

GREYHOUND TAILS

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From the Directors Chair,

It's been said, and correctly I might add, that no two humans are exactly alike. This also can be said, and it be true, about Greyhounds. Working with the GPA-CNHCA I have met a myriad of Greyhounds. We have had quite the bevy at "Chateau Donna & Jeff." Some still with us, waiting for that golden moment of adoption to "forever family" status. Others spend only a few short days until that lucky day comes.

But no matter how individual these, "45 mph couch potatoes" are, one thing remains constant and uniform. Every Greyhound eats! What we, as owners or as foster care providers, feed our hounds can differ from home to home. Be it "Brand I", "Brand P" or "Brand W" isn't the subject I'm writing about today. Neither is the fact that we feed them. What I want to talk about is what they feed themselves!

How many of us have a Greyhound or Greyhounds that have a steady diet of household items? These curious, counter surfing collectors of forbidden treasures can have an appetite for anything from A to Z. I'll prove it!

- A- Aluminum foil used to wrap up something roasted in the oven.
- B- Breakfast cereal isn't just for breakfast any more.
- C- Canned goods open on a counter or table. Sometimes they aren't yet open when the score is made.
- D- Dining room furniture can become fodder for some Greyhounds. This can prove expensive and infuriating.
- E- Educational material. There is something to that age-old excuse, "Teacher, the dog ate my homework".
- F- Fire wood.

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From the Editor,

Happy New Year to all of our readers. I hope the holidays for all were a happy and joyful time with family and friends; that Santa and Hanukkah Harry were very good to you all!

On behalf of GPA-CNHCA, I would like to thank everyone who were able to send us a donation since our last issue was printed. We know how tight finances are during the holidays, adding to that the uncertain and unstable financial issues world wide. That you were willing and able to help us out, we thank you.

The group's finances will continue to be tight until our biggest fundraiser of the year, Seabrook Poker Nights in September.

We have our Annual Spring Banquet coming up April 4th. It will be held at the Puritan Backroom in Manchester, NH. Seating will be limited to 100. You should receive a card before this newsletter reaches you. The GPA Store will be there. The entertainment will be 2 comedians who have played Vegas. There will also be a raffle. As always, we are accepting donations for the raffle. It doesn't have to be Greyhound or even dog related. Many times we combine smaller items into one basket. If you have items you would like to donate, please contact the event coordinator Colleen, to arrange pick up or delivery. Colleen@gpa-cnhc.org

Our Annual Reunion normally held in September will be moved up to August 30th. It will still be held at Rollins Park in Concord, NH.

We have a number of GH's who have been in the system for a while. Some are returns through no fault of their own. Victims of divorce, families that have moved and were unable to take their dog with them. Adding to that is the current economic crisis of home foreclosures and job loss.

Although we get calls all winter to take in GH's who are being retired, calls will really start in earnest with the area tracks starting to gear up for another racing season. Many trainers will hold onto dogs entering retirement to bring them north for one of the N.E. groups to take them.

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Featured hounds

Daytuna

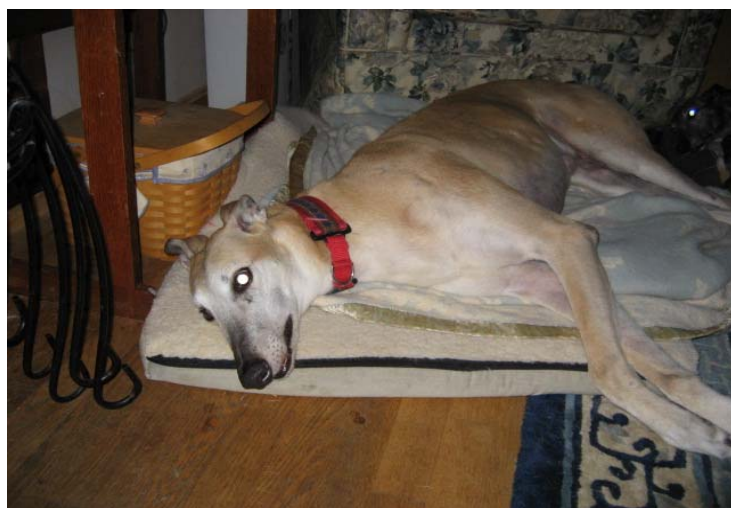


Daytuna (Charlie) is a 4-year-old fawn male. He would prefer to be in a home without cats

'Charlie' enjoys being with his other grey friends. He always likes to be the one on the couch next to us when we watch TV. He especially follows me around all the time.

He would prefer not to be in a crate, but I would not leave him at home without a muzzle (just in case). Daytuna's only flaw (besides not being cat safe) is he gets carsick. We are still working on finding a solution for this. When Daytuna plays, he likes to playbite and therefore would be better with older children. He does have previous home experience and does stairs extremely well. As a matter of fact, he likes to sit at the top of the stairs and wait for us to go down with him.

SR's Ken



Ken is a 7-year-old male. He would prefer not to live with cats.

Hi there, I'm Ken. I'm a pretty easy going guy. I'm actually kind of goofy and LOVE to dance with my toys.

I like to smell the roses by the front steps and go for a nice walk. I have one eye that doesn't see too well, but that's alright because my other one is fine.

I'm in a wonderful foster home with other dogs right now. I get along with them fine. But I REALLY want a family to call my own! I'm a big guy with a huge heart waiting to love my new home.



Mana Jam

Jam is a 6-year-old dark brindle male. He has lived with cats and small dogs and would rather not be crated.

My name is Jam and I just turned 6 on November 6th. I have lived in a home before but couldn't stay because my owners had to move.

I'm having a great time at my foster home, but for my birthday I was hoping I'd have a home of my own. Hopefully Santa will make my wish come true and I'll have a home of my own soon.

I'm living with 7 other GH's and we have a lot of fun together. I can do stairs without a problem. I've even learned some tricks since my retirement.

My family left me with a dowry of toys and things, so don't forget to ask for them!

From the Director's Chair con't

G- Graham crackers are a desirable little packaged snack that goes very quickly.

H- Heels on shoes. Heels, laces, uppers... Nothing in footwear is safe.

I- Icing on cake gets lap licked faster than you can say, NOOOooooooooo!"

J- Jewelry has been known to be eaten, or at least chewed up around here.

K- Knitting supplies like yarn skeins and even finished items can become playthings.

L- Lumbar support cushions are just ripe to be unstuffed.

M- Macaroni noodles can wind up an unexpected crunchy treat if you let your guard down.

N- Nylon hosiery can quickly become a "pull toy". These actually pose a danger if ingested.

O- Olive oil has been targeted on a few occasions.

P- Pajamas are light and fluffy things to dust around and proudly display carried in the mouth and cuddled with. You'll likely never wear them again after a Greyhound attack.

Q- Queen to Greyhounds mouth won! Chess figures don't stand a chance around a Greyhound that likes to chew things. Once the Grey has it, they've won and you've lost!

R- Ribbon on a roll or on a gift can prove too tempting to pass up for a Greyhound. You'll likely have festive looking spaghetti once a hound gets into it.

S- Shirts. Need I say more?

T- Throw rugs often become the playthings of Greyhounds. They play and we throw them out after they are done. Keeps the economy going I guess.

U- I can't tell you how many times I've found my undergarments some place they really had no business being. I can't seem to fold the laundry fast enough around here.

V- Velour anything

W- Watches. "Bennyated" is now a popular term in the jewelry store I work at. This stems from the \$800.00 watch, gold cross and chain and sterling silver baby cup our Greyhound Benny has chewed up.

X- I suppose x-ray films could be attacked if left with the right dog in the right place.

Y- That "Yves Saint Laurent" handbag is fair game if you leave it where they can get it.

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Z- Zippers! For some odd reason the Greyhounds around here love nothing better than to chew off the zippers from the bedding covers. I hope they never get to my dress trousers or I'll be in big trouble!

For GPA-CNHC, I am Director Reverend Jeffrey Betterini

From the Editor con't

While we would like to help them and find it difficult to say no, we are forced to say no more times than not. Until we are able either to adopt out some of the dogs that are already in the system or are able to find more foster homes, we will be forced to say no.

Please don't let these dogs age fool you. Most are still in the system because they are not small animal friendly. With a life expectancy of 12 to 14 years, they still have a lot of living to do. At the Open House, they may not be the young bouncy showoffs that call attention to themselves. They quietly stand there and wait their turn for attention. Once they are home, things are usually different. They can be very active with silly personality quirks. I should know, I have 2 of these types at home. Matt is as silly and goofy at 8 ½ as he was at 4. He will jump up and give kisses if I'm not watching him. He rears and stomps the floor when it's meal time. Buddy is 10 and is very active as well. I can't prepare their food without him at my heels. He's always the first to lick the plates when I'm finished eating my food. A soon as it looks like I'm done..he's there. There's a lot of life left in these old (?) guys.

Quality Time

From Three Dog Bakery

Dogs who must spend inordinate amounts of time alone become depressed, lonely, bored, and destructive. Consider enrolling your dog in day care or hiring someone to come in and play with her a few times a week. Perhaps think about getting a pet for your pet! A second dog will provide companionship and stimulation to a home-alone dog. In any event, be sure to spend a good, solid amount of time each day with your dog.

I've seen a look in dogs' eyes, a quickly vanishing look of amazed contempt, and I am convinced that dogs' think humans are nuts.

John Steinbeck

GREYHOUND PETS of AMERICA - Central NH Chapter
is *pleased* to announce their
ANNUAL SPRING DINNER
APRIL 4, 2009 - 6pm at the
Puritan Conference Center in Manchester, NH



**Featuring Entertainment by
Actor / Comedian Sharon Simon
& Comedian Hilery Schwartz**

As always, a wonderful *dinner*, plenty of greyhound items to buy, splendid raffle prizes INCLUDING 1 item of substantial value, and of course the incomparable "Greyhound people" camaraderie awaits you. Tickets are \$25.00 per person.

Tickets are limited to 100 guests—don't miss this special event—reserve your tickets today!

Check out our website for more information www.gpa-cnhc.org or CALL 888-507- 9597 and leave a message or email our events coordinator at events_coordinator@gpa-cnhc.org, or at director@gpa-cnhc.org.

Help Needed

GPA-CNHC would like to find volunteers to take over the M&G at Concord Petco. The volunteers who have been doing it for a number of years have had to stop.

We would need one person who would be the lead at that store. It would require being there from start to finish. Right now it is the 4th Sunday of the month from 12-3. With Petco's permission, that time and day may be able to be changed.

We supply the M&G kit and supplies. The lead would be in charge of bringing the kit to Petco, setup and break down at the end. This person would also be the liaison for GPA with Concord Petco management.

Also wanted would be a few volunteers who would be willing to help out. Maybe not the entire day, whatever you could manage to fit in.

We realize this is a major commitment and we would appreciate any help you could offer. Please contact Colleen at events_coordinator@gpa-cnhc.org if you would like to volunteer.

Greyhound Events 2009

With spring just around the corner, it's time to plan for the many GH events that take place in N.E. Starting with our Spring Benefit dinner in April, there is something going on almost every month.

Greyhound Adoption Service will be having their annual reunion May 9th at the Westford 4H Fairgrounds. Check their web site often for more details. <http://www.greycanine.com/>

May is usually one of 2 Open House weekends for Greyhound Friends. This year's spring dates are May 16 & 17.

<http://www.greyhound.org/>

Maine Greyhound Placement will have at least one Open House weekend during the year. No dates have been set yet.

<http://www.greyhoundplacement.com/>

June 12, 13 and 14 will see another Greyhound Adoption weekend at Wonderland and Raynham GH Parks in MA. Word just out is that Seabrook will be joining in with activities on Sunday. A Fun Run is scheduled for Friday afternoon at Wonderland and in the AM before the days races at Seabrook.

In early August NH Greyhound Placement has their annual reunion. Dates still to be determined.

<http://www.gpstopdog.org/>

GPA-CNHC will be having our annual reunion August 30th. Rollins Park Concord, NH

For those who don't mind traveling, there are 3 events within a days drive.

April 24, 25 and 26 you could drive to Gettysburg, PA for GIG (Greyhound Invade Gettysburg)

<http://www.trianglegreyhound.org/gig/preregistration.php>

July 24, 25 and 26 you can tour NY's wine country for Grapehounds. Although in the same general area, the tour will at a new location, Seneca Lake. Check for updates <http://www.grapehounds.com/>

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ADOPTION UPDATES

On Christmas Eve 2005, I adopted Rufus, a three-year-old red brindle male, and Ash, a two-year-old sable female. I've attached some pictures; feel free to use any of them you like if you want to put them in the newsletter.

Rufus is deeply loving, despite not being the brightest bulb in the chandelier. He still has some separation anxiety, so he still follows me around a lot, but is much better than he was three years ago. It's a good thing I work from home...

Ash is just as loving as Rufus, but she remains very shy (she was apparently abused at the track she came from, as she was not a successful racer). She continues to learn that not every human (especially not every human male) is bad.

Everyone in my neighborhood here in semi-rural west central Vermont loves both Rufus and Ash; they are great favorites with all the kids AND the retired postman who lives across the road! In our small town, I am now known as "The Greyhound Lady"... We also have four cats, all of whom are just fine with the hounds because Rufus and Ash are completely aware that cats are at the top of the power pyramid and dogs are at the bottom. Rufus does like the little round cat beds (which the cats don't use because of course they're up on my bed) -- it's amazing to see how an 84-lb. greyhound can fold himself up like a telescope to sleep on a cat bed!!

Last summer I took Rufus & Ash with me on a driving vacation down to Kentucky to visit a friend who lives on 10 acres outside Lexington. The hounds adored my friend's dogs (a vizsla and a pit bull) and all four canines spent a fabulous week romping and playing and patrolling the perimeter fencing while my friend and I oohed and aahed at horses.

Having greyhounds that need to be walked four times a day (no fenced yard) has resulted in my losing about 60 pounds over the last few years. So there's another good thing about being a greyhound owner. In any and all weathers, the three of us are out there, walking a total of about 2 - 3 miles every day.

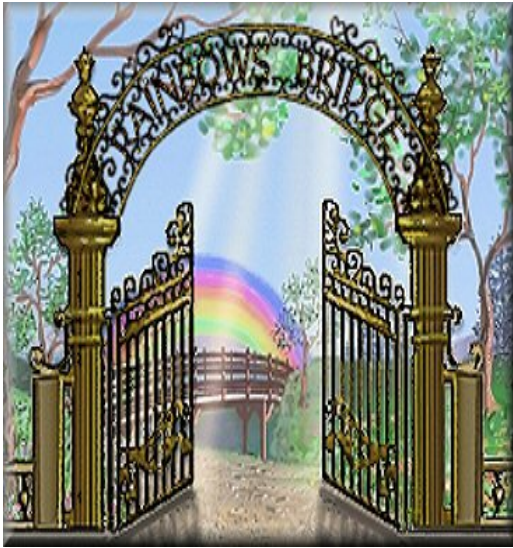
Rufus and Ash are now six and five years old, respectively, and in excellent health -- long may that continue! They are very happy here and love the attention they get as the only greyhounds in town.

Rufus and Ash live with Catherine M. McCauley in Castleton Vermont



Rufus and Ash getting ready for a walk (top) and attending the Blessing of the Animals.

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...



Debbie O'Donnell here. You published a story that I wrote about Ginger in the Summer 2008 *Greyhound Tails*. It is with great sadness that I write to tell you that we lost our girl Ginger on Aug 12, 2008.

My husband Jim was out playing with her in our fenced in yard, when she ran behind the house and he heard her "scream". She had broken her rear femur bone. While she was under anesthesia for X-rays, it was discovered that the bone at the break site was "moth eaten"-osteosarcoma. An X-ray of the chest showed that the cancer had spread there also. She never woke up from the anesthesia. We had to make the painful decision right then. It was not fair to let her wake up and suffer, just so we could say goodbye.

We have missed our girl everyday since then. It all happened so suddenly and she gave absolutely no indication that she was ill. She was a normal, active and happy greyhound. She loved her "power walks" and had been on one the day before this happened. She was only 6 years old.

She had left a big hole in our hearts and our home, but we wouldn't have missed a day that we were able to spend with her, no matter how much it hurts now. We will adopt a greyhound again, but for now we are just spending quality time with our aging arthritic beagle, and savoring every minute we have left with her.

Ginger brought an incredible amount of joy into our lives, and we would like to thank GPA for that, and for all the good work that they do for these gentle creatures.

Sincerely, Debbie

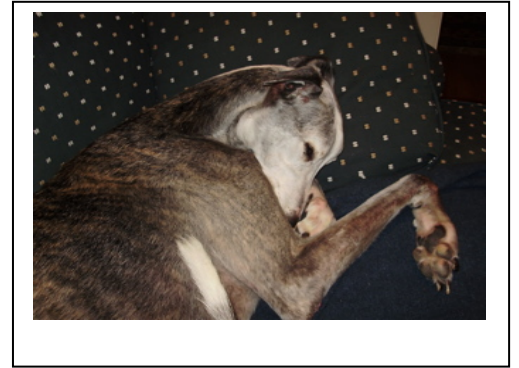


Another passing is Helen (left). She was a return battling cancer, Lymph sarcoma. With treatments she was in remission for a while, but the cancer returned. She was released from her pain Jan. 17th. She is running pain free with all those that have passed before.

In Loving Memory of Alex Jones by Becky Jones
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Your gentle face and patient soul, with sadness we recall.
You had a kindly look for each, and died beloved by all.
The voice is mute and stilled the heart, that loved me well and true. Ah, bitter was the trial, to part from one so good as you. You are not forgotten Alex, nor will you ever be.
As long as life and memory last, I will remember thee.
I miss you more, your loving heart, your gentle face, no one will ever take your vacant place.



~~~~~ Lessons I have learned from Alex ~~~~~



**Play Hard**



**Sleep Harder**



**Share Everything**



**Love with your whole heart**



**Find comfort anywhere....**



**no matter how hard**



**Never sleep without a woobie**



**Have a best friend**



**When in doubt...hog the couch!**

**Love and be loved....never be forgotten**

## Don't let age stop you..

...from knowing the joys of a senior Greyhound.

As I have mentioned in From the Editor, we have a number of older GH's in the system. Normally in GH circles, they are not considered seniors until their 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. It may be true that first time adopters look for the younger dogs. They may be attracted to the idea that they are more able to be more active' that they will have a long time together. In Ginger's tribute on the Rainbow Bridge, you have read that they can and will leave us at any age. Ginger was only 6. My first GH, Willow, made it to 14. My second, Austin, died suddenly a week before his 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. When Willow was 10, we went on a hike with friends and other GH's in the White Mountains. She did a lot better than her Mom (me). She was lively and energetic..my feet were killing me! The same with dogs as with people, old age can be all in the mind.

There is no secret to a long life. So many factors play a part. However there are a few things that can play a big part. One is weight control. Don't let your dog become overweight. Another is proper dental care. Bad teeth and gums can lead to kidney and liver problems. Regular exercise is a must. Many GH's lose the desire to run as they get older. If that happens, a walking routine should be set up. It doesn't need to be fast or far.

Please consider opening your heart and home to one of our not so golden oldies.



"It is said that seniors wear their heart on their face."

Willow at the age of 13.

Who could resist that face?

## Top Ten Reasons for Adopting

### A Senior Dog

1. House-trained - Older dogs are house-trained. You won't have to go through the difficult stage(s) of teaching a puppy house manners, and mopping or cleaning up after accidents.
2. Won't chew inappropriate items - Older dogs are not teething puppies, and won't chew your shoes and furniture while growing up.
3. Focus to learn - Older dogs can focus well because they've mellowed. Therefore, they learn quickly.
4. Know what "no" means - Older dogs have learned what "no" means. If they hadn't learned it, they wouldn't have gotten to be "older" dogs.
5. Settle in with the "pack" - Older dogs settle in easily, because they've learned what it takes to get along with others and become part of a pack.
6. Good at giving love - Older dogs are good at giving love, once they get into their new, loving home. They are ever so grateful for the second chance they've been given.
7. WYSIWYG - What You See Is What You Get: Unlike puppies, older dogs have grown into their shape and personality. Puppies can grow up to be quite different from what they seemed at first.
8. Instant companions - Older dogs are instant companions, ready for hiking, car trips, and other things you like to do.
9. Time for yourself - Older dogs leave you time for yourself, because they don't make the kinds of demands on your time and attention that puppies and young dogs do.
10. A good night's sleep - Older dogs let you get a good night's sleep because they're accustomed to human schedules and don't generally need nighttime feedings, comforting, or bathroom breaks.

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Some informational links:

<http://www.srdogs.com/Pages/adopt.html>

Greyhound Events 2009, con't from page 4 October is the grand daddy of all GH reunions, Dewey Beach. Held Columbus weekend each year, Dewey features beach walks, seminars, public outreach, Hund Run and all the shopping your wallet can handle. The official dates this year are Oct. 8-11. However GH's take over the towns of Dewey and Rehoboth for almost 2 weeks. Some come a week early and some stay a week late for some down time before or after the commotion of the weekend. 2009 web site isn't open yet, but should be located here: <http://adopt-a-greyhound.org/dewey/> when it does open, probably either May or June.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

April 4, 2009

GPA Annual Spring Banquet.

We are always looking for raffle donations. Anyone wishing to donate items please call the 800 number to arrange drop off or pick up.

April 24 - 26, 2009

Greyhounds in Gettysburg

<http://www.trianglegreyhound.org/gig/>

July 23-26, 2009

3<sup>rd</sup> annual Grapehounds Cayuga Lake, NY

If you like GH's and wine...this is your event!

<http://www.grapehounds.com/>

August 30<sup>th</sup> 2009

GPA Annual Reunion

Rollins Park Concord, NH

September 2009

Benefit Poker at Seabrook GH Park

Sept. 9-18

If a dog's prayers were answered, bones would rain from the sky.

Proverb

Dogs like to obey. It gives them security.

James Herriot

# REGULAR SCHEDULED EVENTS

Below is a schedule of our ongoing regular events. Called Meet & Greets. This is where we show off our GH's and answer questions about GH's as pets. Many times this will be someone's first exposure to GH's.

For someone that would like to help spread the word but feels that fostering might be a bit too much for them, this is an excellent opportunity to help out. Many of you met your first GH at a M&G.

If your GH loves people, other animals (esp. the little ones), we would love to have anyone stop by and help out.

## First Saturday of the month

Manchester Petco 11am to 3pm

Second Saturday of Jan, March, May, July,

September, November

Kennel Shop Sanford, Me. Noon to 3pm

## Second Sunday of the month

Nashua Petco 11am to 3pm

Hooksett, NH Pet Supply Plus

11am to 2 pm

## Third Saturday of the month

Portsmouth Petco 11am to 3pm

## Fourth Saturday of the month

Pet Adoption Day Pelham, NH

11am to 2pm

## Fourth Sunday of the month

Concord Petco

Noon to 3pm

# OPEN HOUSE

## First Sunday of the month Warner, NH

Take Rt. 89 north to Exit 7 (Davisville /Rt. 103). At the bottom of the exit go east on Rt. 103 for about 1 mile then take a left onto Rt. 127. Approx.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile turn left onto Poverty Plains Rd. Dirt drive for Woodlawn Training Center is  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile on your left.

~~~~~ Please consider fostering ~~~~~

Unlike many GH adoption groups who have an actual kennel to house their retired racers, GPA utilizes foster homes only. With spring approaching that means that 4 New England tracks will be starting up for the season. The Lodge at Belmont, Seabrook, and Wonderland will be opening soon. Raynham still races year round. All GH adoption groups in NH, ME, and Mass are filled to overflowing with retired GH's. As a group GPA can only take as many as we have foster places for. We would like to give as many of these GH's a chance for a home of their own. If you've ever considered fostering, this would be a great time to give it a try. If you've thought about adding another GH to your home, many foster with intent. The intent being that they foster with the intent on adopting if the fit is right for the home. GPA has done all necessary medical needs, and will reimburse foster homes for food. If interested in fostering, please contact foster home coordinator Jeanine Scott at foster_family_coordinator@gpa-cnhc.org

Our dog, Jax, has localized seizures in the muscles on the left side of his head. Although his condition is specific, our path to a diagnosis might give you some ideas on how to proceed.

We started with our resources: internet search engines, breed chat sites, books, and saw vets at two practices. Our first find was that tetanus can be localized and cause seizures. Our vet swore that this was not true so I gave him all the info I found. He wrote a paper on it and spoke in front of a veterinary convention, but no one there had any further info. Our dog tested negative for tetanus but positive for many allergies, so we made changes in how we clean. We shot a video of him displaying the behavior and sent to a vet that is well known for working with greyhounds. When they came up with nothing, we asked them to send the file to the veterinary research centers at Tufts U. and at Colorado U. Colorado said that in general seizures equal Phenobarbital, but we would have to fly our dog there to find out what dosage and length of time.

We could not give up. We knew logically that our dog could not be the only dog in the world that has this. Then we had a breakthrough. I attended a talk given by Linda Blythe who is considered one of the foremost experts on racing Greyhounds in the world. To my amazement, she described a dog with symptoms like ours. I waited in a short line and asked her, "That is my dog, what can we do to help him?" The treatment she recommended was both safe and inexpensive. A six month round of Phenobarbital would block the phantom signals to his muscles and either lessen his symptoms or stop them altogether. I welled up a little, but she seemed to understand.

We bought a copy of Blythe's book *Care of the Racing Greyhound* and proceeded to highlight, dog-ear and photocopy every relevant page. We called our vet and explained what she recommended and faxed the backup. After they reviewed it, they said they would be willing to try it. Our dog was only 6, healthy, and the benefit outweighed the risk. We decided to wait until his worst time; spring-summer when his allergies kick in and thunder sends him right into seizures. After a full blood panel to check organ function, we got our prescription and started him on the treatment.

The first week he was confused, lethargic, and uncoordinated. We thought we had made a terrible mistake.

We pledged to make it to the one month visit to re-check his organ function and then reevaluate our decision. He adjusted to the medicine and was almost his normal self. The one month checkup showed that his liver function was perfect, so we continued. His seizures became less frequent and less severe. He still has them, but before he was at 100%, now he is at 25%. This quest took five years, but we finally feel like we have the right answer and have done all that we can for him. As spring approaches, I am confident that the results we saw will continue.



Jax enjoying a day on the yard in nicer weather

Poochie Pleasin' Pretzels

From Three Dog Bakery

1 package active dry yeast 1 ½ cups warm water
1 tablespoon honey 4 cups white flour
1 egg, beaten

Preheat oven to 375 degrees

In a large bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water. Add honey and enough flour to make a soft dough and knead for 6 to 8 minutes until smooth.

Pinch off about 2 tablespoons of dough for each pretzel. Roll out dough using the palm of your hand into long, pencil-like shapes, about 12 inches long and ½ inch thick. Shape into pretzel twists and place on a greased baking sheet. Brush with beaten egg. Bake for 20 minutes, and then cool on a rack. Store leftovers in a sealed container.

Corgi Crumpets

From Three Dog Bakery

2 ½ cups cornmeal 1 ½ cups white flour
2 tablespoons vegetable oil 1 egg
¾ cup honey ½ teaspoon baking powder
1 1/3 cups water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Mix all ingredients together thoroughly.

Spoon into muffin pans three quarters full.

Bake for 35 minutes then cool on a rack and serve.

Store in an airtight container.

Don't make the mistake of treating your dogs like humans, or they'll treat you like dogs.

Martha Scott

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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