

Greyhound Tails

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Director's Dialogue

by Ken Wright

It is with tears in my eyes that I write this note in light of the recent discoveries involving some of the Florida tracks and the execution of retired racing greyhounds in Arkansas. The events that are now coming through about the disposal of greyhounds have made me even more resolved to promote the presence of GPA-CNHC in this area. I am very happy to hear that GPA National is taking an active role in working with the NGA and other authorities to get to the bottom of this incident. We will be learning about the GPA National "7X7" program in the upcoming months. It is basically a program to aid current chapters and increase the number of active area chapters to address the homing of these wonderful creatures.

This comes on the heels of one of our most successful spring events. This event was successful on many fronts: raising awareness in the local merchant and resident community, introducing new folks to greyhounds through our canine ambassadors of the evening (Cole and Ore), getting to meet with a lot of new faces, raising needed monies to support the effort and yes, last, but not least, having a great time. This was all due to the efforts of many individuals, headed up by our organizer, Carrie Foss. The Capitol Grille and Robyn J. Enterprises (our DJ) were awesome. The people and businesses that came forward to help out and support us still takes my breath away. **Thank you all!!!**

Also, we find that we have a growing number of foster homes available, and I am hopeful that this trend will continue as we talk to and touch more and more individuals. Since the reality is that at some point the foster family does flunk 'Fostering 101' and adopts their charge, the need never goes away. So, with the opening of the Lakes Region track for the season and with the recent events in mind, we need you more than ever. Please contact Carolyn Wright at 603-225-2175 for more information.

OK, I know that I do this every quarter, but my pitch will never stop for your continued support through fostering, washing, driving, organizing, selling raffle tickets, and your participation in any number of upcoming activities.

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TC Texas Cyclone – What a cutie! Photo by C. Stolzenburg

Happy Spring & Summer by Linda Shepard

As of August 2001, we have had 35 dogs come into our group. Of those, 28 have been adopted and seven have yet to go as of Mother's Day. You can see these loves and find out more about them on our web site (<http://www.gpa-cnhc.org>).

Considering adopting an older hound? Some people think that age is a special need, but I feel it's a gift. We have had five older dogs in our network. These gentle old girls are so sweet and loving, and most definitely *greytful*. All too often I hear, "I want a younger dog." While we can understand this thinking, I want to thank some special people who made the choice to adopt an older grey: the Kilmisters, the Rouleaus, the Becks, and the Moshers.

Chris and Tina Rouleau adopted Michaela, born in July of '93. She came into the network in August '01 and was my foster. I thought I would be back up to seven dogs at home, but on 04-19-02 she was adopted. In March we took four older girls into the GPA-CNHC program, Ski Run born in '96, Goldie born in '96, Marsha Doe born in '98, and TC Texas Cyclone born in '95. Carol and Mark Kilmister adopted Ski in May, Rachel and George Beck adopted Goldie in April, by Ben and Jen Mosher adopted Marsha Doe in April. TC is in a great foster home and is awaiting adoption. **Thanks to all!**



Our next great event will be our Annual Greyhound Reunion at Rollins Park on the 7th of September from 11 to 3:30. So mark that calendar! We are all looking forward to the greyhound costume contest, the cookout (this year I promise the grill will work better), the Vendor tent, and Raffle items both dog related and people related.

As you can see as you read this newsletter with the participation from our adopters and volunteers, I can only think that we are growing in numbers every day. As I always say, we are an all-volunteer group and whether you have 10 minutes to write an article, stop at a demo, or find that you have special talent that you would like to apply to our fundraising efforts, that is great. We are always looking for new ideas and your input does not fall on deaf ears. We can each only do so much, and more hands are always welcome.

So even with the recent tragedies in Arkansas and Florida, we at GPA-CNHC have had great success that will continue because you care enough — **A very Special Thank You** to all of you for reading, writing and giving!



GPA National's 7X7 Program GREYHOUND PETS OF AMERICA CREATES POSITION TO HELP ELIMINATE GREYHOUND DEATHS NATIONWIDE

PHOENIX, AZ MAY 28, 2002 – Greyhound Pets of America, America's largest greyhound adoption organization has developed a program that will end unnecessary greyhound deaths by the year 2007.

"The recent tragic events that unfolded in Alabama has shown that GPA as the largest adoption group in America has the responsibility to step up efforts and leadership in order to make sure that this type of horrendous event does not repeat" Pat Toman – President – Greyhound Pets of America

GPA has created a new position called "National Greyhound Coordinator". This position will be filled by a volunteer. This person's responsibilities will be to work with trainers, owners and tracks who have tried to place dogs into local programs, but due to circumstances, the local program is unable to take these dogs.

Greyhound Adventures

By Carolyn Stolzenburg

I saw my first greyhound dog at a meet and greet in Keene NH in 1990. Immediately I was attracted to and intrigued by the grace and sweetness of these large skinny dogs. My husband and I already had a 2-year-old shelter mutt, Betts. Nonetheless, we decided to become a foster family for ex-racers. Fostering came easily to us. Although it involved a learning curve regarding their health issues and care, we enjoyed it immensely. We continued to foster off and on since then.

Watching each dog adapt to pet life is fun. We are constantly amazed by how quickly and easily most track dogs adjust to an entirely new life—new schedule, new environment, new caretakers, new experiences; television, stairs, car rides, treats, dog beds, and toys. Foster dogs require extra “TLC”—tender loving care, patience and understanding. We also monitor the dog’s overall health and try to improve their physical and mental well-being.

After fostering approximately ten greyhounds and falling in love with the breed, we decided we had to have one of our own. We were taken to our local racetrack and visited individual kennels. The kennels were dark, dirty, and the cages were rusty. We were there to see three available greyhounds. It was very difficult to choose, knowing that our choice would leave behind two greyhounds.

Cheyenne Cannon, a brindle male, was let out in a turnout pen no bigger than 20 by 20 feet. He was overjoyed at being the only dog in the enclosure. He jumped, romped, and bucked like a young horse. His playfulness and joy were contagious and made him the most appealing to us. On the drive home the adoption representative said, “I’m sure glad you guys took this dog because he is going to be a handful.” Cheyenne Cannon was renamed Balu and he certainly was unique.

Unlike all of the greyhounds we had interacted with, Balu didn’t care much about the impression he was making on us. He would counter-surf no matter how close by we were. He retrieved the kitchen sink drain daily to remove any scraps of food. All of our Tupperware and plastic coffee mugs had his teeth marks. Dirty utensils in the sink weren’t safe. Although some may find these quirks unacceptable, we actually admired his tenacity. I took Balu to dog training classes and agility. He enjoyed these evenings “out” with other dogs and people but both seemed like a lot of work to him. Once I tried lure coursing with him and he followed the lure for one stretch and then took a running detour in another direction. We always said that Balu was “his own dog”. He had his own agenda.

Car rides, catching some rays, and walks were among his favorite things. Balu would demand to go out just to lie in the grass in the sun. As far as running goes, he was a passionate runner. Due to an early injury his gait was somewhat awkward and definitely not graceful. Still, he loved to run and once, he caught the neighbor’s cat in our backyard. Miraculously, he dropped it on command. He also caught a catbird that had made it a habit to harass the dogs.

We called Balu “the stealth stealer.” We determined that he made mental notes of food in the kitchen. He was very opportunistic. If we left anything unattended it was gone—a dozen cookies cooling on the cookie pan, a pie stored in the spare room for Thanksgiving dinner, marinated steaks for company, and even a box of chocolates hidden beneath wrapping paper. Then there was the time that Balu, our cat, and another greyhound were found with the Easter ham on the floor! Who was responsible for that fiasco, we will never know.

Having Balu in our lives was a constant source of humor. He was also a testimony to the fact that life is what you make it. He was determined to make his life as comfortable as possible in our home. We are very glad that we were able to share his life with us. After grieving his death, we are now able to recall these things fondly. His memory will always remain in our hearts.



Larry -- How about those ears!! Photo by C. Stolzenburg

In time we began to foster again. Because we had moved, we didn’t know of a greyhound group that needed foster families, so we fostered a Basenji, German Shepherds, and a Beagle. We found that fostering these other breeds was more difficult and challenging than our experience of fostering ex-racers. The Saluki was nearly feral, the Shepherds were more dog than we wanted, and the Beagle was highly active and vocal. Luckily we found GPA Central New Hampshire and began fostering greyhounds again. Fostering greyhounds suits us well. Tate, Jordan, Star, and Larry came to our home for temporary stays. We had wanted another greyhound and were set on a girl. When that fell through, we realized that Larry was the perfect dog for us. We call him a goofball. We are grateful to have him as part of our family. 🐾



Our Heartfelt Thanks!

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank those people who have sent us donations. We would also like to thank all our volunteers and foster families for your tireless efforts in helping us out! Thank you all for your generosity!

ALL our FOSTER FAMILIES

ALL our VOLUNTEERS

Carrie Foss tirelessly organized, promoted, sold tickets, and twisted arms to make the Hound Hop a great success.

ALL the donors for the Hound Hop, thanks so much for everything!

Dr. Andy Julian for treating our dogs (and our treasury) with TLC.

Woodlawn Kennels for cutting us a break on boarding dogs waiting for foster homes.

Steve and Linda Shepard of **Blue Hound Traders** regularly donate portions of the proceeds from their hound products business. GPA and its House of Hoose fund for extraordinary medical needs (like surgery) continue to benefit from their generosity.

James and Mary Vaughn have donated every month to the House of Hoose Fund. Thank you very much!

Marena Kosko decided that she and her mom must take in Nolen Lee from the kennel to foster, because he had been there for so long. Apparently there were no cat-free foster homes available. Nolen Lee is still awaiting adoption, but now waiting in comfort in his foster home.

Remedy Corner

Does your hound get corns on his/her pads? Corns, hard lumps of connective tissue on the paw pads of hounds, just like on human feet, can be painful. Many treatments are available, from surgery to abrading with a Dremel tool, but here's one that is simple, painless, and can't hurt to try:

Get some castor oil at the drug store, which will cost less than \$5.00 in the US. Put a drop or two on the corn and rub it in to the corn 2-3 times a day. This takes less than 2 weeks to work. They might come back in a few months, just repeat the process.



Portsmouth Meet & Greet Still Going Strong

By Diane Canfield





Diane's dog, Austin, (a former foster of the Shepards) making a new friend at a recent M&G Photo by D. Canfield

We are continuing to have another successful year, and our fishbowl donations keep mounting up! Anyone in the area on the 3rd. Saturday of the month, please stop in at the Portsmouth Petco and say 'Hi'. Anyone wishing to help can contact Gae Underhill at guru@worldpath.net or at 603-755-9527



Did You Know?

 The Greyhound is the fastest breed of dog. One of the most celebrated of many Greyhound owners in history was General George A. Custer. Custer was especially fond of coursing breeds - Greyhounds and "staghounds" - and traveled with a hound pack that numbered about forty. One book reports that Custer's dogs were about to run a matched race the day before he left on his fatal expedition to Big Horn River in 1876.

 Packed Cell Volume (PCV) and Creatinine are both normally higher in greyhounds than other breeds. PCV generally runs 55-65 and the upper limit of greyhound Creatinine is approximately 1.6 times whatever the lab's upper end for "other dogs" is (taken from a study at Auburn whose results appear in the March 2000 Compendium -your vet will know what the Compendium is).

Get Up!

By Darcy Ferry

I went into the Concord Petco store to get bird food and I came out in love. It was love at first site. It was not a person that I fell in love with, it was a dog. His name was Get Up. He is a greyhound.

When I first walked into the Petco, so many doe eyes of greyhounds greeted me. There were also owners and foster parents quite willing to provide me with information about this fascinating breed. I met many wonderful dogs that day, but, for the next 3 months, one dog in particular stayed in my mind. His name is Get Up.



Get Up (racing name: Tyville Get Up) Photo by D. Ferry

The day that I met Get Up, I was able to talk extensively to his foster mom. She had two young children of her own and Get Up was doing very well with them. This immediately set my fears at ease. We have a young toddler and any dog that came into our home would have to pass the "toddler test". I also learned that Get Up was OK with cats. Another fear put at ease. We have two cats.

When I bent down to pat Get Up, I immediately knew that our home could be a welcome addition to his life. His calm and gentle demeanor was just what we wanted in a dog. I knew that we could give him the love and companionship that he deserves for the rest of his days.

It wasn't until March that we were actually able to entertain adopting a dog, but it was that day in December that I was sold on the greyhound breed. I called GPA and told them of a greyhound named Get Up that I had met. I held my breath and expected the news that he had been adopted. To my overwhelming delight, I learned that he was still available! I was thrilled! From here, we were ready to get the ball into motion and

we wanted Get Up to come and live with us.

The next week was a whirlwind. Linda Shepard came for a visit on Wednesday. She handed us some paperwork, a book, and some instructions. We were to pick up the newest addition to our family on Sunday!

My husband and I read the book cover-to-cover by Saturday. We picked up a crate, some treats, and a toy, and were ready to go.

Sunday came and we drove to where we would pick up our dog. I'll never forget when we saw him. He was more beautiful than I remembered. My heart jumped into my throat as I bent down to pat him. My husband, who had never met Get Up before, gave me a smile and a nod of approval.

After we loaded our car with all of the wonderful accessories and food that we received from Get Up's foster family, Linda Shepard loaded Get Up into her car and we were on our way. Get Up's new life with our family was about to begin. This would be an adventure...

It has been 3 months since Get Up's arrival here. He has adjusted extremely well. He is quite gentle around my son and stands clear of the cats. He loves to go outside into our fenced in yard to run. My husband and I chuckle because Get Up has made his own little track in our yard. Get Up also loves to go on long walks with the family. He really seems to enjoy seeing all of the sights along the way.

Get Up enjoys our little family excursions north to where my parents live. They have a German Shepard named Sarge. Get Up and Sarge get along like brothers. They share toys and play the whole time we visit. It is wonderful to see how well adjusted Get Up is.

Get Up has his own favorite dog toys but also loves to cuddle with my son's Elmo doll and Barney doll.

I am still amazed to watch when my son is in Get Up's path. Get Up will stop, look around my son, choose the best path and go out of his way to *not* run over my son. He is gentle and seems to know that my young toddler is not so steady on his feet yet.

At night, after my son has gone to bed, my husband and I sit on the couch and Get Up comes by. He puts his head on our laps so that we can pat him and give him more love. I look down at him and he looks up at me. We have bonded. When these nightly quiet times happen, I frequently reflect on the process of adopting this wonderful animal. Then it hits me, we didn't choose Get Up. Get Up chose us. We are his family...for life.





Help Wanted!

We are very pleased that people have been stepping up to help us out, and we'd like to see that trend continue! If anyone is out there and is willing to volunteer for a task, please contact us. We always have way too much to do and too few people to do it, and welcome new people and new ideas to our group. What follows is a list of things for which we need help. And I'm sure that there are a lot of things you could think of that we haven't considered, so please do get in touch with us and give us your ideas!

- ◆ **Foster Homes:** This is a critical aspect of GPA's successful adoption of ex-racers, and a chance for love. We need all the foster homes we can get, so we can take more dogs as they grade off the tracks. When the tracks open in May, there are almost always dogs that come off the track very soon thereafter. Racers are culled continuously, so this is a continuing need. We can work around your needs, and even if you only want to foster a couple of times a year, it is still a very big help. We feel strongly that fostering helps create the best matches!
- ◆ **Donations** of the following items are gratefully accepted: money, blankets, towels, crates (portable kennels that house a single dog), veterinary care, advertising, printing, and publishing.
- ◆ **Dog Washes:** We do the bathing before the dogs get their first veterinary care. This is an opportunity to be among the first to give a newly retired racer a big hug (sometimes a wet one) and loving care, and share in the excitement of watching another beauty emerge.
- ◆ **Transportation:** We need volunteers during the daytime to transport the dogs to and from vet appointments, or from the farms or tracks. Each ride is an opportunity to give a little more reassurance to a greyhound friend who is entering a new world.
- ◆ **Home during the day:** Events or errands often need to be accomplished during weekdays when many of our volunteers are at work. Let us know if your schedule would allow you to help with weekday events or errands. Many fun greyhound surprises have popped up during the week!
- ◆ **Newsletter:** Can you help fold, stamp, and mail our quarterly newsletter? Would you write an article or report on an event for us?
- ◆ **Schmooze Kings and Queens:** Do you meet people easily? Do you know a lot of people and businesses? Could you sell ad space in our newsletter, or find companies willing to sponsor an issue of the newsletter? Could you ask local merchants to donate raffle items for our fundraising efforts?
- ◆ **PR Assistance** - Do you have a FAX machine and/or an email account? Would you be willing to FAX and/or email our event notices to the local newspapers and other media outlets? We'll do the writing, if you can do the sending!
- ◆ **Telephone calling:** We continually make telephone calls to remind people of upcoming Demo's, follow-up calls to foster parents or new adopters, or handling requests for information from volunteers. This does not involve soliciting for donations. If you enjoy talking on the phone and talking about greyhounds, this job is for you.
- ◆ **Demos:** These events allow the greyhounds to help each other by simply being themselves in public and showing people who they are—they do the Showing, we do the Telling!
- ◆ **Recycle leashes and collars:** If you have old collars and leads around that you no longer need but still have some life in them, please send 'em to us!
- ◆ **Other:** suggestions for promotional events that would introduce more people to greyhounds, fundraising events, good locations for Demos, donations of dog food or bathing supplies which you can arrange, eBay benefit auctions, *whatever you like to do.*



VG's Premiere!

By Anthony R. Cassetta

VG's Premiere, or Premiere, is a three-year-old, brindle Greyhound. Premiere is a tall, slender, puppy who is built like a tank. What I mean to say, is he is a strong and muscular dog. At our house, he has the opportunity to run with other dogs all day, which has helped to keep him in peak physical condition. I know what you're thinking, and yes, sometimes he will pull, but a Halti will stop that. I will talk about the Halti later.

Premiere is a loveable Greyhound, though if you have cats, I would not recommend him. He occasionally surfs the counter for goodies to eat, but we are working on this problem and he is getting better at ignoring things on the counter. He loves to play with toys, particularly the ones that squeak. Toys that are soft and fluffy, he will take back to his crate with him. Chew toys are a favorite, as are rawhide bones and soup bones. Pretty much anything he can put in his mouth, chew on, and toss around makes him happy. He is not much for tennis balls or Frisbees, but he is always game for tag and race with the other dogs. He is a very social dog who is non-aggressive with other large dogs and would make a great playmate for someone looking to add to their pack. I would not recommend Premiere being placed with any dog that weighs less than 50 pounds. Any animal that is small and runs fast is fair game in his mind. He is a very prey-driven dog and cannot always help himself. He does come when he is called. He loves his crate and his blanket. He does not shred clothes or sheets, but he will de-stuff his plush toys when given the opportunity. Premiere would probably do well with older children, but I am not sure how he would adapt to babies and toddlers.

Now lets talk about the Halti. A Halti is a kind of harness that fits over the muzzle of the dog, and a strap goes behind the ears. When pulled, it applies pressure on the nose of the dog to halt them without choking or hurting them. You can purchase a Halti from the New England Serum catalog, your veterinarian, and most pet supply stores.

This is a brief description about VG's Premiere. There is, obviously, a lot more to tell about this wonderful and amazing dog. He is a loving, people-oriented, friendly, and cuddly puppy in a very big body. He is looking for someone who will spend time playing with him and allowing him to lay on their couch. If you are interested in adopting Premiere, please contact Greyhound Pets of America for more information.

Ed. Note: Author Anthony Cassetta is 12.5 years old. Hey, kids out there, YOU can, too! We'd love to publish your hound stories! Fiction or non-fiction! Send 'em in!

Once the National Greyhound Coordinator knows about the dogs, he or she will work on a National level to find groups that can take the greyhounds and also arrange for transportation of these dogs.

An 800 number will be in place shortly. The GREAT (The Greyhound Relocation Effort Assistance Team) line will monitored 7 days a week.

The first National Greyhound Coordinator is Rory S. Goree'. Rory lives in Phoenix, AZ with his wife Barbara and 8 greyhounds and 4 cats. Rory has been involved with greyhounds for 10 years as an adoption representative, foster home, and is currently President of Greyhound Pets of America – Arizona and is also our current National Vice President.

GPA is proud to announce the Local Regional Coordinator(s) for the Pensacola area are: Renea Windley of Cantonment, Florida and Skip Bollens of Pensacola Florida.

Renea is one of the founders of Emerald Coast Greyhound Adoption. Renea was President of ECGA when it became a GPA Chapter in 2000, currently Vice President. Competes with her greyhounds in agility and obedience and helps with problem behavior modification training.

Skip Bollens is a retired police officer with K-9 supervisor/handler/trainer experience; public relations and education. Skip is the Training Director for GPA-ECGA for behavior modification. Active in Escambia search and rescue, he also competes in agility and obedience.

Renea and Skip will be responsible for working with trainers, owners and tracks in the Pensacola area. They will also be working with greyhound adoption programs in their area, defining needs, working to meet financial requirements and coordinating greyhound movement on the local level.

Combined with the National Greyhound Coordinator, Regional representatives, and the GREAT phone line, **no one will have an excuse for not trying to get their unneeded greyhounds into an adoption program.**

The National Greyhound Coordinator and Regional Representative will ensure that every possible effort is made to find a loving caring home for each and every greyhound. The combined efforts of these two positions will also allow local adoption programs to concentrate on their jobs, the adoption of greyhounds.

2002 GPA Donations

We are an official non-profit organization. IRS Tax ID# 02-0424800

Want to do something GREYT for your tax return? Donate to GPA-CNHC! -- your donations are tax deductible. The hounds will love you for it!

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I am not donating at this time, but please keep me on the *Greyhound Tails* mailing list.

GPA-CNHC Policy

To all of our members, please be reminded that GPA-CNHC adheres to National GPA Policy and Procedure. The primary objectives are to:

1. Locate responsible, loving homes for greyhounds that fail to qualify, or no longer qualify, for the racetrack.
2. Educate the public about greyhounds, stressing their desirability as pets.

The GPA position is that we are primarily interested in the welfare of the greyhound. We are NOT animal activists, nor an animal rights organization. However, GPA will take appropriate action if we see a greyhound mistreated or abused. We will do what needs to be done to get the abuse stopped as quickly as possible through the proper authorities.

GPA is politically NEUTRAL and is neither pro- nor anti-racing. GPA representatives are required to remain factual on all issues. If engaged in conversation which moves toward negative issues, we can best serve the greyhounds by emphasizing what wonderful pets they make and why. It is possible that upon determination that a member has engaged in conduct materially and seriously prejudicial to the interests or purposes of GPA, they will be terminated from this organization. Thank you all for doing your best to comply with our mission.

Upcoming Events

Reunion Picnic

SEPT 7, 2002 11AM-3:30PM

Rollins Park, Concord, NH

Picnic Lunch, People/Hound Games, Costume Contest, Raffle of many lovely items and services, donated by generous individuals and businesses.

Monthly Events

We hold Meet & Greets, an Open House, and our business meeting each month. Any monthly event that falls on a holiday is cancelled.

Meet & Greets

All Meet & Greets are from 11AM to 3PM.

Each month we have a number of Meet & Greets at various locations throughout the area. If you want to socialize your hound, or just hang out and "talk greyhound" with folks, come join us! Stay for a few minutes, or stay for hours, it's up to you!

Petco **Manchester**: First Saturday of each month

Petco **Portsmouth**: Third Saturday of each month

Petco **Concord**: Last Sunday of each month

Open House

This is when the public can visit our hounds that are ready for adoption, talk greyhound, and apply to adopt. Open House is held at the Woodlawn Kennels in Warner, NH, on the **first Sunday of each month, from 1PM to 3PM.**

Directions: From Concord, take Rt. 89 North to Exit 7. Turn right (east) at the bottom of the ramp onto Rt. 103. After a mile, turn left onto Rt. 127. Then left on Poverty Plains Road. Woodlawn Kennel's Training Center is on the left.

Business Meeting

We'd love to see you at these meetings! Come see what we're up to. Our business meetings are held quarterly, and the next one will be June 15, call Ken Wright (603-225-2175) for the time and location.



Annual Events

Mark Your Calendar!

We also participate in or sponsor several other events during the year. Below is the list as it is now. More details on some items will be available in the future. Call Jodi Nepveau, our events coordinator, to find out the latest plans or to offer your help.

JUNE Blue Seal Demo

A special demo at the Blue Seal Feed Company in Bow, NH. Blue Seal continues to be very generous to our organization, donating food and goodies for raffles, and giving us plenty of PR for this event. Call us for the date and time. Come out and join us!

JULY Dog Days of Summer

A doggie ice cream social at a local ice cream stand that makes special doggie "ice cream." This is usually held in July. A percentage of the proceeds goes to GPA. Call us for the date and time.

SEPT 7 Fun Day Reunion

The annual GPA reunion picnic is great fun for everybody! Food, games, costumes, and shopping!

SEPT 14 NASCAR Winston Cup

We've been invited to share the hospitality tent with a group called "We Love Racing, Too." We'll have NASCAR drivers there, raffles of NASCAR goodies, too. Look for more info in future newsletters.

OCT 6 Pet Expo

The Pet Expo is held in Manchester, NH in late September/early October. Last October marked our second year of participation in this event at the Center of NH. We get a lot of attention there, selling our T-shirts, embroidered polos, sweatshirts, hats, etc.

NOV 23 Holiday Parade, Concord, NH

Usually the Saturday before Thanksgiving. For those of you who are new to this, we walk the parade route with our hounds and a vehicle with our banner on either side. Call us or keep an eye out for details in the newsletter and on our website:

<http://www.gpa-cnhc.org>

APR The Hound Hop

This is one of our two major fundraising events each year. Dinner, dancing, and shopping, of course!



Marsha

By Ben Mosher and Jen Beland-Mosher

Like a whirlwind she entered the room. All we remember is that our faces were dry one moment and dripping with Marsha kisses the next. We had recently purchased a home, primarily for the purpose of adopting a dog. We went to the April GPA Open House, hoping to gather information in preparation for a possible adoption over the summer. We were initially greeted by a number of friendly and beautiful greyhounds, any of which would have made a wonderful addition to our family. Linda presented us with the book of available dogs, and we began to leaf through it. Suddenly, the door opened and in rushed Marsha, heading straight for us. She jumped on our backs and licked our heads until she had fully convinced us to adopt her. At that point, our plans to wait until the summer were thrown out the window. Six days later Marsha was in our home.

Despite her bold entrance into our lives, Marsha has proven to be calm, sweet and extremely lovable. She has adjusted beautifully. She spent the first few days in her new home getting acclimated with her surroundings. We quickly learned that she loves to carry around soft stuffed animals and lie on soft beds. We can generally locate her in the house from the persistent squeaking sounds of her toys. Initially, climbing stairs was not one of her favorite activities. Two weeks, a little bit of patience, and two boxes of treats later, Marsha began to bound up and down the stairs, always in search of something soft to lie on.

As our first home improvement project, we decided to install a fence in our backyard. She instantly created her own track around the perimeter of the fence (our next project will be to plant some more durable grass). We were amazed with her speed and grace as she whizzed through the grass and over the bushes. She quickly learned to play fetch with a tennis ball, and she is currently working to perfect her Frisbee-catching skills. In addition to her backyard romps, she has gradually become the ideal running partner, though every now and then we catch her yawning due to our comparatively slow pace. Though we are exhausted as we return home from our daily run, Marsha always shows us up with a few more sprints around the backyard.

No words can begin to describe the joy that Marsha has brought to our lives. We could not have asked for a more loyal, loving companion. Although we have had her for only a short time, we can't imagine our lives without her. We wholeheartedly recommend the adoption of these wonderful ex-racers and would like to thank Steve and Linda Shepard for their continued support and advice.

These positions are part of our overall 7x7 program which GPA has been working on for the past 6 months and has just recently put into place.

The 7x7 program was created to meet the needs of all of our Chapters and other responsible adoption programs to ensure that by the year 2007, every unneeded greyhound has a home.

1. Designate regional leadership.
This person will be responsible for working with adoption groups, tracks, owners, trainers and identifying the specific needs for the movement and adoption of greyhounds. They will also work to identify financial, training and any other requirements that their respective adoption organizations require.
2. Designate National Greyhound Coordinator.
This person will be responsible for working with the various regional representatives, tracks, owners, and trainers. They will be a resource for finding adoption groups that need greyhounds, and finding transportation of the greyhounds. This person will monitor the GREAT line of which **the number will be made available to all tracks, owners, and trainers.**
3. Locate and create new adoption programs in virgin territory.
The location of 5 new adoption groups has been identified, and two are currently in place. Once the other 3 are completed, another 3-5 areas will be identified in the next 1-2 years. These new groups should be responsible for another increase of 1,600 adoptions yearly.
4. Provide on-site training to GPA chapters.
This program has been put into place. To date, 3 chapters have been visited, and a 50% adoption increase has been attained. This program when completed should help increase the adoptions of greyhounds by 1,878 each year.
5. Provide improved training at GPA National Conference.
This conference is open to all greyhound adoption programs.
6. Open communications with the racing industry and other responsible adoption organizations.
Increase the working relationships between NGA, tracks, trainers, owners and adoption organizations to the greyhound's benefit.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT GPA Vice President, Rory S. Goree' at 602-510-6951 or GPA President, Pat Toman at 503-363-4566. If you can assist with funding, please send donations to: GPA – Treasurer, 6315 Greenvale Lane, Houston, Texas 77066

Featured Hounds



Nolen Lee is a great dog! A snuggler from the start, he is quite affectionate and very trusting, even though he's had quite the journey since last year. He came to GPA-CNHC on a "GUR" (Greyhound Underground Railroad) run from Dubuque, Iowa in November of 2001, when the track there closed for the season. Then he spent three months in our holding kennel at Woodlawn Kennels, because there were no cat-free foster families available. Then he was placed in a nice foster home with one other keen greyhound, and he has been great there. Nolen was adopted by a family that was not ready to accept that life changes a bit when a new member is added to the family, and through *NO fault of his own*, he was returned to GPA-CNHC after only a week. It took two weeks of being back in his foster home before he returned to being his usual happy self after this episode.

Nolen Lee is quite "keen" as they say in Britain. He likes to chase small furry animals. He is on the tall side, and weighs approximately 74 pounds, though he would make a great "kid dog" because he is so trusting and easy-going. When he met the neighbor's 5 yr old daughter, he cleaned her ear and tickled her neck, much to her delight.

Please contact Linda Shepard, toll-free, at 888-507-9597 if you are interested in any of these hounds.



Racer is a loving boy who came to us in September 2001, and was adopted in November 2001. Racer developed a seizure disorder in January 2002, and his adopters decided that they were unable to deal with his illness. When he was returned, we discovered that he was on seizure medication, though not at the maximum dosage for his weight, and he had not been evaluated for thyroid function (low thyroid can contribute to seizure activity). He has since been tested for thyroid, and found to be very hypothyroid. He is now on the maximum dosage of anti-seizure medication and is taking thyroid medication. He is currently able to go for periods of 4 to 6 hours without going outside to urinate, but is unable to "make it" for an entire work day. His foster dad works out of his home, so he will be able to let him out during the day, and monitor this situation.

Racer will not be available for adoption immediately, because we want to be sure we understand his medical condition and get him stabilized before adopting him out. It is possible that our treatment plan will work well and he won't have any more seizures, but we'd like to wait and see.

Racer is a lovely guy; a gorgeous powdered brindle with a white face and chest. His birthday is April of 1999, so he's only 3 years old. He is cat safe, and kid safe; he was living with two cats and a two-year-old child and did great.

Maureen's Mosquito Repellent

by Maureen Nelms

Here is a mixture that I make up for my horses. It keeps away mosquitoes and other insects too. I have used it on the dogs too.

- 1 cup Avon Skin So Soft® bath oil
 - 1 cup white vinegar
 - 5 cc of essential oil of citronella (**DO NOT** use the citronella oil that is used for burning - you need the "Essential Oil" available in health food stores)
 - 1+ cups water
- Mix it all in a spray bottle. Spritz on before going out.

Good for all animals or humans. **Do not get into eyes.** It is slightly oily.
Note: a little bit of Avon SSS® added to bath rinse water repels fleas as well.

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