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Greyhound Tails



An Invitation from the Director

by Ken Wright

Spring is springing, and soon hounds will be running at the local tracks. That means there will be more greyhounds needing good homes. This is the time of year when we gear up for a busy adoption season, and therefore this is the time of year when we hold our largest single fundraising event of the year, the Greyhound Benefit Dinner.

I'd like to cordially invite you all to attend! Be ready to shop, too because we will have plenty of raffle items and GPA merchandise for sale.

This year, our speaker is Michael McCann. Michael has worked on many fronts to help greyhounds, though he is perhaps best known for his ability to find and capture lost greyhounds. He travels extensively in New England to help out people who have lost their hounds, most of whom were rescued from their fate due to his tireless efforts.

We chose a new venue so it would be more convenient for people from all over the area: the Pappas Room at The Puritan Restaurant in Manchester. The Puritan is just off Rt. 93's exit 9S. The Pappas Room is beautiful and large, so there's plenty of room to bring your friends and family.

Tickets are \$25/person, \$45/couple for this delicious buffet style dinner. After April 4, tickets are \$30/person, \$50/couple.

Remember!

***April 24, 2004, from 6PM until midnight
The Pappas Room at The Puritan Restaurant in Manchester, NH***

Order tickets by phone at 603-225-2175, or send a check payable to GPA-CNHC to the address shown to the left on this page.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Ken



Introducing... the GPA-CNHC Board of Directors!

In lieu of a Director's Dialogue for this issue, we thought we'd give the Board of Directors a chance to introduce themselves. This year, we have many returning board members, some of whom filled in for others as "interim" board members until the election.

Director: Ken Wright

Keeper of the Dogs: Carolyn Wright

Ken, GPA-CNHC 2004 Director, and Carolyn, 2004 Keeper of the Hounds, adopted their first greyhound, Kennel, more than 14 years ago. He was skinny and flakey and covered with scars, but it was love at first sight and he was the start of our involvement with the placement of retired racers.

Our first step was to do Meet N Greets with Steve and Linda Shepard and they introduced us to GPA. We became a foster family with Harvest Mission, a very pretty fawn female. She had the coloring of a Siamese cat and a playful personality and was adopted almost immediately. Our second foster was King Boki III, an 8 year old return with kidney disease and a bladder problem. There was no giving up this big black guy with a docked tail and the biggest greyhound smile. We had flunked for the first time.

We have continued to foster one or more all of these years and have flunked 3 more times with Give and Get, red fawn brothers, Repo and Fritz, 2 unrelated hounds that had been together for 4 years, and Aunt Eva, a 3 time return for people reasons, not hound reasons. Kennel and Boki have both crossed the rainbow bridge and we still miss them.

Our current pack includes the 5 greyhounds, an Italian greyhound named Indy (14 years old), a French bulldog Isabella (2) and 4 cats, Mittens (16), Casper (4), Doozer (3) and Willow, his sister. A full household for sure, but there is always a foster or 2 around and that's the way we like it.

Ken owns his own business, The Pet Pantry, and does home delivery of premium dog and cat food and Carolyn works for Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center as the Charge Master Manager. Life is very busy and there is nothing like the greeting that you get after a long day from our lovely bunch!

Feel free to contact us at k-s-wright@comcast.net or 603-225-2175.

Treasurer: Annette Doucette

Annette Doucette is in her first year of serving as Treasurer on the Board of Directors. She first became involved with GPA in August 1999 when she adopted her first greyhound,

Spanky. After moving out of the state and then back to New Hampshire at the end of 2001, Annette has since been an active volunteer with GPA, particularly as the lead at the Manchester Petco demos. In addition to helping out at regular 'meet and greets', Annette has also served as a foster parent to several dogs, including one that won her and Spanky's hearts over and eventually was adopted into the family. Hallo Victoria (a.k.a. Hallo) became an official member of the Doucette household in October, 2002. Annette hopes for yet another record year of placements of the wonderful breed that is 'greyhound' in loving and caring homes.

On a more personal note, Annette, or Nettie as her friends call her, currently resides in Manchester and is employed as an environmental engineer. Besides her love of greyhounds and animals in general, she is an avid wine lover, as well as an adventurous chef and gourmand, always in search of a new recipe to try out. In conjunction with this, one of her favorite pastimes is entertaining, whether it be intimate dinner parties or casual get togethers; these are all opportunities to make guinea pigs of her friends for her many kitchen creations. Being a homeowner, Annette also has a passion for home improvement and has completed several projects on her house in the past couple of years. She claims to have at least six different types of power saws. Now there's a woman! Overall, Annette is never afraid to try something new because you never know what your next adventure will bring.

Secretary: Jill Sussenberger

I am a single mother of two, greyhounds that is. I became involved with GPA after I adopted my first greyhound about two years ago.

I have become more active in the group in the past year and decided that I would like to be more committed to the group so I decided to become secretary. My life has truly changed for the better since I have adopted my greyhounds.

Volunteering for me has been a wonderful experience and has introduced me to so many great people who share the same love for greyhounds as I do.

Foster Home Coordinator: Julia Benfield

My name is Julia Benfield and I am the new Foster Home Coordinator. During the day (and sometimes the middle of the night) I am an Interventional Cardiology nurse at Elliot Hospital in Manchester. The hospital moved my husband Rob and I here a year ago when they started their angioplasty program. We have three sons Joseph (13), Kevin (11), and Holden (4) who love greyhounds as much as we do. Our own two greys, Rocky and Brush, have always been great teachers to the fosters that have passed through our home. We joined GPA when we moved here because we were impressed with the fostering program,

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and now I get to be a big part of that. I'm very excited about this new opportunity, and look forward to the next year.

Event & Supply Coordinator: Mark Dana

Mark J. Dana, 44 of Salem NH, 2 Greyhounds: Tarma and Zoë. I love to Bass fish and workout. My desire to volunteer with GPA-CNHC was based on the Greys but I also think it was the format that drew me in. The idea to have an all-foster program for the dogs really got to me. I just appreciated the effort to run the group in this manner. This way all the dogs get a chance from the start to be loved and socialized. I really enjoy doing Meet-N-Greets, and GPA does several of them on a monthly basis.



What's Cookin'?



Here are some ideas that we are cookin' up, just like good barbecue... simmering until they're "done"...

We would love to get some **larger-ticket items for our raffles**; we'd sell a limited number of tickets at a higher price, making the chances of winning more clear. Mark Dana is talking to the Honda folks, and if any of you members have any ideas or connections, please phone Mark at the 800 number.

Going along with the philosophy that our hounds get more attention when they are in a place where they are not expected, we're looking into renting booths at Home Shows. Got a Home? You need a Hound!

Anybody with experience in these areas would be most welcome to give us your ideas. Would your company like to sponsor us at one of these events? Let us know!

New Events

GPA-CNHC, with its new Events Coordinator and all his helpers, has begun reaching out into other areas to bring the experience of our wonderful greyhounds to more people. Read on for news of events that we've never done before!

The Mall at Rockingham Park – We're having a big Meet N Greet there on **Sunday, April 18**, from 11AM-4PM. We would like to have around 6-12 greyhounds during the 5 hours that we will be at the mall. Please call Mark Dana (888-507-9597) to sign up if you want to help out. This is our first time there and we need to screen the dogs who want to attend.

Evening of Giving – We've been invited to participate in this event, too, at the Mall at Rockingham Park. The date is **November 21**, from 6PM-9PM.

Petco in Nashua Meet N Greet – Cate Killough is the leader for our new schedule of Meet N Greets at the Nashua Petco, right near the Pheasant Lane Mall. Cate and her crew will be at the Nashua Petco on the second Sunday of every month, from 11AM-3PM. Join her!



Cate Killough and friends at the Nashua Meet N Greet

Learn How to Do Home Visits & Placements – We will be holding a class for all volunteers who wish to learn and help out doing home visits & placements with the greyhounds on **April 17**, at Elliot Hospital in Manchester. Please let Carolyn Wright (603-225-2175) know if you want to attend.

VISIT GPA's OPEN HOUSE!

First Sunday of each month, from 1-3PM, at Woodlawn Kennels, Warner, NH. (directions on page 8)



Our Heartfelt Thanks!

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



Hounds + Scouts = Love!

By Mark Dana

On January 5, I went to visit Cub Scout Pack 27 of Haverhill, MA, with Dorothy Leonard, her dog Bo, and my dogs Sandy, Tarma, & Zoë.

Stacey Kirkham introduced us to all the boys and we started in with a question and answer format that lasted for 45 minutes. The cub scouts asked every question under the sun, ranging from how many teeth does a Greyhound have to do we do Birthday parties. The Greys were on their best behavior and several of the boys tried to take Sandy home!



Sandy

We gave out five *Dasher Gets Adopted* books to boys who could answer questions on things we talked about during the night. Then we spent another 45 minutes letting everyone walk the dogs around the room and pat each one of them. I'm not sure who had more fun — the dogs or the cub scouts!

We had lots of fun and we will be returning to speak at the den meeting sometime in March. The cub scouts also are going to do a blanket and towel drive for GPA.



Prince (Running Ron) snuggling with his person's granddaughter, Hayley, and a special stuffy.

Products, Gadgets, and Toys! Oh My!

By Linda Hestianna

So you've adopted a hound or two, and you have the obligatory Martingale-style collar, the ID tag, the GPA tag with the 800# on it, and maybe even a town dog license tag and/or rabies vaccine tag. You can hear your dog jingling from the next block! Good news! Get yourself a "tag bag": a soft leather bag, made specifically for keeping tags together and quiet and still attached to the collar. Or you can get a tag collar: a soft leather braided collar with a tag bag on it, not meant for attaching a leash, but rather to be worn in addition to the martingale when a leash is required. Contact your favorite greyhound goodies vendor! (and online: marshasmartingales.com)

Our dogs' favorite holiday gift, which is a toy, treats, and training project all in one, is their "Yuppy Puppy Treat Machine". Yep, you read that right. This contraption looks like a kid's gumball machine, except that it has a giant bone-shaped lever in the front. Teach the dog to press the lever, and treats come out the chute. We had to put Cheerios in ours, because the hounds got so excited over liver treats in there that they lost patience with learning the lever! With Cheerios, they're pros. They are safer on their own with this than with rawhides (choking hazard), and with Cheerios, they aren't overeating. Look it up online or ask your pet store.

Last but not least is the best pet stain product I have found so far: Pet Force. It is sold and distributed by the Flint River Ranch franchises, which you can find online. At \$8.00 a quart, it can be diluted by up to 1:8, though I usually use it at 1:4. So you get 1-2 gallons of solution for \$8.00! It has active, harmless bacteria in it that feed on organic matter (feces, urine, etc.) and excrete an enzyme that also breaks down organic substances. It keeps working until it dries or runs out of a food source. Smells real nice, too.

Humor Kennel

If People Behaved Like Dogs

Forwarded in an email to Linda Hestianna

Here is a hint of what social life would be like if people behaved like dogs.

Opening scene: a living room. Some of the guests have already arrived and are racing around the room, variously hugging, colliding, dancing around each other, patting one another vigorously on the shoulders and jumping up and down. Another guest arrives at the door and rings the bell. Everyone runs over to the door, evidently excited beyond belief, and stands or jumps around, jostling each other while staring at the door and yelling, "WHO'S THERE?!?! WHO'S THERE?!?!?" The guest on the other side of the door yells back, "WHO'S THERE?!?!? WHO'S THERE?!?!?" Somehow, the new arrival enters and the party resumes as before.

The camera follows several of the guests around, including: A muscular male dressed all in black who carries a Frisbee everywhere, clutched tightly to his chest. If anyone touches the Frisbee, he whirls around abruptly and stalks off, glaring over his shoulder. Another man, dressed in plaid, rather jolly, who has a drooling problem. Every so often he shakes his head and drool flies onto adjacent guests, who don't even notice. A depressed-looking woman who spends the entire evening methodically ripping a large, stuffed chair to shreds. A small group huddled together in a corner. They are all talking loudly and at the same time about completely unrelated subjects. A huge guy, with jeans jacket and tattoo, who goes up to various people, drapes his arm over their shoulders and gives them a giant squeeze. Whoever it is immediately hands their hors d'oeuvre to the guy, who eats it. A very small old lady with frizzy hair who leaps out from behind the furniture at passersby and speaks sharply to them. Even the huge guy is daunted. The party Lothario who sidles up to anyone, male or female, and tries to smooch, but often misses the other person's face. Nobody seems to mind.

Various bits of action occur. Someone emerges from the bathroom, and everyone rushes over and crowds in to see what's happened. A guest, looking out the window, suddenly gets very excited and yells, "A CAT!!! A CAT!!! A CAT!!!" Everyone rushes to the window and joins in, yelling "A CAT!!! A CAT!!! A CAT!!!" Two people, one big, one little, grab an appetizer at the same time. They stand stock still, each holding on to it and staring out the corner of their eyes at each other. Suddenly, the big one whirls around and tries to walk off with it. The little person, however, doesn't let go and is flung around in the first one's wake. In the kitchen, several guests have knocked over the

garbage and are going through it. In the backyard, several people with little spades are digging holes. One guest, with his hands full of food, simply holds onto it and snarls at anyone who approaches him. He keeps trying to add more food to his pile, spilling as much as he acquires.

Dinner is served: Everyone races over to the table and there's a big to-do while the seating arrangement is worked out. Then all the guests eat as fast as they possibly can. Every so often, one guest simply grabs something off the plate of the person next to him/her. Sometimes that person grabs it back. When everyone's finished, they jump up and change places to inspect each other's plates. After dinner, everyone takes a nap. They are sprawled around the room, some in little groups huddled together, some on their backs on couches with their feet up on the arms and their hands flung over the back, some curled up awkwardly in overstuffed chairs with their chins propped up on the arms. Occasionally, we see limbs twitching and hear little contented noises.

Party games: Tug of War, How Many Tennis Balls Can You Hold. A relay race in the back yard, where the baton is never passed off. Each member of the team simply grabs hold when his or her turn arrives and everyone runs together. Singing together around the piano, but everyone sings a different song. Tag Grab the tail of the donkey. Musical chairs, where shoving is allowed and you can sit on more than one chair. The big guy in the jeans jacket always wins.

Good-byes: A real dog party, of course, would never stop. So we have to introduce another group of humans who gradually arrive to pick up the guests. This is no easy task, as the target guest runs off when called. There's a lot of milling around and loud confusion as the caretaker humans go after the guests, sometimes grabbing them by the collar or the arm and hauling them away while the guest looks back at the crowd, waving joyfully. Outside, on the sidewalk, a passerby is knocked down by a group of departing guests. Everyone looks very happy, and the good-byes are loud and enthusiastic.



Meet our Available Hounds!

Nell, Boogie Man, Major, Cofax, Lance, Zach, Zoe, Gigi, Patsy, Chris, and three more arriving this weekend on www.petfinder.org (select "dog", "greyhound" and "NH" in the search box) and at www.gpa-cnhc.org, at our Open House on the first Sunday of each month from 1-3PM (directions on page 8), and at our Meet & Greets (listed on page 7).



GPA-CNH Help Wanted!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

If you are willing to volunteer for a task, please contact us. We always have way too much to do and too few people to do it, and welcome new people and new ideas to our group. What follows is a list of things for which we need help. And I'm sure that there are a lot of things you could think of that we haven't considered, so please do get in touch with us and give us your ideas! **Please indicate your interests on this sheet and return it to us (address on the cover)! Or call us at 603 898-3634 or toll-free at 888-507-9597**

- Donations:** of the following items are gratefully accepted: money, blankets, towels, crates (portable kennels that house a single dog), veterinary care, advertising, printing, and publishing.
- Foster Homes:** This is a critical aspect of GPA's successful adoption of ex-racers, and a chance for love. We need all the foster homes we can get, so we can take more dogs as they grade off the tracks. When the tracks open in May, there are almost always dogs that come off the track very soon thereafter. Racers are culled continuously, so this is a continuing need. We can work around your needs, and even if you only want to foster a couple of times a year, it is still a very big help. We feel strongly that fostering helps create the best matches!
- Demos and Events:** These events allow the greyhounds to help each other by simply being themselves in public and showing people who they are—they do the Showing, we do the Telling!
- Grant Writing:** Do you have the time/experience to fill out grant applications and/or write grant proposals? We'd love to hear from you!

- Dog Washes:** We do the bathing before the dogs get their first veterinary care. This is an opportunity to be among the first to give a newly retired racer a big hug (sometimes a wet one) and loving care, and share in the excitement of watching another beauty emerge.
- Transportation:** We need volunteers during the daytime to transport the dogs to and from vet appointments, or from the farms or tracks. Each ride is an opportunity to give a little more reassurance to a greyhound friend who is entering a new world.
- Home during the day:** Events or errands often need to be accomplished during weekdays when many of our volunteers are at work. Let us know if your schedule would allow you to help with weekday events or errands. Many fun greyhound surprises have popped up during the week!
- Newsletter:** Would you write an article, submit photos, poems or letters, or report on an event for us?
- Schmooze Kings and Queens:** Do you meet people easily? Do you know a lot of people and businesses? Could you sell ad space in our newsletter, or find companies willing to sponsor an issue of the newsletter? Could you ask local merchants to donate raffle items for our fundraising efforts?
- PR Assistance:** Do you have a FAX machine and/or an email account? Would you be willing to FAX and/or email our event notices to the local newspapers and other media outlets? We'll do the writing, if you can do the sending!
- Telephone calling:** We continually make telephone calls to remind people of upcoming Demo's, follow-up calls to foster parents or new adopters, or handling requests for information from volunteers. This does not involve soliciting for donations. If you enjoy talking on the phone and talking about greyhounds, this job is for you.
- Recycle leashes and collars:** If you have old collars and leads around that you no longer need but still have some life in them, please send 'em to us!
- Other:** suggestions for promotional events that would introduce more people to greyhounds, fundraising events, good locations for Demos, donations of dog food or bathing supplies which you can arrange, eBay benefit auctions, *whatever you like to do!*

Specify: _____

GPA-CNHC Upcoming Events

Day/Date	Time	Event	Location
Sat. Mar. 20	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Portsmouth, NH
Sat. Mar. 27	11AM-3PM	Pet Adoption Day – sponsored by the Animal Rescue Network of New England www.armne.org	1 st Congressional Church Hall, Pelham, NH
Sun. Mar. 28	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Concord, NH
Sat. Apr. 3	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Manchester, NH
Sun. Apr. 4	Noon-1PM 1PM-3PM	Board Meeting – Brief meeting for updates Open House – Meet the available dogs, apply to adopt. Meet the GPA Board.	Woodlawn Kennel, Warner, NH (directions next page)
NEW day! Sat. Apr. 10	10AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Salem, NH
NEW! Sun. Apr. 11	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Nashua, NH
Sat. Apr. 17	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Portsmouth, NH
Sat. Apr. 24	11AM-3PM	Pet Adoption Day – sponsored by the Animal Rescue Network of New England www.armne.org	1 st Congressional Church Hall, Pelham, NH
Sun. Apr. 25	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Concord, NH
Sat. Mar. 27	11AM-3PM	Pet Adoption Day – sponsored by the Animal Rescue Network of New England www.armne.org	1 st Congressional Church Hall, Pelham, NH
Sat. May 1	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Manchester, NH
Sun. May 2	Noon-1PM 1PM-3PM	Board Meeting – Brief meeting for updates Open House – Meet the available dogs, apply to adopt. Meet the GPA Board.	Woodlawn Kennel, Warner, NH (directions next page)
NEW day! Sat. May. 8	10AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Salem, NH
NEW! Sun May 9	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Nashua, NH
Sat. May 15	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Portsmouth, NH
Sat. May 22	11AM-3PM	Pet Adoption Day – sponsored by the Animal Rescue Network of New England www.armne.org	1 st Congressional Church Hall, Pelham, NH
Sun. May 30	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Concord, NH
Sat. June 5	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Manchester, NH
Sun. June 6	Noon-1PM 1PM-3PM	Board Meeting – Brief meeting for updates Open House – Meet the available dogs, apply to adopt. Meet the GPA Board.	Woodlawn Kennel, Warner, NH (directions next page)
NEW day! Sat. June 12	10AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Salem, NH
NEW! Sun. June 13	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Nashua, NH
Sat. June 19	11AM-3PM 10AM-3PM**	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Portsmouth, NH Petco, Salem, NH **
Sat. June 26	11AM-3PM	Pet Adoption Day – sponsored by the Animal Rescue Network of New England www.armne.org	1 st Congressional Church Hall, Pelham, NH
Sun. June 27	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Concord, NH

Monthly Events

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

Meet & Greets 11AM to 3PM

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

Open House

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

Business Meeting

We'd love to see you at these meetings! Come see what we're up to. Our business meetings are held monthly, at noon, before the Open House. Call Ken Wright (603-225-2175) for a copy of the agenda, or to contribute to the agenda.

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

GPA-CNHC Annual Events

Month/Date	Event	Location
Sat. April 24, 2004	Greyhound Benefit Dinner -- This is one of our two major fundraising events each year. Dinner, dancing, and shopping, of course! Raffle/Auction too. Tickets single/couple: \$25/\$45 (until 4/4, then \$30/\$50)	The Pappas Room at The Puritan Restaurant in Manchester, NH, just off exit 9S on Rt. 93.
April/May	Spring Raffle -- Great seasonal prizes, not all dog-related.	Mail-in, need not be present at drawing to win.
June (date TBD)	Blue Seal Demo -- A special demo at the Blue Seal Feed Company.	TBD -- watch this space for details.
July (date TBD)	Dog Days of Summer -- A doggie ice cream social at a local ice cream stand that makes special "doggie" ice cream. A percentage of the proceeds goes to GPA.	Jordan's Ice Cream
September 12, 2004 11AM-3PM	GPA Reunion Picnic -- Food, games, costumes, and shopping! Reconnect with old friends, make new ones!	Rollins Park, Concord, NH
October	Pet Expo -- Giant expo of everything for pets! Come help out at our booth, buy some goodies, or just say Hi!	Center of NH, Manchester, NH
November (Sat. before Thanksgiving)	Concord Holiday Parade -- We walk the parade route with our hounds and a vehicle with our banner on each side. Route goes from State buildings to WalMart.	Loudon Road, Concord, NH
Nov/Dec	Winter Raffle -- Great seasonal prizes, not all dog-related.	Mail-in, need not be present at drawing to win.

Visit with Santa

By GPA Youth Volunteers

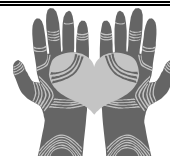
What are all these smells? My mommy and daddy brought me to the Salem PetCo today, I think it's December 20. There are all sorts of people everywhere, especially people with big dogs that look kinda like horses... they're on the people's shirts too. Oh, my mommy told me about this, GPA is having pictures with Santa today. Santa!! Oh my goodness! We walk into the Petco and there are nice people behind a table. Mommy talks for a while with their owners, the dogs that look like horses. They were really nice. Now we're going into a room in the back. There is ribbon and garlands everywhere, a big fireplace and... there he is! It's Santa! He looks really nice, and jolly too! There are girls everywhere that are wearing the GPA shirts. Their people tags say Brittany Mosher, Grace MacMillan, Kate Fallon, and Amelia Mosher. They are all really nice... where are we going? Oh! Mommy is bringing me over to Santa. Hee-hee! his beard tickles! Oh a squeaky toy? Amelia! Kate! Give me those... hey!! You just did that to get my attention so Grace and Brittany could take my picture. Oh well. You even put a bow on it. I look so pretty. Thanks guys! I'm so glad I got to come today, I had a great time! See you soon!

Ed. Note: Santa photos at Petco Salem brought in more than \$250 in photo money, apparel sales, and donations. GIANT GPA Thank-Yous go out to our volunteer Santa, George, and to the youth volunteers, for all their help.



Santa George Fortier with his helpers

Love & Healing Kennel



By Carolyn Wright

Deepest thanks to all the generous people who bought holiday raffle tickets! We raised more than \$500 to begin our fund to aid broken-legged hounds!



Poetry Kennel

Mary Jo and Josie

(used with permission) By Linda Chene

(sing to the tune: "Daisy, Daisy")

Josie, Josie, tell me about your feet!
 We're so nosy wondering what you eat!
 We think they smell just like Fritos,
 To others, like Doritos.
 But it's so neat-
 That Greyhound feet-
 Smell exactly the way they do!



Oh, yes! We are a very "hyper" breed – NOT!

We are relaxing during a break from our Ambassadors duties at the new GPA Nashua Petco Meet N Greet.

Featured Hound

Boogie Man

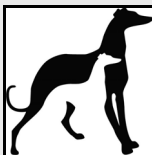


Gender	Male
Age	2 years old
Color	Black
Weight	61 lb.
Cat Safe	No
Dog Safe	Yes
Kid Safe	Yes, for kids 6yo and older
Crates well	Only when he can see his people while he is in the crate.

Boogie Man is a lovely, sweet boy. He needs a home without cats, though that would not be such a big problem. He is fine in his crate at night, when he can see his people. However, he is very unhappy in a crate when he cannot see his people and cannot be crated that way. That is usually not a big problem for adopters, as the crate is seldom a permanent necessity. The larger reason he gets passed over by potential adopters is that he is just not at his best when he is out in public. He gets nervous and shy, and his coat gets flaky from stress. However, at his foster home where he feels secure, he is a playful sweet dog with a nice black coat, who has fun with his French Bulldog pal (a small breed). He is being fostered at the Wright's house, and Carolyn and Ken say that if you want to see this boy at his best, call them and make an appointment to see him in their home.

603-225-2175

*Please contact
Carolyn Wright,
toll-free, at
888-507-9597
if you are interested
in meeting Boogie
Man or any of our
other available
hounds.*



Meet our Available Hounds!

Nell, Boogie Man, Major, Cofax, Lance, Zach, Zoe, Gigi, Patsy, Chris, and three more arriving this weekend on www.petfinder.org and at www.gpa-cnhc.org, at our Open House on the first Sunday of each month from 1-3PM (directions on page 8), and at our Meet & Greets (listed on page 7).

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

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

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