

The official newsletter of Greyhound Pets, Inc.

Presidents Message

Moira Corrigan, President

Happy Holidays!!!

It has been an exciting few months for GPI. On July 5th we moved into the Hern Greyt Works (our new kennel) and said good-bye to the Red Barn. Then on July 12th we brought our first load of new dogs into the Greyt Works kennel. We have three part-time employees to help us look after our pups. If you are at the kennel be sure to introduce yourself to them. And we have many new volunteers, as well as our terrific existing volunteers, helping us turn out the dogs and love on them.



I want to thank all the folks that have come out for our work parties at the Hern Greyt Works. Your help has been invaluable in putting things together and getting the kennel up and running. And thank you to the volunteers who continue to help us maintain the kennel and the grounds.

Our next load of dogs wasn't scheduled to be delivered until October from Kansas, but on August 24th the Woodlands track in Kansas closed and the Kansas folks asked us if we could take our October load at the beginning of September. Our volunteers rallied and we were able to make enough space in the kennel to take in the load and help out the Kansas folks. Thank you!!

Our September load brought us dog number 4900. That is over 4900 dogs we have brought into GPI since our inception in 1985. Goodie, Tag #4900 – he is a young, handsome boy and quite the lover – and he was just adopted.

Our Run Sponsorship plaques are now installed and they are beautiful! Check out our website about sponsoring a run.

We have various signage projects for the Greyt Works in progress, some of which have been installed. Our Donation Tree is also nearly ready and our wonderful Robin James will be painting it over the next couple of months. We'll then be able to get the recognition greyhounds installed on the tree to thank our wonderful donors. Look for more info as the Tree is completed.

We are starting to have a booth at the Hern Greyt Works roughly once a month. Our joint North Puget Sound/South Puget Sound picnic was at the Hern Greyt Works. We're also looking into holding some seminars at the new kennel.

As we come up on the holidays, be sure to check out our Holiday Safety article. There are many things about the holidays that can be dangerous to our furry friends – tinsel, chocolate, open doors, etc. So be sure to keep your pups safe while you enjoy the holidays.

Thank you to all our members who participated in this year's Annual Meeting. As many of you know GPI is a membership organization. Each member has a vote on issues put before the membership. Members are a very important part of GPI and play an important part in keeping this organization moving forward. If you are not already a Member or an Associate Member, care about the welfare of greyhounds and believe in the mission and thrust of GPI, and would like to become an Associate Member (you must be an Associate first before becoming a full Member), please contact Robin James (our Secretary) for more information. You can reach Robin at robin@artistreegallery.com. Please note you do not have to be a volunteer in order to be a member.

Thank you to all our volunteers, members and adopters. Without you we wouldn't be able to help so many greyhounds.

Oh Mama Mia!!

Your Greyhound's questions answered.



A greyhound with lots of retirement experience, "KMA's Mama Mia" has the answers that newly adopted pups are seeking!

If your hound has a question for "Mama Mia," please submit it to The Bark (jananice@hotmail.com-- please put "Mama Mia" in the subject line). Mia will try to answer as many letters as possible. And remember, "Mama knows best!" (She's a spicy meat-a-ball!)

Dear Mama Mia,

When I retired from the track, I was put into a kennel with lots of other greyhounds, and told I was on my way to being adopted. Then I was put into a trailer and traveled across the country, and arrived at the GPI kennel. The GPI volunteers made sure I got a bath and nail trim so I'd be very pretty, and all my vet work done so I'd be healthy, and took care of me for a short while. They were wonderful, and I was happy there, but then I was sent to live with a family who called me a "foster dog." After some time there, I moved in with what they called my "forever home." I don't understand why I moved out of the first home, even though I loved them and I was very good. I do love my new "forever family" very much, and I am glad I live with them. But why did I live in the first home before moving in with my "forever family?"

Signed,

Happy but confused

Dear Confused,

My "forever family" is also a "foster family" for our friends of the greyhound persuasion. As we begin to enjoy retirement, many of us stay in the kennel, but some of us are fortunate enough to be placed into a foster home. Fosters are the "lucky ones," who get a leg up on learning what our new life will be like. Our foster family teaches us how we should behave in a home, that we should find our appropriate place to eliminate (outside!), and how to maneuver stairs. We learn that windows are for viewing outside only (not jumping through) and that it's very hard to play with the greyhound we see in the mirror, as well as many other things we will encounter in our new life as a pet. Their job is very important to our adjustment into successful retirement.

I understand your confusion about leaving their home. It is also hard for them when we leave our foster home, however seeing the excitement of our new forever families makes the entire process worth it. We will always cherish our foster family for the care and love they gave us, along with the lessons learned, and you will always hold a special place in your foster family's heart.

Perhaps you could convince your new forever family to help our friends by contacting their local GPI person and becoming a foster family? Then you could be the "old pro" teaching others how grey retirement can be! Trust me, it can be frustrating sometimes, but overall the experience is.... well.... PRICELESS!

Congratulations on finding your forever home!

Mama Mia

P.S If your new family does decide to foster, don't be surprised if one of your foster siblings becomes a permanent resident. This is what the humans call "Flunking Fostering 101," and is more common than they care to admit.

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For more information about the chat list, send
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Holiday Safety for your Greyhound

It's holiday time again!! Can you believe it? This is a time when friends and family get together, parties are planned and the hustle and bustle and joy of the season fill our homes. That hustle and bustle can also distract us from the safety of our pets, Greyhounds as well as other dogs and cats in our homes. This article will help you prepare your home for a safe and happy holiday season. Compiled from many online articles, it's long, but a great reminder of all the little things we can do to keep our pets safe and happy during the holidays and all year long.

WEATHER RELATED ISSUES:

- When ice and snow are on the ground, be aware that your dogs pads will get cold FAST. Take them for shorter walks, or buy some booties to cover up those tootsies. (You may also get some interesting video footage for your files of the first time your dog wears them!) Booties will help not only with the cold, but to keep salt and chemicals off of your pet's feet as well as prevent cuts from ice along your walking route. If pets lick salt and chemicals off their feet, they can become ill. If you're not using booties, be sure to rinse your Greyhound's feet off with cool water when you get home to remove any residue.
- Check your gates: buildup of snow or ice may prevent your gates from closing correctly. Please make sure your gates are closed and latched before letting your dog out in the yard.

SAFETY PROOFING A HOLIDAY HOME

- Trees provide a great temptation for cats to climb and dogs to chew on, so holiday trees should be well secured to prevent accidents.
- Animals are attracted to bright, moving lights so candles should be kept on high shelves. Candles as well as fireplaces should be constantly supervised since embers, sparks and wax can injure pets.
- Other holiday products that can harm pets include snow globes (many of which contain harmful antifreeze) and artificial snow, which can cause reactions if inhaled.
- Holiday plants including ivy, holly, mistletoe, hibiscus, poinsettia, lilies and Christmas greens all have various levels of toxicity. Position these high off the ground to avoid dangerous ingestion mishaps.
- Pine needles, when ingested, can puncture holes in a pet's intestine. So keep pet areas clear of pine needles.
- The extra cords and plugs of holiday lights and other fixtures can look like chew toys to pets. Tape down or cover cords to help avoid shocks, burns or other serious injuries. Unplug lights when you are not home.
- Resist the temptation to tie ribbons around pets necks for the holidays. The pets can tighten ribbons resulting in choking or hang themselves if the ribbon is caught on an object.
- Dogs will often play with glass ornaments as if they were balls and serious oral lacerations can result. Sharp ornament hooks can also become imbedded in your pet's mouth or esophagus. Place ornaments that are shiny, or could be swallowed or broken high up on your tree. Larger, less intriguing ornaments can go near the bottom.
- Decorating trees with food is asking for problems. Candy canes and gingerbread people can be as enticing to your dog as they are to children. We know of one diabetic dog who ran into some problems with regulating her disease because she was stealing candy canes off of the tree.
- Popcorn, raisin, or cranberry garlands are beautiful, but can cause an obstruction when eaten, requiring surgery.



- Because tree preservatives are often sugar-based (and inviting to dogs) and because the water stands so long, the water in the tree stand often harbors potentially harmful bacteria. Fertilizers, insecticides, or flame retardants that were used on the tree may also get into the water. Cover the stand with a tree skirt or use other means to prevent access to the water.
- Very important: do not put aspirin in the water (some folks do this thinking it will keep the tree or plant more vigorous). If a pet ingests the aspirin-laced water, his health or even life can be at risk.

HOLIDAY TREATS

- No table scraps for pets! Fatty meats, gravies and poultry skin can cause pancreatitis, gastritis, enteritis, colitis and other gastrointestinal problems. Bones put pets at risk for bowel obstruction or perforation and choking.
- No chocolate for four-legged friends. It contains theobromine, which is highly toxic to dogs and cats when eaten in even small quantities. Problems from ingestion range from diarrhea to seizures and death. Unsweetened baking chocolate and dark chocolate are the worst culprits, but all chocolate, fudge, and other candy should be placed out of your dog's reach.
- Pets should celebrate with home-cooked dog and cat treats. Recipes are available on the Internet.
- Coffee, and tea contain dangerous components called xanthines, which cause nervous system or urinary system damage and heart muscle stimulation. Alcohol can cause serious intoxications in pets, and many dogs are attracted to it. Every year hundreds of dogs die after a single bout of alcohol consumption. Clean up glasses after holiday parties. Dogs are often attracted by the sweet taste of drinks, especially eggnog.
- Bones from fish, meat, or poultry can also cause problems if swallowed. Even small bones can splinter causing lacerations (tearing) throughout the intestinal tract. So, no matter how big or how little they are, be sure to keep bones (other than those that are specially sterilized and treated) away from your dog. American made chews, Kong toys, and raw knuckle bones would be better alternatives.
- Uncooked yeast dough can expand and produce gas in the digestive system, causing pain and possible rupture of the stomach or intestines.
- Grapes and raisins contain an unknown toxin, which can damage the kidneys.
- Macadamia nuts contain an unknown toxin, which can affect the digestive and nervous systems and muscles of dogs.
- Remember, dogs have an exceptional sense of smell – juices on plastic or aluminum foil left on countertops are very tempting. If ingested, plastic or foil wrap (cellophane candy wrappers or food wrap) can cause choking or intestinal obstruction.
- Meat-soaked strings from rump roasts are also enticing. Ingestion can cause a surgical emergency called a '[linear string foreign body](#)' in the intestines.
- Xylitol gum can make your dog very ill. Make sure all gum products are up and away from where your Greyhound can reach them.

PETS AND PARTIES

- An influx of holiday guests may frighten or agitate animals, making them more prone to barking or even biting.
- Pets can easily slip out through an open door as guests come and go -- keep a steady eye on pets and be sure they are wearing current identification tags. Use baby gates if necessary.
- Tobacco products can be fatal to pets, if ingested. Signs of poisoning develop within 15 to 45 minutes and include excitation, salivation, vomiting, and diarrhea. Pets may develop seizures, collapse and die from cardiac arrest. Keep cigarettes, cigars, tobacco, nicotine gum and patches, and ashtrays out of the reach of pets. Empty ashtrays frequently since cigarette butts contain about 25% of the total nicotine in a cigarette.
- A quiet room, away from the commotion with water and food available can be a retreat for an over-stimulated dog and help him be more comfortable.
- Cleaning products such as disinfectants get a lot of use during the holidays as we spiff up our homes for visitors. Remember, many of these products can be toxic to your pets.
- Holiday guests and other activity can be very stressful and even frightening to pets. It can also trigger illness and intestinal upset. Make sure pets have a safe place to retreat in your house. And make sure they are wearing current I.D. in case they escape out a door when guests come and go.

- Reduce stress by keeping feeding and exercise on a regular schedule.
- Always make time to care for your pets. Some folks get lax about walking their dogs, and a few resort to letting pets out on their own. This puts the animal in danger, while also leading to nuisance complaints and dog bite incidents. Don't take a holiday from responsibly caring for your pets.
- When pets are stressed by holiday activity or during travel, they may require more water. Dogs typically pant more when they feel stressed. Keep fresh water available for them to drink.
- If you suspect that your pet has eaten something toxic, call your veterinarian and/or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center's 24-hour emergency hotline at 1-888-4-ANI-HELP.
- Tell guests and remind household members to keep medication, toiletries and other potentially harmful items out of the dog's reach - and NOT to feed the dog any unauthorized foods. Remember, fatty foods can make a pet extremely ill.
- Have healthy pet treats handy so that your guests can indulge your pet safely. And if you want to share holiday flavor with the family dog, add a bit of white turkey meat or defatted broth to her bowl.
- Never leave dogs and children alone together. Always have an experienced adult supervise, no matter how well behaved the dog is. Anything can happen, especially with kids.
- Keep a pet first aid kit accessible.

Are you travelling this holiday season? Here are some quick safety tips.

Holiday Travel Stress Savers:

- Get a tag listing your temporary location and cell phone number. You can also create a temporary tag for each of your destinations using waterproof tape and an indelible marker.
- Pack a flashlight for night-time dog walks, along with lots of plastic bags.
- Remember to take a first aid kit. You don't want to get caught in a road or other emergency without one...you can use it for people and pets alike.

With all of the festivities, do not forget to relax and spend some quality time with your pet. Your dog will think that is the best gift of all.

Sponsor a Greyhound—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.

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 PO Box 891, Woodinville, WA 98072, you can call Bunny at 360-568-3773 and give her your credit card info, or you can donate through the Network for Good button on our website - www.greyhoundpetsinc.org. Your name will then be added below the dog's info as his/her sponsor.

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The Notice Board

Stuff you need to know!!



Do you need to contact Greyhound Pets, Inc.?

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

Correspondence can be addressed to:

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

Is Your Greyhound Wearing a Current GPI Tag?

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

Greyhound Pets, Inc.,

New Tags

PO Box 891

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

Returning your Greyhound

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

Finding a loving greyhound home for your dog should be handled by someone who understands the needs of these great animals. Contact us at 1-877-468-7681 to make arrangements.

Has your Greyhound passed on recently?

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

Have you checked your gates recently?

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.

Are your dog's shots up-to-date?

Your dog needs regular vaccines to help keep them healthy. The particular vaccines will vary depending upon the area of the country you live in and your particular environment. Depending upon the vaccine, they are due every six months, every year, or every three years. If you're not sure when your dog's vaccines are due, check his/her paperwork, contact GPI and/or speak with your vet.

Are your dog's teeth clean?

Your dog needs regular dental care just like you and I. Tartar and plaque build-up, bad breath, inflamed gums, loose teeth, gaps or holes, discolored teeth, difficulty eating – all these are signs that your dog's teeth need attention. If not taken care of, poor teeth health can greatly affect your dog's quality and length of life. Talk to your vet and give your dog's teeth regular dental care.

Greyhound Pets, Inc. Needs YOU!!

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!).

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:

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Anywhere else in "GPI-Land"

1-877-468-7681

New Volunteers

Greyhound Pets, Inc. would like to welcome all of our new volunteers for the second and third quarters 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 Summer and Fall 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.

Please mail your donation to:

**Greyhound Pets, Inc., Treasurer
PO Box 891
Woodinville, WA**

or donate on-line via Network For Good at
www.networkforgood.org/donation/ExpressDonation.aspx?ORGID2=820434711
Or from the link on our website.

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

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| Muzzle for one kennel dog | \$10 |
| Food for one dog for one month | \$20 |
| Vaccines for one new dog | \$25 |
| One folding table for the new kennel | \$50 |
| Running a tick test for a new dog | \$65 |
| Laundry cart for the new kennel | \$160 |
| Sponsor a kennel run (per year) | \$500 |
| Complete vetting for a new dog | \$350 |
| Bench for the new kennel | \$420 |
| Veterinary Scale | \$900 |

Donate \$250, \$500 or \$1000 to receive an engraved greyhound "leaf" on our donation tree at our new kennel.

Adopted!!

These Greyhounds have been adopted in the second and third quarter of 2008!!
 Congratulations to their forever families!

| Tag Number | Registered Name | Nickname | Tag Number | Registered Name | Nickname |
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| 3521 | Today's Success | Boss | 4838 | Strawberry Micky | Strawberry |
| 3638 | Roz Claiborn | Roz | 4839 | None | Bebo |
| 3682 | Annie When | Annie | 4840 | GT's Vitality | Vitality |
| 3786 | Kentucky Dew | Dew | 4841 | Cyko Goose | Goose |
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| 4539 | Regall Playpoker | Silas | 4845 | Free Hobby | Hobby |
| 4582 | Slatex Snoop | Snoopy | 4846 | UMR Kendra | Kendra |
| 4590 | Major Pain's Pal | Major | 4847 | RJ's Cattle Kate | Kate |
| 4610 | Sol Puzzle | Puzzle | 4848 | Boc's Connie O | Connie |
| 4740 | Detour Road | Detour | 4850 | Water Event | Evan |
| 4750 | Sweet Revenge | Revenge | 4852 | Glo's Big Guy | Guy |
| 4800 | WW's Grand Slam | Slim | 4853 | Ret To Play | Ret |
| 4805 | Flying Oath | Orion | 4855 | BB's Passemby | Pass |
| 4809 | Queen Elvira | Elvira | 4856 | UMR Kermit | Kermit |
| 4811 | Unknown | Seby | 4858 | Kiowa Gen Cathy | Kat |
| 4819 | Cajun Toms Star | Tom | 4859 | None | Shandra |
| 4821 | DC's Achilles | Achilles | 4860 | LL Eckerdt Xpres | Simon |
| 4822 | Bucking the Tide | Avenger | 4861 | Greta's Chic | Greta |
| 4823 | LB Lovebug | Love Bug | 4863 | Piper Calling | Piper |
| 4824 | Ruby Ronin | Ruby | 4864 | Rayvan | Raven |
| 4825 | Slatex Tripper | Trip | 4866 | Iruska Finechic | Fine |
| 4826 | Dramatic Paws | Dram | 4867 | BBR Cool Child | Cool |
| 4827 | Rag's Hard Candy | Candy | 4872 | RX Broke | Broke |
| 4828 | Naughty Bonny | Bonny | 4877 | Boyz Dbla Daphne | Daphne |
| 4829 | Skiddy Alley | Allie | 4878 | Raspberry Blush | Bianca |
| 4831 | Super C Genghis | CG | 4879 | Sweet Reese | Reese |
| 4832 | Pat C Yuri | Yuri | 4885 | AA's Closer | Closer |
| 4833 | Greta's Dynamo | Lover | 4886 | Kansas Blackout | Blackie |
| 4834 | Cool Bobby | Bobby | 4888 | Hilltex Georgie | Georgie |
| 4835 | Love Baron | Baron | 4891 | Dutch Doozie | Doozie |
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Visions of Sugarplums ...





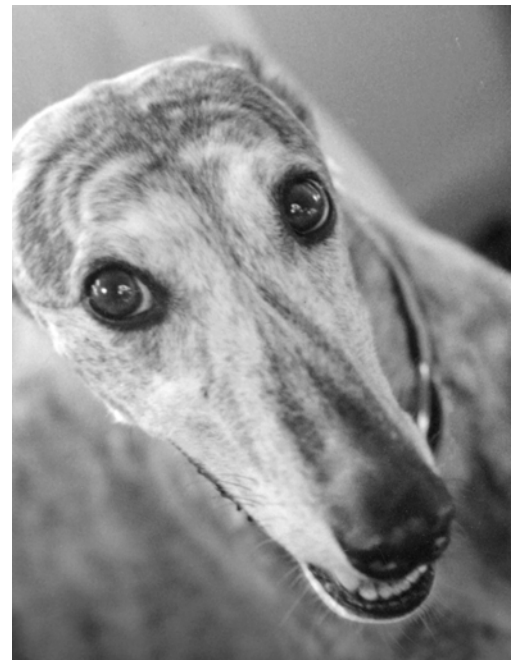
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| 1744 | Edge of a Dream | Dreamer | 3327 | Astalavista Baby | Teddy |
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| 2098 | Quench My Thirst | Bard | 3363 | Lollipop Chops | Chops |
| 2169 | Sassy Image | Sassy | 3425 | ICO Latte | King |
| 2353 | Jewels Denise | Denise | 3447 | Majic Freeway | Freeway |
| 2470 | All Pro Spunky | Spunky | 3456 | Slatex Lezlee | Lezlee |
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| 2558 | OJ Biker Babe | Biker Babe | 3675 | Rapido Donna | Donna |
| 2611 | WR's Champ | Danger | 3742 | WD's Hillary | Hillary |
| 2730 | BR's Black n Black | Callie | 3823 | CTW Ginger Boy | Gin |
| 2788 | Rapido Harper | Harper | 3891 | Brazo Paysoon | Jake |
| 2801 | Nodak Gemini | Gemi | 3948 | KK's Dudley | Phoenix |
| 2854 | Pepsi Ray | Indy | 4011 | LPB Holly | Holly |
| 2889 | GNG Little Clay | Jet | 4042 | No Registered Name | Brie |
| 2892 | Beyond Rush Hour | Rush | 4075 | MN's Norway | Norway |
| 2924 | On The Tee | Tee | 4076 | No Registered Name | Ozzie |
| 2962 | Gettum Mary Lou | Molly | 4078 | N's One Punch | Tyson |
| 2979 | Bee's Rapper Joe | Rapper Joe | 4088 | KK's Gomer | Jet |
| 2988 | PF Jersey Girl | Lola | 4092 | HC's Betty Zane | Selah |
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| 3061 | Ole Calm Me Down | Twiggy | 4311 | Dolla Mudd | Dolly |
| 3090 | Rarin To Go | Rarin | 4368 | Bob's Shangrila | Tahli |
| 3109 | Shata Groovy | Groovy | 4381 | TNJ Hot Sauce | Phinney |
| 3122 | BW's Home Run | Khalif | 4473 | Gable Kit Kat | KK |
| 3139 | Kiowa WW Tonka | Tonka | 4606 | No Registered Name | Bailey |
| 3158 | MJ Avalanche | Avalanche | 4707 | Rooftop Joy | Joy |
| 3168 | EC No Respect | Spec | 4871 | Ramirez Martinez | Rami |
| 3178 | Kaliber Détente | Détente | 4883 | PNP's Nina | Nina |
| 3204 | German Snow | Jimmy | | | |

Otis *Registered Name - Juminji* *GPI Tag 2388*

Our greyhound, Otis (tag 2388, registered name Juminji) passed away in May 2008 at the ripe old age of 13-1/2. He was the unofficial greyhound ambassador in our Seattle neighborhood of Wallingford. Otis was always friendly and gracious with every person and dog (and even cat!) he encountered during his long daily walks. People he'd meet were first impressed with his handsome greyhound features, then surprised by his soft-as-a-bunny fur, then totally won over by his persistent yet gentle nudging to get one more pet from them. He made them feel very special, and we feel blessed to have had such a sweet dog these past 11 years.

Linda, Robert, and daughters Luci and Liana



Your Greyhound's Health

Rather than an article on a specific disease or area, in this issue we decided to provide some links to information on some common questions, medical issues and training.

There are many other resources out there; these are just a few to get you started.

Vaccines

How often should I vaccinate my greyhound and which vaccines should I be giving?

The American Animal Hospital Association provides the following information:

www.healthypet.com/library_view.aspx?ID=196&sid=1

Training

Patricia McConnell is a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist. She has books on a number of subjects including separation anxiety, being the leader of the pack, and managing a multi-dog household. You can find a listing of her books at: www.patriciamcconnell.com/

Cesar Millan is a well-known dog rehabilitator/trainer. His website can be found at www.cesarmillaninc.com.

Housebreaking: A good article about housebreaking your greyhound -

www.greyhoundlist.org/housebreaking.htm

Dominance: A good article about dealing with dominance issues with your greyhound -

www.greyhoundlist.org/nothing_is_free.htm

Separation Anxiety: A couple of good articles about working with separation anxiety:

- www.greyhoundlist.org/separation_anxiety.htm

- www.greyhoundgang.org/medical-sepanx.php

Nail Trimming

A great website for training yourself on how to use the Dremel on your dog's nails - www.doberdawn.com

Poison Control

The National Animal Poison Control Center: **1-800-548-2423 or 1-900-680-0000**

A good site with references on what to do if your pet is poisoned. It also has a list of plants that are poisonous to pets: www.dr-dan.com/newpage16.htm

Valley Fever

Information on Valley Fever - www.vfce.arizona.edu/VFID-home.htm

Medical Information

Articles on multiple medical topics related to greyhounds:

- <http://vet.osu.edu/2376.htm>

- www.greythealth.com/

- www.unc.edu/~nbeach/health.htm

- www.adopt-a-greyhound.org/advice/health.html

- www.arizonaadoptagreyhound.org/health.php

Information on veterinary drugs - www.drugs.com/vet/dogs-a.html

Tick Borne Diseases

Information on tick borne diseases:

- www.geocities.com/bo_freddy (Scroll down the left to: Medical – Tick Disease)

- www.greythealth.com/

- <http://users2.ev1.net/~vintage/tick.htm> (Lots of information and gives instructions for joining TICK-L, a tick disease discussion list.)

Osteosarcoma

Information on osteosarcoma and greyhounds -

www.animalmedicalcentreofmedina.com/library/Osteosarcoma.pdf

First Aid Kit

Articles on putting together a first aid kit for your greyhound:

- www.greytdogs.com/firstaid.html

- www.solvangreyhoundfest.org/tips.html

Kanab Reflections

By Ross Nooney

Every once in awhile something extraordinary occurs that changes your life. For Chris and I, that special occurrence was adopting our first greyhound. Since then we have adopted four more who are still with us.

We had heard about the "Greyhound Gathering" in southern Utah several years ago and after about 2 minutes consideration early this spring, we decided to attend this year's event!



When departure day arrived, we loaded up George, Coco, Dash and Abby Rose and headed for Kanab where the event is held. (Being a guy, I make it sound like it was just jump in the car and go... the truth is that Chris worked for a couple of days getting everything ready for us to make the trek) We had fallen victim to purchasing a mini-van a year ago to haul the hounds, so we had plenty of room for the dogs to ride in comfort. I fretted that they may not be good long distance travelers, but it turned out they were better travelers than any human child I have traveled with. Not a peep, just contentment being with their pack leaders.

The drive to Kanab is an easy two-day drive on marvelous highways. The scenery on our route was beautiful. There was lots of snow in the mountains to enjoy. We stopped prior to arriving in Kanab for a couple hours to take pleasure in the vistas of Bryce Canyon.

The Greyhound Gathering attendees fill up every motel in town for this 3-day affair. We registered late but were able to book a 3-bedroom condo on Kanab's golf course. It had a small-gated backyard, which the dogs loved. Unlike Seattle, Kanab is relatively crime free and we were able to leave the sliding door to the yard open throughout our stay.

The gathering runs Friday thru Sunday. Friday morning we were up early to take part in a walk with Claudia from The Greyhound Gang and about 75 dogs and owners in Pugh Canyon. The greyhounds loved seeing one another and the proud parents had a great time getting acquainted and walking the path in the beautiful red cliffs.

Did I mention great weather? I should have. It was perfect!

The dogs are welcomed everywhere in Kanab during the gathering. It is so neat to drive down the street and see greyhounds everywhere. We checked out the silent auctions and entered our dogs in a photo contest. Other activities on Friday included a demonstration of "Canine Good Citizenship", a first aid talk, a welcome by the Mayor, raffles and SHOPPING!

Did I mention 225 greyhounds in attendance this year and no dog disagreements?



There were two key events on Saturday. In the morning the main streets in town were closed down and there was a Greyhound Parade & costume contest. Pretty darn cute! BOY are greyhounds good sports! Some of 'em looked a little embarrassed to be dressed up in costumes, but the townsfolk loved it! Around dinner time we all met at Angel's Landing which is on "Best Friends Animal Sanctuary" property. Angel's landing is a natural Amphitheater, which Native Americans used for gatherings. The pups took part in a "Yappy Hour – Yogurt Social" while the pack leaders primed themselves with spirits to get ready for the live auction. It was a very successful auction!

Did I mention that I didn't hear any barking during the gathering? There wasn't any, although the hounds did have a "roo" outbreak or two at their parent's request! That sounded really cool at the Amphitheater.

On day three of the gathering, an event called "Blur of Fur" was held. An area at the school grounds was fenced in making a run about 25' wide by 200' long. The Kanab Police Department supplied an officer and a radar gun to clock the speed of the participants. I heard a speed of 35mph, with a lot of hounds running in the upper 20's. The best part was watching some of the hounds run to the end, turn quickly and run to the other end and then back again, while their people tried to catch them. There were others who were quick out of the gate and after 20'-30' made the decision that it was time to stop, sniff and do their business.

There was also an event called "Running of the Humans".

A greyt time was had by all!

Are we going to attend next year's gathering? You bet, we wouldn't miss it for the world!



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 (42 cents)
13-Gallon Trash Bags with Ties
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.

The Greyhounds thank you!

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