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Happy Holidays

Letter From The President

Happy Holidays everyone! Where does the time go?!



2010 has been a busy year so far. We just brought in a load of dogs from Arizona in October and with this load we have brought in 114 dogs from the track so far in 2010. We've also had 146 adoptions so far this year. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who help us get to these sort of numbers!!! Without you we wouldn't be able to bring in so many dogs or handle so many adoptions – you are these dogs angels!!!



On an administrative note, please join me in welcoming our new Bark Committee – Teri Spevak, Jeani Penn and Michelle Buchan. Thank you for volunteering your time to putting our newsletter together and doing such a wonderful job!!!



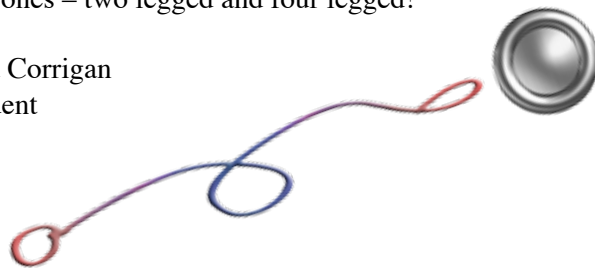
What is the future of greyhound racing? That is a question I get asked periodically. I wish I had a crystal ball. What I can tell you are a few facts. There are currently 23 tracks still operating in the United States, with 13 of those tracks being in Florida. It is my understanding that several of those tracks are moving to seasonal operation rather than year-round operation. I have been told that less than 8000 dogs were born this year, whereas in recent years there have been 20,000+ born each year. What we are seeing at our end of things is a lot more younger dogs available and we have seen this in the makeup of our dog loads. It is my understanding that trainers are investing less time into each dog. What seems to be happening is that if the dog shows no potential early on they move the dog into adoption right away and move onto the next dog. Thus we are seeing more and more 1.5 and 2 year old dogs available and on our loads. We are also seeing quite a few more older females available as fewer dogs are bred and the seniors are put into the adoption cycle.



Thinking ahead to winter, the weather forecasters are predicting a bad winter for us folks in the Pacific Northwest. If you don't have one already, make sure you have a warm coat for your greyhound. The GPI Needlenose ROOtique has some wonderful rain jackets and also heavier weight coats. The heavier weight coats are really nice and they are specially made for us with the 100 weight fleece rather than the heavier 200 weight fleece – perfect for our northwest winters. I think there are a few sweaters still in inventory as well – great for layering. All the proceeds go to the dogs, so support GPI and keep your pups warm – buy from the Needlenose ROOtique.

Have a wonderful holiday season everyone and enjoy your loved ones – two legged and four legged!

Moira Corrigan
President



The first Greyhound Groupie column appropriately will be about our President, Moira Corrigan. Some of you may not know her background and what led her to our group, but you'll always know her by the smile on her face. When I first saw Moira she was buzzing around the old Red Barn. At first, I thought she was shy, then I found out she's just too busy to talk!

Moira was born in South Africa and has lived in various places around the globe. She's been married to her husband, Mike, for 17 years and found herself in the Northwest in August of 1999 because of Mike's job transfer. She's been fascinated by the hounds most of her life, and found her first one in February of 1999. That's when she adopted Brett, a 75 lb. Brindle, from a PetSmart in Virginia. After moving to the Pacific Northwest, she called GPI, after seeing an ad in the newspaper, looking for a greyhound savvy vet and the person she spoke to on the phone asked if she was interested in volunteering. Well, she's been off and running ever since. She did start volunteering at booths, then fostering (her first was Jasper, another Brindle, in Jan. 2000), and became Foster Coordinator, Regional VP, Secretary and then President.

I asked her what she does during the course of a normal day. I could almost hear the laughter through the email. Her response: "There is no "normal" day". She does everything from turn out at the kennel, inventory, restocking, managing kennel employees, talking to adopters, resolving/mediating issues relating to volunteers, adopters, dogs, updating data bases, organizing the next dog load, handling placements in places like Alaska, running board meetings, organizing maintenance of the kennel: the list is endless. Whew! Makes me tired just writing all that down. The job with the heaviest load, though, is the running and managing of GPI. With all the volunteers (over 200 of them) and staff she typically works 60 to 80 hours a week for our precious hounds. And this is all on top of taking care of her personal six dogs and various fosters. Hopefully there's time for Mike in there somewhere!

Moira has 4 Greyhounds: Hoss, Suzzy, Addie and Tango; a Great Dane named Chief, and a Great Dane mix named Rango. In total, she's had 7 Greyhounds, 4 forever fosters and over 100 fosters running in and around her house. I asked her if anyone else in the family picked up the Greyhound Bug. She said Mike doesn't dare or there wouldn't be anything BUT Greyhounds in their lives. He maintains the sane balance in their lives.

I asked Moira where she sees GPI in 5 or 10 years. She feels the racing industry will continue to keep us busy for the next 10 years with tracks closing and the need for finding homes for all the dogs, and supporting the adopters. If the racing industry is dissolved, she sees GPI supporting sight hounds in the Pacific Northwest for many years to come.

What's new at the Needlenose Rootique:

- ~ Just in: A heavyweight full-zip hoodie sweatshirt in blue and chestnut with GPI logo in sizes men's XS-3X.
- ~ Ladies long sleeve mock turtleneck shirt with small greyhound on collar in crimson and navy. Ladies XS-3X
- ~ We have a new short sleeve T-shirt titled "I'm so pretty" in chocolate and natural in men's sizes S-3X. The artwork was designed by Tamar Shdo, inspired by her greyhound Son House.
- ~ We just added new leather tag collars to our supply of velvet tag collars.
- ~ Brand new decals at a very reasonable prices.

We also have winter coats, sweaters, raincoats, tooth gel, no-pull harness, fleece vests in both ladies and men's sizing and the list goes on. Come visit us at the Hern Greyt Works kennel on the second Saturday of every month from 1pm-3pm.

Midge and Cathy
Needlenose Rootique elves



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By Jeani Penn

New Year's Eve and Fourth of July can be two of the most traumatic nights for some of our Greyhounds. I don't think anyone knows why some are calm, some are anxious and some become 'unhinged' when it comes to loud noises, but they are and do.

I've experimented over the years with various things and found that, for my Emma (the unhinged variety), Benadryl works as well as anything. Rescue Remedy (found at your health food store) works for some dogs. A combination of the two is needed for others. A simple sachet of lavender can help a dog that has a mild reaction to these noises. Some vets will prescribe acepromazine, also known as Promace, but be very careful with the dosage. A dose for a normal dog can be excessive for a Greyhound. Dr. Stack's book is a good resource for learning about acepromazine. There are other tranquilizers, as well, but again, be careful. Greyhounds, because of their physiology do not react to these drugs like other dogs. Make sure your vet is aware of this.

Then there are the coats and capes. There is some good press about them, but again, do your homework, they aren't cheap, and may not work. Playing the radio or TV loudly sometimes 'overrides' the noises in the dog's head and is effective.

Desensitizing your dog is the ideal solution, but this doesn't work for every dog. The bottom line is know your dog, know what they react to, but most importantly, be sensitive to what they are going through during thunder storms, fireworks, gun shots or any loud noises that scare them.

Probably the most important behavior during these times is yours. Do not baby them, cuddle with them, or coo words of sympathy. This just reinforces the problem. They think because they're getting special attention that this is good behavior, or they will learn to 'act up' in order to get attention. If you act normally, and stress free, they will learn to as well.



Koda & Karma's Korner

Today my Mom and Dad came home and noticed that Koda was limping (again). He was limping on the same leg as the one that he broke 3 years ago. Mom and Dad were very worried so they took him to see our vet the very next day. The vet took a picture of his leg and showed it to them, it isn't broken again and there is no sign of injury. The Doctor said he must have pulled it somehow. So... Koda comes home and he gets ALL the attention now because he looks at Mom and Dad with his sad eyes. Dad even carried him up the stairs at bedtime!!

Here is the story of what REALLY happened to Koda! Mom and Dad weren't home and so our two legged brother & sister were home and letting us out to the backyard when we wanted to go (they don't watch us like Mom & Dad do :~)). Mom and Dad put a blue box outside where they put all of their cans, bottles and stuff that the big noisy trucks take away. Well... usually there isn't any stuff in there that we have any interest in but this time there was. Koda decided that he was going to lick the big container that was in there, it had something called Parmesan Cheese in it. The bottom was broken off so it was open and Koda could get his nose in it. Koda took the cheese container and was sticking his nose in trying to get the little crumbs of cheese (silly boy), he even cut his nose a little bit on the plastic! When he heard Mom & Dad coming home he jumped away from the container because he knew he would get in trouble and THAT is how he hurt his leg!! So now, even though he was bad, he gets treated special because he hurt himself. I keep trying to tell Mom & Dad but they just don't understand dog!!!

Sigh... Boys...



By Jeani Penn

What keeps GPI afloat are donations, donations, donations, and income from a trust. GPI is the beneficiary of a trust that was set up thanks to John Hern's generosity to help fund GPI's operating costs from its income. That income is based on market performance, and, we all know what the market has done in recent years. Keeping an organization like GPI going is a very expensive proposition.

If we get one of our precious pups returned that needs medical care, over and above the spaying, teeth cleaning, etc. that is normally done with a new arrival, the costs can soar. In August, a dog was returned at 7:00 on a Saturday night that needed immediate medical attention. This poor creature spent the next two and a half days in the Emergency Clinic, then another two plus days at Bothell Pet Hospital, before coming to the kennel for more individual care. This bill was huge. This is not as uncommon as you might think.

Let me give you some hard numbers. In the year 2009, GPI spent approximately \$65,000 in veterinary care. It costs approximately \$6700 a month to run the kennel: utilities (alarm, electricity, garbage, gas, water, and phone), insurance, taxes, employees, and kennel and foster food. That adds up to \$80,400 for an average year. That's a whopping \$145,500 a year. The food bill alone is \$700 a month average. The employees are paid, so GPI pays taxes, L&I, etc. That \$250 that we get for adoptions certainly helps, but it doesn't begin to defray the costs of vetting a new dog that comes into our care. Those costs average \$425 per dog. The collars and leash/collar combos and muzzles are included in that fee, as well. Those don't come to us free.

We are very fortunate to have all that we do in a world where so many organizations are struggling, but help is still needed. There are many ways to "chip in" and make things easier. We can all do a little something extra to house and find homes for our hounds. Donation Jars at our meet and greets help.

Corporate donations are welcome, so talk to your employer and see what they can do. Personal donations are what help keep us afloat. A large amount once a year may be more than you can afford, but a smaller amount once a month won't be missed. With on-line banking, it's easy to donate once a month. That's what I do. Sponsorship works and you get to see your name attached to a dog that you may have a particular interest in. If you live close to the kennel, see if your pet store will donate a good dog food or treat. Also, anything you purchase at the ROOtique, picnic auctions, craft sale, garage sale, etc. helps out, and these events are fun! I always feel the camaraderie when I can manage to attend. In addition to cash, donations of food, bedding, printer paper, and other kennel needs are important as well. You can always find a list of needs on the GPI Website.

But, it's not all about the money. The hours of service that are donated by our wonderful volunteers are priceless. The website is maintained by one of our volunteers, who puts in untold number of hours, and it has a \$100 annual fee, so it's not costly. The kennel turn outs are done by volunteers, so no cost there. As an FYI, it takes approximately 50 volunteers a week to do turn outs - 4 volunteers a shift at two shifts a day for seven days a week. Another valuable volunteer takes care of the schedule for that, which is a very time consuming job. Volunteers run Meet and Greets, provide foster homes, maintain the kennel. This is but a portion of the jobs done by people donating their time and love. All the official positions with GPI are volunteer. When you look at how well the organization runs and how it's done with all volunteers, it truly is amazing. And last, but certainly not least, is our Board. All of the Board's time is donated, and, believe me, they put in the hours.

All this coming together for the sake of the Retired Racing Greyhound.



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Testing for Tick-Borne Disease - By Lorean Love

Sometimes life takes us to places we never thought we'd go.

In October 1995, there was an article in the Seattle P-I about the greyhound track closing in Idaho. Within a couple of weeks, Stride Taker, Tigger, joined our family.

In May of 1998, a woman whose family had greyhounds asked me if Tigger had ever been tested for tick-borne diseases. I almost laughed! We'd had Tigger two and a half years, and she was the picture of health!

Tigger bled out June 1st, 1998. Despite a night in the emergency hospital and five days in the critical care hospital, she died June 6th. She did not reach her seventh birthday. There was no real explanation given as to why this happened.

Two weeks after losing Tigger, PJ's Happy David, Dave, came home with us. John noticed that Dave's adoption paperwork said "Babesia 1:640" and asked me what Babesia was. I didn't have a clue. No one had mentioned it to us when we adopted him. John printed up everything he could find on tick-borne diseases. We highlighted pages and took it all to our vet.

Tick-borne disease can be confusing. The symptoms can be many and various, and are often associated with other diseases. Since tick-borne disease is not indigenous to the Pacific Northwest, vets may not be familiar with the symptoms or comfortable with the drugs used to treat them. The tests measure antibodies in blood serum. If a dog has a positive titer, it has been exposed to the disease. It doesn't tell you if the dog is currently ill, or if these antibodies are just the body's response to having been exposed to the disease. A low titer does not necessarily mean the dog is healthy. It may mean the dog's body is too weak to put up a defense. A dog with a high titer may have a very strong immune system, so is able to effectively fight off the disease.

Soon, it became obvious that Dave was sick. He was so quiet, he was perfect. Too perfect. Sometimes he had neck pain so extreme he would scream when he moved his head. It was cyclical. He would be down for a couple weeks, then come out of it, like nothing was wrong. We had our vet run a tick panel on him. It too, showed a positive titer for Babesia, but all the experts we talked to told us his titer was too low to be making him as ill as he was. In February of 1999, as we were sure we were going to lose him, we asked our vet to treat him with

Imizol, a drug that had only recently been approved by the FDA. There were all sorts of horror stories about it. We felt we had nothing to lose and everything to gain.

Dave's turnaround after the Imizol treatment was nothing short of a miracle. Now, Dave glowed with health. He did naughty puppy things, that I don't think he'd ever felt well enough to do before. The Imizol treatment that had been so frightening to us, that we'd delayed doing for months because of vet recommendations, Dave breezed through.

At a GPI meeting not long after Dave's treatment, we brought up our concern that GPI was not talking to adopters about tick-borne disease. Many people can't see why they should pay for an expensive test when their dog appears healthy. Someone suggested that if we were so interested in tick disease testing, we should do something about it. The gauntlet was down.

We held our first low cost clinic in April of 2000. Because we cut out the middlemen and handled all the paperwork ourselves, we could offer testing for tick-borne disease much more reasonably than a vet's office. Protatek Laboratory gives us a discount for ex-racers. The Banfield Pet Hospital gave us an exam room for two hours, and a tech to draw blood and spin it down for us. The biggest drawback to this was that we had to stay out of the way of paying clients, which could be any size, and could even be C A T S! Not everyone was happy to see a gaggle of greyhounds clogging up the waiting room.

Then the techs at the vet clinic where we took our dogs offered to help, which meant we could hold a clinic just about anywhere. We invited a vet to attend, so we would have a vet on the premises. During those years, we held clinics at The Red Barn kennel, our oldest son's garage (oh yeah!), the little house on the grounds of the new GPI kennel, and the Splash Dog Spa at Firdale Village.

Since a year is a long time to put off testing a dog for a tick-borne disease, in the fall of 2005 we started holding clinics in the fall as well as the spring.

In spring 2008, when the new GPI kennel was under construction, Dr Debi Wallingford hosted our clinic, and her techs drew blood for us.

October 2009 was a huge milestone for us. For the first time, we had a team made up completely of

By Lorean Love

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GPI volunteers. With the new kennel grounds finished, we had a beautiful and perfect location.

This summer, we ventured over to the Olympic Peninsula. Jeani Penn did all the leg work, finding a vet with a clinic and tech to host us.

We've just started the ball rolling for our October 2010 clinic at the kennel.

That is a little history of our clinics, and why we do them. At first, each clinic could accommodate only fifteen dogs, then twenty. Once we broke out of Banfield, we opened ourselves to testing thirty dogs at a time. We've gone from one clinic per year to three. [Thanks to Bob and Yumi, Randy and Karen]

Sadly, exposure to tick-borne diseases seems as common now as it did when we held our first clinic. My best guess is of all the dogs we've tested, over 50% have tested positive for a tick-borne disease. By far the most common positive result is for Babesia. The treatment is two shots of Imizol, fourteen days apart. Other than one dog having some problems at the injection site, we have never heard of any serious reaction to treatment.

We do hear that a dog that seemed to be perfectly healthy before treatment is healthier and more active afterwards. Sometimes telling people that these dogs are couch potatoes is doing our hounds a disservice. They are dogs. They should play and be active at times.

Please test your dogs. The most important weapon against tick-borne disease is knowledge. A tick panel tests for Babesia, Ehrlichia, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF), and Lyme disease. With any dog that may have been in the Southwest, it's important to include Valley Fever, a fungal disease that Protatek can test for as well. These diseases are treatable, you just have to know if your dog has been exposed. It may be the single most important piece of medical information you have for them.

In loving memory of Tigger, Chris, Samwise, Jae, Dave, Selah..... they still live in our hearts. Gone, but never forgotten.

John & Lorean Love

Brite & Buzz (Babesia positive & treated)

<http://greyhoundpetsinc.org/rainbow/tigger.html>

<http://www.greyhoundpetsinc.org/rainbow/davelove.html>

The First Six Months

By Jeani Penn

Gib (aka Mulberry Gib) a big, black, beautiful, calm, friendly boy came to GPI in February 2010. Many people looked at him, but he finally picked "his person" in Jennifer Weicher on April 13, 2010. After the adoption paperwork was all done, they headed for his new home in Port Angeles. Then began a love affair that many of us have experienced. There's nothing like being loved by a Greyhound! She and Gibson started the process of learning about each other and learning to live with each other. Gibbie fit right into her home, life style; all her friends fell in love with him. He learned not one, but two doggie doors almost immediately. He was, and is, a member of their Friday Frolickers play group in Sequim. Fast forward to the Love's. They volunteered, for the first time, to do a small tick borne disease testing clinic, in August, in Port Angeles for all the new dogs on the Peninsula, and those that needed rechecking. Jennifer was wise enough to sign him up for the testing. His titers came back 1:640!!!!!! This boy was definitely positive for Basesiosis. When taken to the vet, and his blood was tested, it was found that his platelet count was very low and his skin was showing signs of the disease. There were two dogs that came back with positive results. Jennifer talked to her vet and through a process that could happen only in a small area, this vet and the vet for the other dog agreed to share a vial of Imizol. Both dogs have been treated and are now enjoying healthy happy lives on the Olympic Peninsula. If it had not been for the Love's coming all the way to Port Angeles, and the caring owners who brought their dogs in, both of these dogs could have become very ill before the next clinic.

Throwing stuffies has become an art form for Gibbie in their very small living room. Now, after they're ready for bed, Gibbie lays his head on Jennifer's lap and they have one last little conversation before going to sleep.



Sixty-nine gorgeous greyhounds brought 90 of their favorite humans for fun, runs, games and more at GPI's 2010 Picnic at the Hern Greyt Works in Woodinville on Sept. 5.

Humans and hounds alike took advantage of the greyhound-perfect weather to run and socialize in the "pasture" behind the kennel. It was neither too hot nor too cold, and so much better than last year's off-and-on rain.

There were lots of joyous reunions with the pups recognizing their foster parents and turnout volunteers. Two- and four-legged friends could have played for hours at our greyt dog park, but too much was happening inside, including a live auction, nail trimmings, photo competition, doggie contests and things to buy at the Needlenose Rootique.

Tom Adam's high bid of \$280 won the brass greyhound statue that headed the 15 items featured in the live auction. Thank roo to all the people who bid, and especially to Ed Moore, our greyt auctioneer, who once again convinced folks to open their wallets.

Bev Mitchell, Chris Nooney and Mary Gibbons spent most of their afternoon providing perfect puppy pedicures with deftly handled Dremels.

Stephanie Saul won first place in the photo contest with an image of her greyhound on the beach. Ross Nooney's photo of his pack of couch potatoes took second place and Stephanie Saul also took third with her shot of a brindle greyhound in profile. All three winning photos are now on display at the Hern Greyt Works.

John and Lorean Love's Brite won the prize for being the oldest puppy at 12½ years young. A big boy named Franklin won the award for having the best buns. Other prizes were awarded for the youngest greyhound and hounds with the longest tail and best ears.

For some inexplicable and disappointing reason, no one (dog or person) initiated a crowd-pleasing community roo. Next year for sure.

Many picnickers shopped at the Needlenose Rootique and accepted advice of the ever-helpful elves to resupply their pet needs. More than one greyhound owner went home with more than one of Mary Greenleaf's beds. It's impossible to have too many. The parking lot was an interesting sight as

people tried to cram all their booty into cars on top of their hounds.

2010 GPI Picnic Committee members were Bev Mitchell, Jessica Moore, Mayetta Tiffany, Wendy Koob, Alana Hawkins, and Yumi Burnett.

As ever, there were too many other volunteers to name who helped make the gathering such a success.

The committee couldn't have done it without all the people pitching in with various tasks.

But one young volunteer deserves special mention for going above and beyond. A very special thank you to Joy Layback's daughter, who did an absolutely super job of poop scooping! The Layback family recently adopted Gail.



The crate is a useful tool for transitioning a greyhound from kennel to home. When a greyhound is first brought into a home the crate can be helpful for house training and to make the dog feel secure in their new surroundings. It must not, however, be a way of life for the greyhound but rather a stepping-stone to eventual freedom in the house. Initially, the dog should not be crated for more than four consecutive hours. After a short time the dog will be transitioned to a room using baby gates, perhaps along with the crate with its doors open, making certain the sight hound has a window to see out of. Eventually the dog should be able to be left free in the house. Some dogs never like the crate and should go right to a room such as the kitchen or den - with windows and using baby gates. Some like their crates to be available to go in and out of as they choose, so the gate is left open. The process should take about a month or so, and then the crate is no longer needed. The Greyhound Adopter's Guide has a good section about Crates on page 25. Remember GPI has crates for rent. Any questions or concerns please contact your RVP, we are most happy to help.

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Trust... A Deadly Disease

By Sharon Mathers

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There is a deadly disease stalking your dog. A hideous, stealthy thing just waiting its chance to steal your beloved friend. It is not a new disease, or one for which there inoculations. The disease is called trust.

You knew before you ever took your greyhound home that it could not be trusted. The people who provided you with this precious animal warned you, drummed it into your head. A newly retired racer may steal off counters, destroy something expensive, chase cats, and must never be allowed off his lead!

When the big day finally arrived, heeding the sage advice, you escorted your dog to his new home, properly collared and tagged, the lead held tightly in your hand. At home the house was "doggie proofed." Everything of value was stored in the spare bedroom, garbage stowed on top of the refrigerator, cats separated, and a gate placed across the door to the living room. All windows and doors had been properly secured and signs placed in strategic points reminding all to "CLOSE THE DOOR."

Soon it becomes second nature to make sure the door closes a second after it was opened and that it really latched. "DON'T LET THE DOG OUT" is your second most verbalized expression. (The first is NO!) You worry and fuss constantly, terrified that your darling will get out and a disaster will surely follow. Your friends comment about who you love most, your family or the dog. You know that to relax your vigil for a moment might lose him to you forever.

And so the weeks and months pass, with your greyhound becoming more civilized every day, and the seeds of trust are planted. It seems that each new day brings less mischief, less breakage. Almost before you know it your racer has turned into an elegant, dignified friend.

Now that he is a more reliable, sedate companion, you take him more places. No longer does he chew the steering wheel when left in the car. And darned if that cake wasn't still on the counter this morning. And, oh yes, wasn't that the cat he was sleeping with so cozily on your pillow last night? At this point you are beginning to become infected; the disease is spreading its roots deep into your mind. And then one of your friends suggests obedience. You shake your head and remind her that your dog might run away if allowed off the lead, but you are reassured when she promises the events

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are held in a fenced area. And, wonder of wonders, he did not run away, but came every time you called him!

All winter long you go to weekly obedience classes. After a time you even let him run loose from the car to the house when you get home. Why not, he always runs straight to the door, dancing a frenzy of joy and waits to be let in. Remember, he comes every time he is called. You know he is the exception that proves the rule. (And sometimes, late at night, you even let him slip out the front door to go potty and then right back in.) At this point the disease has taken hold, waiting only for the right time and place to rear its ugly head.

Years pass—it is hard to remember why you ever worried so much when he was new. He would never think of running out the door left open while you bring in the packages from the car. It would be beneath his dignity to jump out the window of the car while you run into the convenience store. And when you take him for those wonderful long walks at dawn, it only takes one whistle to send him racing back to you in a burst of speed when the walk comes too close to the highway. (He still gets into the garbage, but nobody is perfect.) This is the time the disease has waited for so patiently. Sometimes it only has to wait a year or two, but often it takes much longer.

He spies the neighbor dog across the street, and suddenly forgets everything he ever knew about not slipping outdoors, jumping out windows, or coming when called due to traffic. Perhaps it was only a paper fluttering in the breeze, or even just the sheer joy of running— Stopped in an instant. Stilled forever —your heart is broken at the sight of his still beautiful body. The disease is trust. The final outcome, hit by a car.

Every morning my dog Shah bounced around off his lead exploring. Every morning for seven years he came back when he was called. He was perfectly obedient, perfectly trustworthy. He died fourteen hours after being hit by a car. Please do not risk your friend and your heart. Save the trust for things that do not matter.

I would like to offer two additional accounts about the dangers of having a greyhound off its lead in an unfenced area. This first account is really a basic tragic accident, due to not having a properly fitting collar. The owners actually had the dog on a lead, but unfortunately were using only a flat buckle collar on the dog. The dog became frightened at something, and just backed out of her collar. She took off away from them at top speed. Before they could manage to even get close to catching up to her, she had run out onto a road, and was instantly killed by a car. This is one of the reasons we advise using a halter or martingale while walking your greyhound in an unfenced area.

The second account involves too much trust and a lack of common sense. The owners lived somewhat out in the country. Their home was surrounded by woods and they were well off any major roadway. They had their new greyhound about three weeks, when I got the phone call that I hate the most, “Our greyhound is lost!” I knew these owners did not have a fenced yard, but they had sworn they would keep the dog on a lead when taken outdoors. Upon further questioning, I discovered that they quit using the lead after about the first week. The weather had gotten cold, and so early in the mornings they would simply turn her out the back door, wait for her to “do her business,” then call her back in. “She always came when she was called,” the woman lamented to me. They felt it was safe enough to allow her off the lead for just short bits of time, as they didn’t live near a high-traffic road, and she had never ventured into the woods before. Unfortunately, the little greyhound did bound off into the woods this particular morning. Perhaps she heard a squirrel rustling in some nearby leaves, or smelled a rabbit, but whatever the reason, she had taken off into the woods, and they could not find her. Our hopes of finding her safe and sound faded a little more with each passing day, and no sign of the pretty little female greyhound.

After several weeks, our worst fears were confirmed. We got a call from a very nice man, who had been walking through the woods with his son when they discovered the still, cold body of a small, dead greyhound. He got our number off her collar ID tag. She was found many, many miles from her home. Why did she run off this time when she had been so reliable before? Why didn’t she come racing back as she always had when her family called for her? Who knows? What we do know is that ultimately dogs will be dogs. No matter how much or how long you train and teach your dog, there may come a point where their instincts will win over learned behavior. Please don’t be fooled into a false sense of security with your greyhound. Take the time; make that little extra effort to ensure your greyhound will be safe. Remember, they are depending on you.

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If you can't adopt a greyhound you may find that sponsoring a greyhound through Greyhound Pets, Inc. will be your next best rewarding experience. It costs GPI more than the adoption donation of \$250 to get most dogs ready for adoption. Some greyhounds wind up staying in foster or kennel care for longer than others for any number of reasons. These greyhounds incur expenses for things like food, vet care, prescriptions and more. At any given time, we have a number of greyhounds who are considered "Special Needs" who have higher than normal care costs - extra vet care, special foods for allergies, etc.



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You can help by donating \$10, \$15, \$25 or more to sponsor one of the many greyhounds in need through GPI.

To start the sponsorship process, send an email to Bunny Richardson, our Treasurer, at rabbit99@whidbey.net. Let Bunny know which dog you're interested in sponsoring and organize payment. You can mail a check or money order to PO Box 891, Woodinville, WA 98072, you can call Bunny at 360-568-3773 and give her your credit card info, or you can donate online through the Network For Good button on our website - www.greyhoundpetsinc.org. Your name will then be added below the dogs info as his/her sponsor.

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Attn: Treasurer

PO Box 891

Woodinville, WA 98072



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 Thank you so much for your gift to the GPI dogs!!! They thank you very much!

Your Donations are so appreciated!

Greyhound Pets, Inc. is a volunteer organization which depends on your gifts. Listed below are some of the items your donation can purchase for the adoptable dogs of GPI.

- ~ Muzzle for one kennel dog \$10
- ~ Food for one dog for one month \$20
- ~ Vaccines for one new dog \$25
- ~ One folding table for the kennel \$50
- ~ Running a tick test for a new dog \$65
- ~ Sponsor a kennel run (per year) \$500
- ~ Complete Vetting for a new dog \$425

Donate \$250, \$500 or \$1,000 to receive an engraved greyhound "leaf" on our gifting tree at the kennel



Thank you for all you do for the dogs!

ADOPTED!!

2nd & 3rd quarter of 2010

Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname
4126	Bingo Bubba	Tango
4406	Spider	Spider
4468	Two Step	Rascal
4546	Bella Knight	Rogue
4702	Slatex Angeline	Willow
4851	KMA Bogeyman	Bogey
4985	Cold B DeBunk	Cold
4993	Pat C Signal	Signal
5020	Unknown	Ebony
5021	Turbo Rose	Rose
5026	Tough Old Buzzard	Buzz
5030	Big Shot Bob	Bobby
5038	CL Doctor Smith	Doc
5039	Tricky Dixie	Dixie
5057	RS Papa Stan	Daniel
5069	UCME Wontwofree	Free
5072	Turbo Sunshine	Sunshine
5075	Soaken	Soaken
5076	Eli's Earthquake	Quake
5079	CDC Buddy	Buddy
5082	Mulberry Gib	Gib
5085	Bella Cabello	Cabello
5086	Sol Scooby	Bryan
5087	AP's Rollalong	Roll
5088	Redsmynname	Red
5093	Bluzy	Bluzy
5094	DLT Kahlua	Kahlua
5097	Margo to Win	Margo
5098	Cold B Riches	Gail
5100	JV Arabelle	Arabella
5101	Lady Kelly	Kelly

Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname
5102	Misty Breeze	Breeze
5103	Jo Symington	Jo
5104	Incident Report	Bruiser
5105	Junkyard Jam	Junky
5106	Nitro Rich	Rich
5107	None	Rebel
5108	Shorty's Lucas	Luke
5109	None	Survival
5110	Work This Out	Snape
5112	RX Credit	Crystal
5113	Chasmo's Houdini	Houdini
5114	Flying Trey Babe	Babe
5115	OJ Doma Diva	Diva
5117	Red Brin Dee	Brindy
5118	Bohemian Proper	Sadie
5119	Stolidoli	Stoli
5120	Oh Fishie Ate	Fishie
5121	None	Gail
5123	La Nita	La Nita
5125	Whytell Murphy	Murph
5126	EJ's Donnie Brasco	Joe
5128	Slatex Red	Red
5129	Bobber Drive	Bobber
5131	Kiowa Maybell	Maybell
5132	Atascocita Diana	Diane
5134	Starz Classic	Class
5138	Garnet Ascent	Kim
5140	Algoa Apple Pie	Apple Pie
5144	DLT Blackwater	Blackie
5148	Crazy Bet	Noah
5151	Kickitup Toby	Toby

**Holiday Tips**

Keep your pup happy and safe this Holiday Season. Here are a few helpful tips...

- ~ Trees provide a great temptation for cats to climb and dogs to chew on, so holiday trees should be well secured to prevent accidents.
- ~ Pine needles, when ingested, can puncture holes in a pet's intestine. So keep pet areas clear of pine needles.
- ~ Holiday plants including ivy, holly, mistletoe, hibiscus, poinsettia, lilies and Christmas greens all have various levels of toxicity. Position these high off the ground to avoid dangerous ingestion mishaps.
- ~ Popcorn, raisin, or cranberry garlands are beautiful, but can cause an obstruction when eaten, requiring surgery.
- ~ No table scraps for pets! Fatty meats, gravies and poultry skin can cause pancreatitis, gastritis, enteritis, colitis and other gastrointestinal problems. Bones put pets at risk for bowel obstruction or perforation and choking.
- ~ Pets can easily slip out through an open door as guests come and go -- keep a steady eye on pets and be sure they are wearing current identification tags. Use baby gates if necessary.
- ~ Traveling? Get a tag listing your temporary location and cell phone number. You can also create a temporary tag for each of your destinations using waterproof tape and an indelible marker.

See more tips at www.greyhoundpetsinc.org/publicforms/holidaysafetytipsforyourgreyhound.pdf

Rainbow Bridge Memorials - We will miss them

Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname	Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname
2592	Bow Jolly	Jolly	3834	Charger Snow	Charger
2596	Mercury Bucks	Mercy	3858	KK's Okay Kay	Baby Girl
2612	Tee Jay Swat	TJ	3878	Tarnished Heart	Haley
2685	TV Gloria	Willow	3903	NR's Blue Velvet	Storm
2802	none	Einstein	3904	BY's Shiloh	Shiloh
2929	Jaded Jenny	Jenny	3968	RD's Bank On It	Mattie
3015	Alto's Gift Giver	Alto	3998	Embezzler	Copper
3016	FX Shamano	Sam	4079	none	Zipper
3023	Hallo Ironman	Mojo	4114	FM Ma Barker	Mollie
3028	Pike's Gold Card	Spice	4266	Tucker	Call Me Tucker
3042	UT Rach	Rachel	4298	EF's Flea Flicker	Kenya
3059	TV Eva	Eva	4374	Tim's Blazin Girl	Bella
3235	BW's Speedboat	Speedy	4400	System O'Sadie	Sadie
3290	Unspoken Truth	Feisty	4450	Shivers Best	Boomer
3362	Hoppin Harry	Harry	4484	Enforcer	Willy
3403	Ole Set Forth	Sadie	4537	none	Bailey
3411	Slatex Cheryl	Rose	4543	none	Neo
3496	BR Titan	Titan	4575	Flying Putter	Pepper
3497	Ole Black Coal	Coal	4735	Hollywood Class	Jax
3513	Fabled Jerry	Jerry	4739	X's Rodeo Diva	Chloe
3589	EF's Rushinhome	Smeagol	4751	Classy Boy	Atlas
3641	Coldwater Rolla	Dia	4823	Love Bug	JB Lovebug
3771	ICO Black Raven	Raven	4965	Turkee Candy	Lady
3815	Unity	RD's Unity	5055	EM's Sooner	Sooner

Share Your Memories

Share your memories of your beloved pup -- Submit a memorial write-up and a few pictures to our web editor and she will put up a Rainbow Bridge tribute to your pup on our website. You can reach Cathy Munro, our web editor, at adopt.greyhounds@gmail.com



The Notice Board - Stuff you need to know!!

Do you need to contact Greyhound Pets, Inc.?

Call us at 1-877-468-7681. This number forwards to one of our many dedicated volunteers who will be happy to speak with you at any time. Correspondence can be addressed to:

Greyhound Pets, Inc.
PO Box 891
Woodinville, WA 98072

Have you moved?

If you have, please e-mail Moira at fastpaws@centurytel.net or contact her through the GPI PO Box. Thanks for helping keep GPI's database current!

Returning your Greyhound

Please remember, if for any reason you cannot or do not want to keep your greyhound, it **MUST** be returned to Greyhound Pets, Inc. Finding a loving greyhound home for your dog should be handled by someone who understands the needs of these great animals. Contact us at 1-877-468-7681 to make arrangements.

Is Your Greyhound Wearing a Current GPI Tag?

Please take a moment to look at the tags on your greyhound's collar. If your greyhound is missing a GPI tag or it has a phone number other than 877-468-7681 on it, please call the toll-free number or write us at:

Greyhound Pets, Inc.,
New Tags
PO Box 891
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Please include the name and tag # (if known) for each dog.

Why is the GPI tag important? If your greyhound gets lost, the toll free number can be called and you can get your dog back faster. Plus, if you've moved and haven't updated your phone/address tag, then our toll free number could be the only way your greyhound is safely returned to you. Please keep your dog's tags current and update GPI about any phone or address changes. Thank you!

Got Bark Ideas?

Do you have something you would like to see in the Bark? Something you would like more info on, Health, food, etc? Please email Teri at tspevak@gmail.com

What should I do if my Greyhound gets loose?

Call the Greyhound Pets, Inc. toll free number IMMEDIATELY!! 1-877-468-7681. This will help to get a search party organized and alert folks your dog is missing. Take a squawker (available at the GPI warehouse) and your CELL PHONE with you when you start your search. If your home phone number is on your dog's tags, make sure someone is available at that number as well in case a good Samaritan finds your pup. Have a Missing Dog flyer with your dog's picture on your computer ready to print and post at a moment's notice.

For more tips on finding your lost dog go to...
www.greyhoundpetsinc.org/lostdog.html

Has your Greyhound passed on recently?

If you have recently had your Greyhound pass to the Rainbow Bridge, please contact Moira at fastpaws@centurytel.net or contact her through the GPI PO Box.



The Kennel Needs You

Would you like to donate some goodies to the kennel? Here is a list of things the kennel needs to keep our newest pups warm & healthy:

Kirkland Lamb & Rice Kibble

Bleach

Canned Pumpkin (not the pie filling)

Kirkland Dog Biscuits

13-Gallon Trash Bags with Ties

Missing Link (or similar)

Paper Towels

Non-Stuffed Blankets

8.5" x 11" White Copy Paper

Stamps (44 cents)

White Vinegar

Glucosamine (preferably Greyound Gang)

Blankets & Quilts

Microscope

If you can help with any of these items, please contact Moira Corrigan at 425-333-0515 or fastpaws@centurytel.net

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