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Greyhound Tails

McCann a Hit at Benefit Dinner

By Carolyn Wright



Date: April 24, 2004

Time: 6 PM

Place: The Puritan Function Center, Manchester, NH

Present: Nearly 100 Lovers, Supporters & Adopters of Retired Racing Greyhounds

Speaker: Michael McCann, Adopter, Writer, Foster Parent, and Finder of Lost Greyhounds

The GPA Store: T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Collars & Leads, Statuary and other Decorative Greyhound Items

Prizes: Door Prizes included Collar and lead sets and Subscriptions to Celebrating Greyhounds, the Magazine. Raffle prizes included 10 Baskets of Goodies and 2 Framed Prints

About the Evening: The Bar was open, the GPA Store was open, registration went on, Raffle tickets were sold, a wonderful buffet dinner was served by the Puritan staff, cake was cut and distributed and all the while, everyone enjoyed the exchange of greyhound stories and shared the love we all have for the breed. Long stories, short stories, stories of how we



Director's Dialogue

Dinner, continued



By Ken Wright

Summer is here—Lakes Region Track is open—events are going on all over the state—and we are in the thick of it.

We have planned for just this. We have had several Placement Rep training sessions and have successfully added some new Placement Reps to our list, which will help us better serve other areas in NH and beyond. We have completed and handed out our updated Foster Handbook with lots of great information to aid our old and new foster families. We are trying to streamline the placement process, and we have started to add some online forms to make the process even easier. So we are off to the races...

As you have heard me say before, we always need foster homes, so if you have ever thought about it, let us know. We are starting to see many new issues to deal with and need folks that have office skills to retype handouts and other materials to use at Meet and Greets and other venues. So if you are a data entry wiz drop me a line and I will get some items right off to you.

With all this said, I want to thank everyone that has helped out. I cannot say enough about the great group of people involved in this group. We have some youth volunteers who have been a great help in many venues. We have new bathers of dogs all the time, so if you want to get involved just let us know what your specialty is and we can certainly find you a task to match. No task is too small because one step at a time is how we build everything. Also, if you would like to be involved on the board level please speak up. We can always use another pair of eyes, ears, and legs.

Thanks so much for all your continued support!



came to get involved, stories of how we came to adopt, foster stories, placement stories, pack stories, lost and found stories, health stories, family stories and of course, love stories.

About the speaker: Michael McCann is a contributing writer for Celebrating Greyhounds Magazine and has helped people find their lost greyhounds all over New England. The latest case a female named Cavan that escaped by chewing through the rope she was tied out on in a Mobile Home Park in Vermont. She was on the loose for more than 6 months and was finally collected after being hit by a car in freezing temperatures last January. His talk was sweet, funny, and heartfelt, and his love for the retired racer obvious throughout. At the end of the dinner, as the Puritan staff cleaned up, Cavan made an appearance and met many of the attendees.

Conclusion: Dinner was great, the company was great, the stories were great, the speaker was great, we raised a lot of money for future greyhounds entering the program and a wonderful time was had by all!

Thanks a million and we'll see you all next year!



GPA-CNHC Reunion Picnic & FUNdraiser

Come one, come all! Join us for a GREYT day of Food, Games, People, Hounds, Shopping, and FUNdraising.

**Rollins Park, Concord, NH
Sunday, September 12, 2004
11AM-3PM**

Don't forget to bring poop bags and clean up after your hounds!

Meet our Available Hounds!

Major, Cofax, Gigi, Kevin, Teddybear, Cherry, Crystal Boogie, Brad, Clementine, Braveheart, Loner, Rotta, Joy, Sarah, Corey, Delta, Jedi, Buddy, Windchill, and 3 more coming from GA. Look for updates 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).



Medical Kennel

Kennel Cough

Signs, Symptoms, and News on Vaccines

By Linda Hestianna

It's summertime, and people are going off on vacations. Many dog owners board their pals at a kennel while they are away. Others bring their dogs along with them, especially for events like the Greyhounds Reach the Beach in Dewey Beach, DE each year. We seem to have many opportunities to get out and about with other dog owners and/or their dogs. Whatever the reason, many dogs are having close contact with other dogs for periods of time. And just like we see with human children getting colds when they go back to school, getting together with others means our pets might share illnesses, too, even under optimum circumstances. Kennel cough, or Infectious Tracheobronchitis (ITB), is one of those illnesses.

Kennel cough is akin to a canine cold or flu-like illness. Dogs can contract the illness many places; not just kennels, but wherever dogs are in a closed environment in close proximity to other dogs (kennels, indoor dog shows and trials, etc.). It is characterized by a higher-pitched "honk" or "croupy" kind of a cough (thus the name).

Cause: ITB can be caused by a variety of microorganisms, most often the bacterium Bordatella, the viruses Parainfluenza and Adenovirus, and others. The disease organisms are airborne, so your dog just has to breathe air that has the organisms in it to get sick. The organisms attach to the warm, moist lining of the trachea and bronchi, where they begin multiplying. They irritate the airway and cause coughing.

Symptoms: Coarse, dry, honking/croupy cough, three to seven days after being infected. Sometimes they get a fever and do not want to eat, but most often they have no fever and act normally except for the cough.

Treatment: Have your vet examine your dog if you notice coughing like this. Such coughing could be from ITB or it could be something more serious like Blastomycosis, heartworms, Valley Fever, or cardiac problems. Your vet will determine the cause. If it is ITB, dogs are most often treated symptomatically with cough suppressants. Sometimes secondary bacterial infections can develop, which require treatment with antibiotics, too.

Prevention: If you don't board your dog at a kennel, or you don't go to dog shows or field trials or Meet N Greets, you may not need to vaccinate against ITB. However, most

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Poetry Kennel

Why?

By Judith Reichwein



Judi is on the left, with her pal Ann on the right

"Why"? Humans ask when they cry, "Why did you get sick? Why did you die?"

We Puppies don't understand the "Why?" question. ("Why did you eat that? Why did you wee wee there? Why did you hide my shoe?")

We houndies like other questions:

"Who?"

"Who?" Who is me, who loved you. That's who, and you loved me enough to set me free. Who is me, who'll always be around you.

"What?"

Dreams, happy dreams, joyful ones too. Tho' we had to part, know that you'll always be in my heart.

"When?"

When I saw you and you saw me and that spark and bond just had to be. Time for skritches, kissies, huggies, toys, cookies, massagies and stuff. That "When," that time for me was enough.

"Where?"

With you in your world as long as I could, loving you was the ultimate good. Know now I'll be with you always, as I know you'll be with me.

But if you, as most humans do, cry and have to ask "Why?"

I'll just have to say
It was my time to fly.
With your GreytHeart,
Know this is true!

...and just guess "Who" next I'll be sending you!

Note from author: "I'm actually only a conduit from puppies, past, present, and future. They say what they mean and my fingers just do the typing." JR

Got Skunk?



By Jenna and Matt Skinner

A fenced yard is great for keeping hounds in, but not great at keeping wild animals out. Our hounds let us know the hard way that we have a skunk. Keeping ingredients on hand is the best way to treat your dog quickly. Plus, you can avoid hearing, "Boy, it smells like skunk in here all of a sudden!" at the only 24-hour gas station in town. I received lots of advice and remedies from the emergency vet, coworkers, bank tellers, and my hairdresser. There is no hiding the smell, no matter where you are.

Skunks have great aim, and a direct hit smells like gasoline, or strong garlic, or something burning. The first thing you should do is get them under running water to make sure the spray is not in their eyes or mouth. It was in Boa's mouth, so I gave him peanut butter when I could not get him to drink or rinse his mouth. We were concerned about putting harsh chemicals on his face, so we got as many non-toxic recipes as we could. All of the following recipes were employed, but we don't know which ones worked the best, because we couldn't smell a thing after a half hour!

1. 2 pints hydrogen peroxide, 1/4 cup baking soda and 1 tablespoon liquid dish soap. Leave on dog for 20 min. Rinse, repeat if necessary.
2. White vinegar
3. Massengil Douche (which contains white vinegar and is more expensive)

Bathe your dog with a liberal application of one or more and rinse well with water. Unfortunately, you can expect the smell to come back every time your dog gets wet, so you may need to treat them more than once. Since I was washing the dogs, I had to use the peroxide concoction on myself. The next day my skin was burning. If you use this on your hound I also recommend giving them a soak in Aveeno Soothing Bath Treatment. An 8-pack is \$7.99 and you will have some left over for yourself. It is made with oatmeal powder, and relieves the effects immediately.

The house retained the smell longer than the dogs, because the temperature that day was in the 80's, and it was trapped in the layer of hot air at the ceiling. We mopped and cleaned, to no avail. At Wal-Mart, we found an air deodorizer called OdorCide for \$1.95, which works in 20

minutes. It says on the bottle that it is "non-toxic and contains no harmful chemicals, heavy perfumes or artificial ingredients that can be harmful to children and pets." Between that and a windy day, our problem was gone. As hard as this was on us, with their heightened sense of smell, it must have been unbearable for the dogs. We told them not to play with the black and white kitty anymore, because it is mean.

*Ed. Note: Experience with skunks and heavily-furred dogs taught me that the **Recipe #1**, above, works better than anything else.*



FOSTER FAMILIES!

Please be sure to get the monthly dose of HeartGuard and Frontline for your foster hounds when you bring them to the Open House. It is very important protection for your family, your foster, and your home pack.



Greyhound GI Jane and the cat Shelby Ming. Both adopted by the Berry Family in Rutland VT.

VISIT GPA's OPEN HOUSE!

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



GPA Photo Gallery

Retirement Day



Fresh off the track and after his bath, Windchill has his first cat test. Dogwash/transport volunteer, Marena Kosko, holds his leash while Julia Benfield operates RoboKitty. Julia's dad and Carolyn Wright, observe. Ken Wright, Julia's mom, and other dogwashers are in the grooming room, in the background.

(Kennel Cough, continued)

kennels do require that you vaccinate your dog a few weeks before boarding there. It takes days to weeks for a vaccine to build immunity in an animal.

Keep in mind that vaccinating for only one of the organisms may not be enough to protect your dog fully. Trying to vaccinate against ITB organisms is like trying to vaccinate humans against the flu. To be effective, it really needs to change according to current infections, because these organisms mutate significantly over time, making the vaccines less effective over time. The Bordatella nasal vaccine is thought to be the most effective (and quickly acting) way to prevent infection with Bordatella bacteria, the most common cause of ITB. This vaccine will not cover the other possible causative organisms, however.

The Kansas Racing Commission and the National Greyhound Association has been funding several researchers (Dr. Brad Fenwick is the leading scientist) over recent years, in search of a more effective combination vaccine. Major outbreaks of ITB at racetrack kennels cause race cancellations and track quarantines, which cost the industry significant money each year. It takes time, however, to get through FDA certifications and bring a new vaccine to the market

Ask your vet for the latest information on the progress toward a more effective vaccine. Meanwhile, existing Bordatella nasal vaccine is the prevention of choice.

Volunteer Email List & Website Forum

By Mark Dana

I'd like all our volunteers, and anybody who is considering volunteering with us to send me your email address. This way, I can keep everybody updated on the latest news, new events, and any changes in events. Please send your email address to me at events_coordinator@gpa-cnhc.org.

We have a new forum area on our website, too! Just go to our site, <http://www.gpa-cnhc.org> and click the link for the "discussion forum". Scroll to the bottom of the page and click the "Register" link. You'll be given instructions from there.

Anybody can sign up for the discussion forum. Post your questions and share your experiences, or just communicate with other greyhound folk in the area.

Please sign up. You'll be glad you did!



Your Ad in GH Tails

In future issues of Greyhound Tails, we will set aside limited space for selected advertisements. Our circulation is approximately 400, made larger than it seems by the fact that many people on our mailing list are veterinarians and other pet-related offices, who put them in their waiting rooms. You have a captive audience of animal lovers. If you run a business with a pet focus, or a business that would appeal to our readership, then please phone us at 888-507-9597 to reserve your spot and receive specifications on the required copy/info/graphics. We will run "business card" size ads, quarter-page, half-page, and full-page size ads, for one run or for the entire year. You can also choose to sponsor an entire issue, which would include a full-page ad.

All ad copy and any graphical images must be submitted by the cutoff dates listed in the back of this publication. We reserve the right to refuse to publish any ad that we deem inappropriate, or that has not met our deadlines with complete materials.

Size of Ad	Price for 1 run	Buy 3 runs & get the 4 th free
Biz card:	\$25	\$75
¼ page:	\$50	\$150
½ page:	\$75	\$225
Whole page:	\$100	\$300
Sponsor an entire issue:	\$200	\$600



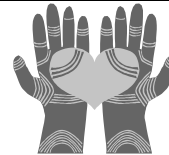
Our Heartfelt Thanks!

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! Your generosity is amazing!

The Spring Raffle of the Honda Lawn Mower was a huge success! Thanks to Nault's Honda in Manchester, we had a great item to raffle and added significant new funds to help this season's retirees. The winner, drawn randomly, was Sandra Wellman.



Love & Healing Kennel



We have taken in three greyhounds from an emergency situation on a Georgia farm recently. We have two, 2-yr-old littermates: a male and a female (the female had an injury that healed poorly, giving her a limp; the male is very underweight); and one other female who is shy. We will keep you updated on their progress toward becoming ready for a nice comfy spot in their forever homes.



Racers rounding turn #1 at the Woodlands GP, Kansas City, KS



GPA-CNH C Upcoming Events (see important notice on next page)

Day/Date	Time	Event	Location
Sat. 6/26	10AM-3PM	Blue Seal Dog Wash – Get your dog washed. All proceeds to GPA.	Blue Seal Feed store, Derry, NH
Sun. 6/27	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Concord, NH (last Sun.)
Sat. 7/3	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Manchester, NH (1 st Sat.)
Sun. 7/4	1PM-3PM	Open House – Meet the available dogs, apply to adopt. Meet the GPA Board. (no Board meeting, just Open House)	Woodlawn Kennels (directions on pg 8) First Sun. each mo.
Sat. 7/10	10AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Salem, NH (2 nd Sat.)
Sun. 7/11	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Nashua, NH (2 nd Sun.)
Wed. 7/14 thru Fri. 7/16	10AM-3PM	Concord Market Days– Meet N Greet Introducing hounds to the public.	Main St., Concord, NH
Sat. 7/17	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Portsmouth, NH (3 rd Sat)
Sat. 7/24	11AM-3PM	Pet Adoption Day – sponsored by the Animal Rescue Network of New England www.armne.org	1 st Congregational Church Hall, Pelham, NH (4 th Sat.)
Sun. 7/25	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Concord, NH (last Sun)
Sun. 8/1	Noon-1PM 1PM-3PM	Board Meeting – Brief meeting for updates Open House – Meet the available dogs, apply to adopt. Meet the GPA Board.	Woodlawn Kennels (directions on pg 8) First Sun. each mo.
Sat. 8/7	10AM-3PM	Jordan's Ice Cream Dog Days of Summer — Special doggie ice cream, part of the proceeds to GPA.	Jordan's Ice Cream, Belmont, NH
Sat. 8/7	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Manchester, NH (1 st Sat.)
Sun. 8/8	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Nashua, NH (2 nd Sun.)
Sat. 8/14	10AM-3PM	Blue Seal Dog Wash – Get your dog washed. All proceeds to GPA.	Blue Seal Feed store, Derry, NH
Sat. 8/14	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Salem, NH (2 nd Sat.)
Sat. 8/21	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Portsmouth, NH (3 rd Sat)
Sat. 8/28	11AM-3PM	Pet Adoption Day – sponsored by the Animal Rescue Network of New England www.armne.org	1 st Congregational Church Hall, Pelham, NH (4 th Sat.)
Sun. 8/29	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Concord, NH (last Sun)
Sat. 9/4	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Manchester, NH (1 st Sat.)
Sun. 9/5	Noon-1PM 1PM-3PM	Board Meeting – Brief meeting for updates Open House – Meet the available dogs, apply to adopt. Meet the GPA Board.	Woodlawn Kennels (directions on pg 8) First Sun. each mo.
Sat. 9/11	10AM-3PM 10AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public. Pet Adoption Day and Pelham Old Home Days – sponsored by the Animal Rescue Network of New England www.armne.org	Petco, Salem, NH Pelham, NH
Sun. 9/12	11AM-3PM	GPA-CNH C Annual Reunion Picnic/Fundraiser	Rollins Park, Concord, NH
Thurs. 9/16 thru Sun. 9/19	11AM-3PM	Greyhound Planet Day	ALL Petcos
Sat. 9/18	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Portsmouth, NH (3 rd Sat)
Sat. 9/25	11AM-3PM	Pet Adoption Day – sponsored by the Animal Rescue Network of New England www.armne.org	1 st Congregational Church Hall, Pelham, NH (4 th Sat.)
Sun. 9/26	11AM-3PM	Meet N Greet – Introducing hounds to the public.	Petco, Concord, NH (last Sun)
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Monthly Events

We hold Meet & Greets, an Open House, and our business meeting each month. We are so busy with hounds that if an Open House falls on a holiday, we still have it.

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 (if it falls on a holiday, the meeting is cancelled but not the Open House. Call Ken Wright (603-225-2175) for a copy of the agenda, or to contribute to the agenda.

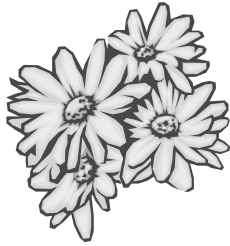
IMPORTANT Notice To All: The State of NH has become more strict about ensuring that dogs in public have been vaccinated for rabies. If you are bringing your dog to a GPA event or Meet N Greet, please be sure your dog has its rabies tag on its collar and bring a copy of your rabies vaccination certificate with you. All foster families will be issued a copy of your foster dog's rabies vaccination certificate to keep with you when you bring your foster dog to an event.

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
June 26, 2004	Blue Seal Dog Wash -- A special benefit dog was at the Blue Seal Feed Company in Derry, NH. All proceeds go to GPA! Don't miss it!	Derry Blue Seal
August 7, 2004	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
Aug 14, 2004	Blue Seal Dog Wash -- A special benefit dog was at the Blue Seal Feed Company in Derry, NH. All proceeds go to GPA! Don't miss it!	Derry Blue Seal
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 16, 9:30AM-5PM	Pet Expo -- Giant expo of everything for pets! Come help out at our booth, buy some goodies, or just say Hi!	Center of NH (next to the Holiday Inn on Elm St.), 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 Wal-Mart.	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.
April, 2005	Greyhound Benefit Dinner -- This is one of our two major fundraising events each year. Dinner, dancing, and shopping, of course! Raffle/Auction too.	TBD
April/May 2005	Spring Raffle -- Great seasonal prizes, not all dog-related.	Mail-in, need not be present at drawing to win.



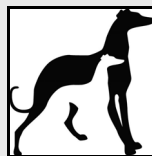


Gender	Female
Age	2 years old
Color	Black
Weight	65 lb.
Cat Safe	Yes
Dog Safe	Yes
Kid Safe	Yes, for kids 10yo and older, because of her energy level.
Crates well	Yes.

Featured Hound **Cofax**

Cofax (Racing name RNR Cofax) is a gorgeous black female who just turned 2 in May. She's quite a happy girl who likes to give kisses. Cofax definitely has some of that puppy energy and should be a quick learner. She is very energetic and loves to play. She would prefer a fenced area in which to run. She is very well crate trained and loves to sleep with her foster people (sometimes on the bed). With attention and love she will quickly become your best friend. If you just show her the leash, she is hopping up and down and barking happily. She is a love and will give you kisses, usually when you ask her. Cofax is living in a home with several greyhounds.

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



Meet our Available Hounds!

Major, Cofax, Gigi, Kevin, Teddybear, Cherry, Crystal Boogie, Brad, Clementine, Braveheart, Loner, Rotta, Joy, Sarah, Corey, Delta, Jedi, Buddy, Windchill and 3 more coming from GA. Look for updates 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-CNHC 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: _____

2004 GPA Donations

We are an official 501-c non-profit organization. IRS Tax ID# 02-0424800

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

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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.

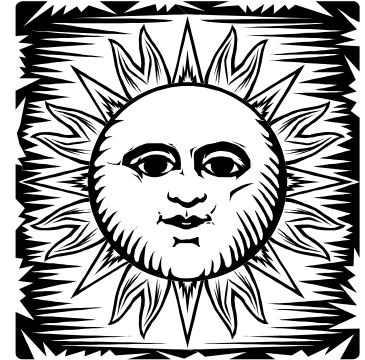
The GPA position is that we are primarily interested in the welfare of the greyhound. We are NOT animal activists, nor an animal rights organization. However, GPA will take appropriate action if we see a greyhound mistreated or abused. We will do what needs to be done to get the abuse stopped as quickly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

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