



# GREYHOUND TAILS

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## Directors Dialog

I know all of us thought that the snow would never go away, but I'm happy to be able to say that my back yard has reappeared. I am unhappy to say that 4 months of snow and 11 or so dogs have made for a huge clean up job. It's a small price to pay for the love that we get from our greyhounds, I think, so, happy spring everyone!

I would like to talk this quarter about a new focus being taken by GPA National called "Right here, Right now". The crux of that statement means to me that we need to refocus our energies on the greyhounds that are right here that need our help. We need to focus on the fact that 3 New Hampshire tracks, 2 Massachusetts tracks, and 1 Connecticut track will continue to race or reopen for racing for the season in the next few weeks. These tracks will produce hundreds, if not a thousand greyhounds that will be available for adoption this year. How are we going to be able to help? What can we do now to be sure that we continue to expand our Foster Home network? Do we need to raise money for vet and kenneling expenses? Will we have to be able to take injured dogs at a moments notice and where will we house them? What can we do to promote adoption?

We are very lucky in New England to work with many Trainers and Owners that love their dogs and make sure that they are well taken care of. All of our New England tracks are "no-kill" tracks, so every effort is made to transfer injured or retiring greyhounds to adoption programs. Other regions are not as lucky. We met a woman at the National Conference last September who told us the sad story of the "Monday dogs". Dogs loaded into trucks at the track that she works with to do adoptions on Mondays are dogs that will never be seen again.

They are taken somewhere to die. She said, "trucks full of dogs are the happiest and saddest things in my life." The saddest being the "Monday dogs" and the happiest being a group going out to an adoption program.

So with that in mind, I want to encourage each of you to get involved in a big way or a small way. Everyone's efforts count. Become a foster parent, go to a Meet & Greet to show off your dog and "talk greyhound", make a donation, think of a fund raiser, attend the reunion, buy a raffle item for the next event, make something unique to donate or raffle off, designate your penny jar to go to greyhound adoption, come to the Open House, join a walking club and take your greyhound along, march in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade with your dog.....

Every little bit counts, so join us and let's see if we can't take care of more of the dogs that are right her, right now, so that states that don't have racing can help with the "Monday dogs" that have no place to go.

Thanks! Ken

## From the Editor

### "Connie is missing"

Connie, one of GPA's recent adoptions is missing. She slipped out a door on Wed. April 16<sup>th</sup> from her home on Piper Hill Road in Loudon, NH.

She has been spotted a couple of times since then, but doesn't seem to have settled in one area. At this point she will be very hungry and will be searching for food and shelter. Until she finds a source for this, she will probably continue to move.

One fact that has come out of this is that in NH we have no individual or group that has any concrete type of listing with names, phone numbers and email address to contact in the event we need to conduct a massive flying campaign to find a lost GH. Con't Page 8

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## Featured hounds

### Mana Jam



Jam is a 6-year-old dark brindle male. He has lived with cats and small dogs. Would rather not be crated.

My name is Jam and I will be 6 years old on November 5<sup>th</sup>. I have been in a home before, but I couldn't stay because my owners had to move.

Nothing makes me happier than to see my people come home from work for the day! I will playfully follow you around the house - you will know I'm happy from the happy barks I make! I can do some tricks - just ask!

I can easily climb stairs so that's not a problem. I am currently in a home with 7 other greyhounds and we have great fun together lounging on our porch in the sun. My previous family left me with a dowry of my toys and things, so don't forget to ask for them!

### Raider General



Booker is a 1-year-old brindle male. He would prefer to live in a home without cats.

My name is Raider General, but my friends call me Booker. I am the most handsome, young greyhound you'll meet. Although somewhat shy and retiring around the house, I still love affection. I have a bit of a playful side once you get to know me. I'm the perfect dog for lounging around together reading a book or watching TV. A small walk is just fine too. Please take me home to your family with or without other dogs. Older children are great for me but I may jump up when I'm excited as you get home but who wouldn't be after being in my crate all day. .

## Internet Greyhounds

Another good source of GH information on the Internet is Greyhound-L. Unlike the GPA-CNH and GreyTalk message forums; GH-L is a list serve site. Messages and responses are not immediately available.

First you need to submit your request for membership via an email. Once your email address is accepted you will start receiving posts and responses.

Posts are submitted to the list via email to the moderators. Once accepted, they are then posted to the list. Posts use specific headers. Some of the topic headers are: Chat; Events; Special; Medical; Debate. There are 2 ways to receive posts. One is in digest form. A grouping of posts is sent through a single email and will be a combination of different categories. The other is by subscribing to specific topics. For example, you can select to receive only medical and events topics. When you do this each post comes through as an individual email. There is also a search function. You submit a request for posts on a certain subject. Once completed your posts come through an email.

The web site for GH-L is <http://www.greyhoundlist.org/>

I will tell you that when signing up the typing has to be specific. It took me a couple of tries before it went through.

The web site gives you more information on what they do and how to use the list serve. As with any on line message board/ list serve site...it's not for the faint of heart. You will not agree with all that is said, nor will everyone agree with you.

## 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



I adopted Lance (Payday Cash), and wanted to let you know that he is a joy. He is 6 years old now and we LOVE him. He has evolved into a friendly and loving dog that is great with everyone. He adores other dogs and prefers their company to people. Unfortunately, I learned the hard way that he is not safe around cats. He would sleep with them and be very gentle and docile, but one day, he managed to get into the separate cat area and he killed one of my cats. That was a couple of years ago. I didn't give up on him and he is a great dog. This photo is of Lance with Mazey- his best friend who came from Hurricane Katrina. She was on the streets for two months and very pregnant when I got her. Lance, Mazey and Louise (another Katrina pup) are enjoying a great life they have made me very happy. Thanks, Mary Breen



Ginger (Cash and Flash) enjoys playing with her stuffies!!

Ginger came to us from GPA on March 8, 2006. My husband and I had attended the open house in Feb of 2006, looking to add a greyhound to our established pack of 2 beagles. We had lost our previous greyhound, Roxie, (also from GPA) when she was fifteen. It took us a year and a half to get over her loss and adopt again.

That day we didn't find any middle aged, female greys, good with other dogs and cat safe. Carolyn said that she would keep us in mind, and eventually find us the right grey for our family.

Not too long later I got a call from Carolyn that there was a dog in foster care that she had kind of forgotten about. Her foster mom, Becky, worked on Sundays and was therefore unable to bring her fosters to the open houses.

Becky just happens to work in our town a few days a week, so we set up for her to drop Ginger off at our house on my day off. Suffice to say that Ginger showed up (and what a presence she was) and has never left. It was like she had lived with us for years. She jumped in bed that first night, and now that is her place at night. She got on with the 2 beagles right off, and MOST of the time is fine with the cats. She doesn't have a mean bone in her body, and is basically a goofball. Her most favorite thing in the world is going in the car and going on long "power" walks. In the nicer months she attends doggy day care a few days a week, just to get some of her energy out, and it works like a charm. We love her to death, and I can't thank Carolyn and Becky enough for bringing this girl into our lives!!!

Ginger lives with the O'Donnell family in Hooksett, NH

### The Hazards of Heat Stroke (from Three Dog Bakery)

Never leave your pet inside a parked car in hot weather - not even for a few minutes. The temperature inside a car with the windows rolled up enters the Dead Zone in mere minutes. Even with the windows cracked, the temperature can soar. People don't realize how fast a dog will perish - or how agonizing a death it is - suffocating inside a hot car. Some cities & states have stiff fines and penalties for leaving dos unattended inside cars during the summer months.

# ADOPTION UPDATES



**Donnie**

**Tate**

I wanted to share pictures of my angels. I could never imagine my life without my girls, in fact all my friends, family and co-workers refer to Donnie and Tate as "The Girls". We have added a stray kitten to our family and after 3 weeks of getting the girls used to their new sister they really don't mind her antics as a 6-month-old kitten.

Donnie and Tate live with the Storey family in Nashua, NH



Here is a picture of one of my former fosters, Paul (Woo Woo Canoe), using his new brother Fuzzy as a headrest. Paul picked Fuzzy as his new brother after the recent passing of his adopted sister Brandy and brother John E. Paul lives with the Ullman family in Old Bridge, NJ.

We offer our condolences to Paul and his family.

Always keep a collar with an up-to-date ID tag on your dog, even when you are not out and about with your dog. Pets who wear ID's have a much greater chance of being returned if lost. Also don't forget to register your dog's microchip with the host company (Avid, Home Again, etc.)



Stella showing off her fancy scarf. Stella lives with Jim & Carin  
Click

# O Brother (and sister)..... Where Art Thou'

It is no great secret that there are a lot of GH litters born each year. GH's are no different than any other breed of dog in that each litter can produce a large number of puppies.

At some point during their puppy stage, puppies that will be going on to the track will have each ear tattooed. The right ear will show the month, year and order in which that particular puppy was numbered. My Matt has a RE# 80C. That means he was born in August 2000 and was the 3<sup>rd</sup> puppy to be tattooed. The left ear is that particular litters number. Each litter is assigned a 5 digit number, Matt's being 90695

Tattooing is done with racing GH's (racehorses have their numbers on the underside of their top lip) to prevent switching dogs. Tattoo numbers are checked before each race against the information on each dogs official registration.

After they are retired, those numbers can still come in handy.

To the adopters that catches the GH 'bug'; one part of this obsession is tracking down your GH's littermates. Some even seek out the parents. The stud dogs are rarely adopted out; most will live out their lives on the farms. However many of the broods will be available for adoption after a litter or two.

Having your GH's tattoo numbers is vital to those wishing to search for family members.

There are 3 main Internet sites for this purpose.

The first one is Greyhound Data. Started by individuals to track all aspects of GH racing and breeding. Currently it has 1,413,155 pedigrees and over 2,000,000 race results. <http://greyhound-data.com/> I believe you will need to register to gain access, but it is free. Once there you can search your GH's pedigree and find a listing of littermates. If your GH raced at a track that reports results to Rosnet, you will be able to see your GH's race lines. There is an option to have contact information saved on the site. Using the email envelope icon, you can send an email to the owner listed. It's not required and many don't do that.

A second site is the Littermates List. You would start by sending information about your GH via email to the site owner, Vicky. She then adds it to the site. Your contact info is kept private. Once a littermate is found, Vicky sends all parties involved an email that a littermate has been listed. You can then contact the other owners involved if you wish. <http://www.littermateslist.com/> You can also search the site yourself for litters that have been listed.

A third is GreyFind. This site is a do it yourself. It doesn't have as many postings as the previous, but is growing.

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

GreyFind has an easy to follow menu tabs to add your GH's information.

As a group GPA-CNHC has adopted many littermates. Some arrive at the same time. A few years back we had 3 big red & white brothers show up at the same time. Some arrive at different times.

One of my first fosters was T Cee TomTom. Just after his adoption his sister T Cee Noir (now Stella) arrived. Jim and Carin Click adopted Stella. Carin is GPA's secretary. A couple of years ago, I had posted on GPA's forum about a beach walk at Long Sands. Carin had said she would like to come and told me about her GH's. Putting 2 and 2 together, I made sure Marie would be there with Tom and they had a nice reunion. I have a fuzzy picture of them standing together. Tom is a bit bigger than Stella, but the resemblance was remarkable. Both had the same face, same spot going white. Since then I have learned that they have a lot of personality traits similar. Both are easily insulted, and don't forget an insult.

I found a littermate of one of my other fosters Pal's Jabber, now Scout, on GreyTalk. A woman mentioned her new GH's name Pal's Jetsetter. Having checked his pedigree on GH Data, I knew many of his litter had names starting with a J.

I have found 4 siblings and the litters dam of my Matt. Most through the Littermates List, but one through GH Data and the email envelop. This last one was of particular interest. When I adopted Matt, I was offered his sister Glamour. I already had 2 (Willow and Austin) and Matt would make three. She shook her head at 3, 4 would have forced my mother to have me committed as certifiable. I always wondered what happened to her. She is now living in Canada and I'm glad she has found a home.

By coincidence 2 people had sent me adoption update stories. At first it didn't register. Payday Cash (now Lance) was an early foster of mine. The second was Ginger. Since I usually like to include the GH's race name in the caption, I asked for some more info on Ginger. Her race name was Cash and Flash. Do you see any connection? With Cash in both of their names I went to GH Data. Sure enough they are littermates.

Anyone interested in finding your GH's family and need some help, send me your GH's information and I'll do what I can. [newsletter\\_editor@gpa-cnhc.org](mailto:newsletter_editor@gpa-cnhc.org)



At left the GPA triplets Stunt, Blitz and Sack. They arrived at the same time and have all been adopted. We hope they are all doing well.

# Sara's Story

By Roberta Curtis

In the Fall of 2005, just one year after adopting our 1st greyhound Max from GPA-Central New Hampshire, we decided that it was time to add another grey to our family. We also have two cats so it was important to find another grey who would live in harmony with them and with Max who was used to being the center of attention. I had been thinking about this for a few months and had been in contact with Donna, the Foster coordinator, I wanted a female, that much I knew for sure, a girlfriend for Max!

One day Donna called me and said " I have the perfect dog for you" and she told me about Sara. Sara retired from the track in Plainfield,CT in May 2005. She had turned 4 in June, she had a great personality, loved her stuffies and she was cat safe.

Donna brought her to my home on October 27, 2005 to meet the family. It was typical crazy New England weather, windy (40 mph) and raining. She came in the front door with confidence with her blue puppy stuffed animal, went straight for Max's food dish and polished off his kibble. Touched noses with Queenie, who hissed at her. Then I took her outside down the deck stairs to potty in the back yard, all within 10 minutes! She then proceeded to check out the toy bin and found lots of fun stuff to play with. Soon she settled down on Max's pillow, it was already broken in of course and it was his!

Sara was a joy from day one. She learned on day 2 how to charm herself into my husband's heart by becoming his couch buddy. Max accepted her as his new sister with a few issues. He didn't like to share his pillow with her and the back of the car. In time they learned to adapt and love each other, even eating out of the same bowl sometimes. The kitties showed her that they were boss, no problems there. Sara loved all the stuffies that I bought for Max and her. Max never would be interested in them, only occasionally to tease her, sibling rivalry! Whenever I would throw them outdoors in the fenced yard to catch, Sara would run to get them and Max would chase her. Max was not interested in running in the fenced yard until I adopted Sara, now they run almost daily with each other.

In March of 2007, Sara's behavior changed, she had become lethargic and depressed. There was lots of chaos in my home at this time, we had taken in our 1st foster. A female who was bigger and more aggressive than Sara and the 3 greys were not bonding as I had hoped. I did not waste time getting her to our local vet. They ran blood tests and found nothing. They thought that it may be her reaction to our new foster.

Within 24 hours, her symptoms worsened considerably. She was shaking with tremors, suffered a seizure, and fell down the deck stairs into the snow.

She was not able to get up from the snow. I knelt down next to her and called my mom and then a neighbor to help me lift her. My mom came as quick as she could and we were able to lift her into my car and get her back to the vet. They gave her valium and examined her, again repeating blood tests. She could not stand on her own and had severe tremors. They knew that she was suffering something neurological and called a specialist @ Mass Vet Referral Hospital in Woburn, Ma and we drove there immediately. She was placed on a gurney at the front entrance and we were directed to a room where we waited for the neurologist, Dr. Silver, to examine her. She immediately confirmed that she would need an MRI and Spinal to determine the cause of her tremors, she suspected some type of brain inflammation. We were told that it would take 2-3 hours for her tests and so I began the long wait with my mom. Finally we were taken to a quiet room and the doctor pulled up her MRI on the computer to show me that Sara had a brain disease. 3 areas of her cerebellum and her spinal column had inflammation. I could not hold it together, I had been crying since she fell earlier that day. Sara had an 80% chance of surviving this immune generated GME, short for Granulomatous Meningoencephalitis disease that does not have a cure. Through tears I asked the question I did not want the answer to, should I put her down? The doctor believed that she had a good chance if we treated it aggressively and so I agreed to admit her. She had the biggest room in the ICU there and they propped her up on large comforters and pillows. Her treatment consisted of prednisone, 2 antibiotics, valium, pepcid for her stomach, and she was put under anesthesia for her MRI and spinal. When I said good bye to her that day, I was full of fear that I had made a selfish decision to keep her alive. I loved her too much to let her go, she had been in my life only 17 months. When I visited her the next day she was not improving. She could not get up to relieve herself. They were getting her up and bringing her outside and using supports to hold her up but she would pee on pads in her room and they had to keep changing her bedding. Even in her illness, she would try to prop herself up to see me. I would lay on her bed in her cage and talk to her. She would not eat for them so I brought in cooked hamburger/rice and cold cuts which she gobbled down. Day 3, she seemed to be a little better and could walk w/assistance using a harness and strap. My husband who had been traveling for business thought along w/the doctors that she would do better at home. So we took her home and she wobbled and shook w/tremors. She could not drink or eat standing up. I had to hand feed her and she needed to be carried up and down the stairs outside to relieve herself. Con't

My husband left for another business trip and it snowed and I found myself carrying her out in snow every 2-3 hours to pee. The prednisone had bad side effects. The next day, I had just given her meds and she started a series of continual seizures. I was alone and Max was barking at her because he was afraid too. I called my friend who lived 2 houses down and she and her husband came to the rescue. My friend held her while she screamed the whole way to the hospital, 40 minutes. I will never forget how helpless I felt listening to her cry. It was Sunday and the doctor on call stabilized her. She was put on Phenobarbital with her other meds and she was admitted to ICU again. Monday morning Dr Silver called and told me that she had taken steps backward in her recovery and that she would like to try a cancer drug on her, Cytarabine, to hopefully get her white cell count down. It was Sara's last chance. If she could not turn this around in the next day I would have to make the decision to let her go. I had told friends and family of Sara's condition. My husband was in Mylasia and was saddened at the thought of never seeing her alive again. We all prayed for her. The next day I was told that she was making an effort to get up, I brought her usual array of favorite human foods, toys, one of her pillows and she insisted on chewing her squeakies to let me know that she wasn't giving up. March 28, 2007, a week after the onset of her disease, Dr Silver called and told me that when she was doing rounds that A.M., Sara was standing in her cage on her own and that she had made a miraculous turnaround. When I came to get her, she was walked out on her leash to greet me. I brought Max with me and we took her outside for a walk. She had lost 10 lbs. and a lot of muscle but she was so happy to be back with her family! Sara has had a long road to recovery. Her will to live is amazing. She has endured the fear of learning to walk again and climbing stairs. She was on loads of medication and chemo shots for 10 months following her stay at the Hospital. Every 2nd week after chemo she would have blood work done. She also had to undergo another spinal. Through all of this my brindle girl was brave. She never cried when they gave her chemo shots, and always went willingly with her usual smile. She is coming up on a year since she was diagnosed with GME, Sara runs, walks, and plays with a zest for living like no other. She is a true miracle and I believe today that she would not let go because she knew how much she was loved.

### **I'm not starving, I'm cleansing! (Three Dog Bakery)**

A dog may fast naturally to improve health. No need to force your dog to eat for a day or two, and there is usually no need to worry, if he is naturally refusing his food. A day or two of fasting (just like us) does the body good. It allows the body's organs to grind up and break down accumulated toxins. You should not force a dog to eat or 'dress' up his food to entice his appetite.



Sara enjoying some time outside with a stuffie

### **Chicken Soup (from Three Dog Bakery)**

Veterinarians frequently recommend cooking chicken soup for your pooch while he's recuperating. The soup provides a way to rehydrate an under-the-weather dog that might not be eating food or drinking water. Plus chicken soup is a miracle cure for all living beings, it seems? You *can* use canned chicken soup, but be sure to use low sodium or sodium free.

12 cups homemade chicken stock (recipe follows) or canned low-sodium chicken broth  
1 cup long-grain rice  
Cooked and mashed carrots from homemade chicken stock  
2 cups cooked and shredded chicken

Bring the chicken stock to a boil in a large stockpot. Add the rice and carrots. Boil for 20 minutes or until rice is tender. Remove from the heat and the chicken. Cool to room temperature before serving. Store covered in refrigerator for up to 3 days.

### **Homemade Chicken Stock**

3 ½ pound whole chicken

2 to 3 carrots peeled and trimmed

1 tsp. ground thyme

1 tsp. rosemary

Place the chicken in 4 quarts of water in a large stockpot. Bring to a boil. Add carrots, thyme and rosemary. Gently simmer for 1 hour, skimming excess fat off the top, until the chicken is cooked thoroughly.

Remove the chicken from the stock. Carefully separate the chicken meat from the skin and bones and set aside. Reserve the stock and discard the skin and bones. Remove the carrots; place them in a small bowl. Mash them with a fork and set aside.

# 2008 Greyhound Events

Spring has finally arrived!! Temps here today were in the low 80's and the snow is almost gone! I thought for sure that the snow would be here until May. Now is the time to get out and enjoy N.E. and all it has to offer. With so many GH adoption groups in this area, there are many events to pick from. Here is a list of some of them.

## May

### Greyhound Adoption Service

GAS Annual Reunion

Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>. 11-4

Middlesex County 4-H Fairgrounds

Westford, MA

<http://www.greycanine.com/greycanine/gas2.htm>

### Greyhound Friends

Annual Spring Open House

Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>

12 - 5 both days at the Hopkington, Ma. Kennel

[www.greyhound.org/eventDetails.cfm?eventID=216](http://www.greyhound.org/eventDetails.cfm?eventID=216)

## June

### Greyhound Adoption Expo

Friday June 13<sup>th</sup> Wonderland GH Park Revere, MA

Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> at Raynham GH Park Raynham, MA

Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> at Borderland Sate Park

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

### Maine Greyhound Placement Service

Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>

10 - 3 both days at the Augusta kennel

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

## July

### Grapehounds Wine Tour

Cayuga Lake Wineries

Finger Lakes of New York July 24 - 27

<http://grapehounds.com/>

## August

### NH Greyhound Placement Service

GPS Annual Festival American K9 Country

Saturday Aug. 2 10-3

<http://www.gpstopdog.org/>

## September

GPA-CNHC Annual Reunion

Sunday Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>

Rollins Park Concord, NH

<http://gpa-cnhc.org/>

~~ Late Breaking News ~~

The GPA-CNHC store will be vending on Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>. at Raynham GH Track during this years GH Adoption Expo. Hope to see you there!

## October

### Greyhounds Reach the Beach

Dewey Beach, Delaware

October 10-12

For basic information:

<http://www.greyhoundsreachthebeach.com/?q=node/5442>

## "Connie is missing"

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Even though posts were made on GreyTalk's Amber Alert and our own GPA forum board, those only bought out a few volunteers. I sent out an email to my NH area GH friends and acquaintances, with 2 responses and 1 offer to help.

Granted there aren't many NH members on GT. Some of the GPA forum members aren't local to NH. However it was a bit discouraging to only receive help a few people that either received an email or saw one of the forum postings. We also had 2 Greyhound Adventure members come on Sat. to help and offer advice.

We have been very lucky in NH that we have only had a couple of GH escapees...that we know about. What I am asking of the readers of this newsletter

" How would you feel if your GH somehow got loose?"

You may hope that you can catch your dog on your own. That your dog may come home on it's own. That your dog may go up to the first person he sees and that person will take your dog in and contact you. If that doesn't happen..

"Who are you going to call for help"

A flyering campaign takes time and energy. The longer the dog is loose, the further he may roam. That means that more flyering needs to be done and expand the search area. More time..more energy.

What will be needed are volunteers willing to spend a few hours of their free time to help. It doesn't have to be every day, or all day. Any time you can spare would be appreciated.

The easiest way for this to happen is to notify people via email. To this end, I am willing to compile a list of names, email addresses to be used when a search is needed. I hope that most readers would be willing to help out if asked. Please send your contact info to: [newsletter\\_editor@gpa-cnhc.org](mailto:newsletter_editor@gpa-cnhc.org)

Also please include your geographic region. Please consider 'Paying it forward' Diane Canfield

Most dogs thoroughly enjoy vegetables, especially carrots, squash, green beans, zucchini and broccoli - and they are good for them, too! Adding a small amount of veggies to your dogs dinner will add nutrients, vitamins, minerals and roughage to your dogs' system. To help with digestion, cook the broccoli & green beans before feeding.

**Beware of the Perilous Plant  
From Three Dog Bakery**

Many plants may look harmless, but they can be poisonous - anywhere from dangerous to deadly. Bored dogs with nothing but time on their paws love to chew houseplants and garden plants. They also love to dig in freshly tilled soil, so bulbs may be too tempting to resist. Be extra careful of:

- Buttercups
- Caladium
- Calla Lily
- Crocus bulbs
- Daffodil bulbs
- Easter Lily bulbs
- Hemlock
- Hydrangea
- Jonquil bulbs
- Lilly of the Valley
- Mistletoe
- Narcissus bulbs
- Oleander
- Poinsettia
- Skunk cabbage ( real skunks as well !!! )
- Yew

**SKUNK ODOR REMOVAL**

~~~IMPORTANT NOTE~~~

**THIS CANNOT BE MADE AHEAD AND STORED. IT  
NEEDS TO BE MADE FRESH WHEN NEEDED.**

1 quart of 3% Hydrogen Peroxide  
1/4 cup Baking Soda

2 tbsp. dish detergent. The stuff for washing dishes in the sink, not something for dishwashers.

Mix the ingredients in a large bowl, because it will boil up like Vesuvius. We are, after all, making an oxygen generator. Wash the dog with this while it is still foaming, because it is the oxygen, which reacts with the oils in the skunk stink to neutralize the odor. If it sits around, it will lose its efficacy because the oxygen boils off. Don't try to store it in an airtight container, because it will blow up. The brew also works for clothes, humans and unlucky cats.

# HELP WANTED

## Meet & Greets

This is another important job with the GPA organization. Many times it will be a person's first exposure to GH's. The dogs do a good job of selling themselves, but humans are needed to answer questions. Try as we might, we have been unsuccessful at getting them to answer anyone.

Each M&G location will have a lead person. They are responsible for bringing the supplies and being a liaison with the store management. They also stay for the entire day, generally 3 to 4 hours.

We like to have a core group of volunteers at each location who are willing and able to set aside a certain afternoon each month to help out. In the event the lead is unable to attend a particular day ( family emergencies, sickness, etc.) it would be helpful if there was someone able to take over for the day.

Next would be some people who are able to help out on a fairly regular basis. Maybe they can't spend the whole day, an hour or so is helpful as well. If we have someone who can do mornings, and then another person do afternoons, then we have the day covered! Whatever time you can spare would be appreciated.

We are guests of these locations. We not only represent GH's in general but GPA in particular. GH's that attend the M&G's need to be small animal and child tolerant.

Some GH's are naturals at this. Some will take a bit of time to get into the swing. It's best to plan on spending a small amount of time at first until they get used to it.

We are at the following Petco locations: Portsmouth, Concord, Manchester and Salem. Also Pelham Pet Adoption Days, and the Kennel Shop in Sanford, Me.

Anyone willing to help out at any of these locations please contact Hillary Henry at:  
[events\\_coordinator@gpa-cnhc.org](mailto:events_coordinator@gpa-cnhc.org)

## HOMEMADE FROSTY PAWS

1 quart plain yogurt (lowfat for our chubby friends)  
2 T peanut butter (I use natural style)

1 medium banana  
2 T honey

Puree the banana in a food processor (a blender would probably work fine). Add the peanut butter and honey and continue processing until smooth. Add yogurt and process just long enough to blend all ingredients together. Place 18 small paper cups (bathroom size) in a baking pan (one 9x13 or two 8x8 work well). Fill paper cups to about 2/3's full. An ice cream scoop or a measuring cup makes the job easier. Freeze until solid. I transfer the frozen treats to zip-lock bags for storing in the freezer.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## September

The 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!!

The area of the park we use is well shaded. You will need to bring chairs for the humans and water for the dogs.

We also take donations for the raffles. Items do not need to be dog or GH related. Gift certificates to local businesses make nice items as well.

Please call the message center 888-507-9597 or email Hillary at: [events\\_coordinator@gpa-cnhc.org](mailto:events_coordinator@gpa-cnhc.org) to arrange pick up. Items can be dropped off at the open house (directions below) or at any of our regular M&G's (list at the right).

This is open to any GH owner and lover. Regardless of where you adopted you GH, all are welcome. The more the merrier....so spread the news.

# 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 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

Manchester 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.

## Lemon Bug Spray (from GH-L)

Take one lemon and slice it. Place it in a large bowl. Add a few sprigs of rosemary (optional) to the bowl.

Pour a kettle of boiling water over it. Cover with a towel. Let steep overnight

Strain into a squirt bottle.

Spray liberally over your dog each time you go out. Can spray on your feet

too.

I refrigerate mine and discard after one week and make a new batch.

## 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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