure the days are flying by at a rate of incredible speed... it just seemed like yesterday that we were celebrating Christmas and here we are with Easter already upon us.

Things at GAPSA Central are still busy, busy, busy. We have had to do quite a bit of reorganizing, some people came and went which was a great shame and I personally would like to thank them for the fantastic contributions. In fact, I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard, and this includes all the fosterers out there who ceaselessly volunteer their time and who really do make GAPSA Greyt!

Over the coming months I will be chasing down these wonderful fosterers along with those great trainers who submit their dogs to the program, in order to get a little bio... so that we can all get to know them better and learn more about who is part of our greyt GAP community.

Other news from GAPSA Central is our Coordinator and Chairperson will be jet setting off to Brisbane soon to attend a GAP conference. How fantastic is that! All the representatives and coordinators from all across Australia getting together, opening the channels of communication and discussing issues that each state has in an open forum. So stay tuned for more on this in coming issues.

This issue is packed with lots more goodies, which I hope you will enjoy and may you all have a safe and wonderful Easter.

Regards

Kylie Mancini
Website Manager/Newsletter Editor

PS. GAPSA will be at the Channel 7 Animal Expo—March 8 –10! More info on page 10.

Special points of interest:

- Easter Fundraisers are here... Great prizes to win!
- Kids Easter Corner with lots of activities.
- Pet Care—Aromatherapy for your Animals. Pt 2.
- **Feature Article—**Should I put a Halti on my Greyhound? Pg 5

**EASTER FUNDRAISING**

Mmm.... There is nothing like the smell of lightly toasted hot cross buns to get

those taste buds watering....

And where better to get them from, than the famous Kyttons Bakery, through GAPSA!

Yes, we have joined up with Kyttons this year as part of our fundraising where you can order lots of delicious Easter goodies which include:

- * Hot Cross Buns
- * Lamingtons

- * Choc Chip Kookies
- * Apple Crumble
- * Apricot Crumble
- * Macadamia White Choc Bites
- * Apricot Macadamia Slice

Orders must be in by 4th of March, and pick up is due on Wednesday 13th March at 10.30am at the GAPSA Office, or alternative arrangements can be made. Visit our website at www.gapsa.org.au for full details.

Thank you for your support!



Choose Hot Cross Buns with or without fruit





GAPSA—EASTER RAFFLE

We have some great prizes up for grabs with this years' Easter Raffle...Don't miss out and get your tickets quick!

Only \$2 per ticket

1st Prize

'Rapt in Reptiles' Zoo Experience for 2 people
valued at \$150* – Donated by the Adelaide Zoo

2nd Prize

Alcohol Spirit Hamper
Valued at \$75 – Donated by the GAP SA Committee

3rd Prize

Dinner for 2 at Chasers Restaurant**
Valued at \$50 – Donated by GRSA & Chasers Restaurant



If you would like to sell some raffle tickets for us please give Kymberly or Angela a call on 8285 4885 or Tom at the office Monday and Weds on 8243 7124 and we will organize to send your raffle book(s) out to you.

Tickets available from committee members, GAPSA office or contact Kymberly to make other arrangements.

Conditions

** Adelaide Zoo Experience must be used within 6 months of draw date—age limit and other conditions are available on the Adelaide Zoo website—www.adelaidezoo.com.au

** Dinner at Chasers Restaurant must be used within 6 months of draw date and may not be used on theme nights or during special events.



Greyhound
RACING SA

Doggy Quotes



"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened. "

Anatole France

Favourite Dog Quotes:

- "For me a house or an apartment becomes a home when you add one set of four legs, a happy tail, and that indescribable measure of love that we call a dog".—*Roger Caras*
- "Dogs are animals that poop in public and you're supposed to pick it up. After a week of doing this, you've got to ask yourself, "Who's the real master in this relationship?"
Anthony Griffin
- "Money may buy you a fine dog, but only love can make it wag its tail".
Kinky Friedman
- "Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed a dog". -
Franklin P. Jones

Laughs and Giggles



MIND GAMES DOGS PLAY WITH HUMANS

-  After your humans give you a bath, **DON'T LET THEM TOWEL DRY YOU!** Instead, run to their bed, jump up and dry yourself off on the sheets. This is especially good if it's right before your humans bedtime.
-  Act like a convicted criminal. When the humans come home, put your ears back, tail between your legs, chin down and act as if you have done something really bad. Then, watch as the humans frantically search the house for the damage they think you have caused. (Note: This only works when you have done absolutely nothing wrong.)
-  Let the humans teach you a brand new trick. Learn it perfectly. Then the humans try to demonstrate it to someone else, stare blankly back at the humans. Pretend you have no idea what they're talking about.
-  Make your humans be patient. When you go outside to go **pee**, sniff around the entire yard as your humans wait. Act as if the spot you choose to go pee will ultimately decide the fate of the earth.
-  Draw attention to the human. When out for a walk always pick the busiest, most visible spot to go **poop**. Take your time and make sure everyone watches. This works particularly well if your humans have forgotten to bring a plastic bag.
-  When out for a walk, alternate between choking and coughing every time a strange human walks by.
-  Make your own rules. Don't always bring back the stick when playing fetch with the humans. Make them go and chase it once in a while.
-  Hide from your humans. When your humans come home, don't greet them at the door. Instead, hide from them, and make them think something terrible has happened to you. (Don't reappear until one of your humans is panic-stricken and close to tears).
-  When your human calls you to come back in, always take your time. Walk as slowly as possible back to the door.
-  Wake up twenty minutes before the alarm clock is set to go off and make the humans take you out for your morning pee. As soon as you get back inside, fall asleep. (Humans can rarely fall back asleep after going outside, this will drive them nuts!)



Aromatherapy for Animals (Part 2)

Article by Gritman Essential Oils

This is a really informative article on Aromatherapy for Animals.

Animals and Essential Oils (Cont)...

Some oils are best used in massage and diffused. Take care with internal use of essential oils. In the beginning use the oils topically and through the olfactory (diffusing-ie using an Oil Burner). It takes experience

to know how to use oils internally.

Blends

Essential oils can always be used singularly. However, most therapists find that combining oils creates a "synergy" that enhances the benefits. It is easy to combine essential oils. You can use fixed oils to dilute the essential oils which will allow

them to go further and create safety from burning oils. Or you can mix essential oils with water and alcohol to make mists/spray.

Drops are based on a dog's size: 2-3 drop of essential oil per 20 kgs of weight, or 7 drops of essential oil(s) per one 30 gm of carrier oil or water.

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"In the beginning use the oils topically" such as through a burner or spray bottle.

Aromatherapy for Animals - Part 2 (continued)

POPULAR OILS

Sweet Basil- pulmonary, muscular, and emotional issues	Rosewood- muscular, insect repellant, wound issues
Roman Chamomile- emotional, muscular, and wound issues	Helichrysum- wounds especially bruising, emotional, muscular
Blue Chamomile- emotional, better at muscular and wound issues	Vetiver- calming, wounds, muscular
Cypress- cardiovascular, muscular, and insect repellant issues	Myrrh- skin dryness, gastro-problems, gum and teeth problems
Eucalyptus- pulmonary, wounds, and muscular issues	Clary Sage- digestion, calming, female reproductive
Lemon Eucalyptus- insect repellant, muscular, emotional issues	Nutmeg- muscular, calming, circulatory
Frankincense- pulmonary, emotional, wound issues	Cardamom- digestion, emotional, circulatory
Geranium- emotional, wounds, muscular issues	Coriander- digestion, immune-boosting
Juniper- muscular, insect repellant, and wound issues	Nutmeg- muscular, calming, circulatory
Lavender- muscular, wounds, emotional, cardiovascular	Orange- emotional, skin, purifying
Tea Tree- pulmonary, insect repellant, itching, wound issues	Myrrh- skin dryness, gastro-problems, gum and teeth problems
Rosewood- muscular, insect repellant, wound issues	Peppermint- digestion, mental alertness
Ylang Ylang- calming, muscular, disinfects	

RECIPE BLENDS FOR ANIMALS

Skin Irritation and Allergies

3 drops Geranium Rose or Egyptian
 3 drops Rosewood
 10 drops Lavender
 3 drops Roman Chamomile or Blue
 Blend into 8 oz. Of Fixed Oil, Liquid Soap, or Mister

Flea and Insect Repellent

5 drops Clary Sage
 9 drops Lemon Eucalyptus
 5 drops Peppermint
 4 drops Juniper Berry
 Blend into 8 oz. Of Fixed Oil, Liquid Soap, or Mister

Tick Repelling

2 drops Geranium
 5 drops Rosewood
 3 drops Lavender
 2 drops Myrrh
 Blend into 8 oz. Of Fixed Oil, Liquid Soap, or Mister

Abandonment and Separation Anxiety

5 drops Geranium (Rose or Egyptian)
 5 drops Ylang Ylang
 5 drops Roman or Blue Chamomile
 Blend into 8 oz. Of Fixed Oil, Liquid Soap, or Mister

**** More recipe blends coming in the next issue.****

**** 8oz = 226.8 gms**

**** Mister= spray bottle with fine spray or atomizer (shake well before use)**

**** Fixed oil = base carrier oil such as extra virgin olive oil, grapeseed oil, almond oil, or vegetable oil, etc**

**** Liquid soap bases are for use in dog bath wash applications—not for internal use.**

SHOULD I USE A "HALTI" ON MY GREYHOUND?

By Dr Rachel Westcott BVMS (Hons)



Above Image: Boris with his Halti

If you have a hound who is strong on the lead, a 'Halti' may help.

A Halti is a headcollar which passes behind the ears and around the nose. They are in fairly common use now on many dogs, and some veterinary behaviour specialists prefer them to chain slip collars in the majority of breeds.

Boris is GAP greyhound no. 5 for us. Boris spends in excess of 20 hours a day doing what all greyhounds do best – lounging around the house in a leisurely manner, or deciding which toy to pick out of the toy box. (Yes, you aristocratic hounds at No. 15 Mary St, other hounds have toy boxes, too!!) But he is very strong on the lead, especially when our walking path is crossed by rabbits, hares and kangaroos.

So, we decided to try him in a Halti. It has worked wonderfully well. He has been transformed from a dog who pulls constantly, to one who is a pleasure to accompany.

Of course, swiftly running furry creatures still create some excitement, but it is short-lived and controllable.

Make sure that your Halti is the correct size and fit. I already had a size 3 for one of our Labradors, and while it was reasonably suitable, size 2 was the better choice for Boris, who is an average sized male. The nurses at your local Vet Clinic should be able to advise and fit for you.

Make sure you purchase one with a safety strap. This is a strap which fastens from the ring at the bottom of the nose band back to the standard collar, so that in the event of the dog pulling the Halti off, he is still "attached" to the handler. The earlier models didn't have this strap, and if dog and Halti became separated, dog was free as the wind! As Murphy's Law would have it, I've had a dog get loose without a safety strap fitted (years ago), but never since I've had one on. Correctly fitted, this shouldn't be a problem, and I suspect mine at the time was too loose. In the early days of using a Halti, dogs may paw at the straps which can dislodge them.

Make sure when starting to use a Halti you don't allow your dog to rub his or her head in the bushes or other vegetation – or you may end up with an ear containing a foreign body (been there and done that, too!).

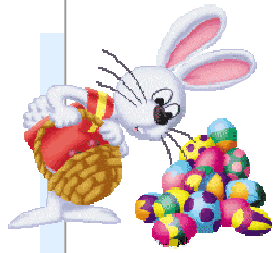
There is a mini DVD which comes with the packaging. I confess I haven't played this, although I'm sure it would be worthwhile.

You may find a minority of the general public mistakes the device for a muzzle. Halties are not intended in any way to be a muzzle, and you may have to explain this. Look at this as just another opportunity to educate someone!

So give it a go if you're being taken for a walk! I'd be happy to offer any further advice if necessary, at rachel-westcottvet@bigpond.com or during business hours on 0427 70 70 44. Other useful resources include your local Vet clinic or dog obedience club or dog trainer. Not all of them have met Greyhounds, though....our very special canines.



Halti's come in many sizes –suitable for all dogs.



JOIN THE
DOTS FIRST
TO REVEAL
THE
PICTURE
AND THEN
COLOUR IN.

KIDS CORNER



Easter Bunny Cupcakes - Something fun for kids to make and delicious to eat!

RECIPE INGREDIENTS:

- A cupcake (baked from your favorite recipe)
- White icing
- Shredded coconut
- Pink decorators' sugar
- Jelly bean nose
- Chewable Sweet Tart eyes
- Large marshmallow
- Mini marshmallows

DIRECTIONS:

1. Frost a cupcake (baked from your favorite recipe) with white icing and sprinkle on shredded coconut fur.
2. Cut a large marshmallow in half widthwise. Squeeze each half slightly to give it an oval shape, then decorate the sticky side of each one with pink decorators' sugar and set them in place for ears.
3. Add a jelly bean nose and either jelly bean or snipped Sweet Tart eyes, and mini marshmallows for cheeks. For a finishing touch, draw on decorators' gel pupils or whiskers if you like.



KIDS CORNER...

Guide the Easter Bunny through the maze to find the Easter Eggs



How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?

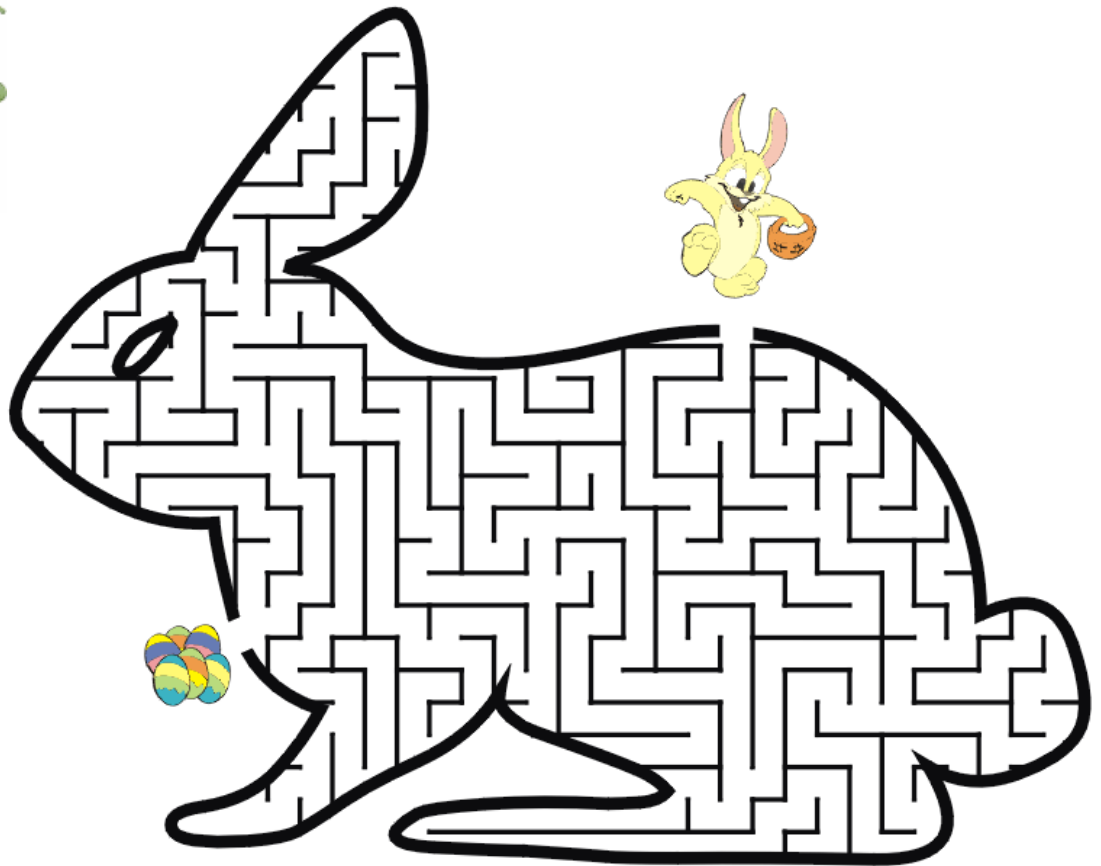
EGG-xercise and HARE-robics!

What do you get if you pour hot water down a rabbit hole?

Hot cross bunnies!

What's the best way to send a letter to the Easter Bunny?

Hare mail!



KIDS CRAFTS— "BEADY BABIES"

CRAFT MATERIALS:

- 2 round wooden beads (we used one 16-millimeter and one 25-millimeter bead) with holes large enough for a doubled pipe cleaner to fit through
- 6-inch pipe cleaners
- acrylic paint
- craft feather
- fine-point marker

Time needed: Under 1 Hour

DIRECTIONS:

1. First, paint the beads with acrylic paint. When they have dried, bend a 6-inch pipe cleaner in half, sandwiching the end of a tiny craft feather in the fold.
2. Thread the smaller bead onto the opposite end of the pipe cleaner and slide the bead up to hide the bottom of the feather.
3. Thread the larger bead onto the pipe cleaner, then bend the ends of the pipe cleaner into feet.
4. Finally, use a fine-point marker to give your little chick eyes and a tiny beak.

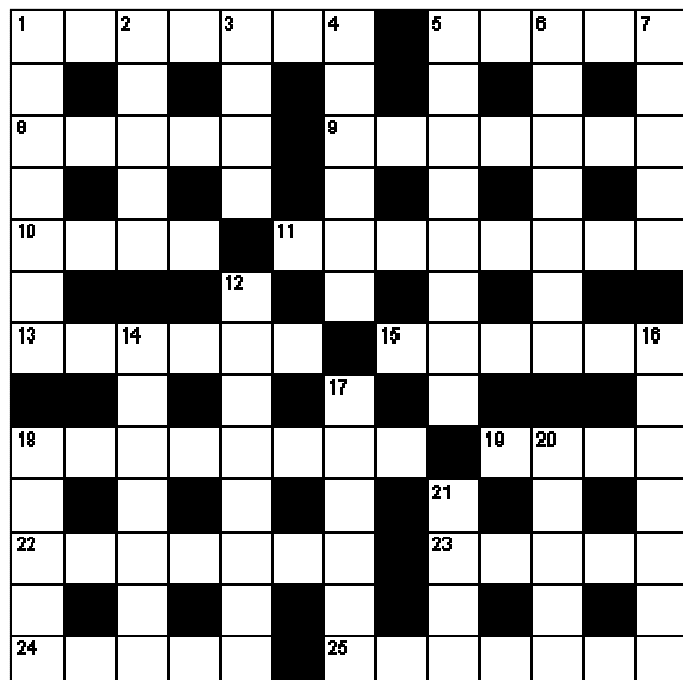


These baby chicks are so easy to make, you can have an entire clutch ready in time for Easter.

PUZZLE PAGE

Now the kids are set... here is a little something for us "bigger kids" to tease our brains with. (Answers page 10)

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

1. Fate (7)
5. Animal with two feet (5)
8. Musical instrument (5)
9. Aerial (7)
10. Professional cook (4)
11. Delight (8)
13. Mass leaving (6)
15. Transparent gem (6)
18. Entertainer (8)
19. Cab (4)
22. Planet nearest to the sun (7)
23. Similar (5)
24. Fishing basket (5)
25. Ruminant (7)

DOWN

1. Fiasco (7)
2. Meaning (5)
3. Metallic element (4)
4. Annually (6)
5. Treachery (8)
6. Flightless bird (7)
7. Curtain (5)
12. On time (8)
14. See (7)
16. Spear with three prongs (7)
17. Attorney (6)
18. Ape (5)
20. Nimble (5)
21. Young whale (4)



SUDOKU

Hint: Each line to total 45

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RECENT ADOPTIONS

Here we have our most recently adopted, happily living with their new forever homes. Welcome to the GAPSA Community!!!



Bob

(Raced as Lenira Jet).

Bob is a very beautiful, loving boy, who is white with brindle patches.

He has found his forever home with the Pederick-Foihoil Family.

Adopted



Hulk

Brindle colouring. He's just as his name suggests—he's a big boy—but utterly lovable. Loves his squeak toys and shows his delight when Adrian comes home by sprinting around the back yard in big circles.

Hulk has been adopted by Angela & Adrian Webb.

Adopted



Josh

Dark brindle colouring

Josh has been adopted by the Wilkie family.

Adopted



Jorja

She looks just like a Sweet Southern Belle!

Jorja loves to play with her toys & will carefully sift through the toy box to find the one she wants before carrying it off to her bed.

Jorja has been adopted by the Guzdek Family.

Adopted

GREYHOUND ADOPTION PROGRAM—SA

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Coming Events

March 8—10: Come see us at the
Channel 7—Animal Expo! (Refer below)

More details available on the website

No Gap Events listed for April

Dates to Remember:

Animal Expo—9-10 March

Easter Long Weekend—21-24 March

**St Patrick's Day—
17 March**



March 2008

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CHANNEL 7—ADELAIDE EXPO (MARCH 8-10)



See, Touch & Cuddle 100s of Animals at...



Come see us at the Ch.7 Animal Expo on
March 8-10 at the Adelaide Showgrounds.

Gates open: 9.30am and Close 5.30pm

Admission Cost: \$10 Adult, Concession \$8, Children
\$4 and Family \$24 (2 adult & 2 children).

See Dr Harry Potter, get expert advice, buy products
and pat and touch hundreds of animals and much
more....

Calling all budding Photographers... "Greyhound Of the Month Photo Awards"

Do you love to take pictures of your greyhound?

Do you think he/she is just the best and you would like to show them off?

Do you like to have some fun and dress them up for special occasions?

Our website has been generating quite a substantial amount of hits, including many visitors from all over the world. In fact we are averaging 80,000 page hits each month! Therefore I am setting up a "Greyhound of the Month" photo awards, where the winner from each month will get to show off their favourite greyhound pic on the main page.

With Easter and St. Patrick's Day just around the corner, what a perfect time to begin, using the theme from either of these special dates for our first themed photo awards.

Family members, including other pets are welcome to be included in the pic—so no one is left out of course! Photos must be emailed by the end of March in JPEG/GIF/PNG format to info@gapsa.org.au. Happy snapping!!! :)



Photo taken from
www.goldengreyhounds.com

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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2	7	8	3	9	1	6	5	4
4	5	3	6	8	2	1	9	7

Our aim is to find loving, permanent homes for retired racing greyhounds and let them live their lives with love, happiness and joy!