



GREYHOUND TAILS

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Directors Dialog

Every year I am reminded of the importance of the tag that we issue to each dog as we process them and how important it is to keep the address up to date in our database. I would like to remind everyone of the importance of notifying us when you have a change of address or a change in phone number.

Just this week I went to pick up a dog being returned and discovered that we had the wrong address. This reminded me of the time that Carolyn and I were at my Mom's house in western MA and we had a foster dog with us. We did not have the doors covered well in a house unfamiliar to the dog and he got out and off he went. I am always surprised at how much territory they can cover in a very short time. We searched everywhere and after spending hours looking, I returned to my mom's house trying to figure out how I was going to tell all of the GPA folks that I, the director, had lost a dog! To my surprise, by that time someone in town had found the dog and called the 800 number on the tag. It proved to me how very important it is to remember to update your contact information with us and the microchip people when ever you have a change of address or status.

Did you hound get a new collar for Christmas? Please remember that when you get that nice new collar for your friend to make sure you transfer that GPA tag to his/her new attire. If you have lost or misplaced the GPA tag please let us know and we are always more than happy to reissue a new number.

With that in mind I would like to wish all of you a happy New Year. May it bring you much joy.

Ken Wright

From the editor:

Welcome to Greyhound Tails. The first issue was an eye opener for me. Even with the basic format, it took some time to put together. As you will see, I'm still at the bottom of the learning curve. I was hoping to start on this one a lot sooner, however personal matters haven't allowed that as much as I would of liked.

Life has gotten in the way for us as a group... as life has a tendency to do. With personal obligations, holidays, and work, the winter issue wasn't printed. What we have done was to combine the winter and spring issue into one. After this issue we should be able to stay on schedule.

I want to thank those that mentioned to me they liked the first issue. Also to thank those that have sent in articles and pictures for this issue. Keep them coming!!!

As you will read in this issue, GH's are up for any adventure. The variety just happen to come together at the same time is a coincidence. Whether it is an organized gathering like Dewey or Grapehounds. A place to just get away from everything, but still with creature comforts as in an Inn or Bed & Breakfast. Or roughing the elements of nature.

If there is something you would like to see in upcoming issues, please let me know.

Diane Canfield



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Featured hounds

Jack Lee



Jack is a 3 year old black male. He lives with 2 other GH's and 2 cats in his foster home. Crates well and gets along well with others.

Jack retired early due to a broken leg. His surgery went well and his leg has completely healed with no problems. Jack lives with 2 cats and does well inside. As with most GH's outside when loose, he will need monitoring.

Jack has a real affinity for food..his and everyone else's. Any food left unattended is up for grabs in Jacks' mind.

He has beautiful leash manners. Any fenced yard will need to be 110% secure. He has a 6th sense as to where there might be an opening and will use it to his advantage.

Fanatic Edge



Eddie is a 4-year-old red fawn male. He is small animal safe and crates well.

Eddie came to us after suffering a nasty dogfight at the track. He was full of scabs and open sores. Just a real a mess altogether. It was soon discovered that he had been exposed to "Erliechea", a tick-borne disease. Erliechea suppresses the immune system and was slowing his healing process. Once the treatment began, he started to recover rapidly and very nicely. He will always have many scars, but he has turned into a sweet and loving guy who just wants to be LOVED! He has met several He has met several cats in the house and doesn't show any interest and is fine with the small dogs. He is being fostered with other Greyhounds and has mastered the steep stairs in and out of an apartment with ease.

Celebrating Greyhound Calendars

The GPA store has a supply of 2008 Celebrating Greyhound Calendars for sale. The GPA store will be up and running soon. Until then please contact: supply_coordinator@gpa-cnhc.org to order one. Also most of the M&G locations will have a limited supply.

Wall calendars \$12. Desk Calendars \$15. Plus S&H

Where have all the GPA hounds gone? ?

When I search back through the Happy Endings page on the GPA web site, I see so many GPA GH's that have been adopted.

Along with my fosters that I've lost contact with, I wonder how things have been going with everyone.

Please write in and let us know. Do they do anything unusual? Funny? Any special accomplishments? Any pictures you'd like to share?

If so, you may either send them via US mail or to my email address newsletter_editor@gpa-cnhc.org



A true couch potato - until you say the word "walk"! Then he prances around like a circus pony waiting for his leash. We adopted Sirius (formerly "Excalibur") from Seabrook in May, 2005. He never raced (we think he has doggy A.D.H.D.!), but was a skinny, hairless thing when we brought him home. He is now 4 years old, and is a bratty little brother to our sheltie, Buddy and our cat, Oreo. Sirius is the official greeter of the Lloyd household - don't think you can get in the door without being thoroughly sniffed and bowed to. He is a bed hog who steals the blankets on a chilly night. We often have trouble making the bed, because he follows us everywhere, and it's hard to make a bed with a 75 pound set of legs and lungs sprawled out on it! Mostly, Sirius is a big baby who loves to have his chin rubbed and his ears scratched, and we are happy to share our lives with! Sirius now lives with the Lloyds in North Hampton, NH.



Diva certainly has made herself at home - she's very comfortable with us now and likes to kick her feet up on our couch. Thanks to Carolyn for finding us a great match. She gets along great with our young children and our other Greyhound, Duke. Diva is living with the Gagnon family in Candia, NH

~ Internet Greyhounds ~

Another wealth of information on the web is GreyTalk. www.GreyTalk.com GT has been on the web since 2000 and boast's well over 2000 members, with many being very active posters with many years of combined knowledge. There is always someone logged in and questions are viewed instantly, many times with responses quite as fast. Membership is required for posting, however many topics can be read without membership. Added advantage to membership is the search function. I use it often when looking for answers, especially on medical issues.

ADOPTION UPDATES

When my husband, Jim, and I went to the open house to look for a new companion for our aging greyhound we went thinking we knew what we were looking for. Since I enjoyed doing agility with my older grey, I thought we needed an outgoing, athletic dog and because our current dog was a male, we thought a female would be a good choice.

While I was off looking for such a dog, my husband spotted a shy red and white male sitting away from the others with Diane, his foster mother. While waiting for me, Jim chatted with Diane and got to know more about FWD Diane's Guy. When I had looked at all the others, Jim said, "How about this one?" When Jim got up to leave, Guy tried to follow him. We talked about it on the drive home and Jim said he thought Guy might have a harder time finding a home because he was so shy and he felt Guy had started to trust him and relax a little bit.

By the time we reached Vermont it was clear that Guy was the dog for him. Over the years they have formed a wonderful bond and although still nervous around strangers, Guy is a happy, goofy dog at home who loves to play with his stuffies and roo for attention. So my advice would be, when you go looking for your next greyt dog, go with an open mind and let the right dog find you!
Betsy Leavitt



Guy and Jim relaxing on Dewey Beach 2005



Guy showing off his new hat

Dark Dangers of the Doggy Domain

From Three Dog Bakery

Some of the most common household dangers are:

Antifreeze

Caffeine

Chocolate

Drugs-prescription AND over the counter

Electrical cords

Fertilizers

It's not that we can't have these things, but please store them where your dog cannot get at them.

Also when using them, be aware of your dogs potential access to them.

Herbicides

Household cleaning agents

Insecticides

Paint

Rodent poisons and traps

Swimming pool cleaners

Beware of the limp

By Tully Derby

Just before Thanksgiving I received an email from my friend Tully. She was sharing the horrible news she had just received about her GH Mo. It's a diagnosis that every one fears to get. That a loved one, be that human or pet, has cancer.

She was asking me for any info I had. I feel very fortunate that I've never had to deal with this horrible disease. So I did some research on GreyTalk. I also sent a request for suggestions to members on GH-L.

I asked Tully if she would keep a diary of Mo's journey for the newsletter. Here is the first of what I hope to be many updates on Mo. Diane



Mo prior to amputation in his favorite spot.

Beware of the limp...

A couple weeks before Thanksgiving, my 9-year-old grey Mo (Motorman) slipped on the floor in his zeal to go out. After the fall he was favoring his hind left leg. When the limp continued through the weekend I brought him to the vet. The vet looked him over and sent me home with Rimadyl. No x-ray was taken.

The limp appeared to diminish the next day or two then it came back on the third day. I thought Mo had re-injured it by running around the yard. Back to the vet!

We were sent home with enough Rimadyl and Tramadol (a painkiller) to carry us through the long Thanksgiving weekend with strict orders to not let Mo run.

The limp got worse and I had to start carrying Mo up and down stairs. By the way, Mo is 86 pounds.

Back to the vet Monday morning for an x-ray.

The vet showed me how Mo's leg bone had a mottled appearance, which was indicative of bone cancer (osteosarcoma), or perhaps an infection in the leg. Given Mo's age and breed the former was most likely. My vet recommended I go to a vet in Brentwood for both a second opinion and to discuss pursuing a biopsy.

I was able to get an appointment in Brentwood for the next morning. The vet looked at Mo's x-ray and stated that what is showed was indicative of osteosarcoma. He discussed the options with me such as doing nothing which would give Mo about 3-4 months of life, performing the biopsy to provide an absolute diagnosis or pursuing treatment by amputating the leg and chemotherapy. He said most people skip the biopsy and amputate to save on the expense of having two operations. Also, a biopsy weakens the leg leaving it vulnerable to breaking.

I opted for the biopsy, as I still did not want to believe Mo had cancer. A chest x-ray was performed to make sure the cancer had not metastasized into Mo's lungs. The chest was clear. The biopsy was \$1200. It took a week to get the results, which were inconclusive. Cancer cells were not detected but it was clear the bone was rebuilding itself, which I was told is indicative of cancer. The vet assumed the cancer cells were still too small to detect.

It was recommended that I contact NEVOG (The New England Veterinary Oncology Group) in Waltham, MA for a consult. Mo's biopsy results were sent down. I brought the leg x-ray.

The vet at NEVOG confirmed that what we were seeing on the x-ray was osteosarcoma. She explained all my options with Mo and the different types of treatments available and their side effects. She highly recommended amputating the leg for pain management.

Beware of the limp, con't

The following week Mo went back to Brentwood for the amputation. Another chest x-ray was done, still clear. The amputation was \$3200. He went in on a Thursday morning and came home Friday evening. The next few days were the absolute toughest. Mo was in a lot of pain, he refused to eat, he cried most of the night. I slept on the couch next to his bed. I kept him loaded up with Rimadyl and Tramadol. Once we got past that tough time the next trick was to keep Mo from pulling out his staples. I highly recommend the e-collar even though they look so sad with it on.

Two weeks after the amputation we had our first chemotherapy session. Fortunately NEVOG has a satellite office in Manchester, NH. They did a blood test before the treatment. Treatment was about 5 minutes. Expect to be there about an hour though since you meet with the vet first. Chemo sessions are \$600. I was told that Mo could be a little nauseous and/or have some diarrhea within the next few days after the session. Mo was fine, ate his dinner and exhibited no side effects.

Chemo sessions are every three weeks and they recommend at least 4. Book ahead at Manchester since they are only open two days a week.

Two weeks after Mo's first chemo session we went to our regular vet for another blood test. NEVOG wanted to check his white blood cell count. No difference in count, which was a good thing.

After the second chemo session Mo seemed lethargic that night and most of the next day. He didn't want to eat and spent the whole time sleeping on the couch. By the evening of the next day he was back to his old self and scarfed down his dinner.

Our next chemo session is February 6th. Mo is in very good spirits and has remained the big happy guy he has always been. I do notice he is now needy and whines for attention. He wants me to sit with him and touch much of the time. I still have to carry him up stairs. He can go down fine.

There are three things you will need a lot of if your grey is a candidate for pursuing cancer treatment:

1. Money! This is very expensive. Not just the vet bills, I have him on very high quality but expensive wet dog food. I have pet insurance, which has picked up about half of all the vet bills, thank goodness.
2. Time. It is very time consuming caring for a sick pet. Most of the time I had to hold his food dish in front of him as he kept pushing it away. He had to eat in order to take his meds, you cannot just wait for them to decide to eat. Until he finally went back to eating his dog food regularly, I spent a lot of time making him food each and every day. Each day was a guessing game as to what I could get him to eat. I am single, have no children and work out of my house. It is the optimal situation. If you have young children, other high-energy pets or a hectic schedule, caring for your sick grey will be very difficult.
3. Mental and physical strength. It takes mountains of patience and watchfulness. There are stairs down to my back yard so I must carry Mo up these steps every time he goes out. He is now 80 pounds. I also carry him up to bed with me at night. Life is different; Mo is not as independent anymore.

You and your vet need to decide if your grey is even a candidate for treatment. Mo is a big strong boy with a great attitude. If you are short on cash and time, I would not recommend it. This takes a serious commitment! As you can see Mo's attitude has not changed much as seen in his before and after pictures.



Left: Mo, post surgery. Still the happy GH.

NEVOG web site <http://www.nevog.com/>

Circle of Grey: a support site for those who have GH's with cancer.

<http://www.circleofgrey.com/>

Winslow's Diary: A GH's cancer story

<http://forum.greytalk.com/index.php?showtopic=169522&hl=osteo>

Greyhound Safety

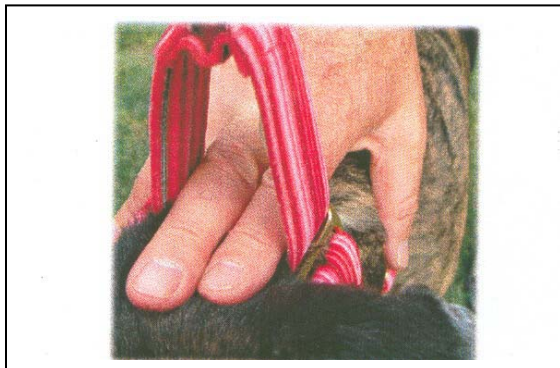
Collars and Going Walkabout

In conjunction with this issue's Directors Dialog, this article will be about collar adjustment and safety. Also what to do if your GH goes walkabout.

With GH's being the dogs they are with centuries of breeding as hunting dog along with their own training as a racing GH, once they get loose it can literally be a race for their life.

GH's fresh off the track are especially ill equipped to handle survival in the outside world. Newly adopted GH's are in unfamiliar territory and have not yet bonded to their new family. The dangers of moving automobiles are unknown to them. Most times their first reaction is to flee.

Collar adjustment is one way to lessen the probability of your GH making a get away. The picture below will show what a properly adjusted collar should look like.



Place the collar over your dogs head. When the collar is on the narrowest part of your dogs neck (just behind the ears) pull on the D-ring. You should be able to put 2 fingers in the loop behind the slides.

If the slides are to close together tighten the collar by moving the WIDE slide buckle in or out to get the correct fit and test again.

Check collar adjustment periodically. New collars or collars on dogs that pull might need frequent adjustment.

If you have adopted a shy GH or one that might spook easily, a harness might be your best option.

Another safety tip is not to attach tags to the D-ring. This ring in combination with the loop that forms when it is pulled acts as a choke collar. If your dogs tags get caught when you are not at home, then they could easy choke him.

What I do is use a ring from a key chain. They can also be purchased for under \$1 anywhere keys are made. I attach all tags to that and attach it to one of the sliders. They are easy to take off as one unit when you change collars. I do this with my own dogs as well as all of my fosters.

GREYHOUNDS GOING WALKABOUT

Going walkabout might make for an enjoyable movie, but can be very dangerous for any dog, but especially so for your GH. Up until their adoption, their life experiences have been limited. Track racing compounds are very secure. Not only are the entire grounds fenced, the turnout yards are fenced as is the track. There is rarely an escape from the track.

Anyone that has adopted a GH from GPA, adopted a GH that has spent some time in a foster home. The amount of time will vary, as does the exposure to the outside world.

Many foster homes have multiple dogs, far to many to be able to walk. These homes rely on fenced yards for exercise and potty breaks. That will mean that your GH will still be unfamiliar with the outside world. If you do not have a fenced yard, it will be up to you to show your GH that it's not as scary as it might look.

No matter how many precautions you take, most people will at some point have a GH that goes walkabout.

There are a few things that you can do to lessen that possibility.

- If you have a fenced yard, routinely check your fence.
- Before you let your GH out, make sure the gate is securely closed. A fenced yard is a nice convenience, but is probably the number one reason for escapes.
- A padlocked gate is a secure gate. Brass padlocks do not rust. So many reasons for opened gates: Workmen, utility personnel all have a habit of opening and not closing. Leaving them open while they are coming and going. Family members that open but forgets to close.
- Visitors and neighbors thinking that it would be fun to watch your fast GH run down the street.
- Your GH may not know the difference between the back door to the fenced yard that they can just run out, and the front door where a leash is necessary. If not careful at the front door, they will slip out past you.
- Getting into and out of a vehicle. They may do it fine until they have a distraction. They see a dog, cat, and squirrel that they want to see and before you know it they are gone.
- If you dog gets loose while on a walk and the leash is attached, step on the leash with your foot instead of trying to pick it up with your hand. It's a quicker way to grab the leash. Seconds can make all the difference.

Greyhound Resources

Greyhound Amber Alert

Another aspect of GH's going walkabout is the Greyhound Amber Alert forum located on GreyTalk. After a bit of persuading, the moderators of GreyTalk allowed a sub forum for GH's that have gotten loose.

The driving force behind this is Michael McCann. For those of you unfamiliar with his name, he has become the patron saint for lost GH's. He has spent countless hours helping search for GH's in the New England area.

Via the Internet he has also offered advice and support for those that are searching for a lost GH out of his area.

Michael forwarded the information below. He keeps track of the lost GH's and these are only the ones he knows of. There are probably plenty that are not reported for any number of reasons. Here are the stats:

Listed below are the numbers from 2005.

169 lost

114 found safe 67% of the total.

23 found deceased 13% of the reported lost hounds

32 still unaccounted for 19% of the total.

Here are the numbers from 2006:

183 Hounds Reported Lost.

153 Reported Found Alive 84% of the total. 5 of these recovered hounds were reported lost in 2005.

10 found dead. 5.5% of the reported lost hounds.

25 still not found. 13.6% of the total.

Here are the numbers for 2007:

261 Reported lost.

213 Reported found alive. 82% of the total.

One of these recovered lost hounds was reported lost in 2006

22 found dead. 8.4% of the reported lost hounds.

27 still unaccounted for. 10.3 % of the total lost.

The Amber Alert forum is located at:
<http://forum.greytalk.com/index.php?showforum=24>

It is worth every one taking some time to read the pinned topics at the top of the forum.

It will give you helpful hints in searching for a GH that has gotten loose.

There is also a topic with stories from GH adopters sharing their near misses and quick recoveries.

Also a topic on how to not become a member of the lost GH club.

After the pinned topics, scroll down to read about Amber Alert searches. Be prepared though, the stories don't always have a happy ending.

Here in New England we are lucky enough to have Michael living close by. He has many times put finding a lost GH first and foremost with his spare time.

Additionally he has cultivated a Mass. based lost GH search club. Originally started as a GH walking club, it has also focused on searching for lost GH's in the MA, CT, and NH areas. Many members have spent weekends and after work hours putting up flyers, etc. looking for lost GH's.

Their web site is:

<http://greyhoundadventures.org/>

Everyone is welcome to attend their weekly walks. Held Sunday mornings, the location changes each week. Times, location, walk rules; etc. are posted on the site.



"Willow"
Hi Tech Popandgo
Aug.9,1993/Sept.24, 2007



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...

Well old woman, our long journey together has come to an end.

We had a rough start and ending. I would like to think you had lots of fun in the middle though.

You came to live here in Feb. 98...and was definitely not cat safe. "What have I gotten myself into!" I'm sure the cats were wondering the same. Luckily for all of us, you were able to learn from Patches that 'cats are not food...and not fun to play with' Those claws can hurt. One hurdle over with.

Now for the SA. Although we made some progress over the following year, it was still an issue. Seeing how desperate you were to be with other GH's when you saw any, Austin came to live here the following year. As soon as he arrived, your SA was gone. By now you two are together again.

You'll be able to play your hunting game with him, like you used to. Although I don't think there will be any coffee tables there, maybe there will be a rock you can play the round robin game with. I never got a good look at it nor any pictures. Every time I'd try to watch, both of you would stop. I could tell you both were having a good time.

I know you'll be happy there. If you had your way I would have dropped you off for the day at the Dewey Hund Run and left you there. Your biggest joy was to be with a group of dogs running and having fun.

You were also a very patient foster mom to quite a few GH's that have passed through here. I know a couple of them had to have gotten on your nerves. After all they were just learning all about this home life thing.

You are not alone there. Besides Austin, your first new (post retirement) doggie friend Sheba is already there. She'll show you where all the good water puddles are for cooling off.

Some of your M&G buddies are there. Robb, Finbar, Lindsey, McQuen, Dorcus. I think your dog park GH friend Mickey might be there. We haven't seen him in a long time and he was older than you. You and Austin help him along; you know how insecure he was sometimes.

There will so so many new friends for you to meet. Until we meet again.

Diane & Matt

Adventures With Greyhounds

By Nathan & Jen Berry
Featuring Joy

We hiked the Carter Mountains and Mount Moriah. In 4 days we did about 30 miles total. We had our packs and Joy had hers. She didn't whine, complain or try to get the pack off of her back at anytime. I was impressed with her stamina and her drive to go. She hopped up on and over rocks with the greatest of ease. We were very proud of her!!



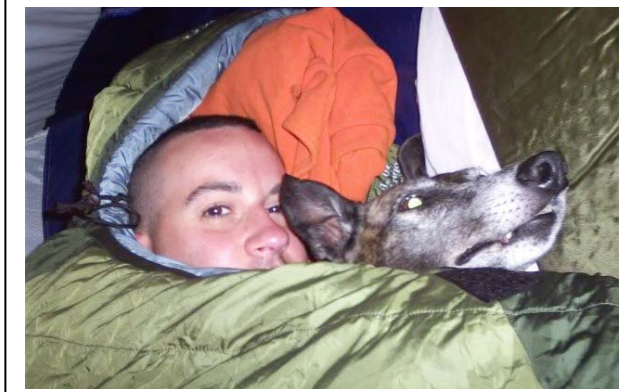
Joy with her pack: Come on guys, we're almost at the campsite



Jen, Joy and the Carter Mountains



After a long days hike, Joy was ready for a nap



A 30 degree night and guess where Joy ended up....in Nate's sleeping bag, with Nate.

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Adventures with Greyhounds Grapehounds



Wine tasting



View of Cayuga Lake from one
of the wineries.

For the second year in a row, we made the trip to the Finger Lakes region of NY for the second annual Grapehounds event. For anyone who loves GH's and wine.. this is your event! Grapehounds is a collaboration between NY and PA adoption groups and Cayuga Lake wineries. The wineries have opened their doors to GH's for this weekend event. It is a do it yourself tour of the wineries. This year there were vendors at each winery. Also each winery offers some type of complimentary snack, not to mention the wine tasting available at each. At some wineries the GH's are allowed in the testing room and some are not.

The organizers are committed to making this event better each year. They have asked for comments and suggestions after each year's event and have implemented changes this year based on these comments. For anyone interested in attending this event, here is the link to this years event.

<http://www.grapehounds.com/index.html>

Diane



Cooling off at the ice cream social
(top)

Showing off a fancy new necklace
(below)



POOCHIE PLEASIN' PRETZELS

From Cooking the Three Dog Bakery Way

1 package active dry yeast

1 ½ cups warm water (110-115 degrees)

1 table spoon honey

4 cups white flour

1 egg, beaten

- Makes 10 to 12 paw-licking pretzels.
- Preheat oven to 375 degrees
- In a large bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water. Add honey and enough flour to make a soft dough and kneed for 6 to 8 minutes until smooth.
- Pinch off about 12 tablespoons of dough for each pretzel. Roll out dough using the palm of your hand into long pencil-like shapes, about 12" long and ½ inch thick.
- Shape into pretzel twists and place on a greased baking sheet. Brush with beaten egg. Bake for 20 minutes, then cool on a rack.
- Store leftovers in a sealed container.

Adventures with Greyhounds: Dewey Beach 2007



My foster, Jack Lee, enjoying his first trip to the beach.



Early birds enjoying a morning stroll on Dewey Beach



Dewey hotels welcoming us.



You never know what you will see !!

Again this year we made the trip to Dewey Beach. What started over 10 years ago as a weekend getaway for 3 couples and their GH's has become an annual happening. These people put a notice online that they were going to spend Columbus weekend at Dewey. They had secured a hotel that was willing to reserve a floor of rooms if anyone wanted to join them. That first year almost 100 people showed up. The next year even more and it snowballed after that. At it's peak the past 2 years, nearly 3000 GH's were there. Many places that would have closed after Labor Day decided to stay open. Hotels, Inns that normally do not allow dogs changed their policy for that weekend. Many private residences also have opened their doors, with more doing so every year.

For those of you that are not familiar with Dewey, it has become the event many people wait for all year. People go to Dewey for many reasons. Whether it's a vacation with family, meeting up with friends, making new friends, networking, attending seminars, and of course there is the shopping.

In the past the Greyhound Project had taken over planning the basic event. Collected and packaged info to be distributed to attendees. Obtained the necessary permits, and acted as a liaison with Dewey and Rehoboth Beach officials

It is quite a sight to see a couple of hundred GH's on the beach for the morning walks. Every where you walk or drive in town you see GH's.

Many groups and individuals put on seminars for causes that are meaningful for them.

For those that love to shop, with 100+ vendors, every GH item imaginable is there for sale. Rehoboth is outlet heaven, with almost every major brand having an outlet store there. Along with local restaurants, most major food chains are represented.

The weather is the biggest wild card. With October being hurricane season, you have to be prepared for everything. In the 7 years I've been going, I've seen just about all types. In 2006 we had a rainy nor'easter, 2007 was hot and humid.

For anyone interested in attending, here are some links for information.

<http://www.adopt-a-greyhound.org/>

<http://www.greyhoundsreachthebeach.com/>

<http://www.vrbo.com/vacation-rentals/usa/delaware>

As time grows near, most GH's message boards will have info for Dewey. Greyhounds Reach the Beach is always Columbus weekend.

Diane



Suzie was the official Grand Dame of Dewey until her passing a few years back at the ripe old age of 20. Here she is in her rickshaw



The Hund run is always a popular event at Dewey. Many times it's the only time these GH's actually get a chance to do any real running since their retirement.



The costume contest is always popular. It has been around at Dewey in a number of forms every year.

UPCOMING EVENT



Annual GPA Spring Benefit Dinner

The date and location has been announced:

We will be having the annual Spring benefit dinner on April 5 2008 at the Puritan Backroom in Manchester, NH. Mark the date on your calendar. We hope to see you there.

Usually we would have a speaker for the benefit dinner. This year we will be doing something a bit different. We will be having magician Ray Logan as the entertainment. We had him perform at the National Adoption Conference in September and he was a big hit.

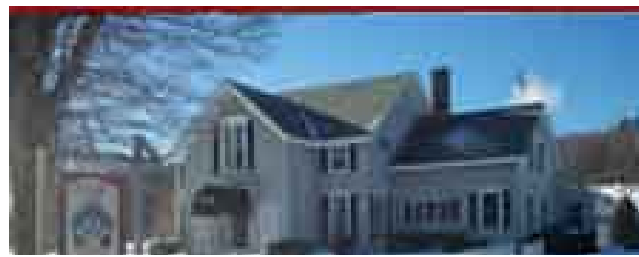
Tickets for the event will be \$25. Per person for the buffet dinner. There will be a cash bar as well. Cocktail hour will start at 5:30 PM with the buffet dinner to start at 6:30 PM.

There will be a separate mailing as a reminder. Tickets may be purchased by sending requested seats and checks to the GPA PO Box or via the web site using the PayPal link. We will close registration by March 28th.

This is a major fundraiser for us, not to mention a chance to hang out with GH people. The GPA store will also be there for shopping.

We also have various raffles. We are always looking for raffle items. They don't have to be GH or dog related. Many times we put together baskets of donated items to make a large raffle item. Let us know if you have anything that you would like to donate. We would like to have any donated items a couple of weeks prior to the dinner. In that way it will give us time to put baskets together.

To arrange pick up or delivery of raffle items, please call 1-888-507-9597



The Paw House Inn by Matt & Jenna Skinner

Nestled in a beautiful valley in West Rutland VT is a wonderful bed & breakfast for dogs and their people called The Paw House Inn. Upon arrival; tour of the on-site fenced dog park, Mario's Playhouse Kennel, the common rooms of the hotel and your room, in that order. All amenities are for guests of the Inn only and although there was no vacancy, we were able to have the dog park all to ourselves, or have play time with the other guest's dogs when we wanted. While we were there we met several Corgi's, Shepard's, Golden's and mutts. Mario's Playhouse is a self-serve kennel, with an 8x12 run assigned to each room. If you leave the Inn, just shut your dog in the run, give them water and go. You can also arrange for doggie daycare with the staff; includes feeding, walking and playtime for 25\$. Each room has a four post bed for you and a mini one for your dog, a sitting room and a private full bathroom.

The staff is excellent, and although we did not take advantage of the classes in obedience and agility, the dogs were never bored with ten good hiking trails within a 10-30 minute drive. Also in the area; Wilson Castle, Long Trail Ale Brewery, shopping, farmers markets, Hathaway Farm Corn Maze July 28-Oct, New England Maple Museum, Vt. Institute of Natural Science May 1-Oct 31, and winter ski packages for Killington or Pico Mtn. Although it was more expensive than a regular hotel, they understand us crazy greyhound people. We paid \$500 for two nights including tip and tax, but we were there during peak foliage and we paid \$25 extra per night for our 3rd dog. Rules of the Inn; you have to provide vaccination records, your dog must never be left in the room unattended, and no children under 10.

My advice, bring slippers or indoor shoes as there are no shoes allowed in the Inn!

The Inn's web site is:
<http://www.pawhouseinn.com/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

GPA annual spring dinner. Held at the Puritan Backroom in Manchester. In addition to the buffet, there will be raffles and the GPA store will be open for business.

September

GPA annual reunion will be held this year on September 7th. We skipped last year due to GPA hosting the National Adoption Conference. The reunion is held at Rollins Park in Concord. It's a low key, family affair with lots of good food and friends, both human and canine. The GPA store will be there for those looking to shop. There will be raffles as well. Games are also part of the fun including the costume contest. The variety and ingenuity of the costumes is always a highlight of the day So put on your thinking caps!!

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 that would like to help spread the word but feel 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

Manchester Petco 11am to 3pm

Second Saturday of the month

Salem Petco 11am to 3pm

Second Saturday of Jan, March, May, July,

September, November

Kennel Shop Sanford, Me. Noon to 3pm

Second Sunday of the month

Nashua Petco 11am to 3pm

Third Saturday of the month

Portsmouth Petco 11am to 3pm

Fourth Saturday of the month

Pet Adoption Day Pelham, NH
11am to 2pm

Last Sunday of the month

Concord Petco 11am to 3pm

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.

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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Please send your materials to Greyhound Tails, P.O. Box 778, Concord, NH 03302-0778 or email them to the newsletter editor: newsletter_editor@gpa-cnhc.org