

# GREYHOUND TAILS

NEWSLETTER FOR GREYHOUND PETS OF AMERICA - CENTRAL NEW HAMPSHIRE  
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Director's Message - May 2011  
Steve Shepard

Welcome to the Spring 2011 edition of the GPA-CNHC newsletter. There are several topics I would like to cover in this message.

The first is to report that The Spring Banquet 2011 was a great success!! The new venue at the Courtyard Marriot Grappone Conference Center in Concord, NH was a nice change of venue for the function. Attendance for the banquet increased this year and I want to thank everyone who attended for supporting our adoption program. Our raffles and silent auctions raised more then \$1,600.00 to support services for the greyhounds we help. A special thank to all of the following companies and individuals that contributed goods or services to the Spring Banquet.

Christopher Marston/Blue Seal Needs & Feeds/3 gift certificates for 40 lb. bags of food\*\*\* Gayle Seip/hand made basket\*\*\* Roberta Curtis/2 gift baskets for raffle table\*\*\* Diane Canfield/3 martingale collars\*\*\* Carolyn Wright/felted Easter bunny and egg\*\*\* Fred Keach/D. McLeods Florist/flowers for table center pieces\*\*\* Wendy Cassetta/Cassetta Critter Care/\$25.00 gift certificate\*\*\* Dan Weed/Weed Family Automotive/\$50.00 gift certificate\*\*\* Steve and Linda Shepard/gift basket for raffle & dog bed\*\*\* Deco Dogs Daycare/gift basket for raffle\*\*\* Sandy Lucero/Kong Company/assorted toys & treats for gift baskets\*\*\* Melanie Osborne, Manager/ PetSmart-Concord, NH/28 toys for welcome bags\*\*\* Jeffrey Ginn, Manager/Aubuchon Hardware/3 large stuffed squeaker toys \*\*\* Heather Johns/Heather Johns Photography/photos for table center pieces & \$75.00 gift\*\*\* Staff/Modern Pharmacy/vitamins & supplements for gift baskets\*\*\* Susan Blakesley/ \$25.00 donation for banquet fund raising\*\*\* Dr. Fiona Reeve/Suncook River Vet. Clinic/grooming mitts, finger brushes, featured speaker\*\*\* Cate Killough & Corey Nunn/working the GPA store at the banquet, statue\*\*\* Laura Morovitz/ embroidered totes & mugs, key fobs\*\*\* Lucy Kline/\$20.00 donation in memory of Janet Heinemann\*\*\* Store Manager/Petco - Concord/pet warming pads\*\*\* Geri and Lew Markow/various items for gift baskets\*\*\* Irene & Len Ullmann/Houndtime Clocks/gift certificate\*\*\* Carol Taylor/Arcadya Salon & Spa/\$50.00 gift certificate\*\*\* K-9 Kaos/ Gift Basket.

The following were recipients of Certificates of Appreciation, at the Spring Banquet. The certificates were presented in recognition of outstanding contributions made to GPA-CNHC in 2010:

Martin Priolo ~~~~ Fiona Reeve, DVM ~~~~~ Pembroke Animal Hosp. ~~~~~ Gae Underhill ~~~~~ Maureen Fadden ~~~~~  
Jeff and Donna Betterini ~~~~~ Lindsay and Scott Westover ~~~~~ Lisa and Geoff Jones ~~~~~ Diane Canfield

The second item to let you know about is the greyhounds that GPA-CNHC placed in 2010. GPA-CNHC placed 15 greyhounds into homes last year. 8 of the greyhounds were new dogs coming into our program and 7 were returned dogs that we found new homes for.

First time placements:

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| 1. Jamin Ben - "Justice"      | The Stephenson Household | Concord, NH    |
| 2. Smokey the Bear - "Smokey" | The Shepard Household    | Hopkinton, NH  |
| 3. BBR Aloha Tiger - "Tiger"  | The Price Household      | Concord, NH    |
| 4. Mana Jam - "Jam"           | The Jones Household      | Amherst, NH    |
| 5. Lunar Express - "Sparrow"  | The Veno Household       | Rochester, NH  |
| 6. Sparrow Song - "Song"      | The Westover Household   | Hopkinton, NH  |
| 7. CDC Lil - "Yellow"         | The Murdock Household    | Chichester, NH |
| 8. Cherry Tree - "Cherry"     | The Finck Household      | Greenfield, MA |

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Returned dogs placed:

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| 1. Aesche - "Ash"              | The Wronkowski Household | Concord, NH         |
| 2. Armando - "Armando"         | The Pitsh Household      | Manchester, NH      |
| 3. Jacks Jetta - "Jack"        | The Burns Household      | Hillsborough, NH    |
| 4. Aljo Boot Scootin - "Boots" | The Chester Household    | Exeter, NH          |
| 5. PA Daleys Jet - "Jet"       | The Norris Household     | Manchester, NH      |
| 6. C's Angie - "Angie"         | The Markow Household     | Cntr. Barnstead, NH |
| 7. S.S. Jacks - "Max"          | The Adams Household      | Raymond, NH         |

Placement numbers for 2010 are down from previous years but that is a national trend reflecting the tough economic times we are working through currently. I believe GPA-CNHC should feel very good about what we accomplished last year for placements. I am particularly pleased about our success in placing the older returned greyhounds that have come into our program. Thank you to all of the families that adopted a greyhound in 2010! Thank you to all of the families that fostered the greyhounds placed in 2010, we can not do this without your help, thank you!!!

The third item is to let you know about some of the most recent activities that GPA-CNHC has been working on. Last month our chapter made a significant cash donation of \$5,000.00 to GPA National. This donation was directed to The Emily Griffin Injury Fund, this donation will help fund special medical needs expenses for greyhounds awaiting adoption in various chapters of GPA.

Also our chapter recently established an Outreach Fund. The Outreach Fund has been established so our chapter will be ready and able to assist various adoption groups cope with track closures and other emergencies that are lurking on the horizon for the greyhounds.

Recently GPA-CNHC received two senior greyhounds into our program that were originally placed by agencies that are now closed. Both of these greyhounds were in need of medical attention. Deco Gregman - "Greg" 11 years old and "Becky" 10  $\frac{1}{2}$  years old have had their needed medical attention and are being fostered at Steve and Linda Shepard's home. I am pleased that GPA-CNHC is in a financial position to be able to help when greyhounds like Becky and Greg are in need. I believe we should all be proud of what our chapter of GPA has been able to provide to the greyhounds that have entered our program.

Thank you to all of you who have made it possible for GPA-CNHC to be in a position to help the greyhounds we all love.

Happy Spring to all of you!

Steve Shepard - Director/Treasurer

### "What is your new adopted greyhound thinking?"

This breed has never been asked to do anything for itself, make any decisions or answer any questions. It has been waited on, paw and tail. The only prohibition in a racing Greyhound's life is not to get into a fight-----  
---or eat certain stuff in the turn out pen.

Let us review a little. From weaning until you go away for schooling at probably a year and a half, you eat, grow and run around with your siblings. When you go away to begin your racing career, you get your own "apartment," in a large housing development. No one is allowed in your bed but you, and when you are in there, no one can touch you, without plenty of warning.

Someone hears a vehicle drive up, or the kennel door being unlocked. The light switches are flipped on. The loudmouths in residence, and there always are some, begin to bark or howl. You are wide awake by the time the human opens your door to turn you out. A Greyhound has never been touched while he was asleep.

You eat when you are fed, usually on a strict schedule. No one asks if you are hungry or what you want to eat. You are never told not to eat any food within your reach. No one ever touches your bowl while you are eating. You are not to be disturbed because it is important you clean your plate.

You are not asked if you have to "go outside." You are placed in a turn out pen and it isn't long before you get the idea of what you are supposed to do while you are out there. Unless you really get out of hand, you may chase, rough house and put your feet on everyone and every thing else. The only humans you know are the "waiters" who feed you, and the "restroom attendants" who turn you out to go to the bathroom. Respect people? Surely you jest.

No one comes into or goes out of your kennel without your knowledge. You are all seeing, all knowing. There are no surprises, day in and day out. The only thing it is ever hoped you will do is win, place or show, and that you don't have much control over. It is in your blood, it is in your heart, it is in your fate--or it is not.

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## Featuredhound



### Kiss Red Skyline

Kiss is a very sweet 3 year old female. She has a lot of puppy left in her and loves to play. She is very smart, loves people and is fine with medium and larger dogs but prefers a home without kitties. If you would like to meet Kiss please stop by our open house or give us a call.

### **"What is your new adopted greyhound thinking? Con't**

And when it is not, then suddenly you are expected to be a civilized person in a fur coat. But people don't realize you may not even speak English. Some of you don't even know your names, because you didn't need to. You were not asked or told to do anything as an individual; you were always part of the "condo association," the sorority or fraternity, and everyone did everything together, as a group or pack. The only time you did anything as an individual is when you schooled or raced, and even then, you were not alone.

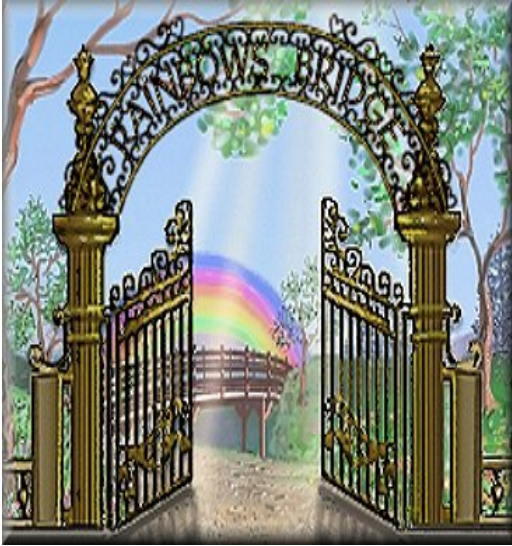
Suddenly, he is expected to behave himself in places he's never been taught how to act. He is expected to take responsibility for saying when he needs to go outside, to come when he is called, not to get on some or all of the furniture, and not to eat food off counters and tables. He is dropped in a world that is not his, and totally without warning, at that.

Almost everything he does is wrong. Suddenly he is a minority. Now he is just a pet. He is unemployed, in a place where people expect him to know the rules and the schedule, even when there aren't any. (How many times have you heard someone say, "He won't tell me when he has to go out." What kind of schedule is that?) Have you heard the joke about the dog who says, "My name is No-No Bad Dog. What's yours?" To me that is not even funny. All the protective barriers are gone. There is no more warning before something happens. There is no more strength in numbers. He wakes up with a monster human face two inches from his. (With some people's breath, this could scare Godzilla.) Why should he not, believe that this "someone," who has crept up on him, isn't going to eat him for lunch? (I really do have to ask you ladies to consider how you would react if someone you barely knew crawled up on you while you were asleep. No, I will not ask for any male input.)

Now he is left alone, for the first time in his life, in a strange place, with no idea of what will happen or how long it will be before someone comes to him again. If he is not crated, he may go through walls, windows or over fences, desperately seeking something familiar, something with which to reconnect his life. If he does get free, he will find the familiarity, within himself: the adrenaline high, the wind in his ears, the blood pulsing and racing through his heart once again--until he crashes into a car.

Often, the first contact with his new family is punishment, something he's never had before, something he doesn't understand now, especially in the middle of the rest of the chaos. And worst of all, what are the most common human reactions to misbehavior? We live in a violent society, where the answer to any irritation is a slap, punch, kick, whip, or rub your nose in it. Under these circumstances, sometimes I think any successful adoption is a miracle. Con't page 8

# The Rainbow Bridge



Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge.

There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together.

There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by.

The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; his eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together.

Author unknown...



"Handsome" Hogan Gibbs

5/2/2004 - 12/17/2010

Hogan was an ex-racer adopted by our family with his foster mate, Shelby, 3 years ago. Our first greyhounds, they proved to be wonderful dogs and quickly adapted to their new home. He was a large, impending looking dog with the heart of a gentle giant. He had a bounty of toys, loved to run and go for walks, and even go to the vet's office because the staff made such a big deal over him, making him feel like a rock star. He and Shelby were inseparable.

Hogan was a wonderful pet who liked nothing more than be around people and other dogs, regardless of breed. We live by a farm and he would "meet" the horses and donkeys. We raise chickens, but he never once made any attempt to chase them. He had the personality of a curious child; wanting to please and receive love (and a treat!). He couldn't walk on shiny floors, nor could he comprehend stairs. When he ran, at 87 pounds, he sounded like a galloping horse; the broken leg from the track never deterring him from keeping up with his "sister", pained or not.

Two years after we had them, Hogan developed seizures and, due to his age, it was most likely a brain tumor. We tried several medications, however as the seizures increased, his personality changed and his physical health deteriorated. After a very long grand mal seizure, we made the decision many of us dread, but must face.

We had him put to sleep at home, on his bed, with my wife stroking his back, referring to him as "Handsome", our in-house rock star, as he went to sleep. Following the procedure, I carried him to the vet's car and said my goodbye. That was my honor. We know we gave him a great quality of life and can rest easy with that thought.

He was a wonderful pet who we enjoyed and when the time is right, we'll begin looking for another adoptee, but for now, Shelby is getting used to getting a lot of attention, so we'll let her have it all for now. They are the best dogs we've ever owned and strongly support both the GPA-CNHC and HfH organizations.

Fred and Tricia Gibbs



# Exercising your greyhound

From GPA National web site

Your greyhound will spend most of his time indoors relaxing and laying around. He needs to burn off this conserved energy with a run in the yard, a nice walk or a burst of energy up and down your hallway. Greyhounds need at least an hour of exercise per day. Although backyard exercise is perfectly acceptable, daily walks provide more mental and physical stimulation for your dog and help build a bond of trust between you and your new pet.

Your living space will be a big factor when evaluating your dog's exercise needs. If you live in an apartment, small house, or condo with no yard, your dog will need around 2-3 short walks per day and 1-2 long walks. Your greyhound will also enjoy a good run in a completely enclosed fenced area a couple of times a week.

The age and condition of your greyhound will also determine the type of activity you can engage him in. A senior greyhound may be not as eager to join in romping with other dogs, but will love a nice quiet walk with just the two of you - he still wants to be part of your life even though he is slowing down.

Greyhounds are sprinters, not distance runners, so if you intend to run long distances with your dog, start with a one-mile jog and slowly increase the distance. A long run can be detrimental to your greyhound's health if he is not conditioned.

Whether it is jogging or walking, make sure to monitor your greyhound for signs of fatigue or overheating. Heat exhaustion is common in dogs. It can happen in your backyard, or on a walk. New environments and areas can be exciting to your greyhound and he can easily overdo it. Always carry a bottle of water in case your dog gets overheated. Dogs cool themselves by panting. If panting does not adequately reduce the body temperature of your dog, he will develop heat stroke. Look for signs such as heaving sides, heavy panting, vomiting and wooziness while standing. If this happens, give your greyhound small amounts of water at a time so he does not vomit it back up. Apply cold, wet towels or cloths and walk him slowly to cool him down. Immediately call a vet. If you can, take your dog's temperature. If your dog has heat stroke every second counts and it is imperative that you act quickly.

Never walk your dog in the heat. Early morning and evening walks are the safest times to walk your pet during the warm weather season. If the sidewalk is too hot for you to walk barefoot, it is too hot for your dog to walk on. Greyhounds are also prone to sunburn. Gentle sunscreens made for children can be applied to your greyhound's skin, but it is best to keep your dog in the shade whenever possible.

Wait at least an hour after your greyhound has eaten before engaging him in any kind of physical exercise to protect against bloat or indigestion. Bloat is a condition affecting mainly large-breed dogs where the intestines become twisted and blocked. Symptoms can include pacing, restlessness, a swollen stomach, and attempts to vomit. This medical condition is extremely serious and will require emergency veterinary care. A nice short leash-walk after a meal is fine.

## Summer Hints for Greyhounds

Submitted by Nacee Kerstetter & Raider

As the summer months are now in full swing, our concerns for our hounds change direction. Instead of ice, snow and winter woes, we have now arrived at the time of year when insects come into play. Here are a few items I would like to share.

\*\*\*\* Bee Stings. Last year our Jetta Sue was stung by a yellow jacket. These bees can sting several times and still live. Other bees like honey bees sting once and die, some wasps and hornets can sting many times as well. When Jetta was stung, we immediately gave her Benadryl. Because she was stung in several places, I rushed her to the ER Vet for evaluation. Luckily, Jetta did not have an allergic reaction. However, the vet informed me that if Jetta had had an allergic reaction it would have been within 30 seconds and the only thing I could have done would have been to give her one of the "bee sting injections" out of an emergency kit. If you know or suspect your grey may have been stung give Benadryl (one tablet for up to 60 lbs, 2 tablets for over that) and rush them to the vet. If you know your grey is allergic, ask your vet to prescribe a "bee sting emergency kit" for you to keep at home. The most important areas of concern or the mouth, eyes and ingestion of a multi sting bee (they can keep stinging all the way down the esophagus and cause swelling which then cuts off the airway

\*\*\*\* Mulch. Mulch seems pretty harmless unless you are using the "red cocoa mulch" which was so popular last year. This product is made from the husk of the cocoa tree which is what produces CHOCOLATE. If any of this red mulch is ingested, it acts just like a chocolate candy bar and can cause upset stomachs, seizures even death.

\*\*\*\* Poisonous Plants. I love Dieffenbachia, philodendron, and other pretty plants. They are deadly to greyhounds and other pets. If you go to the National Poison Control web site, you can get the entire list of plants that are hazardous to your animals.

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## Summer Hints con't

\*\*\*\* Fertilizer/Weed Killer. We all want beautiful plants and grass. Don't forget your greyhound(s) when you are working in your yard and garden. Keep in mind that some lawn care products can be hazardous to your hounds. If you have a lawn care service, please ask them what types of fertilizers and pest sprays they use. Most chemicals today are safe for pets, but remember that our hounds have much thinner skin and can get sicker faster if subjected to strong doses of even safe chemicals. Your hound may not ingest any chemicals directly from your landscape, but a dog licking its paws can unwittingly dose itself with the chemical it walked in.

Also, be aware of the types of specialized products you are using. For instance, although some lawn fertilizers are safe, some products used for specific garden applications could mean a dose of poison for a greyhound. Reports have been published recently of greyhounds dying when they ate snail bait spread around the base of plants in the garden

\*\*\*\* Garden Tools and Lawn Furniture. This one hurts deeply. Several years ago a friend was cleaning up her yard. She had her wheelbarrow out for the debris she was gathering. She thought it would be nice to have the dogs out in the yard with her. The dogs began playing and suddenly her 10 year old grey streaked by and impaled itself on the handles of her wheelbarrow. Another adopter last summer lost her greyhound when she ran full speed into the corner of a concrete bench. Remember that your hounds can reach speeds up to 35-49 MPH in three strides. That speed is enough to turn a harmless tool handle into a death sentence for a grey. The same applies to garden tools with points. No matter how careful you are, the possibility is always there.

\*\*\*\* Water Hoses. Seems safe enough, right? Have you ever felt the water coming out of a hose that sat in the sun for a few hours? It can be hot enough to burn your skin not to mention the tender mouth tissue of any person or animal. Another concern with hoses are the loops can get caught around skinny necks and in trying to get away can be twisted and tighten until the dog literally hangs itself.

\*\*\*\* Ice Cold Water/Ice cubes. For years we gave our dogs ice cubes. When we attended dog shows, breeders and owners always gave their dogs ice cubes after coming out of the ring to cool them off, until, one dog ate ice cubes last year and it caused the stomach to twist and the dog died of bloat before it could reach medical treatment. Unusual, maybe, but until this event, I thought nothing of giving ice to our kids. It seemed that the dogs body temperature on the inside was very high and the affect from the ice was the same as giving the dog a drink of water or food before or after running. It produced an atmosphere to allow gas to build up and the intestines twisted.

\*\*\*\* Feeding and Watering. I am sure we all know not to feed or water our greyhounds or any dog one hour before or one hour after they eat, but it is worth repeating. Always make sure you dog has access to water when outside on a hot day.

\*\*\*\* Heat Exhaustion/Heat Stroke. \*\*\*\* Do you know the difference?

Heat Stroke is an emergency! Saliva is thick and tenacious and the dog vomits frequently, fainting or unconsciousness. Rectal temps are high often over 106 degrees. If untreated the dog becomes unsteady, staggers, has diarrhea which is often bloody, becomes weaker. Brain damage, coma and death can occur.

Heat Exhaustion: Excessive panting, skin inside the ears becomes flushed and red, weakness, staggering. If left untreated can become heat stroke

Treatments are the same for both. DON'T wait for vet treatment; start at once. Cool the dog's body with cool wet towels or hose the dog with cool water. Apply an ice pack to the dogs head. Remove the dog to a cool place. Continue treatment until your dog's temperature reaches normal (102-103 degrees). Transport to vet as soon as the dog's temperature is stabilized. This is the most dangerous problem we face in summer. Our kids do not have the body fat or the fur to protect them from the sun's heat. We must be vigilant.

\*\*\*\* Pools. I know someone has to have a pool in the group. Greyhounds are not great swimmers. Some may be able to paddle around but on the whole they can not swim or float. There is no body fat to keep them afloat. If you have an in ground pool, be sure to take your dog into the water with you and show them how to get out. Show them where the steps are located, teach them that if they fall in the deep end they can walk to the shallow end and get out. For those with above ground pools, you need to have extra vigilance that your ladder is not left down. I know a lady who was painting her house trim on a ladder. She felt movement on the ladder and looked down to see her greyhound beginning to climb up the ladder behind her. They are smart and watch everything we do so take care.

\*\*\*\* Have a Greyt Safe Summer! \*\*\*\*

~~~~ GPA Annual Reunion ~~~~

We have started planning our fall reunion. We will be doing something a bit different this year. Instead of hamburger & hotdogs, we will have sandwiches from Nadeau's. There will be a variety of platters, with vegetables and condiments on the side. ~~~~ If anyone would like to donate some food items (deserts; salads; etc.) or volunteer to help with set up; clean up or the games; please email the director; events coordinator or call or toll free number. Thank you !!!

# Conversations with Bill

By Lari Parsons and Fly Bye Bill

Bill lives with Lori and her husband Michael, 2 skin kids and 4 other dogs.

Bill raced 157 times at West Palm Beach. He has some quirks but that only makes him more lovable. Not only is he a finicky eater, he is linoleum intolerant and is afraid of riding.

Lori has been documenting his eating habits in an ongoing thread on GreyTalk and has allowed me to share their conversations.

January 17, 2011

Me:( Typing on Computer I feel hot breath on the back of my neck)

Bill: (whispering) You ordered me some didn't you.

Me: Ordered you what?

Bill: I have a Gotcha day next week and you just got back from leaving me for a week so you're feeling guilty.

Me: So.

Bill: You just ordered them didn't you.

Me: I don't know what you are talking about.

Bill:(walking away) I know and I know you know I know.  
So now we both know.

Me: (shaking my head and grinning)

January 24, 2011

Me: Bill it's time for dinner and I have your favorite!

Bill:OH BOY SKETTI!

Me: No I got you some of "THEM"!

Bill: But I smell sketti!

Me: Daddy and I are having spaghetti.

Bill: What about me?

Me: BILL I got you your favorite!

Bill: But I like sketti to! If you love me and since it's my Gotcha Day, which is as good an excuse as any, you'll let me have some sketti.

Me: (SIGH) Just a minute.

Bill: (staring in anticipation and drooling)

Me : Here! Happy Gotcha Day!

Bill: HOLY COW!! Lady you must REALLY love me!

Me: You are just now figuring this out after 7 years?

Bill: I've always known but Lady THIS is the ultimate!

Me: You got that right! Who else would EVER serve you spaghetti and pinkies?! (Editor's Note... you don't want to know what pinkies are!)

January 29, 2011

Bill: Hey Lady!

Me: What?

Bill: What's the big idea?

Me: About what?

Bill: You've done this 2 days in a row!

Me: Done what?

Bill: Mixed the good stuff in the kibble.

Me: Oh THAT! What's your problem?

Bill: You mixed it all up! Why?

Me: So you couldn't pick "the good stuff" out and leave everything else in the bowl. If you want "the good stuff" you have to eat everything else.

Bill: That's playing dirty.

Me: Well it has another purpose as well.

Bill: Oh yeah?

Me: YUP! Since I started mixing some kibble into your diet, which you seem to like by the way...

Bill: So.

Me: So you seem to also delight in shoveling it out all over the floor and scattering it around!

Bill: A hounds gotta have some fun.

Me: Well it's a mess and I am tired of cleaning it up.

Bill: So why are you cleaning it up? I am sure someone would be happy to clean it up for you.

Me: They already had their dinner I don't want them eating yours to and getting fat.

Bill: And it's ok for me to get fat?

Me: No chance of that happening. You don't eat half of it.

Bill: I eat the good half.

Me: What's wrong with the other half/

Bill: It's the LEFTover half.

Me: I walked right into that one didn't I?

Bill: You sure did!

January 30, 2011

Me: Bill hurry up and eat please.

Daytona:( from the LR) I'm done I need to go out.

Me: Just a minute while...

Daytona:(squatting)

Me : NO!! Bill I have to move you to Sheana's crate to finish. Come on Daytona the doors open. Bill in the crate.

Sheana: (crunch,crunch) Bill I found one!

Bill: Swallow fast!

Me: Drop it!

Sheana:( swallow)

Me:( pointing and shaking my finger at Bill) BILL!!

Sheana:(crunch) I found another one!

Bill: Swallow!

Me : NO!!

(Scratching at the door)

Daytona: I'm done. Let me in.

Me: Some days it just doesn't pay to get out of bed!!

Bill: I totally agree. Let me out of this crate and we can both go back to bed.



## "What is your new adopted greyhound thinking?" Con't

He is, in effect, expected to have all the manners of at least a six-year old child. But, how many of you would leave an unfamiliar six-year old human alone and loose in your home for hours at a time and not expect to find who knows what when you got back? Consider that if you did, you could be brought up on charges of child abuse, neglect and endangerment. Yet, people do this to Greyhounds and this is often the reason for so many returns.

How many dogs have been returned because they did not know how to tell the adopter when they had to go out? How many for jumping on people, getting on furniture, counter surfing, separation anxiety, or defensive actions due to being startled or hurt (a/k/a growling or biting)? So, let's understand: Sometimes it is the dog's "fault" he cannot fit in. He is not equipped with the social skills of a six-year old human but you can teach him. With love.

From Kathleen Gilley

**Editors note:** For many years Kathleen and Gil Gilley entertained at GH events throughout North America with the Gilley Girls Dancing Greyhound Team. Sadly Kathleen suddenly passed away earlier this year. Even though we were never fortunate to have them perform for us at our reunion, we thank them for their years of devotion to GH's.  
<http://dancinggreyhound.com/home>





The fire that feels great!  
Cudabenacontenda lives with The Lando's and has the life of Riley. He spends his winters on Long Island and summers on the lake in N.H.

**\*\*\*\* Help Wanted \*\*\*\***

We would like to thank our dedicated volunteers that give us a day of their free time each month to work at a Meet and Greet at either Petco or Little Critters.

We have had a couple of volunteers that have had to suspend their M&G locations due to personal and family responsibilities.

GPA-CNHC has 4 pet store locations open for M&G's. Petco locations are Dover; Salem and Plaistow, NH. Also Little Critters in Raymond, NH. If anyone would be interested in holding M&G's in these locations, please contact the director; events coordinator or call our toll free number.



**SUCCESS**

The one with the most frosty paws - wins.

**Things We Can Learn From Our Dogs**

- Run, Romp, and play daily.
- If you want what lies buried, dig until you find it.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joy ride.
- Take naps and stretch before rising.

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He who learns fast, gets fewer treats.

-- Moose

**Dog Pet Peeves**



LET'S GO!

Taking me for a walk, then not letting me check stuff out!  
Exactly whose walk is this anyway?

**Dog Pet**



Peeves

STRESSED!

Any trick that involves balancing food on my nose. Stop it!



OBVIOUSLY,  
YOU HAVE ISSUES

The slight of hand, fake fetch throw. You fooled a dog! WhoooooooHooooooo - what a proud moment for the top of the food chain.



## 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:

- Locate responsible, loving homes for greyhounds that fail to qualify, or no longer qualify for the racetrack.
- 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 the organization. Thank you all for doing your best to comply with our mission.



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