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A Newsletter from the National Greyhound Adoption Program, Inc.

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King Fritz And His Greyhounds

by Charles Hillinger

It took 205 years for the king's final wish to come true, to be buried not with any of his relatives, but alone with his 11 greyhounds.

"Bury me by lamplight at midnight, without anyone following me, to Sans Souci, and bury me there very simply alongside my beloved greyhounds..." wrote King Frederick II The Great, of Prussia, in his last will and testament.

The king died at age 74 in 1786 but his successor, his nephew, King Frederick William II, or "Fat William" as his subjects called him, didn't have the heart to bury Frederick The Great with his dogs.

"It is too undignified," declared Fat William who buried his uncle in a royal tomb at Garrison Church in Potsdam.

Frederick the Great's remains stayed at the church until 1945 when Allied bombs fell on Potsdam and Hitler had the king reburied in a salt mine in Thuringia.

The Americans found the remains and moved them form the salt mine to a church in Marburg. In 1952 Prince Louis Ferdinand moved the king to a crypt at the Mohenzollern Castle in Hechingen.

Then on Aug. 17, 1991 Frederick the Great's bones were transported aboard a restored royal train to his favorite palace in San Souci (meaning without cares) in Potsdam and finally laid to rest at midnight in a garden plot where Old Fritz, as the king was affectionately called, lies at rest, alone, with his 11 greyhounds.

The graves are in the shadows of the magnificent rococo Sans Souci palace designed by the king and built from 1745-47. The king and his dogs have identical stone markers. Frederick The Great always had a greyhound as a pet throughout his life.

Old Fritz's headstone is simply marked in German "Friedrich Der Grosse." The names of the dogs are no longer readable.

Frederick The Great ruled Prussia from 1740 to 1786. He unified Germany and made it a world power. Old Fritz was married at 21 but was closer to his greyhounds than to his wife. They had no children.

He was an outstanding monarch, abolishing torture, press censorship and religious discrimination. The state exists for the welfare of the individual, he proclaimed. He wrote a number of books, played the flute and composed music.

Unlike typical kings, Frederick The Great refused to sit for his portrait. History has no likeness of Old Fritz.

Potsdam was in Communist East Germany. After Germany was reunited Oct. 3, 1990, wheels were set in motion to grant the king his final wish. In a letter to a friend he expressed what his will conveyed:

"I have lived as a philosopher and I want to be buried as such, without pomp, without ostentation, without the least ceremony, with my dogs..."

Mini Chapter

Hats off to Gay and Sam Latimer of Virginia Beach. They began doing N.G.A.P. adoptions in Virginia, and thus far have completed over 60 adoptions. Gay told me her favorite little tale. She said, upon meeting Martina Navritalova, Gay said, "Hi, I'm Gay.", and Martina's response was, "Hi, so am I." Gay never told me what happened after that.



Renee Leith has just done the same thing, and has sent in four applications. We have sent all of the essentials to others who wish to help. The furthest is Trish Burtenshaw of British Columbia. The Burtenshaws have two of our Greyhounds. We have just shipped their first adoption to Mickey Culligan and her family.

Awards

On September 9, 1993, U.S. Air flew the N.G.A.P. director to its corporate headquarters outside Washington, DC. The purpose was for N.G.A.P. to present U.S. Air a large, framed Greyhound print, with an imprinted plaque which read "Presented to U.S. Air, To Commemorate 1000 Flights to Life And for its Continued Support of Greyhound Rescue and Adoption." That's right, 1000 flights. Our hats off to U.S. Air. Seth Schoenfield, U.S. Air's C.E.O., seemed interested in adopting, but needed to convince his wife. Perhaps some adopters will write the Schoenfields to encourage an adoption. The address is:

> Mr. Seth Schoenfield Chairman of the Board U.S. Air, Inc. Crystal Park 4 2345Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA 22227

Legislative Agenda

Delaware

A former Delaware Judge Buckson announced his desire to build a Greyhound Track near Smyrna, Delaware. So far the only legislation introduced would *prohibit* Greyhound racing for money. We have been interviewed several times and will do a mailing this fall to interested parties, outlining the problems inherent with Greyhound racing.

Ohio

We have not had much impact on Ohio at this point, but will be mailing our Rick Tarquinio tape to legislators this fall.

Florida

We have specific legislation drafted for Florida that we expect to introduce in early 1994 in Tallahassee. It includes a comprehensive/mandated adoption program, licensing and inspection of farms and kennels, 3 dental inspections,

and 4 state jurisdiction on track conditions.

We will need about 500-700 blank VCR tapes for our legislative efforts. Anyone willing to donate some, send them to us. All tapes donated will have the donor's name on it showing the legislature how truly interested they are in the need for positive change in the industry.

Picnic

If you missed the picnic this year, you truly missed a good time. On Saturday, June 12, 1993, the sun shined brightly on the Bethanna grounds, in Southampton, PA. Our tent and fencing for safety had been erected the previous day and we were ready. This was our first picnic, and hearts. Our biggest disappointment was not getting a group picture. We did have a grand parade, and what a sight it was. An endless line of 150 rescued Greyhounds. It inspired many tears. Next year we hope many adopters will help in the planning to make it bigger and better. If you want to help as a committee person, call Ceclia Hymson at (215) 860-1412, or the office at (215) 331-7918.

By the way, at the end of the day we added up:

\$1,400.00 - Silent Auction

\$3,400.00 - Picnic Special Sales

<u>\$2,800.00</u> - Sale of Greyhound Items \$7,600.00

Thanks also to J&J Snacks for the water ice and soft pretzel donation.



Susan Bozek & Syke at N.G.A.P. picnic

we had no idea just how many people would attend. It would have been a success with 50 Greyhound families. Well, we had 150 Greyhounds in attendance. It was "Greyhound Heaven". Lots of sniffing went on, but hardly a bark. We found the main snag was registration. At one point, about 30 families were backed up to register. That will be corrected next year. We didn't have a "Largest Greyhound Contest" because "Valentino" (Ricefield) still stands tall at 32", way above everyone else. He, of course, won the "Longest Tail Contest". Thank you to Dr. Nina Beyer, our gracious vet, who did most of the judging of the contests.

The biggest surprise was when Jennifer Weyland brought in a huge pan cake decorated with Greyhounds and

Your Greyhound's Skin

by Dr. Nina Beyer

When your Greyhound first arrives, you may notice several things about his or her skin.

1. Scars: These are the result of unattended injuries. With rare exception, these don't cause the dog any pain. A troublesome scar can be surgically removed (similar to plastic surgery for people).

2. Hairless areas on the backs of the thighs: These are usually from friction due to confinement. Usually, the hair will grow in, but sometime not. 3. A dry/sparse coat: This is the result of poor nutrition. After several months of being on a quality dog-food diet and being bathed regularly, the coat should be healthy again.

4. A raised, thickened area over the breastbone, which may contain blackheads: This is called sternal callus. It is the result of lying on hard surfaces. It usually goes away, if your dog only lies on soft surfaces.

5. Calluses on the sides of the elbows: These are normal in any large dog, and usually don't go away, even if the dog only lies on soft surfaces.

6. Pimples/red areas/flaky skin/circular crusty or flaky spots: These are signs of a skin infection. Most of these are Staph infections, caused by fleas, poor diet, poor hygiene, or skin allergies. Many of these will clear up spontaneously with proper care, but some will require antibiotic treatment. Ask your veterinarian to check your dog's skin to see if medication is required. Of course, skin infections due to allergies or fleas can recur at any time during the dog's life.

"Eye Witness Video"

Some of you may have seen the "Eye Witness Video" story that aired on NBC in October. It dealt with the raid on the Ocala, Florida farm, where 197 Greyhounds were found starving in November of 1991. Many of you received Greyhounds from Ocala in 1992. We adopted 140 of the 197 Greyhounds.

Well, we contacted the "Eye Witness Video" people after receiving an application as a result of their program, and they decided to do a feature on the adoption process. They followed a group of Greyhounds we rescued from the Seminole Track in Florida. They photographed the dogs getting on the plane, arriving in Philadelphia, being bathed, a trip to the vet, and into someone's home. When it airs, we expect as much as 10,000 calls. We'll need your help to answer phones and send out information for about one week. Please call and volunteer. We hope to have 20 phones available. We still don't know the date it will be on, as I write this. If we know, a last minute flash will be in the newsletter.

Volunteers

Most non-profit organizations rely heavily on volunteers to accomplish their goals. We, unfortunately, don't have enough helpers. There are so many little things to do in the office all the time that helpers are necessary.

In the kennel, our Greyhounds need leash walking and brushing. We need carpet cut for bedding and our truck needs occasional washing. The Greyhound faces change so the need continues. Craig and Lorri DeMartino took over for caretakers Jennifer and Mark Terry for a whole weekend. Anyone else interested in doing the same thing, contact the office. It's really fun being around so many Greyhounds.

Photos

Keep sending your best photos. Some we will submit for next year's Greyhound Calendar and, some will make it into the next newsletter. Order your 1994 Greyhound Calendar now while supplies last. Price is \$10.00 including shipping.



Eye Witness Video team at our kennel with their Greyhounds they adopted. From left to right: Brian Pratt with Mayzee, Kristin Rheinhardt, and Sandy Fellerman with Galaxy.

Greyhound Deaths

As our program gets older, some of our beloved friends die. We feel your loss. N.G.A.P. keeps good records, and it's important to know if your Greyhound dies and the circumstances. We are building files of Greyhound medical problems and solutions, but without your help, can't keep expanding our files. If a Greyhound dies due to illness, we want as much information as possible that may help others.

Lost Greyhounds

This year we have started giving every adopter a personalized I.D.. That doesn't mean you are permitted to take your N.G.A.P. I.D. Off. That I.D. should be worn for life. If it wears out or is lost, replacement cost is only \$100, with your same I.D. number. If your Greyhound is lost, don't be embarrassed, your Greyhound's life is at risk, call us first.

Orlando Vet Conference

On January 15-20, 1994, N.G.A.P. will be represented once again at the North American Veterinary Conference in Orlando, Florida. This is probably our most important event in terms of spreading the word to those that can help us. At that conference, Betty White will be speaking for the Morris Animal Foundation, and we hope to present her with an award for her participation in the "Golden Palace" episode "New Leash on Life". It was a terrific piece with a comedy touch on the plight of the Greyhound.

Greyhound Truck

Those that attended our picnic got an opportunity to see N.G.A.P.'s Greyhound truck. The body was manufactured in Iowa. It's a "Beauty", all aluminum and stainless steel. It affords comfortable transport for our Greyhounds. We believe we're the only Greyhound organization in the U.S. with its own truck. We still have 44 monthly payments before it's ours.

Ode to a Greyhound

It is said the Greyhound is an ancient and magnificent breed, One that is intelligent, gentle, loving, playful and funny indeed! So bearing all this in mind, I opened up my heart, And in doing so, gave the Princess and I a new life to start.

The first few weeks she was continually told... Not to chase the cat - but M.C. Kitty was bold! Now six months later, they both share their abode, M.C. having the stairway to the loft as his sanctuary road!

She now recognizes the truck when I pull in the drive, And comes racing to the back door to be there when I arrive. We like to hear the words - Do you want to go outside? But what we like best is to get in the truck and go for a ride!

While my Mom was at Tendercare, a nursing home not far away, We would go for a visit there nearly every day. The staff bought her treats and she had a blanket on which to lay,

And while Mom and I would visit, on her blanket she'd stay.

Well, on October first of this year, my Mom passed away, And through visitation and the funeral at my side Princess did stay. We raised a lot of eyebrows and caused tongues to chatter, But she's all I've got now, and their opinions just don't matter.

We've been on vacation twice this past fall,

Both trips to upper Michigan and we did have quite a ball! Went to an Arts and Crafts Show on the main street in Tawas City, I hardly saw any of it as talking Greyhound Adoption kept me too busy!

On our second jaunt up north, again in the truck, Stayed in a cozy log cabin on a lake, and just my luck, We went down to the shore to let Princess piddle, And into the lake she jumped - apparently to "test the water" a little!

Our daily routine doesn't vary too much, We go to the store, get the mail and such, But, now that it's cold here it's time for our coat to wear, Because one thing Princess hasn't got a lot of is hair!

Our meal times are fun and she's learned to patiently wait, For me to finish and put the knife on my plate, That tinkling sound seems to be music to her ears,

Because that means it's treat time, erasing all of her fears!

She helps me clean house, oh yes, this is true, She empties the waste baskets slicker than a housekeeping crew! We get out of the way when the vacuum is near, But her best effort is in supervising, oh gosh, what a dear!

And so is life with this little Princess of mine, I can't imagine a day now without her in this life time, Our thanks to all the wonderful folks at N.G.A.P., Because without them, just where would either of us be?

> God Bless All of You, Judy & Princess November 1, 1993

Available For Adoption

"Sherry" - Sherry is a red fawn, 8 year old Greyhound that was in a home for two years. She was returned because she was making mistakes in their home. She had a vaginal infection which would account for it, and we know the family was having some financial difficulties. She has been with us for three weeks and hasn't made a mistake in her kennel. She is loving, affectionate, and good with children and cats. She can jump a 4 foot fence if left alone. She's a sweety pie and needs a loving home.



Judy Jones and The Princess

New T-Shirts Available

After January 1, 1994 the N.G.A.P. will be offering two new T-Shirt designs. One is similar to the illustration of the muzzled Greyhound, and the other is unmuzzled. The muzzled Greyhound is in the full tuck position, and the unmuzzled is in full stretch. Available for \$12.00 each plus U.P.S. The shirts are printed two colors, front and back.





Front

LAST MINUTE NOTE: Last years silent auction raised \$1,400.00. Start early send us you silent auction items. Also enclosed is an Ad Book Blank. Let's really try this year to solicit ads.

Our sincere thanks to Jennifer Weyland who drew both of our T-Shirt Greyhounds. Jennifer, of course, has adopted a Greyhound from us.

Back



New Kennel Up and Going

No one can say we're standing still. We knew that our facility which could house 16 Greyhounds was not large enough; and we planned and opened a new facility to house 22 additional Greyhounds. Some early adopters probably remember no kennel. Back then we started with 8 specially built formica kennels, and within a year had 16 kennels. A grant from the A.S.P.C.A. for \$2,000.00 paid for some of the new crates, but the balance was generated from adoption fees and donations. Our next challenge is an operating room. We currently have 10 to 12 surgeries done weekly at our vet's.

New Vets Sign Up

Many of you may have met Dr. Nina Beyer, D.V.M. at the picnic. She has done well over 400 sterilizations since October, 1991. We now have Dr. Pat Picone from Audobon Veterinary Clinic joining us, and hope to have others helping soon in 1994.

1993/500

In calendar year 1993, we will complete 500 adoptions. Our total adoption count since January, 1990 is almost 1,300. We have a file on every one of our adopted greyhounds, and it's all on computer.

A Nice Christmas Present

A nice Christmas present for our kennel Greyhounds would be either small blankets or quilts cut and sewn into approximately 4' x 4' sizes. They love to make their own beds. If you don't have any, but would be willing to do the sewing, let us know. If you have the quilts, but can't do the sewing, let us know.

Our N.G.A.P. **Master Card**

Earlier this year we introduced our own Master Card. Anyone with good credit can qualify, and it's a way to support what we do. N.G.A.P. will get 1/2 of 1% of whatever you purchase on the card. It has many perks plus a low interest rate. We have enclosed a blank application for those who wish to support our efforts the easy way.



Christmas Hope

special package from Florida. out, a special plastic cover was Florida couple, and because she home. was left alone too long, she apparently became a problem. had a fight. "Tabitha" and the Gift wife were badly beaten up. She, then still bleeding and swollen, turned our wayward Greyhound in to an adoption center. They, of course, immediately prevailed upon us to rescue and care for her. She was renamed "Hope" because we hope she heals. She spent one night at the kennel and tore the door of the crate. That, of course, meant she had to go to the Wolf house. She settled in quickly and was soon off to an orthopedic surgeon for evaluation. She has been splinted for the past month and as she gained weight, it became more difficult to carry her up and down stairs.

In mid November, we received a Of course each time she was let The special wrapping happened placed over her leg so the splint to be on the rear leg of a ten wouldn't get wet. The splint month old female brindle Grey- came off December 15th and the hound. This is the story of how x-rays show the healing is under we got her. She must have had a way. The splint came off so that good breeding because when she pressure sores from the splint broke her rear hock on a Grey- could heal. So now extra care hound farm, they probably spent must be taken. No more running \$500.00 to \$700.00 in conrective for a while. "Hope" is a true surgery. Unfortunately, she was dear, sweet, gentle and playful probably too active and the break Greyhound. She will soon be didn't heal. They gave her to a available to a puppy qualified

About then, the husband and wife An Early Christmas

On December 21, 1993 I spoke to our Smith-Kline Beecham contact since we were just about out of the Amoxicillin tablets they had donated about one year ago. I definitely called on the right day. We are going to receive a very large quantity of not Amoxi but Clavamox, an antibiotic far superior to Amoxi, and in addition to that we received on Friday, December 24 a year's supply of Cestex from Smith-Kline Beecham. Our sincere thanks.

Special Thanks

Special thanks to Diana Keaveney of New York. She donated \$500.00 in memory of "Casey", who died this year from bone cancer. She didn't wait long and adopted "Cruise", another sweetheart.

Judy Jones from Michigan adopted "Princess" from us in May of 1993. She always took "Princess" to visit her ailing mother at a nursing home. "Princess" became a favorite visitor. When Judy Jones' mother passed away, Judy had donations made to N.G.A.P., because her mother loved "Princess" so much.

Hoechst-Roussel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. has made a wonderful donation to our organization. They have donated a large quantity of Panacur. Panacur is a broad spectrum wormer that kills Round Worm, Hook Worm, Whip Worm and Tape Worm from rabbit droppings. If you use it properly, it requires two, three day dosings, one month apart. It's worth about \$40.00 form your vet. We are making it available free to all adopters with each Christmas donation to N.G.A.P.. Here's a win win situation. Help us and your Greyhound at the same time.

Another Greyhound book is coming. Virginia Folkman of Sumneytown, PA has written a childrens book about "Twiggy, The Story Of A Greyhound". It should be in publication by the Spring. It's about a Greyhound rescued from Florida and flown to a new home. Sound familiar?

New Greyhound Store Items Added

The store has added the following new items:

1. Standing 12" stand with two, two quart feeders - It's a must for new adopters, with the best price anywhere. Incl./UPS \$16.00

2. Ride along bike attachment "Springer" - an attachment to safely take your Greyhound, while you bicycle along.
Incl./UPS \$40.00

3. Greyhound, bronze, "Sheer Vanity" - A beautiful Greyhound looking at itself in an old vanity mirror. A limited edition. Incl./UPS \$265.00

The complete price lise is enclosed.

AKC Greyhound

In September we received a call form Joan Boyer from a small town near St. Louis, Missouri. She had eight 5 month old greyhound puppies she couldn't sell. We don't know how she found out about us but she did. We had eight crates flown to U.S. Air in St. Louis and early one September morning she loaded all eight into their crates. Seven came to us in Phila. and we shipped one to the Latimer's in Virginia Beach. All arrived safely, except she was so concerned about them she fed them before leaving. Needless to say Jon & David Wolf had some messy and smelly time scraping the puppies from their



Starr - Owner, Wendy Silverwood

cages. They were all quickly adopted with Blair & Barbara Klepper taking one male and one female. The Kleppers are having a ball with their two babies. Then in late Septemberwe got two more Bull and Tiny. At this writing all are adopted and doing well.

Almost Greyhound

Our stated goals are to rescue greyhounds, but that doesn't mean we turn our back on other dogs in trouble. This past winter I had taken a trip to Phila. for some business, upon my return to Florida a message greeted me that someone called in and found 2 greyhounds running loose in the Biscayne Bay area where Salty's restaurant is located. I immediately made arrangements to take them to Dr. Peter Fernander's clinic. Unfortunately we couldn't contact the person that had the dogs until after Peter's office closed. Sandy arrived at our condo at 8:00 pm. After taking a close look Gerda and I realized that the two dogs were not all greyhound. Well we drove to U.S. Air and picked up two crates for Sandy to use and gave her leashers. Sandy couldn't keep the dogs where she lived and neither could we. As it turns out they slept in her car. The next day off they went to Dr. Fernandes' office for the works. The next night once again they slept in Sandy's car. The following day Gerda and I were going from Hollywood, Florida to Ft. Myers, so we took the two with us. It was a brindle mother still with milk and a 6 month old puppy of hers from a previous litter with a cropped tail. The mother was very protective of her puppy and scared us a little. The puppy was as cute as can be. We went to Ft. Myers but brought them back with us. That night Gerda slept with them in our car after we snuck them into the garage. The next morning they were off to Phila. on U.S. Air and although it took a long time the mother now Biscayne Katie and puppy Salty are adopted and doing well.

Vanity Available

She stands 10" high. Her front legs stand on an unsteady foot stool. She's looking into an old vanity mirror. She's entranced with her own elegance. She is a bronze limited edition of a Greyhound admiring itself. She's a gift to someone special like yourself. \$265.00 from N.G.A.P. Store plus tax.

Donations

There are so many people asking for money for so many good causes. It's hard to decide or even have enough to go around. We still ask you not to forget all the greyhounds that are not yet saved that can't run for fun instead of for their lives. Here are a few different ways you can donate.

1. To someone that has everything donate in their name.

2. To a friend or relative that lost a loved pet, donate in their name.

3. In memory of your own pet.

4. In memory of a family member of a friend.

If you can't help now, some people have put N.G.A.P. into their will. Your gift can make the difference, and it is tax deductible.

Ocala Revisited

Many may remember the raid in November, 1991 on a Greyhound farm in Ocala, Florida.

There were 196 Greyhounds starving when the farm was raided. In March of 1992, the farm was empty. Gerda and I were there to help take the remaining Greyhounds to a safe place. In all, N.G.A.P. adopted 140 of the "Ocala 200". In September, 1993 I revisited Ocala with Craig DeMartino, a professional free lance photographer, and adopter of "Chance". It was a different scene. Gone were the broken fences, buckets of green water, fleas & ticks, and the horrible stench. The land was purchased by the Fischers next door. Harold Fischer has a nice clean Greyhound breeding farm. They tore down the fencing and built a practice track in its place. The kennel building was steam cleaned from top to bottom and painted. The crates were repaired and painted. The building was unused when we visited except for an old bull grazing

outside. The bull made Craig and I a little uneasy.

We also visited the Fischers farm. They have approximately 200 Greyhounds spread across a large area of multiple runs. It was well kept and the Greyhounds appeared happy.

When we left, we left with English. English was a seven month old Greyhound who had broken his leg at an early age. It never healed properly, and he would never run 40 mph. It was surprising that she was alive at all. They also had another seven month old puppy that had also broken its leg, but he was not ready to go. Mrs. Fischer assured me that she would take it to the Orlando airport in a few weeks and fly him to us. To make a long story short, Mr. Fishcer decided taking him to Orlando was too much trouble for him. As i reflect back to Ocala, many things have changed; but unfortunately, too much remained the same.

P.S. "English" has been operated on by his adopters, Galen & Holly Shirek, and may just run 40 mph some day.



Linda Prentice and Timothy

The Thyroid Connection

Three weeks ago we were sending a Greyhound to Vancouver, British Columbia. It was met in Seattle by Judy Stewart, who then met Mickey Culligan to take her on the final leg of the journey. Judy mentioned to Vivian Holloway, our flight coordinator and right hand, that her very shy Greyhound had a low thyroid condition and that after only a few weeks of medication saw signs of personality improvement. We immediately picked up on this potentially very important information and did blood tests on two inhouse Greyhounds that were also shy, both had low thyroid levels. As we write this, two more have been tested, and we are awaiting the results. Judy Stewart mentioned her Greyhound now handles thunder storms much better.

We suggest if your Greyhound is shy and stays away from strangers or sometime runs and hides, it would be a good idea to have a blood test taken. If you need medication, have your vet make out a prescription, and we'll buy it for you from our wholesaler. It's an inexpensive medication and your Greyhound's worth it.

Until next time... Goodbye from all of us at the National Greyhound Adoption Program!

