

ANIMAL BITES

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A FETCHING SPECIAL EDITION
ALL ABOUT OUR
LONG-LEGGED FRIENDS



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GREYHOUNDS GALORE

Ask anyone who knows a greyhound, and they will tell you all about their quiet, gentle nature.

What you may not know is that greyhounds are quite lazy and prefer to be in a warm and comfortable bed rather than running around. Greyhounds make the perfect buddy because they are affectionate and sensitive. They are also extremely loyal pups.



LONG SNOOT

Just right for sniffing out doggie treats.

SILKY SMOOTH HAIR

Perfect for pats.

BEAUTIFUL SMILE

Someone's happy to see you!

GORGEOUS EYES

You'll fall in love with just one look.

LEAN BODY

Designed for snuggling on the couch.

LONG NECK & LEGS

What a majestic specimen.

DID YOU KNOW?

Of the hundreds of breeds of dogs in the world, greyhounds are the fastest. However, they are not strong swimmers, and their tight leg muscles make it hard for many of them to sit down comfortably.

Because of the positioning of their eyes, greyhounds have up to 270-degree field vision, meaning they can see some of the back of their own head! Humans have a vision field of around 180 degrees.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SPOKESDOG

Hi dog-lover,

I'm Vinnie! I'm an eight-year-old greyhound. My life has been pretty different from any family pooch you may know.

When I was young, I was forced to race so that humans could make money off me. Luckily, I was never injured. However, I do have tiny microfractures in my bones, which most dogs get from racing. This means I am more likely to break bones later in my life.

Unlike many retired greyhounds, I was lucky enough to be adopted by my forever humans. It took me a while to settle in because I had never experienced the love and attention of a real family. I am very affectionate and enjoy following people around so that I can demand cuddles. I also love to hang out with my siblings, Abbey and Finn.

If you are a dog lover, please don't go to dog races, and have a chat with your loved ones about why they shouldn't go either. Some friends from my racing days were not as lucky as I was.

Wishing you all the treats and zoomies this holiday,



Vinnie



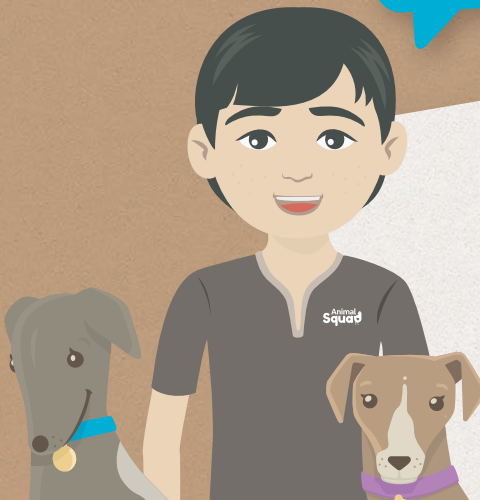


GREYHOUNDS IN TROUBLE – RACING

People race greyhounds to make money, not because it makes dogs happy. The dogs can get injured during races and their injuries can be so bad that they cannot be made well and are killed. In the 2019 season, 54 greyhounds were put to sleep after tumbles on the racecourse. On top of that, 297 dogs were put to sleep because they couldn't race and were not rehomed.

Some people think it's okay to race greyhounds, but we know that racing dogs is just mean. A greyhound belongs with a loving forever family, not on a racetrack!

DID YOU KNOW...



NEW ZEALAND IS ONE OF ONLY EIGHT COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD THAT STILL ALLOWS COMMERCIAL GREYHOUND RACING.

The UK, Ireland, Australia, USA, Vietnam, China and Mexico also need to ban this cruel activity.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are plenty of ways you can use your voice to speak up for those who cannot.

RUN FOR ANIMALS – Spread awareness by participating in a race. You may even wish to raise money for a charity that helps greyhounds.



WRITE A LETTER – Letter writing from young people is an extremely powerful way to inspire change. Whether it's a letter to the editor of a newspaper or a letter to the Prime Minister, you can make your voice heard for greyhounds in need.



CHALK IT UP – Chalking a kind message on a footpath or pavement (otherwise known as chalktivism) spreads your message about animals in need to anyone who passes by.

HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE TO SHARE YOUR ANIMAL ACTION PHOTOS WITH THE ANIMAL SQUAD!

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DIY CRUELTY-FREE CHALK

INGREDIENTS

- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of plaster powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of water
- Food colouring
- A tray of silicone moulds or lined toilet paper rolls

METHOD

- 1 Mix the plaster powder and water, making a soupy paste. Add more water if you need to.
- 2 Add the food colouring 2-3 drops at a time and mix well until you have the colour you like.
- 3 Add the mixture to the mould and let it set overnight.
- 4 Remove the chalk sticks from the moulds, and they are ready to use!



DIY BEST FRIEND TREATS

BAKE YOUR OWN DOG TREATS FROM SCRATCH.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 ½ cup rolled oats
- 1 cup mashed banana
- ½ cup unsalted peanut butter

BONUS

THEY'RE SAFE FOR HUMANS TO EAT, TOO!



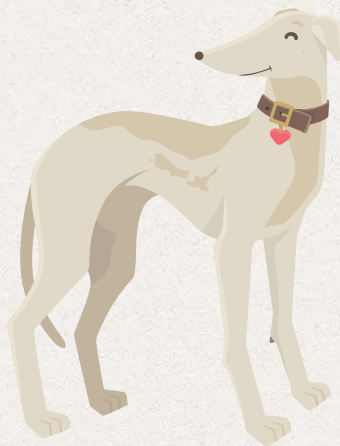
INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Blend the rolled oats in a food processor until you have a fine flour.
- 2 Smash the banana and peanut butter together. Add the oat flour and mix until you have a dough.
- 3 Roll out your dough with a rolling pin and use cookie cutters to cut out your treats.
- 4 Bake at 180°C for 10-15 minutes, or until golden.
- 5 Make sure your treats are completely cool before feeding them to your pup.

SPOT THE DOGGIE DIFFERENCE



THERE ARE NINE DIFFERENCES TO FIND



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SHORTBREAD FOR SHARING

INGREDIENTS

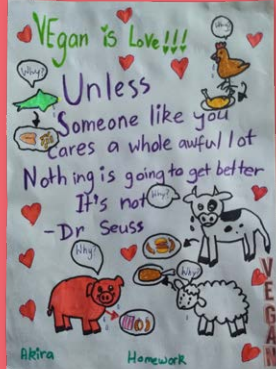
- 250g of margarine
- 1 cup of icing sugar
- 1 cup of cornflour
- 2 cup of flour

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Preheat oven to 180°C.
- 2 Cream margarine and icing sugar together until light and fluffy.
- 3 Sift cornflour and flour into the sugar and margarine, and mix until just combined.
- 4 Roll out half the mixture at a time on a floured board until just under 1 cm thick.
- 5 Cut into shapes and put onto a greased oven tray.
- 6 Re-roll leftovers until you have used all the dough.
- 7 Do the same with the other half.
- 8 Bake for around 10 minutes, being careful not to burn the edges.
- 9 Cool on the oven tray then transfer onto a wire rack until cool.



MAKING AOTEAROA A BETTER PLACE FOR ANIMALS



AKIRA made an animal-rights book cover. They drew some sad animals who don't want to get eaten and included a fitting quote from Dr Seuss. Top work, Akira!



GABRIELLE made a poster that they photocopied to hang up on notice boards to remind people that it's never okay to leave your dog alone in the car. Thanks for all your hard work, Gabrielle!



APRIL made some carrot cake balls. They tasted just like carrot cake and, best of all, they were vegan! They look tasty, April!

WANT TO SEE YOUR PHOTO HERE?

Submit your animal action photos through our online Action Kit and yours may be selected to feature in an upcoming newsletter!

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