

GREYHOUND TAILS

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A Message from the Director Got Greyhound?

The answer to that question is yes Linda (my wife) and I do have greyhounds, 5 greyhounds to be exact. Four of the greyhounds we have adopted and the fifth greyhound is a terminally ill 11 year old foster dog, that we will love and care for, for as long as his health issues will allow him to be a happy dog.

As we start 2011 GPA-CNHC faces several challenges. The two largest challenges we face are a lack of highly dedicated foster homes available to host greyhounds for our program. Without more homes opening their doors and welcoming foster dogs, we cannot broaden the choice of greyhounds we have available for new potential adopters. Many of you who receive this newsletter are living with greyhounds who you adopted from GPA-CNHC because they were in a foster home program. I encourage you to think about opening your home to a foster dog in 2011 and putting something back into the system that provided you the greyhound companion that enriches your life.

The second challenge facing GPA-CNHC is the lack of thoughtful, dedicated people coming forward that are willing to give of their time to serve on the Board of Directors. The Board deals with the daily administrative functions and decision making that an agency like GPA-CNHC requires so that it can continue to function. Several open Board of Directors positions currently exist and we are lacking volunteers to staff them. Please take the time to consider volunteering to serve on the Board of Directors in 2011.

Yours in greyhounds,
Steve Shepard - Director

I want to thank all of the families who hosted foster greyhounds in 2010. Without your efforts the GPA-CNHC program would not work. Thank you!!!

From the editor,

As Steve has mentioned, GPA-CNHC has reached another turning point. In the past we might have been hampered by the lack of funding. However in years past we seemed to have an abundance of foster homes. I can remember a few short years ago having 10 or more foster dogs available at the open house. Watching them run and play in the fenced yard at Woodlawn was a treat for the foster families and potential adopters.

The reverse is now the case. Through our association with Seacoast Gaming and now Rockingham Gaming and a couple of generous grants, we now have the funding to carry out our mission. What we lack now are reliable GH savvy foster homes. Please don't let the lack of racing in New England fool you into thinking there aren't dogs available for adoption. There are hundreds of GH's in the southern states waiting for adoption groups to take them into an adoption program. There is no other way to say it ... for GPA-CNHC to continue its mission... we need foster homes!!!

Even if you feel an off the track GH may be too much for you to handle, please consider fostering a return. A few times this year we have been on the verge of picking up a few new dogs, when we will have returns. We have been very fortunate that we have been able to adopt out these dogs, but the few foster homes we have had been used for returns.

If we can get some folks willing to take in any returns we may get in the future, we can free up the existing foster homes to take in newly retired GH's.

Where a recently retired GH is an unknown quantity, returns are the opposite. Their likes; dislikes; quirks and foibles are known. They usually fit right in a new household with little disruption on any ones part.

For those of you who have fostered for us in the past, we ask that you consider doing so again. We would also like to know why you stopped. Was it something we did or didn't do? Did you know that GPA will refund your cost for food for your foster? Would it be easier for us to purchase a bag of food that you could pick up at the open house each month?

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Featuredhound

Scout



Scout

Pals Jabber

Scout is a 7 year old fellow who came back into our program after being in a home for 3 years. He is currently living in a foster home with 2 other greyhounds, and 2 cats and settling in just fine. Scout is a very loving greyhound who wants to be with people. He loves to play with toys, climbs stairs without a second thought and absolutely enjoys his walks. Scout is on a special diet (grain free Canidae) for his sensitive tummy but is doing fine with the food and schedule he is on so don't let that be a deterrent. Scout is a wonderful greyhound and would be fine as an only dog or with another laid back greyhound. If you are interested in meeting Scout please visit our open house or drop us an e-mail.

From the editor con't,

Foster dogs that come to the open house will also receive their monthly Heartguard and Frontline treatments.

We know that times are tough. Is it the cost of gas to and from the open house holding you back? While we won't fill your tank, but a reasonable request for gas reimbursement will be honored. If you feel it cost's you \$5 for a round trip, bring in a receipt for that amount and we will write you a check. Did you feel you weren't given support, advice for issues your foster may have presented to you? We can set you up with additional contacts for advice, etc.

So please consider fostering for the first time, or returning to the fold if you have fostered in the past. Diane

Simple Simon's Birthday Bones

From Three Dog Bakery

2 cups whole-wheat flour ~~~ 1 tablespoon baking powder ~~~ 1 cup natural peanut butter ~~~ 1 cup skim milk

Preheat oven to 375 degrees

~~ In a bowl, combine flour and baking powder. In another bowl, mix peanut butter and milk.

~~ Add wet mixture to dry, and mix well.

~~ Turn out dough on a lightly floured surface and knead. Roll out to $\frac{1}{8}$ inch thick and cut out shapes.

~~ Place on a greased baking sheet and bake for 20 minutes or until lightly brown. Cool on a rack and store in an airtight container.

Welcome Home Kennel Cakes

From Three Dog Bakery

4 cups oat bran ~~~ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups white flour ~~~ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons baking powder ~~~ 1 egg ~~~ $\frac{1}{2}$ cup vegetable oil ~~~
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup honey ~~~ 1/2 cup natural peanut butter ~~~ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups buttermilk

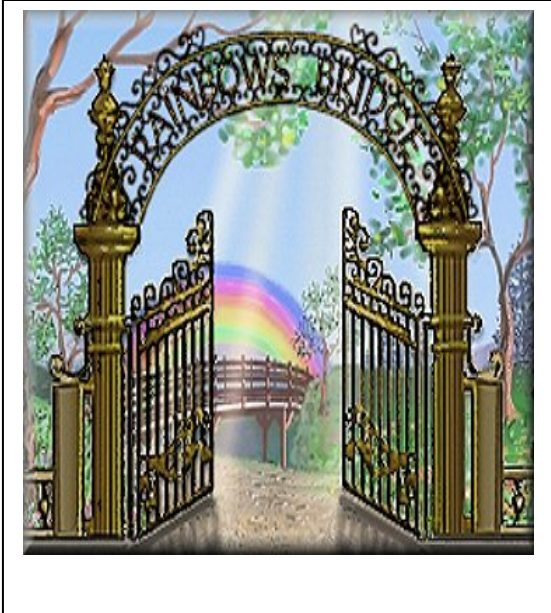
~~ Preheat oven to 375 degrees

~~ Mix oat bran, flour and baking powder in a large bowl. Add egg, oil, honey, peanut butter and buttermilk.

~~ Fill a greased muffin tin so that cups are 2/3 full and bake for 25 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean when inserted into the center.

~~ Serve when cooled and store in a sealed container.

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...



Butch
 a.k.a. Go Bon Butch
 2001 to 2010

In reviewing the highs and lows of 2010 our family experienced one very sad event. We lost our beloved greyhound Butch to a debilitating illness. Butch was a rescue greyhound that we adopted five years ago. He was a wonderful companion, full of life and affection and a true member of our family. It broke our hearts to say goodbye, and we were not the only ones who felt the loss. Butch's greyhound partner Edie went into a complete tailspin, moping around and ignoring her food. Two short weeks later we were actively looking for a new friend for Edie (and for us). Enter Tia, a peppy little two-year-old rescue greyhound who has turned our house upside down. As I'm sure you know greyhounds are addictive. We've found that you can't have just one and once you start adopting them, you can't stop. Edie and Tia have become best friends and our household once again feels complete. We love our new duo, but Butch, our first greyhound, will always have a special place in our hearts.

Leslie & Doug Doster



Cosmo
 1994-2010

Cosmo was my sister's Bearded Collie. She had a friend who had a Beardie and thought it would be a good fit for her family with 2 young boys, but Cosmo wasn't the saint her friends Beardie was...he had some issues. Born at a Mass puppy mill, he was a true rescue While he was exuberant, agile, and clever, he didn't seem to value pleasing people and was kind of aloof in the way cats can be. He was comfortable in familiar settings but he didn't like to go beyond his comfort zone. He was very fearful of all loud noises until he lost his hearing. He was a consummate escape artist. As you can see, he did take his job as a pre-rinse cycle dishwasher very seriously. He also loved riding in the car, hiking, snow, cold water on a hot day, going to the vets and to Woodlawn for boarding when his family travelled. He was greeted on 12-30 by his GH cousins, Willow, Austin and Buddy.

~~~~You are all invited~~~~



**GREYHOUND PETS of AMERICA - Central NH Chapter**

Is extending an open invitation to all our Greyhound Friends to join us on April 16, 2011 for our Annual Spring Banquet. We are pleased to announce a change in venue. This year the banquet will be held at the Grappone Conference Center-Courtyard Marriott in Concord, NH



**GRAPPONE CONFERENCE CENTER**

**MENU**

~~ New England Clam Chowder ~~ Mixed Green Salad ~~ Salad with Beets, Apples, Cress and Pistachio ~~ Rolls and Butter  
~~ Chef's Selection of Starch and Vegetables ~~  
~~~~ Roast Stuffed Pork Loin ~~~~~  
~~~~ Baked Haddock ~~~~~

~~ Array of New England Deserts ~~ Freshly Brewed Coffee ~~ Decaffeinated Coffee ~~ Herbal Teas  
~~ Ticket price is \$35 per person (which includes 1 ticket for a special door prize) ~~

5:30PM-6:30PM social hour/reception/registration (cash bar will be available all evening)

6:45PM-8:15PM buffet dinner and deserts

8:00PM-8:30PM Award presentations, raffle drawings, door prize drawings

8:30PM-9:30PM Speaker: Fiona Reeve, DVM - Owner, Suncook River Vet. Clinic

Dental care, dental treatment plans for greyhound health

**Ticket request**

**NAME**

\_\_\_\_\_

**STREET/MAILING ADDRESS**

\_\_\_\_\_

**CITY/TOWN, STATE, ZIP**

\_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE NUMBER**

\_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING** \_\_\_\_\_ **x \$35. Per Person. Total** \_\_\_\_\_

Please remit by April 1, 2011. Please send ticket request and payment to:

**GPA-CNHC**

**PO Box 778**

**Concord, NH 03301-0778**

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~~~~Anyone wishing to donate items for the raffle or silent auction, please contact the events coordinator or call the toll free number to arrange a pick up or delivery. Thanks !! ~~~~~

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.

11-16-2010

Me: (entering bedroom and whispering) Hey Bill!

Bill: Huh?

Me: I have something special for you.

Bill: I already ate Lady!

Me: SHHHHH! I don't want the others to know what I am doing.

Bill: What's the big secret?

Me: Well I am cooking my own dinner...

Bill: I noticed. It smells good. Whatcha cookin'?

Me : Rabbit.

Bill: 😬 and you aren't planning to share are you?

Me: If you will be quiet, I have this for you.

Bill: What's in your hand?

Me: (extending my hand)

Bill: AWWWW! Look at that. You saved me it's tiny little heart, liver and kidneys! You do love me!

Me: Of course I love you. How many times do I have to say it?

Bill: You can never say it enough.

Me: True. I love you Bill.

Bill: I love you too Momma. Thank you.

Me: Your welcome Bill.

12-2-2010

Me: Bill dinner is ready.

Bill: Not now I'm busy.

Me: Busy? Doing what?

Bill: Nothing.

Me: Then you're not busy.

Bill: I'll be there in a minute.

Me: What are you up to? (walk to living room) BILL! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

Bill: I am placing an order for dinner.

Me: Really and just how do you plan to do that. You have no thumbs.

Bill: So. I have never seen you type with your thumbs and I have seen your typing skills and think I can do just as good as you.

Me: OH Ha ha ha. Ok what are you trying to order?

Bill: Some of "THEM".

Me: I see. And just how do you plan to pay for "THEM"?

Bill: Pay?

Me: You don't think they are just going to send "THEM" to you do you?

Bill: Weee!!!...

Me: I think you better just come and eat the dinner I have fixed for you.

Bill: What have you got?

Me: Beef heart drum sticks and Alfredo noodles.

Bill: Drum sticks? Sounds like code for left legs to me.

Me: Just eat.

Bill: I'm coming. You get the cookies ready.

12-20-2010

Me : Bill dinner is ready.

Bill: Oh goody!

Me: Bill I would like to thank you for helping out this week.

Bill: How's that?

Me: By eating all your dinner even though I've had to mix your dinner with some kibble.

Bill: Is that helping?

Me: Why yes it is.

Bill: Well let me continue to help! (Licking his lips)

Me: You never cease to amaze me. Just when I think I have you figured out you prove me wrong.

Bill: I wouldn't want your life to get dull.

Me: Well thank you for eating. You have even eaten every leg I've put in front of you.

Bill: Well let me thank YOU.

Me: For what?

Bill: Learning your right from your left.



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)

~~~~ GPA-CNHC Annual Spring Banquet~~~~  
Sat. April 16, 2011 at the Courtyard Marriott Grappone
Conference Center, Concord, NH

~~~~ Sandy Paws ~~~~  
March 3-6, 2011 Jekyll Island, GA  
<http://sandypaws.org/>

~~~~ Greyhounds in Gettysburg ~~~~  
April 29th - May 1st, 2011
<http://greyhoundsingettysburg.com/>

~~~~ Spring Dewey ~~~~  
Dewey Beach, DE  
April 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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

( Spring Dewey is a low key affair ...not to be confused with the fall Dewey gathering each Columbus weekend.)

# 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 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  |
| 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

## Fourth Saturday of the month

Pet Adoption Day Pelham, NH  
11am to 2pm

## Forth Sunday of the month

Concord Petco 12:30pm to 3:30pm

# 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 GHs 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 interested in fostering, please contact foster home coordinator Linda Shepard 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/>

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

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