

# GREYHOUND TAILS

NEWSLETTER FOR GREYHOUND PETS OF AMERICA - CENTRAL NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Spring 2012

## Directors Message Spring 2012

I hope that all of you and your greyhounds are enjoying the spring weather that has found NH again. I and all of the greyhounds here at home are relieved that the ice has left the play yard. The running and playing is easy and safe again after a very icy winter!

As GPA-CNHC moves forward through the balance of 2012, our mission to support the greyhounds that are returns to our agency and assisting the greyhounds in the southern states will remain on track.

GPA-CNHC will continue to support the Sunburst Project and Kennel in Florida with vetting funds to prepare dogs for shipment to other adoption groups across the country and Canada. At this time, GPA-CNHC is also looking at a possible grant to partially fund purchase of an air conditioned and heated dog haul trailer that will be used on the hauls moving greyhounds out of Florida, Kansas and other states to New England. There are many details and some hurdles to work out on the trailer purchase, and it will be an effort between multiple adoption agencies. I will let all of you know if the trailer grant happens.

If you visit the website, you will see that we have some wonderful senior dogs available for adoption currently. As senior dogs are returned to our program, the highly limited space we have in our foster home network for new incoming dogs suffers greatly. The need for dedicated foster homes is always present. I ask all of you receiving this newsletter to consider opening your homes and lives to a foster greyhound at this time.

I wish to thank all of the individuals who have supported our program through monetary donations this year. Without your ongoing support, our program would not have been able to do as much as GPA-CNHC has to support the greyhounds this year.

I want to extend a special thank you to all of the homes that have fostered dogs this year. Your efforts are crucial to the success of the adoption program at GPA-CNHC. Thank you!

I hope everyone has a wonderful spring season. I want to encourage everyone to use a monthly tick control product on your dogs, and to consider a Lyme disease vaccination for your greyhound. The current weather conditions and the warm winter have created a perfect season for tick problems. Please talk to your veterinarian and do as much as you can to protect your greyhounds from tick-borne disease problems this year.

Yours in greys,

Steve Shepard - Director/Treasurer

## Who's Who of Dogs

Chaos ("Bally") Marangoni

Chaos is a five-year-old Golden Retriever who suffers from tennis ball obsession. She will fetch tirelessly (for bally), swim endlessly (to retrieve bally), and obey every command (when bribed with bally). She lives with her Golden Retriever brother Brunzi and two cats (dog toys). She and her brother look forward to summer vacations at doggie camp each year in Vermont (of course, her favorite activity is flyball.) Chaos will catch every tennis ball thrown at her, no matter how many times or at what speed, and aspires to someday be featured on David Letterman's "Stupid Pet Tricks."

## \*\*\*\*\* Open House Location Change \*\*\*\*\*

GPA-CNHC has returned to our original open house location. We are once again meeting at the training barn and that is the first driveway on the left after passing the kennel entrance. It is the blue building at the end of the driveway. Look for our GPA banner at the entrance.

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## Featured Hounds



Jake has just returned to our program, changes in his owners home life means he is available for adoption once again. Jake's foster home reports that he is very, very sweet. He has settled in with the pack very well and gets along well with everyone there. He is a happy, tail wagging boy. "I might be 11 years old, but don't let my age scare you. I have lots of love and tails wags to give my new forever family. "



Thomas has just been returned to our program when his owners moved and could not take him along. He has been living as an only dog, is said to be fine with small dogs but not cats. Thomas has blended in fine with the other GH's at his foster home.

## LATE BREAKING NEWS !!!!!

This just in .... GPA-CNHC is pleased and excited to announce that we have just received confirmation that Dr. Guillermo Couto has accepted our invitation to speak at our 2013 Annual Spring Banquet. It will be held on Saturday April 13, 2013. We will once again be at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, NH. We will have a different hall location next year. We won't want to miss a word he has to say!

Details on menu; etc., will be finalized as time goes along and will be included in future newsletters and flyers. The capacity for this hall is 120 and we expect a very good turnout. We will probably be opening ticket sales earlier than usual, giving our group members first chance at purchasing tickets before we open ticket sales to the general public.

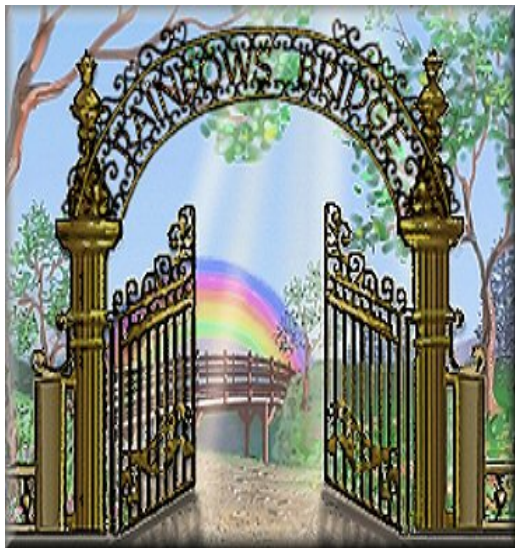
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C. Guillermo Couto, DVM, DACVIM

Dr. C. Guillermo Couto received his DVM in 1976 from Buenos Aires University, Argentina. He held an Assistant Professorship at the university until the early 1980s. In 1983, he completed his clinical oncology residency at University of California, Davis, and joined the Ohio State University faculty. An award-winning educator, Dr. Couto obtained his professorship in 1995. He has served as President of the Veterinary Medicine Society, Co-editor of "Small Animal Internal Medicine" and Editor-In-Chief of the "Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine." He has also published more than 250 scientific publications and book chapters.

Dr. Couto is distinguished in the Greyhound community, giving generously of his time and expertise to any greyhound owner that contacts him when they have been told that their beloved pet has been given the diagnosis of cancer. We hope that many of our readers will take this opportunity to attend this banquet and hear what he has to say and what is being done though research at Ohio State to help find a cure for this disease.

# 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.

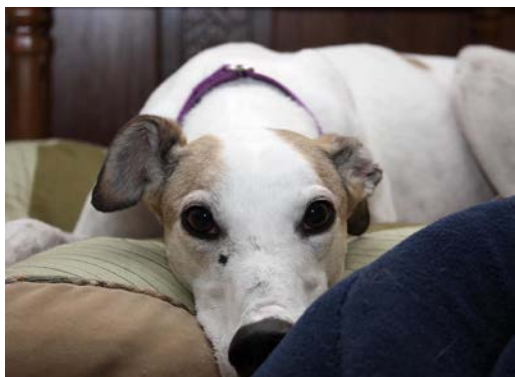
The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

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...



Shelby Gibbs - "With dream comfort memory to spare" ~ npy,  
11/17/2005 - 02/20/2012

An adopted, retired racing greyhound, Shelby was an instant member of our family. She tolerated our busy schedules, cats, and all she asked for in return was a walk at some point during the day and a yard to play in. We adopted her, along with her enormous greyhound counterpart, Hogan, in 2008. The most phenomenal dogs we've ever owned. We lost Hogan two years ago and Shelby obviously felt his absence; cats couldn't quite fill the void, nor could the other animals in the house, so we babied her, as she wasn't responsive to any other dog we considered adopting. So the walks continued, and the spoiling did as well.

After a brief run (and everything with her had to be done quickly, from eating to going out the door to her run), after less than a minute outside, she lay down and didn't get up. She died what she loved doing; moving at 100 mph to look for that warm spot in her run to get some sun and enjoy this odd weather.

She loved the leash. She loved walks. And she loved the snow, something I found unique with this breed. They would love to spend quite a bit of time with us rummaging in the snow, she in particular, and would never show she was bothered by the cold. Perhaps this was for our benefit, but everyone always had fun. Oh, and she tolerated the cats, but she was still in charge.

We've lost two dogs, both young, to common causes of premature death among greyhounds. Please always consider a donation to Ohio State University's Hope for Hounds

(<http://www.casualbling.com/OSU.html>) to research health issues among this breed.

## The First Friend

"When the Man waked up he said  
'What is Wild Dog doing here?'

And the woman said,

'His name is not Wild Dog any more,  
but the First Friend,  
because he will be our friend,  
for always and always.'

Rudyard Kipling

"I have found that when you are  
deeply troubled there are things you  
get from the silent devoted  
companionship of a dog that you can  
get from no other source."

Doris Day, b.1924

"Most dogs don't think they are  
human, they know they are."

Jane Swan

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## GPA-CNHC is looking for volunteers

GPA-CNHC has a number of Meet & Greet locations open, and we are looking for volunteers to be leads for these sites. Ideally we would like someone willing to do a site on a monthly basis, however bi-monthly would also be a great help.

We will supply you with all a M&G kit. You can pick the weekend and the day that works best for your schedule and open availability at the location of your choosing.

Open locations are: Dover, NH Petco

Salem, NH Petco

Plaistow, NH Petco

Concord, NH Petco

Raymond, NH Little Critters

The Petco Foundation has been very generous to GPA-CNHC for many years, and we would like to keep up our association with them. Little Critters in Exeter has also become a generous supporter of GPA-CNHC, becoming a round-up partner on the days of our M&G at that location.

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## Mark your calendar ... Sunday Sept. 16, 2012 for our Annual Reunion

Once again it's that time of year to start planning our annual reunion. We will be at our usual location in Rollins Park, Concord, NH. Put on your thinking caps and break out the sewing machine for the costume contest! Always a crowd favorite. There will be other games as well. We will be making arrangements for a photographer and new this year we are excited to have Greyhound Goodies there vending. <http://www.greyhoundgoodies.com/>

The pizza's last year were a crowd pleaser, so much so that they quickly sold out. We have decided to have a variety of pizza's this year. Drinks will also be available. Anyone interested in making side dishes or deserts, please contact Steve or Diane to let us know what you would be bringing. We are also accepting donations for our raffle table. Please contact Steve or Diane to arrange delivery or pick up. [director@gpa-cnhc.org](mailto:director@gpa-cnhc.org) newsletter\_editor@gpa-cnhc.org

As with any event, volunteers are always needed. Anyone wishing to donate their time to help set up; break down; man the raffle table; sell tickets; help with the games; other assorted tasks please contact Steve [director@gpa-cnhc.org](mailto:director@gpa-cnhc.org) or Diane newsletter\_editor@gpa-cnhc.org . Thanks and we hope to see you there!

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## Twice-as-Nice-per-Slice Spice Bread

From Three Dog Bakery

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup canola oil ~ ~  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup honey ~ ~ ~ 1 large egg ~ ~ ~  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup molasses ~ ~ ~ 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons ground ginger ~ ~ 2 teaspoons cinnamon ~ ~ ~ 1 teaspoon baking powder ~ ~ ~  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup hot tap water  
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease 6 disposable aluminum mini-loaf pans with nonstick vegetable spray.

Whisk together the oil and honey in a large bowl. Beat in the egg and molasses until the mixture is smooth. In a separate bowl, combine the flour, ginger, cinnamon and baking powder, and add the molasses mixture. Pour  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup hot tap water over the batter and stir gently

Fill the mini-loaf pans 2/3 full. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center of a loaf comes out clean.

Cool to room temperature before serving.

Store in an airtight container for up to 3 days or wrap well and freeze for up to 2 months. (Thaw before serving.)

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## Reader Recommendation

I was in Denver and found a new martingale collar in a boutique. I got one for Jax and I love it! It is very soft, feels like satin, but still strong. No rough edges and not stiff. There doesn't seem to be anyone selling them here, but small pet stores like Little Critters will usually order things for you. They only have 5 colors, but they are good ones

\*Canine Equipment Technica Webbing Martingale

\*made from climbing grade tubular webbing

\*Stainless steel hardware and one plastic buckle

\*Size M 14"-18" fit Jax (82 lbs) fine

<http://www.rcpets.com/rcpets/index.php/browse/category/id/WMart>



# 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.

Dec. 20, 2011

Me: Breakfast, Bill!

Bill: Breakfast? 🙄 Lady, you know I do not eat breakfast.

Me: Yes, I know but you have to for about a week.

Bill: Why?

Me: Do you want to have to go back to the vet again like we did yesterday.

Bill: No.

Me: I do not want to have to take you back either. But you have an infection in your eyes and along with the ointment for your eyes, you have to take an antibiotic twice a day, and you have to take it with food. Which means you get breakfast. Besides, you weigh less than 60 pounds and that is alarming. So, you get breakfast.

Bill: (sigh) What are you serving? I did like that sausage and egg biscuit you gave me yesterday.

Me: Yes, well, I am not going into town to get you another one.

Bill: (sigh)

Me: However...

Bill: Yes?

Me: I did scramble you four eggs, melted you a fist full of shredded cheese in it, sprinkled it with some garlic powder and topped it off with a can of sardines.

Bill: I dunno....

Me: You want me to sprinkle a little bit of kibble on top and mix it up?

Bill: DEAL!

Me: DONE!

Bill: I will be in in just a minute.

Me: I love you, Bill.

Bill: I know you do.

Me: Your eyes look better this morning.

Bill: It must be the medicine mixed in with a generous amount of love.

Me: Must be. (Smooch)

Jan. 18, 2012

Me: OH, MAN!!

Bill: Now what?

Me: I forgot to pull out a new bag of leg quarters last night!

Bill: Oh, dear. What a shame.

Me: Do I detect a bit of sarcasm there, Bill?

Bill: I have no idea to what you refer.

Me: Ah huh. Well, let me see what I do have. Well, I do have a little bit of chicken, but not enough to go around.

Bill: Feel free to go around me.

Me: You are not being helpful. I have some left over homemade vegetable beef soup.

Bill: Keep talking.

Me: I didn't think it was as good as usual, but I suppose you guys will like it.

Bill: That's right, give us the second rate stuff.

Me: Would you rather I give YOU the chicken and the soup to everyone else?

Bill: No, no, that is quite alright.

Me: That's what I thought. Now, lets see... Well, I had these pulled out for me and daddy tonight but we had such a big lunch today I don't think we could eat them. Maybe you guys would like them.

Bill: What's that?

Me: A couple of steaks.

Bill: (licking his lips) I might could eat those.

Me: I wouldn't want to force you to eat something just because it's what I have....

Bill: Force me! Force me!

Me: Are you sure?

Bill: I'll manage!

Me: I thought you might.

...A little bit later....

Me: Bill, you did not eat all your dinner. There is still kibble in your bowl.

Bill: Lady, let's not quibble over kibble. Where's my cookie?



26,500 (B.C.) ~ Queen Pasiphae, a neglected Cretan housewife, crawls inside a wooden cow in a Frederick's outfit and consummates with her husband King Minos's stud bull. Nine months later she delivers a ninety-eight-pound six-ounce horned boy by C-section ~ the Minotaur.

26,000 (B.C.) ~ Orpheus plays lyre for the guard dog of hell, Cerberus, lulling the pooch to sleep, rescuing his dead wife, Eurydice

25,000 (B.C.) ~ Hercules dognaps Orthus, the two-headed canine of three-headed monster Geryon.

4,500 (B.C.) ~ The Flood: God drowns everyone except Noah and his pets.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

~~~Granite State Greyhounds~~~

Amateur Sitehound Racing  
Brentwood, NH

Please check their web site in the spring for this years dates.

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

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

Grapehound Wine Tour - New York  
Seneca Lake, NY July 26-29, 2012

<http://www.grapehounds.com/home-new-york.html>

Greyhound Adoption Service Annual Reunion  
Sept 8, 2012. Saturday, 11- 4p. Middlesex County 4H  
Fairgrounds, South Chelmsford Rd., Westford, MA  
<http://www.greycanine.org/greycanine/gas2.htm>

**GPA-CNHC Annual Reunion**

**Sun. Sept. 16, 2012**

**Rollins Park Concord, NH**

**2013 GPA-CNHC Spring Banquet**  
**Sat., April 13, 2013**

**Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH**

**\*\*\*\*Guest Speaker: Dr. Guillermo Couto\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*Ohio State Greyhound Program\*\*\*\***

# REGULAR SCHEDULED EVENTS

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

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

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

## First Saturday of the month

Little Critters Exeter, NH 11am to 3pm

## Third Saturday of the month

Portsmouth Petco Noon to 3pm

Manchester Petco 10am to 2pm

## Third Sunday of the month

Nashua Petco 11am to 2pm

Amherst Petco 11am to 2pm

## Fourth Sunday of the month

Concord Petco 12:30pm to 3:30pm

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We have openings at several Petco locations in NH.

Concord, Salem, Dover and Plaistow. Also Little Critters in Raymond. If anyone is interested in holding regular M&G's at any of these locations, please contact us. Thanks!

# OPEN HOUSE

First Sunday of the month at Woodlawn Training Barn, Warner, NH 1 PM - 3 PM

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. 1/2 mile turn left onto Poverty Plains Rd. The dirt drive for Woodlawn Training Center is 1/4 mile on your left. Look for the blue building at the end of the drive.

~~~~~ 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 met all necessary medical needs and will reimburse foster homes for food. If you are interested in fostering, please contact foster home coordinator Linda Shepard at [foster\\_coordinator@gpa-cnhc.org](mailto:foster_coordinator@gpa-cnhc.org)

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**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.



Please consider a donation to GPA

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Your donations are tax deductible. The hounds thank-you!

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**Thanks from GPA-CNHC**

- 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. Proceeds are divided 50/50 between 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/>
- To: Atkinson Graphics. They always offer us a donation and/or discount each time we order T-shirts from them. They have supported GPA for the past 6 years. <http://www.atkinsongraphics.com>
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