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# A Letter from the Editor

It's a new year!! Time to look back and time to look forward. This last few months have been difficult, as we all dealt with floods, snowstorms and power outages. We had 2 feet of water surrounding our house, the snow wasn't too bad, but we had no power for almost 6 days. Our survival skills really kicked in!! The thing I most remember about the past few months is losing Walter. Walter was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma (bone cancer) the second Wednesday of September. It was just a little bump, the size of a pea. By mid November, it was the size of a plum, surrounding his ankle, making it impossible to straighten his leg and put weight on his foot. Walter was the ambassadog supreme...humans were made to pet him and pay attention to him. When they didn't, he'd lean his almost 90 pound body against their legs and MAKE them notice him. He has left a huge hole in our hearts, and many many happy memories in our minds. But still, we soldier on.



Street Waltz — Walter Art by Xan Blackburn

A month after we lost Walter, I took the whole family and our two dogs (Rosy, and our Shih Tzu Sophie) to the Red Barn to meet a possible new family member. After weeding through the ones that



Hi Tech Rambo — Rocky Sleeping in on Christmas Day

thought Sophie was lunch, Rambo walked over to my husband for pets. That sealed the deal. This skinny, dandruffy, Irish marked black brindle became part of our family. We picked him up during the power outage, and he had to wear Rosy's pajamas to stay warm. Living in one room with five humans and three dogs (the only room with a heater) was an interesting way to introduce him to living in a home, but he snuggled in with my son at night, and hung out with all three kids during the day while they played their handheld games. Newly named Rocky (he looks like granite), I look forward to spending as many years with him as I had with Walter.

Walter got me involved with volunteering for GPI and Rocky and Rosy will keep me involved. Highlights in this issue are a great article Moira found on Pannus, an eye disease sometimes seen in Greyhounds that is easily treated, donating to the GPI trust, and some musings from Montana will warm your heart. Don't miss how you can sponsor a GPI hound awaiting it's forever home.

All the best for the coming year.

Janice Mosher, Editor

# Your Greyhound's Health: Pannus

## PANNUS

Pannus, or Chronic Superficial Keratitis is an immune mediated disease of the eyes that can cause blindness if not effectively treated. Pannus is not as common a disease in Greyhounds as it is in some other breeds, but is seen in Greyhounds – particularly those who have lived in high altitudes or very sunny areas of the country.

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Pannus, or Chronic Superficial Keratitis, is a slowly progressive disorder of the canine cornea, characterized by pigmentation, vascularization and opacification. The disorder is seen predominantly in the German Shepherd Dog, but sporadic cases occur in other breeds and mixed breeds as well.

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## Cause

The cause is not known, but several factors are probably involved:

- The breed incidence suggests a heritable predisposition.
- Ultraviolet radiation plays an important role as an inciting and propagating factor. In keeping with this, dogs living at high altitudes and low latitudes often are more severely affected.
- Immunological factors are believed to contribute. This may be an allergic type of reaction against extraneous materials or against the corneal substance itself.
- Many infectious agents have been incriminated, but probably none plays any significant role.

## Signs

The first evidence of this disorder is usually infiltration into the clear cornea, causing white, pink or brown opacification. This invariably starts at the edge of the clear cornea and extends inward. The most common location is at the outer, lower corner of the eye.

Initially, redness and brown pigment may be seen in the mucous membrane just outside the edge of the cornea. Whitish infiltrates of inflammatory cells into the cornea ensue, followed by ingrowths of new blood vessels into the normally avascular cornea. Later, connective tissue grows in, and finally the tissue is pigmented brown.

In a small number of cases, two other symptoms may occur, simultaneously or one at a time. These are thickening, redness and depigmentation of the third eyelid (atypical Pannus) and chronic, erosive ulcers of the lower eyelid near the inner corner of the eye.

When acute or progressing, the disorder may be uncomfortable to the dog. When kept under adequate treatment, the disorder normally does not cause irritation.

## Diagnosis

The clinical signs usually are typical enough for a diagnosis to be made, especially when seen in a German Shepherd Dog.

## Treatment

Despite intensive research efforts, no permanent cure exists. However, in the vast majority of cases, progress of the disorder can be halted and the problem kept stable, especially if therapy is instituted early. The two initially occurring components, the inflammatory cell infiltrations and the vessel invasion, usually are reversible with therapy, whereas the final connective tissue and pigment depositions often are irreversible once they have occurred.

There are three categories of treatment:

- 1. Corticosteroid treatment, administered by intermittent injections under the mucous membrane of the eye, and/or continuous application of eye drops. This is the main line of defense against progression of the disorder and most often suffices. However, treatment must be kept up consistently for the rest of the dog's life. Even short periods of interrupted treatment, for example 2 to 4 weeks, may cause severe recurrence with devastating effects on the dog's vision.
- 2. A recent addition to our choices of treatment for Pannus is topical 2% Cyclosporine. This drug suppresses the immune response in a manner unlike that of corticosteroids, and, in conjunction with corticosteroid usage, can aid in control of both typical (i.e. corneal) and atypical (i.e. third eyelid) Pannus.

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## Treatment (cont)

- 3. Beta-irradiation may be used when medication alone proves insufficient, but it is seldom available in most cities.
- Excision of a superficial layer from the affected area may restore vision in opacified eyes. This
  is called keratectomy. However, the recurrence rate postoperatively is high and this method
  remains only as a last resort.

The main side effect of prolonged topical corticosteroid treatment is an adverse effect on corneal wound healing. Microscopic wounds of the superficial layer of the cornea occur very commonly and heal rapidly in a normal eye. Under the influence of continuing corticosteroid treatment, minor wounds may progress and can even cause rupture of the eye. The hallmark of such a wound is pain. Therefore, should a dog in corticosteroid treatment show signs of pain (i.e. holding the eye shut or pawing at the eye), it is imperative that the medication be discontinued and a veterinarian consulted.

It is strongly recommended that re-examinations be closely followed. Initially these examinations may need to be bimonthly, and if medical control is obtained then these may be stretched to semiannually. It is imperative that owners contact their veterinarian at any time between scheduled examinations if the appearance of the eye changes.

# Perpetual Support for GPT's Greyhounds

All of us who work for and donate to Greyhound Pets, Inc. greytly appreciate each other's contributions. Every form of support is valuable and essential to our mission of finding homes for exracing greyhounds. Let's pat each other on the back in thanks for all the volunteer help with arrival day, turnouts, booth operations, transportation, new kennel work parties, event coordination, procedures development, administrative work, lost dog recovery and service as regional or corporate officers. Those who, in lieu of or in addition to hands on contributions, make financial and in kind donations to GPI's efforts are equally essential and appreciated.

At every activity where hounds are present we see smiles among ourselves and on the faces of the public who meet our greyhounds. People smile when they place a donation in the pocket of a coat worn by one of our ambassadogs. I have seen the same smile as someone signs a check for a donation.

John A. Hern Jr., founder of Greyhound Pets, Inc., in his generosity provided for a perpetual contribution to GPI's operating costs through his bequest that has funded a trust. The "Greyhound Pets, Inc. Founder's Trust" is a non revocable charitable trust that helps fund GPI's operations. The trust is now able to accept donations from anyone who would like to make a contribution that will be perpetual in character. Such donations can be in the form of cash, stocks or financial instruments made directly or through bequests. All such donations will increase the size of the trust and thereby increase the distributions made from earnings of the trust.

If you or anyone you know would like to join in the vision of John Hern by contributing to the "Greyhound Pets, Inc. Founder's Trust", send a contribution or transfer made out to "GPI Founder's Trust - 71184300" and mail it to our Treasurer, Bunny Richardson at P.O. Box 891, Woodinville, WA 98072. Bunny will record the donations and deliver them to the Wells Fargo Trust Management office for deposit into the trust.

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Thank you for all that you do for our hounds, Moira Corrigan.

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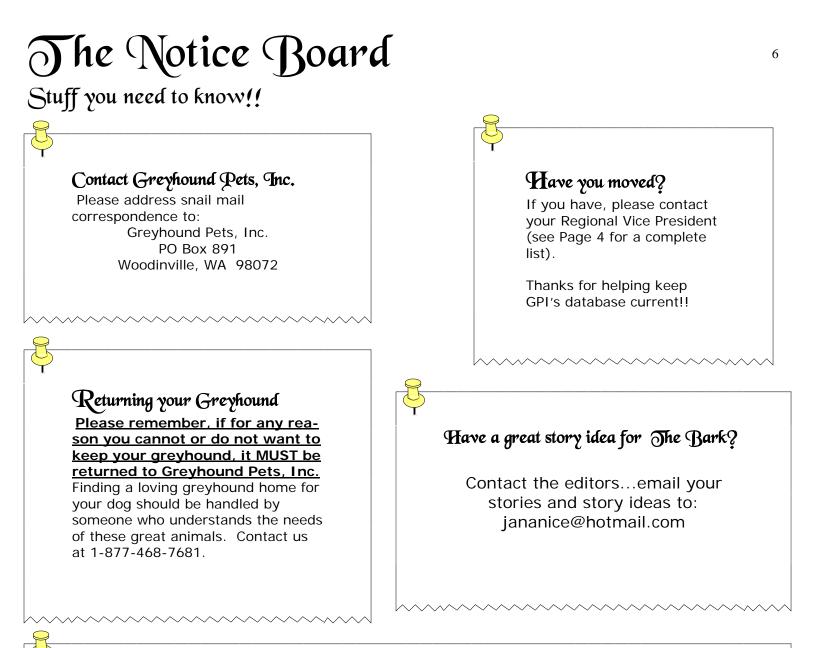
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## Is Your Greyhound Wearing a Current GPI Jag?

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 Poetry By Chris McClurken

Mid-night quiet, a darkened room with nothing on the mind but such as sausages and biscuit treats and hares out hopping from the hutch.

> Around the gloom the rabbits run atop the bed all stirs and shakes, a whimper then a shiver comes and still they run until she wakes.

> > Another turns and rolls and runs and jabs a paw across the bed to poke a neighbor sleeping none and softly prod her in the head.

> > > She barks and looks and rabbits flee then rolls around and settles in to dream again of sausages and cuddle up to sleep again.



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 safe 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.

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# Montana Musings, by Jennie Sheriff



## Mollie, Unlikely Diva

Mollie adopted me in July, 2002. She is a tiny dark brindle. Upon leaving the track at age 2.5 years she moved in with her foster mom and immediately lost a fight with a wall. She was injured while fleeing foster mom's frightful feline. Head met wall...wall won. Mollie shattered the small bones high on the nose bridge, above and between her eyes. So, when we met she had stitches... and a fear of just about everything - a fear in place well before the kitty caper. In retrospect, I am surprised she didn't show up in a little yellow bus. Mollie was clearly 'special'.

For a year ALL male visitors were basically unacceptable to Mollie – so, I did what I had to do - banned men. Women fared better. She tolerated most other females after 6 months. She ignored people, hid behind and did her best to disappear. My two male Greys at that time were so... uh...'normal'. Mollie was my first girl.

Three months after Mollie joined the pack we made a trip to Couer d'Alene for a Greyhound picnic. 'Roos' filled the air, the atmosphere was jovial – for myself and my boys. Mollie was not happy. There was an impromptu race that I decided Mollie, most recently off the track, would LOVE! Cash wanted to run, but Mollie needed some socialization and FUN. Mollie behaved as though she had been thrown into hell. The dogs were lined up to go and then released. FUN! Mollie, looking for all the world as though her life had ended, loped dejectedly (and very slowly) to the side fence and stood there...yep, just stood there! Um...everyone else was at the finish, rooing and happy. I walked down the raceway and told Mollie she was the best one there! I'm her mom, what else could I do? Obviously her memories of the racetrack were not good ones – so, that was her last 'race'. She looked at me like I had damaged her psyche for life. (She has that way about her).

Mollie stayed in the background for 3 years until something otherwise sad happened that led to a positive situation for her. My beautiful Annie (12.5 years old – another story/another day) died from sepsis in April, 2006. My boys had died, now Annie - our pack was down to just Mollie and me. Uh oh...Annie had been so strong and supportive (former brood mom) of Mollie. I was worried for Mollie. I watched her mourn for two months. Then suddenly something amazing happened: one day she woke up and seemed to realize SHE is 'TOP' dog and an ONLY child! The transformation was complete...Mollie the shy, the reserved, the fearful became Mollie the comical, the outspoken, the diva. She became opinionated and truly STILL does not seem to care for most people beyond her mom and a few select souls. The difference is this – she is not fearful of life. Now Mollie is a snob, pure and simple. She wears her coats, fancy collars and snoods on our walks, head held high, ignoring all who lavish praise upon her. Mollie has become the MOST unlikely diva.

# 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 <u>rabbit99@whidbey.net</u> 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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Adopted!!

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These Greyhounds have been adopted August thru December 2006!! Congratulations to their forever families!

August 2006 through December 2006							
Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname	Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname		
2883	Snowy Creek	Creek	4626	Boc's Ramona Ramona			
3506	Fast That's Me	Dugan	4627	Razzle Me Mega Meg			
3841	Kid's Reno	Reo	4628	AI E Pretend	Pretend		
3855	Gabby Blacksteel	Gabby	4629		Mango		
3873	Phase Out	Neutron	4630	OJ Beauty	Beauty		
3878	Tarnished Heart	Minerva	4631	Blue Magic Milly	Mia		
4195	HJ's Southeast	Queenie	4632	G's Chuck Knoll	Chuck		
4248	AL Henrieta	Rita	4633	Sir Fox Fox			
4317	System PG Sister	Sister	4634	G's Tatum Tatum			
4354	Brazo Miracle	Big One	4635	Magic State State			
4374	Tim's Blazin Girl	Blazin Girl	4636		Corn Dog		
4450	Shivers Best (?)	Lucky	4637	G's Trojan	Trojan		
4533	Miles Walker	Miles	4638	BB's Playgirl	Brittany		
4562	Mount Vesuvius	Vesuvius	4639	Crystal Violet	Violet		
4574	EJ's Outrageous	Jess	4640	Misfit Muck	Muck/Mink		
4575	Flying Putter	Putter	4641	Pepto Desire	Desire		
4577	PA's Texas Tear	Tear	4642	Wagtail Shania	Shania		
4586	Unregistered	Clutch	4643	Apache Lee	Leigh		
4594	Pals Shipwreck	Ship	4644	Fliowa Sox Sox			
4595	Iruska Superman	Manny	4645	Fliowa Dart Dart			
4604	Prima Superior	Prima	4646	None Marin			
4606		Bailey	4648	Gilly Gun	Gil		
4610	Sol Puzzle	Puzzle	4649		Petey		
4612	?	Sunset	4650	HDM Janson	Janson		
4613	Regall Right Now	Right	4651	Okie Rulin	Ruler		
4614	Bella BW Vision	Vision	4652	Reward Ricky	Ricky		
4615	MTF Get It On	Go Go	4653	System TJ Joseph	Jo Jo		
4616	Bella Wanda	Wanda	4654	Canter King	Canter		
4618	Denzi	Gold	4656	Figs Whisper	Whisper		
4619	Bella Red Duke	Red	4657	Highwind Shadow	Shadow		
4620	Bella Seth	Seth	4659	PA's Snowflake	Snow		
4622	RN's Forrest Gump	Johnny	4661	Notorious Dream	Dream		
4624	Ale Money Maker	Money	4666	Hi Tech Rambo	Rambo		
4625	Fighting Chip	Chip	4668		Dash		

# Rainbow Bridge Memorials...we will miss them.



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Registered Name:	John Jacobe
GPI Tag #:	3069
Nickname:	Titan

My Daughter dreamed about him the night before we got him and again, the night before we lost him. This fact convinces me that Titan or Ti as we called him was truly meant to be part of our family.

In May 2000 my two daughters & I finally made the journey from Mission, BC down to Lynnwood, Washington to adopt a Greyhound. For the past few weeks, we all had been visiting the Greyhound Pets Inc. web site looking at the available dogs. I had my heart set on this little brin-

dle female with no tail, but Des had dreamed about this large black and white male named John Jacobe (later named Titan). In the end there was no question Ti had such a great personality we all just loved him and took him home.

Over the next few months Titan bonded with our family including our two other dogs, Lady a Springer Spaniel and her son, Ben a Lab Springer X. As she had done with Ben, Lady took Titan under her wing and taught him everything she knew, which also meant she taught Ti how to become an escape artist. It was a real battle of wits with the Dogs on one side & us on the other. We had only one real close call when Ti fell into a swimming pool and would have drowned if not for Ben who was found holding Ti up by the collar to keep him afloat in the pool.

Over the next few years, Titan became a loved and valued member of our family. But at the same time he got to be a real dog – he barked to go outside, barked at the mailman, loved to go for walks, and jumped for joy when someone came home. His big brown eyes and loving personality made him adorable to anyone he met.

We Miss you Ti and know you & Lady are playing together at the Rainbow Bridge. All our love, Galen, Mike, Desiree, Kimberly, Travis, Jason, Mallory & Ben

# More memorials to those we miss



Registered Name: Amarillo Angie Tag no: 2330 Left Ear: 44647 DOB: 12/94

My husband, Kevin, and I adopted a greyhound (Angie) while we lived in Boise back in 1997. We've since moved to Oregon, which does not appear to have a GPI chapter. Anyway, unfortunately, we had to put our sweet baby to rest September 2, 2005 as she had bone cancer which spread rapidly. She was 10 1/2 years old. She was such a great dog and is missed very much by the entire family. We feel so blessed to have had her with us, healthy and happy, as long as we did.

Mary Hindal

## Registered Name: Part Time Luv Tag no: 1741 Lovingly remembered as Poppy

When I first walked in the door to adopt, my eyes were drawn to the middle bottom cage with the poppy color dog with the doe eyed direct gaze. We had Poppy for quite a while and how I want to remember her is pouncing on a rope toy and throwing it up in the air (I always found it in my garden), and laying belly up in the green grass in the sunshine. Ann Kalesnick

> Registered Name: Buster Likeness Tag no: 2481 Call Name: Shasta Nickname: Alanzo

On Oct. 19, 1997 we adopted our 1st greyhound at Petsmart in Puyallup. We had him nearly 9 years. On Aug. 24, 2006, Shasta crossed the Rainbow Bridge. He had 2 seizures - the 1st in July & the final one on Aug. 24. X-rays, ultrasound, & other tests at the Emergency Center indicated he was full of small cancer tumors & the attending vet believed the seizures probably had been caused by additional tumors in the brain. Based on her assessment of his situation & the distress he was in, we did not want him to suffer any more & made the painful decision to send him on his way to the Rainbow Bridge.

We couldn't begin to adequately put into words the joy, fun, and richly fulfilling warm companionship he brought into our lives. He romped & stomped for the 3 1/2 years we lived in Port Orchard & since we retired to Ohio in 2001. Shasta gave us so much & we hope we offered him all the love & care he deserved. He spent many hours with our daughters' dogs - 2 greyts & 1 lab (a greyt wannabe). So we felt he had the best of both worlds - his privacy & an active social life. In Greyhound Love,

Chuck & Ginny Cousins



Registered Name: Uke's Songster Tag no: 2170 Nickname: Song

Our wonderful Song (GPI # 02170) left us to go to the Rainbow Bridge on November 3, 2006. She was a loving friend. We will always cherish her happy disposition and her gentle way. Our Songster had a sense of humor and often caused us to laugh at her playfulness even in old age. Song was 14 years old when she left us. She joined our family at the age of nine. Thank you for spending your last years with us Song. This picture, taken in June 2006 is of Song with my two youngest daughters. Linda Green-Baskett



Registered Name: Late Night Mink Tag no: 2770 Nickname: Jet

I did want to let you know that we had to let go of our Jetters last October. He was 13, and it was obvious he wasn't getting much joy out of life anymore. We had our wonderful vet come to the house, and we sat by Jet's side as we said goodbye. It was one of the hardest things I've ever had to do.

We got him at the Houndfest in Monroe during October 2003. His racing name was Late Night Mink.

I'm attaching one of my favorite pics of him, with our cat, Quigley, and another pic of the memorial stone I made for him.

He was my first dog ever, and my special boy.

Loralei

# More memorials to those we miss ...

Registered Name: Curve Ball Jake Tag no: 3295 Nickname: Jake

Jake gave us all the love his big heart could give and then, on September 14, 2006 he crossed over the Rainbow Bridge with the rest of the angels.

Jake was the best dog in the whole world. We told him so every day. He was the center of our world and everything revolved around him. That was just how it was from the very beginning. He earned it and he deserved it and we all knew it. He had his own couch, his own toys, five dog beds and a motorized dog bed disguised as a big black Suburban. We're really glad he wasn't much of a runner on the track so he came to us early in his life. We suspect that he didn't race very well because he had to lift his leg on every post all the way around the track, and that can be time consuming...

Jake was a people magnet and pretty much everyone was drawn to him. We couldn't walk down the street without attracting at least a few people and sometimes a pretty good little crowd. All kinds of people - all ages and sizes and from every sort of life circumstance would come up to him. Children loved him, even though he was bigger than many of them - he was very tall and weighted just under 100 pounds, huge for a greyhound. He would stand patiently and let all the little kids pet and talk to him. With great dignity he would acknowledge the attention of adults and stand quietly while they admired him, asked questions about him and inevitably told their own dog and/or greyhound stories. Sometimes he would stop and stand next to a wheelchair to let someone reach out to touch and talk to him. He seemed to understand when someone had trouble doing that but really wanted to.

No matter where we took him or what we asked him to do, it was OK with him.

Unless of course we asked him to walk over a steel grate on the sidewalk...that took some work, but he would still do it, so long as Pat was the one doing the asking. Despite his size he was always very careful indoors and he never broke a thing (hence his nickname). Of course at home he had his own couch and he had the favorite couches at the homes of people he visited too. Couches were just pretty much his domain and if anyone made the mistake of sitting down on one with him he would just very slowly and gradually oooch down and herd them right off the end. He did have some pretty good friends besides his people - Miss the King Charles spaniel and Yoda the cat. Yoda came and walked him over the Rainbow Bridge. Jake loved us all very much. Some of us even got very special welcomes when we came to visit. At parties he would circulate like a true gentleman host.

But Pat was his person, his cosmic soul mate, his reason for being. If Pat was there and he said it was OK, then it was. He could sense Pat's diabetes problems. On more than one occasion he pushed against him to stop him from walking further or crossing the street when his blood sugar went wrong, even before Pat was aware of it. He and Pat once took a long road trip, just the two of them and we have a wonderful picture of him running from a big wave in the surf on a California beach. Greyhounds are really not beach dogs, but when they reached the Pacific, Pat asked so in he went.

We are all so grateful for the time we had with Jake. He taught us all so many things but mostly how to love and be patient. He was a once in a lifetime guy. He's left an enormous hole in our days and our homes and our lives and we'll miss him forever.

So Jake, we'll see you before you know it. Have lots of fun and wait for us on the other side. We'll love you forever and ever. And never forget, you're the best dog in the whole world, and you always will be. Thanks for everything.

Love, Your People Pat and Marcia McNulty

# Greyhound Pets, Inc. 2007 Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact
March 31- April 1 2007	10AM - 5 PM	Pet Expo	Tradex in Abbotsford	Colleen & Rich Stranix
		Hundreds of pets, pet products, service provid- ers, entertainers, clubs and organizations that cater to pets	From the Trans Canada Hightway #1 (east or west) take Exit 83, Mt Leh- man Road South. Follow the Airport and Tradex signs to the Abbotsford International Airport Property. Tradex is near the end on your left. There is a greyt big parking lot. GPI's booth numbers are 319/321.	
April 29,	11AM - 3PM	8th Annual Greyt Walk	Spanish Banks	Colleen & Rich Stranix
2007			Vancouver, BC	604-946-8202
August-07	10AM - whenever	Deas Park Picnic	Deas Park	Colleen & Rich Stranix
			Delta, BC	604-946-8202
September- 07	10AM - 4PM	<b>Tri-Cities Picnic</b>	Home of John & Debi Mountain	Leigh Duvall
07			Finley, WA	509-582-7411
October-07	10AM - 6PM	Salmon Days Festival	Issaquah, WA	To be determined

# Country Willage Booth dates

## 2007 Country Village dates:

11AM-3PM on the stage in the courtyard at Country Village

April 14 May 19 June 9 July 14 Aug 4 Sept 8 Oct 13

Country Village is in Bothell, WA, just west of I-405. It is an outdoor venue, so please dress yourself and your pups for the weather! All dates include the Warehouse—bring your checkbook!!

Please check our website at http://www.greyhoundpetsinc.org/events.html for more information, and email links to contacts.

# The Kennel Needs You...

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:

**Dog Biscuits** Duct tape Liquid laundry detergent 3/4" masking tape Blankets & Quilts Surgical staple remover Canned pumpkin (not the pie filling) Bleach Antibiotic cream (Neosporin or similar) Sanding disks for Dremel tool (for dog's nails) Stamps (39 cents) 8.5" X 11" white copy paper 33-gallon plastic bags Black ball point pens 13-gallon plastic bags Paper Clips Missing Link (or similar) Electric razor for shaving areas around a dog's injuries Canned dog food (Kirkland, Pro Plan, Precise or other 'good' canned food - no grocery store brands please)

If you can help with any of these items, please contact Susie Kush at 425-415-7788 or Moira Corrigan at 425-333-0515

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