

THE NEEDLENOSE NEWS

HOLIDAY ISSUE

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*Another year has come around again and I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday season. As you are all in the midst of your holiday planning may I please ask that you do not forget about all the seniors waiting for a forever home, especially, at this time of the year. They so desperately wish for a family to call their own.*

HOW DO I KNOW?

*There is a place called Greysett*

*Where I seem to have found a home*

*It appears that this time I will be staying*

*But, how do I know?*

*What I needed most right now*

*Was someone to take me in*

*And, give me something I could count on  
A home with a daily routine...*

*I have a group of friends now  
Some young and some senior like me  
But, how do I know  
This is how it will always be?*

*...For Nike...*

*LESLEY OSBORN*

*Below is a photo of Nike (adopted from Senior Sanctuary at age 13 years, sharing a special moment with her special friend Bubbles (who was placed with us through another rescue group at age 11 years due to the relocation of her family to Hawaii.) Nike is on the right hand side of the picture.*



*THE GREYS GET DRESSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS*



*Bubbles tries on her antlers to see if they still fit this year...*



*Here Are Zima and Ken  
Owned By: Bob Vesely*



*This priceless photo was sent to me by a very good friend...*







*EVERYONE JOINS IN TO MEET SANTA...*















*And...*

*Let us not forget all of Santa's helpers!!!*



*The following article on the proper art of massage of our dogs was submitted by Chuck SeEVERS and Jo Ann Ball and was compiled from their notes obtained at The Chi Institute...*

## *MASSAGE*

*1- Mo-fa : Use your hand to apply gentle pressure & stroke from the top of head down to the tail.*

*3-4 minutes once a day*

*2- Moo-fa : With your Fingers, apply gentle pressure and use long strokes around the eyes, ears, forehead, and neck.*

*3 - 4 minutes a day*

*3- Pai-fa : Forming a cup with your hand, pat the underside of the belly, apply gentle pressure.*

*3- 4 minutes a day*

*4- Tui-Na Apply gentle pressure from the base of the ear down to the cheeks.*

*3-4 minutes once a day*

5- *Mo-fa* : Use your hand to gently stroke the inside of the rear legs, in a down motion only, starting at the knee and down to the ankle.

*3-4 minutes once a day*

6- *Rou-fa*: Applied over and around the shoulders – Rotary kneading in one spot at a time.

*3-4 minutes once a day*

7- *Nie-fa*: Use both your hands and with your fingers, to do a pinching movement. Start at the top of the tail and move up slowly a few inches at a time until you reach the base of the head.

*10-12 minutes once a day*



*Bernice Lupo Submits the Following...*

*“Here is Ms. Elizabeth...She is a 12 years’ young red fawn greyhound. I adopted her at the age of 9. I wanted a greyhound badly. I always thought they looked so sophisticated and stately. At the time I had 3 Chihuahuas and was a bit leery about having such a large dog. No problem...Elizabeth fit right in. In fact, she is such a lover that she adores all creatures...dogs, cats, children...she loves it when they hug her. I am blessed to have such a wonderful gentle creature who is truly my soul mate. We were born in the same month – just 10 days apart! She is my second skin and I wouldn’t have it any other way.”*

## *AN ANGEL OVER MY SHOULDER*

*(This One’s For You Mom)*

*There was a special grey named Nike  
Who came to Mom in a most desperate way  
She was somehow chosen to care for her  
And, did so, lovingly, for the remainder of Nike’s days...*

*Their time together was far too short lived*

*Every moment was and will always be treasured  
Each day was like a milestone  
Her ever increasing needs were never questioned...*

*This morning she let Mom know that it was time to move on  
And, as she began her final flight  
Mom felt the presence of an angel  
Suddenly, where there had been darkness there was now light...*

*LESLEY OSBORN (11/26/2012)*

*...IN MEMORY OF NIKE...*





Seasons   
Greetings

