

The official newsletter of Greyhound Pets, Inc.

A letter from the President

Happy Holidays!

Where did this year go? It has been a busy one with a lot of activity.

The new kennel construction is well under way and keeps many folks hopping. Don St. Clair (head of the Kennel Committee) has written a great article in this issue with updates on the kennel construction, so check it out. Also be sure to check out the Kennel Corner on our website (www.greyhoundpetsinc.org/kennelcorner.html) for continued updates on the status of the kennel construction.

In October we brought in our 4800th dog - WW's Grand Slam aka Slim. Slim is a handsome boy and will be a delightful addition to someone's family. I want to thank all of our wonderful volunteers and adopters who have allowed us to be so successful and help find homes for so many dogs.

In this issue we have a great article from Dr. Stack about Valley Fever. Many of our greyhounds come from Arizona where Valley Fever is found, so if your grey came from Arizona be sure to check out this article.

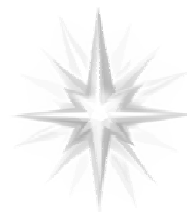
Thank you to all our members who have helped on various committees this year and participated in our Annual Membership meeting in October. The new Board of Directors and Officers are: Moira Corrigan (President), Janet Keough (First Vice President), Chris Nooney (Second Vice President), Bunny Richardson (Treasurer) and Robin James (Secretary). If you're not already a member, please consider joining. You do not have to be a volunteer in order to be a member. If you would like more information on becoming a member, please contact your Regional Vice President or Robin James.

Do you have any ideas on how we can increase adoptions? Share your ideas with your Regional Vice President or send me an e-mail – fastpaws@centurytel.net.

With the holidays and winter on their way be sure to keep your pets safe and warm. Look out for those open doors, holiday food goodies lying around, and decorations.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday season!!!

Moira Corrigan
President



Your Greyhound's Health: COCCIOSDIODOMYCOSIS (VALLEY FEVER)

By Dr Suzanne Stack, DVM (reprinted with permission)

The desert southwest (Arizona, N. Mexico, S. California) is the hotbed for coccidiomycosis in the U.S. "Cocci" or "Valley Fever" is a fungus that lives in the desert soil and forms spores when released into the air. Events such as the digging of building foundations and pools help this spore release process along. Periods of rain, which cause fungal growth, are usually followed by more cases diagnosed. The spores are inhaled by man, dogs, and horses (cats seem to be resistant), causing the disease, Valley Fever. Valley Fever is an "equal opportunity" disease because any dog who breathes air in an endemic region can get it. There is no vaccine or way to avoid it short of moving away.

Our greyhounds seem particularly susceptible to cocci, perhaps due to their normally low white blood cell counts (therefore less resistance to infectious disease?). Whatever the reason, the incidence and severity of cocci in greyhounds does seem higher than in the rest of the local canine population. Immunity plays a part in which dogs contract Valley Fever. We see as many cases of cocci in house dogs who are only out for a minute to do their duty as in outdoor dogs who run around all day with their noses to the ground. Additionally, just because one dog in a household gets sick is no reason to expect the other dogs to come down with it. Valley Fever is not contagious from dog to dog.

Symptoms:

Valley Fever is a disease that can be obscure and may progress before the owner sees sufficient reason to go to the vet. Some dogs display no specific signs, especially early on; they just may not feel as well or eat consistently or lose weight. Despite the name, half of Valley Fever dogs have normal temperatures at presentation. They may, however, run fluctuating fevers at home and have times of feeling well interspersed with times of lethargy.

These ADR ("Ain't Doin' Right") dogs inevitably go on to develop more specific signs if undiagnosed and untreated. The most common signs are poor appetite, weight loss, lameness, bone pain, spinal pain, and coughing. This is because in the early ("primary") form, the fungus infects the lungs, then moves on to infect bones ("secondary" form). Lungs and bones account for most cases; other places cocci can go are the central nervous system, eyes, and rarely, heart or skin.

With greyhounds, we seldom see the coughing stage. In most cases, the greyhound presents with bone involvement or nonspecific illness/weight loss. While other dogs tend to present with equal proportions of lung vs. bone form, greyhounds run ballpark 10% lung, 30% ADR, 60% bone, and a neuro case here and there.

A particular concern with greyhounds is how much the cocci bone lesions resemble bone cancer (osteosarcoma) on x-rays. Lesions can be either osteoproliferative (enlarged fuzzy areas on bone) or osteolytic (holes in bone). If an Arizona greyhound is ever diagnosed by x-ray with "bone cancer," be sure a cocci titer is done. I strongly recommend a cocci titer be done early on any Arizona greyhound sick for any reason. Catching the disease a few weeks early may save months or years of treatment down the road. Additionally, be sure to also check the greyhound for Ehrlichia, as some greyhounds have both diseases together.

Treatment:

Treatment for Valley Fever has recently become less expensive as the antifungal drugs used to treat it are finally off of patent. The most common treatment has always been ketoconazole (Nizoral) tablets as it is the least expensive antifungal. However, you can now buy compounded fluconazole, a more effective drug with less side effects, for almost the same price.

Antifungals tend to cause appetite loss in greyhounds - fluconazole less so than ketoconazole and itraconazole. If one antifungal isn't tolerated, sometimes switching to another is the answer. If the dog isn't too sick, sometimes the dose can be adjusted gradually so that the dog can slowly work up to the full dose. Force-feeding should be done if you've got a sick dog who needs the full dose immediately.

If there is one bit of advice I can give regarding greyhounds and Valley Fever, it is to force feed the greyhound if he loses his appetite on antifungal meds. You need to get 3-4 cans of food daily into him, preferably with the most fat and calories you can find. It is easy to do and can save your greyhound's life [instructions may be found at <https://home.comcast.net/~greyhndz/tips.htm>]. A greyhound cannot beat Valley Fever if he continues to lose weight during treatment. Dr. Shubitz at the Valley Fever Center for Excellence at the University of Arizona told me that most of the problem eaters she hears of are greyhounds and other sighthounds - she personally force fed her own Valley Fever whippet for 9 months! Usually after 3-4 weeks of force feeding, a greyhound will be feeling improved enough from Valley Fever that he regains a reasonable appetite.

The best deals on the antifungals are with the compounding pharmacies in Phoenix, such as Pet Health Pharmacy (800) 742-0516. Most dogs will improve on antifungal drugs if they are not too far gone and are not allowed to continue to lose weight, but may relapse when the pills are stopped as "azole" drug action is fungiSTATIC. This means that the drug does not kill the fungus, but merely keeps it from reproducing, leaving it up to the body's immune system to get rid of the fungus. Treatment of bone lesions for years is the norm, and some greyhounds take antifungal meds on and off for the rest of their lives as relapses occur, or more prudently, in my opinion, are maintained at a low dose once apparently "cured" to prevent relapses. Until a few years have gone by without a relapse, many veterinarians consider Valley Fever not to be cured, but only in remission.

A treatment mode for serious cases is an injectable intravenous drug called amphotericin (Fungizone). This drug can be extremely toxic to the kidneys and has been dubbed "amphoterrible" by many medical personnel. As I like to say, "if it doesn't kill the dog it will kill the fungus." (Not entirely true, some dogs will still need follow-up oral antifungals). Amphotericin-B has a fungicidal or killing action on the fungus and is also a powerful immunostimulant. While the drug itself is cheap, treatment is expensive due to the necessary hospitalization and monitoring. The treatment course is much shorter than with oral meds; a standard full treatment course is two intravenous treatments weekly for two months. Some dogs will not tolerate amphotericin and treatment may need to be less often, at a lower dose, or stopped altogether. Close monitoring of kidney function is essential. I have successfully treated about 20 ketoconazole-refractory dogs with amphotericin-B, including two greyhounds. A third greyhound became jaundiced (liver toxicity) after the first dose, but took ketoconazole with no problems for the next 4 years. Owner and veterinarian must weigh benefits vs. risks when deciding which treatment to use.

Additional Resources for Valley Fever

Here's a website run by 2 Phoenix greyhound owners (Teri Rogo and Shannon Lorenz) that you can refer people to so they can communicate with other owners and compare treatment protocols (sometimes dogs aren't adequately treated once you get out of Arizona and vets aren't familiar with V.F.)

<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/pcvf/>

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Woodinville, WA 98072

Have you moved?

If you have, please contact your Regional Vice President (see Page 4 for a complete list) or e-mail Moira at fastpaws@centurytel.net

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.

Have a great story idea for The Bark?

Contact the editors...email your stories and story ideas to:
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Or email her at fastpaws@centurytel.net

Is Your Greyhound Wearing a Current GPI Tag?

Please take a moment to look at the tags on your greyhound's collar. Is there a GPI tag with the new toll-free number on it (877-468-7681)? 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
Woodinville, WA 98072

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!

Greyhound Pets, Inc. Needs YOU!!⁷

We're looking for a few good men and women!! We always need volunteers, in every capacity. Have you ever considered volunteering? You don't have to run a Meet & Greet, or foster a dog (although we need those too!).

Of course, our greatest need is for foster homes...of all kinds. Do you have a cat or a small dog? Many of the dogs we get in are OK with your small pets. Please don't use this as a reason not to foster. Even for short term, it's nice to get dogs out of the kennel and into a loving home.

We love to have helpers at Meet & Greets! You can do this even if you don't have a dog, or if your dog doesn't enjoy the hubbub of a pet store. Bring a kennel dog! Come along just to talk up these wonderful animals, and meet new friends! There can never be TOO many hands at a booth!! This is only a 3 hour commitment!!

If you know of some new and wonderful places to hold our Meet & Greets, please let your Regional Vice President know. We're always looking for new venues to showcase our Greyhounds, and get the word out.

Contact your regional rep to VOLUNTEER!!

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1-877-468-7681



New Volunteers

Greyhound Pets, Inc. would like to welcome all of our new volunteers for the third quarter of 2007!! We welcome all of you to volunteer and help GPI find homes for greyhounds in whatever capacity you can!!

These folks signed up this quarter...your name could be here in the next issue!!

We would also like to thank all of our current and "old time" volunteers, who continually give of their time and resources. We sincerely appreciate everyone.



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Ben, My Cross-Dressing Greyhound

By Ann Jacobson

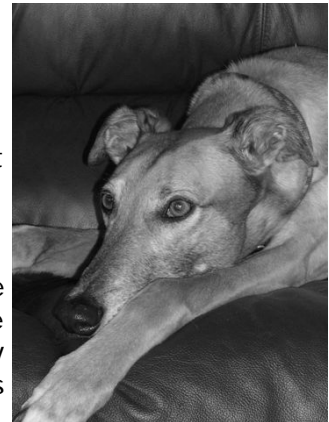
Here's an update to all the GPI folks who may have encountered Ben, aka Drago Walker, in his checkered past.

Prior to my adopting Drago he was in a number of foster homes as well as two previous homes in Canada from which he was returned. Looking on the GPI website, I spotted Drago and called Marchet to learn more about him. She said he was a big handsome boy and volunteered to bring him from the Eastside to Whidbey Island to see if he would be a fit with me and Yalla, aka RD's Super X. Apparently, since his latest return, he had been on the meet-and-greet circuit for several months where he did absolutely nothing to sell himself.



In a few days, Marchet duly arrived off the ferry with Drago, his paperwork, his bed, his fleece coat and a selection of his toys. I had a feeling she planned to return empty-handed and alone. Obviously I was charmed with him, although he did not exactly reciprocate but that was OK. Yalla was only vaguely interested in a new buddy as she *does* like to be the center of attention. He took quite a while to warm to both of us but he soon adopted the idea of being Ben, especially when I called him for dinner. Now he's great with Yalla and lets her boss him around from dog beds to sofa to my bed.

His paperwork had notations from previous owners and fosters that he did not like men in baseball caps and was potentially aggressive to other dogs while on a walk. As to 'men in baseball caps', I've never seen that behavior. However, on walks when we stop to chat with a neighbor, he will gently take my neighbor's pant leg in his lips. He is not biting, tugging or being in the least aggressive and the pants owner did not seem upset. As to his attitude to other dogs, mainly golden labs and retrievers, he will duck his head, glare at them, stamp his front feet and woof at the stranger. I don't take him to parks or the farmers market as there's too much opportunity for him to act up. I give him the benefit of the doubt and think he's just being protective.



Also, in Ben's history under 'counter surfer' was an entry that said 'Not at all.' This had been scratched through and replaced with 'he tries.' They were not kidding! He turned out to be an expert and inveterate 'counter/table surfer.' Nothing was unreachable. Over the almost four years since he came here, he has grown more trustworthy—but don't leave the room with food or drink available as he does enjoy the occasional beer, potato chips and cheese snacks. Sometimes he forgets himself and noshes away right in front of me.

Ben's most notable idiosyncrasy is that he is a cross-dresser! One day I was at the kitchen sink and turned around to find Ben standing behind me with a pair of my corduroy pants neatly folded and draped over the middle of his back. He didn't exhibit this trait until he'd been with me for at least a year. Maybe he felt it was safe to 'come out' by that time. He 'gets dressed' by wriggling under any article of clothing, usually a shirt or jacket draped over the back of a chair, and then strolls around wearing it. He does this regularly but I haven't figured out what it means. On occasion I pet sit and Ben's cross-dressing seems to have begun around the time I would come home with the smell of strange dogs and cats on my clothing. Perhaps he is marking my clothes to let other dogs or people know that Ben is in charge around here. Maybe this reminds him of his days at the track when he wore his numbered blanket—who knows?

In the early 90's, when I adopted my first rescue named Kody (Kodak Moment), a striking blue brindle, I thought all greys were like him. He loved to visit seniors in nursing homes and even attained his Delta Society certificate. He was the sweetest, most lovable companion who loved everyone, a wonderful ambassador at adoption booths—everybody wanted a dog like Kody. Over the years, as I adopted others, I found them each different and unique in their own way.

For a time Ben was known as Big Bad Ben, mainly as a result of counter-surfing incidents, but with the onset of old age and arthritis, it's not so easy anymore. He's just a sweet and funny guy who knows he has finally found his forever home and he can wear my clothes any time he wants to!

Sponsorship — the next best thing

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 \$200 to get most dogs ready for adoption. Some greyhounds wind up staying in foster care for longer than others for any number of reasons and these greyhounds incur expenses for things like food, vet care, prescriptions, and more. Then 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.

You can help by donating \$10, \$15, \$25 or more to sponsor one of the many greyhounds in need through GPI. When your sponsored dog is adopted, you will be notified and assigned a new dog - that is, if you wish to continue with this great program. You are free to quit the program at any time although we hope you will continue to help us help the dogs as long as possible.

Sponsorship can be rewarding for those who can't adopt a large dog such as school classrooms, retirement home residents, residents in apartment buildings with pet size restrictions and others with a big heart who want to be a part of our wonderful rescue and adoption program.

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 tell her how you intend to pay for your sponsorship. You can mail a check or money order to the address below or you can call Bunny at 360-568-3773 and give her your credit card info. If you haven't already picked out a dog to sponsor, you will be contacted via email or phone by a volunteer who will help you pick out your sponsored dog or discuss a dog you may have in mind to help. Your name will then be added below the dog's info as his/her sponsor.

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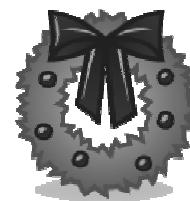
Sponsor -- Pufne & Latka

Sponsor -- Ralph

Sponsor -- Zinny



Adopted!!



These Greyhounds have been adopted July through September 2007!!
Congratulations to their forever families!



Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname
2399	She's My Lilly	Lilly
3249	Take A Free Ride	Joy Ride
3371	CJ's Golden Miss	Annie
3902	Cajun Light	Worth
3981	Brazo Paysoon	Paysoon
4037	Miranda Jean	Miranda
4443	Pimco Denim	Denim
4517	Marky's Liz	Liz
4579	Gift Wrapped	Music
4687	X's Bee Quick	Bea
4696	Heavy Ton	Tony
4698	Silver Flash	Silver
4723	no registered name	Patches
4725	no registered name	Winky
4729	Gls Redalert	Red
4730	Dodds All In	Dude
4731	Gls Buckle	Buckle
4735	Hollywood Class	Class
4738	no registered name	Jack
4739	X's Rodeo Diva	Diva
4740	Detour Road	Detour
4742	Nitro Amaretta	Amaretta
4743	RC's Twyla	Twyla
4744	Keeper Izzle	Izzie
4745	Kiowa Dash	Dash
4746	Laura Snow	Snow
4747	Can I Pass	Pass
4748	Git On Blitzen	Blitzen
4750	Sweet Revenge	Revenge
4752	FWD WonderClyde	Clyde
4753	AmTrack	Track
4754	Oneco Didgeridoo	Diggy Do
4757	Keith	Barbery
4759	Stat US Galileo	Leo
4765	Bella Mio	Mio
4766	Bella Ender	Ender
4768	Delicious Tyme	Del
4770	SOL Lucky Girl	Lucky
4771	Bella Sahara	Sahara
4773	no registered name	Stacy





Rainbow Bridge Memorials...

we will miss them.



1451	Bob's Sierra	Pepper	3101	Rita Ray	Cassie
1997	Jasper Rhythm	Callie	3299	Devie's Rocket	Rocket
1998	Blue Belle	Belle	3322	AJ's Swift Cloud	Samon
2358	Rapido Ballow	Jake	3357	Shata Scuffle	Scuffle
2380	AR's LeeAnn	LeeAnn	3773	Pat C Aidan	Aidan
2434	Doc's Dave Kip	Kipper	3788	No Registered Name	Happy
2593	Pat C Bust	Patsy	3884	Kids Christof	Chris
2604	Vals King Cobra	Coby	3900	Kid's Lance A Lot	Lance
2608	EC Magnified	Mag	3921	Kids' Fraidy Cat	Scout
2738	No Registered Name	Orbit	3979	Double J Joe Joe	Louie
2758	Elmer Gantry	Elmer	4148	Seegold Court	Court
2849	Ellias	Pufne	4429	Crystal Carlee	Carlee
2869	Pat C Snitch	Snitch	4466	Okie Heath	Heath
2907	Kiowa Bel Earl	Earl	4592	PS Firendenver	Denver

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Bye Bye, My Sweet Girly



May 1994 - December 2007

Callie Brennan went to Rainbow Bridge today. She came into my heart three Christmases ago at the tender age of 10 ½.

When she arrived at our strata, some of the neighbours thought she should be called Lady Callie because of her gentle and regal ways. In fact, Callie had many different names and responsibilities while she lived here at Deas Slough.

Callie was my first dog and she taught me many things. She was a very patient teacher and never complained. And, at her advanced age, she was the Grand Dame dog of the building and was a greyt ambassadog for her breed.

But, her favourite job was as undercover agent, Callie Brown, when she guarded the Slough. She would lie as flat as possible on her memory foam bed on the deck so as not to be seen. There she could watch the eagles, boaters, scullers, water skiers, bikers, walkers, tourist dogs and the faraway tunnel traffic. This was an exhausting job and required sundry naps. But, she did her best every day and no intruders ever invaded our building.

Callie had a difficult past. When she first arrived at the Slough she was quite reserved and shied away from people. At the end of her life, she thought it was her job to be petted by all passers by and was puzzled when the odd one would ignore her.

I like to think that her last three years were her favourite years.

Crystal Carlee

Tag# 04429

August 1995 - October 2007



It was only 2 1/2 years ago when we were lucky enough to have Carlee come to our home. It seems as though she had been with us for much longer. She brought a sense of peace and love into our home that quickly captured our hearts. Her beautiful brown eyes could melt anyone's heart and soul.

Some of you knew Carlee as "Snarly Carlee". That was all show. She was a brood mom for the first ten years of her life and simply wanted others to know she was in charge. Carlee was the sweetest most caring dog. She was the leader in our household and both Gilda and Prima really miss her.

Carlee left us quite unexpectedly after a fall. She didn't appear to be hurt but just a few hours later, she peacefully left us. Carlee - we miss you dearly and hope your days over the Rainbow Bridge will be pain free. Run free my sweet girl.

Bill and Judy Wilson

Birdie

Registered Name: Bad Birdie

March 1994 - December 2006

Our first experience with a beloved greyhound began in December 1998. What began as an exciting event, continued on as a very loving, devoted and wonderful relationship. As most greyhounds, Birdie was very sweet, gentle and a devoted pet, who certainly also had her "comical" antics and fun times.

She became our constant companion, traveling on hundreds of mile road trips, to a quick trip to the store and back. It didn't matter which direction you came or went, she always knew when we were almost home and she would get excited and talk to us all the rest of the way. She also loved going on walks with us, and just the sound of her leash jangle and she was up and ready to go. Of course whenever someone would see her, she was always the center of attention, and loved being greeted by most everyone who walked by.

She was a blessing to us, and during her last days we fondly remembered all the wonderful times and love that she gave to us and she will forever be remembered. She will never be replaced, but because of the wonders of the greyhound breed, we have again brought a new grey into our home and are now on another journey of a beloved pet.

It's because of Birdie, how gracious, sweet, gentle and loving that she was, that we now have a love for the greyhounds and introduce them to others, so in turn more may be adopted and experience what we have through the years.

Yes, Birdie our precious, will never be forgotten.

Gary and Kathy Lindquist



KIPPER

Tag No: 2434

Registered Name: Doc's Dave Kip

1/1/95 to 10/7/07



Kipper came to us as a foster in August of 2001 as his family was moving to Hawaii. Kipper went through a couple of adoptive homes after that and several foster homes (including ours a couple of times). He finally came back to us as a foster and we adopted him in April 2002.

Kipper was always pretty laid back and quiet on the surface. Once you got to know him he was quite the character. My husband always described him as a wise old soul. After all those moves, Kipper never liked change and car rides were not his thing.

Kipper always loved our walks and he was my gardening buddy (or should I say, supervisor). If I was out working in the garden there was Kipper laying somewhere nearby making sure I did things right. He loved to lie in the sun and soak up the heat. And boy did he love our wood stove – he was first to nab the bed closest to the stove on those cold days.

He had the cutest ears that stood straight up (sort of like a Doberman) when he was interested in something. And he had the most unusual coat I've ever seen on a greyhound – very fine, fine hair and it was almost a blue black.

Food was Kipper's love!! He was the reason we put child-locks on our food cupboards and got rid of the lever handle on our pantry door. He's the only dog I've ever seen counter surf that could find a dish on the counter, remove the heavy glass cover and eat what was in the dish without making a sound or moving the dish. Bone night was his passion.

Kipper was always somewhere nearby and was happy to hang wherever we were in the house. He would just flop down next to you on a bed. Or you'd hear a hoarse bark from the other end of the house because he needed something from us or it was dinner time.

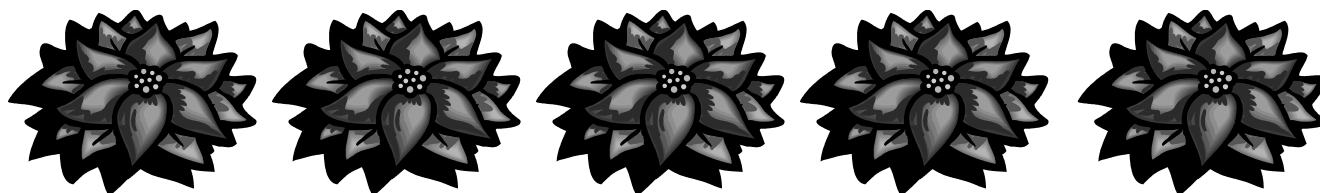
In the end he broke a leg running in the yard because of bone cancer we didn't know he had.

Good-bye our Kipper Love. We'll miss you greatly!

Moirra & Mike

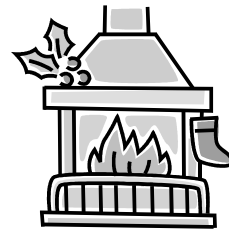
Freeway, Brett, Jasper, Hoss, and Suzzy

Attila, Mac, Niko and Beau at the Rainbow Bridge



Kennel Korner

Updates on the new kennel!!



After the long search and many planning meetings the new kennel is finally under construction. The battles with the county and city authorities seem to be over. It was getting so draining on all concerned that now that it is actually being built it took a while for us to get excited, instead we just kept asking each other what will stop us next. But it seems that after the fire hydrant was painted twice (the first coat ran on the ground when it started to rain) and a pretty blue top put on it the permits were activated. Work is going along in leaps and bounds now. Most of the main building has the interior walls framed and the cement walls for the kennel-area addition have been poured with the wood walls added above. Around the 10th of November the roof trusses started going up.

The weather has been helpful too, with the warm dry days the ground work has gone along great. The septic system is in, the heat source pipes buried (now that was a big hole), and much of the road work has been done. With a little luck it will continue to favor us and stay dry(ish).

You would think that when the building process started the decisions needing to be made would be less and less but Moira and I have found that what worked great on paper didn't always work in application so we are meeting a couple of times a week with the contractors. But as we have been doing so we both realized we are getting excited again and that makes it all worth while.

Now I know that many of you have driven by and wanted to stop and look, but again we ask please that you don't. It is for safety reasons and you also most likely saw a lot of heavy equipment and it doesn't help to get in the way of the workers. Don't fret, we have worked it out that in early December we will have a open house on one of the week-ends. We chose then so the roof will be on the kennel wing and you'll get the best tour.

The estimation of completion is in February and The Kids coming in May/June. The time difference is to allow the volunteers' time to learn how the new facilities work. It also gives us time to find any "bugs" in the system. Training and set up with desks, tables, supplies will take time above the already busy daily schedule at the Red Barn.

Again it has been my honor and privilege to have been chosen to lead the project and I also would like to thank all of you whom give of your time and energy for the Dogs.

Don St.Clair
Chairman Kennel Committee





A Gift for the Holidays:

The Canine Stress-O-Meter!!

You're rushing to get the house cleaned. The dinner is only partly in the oven—you still have three dishes to repair. The guests will start arriving in 20 minutes and suddenly your dog pees in the middle of the carpet. In fact your dog's been driving you nuts for the last few hectic weeks of the holidays—pacing, whining, needing to be let out, needing to be let in. You've had it. You're going to call GPI and give this dog back tomorrow!

Whoa...hang on. Sit down. Take a breath. What's really going on here? Would you believe your greyhound is really giving you a very special holiday gift, if you only open your eyes to see it? He is your Holiday Stress-o-meter!

Even more so than many other breeds of dog, greyhounds are often highly sensitive to the swirl of emotions and moods from their human companions. They can literally smell our tension, and have a "sixth sense" more sharply honed than the measly abilities of most modern-day humans. They read us and know the 'world is not right.' Our tension becomes their tension and they show it through peeing and pooping in the house, chewing on furniture, ripping up shoes, pacing, panting, whining.

Now how is this a gift, you might ask? A few years back I took a class from dog specialist Martha Norwalk. She has many years' experience as an animal behavioralist, and is now one of the nation's foremost animal communicators. I didn't have much luck with honing my communication abilities, but a lesson I took from this class was that in most cases dogs' "mis"behavior is strongly linked to the emotional turmoil in their human's lives.

We humans are often a bit slow on the uptake. It has taken me awhile just to *become aware* of my Canine Stress-o-meter. Now when my dogs start acting up, I am learning to turn to myself to see what's wrong, and that usually means: I need to take some deep breaths. I need to sit still for a moment and pet a dog; loosen the shoulders and stretch my muscles; go on the deck and watch my birds and squirrels. And then I need to ask myself, can I simplify the tasks I'm doing? Are they worth my having a stress attack? Is there a way I can relax more while still accomplishing the tasks at hand? And it works! When I relax, the dogs relax.

Too many dog owners, when faced with their dog's "mis"behavior during the holidays, abandon them, send them to a "shelter," or in the case of our greyhounds, return them to GPI. November and December are always the biggest dog-return months of the year. These months of giving become the months of "giving away" of those who love us most unconditionally. So this holiday thank your hounds when they take on the job of Holiday Stress-o-meters. I thank my own three, Girlie, Riko, and my best Stress-o-meter, Celeyne, for reminding me to slow down, decompress, and enjoy the day!

Happy Holidays!
Karen Samdahl and her Hounds

P.S. Martha Norwalk's Animal World can be heard on KKNW 1150AM, Sundays 9 to Noon



The Greyhounds thank you!

Moira Corrigan at 425-333-0515

If you can help with any of these items, please contact Susie Kush at 425-415-7788 or

- Dog Biscuits
- Canned pumpkin (not the pie filling)
- 8.5" X 11" white copy paper
- Paper Clips
- Good quality dry kibble for our foster dogs (no grocery store brands please)
- Blankets & Quilts
- Stamps (41 cents)
- Black ball point pens
- Missing Link (or similar)

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

The Kennel Needs You...

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