

# GREYHOUND TAILS

NEWSLETTER FOR GREYHOUND PETS OF AMERICA - CENTRAL NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Fall 2010

A Message from the Assistant Director  
Stephen Shepard  
Fall 2010 Newsletter

Fall is here and as I write this article for the newsletter, brilliant maple leaves are falling from the trees in my yard. It is hard to grasp that three quarters of 2010 is past already! 2010 has been a year of learning, for me as assistant director, and new endeavors for GPA-CNHC as a group.

Some of our new endeavors have included:

1. Learning how to better fulfill new state requirements for how we place our greyhounds into forever homes. State regulations require that our placed greyhounds have a health certificate issued by one of our group vets within 14 days of placement. We have always fully vetted our greyhounds so it is just a matter of scheduling to get the certificate issued at the correct time for placement.
2. We have established a relationship with a new Charitable Games Operator. As many of you know Charitable Gaming in the State of NH has been the largest source of funding to GPA-CNHC for the last 5 years, so we can operate our program. Our previous operator did not get a lease renewal from Seabrook Greyhound Park to continue to operate at that venue. We have partnered with Rockingham Gaming LLC who is the new operator of the Poker Room at Seabrook Greyhound Park. We had a very successful 10 day run at Seabrook this fall and have secured adequate funding to assure operation of our program through 2011. We have also been assured by our new gaming operator that GPA-CNHC will have 10 days of gaming every year at Seabrook.

3. The last week of September 2010 GPA-CNHC took a step forward to help with the growing issue of greyhounds in need in Florida, by making a \$1,500.00 donation of funds to the GPA-Daytona Beach Chapter. I believe this is the first time that our chapter of GPA has reached out to assist a sister chapter. The Daytona Chapter is caring for approx. 70 broken leg greyhounds in various stages of healing and approx. 130 other greyhounds that are waiting for transport to groups with space in their programs. There have been multiple seasonal track closures in Florida this fall and more are expected to close in the near future. There are many greyhounds needing to move out of Florida to groups. Money for vetting, flea and tick control, worming meds, and transportation is tight. It is my belief that greyhound adoption groups in the north will need to assist groups in Florida more frequently in the future as the number of greyhounds needing help increases. We have taken a first step towards that goal with the above mentioned donation. Please see the article that follows about the United Pathfinders Project that GPA national is working on.

As fall moves forward I want to encourage any of you reading this message that have never fostered a greyhound to consider trying it out. Our group needs more foster homes so we can better position ourselves to help with the growing number of dogs waiting to move in Florida and elsewhere. Please consider fostering a greyhound, it is the greatest gift you can give.

Yours in Greys  
Steve Shepard  
Asst. Director

Editor's note: Please read the related article on page 3 from GPA National about their United Pathfinders Project. This may very well be one of the most critical times for retired racing greyhounds and the adoption groups have ever faced.

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## Featuredhound Hossman



Hossman is a sweet Fawn boy. He loves to go for walks, rides and running in the backyard. Out of nowhere he will pick up a toy and just toss it around the house. (He sounds like an elephant when he does.) He is a beautiful fellow who would love to find a loving forever home. He is definitely a couch potato and would rather be on the couch or chair (someplace soft and comfy) than be on the floor. Hossman would prefer not to have a home with cats or very small dogs. He is a special hound who suffers from a seizure disorder, and is currently on medication that is controlling his seizures very well. He has been in foster care for some time and they have really helped him find the correct medication and dosage to get his seizures under control. He will need to go to a home committed to giving him his medication on schedule. This medication is not expensive (under \$10 for a three month supply, see below for more information) so please do not let this disorder or need for medication distract your interest in this handsome boy.

Below is an update from his foster home:

Hossman's medicines cost under \$10.00 for a three month supply. We do not have him on any special diet, but he tends to eat anything that he can smell on the counter, in the sink, out of our coffee cups...you get the idea. He has had only a couple of seizures this past year. If there is a drastic change in his environment then he will probably have one. We were away overnight and someone stayed at the house, and he had one then. There is really nothing you can do other than just make sure there are no other dogs around him when he does have a seizure and keep him from hurting himself. When it is over they are very disoriented and will pace the house and drink lots of water. It is best to keep a log of his seizures so the vet knows what is going on.

He loves to lie on the couch and will not move unless you move him. He prefers a chair to the floor. When he is let out in our back yard, he will run and pounce on the other dogs. I have to keep an eye on him so he does not get too rough.

Watching him play with toys is hysterical. He will throw them everywhere, and yes, he thinks our shoes are his toys. I have never seen him chew up anything. He crates fine as long as there is a very comfy quilt in it.

For more information on canine seizures/canine epilepsy see the following links:

[www.canine-seizures.freesevers.com/index.htm](http://www.canine-seizures.freesevers.com/index.htm)

[www.canine-epilepsy-guardian-angels.com/seizures\\_overview.htm](http://www.canine-epilepsy-guardian-angels.com/seizures_overview.htm)

[www.ahofp.com/Guide/Canseize.htm](http://www.ahofp.com/Guide/Canseize.htm)

Would you be willing to share your home with this special guy? Let's get this guy settled and comfy in his new forever home! If you would like to meet Hossman please give us a call or drop an e-mail.

Registered Name: Hossman

Sex: Male

Age: 4 Years Old

Color: Fawn

Weight: 82

Cat Safe: No

Dog Safe: Yes

Kid Safe: Yes Older Kids

## Nominations and Election of Officers and Board Members for 2011

The Board of Directors for GPA-CNHC is seeking nominations for candidates to serve on the 2011 GPA-Central NH Chapter Board of Directors. If any people reading this have an interest or know of someone that would be an asset to our board of directors in 2011, please send your nominations to Steve Shepard, Assistant Director [shshepard@myfairpoint.net](mailto:shshepard@myfairpoint.net). Please mention Nominations for GPA-CNHC 2011 on the subject line of your email. Nominations are due by Dec. 1, 2010.

Voting will be by secret paper ballot at the GPA-CNHC annual meeting on Sunday Dec. 12, 2010 at 10AM. The annual meeting will be held at the Hopkinton Town Library, Community Room, 61 Houston Drive, Contoocook, NH.

The board positions are as follows:

1. Director
2. Assistant Director
3. Treasurer
4. Secretary
5. Keeper of the Hounds
6. Foster Home Coordinator
7. Parliamentarian
8. Events Coordinator

Terms run from Jan. 1, 2011 to Dec. 31, 2011.

Submitted by Steve Shepard, Asst. Director

## 2010 GPA Annual Reunion

By Marina Greene

First and foremost the GPA-CNHC staff would like to thank everyone who helped make our 2010 reunion a success! Despite the occasional shower, bit of a chill in the air and of course the first game of the season for the Patriots (starting at 1pm), the turnout for this year's reunion was better than we expected. People and their hounds began showing up early and most stayed for the day to enjoy seeing old friends, making new friends and of course participating in the raffle and games. Some of our newer adopters, and volunteers, attended their first reunion to get a taste of what it means to be part of the greyhound community and how wonderful these dogs are whether one on one or in large numbers.

Lisa Jones, one of our foster homes, stepped up to coordinate the games, which, as always, is one of the highlights of the reunion. Lisa and her assistant, Drew, did a great job and it was a pleasure to see so many participants. The costume contest included characters from Toy Story, a butterfly, a very handsome magician, a cute little witch, a trio of rock stars and even a hot dog. One of the favorites in the games is the baldest butt, which is often a close run for greyhound participants and this year it was definitely a tight race for first place. Salvo DeYoung did a wonderful bow for a cookie for the best trick and the egg race was fun to watch as usual and everyone did a great job through the obstacle course Lisa set up for them.

The reunion would not be complete without the raffle and I have to say that we had some amazing prizes for this year's event. The raffle table was full of goodie baskets & bags, treats, a large crate full of everything a greyhound would love, and there was even a special stuffed greyhound that traveled all the way from England to find its home with one of our lucky adopters. I hope everyone got a chance to see Steve, our Assistant Director, hawking raffle tickets in his bunny outfit. Thank you to all who donated items to make this raffle such a success!

Our annual reunion is one of the group's two main events. When planning this event, we always remember that this day is for the adopters and the greyhounds to enjoy. To share greyhound stories, make new friends, show off their wonderful hounds and just have fun. We wouldn't be able to bring this to you if it were not for our volunteers and donors, and we want to be sure they all are aware of how much we appreciate all that they do to support GPA-CNHC. A special thanks to the staff, foster homes, meet-and-greet volunteers and their friends for their hard work and dedication in planning, setting up and running this event. Charlie, our Director, did a great job manning the grill and Mark and Donna seemed very busy manning the GPA store. This was our Treasurer Steve's first greyhound event and he was a real trooper helping where he was needed, and doggie sitting. Welcome to the greyhound world! Our supporters are always too many in number to name so I hope that each and every one of you realizes your contributions are greatly appreciated. We would like to thank the following people and vendors for their significant donations of both time and items/other donations for this event.

Dr. Murdock for her patience in clipping nails and really great spirit

Dr. Darby for her wonderful goodie baskets

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## GPA National Communiqué Winter 2010

### United Pathfinder Project by Alane Shultz

The United Pathfinder Committee's goal is to prepare as much as possible for multiple greyhound track closings that we foresee happening in 2010 and/or 2011. We had our first conference call on Dec. 21, 2009. Our next call will be Jan. 18, 2010. The committee members are myself, Dennis Tyler of GPA Central FL, Ellen Paulus of GPA WI, Emma Palmacci of GPA CT, Pat Roberts of GPA NM, Ann Bollens of GPA Emerald Coast, Rory Goree, GPA Nat. Pres. and Chris Miller of GPA Daytona Beach, FL. Our first objective is to start calling GPA and non-GPA groups that the committee members work with in placing greyhounds. We want to make everyone aware of the "greyhound tsunami" we expect in the near future and to prepare for it as much as possible. Here's our Tip Sheet Guide we'll be using. We're also preparing a letter from GPA National officers to present to veterinarians to verify and confirm the urgency of our message.

### Tip Sheet Guide

Nine greyhound tracks will no longer race greyhounds in 2010. This constitutes 1/3 reduction of the current number of greyhound tracks in the US. In 2010 only 23 greyhound tracks nationwide will still remain in operation. Florida, with its 13 tracks, will have more active racetracks than the rest of the states combined. In 2009 legislation was introduced to allow Florida tracks to discontinue live racing and still maintain their simulcast operations and Poker room activities. That bill failed to get out of committee but it became apparent to the House and Senate that it was one of the "wants" of several of the Florida tracks. There are many who feel that similar legislation will come up again, in 2010, and may pass as a consolation to the tracks for other pro-Pari-mutuel bills that failed, like allowing tracks to have the full use of slot machines.

We are not saying that it will happen in 2010 but IF it does happen there could be as many as 5 or 6 Florida tracks that would discontinue live racing. If not in 2010 it could be in 2011. Unlike the track closings in Arizona, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, the tracks in Florida that would close would be the lower-end tracks that every other track in the country uses to send their poorly competitive greyhounds. This will be unlike the Dairyland track closing, where more than 2/3rds of their hounds went to race at other tracks. At the low end tracks in Florida, it will be more likely that very few greyhounds can go on to race at other tracks, as most tracks would be a step or two up from their current competition level. How many non-competitive greyhounds would be looking for homes should Florida pass legislation allowing tracks to discontinue live racing??

Each track has between 500 to 1000 greyhounds in their kennels. There may be 5 or 6 tracks taking the option to end racing so the numbers could be well over 3,000 all at once. I refer to this as a greyhound Tsunami, and there is a second wave that may even precede the first. Since the greyhounds come to the track at 15 to 18 months of age there are well over 20,000 greyhounds that are currently on farms waiting to race.

Although they range in age from new born pups to greyhounds 15 to 18 months old, they will be ready to come to race tracks at a rate of about 1000 a month. With the track closings of 2009 there will already be 1/3rd less tracks for these hounds to go to start racing and owners are already experiencing problems placing their greyhounds at tracks. There will, no doubt, be some owners that will stop paying boarding fees and create problems for farmers and greyhounds on those farms. With NGA help we can be alerted to such problems. Knowing the full scope of the problem can only help prepare for solutions.

In GPA, we are trying to alert ALL greyhound adoption groups to "unite" for this huge wave of greyhounds that may be upon us soon. Our United Pathfinder Project could save many greyhounds that will be in jeopardy if we all work together and PLAN AHEAD!

## 2010 GPA Reunion con't

C. Smith for collecting items for the goodie bags, raffle and her donation of several great goodie baskets  
Sea-Jay Photography for setting up the photo booth despite the showers  
Little Critters Pets for the fabulous crate and goodies  
Anne with K9 Kaos for her goodie bag and raffle items  
Deco Dogs Daycare for their raffle item  
Laura, Jenna and Maria for the great goodie basket

Thank you again to all who participated in our 2010 reunion. We look forward to another successful event next year.  
Staff and volunteers  
GPA-CNHC

# The Events Corner

## By Mark Dana

Hi Everyone.

It was very busy during August, Sept., & now into Oct. The reunion was on 9/12 and we did have lots of guests. THANK YOU ALL who helped make the reunion a very successful day. We now have 8 Petco M-n-G's. Our latest is in Dover, NH. Sarah Carson is the new lead. Sarah is there every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 10-2 pm with her 2 hounds, Magic and Jack. I know she would love to see other volunteers stop by, especially if you have a foster. Sarah, thank you for taking on the Dover store. Sarah kindly made up a few table fliers for our "Bringing Home a Greyhound" event with Petco, another great job.

As I write this article, our new fundraiser "Bringing Home a Greyhound" is on going, but by the time you get the newsletter it will have run its course. It ran from September 26 to October 24, 2010. We'll let you all know how it went through the forum on our site, so sign up and read the articles. Early indications are we're doing well. We did have several extra M-n-G's to support this event. Thank you for everyone's extra help.

The purpose of this new fundraiser is to continue to assist greyhound adoption across the United States. Although the New England tracks have now closed, there are still hundreds of greyhounds that have been moved out of racing to adoption status. Regional Petco stores are very supportive of greyhound adoption and continue to assist local adoption groups with finding homes for retired racing greyhounds.

Next year we are hoping to grow Bringing Home a Greyhound, possible ideas that we are working on are a day long ending event with a dog walk, music, games, vendors, and specially designed T-shirts. The Petco Foundation and Petco District and Marketing Managers are helping us work out the details. If you have any ideas, etc., drop me an e-mail and we'll take a look. I would like to thank Petco, Petco Foundation, and, April Botta, Petco-area Marketing Manager, for getting this event scheduled and off the ground. Petco is so helpful.

Pictures with Santa Fundraiser at selected Petco locations will be held on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Please check our web-site for times and locations. We will need Santa volunteers at each of our 8 Petco M-n-G's as well volunteers to take the pictures and work with Petco customers during this event. Please consider helping us out during this event.

Another favorite event is the Concord Christmas Parade. No date as of yet; please check back on our site or forum. We'll need a pick-up truck or two (a flat bed trailer would be great, too) and a few SUV's to shuttle everyone back to their cars once the parade is over. Any takers on this one?

To all the new GPA-CNHC families who adopted one or more Greys, first off thank you, and second... if you would like to get involved with volunteering with GPA-CNHC either at M-n-G's or fostering please contact Mark for M-n-G's and Marina for fostering. We need you, and the Greyhounds need you.

I would like to take this time to send out a few BIG thank yous: to Jen Mosher for all the letters and notes she sent out for us this year ; to Little Critter Pet Center and Tish & Tony for all the donations and fundraising and M-n-G's at the Exeter store; to Dave Trembly and the crew at Atkinson Graphics for all the great T-s and donations; to all the M-n-G Leads, Lisa, Donna, Donna, Gae, Drew, Mike, Deb, Sarah, & Carole, and All the volunteers who helped out, donated, made something for a raffle, the list goes on. THANK YOU!!! Without people and companies like them, many of the small, non-profits like GPA-CNHC would not be able to do the good we do.

Lastly, we are looking for a few more leads to take on new M-n-G's we have yet to start at Petco in N. Andover, MA. and Little Critters in Raymond, NH. We also need new M-n-G leads for two of our oldest locations, Portsmouth and Concord, NH Petco's. Leads are responsible for setting up and breaking down, inventory, interacting with the store, to name a few things. I did a M-n-G in Petco N. Andover on 10/2 to support "Bringing Home a Greyhound." We did very well in donations and sales. The store manager, Jeff, was very happy to see us there and wished we could come back on a monthly basis.

If you are interested in being a GPA Lead volunteer or just would like to volunteer at one or more of our M-n-G's, please contact me at [events\\_coordinator@gpa-cnhc.org](mailto:events_coordinator@gpa-cnhc.org)

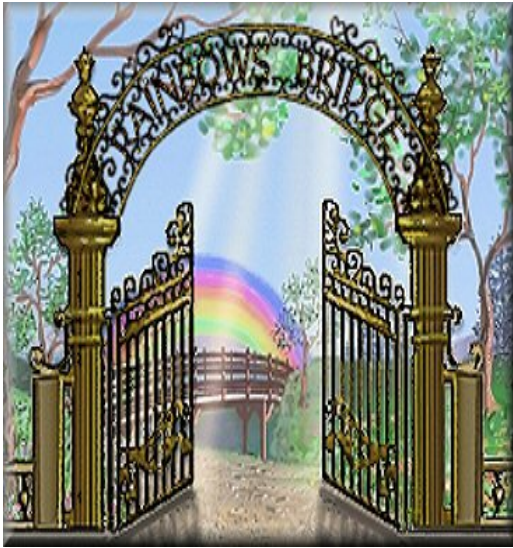
By the time this newsletter is out, the fall holidays will be just around the corner, so I would like to say happy Thanksgiving to all.

Thank you all for your help in 2010 and I hope everyone can continue to volunteer with GPA-CNHC in the coming 2011.

Best Regards

Mark J. Dana

# 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.

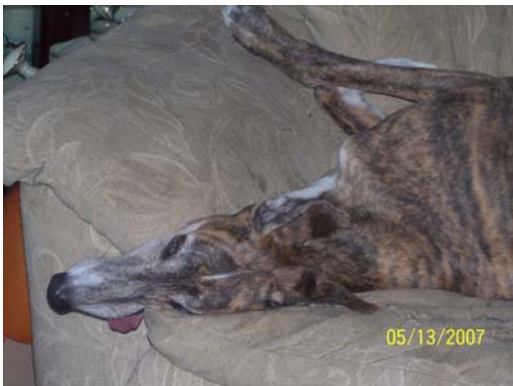
The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

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...



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

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 "A well trained dog will make no attempt to share your lunch. He will just make you feel so guilty that you cannot enjoy it"  
 ....Helen Thomson  
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## Stock (Stocks R Rising) November 1999 - July 2010

I will never forget the first day that we brought Stock into our home. My husband Adam and I were proud foster parents of previous greys, and this time was no different. We travelled the 2 hours it took to get to New Hampshire from Maine and brought home our next love. We instantly knew that Stock would be a special part of our family. Not only was he timid and very nervous about what his future held, he was fast! As soon as we arrived home, up the stairs we went, and down the stairs he went and out the door. Did I mention that he was fast?

Stock took off like a shot, across four lane traffic, just doing what he did best; run. I ran after him because of course a woman in a dress and high heels could catch up with a grey...right? Not so much. I finally decided to turn back and grab the car keys. Off I went to catch my foster dog (is this what I'm in for)? I followed him for what seemed like hours, but in real time, not adrenaline time it had only been about 30 minutes. I followed and tried to corner him (where was my husband?) Finally, he saw someone walking the track at my old high school. He decided it was a good time to stop and chat with her. Who would have thought that a greyhound would find his way to a track 2 miles away? That's where our love story began.

Stock made it through 3 little girls joining our family. He loved each of them. With every one that we brought home he protected them, laying on the floor by their crib, nudging me in the middle of the night, letting them pull his tail and ears, and not to mention an eye poke here and there. We continued to foster even after we decided to make him a part of our family. He dealt with sharing a couch, our affection, and occasionally his food. Not much phased him, but he loved the ride to camp. Camp was where we let him roam free. The trust that Stock and I had was unique. I would never let Stock off his leash while walking in the city, and out back he was confined to the fenced in yard.  
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However, at camp he could be a dog. He and I understood each other. He knew that if he took off, he wouldn't find his way home, and I would most likely not be able to rescue him. He was perfectly happy sticking around the lake and digging holes on the beach. Ever see a greyhound swim? Yup, Stock was quite the swimmer. He would come out with us and the girls, way over his head. I know he did it just to watch out for us. He preferred all 4 paws on the ground. He may not have been the best looking dog, or the smartest, and he may have chewed a few window sills, but to us he was everything. The day that we brought Stock to the vet, praying that the news was better than what we thought, was the most heart-wrenching day my 2 oldest girls have experienced. When I came home with just his collar in hand, our hearts broke, and a piece of us went with him.

I like to think that God created these great creatures for us to care for. However, with Stock in our lives, we have come to the conclusion that God created them for us. That these gentle, loving, forgiving, and caring creatures are here to make us better people. To make us realize what retirement is really supposed to be about, and most of all, what real love feels like. We will eventually adopt another grey, but none will replace our Stock. I still hear his collar rattle when a car pulls up, and I still look for him hanging upside down on "his" loveseat with 4 legs in the air. He may not physically be here any longer, but where we are, he is also.

Thank you Stock for loving us.

Adam, Michelle, Shylah, Molly, and Willow Woodford  
Augusta, Maine



### Robo Kitty (AKA Terminator Kitty) 2003 - 2010

We wanted to let readers of the newsletter know of the passing of Robo Kitty.

Robo Kitty was developed by Linda Shepard in 2003 to assist our program with cat testing of greyhounds. Our group has always had a need to try to figure out which of the greyhounds entering our adoption program might be cat safe before they went to foster home care.

Robo Kitty was a radio controlled toy car wrapped in the stuffed animal body of a cat.

Robo Kitty tested many greyhounds for cat aggression at various race track kennels in NH as well as doing duty at Pembroke Animal Hospital as we processed incoming greyhounds to our program. Robo Kitty was a very good tool to use for testing cat aggressiveness in greyhounds as Robo Kitty would whiz by them, turning rapid circles, reversing direction, and making whirring sounds. If Robo Kitty didn't get a greyhounds attention then the odds were very good that a house cat wouldn't get their attention either. Many of the greyhounds placed between 2004 and 2009 that are now living successfully with cats were tested by Robo Kitty during the years he served us.

Robo Kitty passed in late May of 2010 doing what he always did for us, and that was testing greyhounds for cat aggression. Robo Kitty passed testing greyhounds from the Lincoln, RI track close. Robo Kitty passed in our play yard in Hopkinton, NH and we could not revive him. The greyhound that did Robo Kitty in is currently living with us in our cat free home and doing fine, I don't think he even knows that he ended an era at GPA-CNHC. Rest in peace Robo Kitty you served us well!  
Steve and Linda Shepard

### Banana Nut Cookies

From Three Dog Bakery

1 1/2 cups mashed ripe bananas      1/2 teaspoon vanilla  
3 cups oats      1/2 cup chopped peanuts      1/4 cup applesauce  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Mix all ingredients together

Drop spoonfuls of the mixture onto an ungreased baking sheet and press flat with a fork

Bake for approximately 15 minutes, then cool on a rack before serving. Store in an airtight container.

### Lazy Bones Carob Balls

1 cup carob powder      1 cup skim milk      2 tablespoons honey  
1 teaspoon vanilla      3 cups bran flake cereal

In a large bowl, combine carob, milk, honey and vanilla

Add bran flakes and mix thoroughly

Break off golf ball-size pieces and form into balls.

Place balls in a sealed container and refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving

Store remaining balls in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

# 2010 GPA Annual Reunion Games Winners

## Best Costume

Lindsay & Scott Westover  
Evan Kintner  
Joan & Joel Harris

Song and Blue  
Duke  
Tina, Pulsar, & Ruffie

Toy Story theme with handler  
A very dapper magician  
A trio of rock stars

## Grayest Muzzle

Diane Canfield  
Christina Pitsch  
Nicole Russell

Matt  
Armando  
Buck

## Most Expressive Ears

Joan and Joel Harris  
Jacob Palermo  
Carole Smith

Ruffie  
Kelly  
Onyx

## Best Trick

Drew DeYoung

Salvo

Bowed for cookie

## Baldest Bum

Deb Merrill  
Lynn Paradysz  
Monica & Louise Schafer

PJ  
Kristen  
Amy

## Curliest Tail

Priscilla St. Pierre  
Deb Muull

Chevy  
Halo Pajamas (PJ)

## Best/Most Creative Name or Nickname

Carole Smith

Chicken Salad "Chica"

Race name Chicken Salad as all dogs in litter were given salad related names  
Duke is constantly looking up and around as he is not a bold and brave boy.  
Nicknamed Chicken Little as he fears the sky is falling  
She's a greyhound....need we say more!

Evan Kintner

Duke "Chicken Little"

Megan Roberto

Honey "Stinky Bum"

## Most Soulful Eyes

Monica & Louise Schafer  
Bill & Jen Adams  
Christina Murdock

Amy  
Max  
Yellow

## Sing-A-Long

Christina Pitsch  
Joan & Joel Harris  
Carole Smith

Armando  
Tina, Pulsar, & Ruffie  
Onyx

## Doggie Egg Race

Evan Kintner  
Jan Palermo  
Joan & Joel Harris

Duke  
Kolby  
Pulsar



# 2010 GPA Reunion in Pictures



## Greyest Muzzle

1<sup>st</sup> Matt ~ Diane Canfield

2<sup>nd</sup> Armando ~ Christina Pitsch

3<sup>rd</sup> Buck ~ Nicole Russell



## Best Costume

1<sup>st</sup> Song ~ The Westovers

2<sup>nd</sup> Duke ~ Evan Kintner

3<sup>rd</sup> Tina, Pulsar & Ruffie ~  
Joan & Joel Harris



# Conversations with Bill

By Lari Parsons and Fly Bye Bill

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

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

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

Aug. 8, 2010

Me: Bill why is your dinner on the floor?

Bill: (just stares and blinks)

Me: (bending over and placing legs and butts back in bowl)  
Come on. Sheana is done. You can go in the crate with your dinner.

(I place bowl and Bill in the crate and proceed with pilling everyone else)

Bill: MOOOOM! Huey is sniffing in front of the crate!!

Me: Huey, leave Bill alone. Bill, eat.

(I hand out cookies and pass Bill's to him through the door of the crate.)

Bill: MOOOM! He's doing it again!

Me: Huey go away and leave Bill alone! Bill if you would just eat he wouldn't be there!

(I let everyone outside while Bill eats.)

Bill: MOOOM! He's back!

Me: Are you planning to eat that?

Bill: No.

Me: Then why do you care if he's sniffing around the crate? If it was Sheana you wouldn't care. You'd let her have it.

Bill: Sheana is different.

Me: How's that?

Bill: She's not Huey.

Me: Just give me the bowl!

Bill: I love you.

Me: I wonder sometimes.

Aug. 12, 2010

Bill: Hey Lady there are left legs in my bowl!!

Me: Hold on I think I can fix that.

Bill: Oh yeah? How?

Me: Just a minute I'll be right back.

Bill: What cha' got there Lady?

Me: (holding out my hand) Look.

Bill: OOOO that should work! Go ahead sprinkle away.

Me: There ya go. How's that?

Bill: Yep! We got right legs!

Me: Magic Burpdog crumbs work every time!

Aug. 18, 2010

Me: Bill dinner is ready.

Bill: Hey lady what cha got in there? It smells pretty darn good!

Me: Why thank you Bill. I have some gizzards and some left over Tuna helper and a couple of drumsticks.

Bill: You had to go and ruin a perfectly good dinner. Call 'em what you will; drumstick is just another word for left leg.

Me: How do you know they are left legs? You haven't even seen them yet.

Bill: I know you. Just put the bowl down.

Me: You eat. I'll be back.

(Returning)

Me: The legs are still in your bowl.

Bill: Tuna Helper helps tuna not left legs. That's why it's called TUNA Helper. Left legs require stronger magic.

Me: Oh really? What would you suggest...as if I didn't already know.

Bill:(said with a glazed look and husky hushed voice)  
Burpdog crumbs.

Me: What if I don't have any crumbs?

Bill: A crumbled up cookie will do just as well.( Blink blink, lick lips, blink)

Me: Here you go.

Bill: YES!!

Aug. 24, 2010

Me: Bill dinner is ready.

Bill: Here I come!

Me: Whoa there Bill! You almost ran across that shiny floor!

I must say I am impressed.

Bill: What's for dinner?

Me: I have legs, brisket and some left over potatoes and rice.

Bill: Sounds delicious.

Me: It does?

Bill: Yes! Put down the bowl.

Me: OOOOO kaay.... . Eat up I'll be back.

(returning)

Me: Bill you ate it ALL.

Bill: It was fabulous!

Me: It was?

Bill: Especially the chicken.

Me: OK that does it! Who are you and what did you do with my Bill?!

Bill: Funny, Lady! I'll be over here wiping my face on the couch and waiting for my cookie.(tee hee gotta keep her on her toes)





## Dover Petco M-n-G

Pictured left is Magic and Jack taking a break from the exhausting job of being greyhound ambassadors. M-n-G's are an important part of most GH adoption groups public awareness efforts. Many times this will be a persons first up close and personal encounter with a GH. Even though N.E. no longer has live GH racing, the need for adoption is a great as ever. There are many tracks in the south as well as breeding farms and training facilities. We would love to see some new faces, both human and canine, attend one of our M-n-G's to help spread the word. If you have some free time and a social GH, please see our M-n-G schedule on page to find one in your area.

## How not to Become a Member of the Runaway's Club

*By Marcia Herman*

We have visions of our Greyhounds following us around while we move from place to place, while working in our gardens, walking on the beach, or hiking in the woods. These are lovely fantasies, but they should never become realities unless our loyal, royal companions are in a fenced area or attached to leashes. Even highly-trained working law enforcement dogs have been known to bolt and be killed while on duty. Often, instinct is more powerful than training.

The vision of a Greyhound loose on the beach reminds me of a time when cries of "Suzi's loose! Suzi's loose!" echoed across the beachfront in Dewey Beach, Delaware. Hundreds of Greyhound-owning people who were attending the annual "Greyhounds Reach the Beach" event scampered around looking for her, hoping to catch her. As everyone knows, a loose Greyhound is a Greyhound who likely has a date with injury or death sooner rather than later. In this case, everyone knew Suzi Waddell wasn't in any danger. Suzi was seventeen at the time and was simply tottering around the beach, sniffing the seaweed with her owner at her heels. We were just having fun with Suzi.

On the other hand, here are a few examples of true, not-so-amusing scenarios that occur repeatedly; a couple of these events have happened to our own dogs over the years. Sometimes these loose dogs return home; sometimes they don't - not alive anyway. Even worse, some are never seen again.

"Our foster dog escaped while someone was looking at him and considering adopting him."

"My Greyhound is afraid of thunder. He panicked, jumped through a window and climbed the fence to get away from the storm."

"Our 9 year-old Greyhound got out while chasing a cat (or squirrel, or rabbit, or bird, or you-name-it)."

"Our 4-year-old (or visitor) opened the front door and our Greyhound ran out onto the road."

"Our two Greyhounds were in the back yard doing their business. When I went to bring them inside a few minutes later, they were both gone. The fence gate was open."

"Our mailman rang the doorbell. When I cracked open the door to take the mail, our Greyhound pushed the door open and ran away. I didn't realize that a Greyhound could get through a slightly-opened door that easily!"

"We were walking our dogs when a loose dog charged us. One of our hounds backed right out of his martingale collar - the "safe" kind - and ran away. We found him waiting for us at home a half-mile away. He knew the route home because we walk it every day. His paws were bloody from running on pavement, but he was OK otherwise. Phew!"

"We've always let her out to do her business; we live in the country, after all. She never left the yard before. This time, she ran into the neighbor's driveway and was killed by a delivery truck."

The list of escape scenarios is endless but not to worry. Recognizing that "stuff happens" to even the most careful Greyhound owner, taking a few simple precautions will reduce the possibility of your Greyhound escaping to almost zero. The most common escape route is a door, gate, or window that's slightly opened. Most escapes are made by newly-retired foster or recently-adopted Greyhounds. All these new retirees know is that an open door, window or gate is much the same as the starting gate at the track; they may think that opening means RUN! Fresh off-the-track Greyhounds know nothing about cars, highways, traffic, or even how to get back home if they are lucky enough to be unharmed. To them, "home" is the track kennel. Disoriented Greyhounds whose adoptive owners may not even know their kennel names run full speed to nowhere.

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## How not to Become a Member of the Runaway's Club con't

Sometimes Greyhounds who've been in homes for years will decide to run out the door, too. Although these Greyhounds will also be in danger from traffic, they will often know the way home if they've been walked or driven around the neighborhood.

Here are some suggestions for escape-proofing your Greyhound so he or she doesn't become a member of the "Runaway's Club."

### Escape-proofing While Outside

As soon as you adopt your hound, have it micro chipped. Tag collars (buckle or breakaway or a loose slip over-the-head type) while in the house or when on the road are added security. Reserve properly-fitted martingale collars for leash use. The extra loop that makes them wonderful for leash-walking is what can make them deadly in the house, crate, or yard. Dogs have been hung by the extra loop when wearing them while no one is supervising them.

Always go into the yard with your new newly-retired Greyhound, even if it's fenced. Every dog is different; you have to watch and learn from each one by observing behaviors. Once you learn what each dog is capable of/interested in doing, especially near the fence, you can proceed with preventing escape by making your yard even more secure if need be.

Fence in at least one yard with a sturdy fence a minimum of 4 feet high; 6 feet is better. Secure even the narrowest openings; Greyhounds can squeeze through unbelievably narrow spaces.

Lock the fence gate with a brass padlock; brass doesn't rust. Keep the key inside your home. Greyhounds are quite capable of flipping up an unlocked chain link gate latch in the blink of an eye. Other slide-and-hook-over latches are available and work well, but a lock is best.

If your dog is a climber or a jumper, avoid chain link fences. Get a high, solid panel fence with no cross members that allow getting a foot up.

If your dog is a digger, place stone or concrete under the fence.

Keep lawn furniture and equipment away from fences. They make excellent jump-over-the-fence points.

If you have no fence, a leash is mandatory - always, even if obedience-trained. Greyhounds have remarkably poor recall because of their ability to focus on whatever has their attention. Their intelligence and independence can be their downfall when their focus isn't on the owner.

Check to see if your dog's collar is properly fitted. Greyhounds can easily back out of poorly-adjusted martingale collars. The material on properly-fitted martingale collars also stretches over time, so those collars do need to be checked and readjusted periodically.

When walking your hound, place your hand through the leash loop, wrap the leash around your wrist, and hold the leash firmly. Allow a bit of slack between your hand and the dog's neck so the dog will not feel like you have a stranglehold on him. If the hound is startled, hang on. You will not be able to run after and catch your loose Greyhound. If it gets loose, do the opposite of what you want to do; do not chase.

Keep house and vehicle windows opened no more than 6." Greyhounds have been known to escape through partially-opened car and van windows and doors. They can even push house windows open if they get their needle-nose underneath.

### Escape-proofing While Inside

Be paranoid about open doors and windows. It takes a split second for a Greyhound - particularly a recently-retired one - to blindly charge out the door or a window because of an interesting new sight, sound or scent.

Be sure children or adults who are not Greyhound-knowledgeable don't open doors leading to the street. Most will not be able to restrain a Greyhound who wants to get out and run.

Be aware of where your dog is whenever anyone opens a door. Front doors are particularly dangerous as they usually lead to an unfenced yard and the street or to a fenced one with an opened gate. A Greyhound nose is very capable of pushing open a door or a gate opened only an inch or a door that has not been clicked shut by the last person going through the door. A gated foyer or vestibule with a second door is ideal if you can arrange that.

Ideally, rooms leading to exterior areas could have half doors that can be shut when people are coming and going. However, some clever Greyhounds can operate door knobs; they grasp and turn them as well as we can! Doors with lever-type handles are a piece of cake for the determined Greyhound. These need to be dog-proofed as well. Child-proof door knob and door lever guards are available in baby and toddler departments at the mall or hardware store.

Workmen need to be as dog-savvy as you are. Many dogs escape while workers go back and forth from the house to their trucks or to their "workshop" in the garage. If they can't be trusted to be as paranoid about open doors are you are, find some workmen who are.

Garage doors need to be kept closed if an interior door leading to it is ajar. Greyhounds have been killed on moving days because of doors and garage doors needing to be open. Kennel your dogs and other pets on moving day. con't

# Meet & Greet Spotlight

## Pelham Adoption Days

In the fall of 2001 my husband, Carl, had a major stroke and was confined to a wheelchair. The first few years are still a blur. Every month, living in Pelham, we would see the "Pet Adoption Day" (PAD) sign in the center of town.

Fast forward to the spring of 2004.....after seeing the sign for PAD he stated he wanted to get a dog for a companion. My only thought was, more work for me! I took him, and fortunately for us, there were about 7 greyhounds at this PAD. I had only seen pictures of greyhounds, never seeing one in real life. Had it not been for GPA being at PAD we would not have pursued rescuing a greyhound. Mark Dana was there and he brought his girls, (Zoe & Tarma at the time), over to the wheel chair so Carl could pat them. After we left I thought that this would put it out of his mind and he would forget about it. Not so, the following month the PAD sign went up again and he said "you know we never did anything after going to PAD last month". I knew I had to take him again. GPA was there and they had several dogs. After speaking with them, I started thinking maybe this wouldn't be such a bad thing. A dog would be a really good companion for Carl. I worked at home often and when the weather was nice Carl always wanted to be outside. We worked with Mark Dana and a couple of other volunteers to find a dog. I had decided if I was going to succumb to this, I wanted a small female.....then along came Turbo. He was as far from a small female as you can get, but we fell in love with him instantly. He was a broken dog and his cast had just been taken off the day Mark and the foster parent brought him to our house. We couldn't believe how beautiful he was, never having seen a white greyhound before.

After working through the initial adjustment period and the couple of challenges Turbo presented, we began volunteering with him just a couple of months after getting him. Turbo brought so much into our lives and was Carl's best friend until he passed away in February of 2009

We have met so many friends through doing PAD and the Meet n Greets at Petco. Some have become very good friends and I think they will be lifelong friends. With my initial thought of it being extra work for me, I found it not to be any extra work at all and the pleasure Turbo gave Carl for almost five years I will treasure always. Turbo and Carl became an icon in town sitting out in the front of the house or under the shade tree. We also met many people in town because of Turbo and I have been often asked, at the grocery store, bank, etc., if I am the lady with the big, white greyhound. The picture of Turbo is at his very best!

Donna Brady



The dog was created specially for children. He is the god of frolic ~~ Henry Ward Beecher

If dogs could talk, perhaps we would find it as hard to get along with them as we do with people. ~~~ Karel Clark

Runaway Club con't.. It sure sounds like Greyhounds aren't much fun if one has to be so careful about them getting loose. But really, once the preliminary Greyhound escape-proofing is done and you've become accustomed to watching for open doors and gates and checking for properly fitted collars, you won't even think about doing it; it will just become second nature to you. By taking a few precautions your Greyhound is highly unlikely to be hurt or lost and you won't ever need to be separated from your fast friend. Last but not least, is a suggestion from one reader and that is to train your Greyhound to not bolt out the door. Greyhounds learn the stay, wait, come and other commands as easily as they learn anything else.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## ~~~Granite State Greyhounds~~~

Amateur Sighthound Racing  
Nov. 6 & 7 Brentwood, NH

<http://www.granitestategreyhounds.com/events.html>

(racing for points is not for the true couch potato; there are fun runs during lunch break)

## ~~~~Photos with Santa~~~~

Dec 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at many of our M&G locations. Please check our web site and forum as locations are announced.

## ~~~~ GPA-CNHC Annual Spring Banquet~~~~

Date and time TBA

## ~~~~ Sandy Paws ~~~~

March 3-6, 2011 Jekyll Island, GA

<http://sandypaws.org/>

## ~~~~Greyhounds in Gettysburg ~~~~

April 29<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011

<http://greyhoundsingettysburg.com/>

## ~~~~Spring Dewey ~~~~

Dewey Beach, DE

April 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

<http://www.deweyspring.info/>

# REGULAR SCHEDULED EVENTS

Below is a schedule of our on going 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.

## Third Saturday of the month

Portsmouth Petco	Noon to 3pm
Salem Petco	10am to 2pm
Plaistow Petco	10am to 1pm
Manchester Petco	10am to 2pm
Amherst Petco	10am to 2pm
Dover Petco	10am to 2 pm

## Third Sunday of the month

Nashua Petco	11am to 2 pm
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## Fourth Saturday of the month

Pet Adoption Day Pelham, NH	11am to 2pm
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Little Critters Exeter, NH 11am to 3pm

Note: There will not be a M&G at this location in December 2010

## Forth Sunday of the month

Concord Petco	12:30pm to 3:30pm
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# 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. All GH adoption groups in NH, ME, and Mass are filled to overflowing with retired GH's. Even though racing has come to an end in N.E., there are still plenty of GH's waiting in other states, not only retired racers, but ones who were not competitive enough in training and retired brood dams and sires. 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 Marina Greene at [foster\\_coordinator@gpa-cnhc.org](mailto:foster_coordinator@gpa-cnhc.org)

## 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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To: Deco Dogs Dogcare & Grooming 21 Back River Road Dover, NH 03852 603-749-PETS

Deco Dogs hosts a GH only playgroup the second Saturday of the month from 9-11. \$10. For the first GH; \$5. For each additional GH. 50% of the proceeds go to GPA and GPS. They also offer nail trims for \$5. Open to all GH's. Muzzles are required. <http://www.decodogs.net/>

To: NH and Mass. area Petco stores for allowing us to hold our monthly Meet & Greets at numerous locations. <http://www.petco.com/>

To: Little Critters Pet Store in Exeter, NH. We have just started a Meet & Greet at this location, they have welcomed us with open arms and have been very generous. <http://www.littlecritterpet.com/>

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