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A letter from the Editor

Welcome to this issue of The Bark!! Is your life as crazy as mine? Three kids, three dogs, full time job, Japanese exchange students, chaperoning 8th graders in Disneyland...I'm exhausted!

We had some changes late last fall at our house. We welcomed a third Greyhound. Her name is Oakley (FTH Lil Sureshot) and she won't be three until the end of May. Puppy craziness!! Pre-adopted through a program called "Follow that Hound" based in Jacksonville, Florida, I've been following Oakley's progress since the day she was born. I have baby pictures!! All but 2 of the ten pups in her litter have retired, and I'm in contact with all of the current adoptive parents—in Tennessee, On-



tario, Florida and Oregon. When the last two grade off, they'll come back into the "FTH" fold to be adopted out. We have an online message board that we can share milestones and pictures of our pups and keep in touch with our "family" members. It has been an interesting couple of years, watching her grow up into a big girl, and finally getting her home. I'll tell you, our house was turned upside down with this new addition.

Pack order is something you hear about, and kind of experience with two greyhounds, but it's a whole different dynamic with three. Personalities are magnified (dogs AND people) and I have a whole new routine trying to wear some of the puppy energy off before I go to work (5:30AM comes early!). Now that she's been here about 6 months, we have a daily routine, and new relationships with all of our dogs. Rosy has accepted the newcomer, but she's still the boss (and lets Oakley and Rocky know every day). Rocky is still the goofy boy dog he always was, but he's learned to cuddle from Oakley. Oakley is a bundle of energy, but can drop off to sleep at a second's notice. She can't go outside unless she has a stuffed animal (or towel, sock or something fluffy) in her mouth. Sometimes a stuffed toy



accompanies us on our walks. None of our toys have any stuffing left. Rosy walks further than I ever thought possible for her weak rear end to keep up with the youngsters. And for those of you who have a "talking" greyhound...there's nothing like being yelled at by your dog because dinner is 5 minutes late, is there? These dogs make me laugh every day, even when life itself is tough.

In this issue, learn about dealing with diarrhea, keeping your Greyhound safe by correctly adjusting their collar and attaching tags appropriately and what is happening with the new kennel!!

Until next time...Enjoy your pups!!

Your Greyhounds Health : Diarrhea

Shannon Smith, DOM

Diarrhea is a common medical problem we see in our pets. It can be defined as an increased volume or frequency of defecation, or a change in the consistency of the stool.

We can divide diarrhea into two major categories based on which part of the intestinal tract is affected: small bowel diarrhea and large bowel diarrhea. Small bowel diarrhea originates in the beginning or middle sections of the intestines and can be associated with an increased volume of stool, vomiting, or weight loss in chronic cases. If large amounts of blood are being passed from the small bowel or the stomach, it can result in "tarry" stool, which is literally black, sticky stool with a consistency similar to tar. The hallmark signs of large bowel diarrhea are mucus, straining, blood, more frequent defecation and an urgency to defecate. These signs are important to note because they can help your veterinarian diagnose the underlying cause of the diarrhea.

Although there is quite a long list of causes of diarrhea, some are much more common than others. One of the most common causes of diarrhea is dietary indiscretion. This may either be due to our dog getting into things he shouldn't eat, or due to us feeding table scraps, treats or changing the diet. Remember that if the diet is going to be changed it should be done by gradually mixing more and more of the new food into the usual food over about a week's time.

Another common cause of diarrhea is intestinal parasites. This can especially be a problem in our greyhounds because of their histories of living in kennel settings. Worms are one category of intestinal parasite and include roundworms, tapeworms, hookworms and whipworms. A dewormer is selected based on the type of worm present and is sometimes even needed on a monthly basis. Giardia is another common intestinal parasite. It is a one-celled organism that can be spread from dog-to-dog via fecal contamination. In acute stages it can cause soft, voluminous stool. An important point to remember about intestinal parasites is that our dogs can have them without showing any signs; therefore they are unknowingly spread at dog parks or elsewhere in the environment. In order to prevent this from happening, fecal samples should be screened regularly, by your veterinarian, for signs of intestinal parasites.

Other frequently seen causes of diarrhea include Clostridia. This type of bacteria is normally found in the colon, but it can overgrow, causing watery diarrhea. Medications such as non-steroidal anti-inflammatories (NSAIDS), which are commonly used for pain relief in conditions such as arthritis, and steroids, both have the potential to cause diarrhea. Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), cancer, pancreatic problems, endocrine diseases and stress are also causes of diarrhea.

Often, diarrhea is short-lived and the uncomplicated cases can be managed at home. Withholding food for a short time (12 to 24 hours) may be helpful in allowing the gastrointestinal tract to heal, particularly if vomiting is present. An easily digestible, bland diet that is high in fiber is a key point in managing diarrhea. Hill's w/d is commonly used in this case. Boiled chicken or boiled low-fat beef can be mixed with rice or potatoes as an alternative. More fiber can be added by using plain canned pumpkin. Over-the-counter anti-diarrheal medications can also be helpful. Immodium can be given at one tablet per 20 pounds body weight up to three times daily. The Kaopectate dose is one teaspoon per 10 pounds given every 4 to 6 hours. Or, Pepto-Bismol can be given at one teaspoon per 20 pounds every 4 to 6 hours.

Home management of diarrhea should be used in dogs that are not showing other signs of illness. If your dog is lethargic, not eating, vomiting or has had diarrhea for more than two days and is not improving, it is best to consult with your veterinarian.

Greyhound Collar Safety

We all love our Greyhounds, and want to keep them safe. We lock our gates, put springs on them so they won't open and have safety barriers in our cars and vans. But did you ever think your dog's collar could be unsafe?

At the time of your adoption, it was probably explained to you that a Greyhound needs to be walked in a "martingale" or "controlled slip" collar. This is because the Greyhound's head is smaller than it's neck. The martingale does need to be adjusted correctly in order to be an effective tool.

With the collar sitting right behind your dog's ears, pull the leash straight up so it closes. The two rings should be at least 1.5 to 2 inches apart at the tightest. If the rings touch, then your martingale is essentially useless and your pup could easily slip his head out of it. See picture to the right of a properly adjusted martingale. Check the adjustment EVERY TIME you put it on your dog. Fancy martingales made with slick materials like jacquard and satin are more prone to loosen over time, so if you make a habit of checking and adjusting each time the dog wears the collar, you are preventing a tragedy.





The D-ring on the collar is where you attach the leash. Do NOT put your dogs tags on this ring!! Should the tags get caught in the couch fabric, the crate or a floor register, when your dog pulls back, the martingale will tighten, choking your pup. The results of this can be fatal as the dog panics and pulls harder. If your Greyhound wears his martingale all the time, put the tags on one of the other metal pieces of the collar, where it won't tighten if pulled on (see photo). A better solution is to keep identification on a tag collar, not a slip collar like a martingale, at all times and only use the martingale

for walking. A soft tag collar will not rub the hair on your pup's neck and does not pose the treat of accidental strangulation in the event of entanglement. Tag collars can be found at the GPI warehouse and lots of other places, including Wal-Mart and other stores that carry pet supplies. They are also available with a "breakaway" option, which will cause the collar to break open if your pup gets caught on something and yanks to get free. If you don't like the noise the tags make, you can get a "tagbag" from the GPI warehouse or any number of online sources. Or, you can even wrap a rubber band around all the tags holding them together. I like the noise my dog's tags make..I know where they are and who is getting into trouble!!

A note about tags—your GPI Greyhound should always have his GPI assigned tag with our toll-free number on it attached to the collar. Be sure that GPI has your current contact information if you move, so we can let you know where your dog is if found. Also, if you want to put a tag with your contact information, be sure the numbers you list are reachable. If you take your dog out of town, put a piece of masking or medical tape on the tag with a local phone number you can be reached at.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and we all know that our Greyhounds are PRICELESS. Please don't tempt fate by letting your pup go without identification. If you have any questions about martingales, tag collars, or adjusting a martingale, please contact your adoption rep or local GPI Vice President. They'll be happy to help.

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For more information about the chat list, send an e-mail to Cathy Munro at adopt.greyhounds@verizon.net

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. 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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Do you need to contact Greyhound Pets, Inc.?

Please address snail mail to:

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

The Bark

A \$10 a year donation is requested for the Bark. Thank you from the dogs.

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!

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

<u>Please remember, if for any reason you cannot or do not want to keep your greyhound, it MUST be returned to</u> <u>Greyhound Pets, Inc.</u>

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.

Has your Greyhound passed on recently?

If you have recently had your Greyhound pass to the Rainbow Bridge, please contact Moira at Greyhound Pets, Inc., PO Box 891 Woodinville, WA 98072 Or email her at fastpaws@centurytel.net

Have you checked your gates recently?

After the winter snows have passed....please check your gates and fences for loose boards and swollen gates that don't shut correctly. Put a spring on your gate to keep it closed, or lock it so the meter guy or neighbor kid won't leave it open.

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 that 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.



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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For the South Puget Sound Region: Janet Keough 253-761-8296

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1-877-468-7681

For the Tri-Cities Area

New Volunteers

Greyhound Pets, Inc. would like to welcome all of our new volunteers for the fourth quarter of 2007 and first quarter of 2008!! 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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Your Donations are 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.

One food bowl for the new kennel	\$3
One water bowl for the new kennel	\$5
Muzzle for one kennel dog	\$10
Vaccines for one new dog	\$25
One stacking chair for the new kennel	\$35
One folding table for the new kennel	\$50
Running a tick test for a new dog	\$65
Shop vac for the new kennel Metal food bowls for the new kennel (80 pcs)	\$80 \$240
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Run for the new kennel (per year)	\$500
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Bench for the new kennel	\$420
Current monthly rent for the Red Barn	\$3000
Commercial dryer for the new kennel	\$4000
Commercial washer for the new kennel	\$9500

Please cut out this form, circle the amount you'd like to donate , and mail it to: Greyhound Pets, Inc., Treasurer PO Box 891 Woodinville, WA 98072 Thanks so much for your gift to the GPI dogs!! They thank you very much!!

Adopted!!

These Greyhounds have been adopted October 2007 through March 2008!! Congratulations to their forever families!

Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname	Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname
2703	Oak Royal	Oak	4780	PDQ Hawkeye	Doris
2883	Snowy Creek	Creek	4781	Fast N Freaky	Phoebe
3249	Take A Free Ride	Letka	4781	Fast N Freaky	Phoebe
3675	Rapid Donna	Donna	4782	Abenaki Mist	Misty
4092	HC's Betty Zane	Betty	4783	Gils Mexia	Mexia
4298	EF's Flea Flicker	Nicky	4784	Unknown	Camelot
4325	Okie Rollie	Rollie	4785	RSW Cole	Cole
4516	Kate's Impact	Kate	4786	Springwater Clay	Clay
4565	RD's Penny	Jamie	4787	Guarded Feelings	Scruffy
4618	See Gold Johnson	Gold	4788	CW Missile	Missile
4623	Kids Ranger	Ranger	4789	Kelsos Fernando	Fernando
4660	PB's On Line	Peanut	4791	SOS Rolen	Rolly
4688	Xportress	Tess	4792	Superior Event	Eve
4700	NNR Holy Roman	Roman	4793	WW's Giant Honor	Honor
4706	KL's Tilly	Tilly	4794	Claire Has Flair	Claire
4721	Fast Rose	Fanny	4795	My Dear Renee	Renee
4733	Sol Watch	Frank	4796	LB Maddy	Maddy
4736	Sol Tazmania	Taz	4797	Flying Intrigue	Intrigue
4741	Highwind Zinny	Zinny	4798	C's Joltin Gal	Gal
4746	Laura Snow	Snow	4799	TT Dadda	Cooper
4749	Jivin John	John	4801	IWA Dino	Dino
4751	Classy Boy	Atlas	4802	WW's Time Table	Time
4755	Ace High Club	Ace	4803	WW's Rawhide	Roland
4758	CL Belvedere	Ralph	4804	no registered name	Gordo
4761	Bella Zacatecas	Zack	4805	Flying Oath	Orion
4762	Smile Diver	Diver	4806	no registered name	Herschel
4763	Bella Patriot	Pat	4807	no registered name	Paco
4764	GLS Bearlylegal	Legal	4808	Pat C Defend	Dee
4767	Sol Tomiko	Tomiko	4810	Slatex Tootsie	Tootsie
4769	GLS Sheerwisdom	Wisdom	4813	Pat C Vivian	Vivian
4772	no registered name	Danielle	4814	Foster Design	Foster
4773	no registered name	Stacy	4815	OJ Flashback	Flash
4774	Banlee	Banlee	4816	None	Spotter
4775	Daring Mozart	Mozart	4817	Hilan Craigie	Craigie
4776	Monorail Maxine	Dippy	4818	Boyz Apache	Apache
4777	RSW Hope	Норе	4819	Cajun Toms Star	Tom
4778	Julia Martinez	Julia	4820	CMB Jan	Dixie
4779	Misstexas Alexis	Alexis			



Rainbow Bridge Memorials...we will miss them.

Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname	Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname
1631			3144	Pat C Kermit	Kermit
	Shining Penny	Penny	••••		
1722	Montez Wingtip	Tippy	3162	Twolov	Stella Rose
1815	Wodaway	Cassie	3192	Hallo Lil Kei	Blue
2010	Irustka Astorm	Stormie	3232	Buster's Best One	Greta
2263	BP's Running Man	Manny	3249	Take a Free Ride	Letka
2299	JC Linda Sue	Suzie	3284	DK's Toy Story	Parker
2317	Aim For Win	Amy	3347	Drum Rain	Pearson
2457	TCB Surfs Up	Sophie	3424	Poor Old Kawliga	Dugan
2533	Steamy Chevy	Howie	3464	No Registered Name	Kyoko
2540	Dea's Wildnote	Melody	3518	Jazz B-Ball	Jazz
2610	PJ's Happy David	Dave	3520	WW Deals Fantom	Phantom
2678	Wilson Drive	Willy	3569	Rapido Quick	Skylar
2747	No Registered Name	Tina	3667	Brazo Track Down	Tracker
2755	Priority Sam	Sam	3704	Arjo Felicia	Felicia
2756	Hinkley	Barkley	3707	Whisper Snow	Whisper
2779	My Wishbone	Ripley	3717	HC's Highlander	Highlander
2812	EF's Egghead	Elle	3755	CB Poker Alice	Alice
2814	River Mig	Tommy	3973	Ogalla Pepper	Charlie
2828	Fly By Boss Man	Boss	3977	NR's Tuff Tyler	Isaiah
2873	EMC Acela	Acela	4009	PT Baby Ruth	Baby
2916	No Registered Name	Re-Pete	4461	What a Package	Martha
2974	Cabover	Cabo	4655	Iruska Willy	Marino
3074	No Registered Name	Flyboy	4796	LB Maddy	Maddy
3134	Hallo Charmer	Charm		-	-

Jules GPI Tag 4174

Jules came into our lives four years ago. Wow did she ever!! We had no idea what we were in for. She thought she was a lap dog from the word go. I think she knew that she was our first Greyhound. Jules was very kind to us. Her behavior was very lady-like, most of the time. Words can't describe the joy she brought into our lives. Jules introduced us to the wonderful world of Greyhounds, for which we will always be grateful.

I was always amazed at how elegant she could look. She was our princess. Such grace and beauty—I miss her so much. Not a day will go by that I won't think of her. At times I still feel her gently beside me.

We love you, sweet girl. You will be in our hearts always.



Sheryl & Mike

Caesar GPI tag 1958

It is with a heavy heart that we are letting you know of our beloved Caesar having joined his friends in the eternal hereafter. He served his life here among us for 13 years not only as a trusted companion, but with his quiet and independent nature, he gallantly took on the awesome task of aiding the healing process of his closest friend Rosemary. He never faltered in his loyalty toward her. They had that special bond and communication—undeniably a miracle-between a human and an animal as was witnessed by many.

Words cannot express how he will be missed and forever be in our hearts.

Rosemary and Alf Goransson Woodinville, WA



Grace Diplomatic Iady GPI Tag 1857

Grace was adopted by our family at age 2 from Greyhound Pets in Post Falls, Idaho. She had been at the local track that was closing. She joined our other dogs, Schnauzers named Benny and Molly. Always a lady, she accepted Molly as the alpha of our little pack but led by example and taught the little ones the meaning of manners and dignity.

Benny, then Molly, went over the Rainbow Bridge in their time and Grace got us through those trying moments. Then, in a summer of wildfires, we were called upon to foster a fawn male Greyhounds, Sure Shot Charlie, for a weekend as his kennel was threatened and evacuated. Short story, Charlie became the love of Gracie's life and we were as smitten as she.

Charlie and Grace would "kiss" each morning and Charlie would gently take Grace's head in his mouth. They walked together, napped together, an on occasion, ate together. Charlie was too arthritic to do more than lope, but Grace never challenged him to run more than he was able. Charlie's trip over the bridge at age 13 was devastating to us all, perhaps most of all for Grace. Yet, once again, she saw us through that difficult time with her gentle response to our tears.

Time took it's toll as she aged. Grace began to have stiffness and difficulty moving her hindquarters. By her 14th birthday, she was still active, though a bit slower. Her last 4 or 5 months required arthritis medicine and then finally, pain medication. Weight was lost alarmingly despite a vigorous appetite. Finally, the bone cancer became manifest; the end had arrived.

We could do no more to ensure her comfort, yet she never cried out. Our vet granted her a sedative and she faced her final moments as she had lived her life: quietly, gently and with the loving dignity that was her hallmark.

Say hello to Charlie, Benny and Molly, dear Grace. Please wait for us, we will join you once again at the end of the Rainbow Bridge and start up the road to the Gates of Pearl, together again, as it is meant o be.

You have taught us love is to be returned in abundance.

Thank you all for the fit of Grace. She and John Hern will always be in our hearts and memories. Great is the joy that comes from those who joyfully give of themselves.

Bob & Meg Morris

GREYHOUND PETS, INC. 2008 EVENTS COLENDAR

Date	Event	Location	Contact
August 24th	Deas Island Picnic	Deas Island	Steve Waines
		Delta, BC	604-882-0432
September, 2008	Tri Cities Picnic	To be	Leigh Duvall
		announced	509-582-7411
October 4th & 5th	Salmon Days Festival	Issaquah, WA	Bev Mitchell

Please make note of the dates for these great events!!

For an updated list of events and more details about them, check out the GPI website Annual Events calendar at http://greyhoundpetsinc.org/events.html or select "annual events" from the menu at the top of the website.

Come and meet other greyhounds and their owners! Spread the word about our great hounds and make believers of the masses. Enjoy watching your Greyhound make new friends!! We hope to see you there!



Country Willage Booth dates 2008 Country Village dates:

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

May 17th June 28th July 19th August 23rd September 20th

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.



As you may know GPI is building a kennel facility in Woodinville, WA. The new kennel will be called the "Hern Greyt Works". This is in memory of John Hern who founded GPI. John also ran a business called the Hern Iron Works. Thus the Hern Greyt Works.



While the project construction has been budgeted, there is a greyt need for gifts that will be dedicated to the purchase of new equipment, furnishings and supplies. There are several ways in which you can support the Hern Greyt Works:

1. Donation Dollars

Your donation dollars will be put to good use in outfitting the new kennel with such items as food bowls, water bowls, chairs, food, shelving, storage bins, tables, a commercial washer and dryer, a veterinary scale, office equipment, etc.

All donors will be recognized prominently and permanently in the new kennel in one of the following ways:

The **"Greyt Gifts Book"** will be a permanent volume showing registration of donors who have contributed to the Hern Greyt Works project in amounts less than \$250. Donations can be made "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" a person or a greyhound with that sentiment recorded in the book which will be updated quarterly.

A "Gifting Tree" will be prominently placed with bronze, silver, and gold leaves grafted to the tree. Each leaf will be engraved with the name of a patron who makes a one-time donation of a qualifying amount as listed here:

A Bronze Leaf will honor a patron whose contribution is between \$250 and \$499. A Silver Leaf will honor a patron whose contribution is between \$500 and \$999. A Gold Leaf will honor a patron whose contribution is \$1,000 or more.

2. Sponsor a Run

A donor can choose to sponsor a kennel run for a one-year period by making a contribution of \$500 or more designated for run sponsorship. A display quality plaque honoring a kennel run sponsor will be placed on a kennel run for the sponsor ship year and then be presented to the sponsor. Contributions for initial Run Sponsorships are now being accepted for the year June 2008 through May 2009. Individuals, families, businesses, clubs, teams, or any group are eligible to sponsor a kennel run. Runs are limited so reserve one early.

Your cash donation rather than individual items is what is needed so that GPI can use its purchasing power and nonprofit status to purchase new equipment and furnishings at wholesale pricing and ensure proper grade and standardization of items.

Donations can be made on-line through our website - <u>www.greyhoundpetsinc.org/</u> <u>herngreytworks.html</u> or by check to GPI, PO Box 891, Woodinville, WA 98072. Be sure to designate your donation as for the kennel. If you have any questions please contact our Treasurer, Bunny Richardson, at 360-568-3773 or rabbit99@whidbey.net.

The End of a Greyt Time

It all started in July 1995 when we went to PetSmart to adopt a Greyhound. Of course, we came home with two of them — Lunch (Out to Lunch) and Angel (Axel's Angel). They became the most incredible friends. So much so that we became active in Greyhound rescue. We fostered 13 dogs in the next few years, and adopted two of them to bring our pack up to 4 — and two cats who were sure they were in charge. The first foster we adopted was Ranger (Beck Bob's Ranger) in 1996 who was an older Greyhound. He had been in two bad homes since retiring. He knew he was at the bottom of the pecking order and was just happy to be there. In 1997, we adopted another foster, Bitsy (Rapido Darlene — who names a dog Darlene!?!?!?). When she jumped off the truck from Idaho, I thought for sure she was a whippet. Small and skinny, she was only 22 months old and weighed just 42 pounds. She wrapped my husband around her little paw by snuggling up to him at the first adoption show we took her to the very next day.

Lunch was the matriarch and the most loving of the pack. She was 4 when we got her and lost her to bone cancer just 3 years later. Angel was a loner, but she was my walking dog. We lost her to bone cancer just a year after Lunch. Ranger was the "Old Man", a real goofball and my husband's buddy. At 13 years old, a few days after Thanksgiving 2002, his body just gave out. That left just Bitsy to move to Chicago with us in 2003. She had worked her way up to pack leader (under me, of course) and wasn't about to let any other animal in the house. We had a wonderful time with her for the next 5 years. This February, two days after we sold our house to move back to Washington, she decided it was time for her to cross the Rainbow Bridge and be with the others.

What a GREYT 13 years it has been and we miss them all so very, very much. For the first time in as many years, our bed is empty without at least one large, 4-legged companion there with us. They have left such an empty space in our lives and hearts, as well. But the memories will always be with us.

Anita and Bob Jirka





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:

Blankets & Quilts Stamps (41 cents) 13-Gallon Trash Bags Missing Link (or similar) Canned pumpkin (not the pie filling) 8.5" X 11" white copy paper Dog Biscuits Glucosamine (preferably from Greyhound Gang)

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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