

PICNIC

SATURDAY-SEPTEMBER 16, 1995 CORE CREEK PARK - LANGHORNE, PA.

It Was Some Picnic!

It literally took months of planning to pull off our 2nd picnic. We changed the date to later in the year to allow enough time for planning. With so many other things happening it was still difficult to keep it on the front burner. When the day finally arrived the tents went up and the pieces came together. What a crowd! Core Creek Park opened its gates to a glorious day. We had about 300 greyhounds, about 1000 people, over 40 cake entries and a silent auction of over 120 items. Special thanks to Julie DeRocco for her work with getting silent auction items. We didn't get all the contests in and we appologize for that.

The tail winners were Cheyenne, for the "Shortest Tail"(3") and Dewey for the "Longest Tail" (23-1/2") The standing "Long Tail Champ", Valentino didn't make it because he and his owner Carl Ricefield were recuperating from a Rottweiler attack. The USAIR tickets were won by Sharon Most, the Greyhound Statue by Tracey Dripps, and a free Greyhound by Erin Landry. It seemed like the best prize was the 3rd prize. The Greyhound Store was busy all day. We sold out of the new style winter coats, the "1995" calendars, the new take it anywhere roll up beds and the special picnic Tshirts.

No one should forget the grand picture. We brought out a 40 foot man lift to get our photgraphers above the crowd to take the picture. Vicki Valerio and Steve Belkowitz zoomed up 25 feet to get the correct angle. Everyone knelt down so we wouldn't hide any greyhounds. What a sight! 300 survivors together to celebrate with their adopters. When the day ended we said goodbye until next year. We had adopters from Florida, Michigan, Indiana, Virginia, Ohio, Delaware, Maryland, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania and maybe a few other states.

We were glad you all came and hope to see you and your Greyhounds this year!

David Wolf, Director

DONATIONS

Donations can take several forms, money is only one and we certainly need money to continue our work. Other things of value that can be turned into money is another. For example, the donation of a painting, car or house that will give you a tax benefit could then be sold bringing money into our organization. Donating your expertise to paint, fix-up or build is another way to donate. Donating time to attend events at pet stores, fund raiser walks or other special events is a way to have fun and help educate the general public about greyhounds. Donating your time to find others to donate in some form, is worthwhile in itself. Donating time to walk our kennel dogs, groom them or even bathe them is not only helpful to our staff, but also gives you a hands on method of helping. Remembering NGAP when you die in your will for some, may be the only way they can help. We hope and believe greyhounds have had an important positive impact in your life and by helping us grow can bring greyhounds into so many lives.

STOP THAT BARKING!

There is now, effectively, a way to stop your Greyhound's barking and at the same time freshen the aroma in your home. "Immunovet" has come out with an anti-bark collar system, that does not shock your dog; it sprays citronella when the dog barks. We have found it to be very effective and David Wolf, the Executive Director, uses it on his Greyhound, Smokey. It is not cheap \$100.00 for the system - but it works!

PENNA. GREYHOUND LICENSE PLATES

The State of Pennsylvania previously had a minimum of 500 tags necessary in order to issue a special organization license plate. They just reduced the requirement to 300 and we believe we can get the 300 needed tags to qualify. At the picnic last year we had over 200 families interested; we hope we will now have at least 300. We have enclosed the necessary form that we must forward to the state. The tag costs \$20.00. It may take a few months before you get your tag, but we will send out notices to keep you informed. We will be the only Greyhound program in the U.S. to have such a plate.

PLEASE SUPPORT US AND SIGN UP TODAY!!!!

NAILS ARE FLYING

A special event of this year's picnic will be a new world record for the most nails being clipped from one breed of dog in one hour. National Greyhound Adoption Program will be contacting the Guinness Book of World Records and during the picnic we will begin a one hour marathon to cut as many nails as can be done in that period of time. Several tables will be set up so the cutters can do their work as expeditiously as possible.

DON'T MISS THE FUN! (Rumor has it that Dr. Nina Beyer will be looking for this record)

PICNIC "1995"

It will be a blast. Last year we had 300 This year we should Greyhounds. have between 400-500 Greyhounds in one place at one time. We have special gifts from many companies in each registration package. Another great picnic special, Silent Auction, Games, contests, entertainment, the Big Clipping Event, another grand picture, good food, many new store items and maybe some special guests. It's the one event no one should miss. Another newsletter will come out 2 weeks before the picnic with final details with a map. Coming from out of town, need a motel, call the office for a list.

For the "1995 " Picnic the following committees will be formed and we need volunteers to chair these committees to develop procedures needed to run a better picnic.

- 1. General Chairperson
- 2. Events
- 3. Food
- 4. Silent Auction
- 5. Bake Sale
- 6. Store Items
- 7. Parking
- 8. Setting up tents and tables
- 9. Posting Signs
- 10. Making up Picnic Specials Don't be bashful! It's hard work but the Greyhounds get the reward. There's not much time so pick up the phone and call us at the office today.

PRE-REGISTER NOW!

In order to be assured that you will receive the next Newsletter and all additional information regarding this year's picnic, send your pre-registration form back to us as soon as possible. Your support of the picnic helps us to cover our postage costs. If you are unable to attend the picnic, we request that you make a donation to NGAP to continue receiving the newsletter. Your donation is tax deductable.

SUSAN AND SANTA

Susan Moser hooked up with the local pet store for a Santa Photo Shoot. She found volunteers to help for a Saturday and Sunday. Over 200 photos were taken. When all was said and done NGAP netted over \$800.00 for their effort. Thanks to Susan Moser and all her helpers.

PETCO PROMOTES NGAP

Petco the largest super market type pet store chain in the country held Greyhound days in July and August at 16 of their 200 stores in and around our headquarters. The net result was many adoptions and PetCo donated the total proceeds of the NGAP T-shirt sale to us. We received a check for almost \$10,000.00 from PetCo. Many, many thanks, especially to Lorrie Maxon their local management person.

GETTING OLDER

Our adoption program is now over 5 years old and some of our Greyhounds are now truly senior citizens. Some are having various health problems and unfortunately, may die. The information about your Greyhound's health problems and deaths can help others to live. Please send us documentation for your file, so we may help those in need.

NGAP'S NEW 39 FOOT DOG TRAILER

We're really big time now. We negotiated the purchase of a 39 foot dog truck that was located in Witchita, Kansas. Sam Latimer and David Wolf drove our new 350 Ford dual wheel pick up out and Jeff Wolf flew out from Philadelphia for the trip back. After picking up the trailer, off we went to the Witchita Greyhound Track Adoption Program and picked up 32 Greyhounds. We drow straight back in 25 hours with every one of our greyhounds arriving safely. Now all we need to do is pay for the truck and trailer.

VOLUNTEERS

We often need adopters and their dogs to represent NGAP at various public events, including Pet store appearances (PETCO, PET STUFF, PAWS, PET EXPO'S, THE PHILA. DOG SHOW, ETC.). people to chair the events (contact other adopters in the area, pick up and bring items to the events for set- up and make sure everything is returned to our office afterwards), and just to stop by with their dogs. Our Grevhounds make wonderful "spokes people", and people have a lot of fun doing these events and help to spread the word about our program. If you would be able to help with this, please call and let us know!

OHIO CONNECTION

On Sunday, February 25, 1995 the Ohio affiliate of NGAP hosted a benefit spaghetti dinner. This event had been in the planning stages for about 2 months prior to the event. With everything that has happened in Ohio, with the proposal to renovate "The Cleveland Stadium" by erecting a "Greyhound Racing Facility" to pay for this renovation, it could not have been more perfectly timed. They raised \$1,867.53 with the dinner, raffles and donations. This was a great accomplishment for such a small group of people. They all met through this organization and have become an extended family. Special thanks go out to the following people who made this affair a great success:

Susan & Chuck Pangburn Debbie & Howard Knepp Kay & Eddie Burns Tammy Crumm Julie & Jeff Hall Tammy & Jay Pruitt Tammy O'Brien Glen Brzuziewski Darla & Larry Prather Ruth, David & Billy Ostoich Tim & Stephanie Daily Judy Connelly Gary Harrington Mary Jo Janchar Albert & Nora Edgar Bonnie & Rodney Emahiser We also wish to offer a special thank you to Thomas Printing & Graphics of Akron, Ohio, who donated their services for all of the flyers and printed

Submitted by: Susan B. Pangburn

matter used to pull off this affair.

A VERY SPECIAL GIFT

We have just acquired a limited quantity of beautiful Greyhound Bronze Heads. It's currently sold at Bloomingdale's for \$500.00, but is available from N.G.A.P. for \$375.00 plus U.P.S. It weighs about 35 pounds and sits on a marble base. It's a special gift for special people. They come in a silver or bronze finish.

MORE ABOUT THYROID

Early adopters have read in previous newletters about shy Greyhounds being Hypothyroid. We recently spoke with a Vet in California, that stated 75% of Greyhounds may be Hypothyroid. Anyone wishing to confirm this should see their vet and have a T-4 test done on their Greyhound and send us a copy of the results. If you do send us the results we'll send a questionnaire to fill out so we can correlate the data.

Just recently "The Wheelers" brought their terrific Greyhound to board with us, he had an excellent disposition but he was very overweight. The Wheelers did a thyroid test on "Ricky" and he was marginally hypo-thyroid. He was put on a dose of .4 Soloxine twice a day without changing his diet. He lost 7 pounds in 3 weeks and seems even better that he was. Thyroid medication also seems to help with handling thunderstorms. It might be a good idea to do a T4 test on your Greyhound.

SURGERY, SURGERY

On most weeks the greyhound truck is busy every day, ferrying Greyhounds back and forth to the five vet clinics doing neutering, spaying and dentals for us. Within the next several months, we hope to have our own surgical unit up and running to make our work a little easier. Thus far since the beginning of the year we have averaged 11 adoptions per week. This, of course, means 11 trips for us to the vet. Anyone having connections that could get equipment donated to us, for our surgery unit, now is the time to call. Anyone donating \$100.00 specifically towards the surgery unit will have their name engraved on a plaque inside the unit.

VIRGINIA PASSES ANTI-RACING LEGISLATION

Virginia has shown how progressive it is and recently passed legislation outlawing Greyhound Racing and Simulcasting. Much of the credit goes to Sam and Gay Latimer our Virginia Beach affiliate. Once a sponsor was found (State Senator Fred Quayle) they locked in and did a great job. David Wolf, Executive Director, made a visit to Richmond and testified before a Senate committee. A picture of the signing ceremony is in the newsletter. In April David Wolf also attended a Virginia fund raiser and presented Senator Quayle with a framed Grevhound picture. The fund raiser raised \$5,000.00 to support our efforts.

HOT AND MUGGY

Hot and muggy is not the time to take your Greyhound for a long walk or jog. This time of year go early in the morning or late at night. During the time when you're not at home, keep your Greyhound in an area with good circulation or air conditioning. Recently 20 Greyhounds died in Jacksonville, Florida when the air conditioning failed. Remember Greyhounds Don't Like Temperature Extremes!

TOWER ABOVE

If you recently visited the site where our offices are located, you will note a new fixture sits in the middle of our yard. It's a 250 foot communications tower on which we are permitted to place a Greyhound Banner. Each letter in the banner will be five feet tall. It's still in the proposal stage. We would love some help.

SPECIAL GIFTS

Look through your adoption package. If you still have your Media Release and never sent it in to a newspaper or TV station, here's your chance to cash in. Every adopter that has an article or TV piece done about their adopting a Greyhound, where NGAP is mentioned, with address and phone number, simply send us evidence of the piece and NGAP will send you a Franklin Mint Limited Edition Greyhound. It's small and elegant.

Get Yours While They Last!

HAVE A PROBLEM?

Don't wait until it's too big for you to handle.

CALL US NOW!

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

We desperately need people to help out with taking and picking up dogs at the Vet, taking and picking up dogs at the airport, making trips to Connecticut, New Hampshire, Florida, etc.
Give us a call at the office if you are interested in helping out.

SEPARATION ANXIETY

When a dog does something (urinates, defecates, chews furniture, destroys things, digs through carpet, barks, etc.) while the owner is gone, and he or she wouldn't do it when the owner is present, we call it "separation anxiety." This is one of the most common problems that new greyhound adopters have with their hounds.

All dogs are social animals, and prefer not to be left alone. Your greyhound has lived in a kennel with other dogs, and may never have been alone in its life. If you have another dog or dogs, this eases the transition for your hound. If not, you must immediately begin getting him accustomed to being left alone.

- 1. The crate is your friend. Put him in the crate, give him a treat, and leave the room. In a few seconds, go back and let him out, praising him for being quiet and well-behaved (he didn't have any other choice, because of the treat). Gradually, lengthen the time you are out of the room, praising him if he's been good. Then start practicing departures (coat, car keys, purse, whatever you would normally leave the house with). At first leave only for a few seconds--gradually making the time longer and longer, including starting the car, driving away, and coming right back. This is called habituation--you are teaching, through repetition, that you will always come back, so he doesn't have to worry when you're gone.
- 2. <u>Don't</u> make the mistake of spending every single minute with your new dog--when Monday rolls around and you go back to work, she may panic. From the very first, get her used to being alone.
- 3. For dogs that are already suffering from separation anxiety (and making you suffer!), you can get temporary help from an anxiety-relieving medication called Elavil^R (amitriptyline). This is a prescription drug which must be given under the supervision of a veterinarian. It is not a tranquilizer (they don't work for this problem) and you won't notice any effect until the dog has been taking it for at least a month. All it will do is help you keep your house from being destroyed while you are working on the habituation described above. There is no substitute for thorough habituation.

Cheer up! For most dogs, this problem can be completely solved. It just takes work on your part. Read <u>Dog Problems</u> by Carol Lea Benjamin for more help. Her book <u>Second-Hand Dog</u> is also very good.

Dr. Nina Beyer, VMD

"GOOD MORNING AMERICA" MEET A GREYHOUND

All of us have seen" Good Morning America" at one time or another. It airs seven days a week, every week. Now they come outside to view the visitors and sometimes chat with them. We propose forming a committee to send people and their Greyhounds to New York City to try and get some media exposure. We need an individual state coordinator to organize as many trips as possible. You will find that even if you don't get on TV you'll give out lots of information to those outside. I recently did an adoption with someone from New Jersey that I met while waiting outside a restaurant in South Florida. Just recently we met someone from Philadelphia in Florida while wearing my wrap around greyhound T-shirt.

Want to help with this activity call the office!

TRACK ALERT! OHIO-RALLY

CLEVELAND: A group of investors led by Ford Automotive Dealer Ed Mullinax has proposed financing the estimated \$130 million plus needed to renovate Cleveland Municipal Stadium in exchange for allowing greyhound racing to be held in the stadium for 300 race dates a year plus matinees.

Animal Welfare Activists leading the fight against dog racing in the state are David Sickles, President of S.T.O.P. (Stop Taking Our Pets) and Susan Boyts Pangburn, Chairperson, of the Ohio Chapter of National Greyhound Adption Program (PA.). Approximately 350 plus folks armed with banners, children and dogs of all breeds showed up to give their support against the proposal. The main banner read GREY-HOUND RACING THE "SPORT" THAT KILLS!

UPDATE: The stadium proposal has now moved to "Burke Lakefront Airport"-the investment firm International Downes - James L. Blaszack, Atty, are trying very hard to pass this through as a Bill to our Senate. We're fighting to keep that from happening. WE NEED HELP! Send letters to our Governor Voinovich would be greatly appreciated, to oppose this change in our legislation.

Governor George Voinovich 30 Riffe Center 77 South High Street Columbus, Ohio 43266 (614) 466-3555

FIREWORKS

It's fireworks season and some adopters will either use fireworks or go where they're being used. Fireworks and Greyhounds don't mix. If you use them yourself, keep in mind it may be very traumatic for your Greyhound to listen to the sound. Tuck them away in the basement and turn on a radio. If going to an event where there are fireworks, this is the one time to leave your Greyhound behind.

RETRACTABLE LEASHES

Retractable leashes are great but they can be deadly if not used properly. The biggest problem we have is the handle being pulled out of the walker's hand. We suggest making a strap from the retractable leash to your wrist, using a slip knot on the retractable leash and your wrist. If the Retractable leash is pulled out of your hand your wrist strap assures you won't lose your Greyhound. Also don't let your Greyhound run full speed while on the retractable leash. Your Greyhound could separate the leash from the handle. Note- we sell retractable wrist straps for \$2.00 plus U.P.S.

At Last Booties That Work

We now have booties for Greyhounds. Although not completely waterproof they fit over your Greyhound's feet after a cut, injury or just good for ice and snow. They really work well for an investment of \$15.00 for 4 booties. They've been tested by some of our injured dogs. Can be ordered at the Greyhound store.

THE INTERNET

The Internet (often called the Information Superhighway) is a wonderful way to meet and talk with other people who have adopted ex-racing Greyhounds. I have met a number of people who have adopted through or work with NGAP on the Internet. List of know NGAP people on the Internet:

ADOPTERS	DOGS	E-MAIL ADDRESS
Martha Sherman	Kermit	martha@vfl.paramax.com
Patty Mondelli	Lynx	TEEVEENJ@aol.com
Martha Drapcho	Jaxon	strgvnct@iu05trc.ttrinet.k12.pa.us
Sam & Gay Latimer	VA.Chapter	greyhow@aol.com
Ed & Barbara Cooper	Molly	Cddedbd1@aol.com
Sue Moser	Tiger&Roscoe	NGAPDOG@aol.com

For those of you who have World Wide Web access, there are some excellent web pages that are worth-while checking out:

Adoption Groups:NGAP

http://pasture.ecn.purdue.edu/~laird/Dogs/Greyhound/ngap.html

Adopt A Greyhound

http://pasture.ecn.purdue.edu/~laird/Dogs/Greyhound/

Greyhound Page

http://www.pcix.com/~gryhnd/

Web access is now available on Compuserve and America On Line as well as through a number of small Internet providers. Most Colleges and Universities also have Net access available.

If anyone is interested in Internet access or being added to the above list of NGAP contacts, please contact Sue Moser (609) 799-0400 or e-mail NGAPDOG@aol.com.



Governor Allen of Virginia, Gay Latimer (left) Sam Latimer (standing behind Governor Allen, at the signing of the Anti-Racing Legislation Bill passed in the State of Virginia.

I'M ORIGINAL

Riggie was born in 1986 and was one of the first five Greyhounds rescued by our program. He will be nine in August. He is quite a character. He is gentle and affectionate, but he's also an alpha male. He's the boss and everyone knows it. For the first few years, if he was on our bed and you wanted him off you would get a good look at all of his front teeth. He has never bitten any human but when he's running in our back yard, he has to be muzzled because no other dog is permitted to pass. Riggie is different than many other Greyhounds. He's an alpha, we don't have many alpha males. He hates riding in the car, so he stays home most of the time. At the end of his rib cage on each side his ribs points out, it feels like it will poke through his skin at any time, it never has. Riggie is a great frisbee catcher and this is surely his claim to fame. He would have been entered in last year's picnic talent contest but a month before he triple fractured his right rear knee. His x-rays were later examined by one of the formost Greyhound surgeons in the United States, Dr. Jon Dee of Hollywood Florida. He felt it was one of the worst breaks he had ever seen. Riggie had two surgeries, the first to pull everyting back together because any movement was so difficult for him. My wife Gerda literally slept by Riggie's side for over six weeks in our kitchen. His second surgery was done by Dr. Lynn Maletz to correct some of the problems of this first surgery and take all of the wire out of his body that was causing infection. All during this period of time Riggie hobbled around on three legs with a big cast on his fourth leg to his hip. The first week was really difficult. He was weak and in considerable pain. As time went on he was put on a walking therapy, which was mainly lots of very slow walking so he would begin to use his shattered leg again. He was not permitted off leash for about five months. May is now here and Riggie is back in old form. On recent occasions, we have had seven Greyhounds sleeping around our bed and Riggie can run with the best of them. Look for Riggie at the picnic with his frisbee.

An old dog that has served you long and well is like an old painting. The patina of age softens and beautifies, and like a master's work, can never be replaced by exactly thesame thing, ever again.

Former First Lady,

Barbara Bush

10 Funny Reasons to Adopt A Greyhound

The REAL Top Ten reasons for Adopting a Retired Racer(Don't be fooled by cheap substitutes, and take with a large grain of salt.)

- 1. They KNOW they're retired.
- 2. They consider playing ball to be a spectator sport.
- 3. People stare at you dog instead of at you.
- 4. They don't bark, keeping the neighborhood safe for burglars.
- 5. They're always cooperative unless they don't want to be.
- 6. People ask if they are Great Danes, giving you ample opportunity to work up snappy replies.
- 7. They never turn down a meal. No problem with leftovers.
- 8. You can't be a couch potato, because your Greyhound will hog the couch.
- 9. You can dress them up as reindeer for Christmas.
- They are never confused with poodles.
 Submitted by Susan Moser (Mercercille, NJ)

GREYHOUND GOODIES

5 cups whole wheat flour - 3/4 tsp salt

1 cup powdered milk - 2 tbl corn oil

2 tsp brown sugar - 2 eggs beaten

3/4 tsp garlic powder

1/2 cup meat drippings/broth - ice water

1/2 cup cooked meat, finely chopped

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly oil a cookie/baking sheet
- 2. Mix all dry ingredients together
- 3.Cut in meat drippings/broth until mixture resembles cornmeal
- 4. Mix in meat (this is optional).
- 5. Mix in eggs. Add enough water until the dough forms into a ball.
- 6.Pat dough out to 1/2 inch thick. Cut shapes with cookie cutter or knife. Any scraps can be reshaped and baked 7.Bake 30-35 minutes. Remove from sheet and cool on a rack Store in the refrigerator.
- 8. Shower well or all the dogs in the neighborhood will follow you around.

Submitted by Barbara Cooper (Virgina Beach, VA)

FLEAS ARE COMING! TICKS ARE COMING! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO???

It is now Flea and Tick season and in the worst case scenario, not only will your pet have fleas and ticks, but so will your home. Fleas and ticks usually can be kept under control satisfactorily, so that they are not a problem. National Greyhound Adoption Program has been using flea and tick collars from Vet*Kem and flea egg collars from Vet*Kem for over two(2) years, quite successfuly. We also use Ovitrol Plus flea and tick spray which is also made by Vet*Kem.

We suggest, if you are living in an area where fleas and ticks are a problem, that your greyhound wear a flea and tick collar, a flea egg collar, and also be sprayed with Ovitrol Plus on those occasions where the dog has been in an area that there is a high probability of fleas and ticks. Brewers yeast added to Greyhound's food is also good to keep fleas away.

If you purchase a flea and tick collar, it is important to specifically look for an active ingredient. Active ingredient in Vet*Kem is Propoxur. Vet*Kem also makes flea and tick collars with Dursban. Dursban is not good for your grey-hound. Vet*Kem manufactures the same products sold under the Zodiac label at pet stores, be sure to check the active ingredient(s).

We have a Vet*Kem preventative package which includes: Flea Egg Collar, 16oz Ovitrol Plus and 16oz. Spray of Siphotrol Plus which would be used to spray contaminated areas in your home to kill live fleas and pre-adult larvae for 30 weeks. The preventative package is \$30.00 picked up at the Kennel and \$33.00 shipped (UPS). We also have Brewers yeast available for sale.

There is a new product sold by Ciba-Geigy called Program, which will kill flea eggs on your dog. It will not kill adult fleas, or prevent them from laying eggs in your home. Greyhounds are not adversely affected by Program, to the best of our knowledge.

SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Mrs. Carol Miller's 4th grade class at the Mary Calcott Elementary School in Norfolk, Virginia wanted to do something to help the Greyhounds. They decided to sell snacks at break time. The snacks were donated by Mrs Miller and the parents. They raised \$300.00 in 3 weeks. We think this is a great accomplishment for such little people. It shows what you can do when you have a goal in mind. Thank You Mrs. Miller, your class and all those who helped in this fund raiser.

SUBMIT YOUR HEALTH DATA ON YOUR GREYHOUND

AN INVESTMENT THAT'S NOT A DOG

N.G.A.P. is now one of the largest single users of dog kennels in the United States. With the smaller crate we act as a wholesaler, selling crates to other programs. The cost continues to rise each year. We would like to invest in a crate mold and have them manufactured for us. You will be investing in a business with a built in user, plus all those other potential users we can find. For every kennel sold a portion will be set aside to pay back investors. Once the initial investment is repaid, a percentage will continue to be set aside. This is not intended to be a donation, but it can be if you wish. Minimum investment will be \$100.00. Checks are to be made payable to Greyhound Kennels Inc. If we do not collect sufficient funds, your money will be returned.

Hill's Now Has A Product to Help Your Greyhound's Teeth

T/D was introduced at the North American Veterinarian Conference in January of 1995. It is a balanced diet of snack size food specifically designed to help keep your dog's teeth Tartar Free. Hill's will be donating either a sample or coupon and it will be part of the Picnic registration package. N.G.A.P.'s suggestion is to first get a dental evaluation and then use T/D as part of your Greyhound's regular diet. Keep in mind we also believe if you are not using a marrow bone from a butcher, you're missing out on an important tooth cleaner. T/D is available from Vets. Marrow bone's can be purchased from most butcher shops and some supermarkets. It's usually kept in the freezer until needed. We usually buy several at one time and keep them in our freezer until needed. Usually one per week per dog. We have them cut in 4 inch lengths. DO NOT COOK THEM, but allow your Greyhound to eat the marrow.