



GREYHOUND TAILS

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From the editor:

Welcome to *Greyhound Tails*. After a brief absence GPA- CNHC newsletter is back. It is my hope that I can make this newsletter informative and enjoyable to read.

I have always enjoyed newsletters I have received from other groups and hope our friends and adopters will do the same with this publication.

There are so many of you that have adopted a GH from us and we thank you for that. We hope the experience has been a pleasant one. We would love to hear from you, to share your stories and pictures.

It is also our hope that we will be able to put 'a bug in your ear' so to speak and encourage you to volunteer some of your free time to help us with fostering , Meet & Greets and many other tasks.

This is my first attempt at this sort of thing, so please excuse the 'learning curve'. Hopefully it won't last long.

Diane Canfield

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Featured hounds

Armando



Armando is a 3-year-old dark brindle male. He is small animal safe. In his foster home he lives with a bulldog. He also crates well.

Armando

Called Army for short, Army has been in the program for a while now and will need a special forever home. He has severe allergies that will require special feeding and probably life long medications. So far it has been found that he is allergic to grasses and trees, so a farm life will not be for him. It has also been discovered that he would need to be fed a beef based raw diet, which in itself can be very expensive.

Army is very playful and has a lot to say about things.

S R's Ken



Ken is a 6-year-old fawn male. He is not fond of small animals and would prefer not to be crated.

Ken is a very easy going dog. Sometimes dogs don't show their true personality at the open house. Many just hang back and let the more outgoing dogs show off. These shy quiet ones are diamonds in the rough. Their true personalities shine through once they become comfortable in their new home and will end up being real clowns. With greyhounds having thin tight skin, they get nicks very easy and many times the fur will not grow back leaving scars. Ken has a few of these, which might put off some from adopting him.

Natural Bug Repellent

1 large lemon sliced paper thin

1 tbsp crushed rosemary

1 drop pennyroyal (optional)

Place in glass bowl (not plastic) and add 2 cups boiling water

Cover with saran & let stand overnight.

Strain, using fine strainer into spray bottle

FOSTERING

There are many important jobs within any organization. However for GPA-CNHC one of the most important ones is fostering. As a foster based group (the other type would be a kennel-based group), the number of GH's within our organization directly depends on how many foster homes we have. The more foster homes, the more dogs we can take from the tracks.

Fostering can be a rewarding, heartwarming and heartbreaking experience at the same time. It is rewarding to see these dogs learning about home life and how they fit in and relax. It is heartwarming to see the foster that has lived with you for a week or a month get matched with just the right individual or family. It can also be heartbreaking when you say goodbye to one that you have become especially fond of.

Some fosters you will see from time to time or hear from their new families. Some will live far away and you may never see them again. Then there are those fosters that never leave. They have fit in with the house pack so well that their foster families adopt them.

GPA always needs more foster homes. A few homes will have 2 or more fosters (this is for the seasoned foster home).

At a premium will be the foster homes that do not have small animals. These homes are always needed and tend to be in short supply. Robo kitty works hard to find the high prey GH's but she is not foolproof.

What makes a good foster home? Are your resident dogs well socialized? Do you think they would set a good example for a new dog coming off the track? Do they have anxiety issues about strangers, loud noises, changes in routines, riding in cars, children? GH's coming off the track are leaving a very structured and limited environment. They will be looking to the resident dogs to set an example. Many of them will show definite signs of being nervous. Panting, pacing, some will avoid human contact for a day or two; some will become your shadow. They will need calm and assertive humans and dogs to guide them.

Even if you think a dog fresh off the track will be too much for your household, another aspect to fostering is taking in a return or one that's been in the system for a while. Like any adoption organization, from time to time we get returns. Rarely is it anything to do with the GH itself. Life changes to the family structure will bring a GH back the group. These GH's will have been in a home setting and by then will know the ropes of being a member of a home. The same way your GH from GPA fit into your home. They may be a bit nervous and unsure where their family has gone, but generally settle in quickly.

Even if you did not want to foster all the time or feel ready to foster a dog fresh off the track, fostering a return is a way to test the waters for you and your house dogs.

Would you please consider becoming a foster family? We will work with you, whether it's once a year or only certain times of the year.

All of the foster dogs will have had their initial medical needs taken care of.

GPA will furnish foster homes with a crate and bedding for the crate, a martingale collar and lead and a harness if necessary. Food costs will also be refunded.

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Did You Know?

Greyhounds are the only canine mentioned in the Bible by James. (King James Version). Proverbs 30:29-31

There be three things which go well, yea, four are comely in going:

A lion which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any;
A greyhound; an he goat also; and a king, against whom there is no rising up.

Fostering con't

GPA uses Pembroke Animal Hospital. If you are close enough the Pembroke and a medical condition arises, we would ask you to have your foster treated there. If it's a life threatening medical condition on off hours then you would go to your own vet if closer or to the nearest emergency vet. Those costs will be refunded as well.

For non-emergencies, Pembroke Animal Hospital is to be used unless we have discounted and billing arrangements in your area. A call to the Keeper of the Hounds or the Foster Home Coordinator is needed in the any case.

If anyone is interested in fostering please contact our foster home coordinator, Donna Hubbard.
foster_family_coordinator@gpa-cnhc.org
or call toll free at
888-507-9597



Nodak Austin (2/25/96-2/15/05) making a new friend at a M&G...and getting an ear massage at the same time! Austin was a champ at M&G's and is missed by Willow, Matt and myself (Diane)

Fostering in Milton Mills

By Diane Canfield

In 2003, I answered a plea from GPA to foster. With the seasonal closing of Lakes Region, by the end of Oct. / early Nov. there were still over 70 GH's waiting patiently for groups to take them in.

Without a fenced yard and 2 resident GH's , would I be able to leash walk 3 on the roads in my town? Adding to the equation was (at the time) 4 cats and 2 horses. I certainly had my hands full. I had thought that when I retired I might try it, but that was (unfortunately) many years away.

So I volunteered and PD came for a visit. I was lucky in that he had already been in a foster home for a couple of weeks any of the rough edges were gone. My GH's, Willow & Austin, were very accommodating and everything went smoothly.

Pd (now Chase) stayed for 2 months. Then came Jetta, PayDay Cash (now Lance), Diane's Guy, TomTom and Glaze.

I took a year or so off. Then came the plea for foster homes when Plainfield closed without notice. So Marta Rent (now Maddison AKA Maddie) came. Followed by Paul, Riva (now Katie), Pal's Hardandfast and here now is Pal's Jabber.

Each has their own personality. I get home, feed everyone and get to sleep @ 5 AM and both Jetta and Diane's Guy decided that we needed to get up at 8 AM. Jetta would drag any clothes on the cedar chest to the living room and Guy would bark. Jetta (yes again!) HATED flies! Riva loved rolling in the grass. Jabber loves stuffies and is rarely at the door without one.

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The Egyptians worshipped Greyhounds as a god and frequently showed them on murals in the tombs of kings. In old England "You could tell a gentleman by his horses and his Greyhounds." Old paintings and tapestries showing hunting feasts frequently included Greyhounds.

Milton Mills, con't

There is no one way to foster. Some will crate their fosters most of the time, esp. those with a large number of resident hounds. Those people usually feed the fosters in their crates as well. It helps keep the peace.

Here fosters are treated like a member of the household. I do crate everyone when I go to work. Otherwise they have free rein of my smallish home. Everyone is fed at the same time in the kitchen; the food dishes are not near each other though.

Until the cat issue is settled, if cats are in the house and I'm not, muzzles are used.

My fosters go with me if I take my GH's anywhere. They go to M&G's with us, visits to family, to the dog park, dog walks. TomTom went to Dewey with me. Last year Riva went to Grapehounds.

I have set up a generic account with my vet so that any medical issues are billed to GPA. Some purchases will get GPA a small discount.

I submit food receipts as well. They way I figure it, a normal size GH will eat 40 lbs. in 2 months. I keep track of how many weeks fosters are here. When it comes up to 8 weeks, I submit a receipt. It can be for one dog, or a combination of fosters.

I will admit those first 3 or 4 fosters, the house seemed in turmoil for a few days as everyone

gets to know each other. After the learning curve, it doesn't seem as bad.

What I have learned is that I ignore them the first few days. With a couple of the shy, insecure ones it might last a week or two. I let them pace all they want. If they are pacing, I will take them out every hour or so to relieve themselves. One thing I do not do is coddle their insecure behavior, not do I loose my patience with them either.

Once they settle down, then I can start checking their behaviors. Do they have food aggression, space aggression? I live alone, but for those with children this is a job for adults.

The one thing you have to remember that at the track, they don't have to worry about someone stealing their food or having to share a bed. Most don't have a problem with this, but there are those few that do. There are training methods that can help if this is the case.

Then it's matter of keeping track of any quirks, likes and dislikes they may have. All of this is then passed onto their new family.

Once you get the hang of it, it is fun and rewarding.



Jetta showing off her 8 am handiwork - bringing my clothes to the livingroom!

~ Helpful Hints ~

Always keep a collar with an up-to-date ID tag on your dog, even when you are not out and about with your dog. Pets who wear Ids have a better chance of being returned when lost. Don't let a fenced yard fool you into thinking your dog will never get lost. A large percentage of dogs that get loose have

escaped from fenced yards. Gates blown open, accidentally left open, opened by visitors and workmen are some of the culprits.

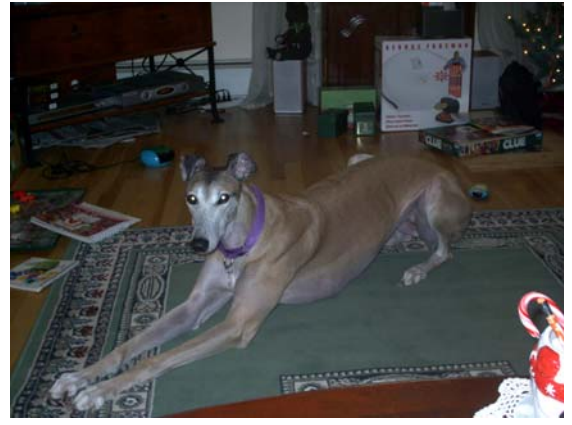
Where have all the GPA hounds gone? ?

When I search back through the Happy Endings page on the GPA web site, I see so many GPA GH's that have been adopted.

Along with my fosters that I've lost contact with, I wonder how things have been going with everyone.

Please write in and let us know. Do they do anything unusual? Funny? Any special accomplishments? Any pictures you'd like to share?

If so, you may either send them via US mail or to my email address newsletter_editor@gpa-cnhc.org



Lynette 's family sent us this picture along with a note saying she has fit in nicely and loves her cats, kids and just everyone she meets. Be that people or dogs. Initially a bit shy, she has come out of her shell in the 6 months since her adoption in Oct. 2006.

Lynette (PK's Lynette) now lives with the Caves in Concord, NH



Buck (Dahecome Dahego) gives new meaning to the word "chipping". In the GH adoption world, there is a saying that someone has 'chipped'. It refers to the Lays slogan " You can't eat just one". Meaning that you can't have just one GH. Buck has been living with The Russels in Dover, NH. Since June of 2005.



This is Rosa Mi Esposa in her second favorite seat in the house. Isn't she pretty?

~ Internet Greyhounds ~

There is a wealth of information, products and support on the web. GPA-CNHC web site has a message forum. We are slowly rebuilding members and information after a server problem. We invite everyone to join us to share stories & information. At the top of the main page, click on forum. Select a user name, password and you are good to go. Hope many of you will join us.

Greyhounds and Children
by Ben Mosher and Jen Beland-Mosher



Pictured is Claire Moshier reading to her 2 best friends, Marsha and Hunter.

Our two beautiful greyhounds, Marsha and Hunter, have always been our babies. We were so excited when our human baby, Claire, arrived. Once we were home from the hospital, we had many visitors to our home to meet Claire. Our three-year-old nephew was one of those visitors. He showed a great deal of aggression toward Hunter. We were upset by his behavior. We were even more appalled when our nephew's father found humor in this aggression. Hunter growled at our nephew after the first few acts of aggression and later nearly snapped at him. We were so shaken by this visit. We were awake all night thinking of Hunter and the way he had been treated. We were also thinking of Hunter's reaction to our nephew and worried about how he would feel toward Claire.

Fourteen months later, we are so happy to report that Marsha, Hunter, and Claire all exist peacefully. They love each other so much. However, this did not just happen overnight. It took, and continues to take, a lot of work and constant diligence. We know that it is our responsibility, as parents, to ensure that everyone is safe.

We also know that parents can feel overwhelmed with a new baby or small children and dogs. We want to share some ideas that have worked for us to help Marsha and Hunter with this transition:

- **Baby Smells:** Before Claire arrived, we put baby lotions on our hands and let our dogs sniff them to help them become accustomed to the smells. We also wiped our dogs down with baby wipes.
- **Baby Equipment:** Before Claire was born, we put up some of the baby equipment (crib, changing table, toys, bouncy seats) and encouraged our dogs to explore and sniff.
- **Baby Scent:** We packed our hospital bags with extra blankets. After Claire was born, we wrapped her in different blankets while she was in the hospital. Claire's Dad brought home one blanket for each of our dogs to sniff and to begin to know her scent.
- **Rewards:** When we first brought Claire home, we placed her carrier within reach of our dogs. We rewarded them whenever they approached her and sniffed her. We did everything we could to make them feel that the baby was a positive addition to their lives.
- **Natural Bond:** For the first several months of Claire's life, Marsha and Hunter had a chance to form a natural bond. They gradually became used to the new sounds and smells. They could observe the Claire from a distance and approach her when they felt comfortable, all the while not worrying about her being able to move or crawl yet. Marsha and Hunter also had a chance to eat tasty scraps of food thrown from the highchair. All of these things helped with bonding.

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- **Supervision:** Once Claire began to move, our dogs already had started to feel comfortable with her. However, this did not mean that they were comfortable with ear and lip pulling. We knew that we must NEVER leave our dogs with Claire, unattended. We always supervised, and continue to supervise, very closely. We know that even the most gentle dog can be pushed to the point of snapping.
- **Respect:** We are working to teach Claire to respect Marsha and Hunter. It is never okay to allow her to lay on top of or to ride on them. Tail, ear, and lip pulling are also not allowed. Every day, we work to show Claire what it means to be gentle. We constantly are taking her hand and helping her to pet the dogs softly and say "gentle" as we do this.
- **Feeding:** We keep Claire away from Marsha and Hunter when they are eating. She is NEVER allowed to approach them, or their food, while they are eating.
- **Give Everyone Space:** As Claire has become more mobile, she wants to run around the house. She can be impulsive and acts very quickly. This can make Marsha and Hunter very nervous. We have found that, by providing our dogs with a space to which they can retreat, we are ensuring everyone's safety. This space can be a crate or a special room. In our home, we have a 12 foot long baby gate across one-third of our living room. We have water, toys, and dog beds in that space which we call our dogs' "apartment". This is a positive space for them to be in. They never feel that it is a punishment.

- They can look through the gate at the excitement happening on the other side, yet they can feel safe and comfortable.
- **Books:** There is a great board book called, Tails Are Not For Pulling, by Elizabeth Verdick and illustrated by Marieka Heinlen.
- **Special Time:** We try to give special attention and time to our dogs after Claire is asleep. Even if it is just for a few minutes, Marsha and Hunter are very appreciative of this.

Cooking the Three Dog Bakery Way:

Greyhound Gobbler Cobbler

1 ½ cups all-purpose flour

¼ teaspoon baking powder

2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

¼ cup chopped unsalted peanuts

¾ cup honey

Preheat oven to 350 F Grease a baking sheet with nonstick vegetable spray.

Stir together the flour, baking soda, cinnamon and peanuts in a bowl and set aside. Whisk the honey with ¼ cup water in a large bowl. Add the dry ingredients to the honey mixture and stir to form a smooth dough.

Place the dough on a lightly floured surface and, with a rolling pin, roll it out to approximately 1/8 inch thick. Cut into 1 inch squares and place on the baking sheet. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, or until golden in color.

Store in an airtight container for up to 1 week, or wrap well and freeze for up to 2 months.



Kelly, Sean and Notti working the crowd at Concord Market Days

Concord Market Days are over for another year! We had a great time and had support from nearby stores and lots of help from volunteers who stopped by with their hounds. It seemed like every time we needed a break or help shutting down for the night, someone was there. In particular, Kelly and Sean with "Notti" were there every day, and took over the booth for the whole day on Friday so we could stay open. They talked to so many people that we ran out of applications! We corrected some misconceptions, helped some girls to not be afraid of dogs, and rounded up some potential adopters, volunteers and foster families. In many cases, kids were our best "customers". They asked a million questions, donated what they could or pressured their parents to. Kelly said a 10 year old boy asked her why greyhounds need donations. She explained that we find homes for greys after they retire and the money pays for their food and medicine. The boy asked his Dad for his allowance and put the whole \$10 in the jar. He could have spent the money on candy, rides or toys, but he walked away with a big smile on his face and one proud parent. He knows what we know, the good feeling you get from doing the right thing. Thanks to everyone who made the event a success!

-Jenna Skinner

UPCOMING EVENT

Another annual event for GPA-CNHC comes during the holiday season.

The Saturday before Thanksgiving (Nov. 17th, 2007) is the annual Concord Christmas Parade. GPA-CNHC has participated in this parade for many years. The GH's are always well-received and definite crowd pleasers!

We would love to have as many GH's and their families join us for those who are interested. We usually meet in the Hazen Drive complex, a meeting area will be assigned and generally congregate @ 9 AM.

The parade starts @ 11 AM and we walk along Loudon Road to the Wal-Mart parking lot.

The parade route is +/- 2 miles. We also have a vehicle in the parade for anyone who feels their GH has had enough and would like to ride to the end.

Weather may also be a factor. It is suggested that everyone dress warm and in layers. Coats maybe needed for the GH's as well. If the weather turns nice, clothing can be put in the parade vehicle.

There will also be vehicles at Wal-Mart to help transport GH's & people back to Hazen Drive if needed.

The parade can be fun, but is definitely not for every GH. There will be lots of people, and many different sights and sounds. If your GH is a social and 'bomb-proof' then please consider joining us for this event. The more the merrier!!!

Bathtime Tips

Only use high-quality doggie shampoo when bathing your dog. Human shampoos are formulated to a different ph balance and can dry out your dogs skin or cause a rash or irritation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

In the past, Sept. would normally mean it's GPA reunion time. Not so this year. GPA National puts on an adoption conference each year and a GPA chapter is picked to host the event.

This year it's GPA-CNHC's turn. It will be held at The Radisson Hotel in Manchester, NH. from September 21st to the 23rd 2007.

We have lined up many speakers and have a number of vendors already signed up to sell their wares.

The Radisson is dog friendly so your GH will be able to attend the conference with you.

There will be a separate mailing to anyone on our mailing list, and you may very well receive the information before this newsletter arrives.

Information can be viewed at:
www.conference.gpa-cnhc.org

Hope to see many of our adopters in attendance. It's rare that we have something like this in our neck of the woods.

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 feel 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 11pm to 3pm

Second Saturday of the month

Salem Petco 11pm to 3pm

Second Sunday of the month

Nashua Petco 11pm to 3pm
Kennel Shop Sanford, ME
11pm to 3pm

Third Saturday of the month

Portsmouth Petco 11pm to 3pm

Fourth Saturday of the month

Pet Adoption Day Pelham, NH
11am to 2pm

Fourth Sunday of the month

Concord Petco 11pm 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.

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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