

Greyhound

Update

A Newsletter from the National Greyhound Adoption Program, Inc.
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Coming Soon To A Billboard Near Us!



N.G. A. P. will start a new way to advertise greyhound adoption. We have the first license plate in the United States and we will soon have the first full size billboard advertising greyhound adoption overlooking I-95 and other places as well. Universal Outdoor Advertising, Inc. has made an agreement with N.G.A.P. to display our advertisement for at least one year. The sign is 14' x 48' in multi-color. WOW! We'll let you know when it is going to appear but here is what it looks like.

PICNIC "1997" PLUS CAMP

The picnic date is set again for Saturday, September 20, 1997 at Briarwood Camp in Buckingham Township, PA. In addition to all of the other events that we have every year, we hope to have live entertainment to add to the fun. Last year we had 600 greyhounds in attendance. This year we look to have 700 greyhounds. This will be the largest gathering of rescued greyhounds ever. It is always a wonderful event. Sign up now and join in the fun.

This year's picnic event will truly be fun and exciting. It will be held at Briarwood Camp outside of Philadelphia. Briarwood is presently a day camp but used to be an overnight camp. It has wonderful facilities including baseball diamonds, volleyball courts, tennis courts, a beautiful pond with boats and sits close to a fun place to go-Peddler's village.

This year for the first time adopters will be able to come in with their greyhounds and spend a weekend at camp. Arrangements have been made to accommodate at least eighteen (18) families in their own cabins. This cost will only be \$50.00 per night for a family of four (preference to families is for 2 nights). If enough people sign up arrangements can be made for Saturday and Sunday breakfast. The camp is nestled in a lovely rural area and you will find it to be a fun place. When we have our picnic it is an opportunity to meet and speak with greyhound families from near and far. If you are interested in staying overnight at the camp contact Vivian at N.G.A.P. office for a reservation form. Adopters can arrive anytime after 12:00 p.m. of Friday, leaving by 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

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Master McGrath - Ireland's Famous Greyhound *By Joan Dillon ©*

Throughout history Irishmen had a reputation for being scrappy fellows always ready to take on any challenge. Master McGrath certainly lived up to that reputation. Although long gone, his memory lives on, perhaps more so than any other Irish Greyhound—in poetry, song, paintings, a monument in Ireland and, even in this country, with a New Hampshire restaurant and pub named in his honor—a most impressive pup that was very nearly put down!

Like most legends, however, certain aspects of Master McGrath's life have been embellished over time until sometimes it is hard to distinguish fact from fiction.

According to one such account, in 1867, a ne-er-do-well Irish tenant suffering the effects of too much imbibing, heard a strange sound. Upon investigation, he found a bag half in and half out of the water which had caught on the root of a tree. Opening the bag he discovered a nearly drowned Greyhound pup—Master McGrath. This pup then came under the care of Lord Lurgan and rewarded his benefactor by excelling against all comers on the coursing field.

Another account—one which sounds much closer to the truth—states that Master McGrath was whelped in Waterloo Cup week, 1866, having been bred by Lord Lurgan's partner, James Galway, who raised Greyhounds in County Waterford. His sire was Dervock, a top coursing dog who had been edged out of a win in the first running of the Brownlaw Cup (Ireland's equivalent to England's Waterloo Cup).

His dam was a bitch by the name of Lady Sarah. Apparently Galway felt that this small 54-lb. black and white Greyhound lacked potential and was going to put him down, but, due to a plea by the orphan boy who exercised him—a young lad by the name of Master McGrath—the young dog's life was spared. Named after the boy, Master McGrath then went on to beat the most famous coursing Greyhounds of his day both in Ireland and England.

In 1868, Master McGrath was entered in coursing's premier event—England's Waterloo Cup—and, at just two years of age, surprised his detractors by bringing the blue riband home to Ireland. The following year, over 12,000 people are reported to have gathered at Altcar to see if the Irish interloper could repeat.

In his final course, Master McGrath drew in against Bab-at-the-Bowster, a Scottish bitch who was also considered virtually unbeatable. In what many consider to be history's greatest coursing match, the two ran neck and neck until Master McGrath proved he wasn't a fluke and pulled ahead to record his second Waterloo Cup win.

In 1870, when trying to win the Waterloo Cup for a third consecutive year, Master McGrath suffered the only defeat of his coursing career. The event was held that year despite a controversy over course conditions. Many felt that a February freeze had caused the course to be unfit and this was indeed the case as Master McGrath fell through some ice and almost drowned in the River Alt.

As he struggled in the icy water, and Irish shipper by the name of Wilson jumped in and saved him. After this mishap, Lord Lurgan vowed never to race Master McGrath again and took him home to Ireland to recover from his ordeal.

The following year, however, with Master McGrath back in racing condition, Lord Lurgan just could not resist the challenge of trying for a third Waterloo Cup victory. To the utter disbelief of some, this amazing Greyhound came through and won the even for a third time.

Proclaimed a public hero, Master McGrath received the ultimate accolade of his time by receiving a summons to appear before Queen Victoria at Windsor Castle. Queen Victoria was not only a dog lover; she and her husband Prince Albert also owned a black and white pet Greyhound by the name of Eos. Just two short years after his presentation to the Queen, Master McGrath died of heart failure and, although he didn't live long enough to have a very productive stud career, one of his grandsons—a white Greyhound with blue markings named Tippecanoe—was owned by General George Armstrong Custer.

So great was Master McGrath's fame in Ireland that he was often referred to as "Mighty McGrath". After his death, a monument commemorating his accomplishments was erected near his birthplace in County Waterford and he as also memorialized on the Irish sixpence (coin). A poem written in his honor commemorating his triumph in his second and famous Waterloo Cup victory was later put to music and became a popular Irish ballad.

Master McGrath was also the subject of several paintings including one by Quincy, Mass. artist, Don Aikens. This painting which portrays him with Lord Lurgan graces the wall of a restaurant and pub in Seabrook, New Hampshire which is named Master McGrath's—certainly an appropriate name for a restaurant located just a quarter of a mile from a Greyhound track.

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NGAP has actual Irish Master McGrath coins available in gold or silver with a bezel for necklace at a cost of \$30.00.



In his day Master McGrath was the best coursing Greyhound in England and Ireland. (Photo courtesy of the Greyhound Hall of Fame)

Ironman The Therapy Greyhound

Ironman is a large 90 lb. retired racing greyhound. But he really didn't race into our lives, he sort of "limped."

When we adopted Ironman from the National Greyhound Adoption Program in April, 1994, he was still recovering from a life threatening injury incurred at a race track in Florida where he had ran. The NGAP had rescued Ironman and he had then undergone orthopedic surgery by Dr. Lynne Maletz of Zieglerville, Pa. Dr. Maletz had inserted a steel pin with four screws into Ironman's right rear hock and he preferred to "hop" on three legs rather than put the injured leg to the ground.

I have to say that when we first saw Ironman we did not even notice the limp. We noticed his personality. While recovering, Ironman would often come into the office with David Wolf and play the role of "meet and greet". The day we visited the kennels with our son, Ironman eagerly greeted us at the gate. He was so friendly!

We looked at all the dogs, not being very familiar with greyhounds, and completed the necessary adoption papers before we left. David told us they would contact us when a suitable candidate was available. On the way home, we realized that all three of us had been most impressed with Ironman, the really big greyhound. But, at the time, I had expressed a desire for a "small female". So we would wait.

One day while speaking with David Wolf on the phone, I mentioned how much we had all liked Ironman and David told me that he was available for adoption but would need to receive frequent slow walks to help his injured leg to heal. I heard a familiar voice, which turned out to be mine, say "we'll take Ironman".

In December of 1996, I learned about a therapy dog program from Karen Lockhart, a owner and breeder of wire-fox terriers. Karen and her dogs have participated in this program for over eight years visiting various nursing homes and substance abuse centers. Karen and I made plans to get together and discuss the possibility of Ironman becoming a "therapy dog". A trainer who teaches obedience classes, Karen agreed to "evaluate" Ironman as a possible therapy dog. She then put me in touch with Frank Callio, who owns and breeds rotweillers, and is active in Therapy Dogs Inc.

Frank agreed to administer the behavioral test for Ironman, and for me, as his handler.

The night of the behavior test, I was quite nervous. I didn't have a clue about what to do, but Frank guided us through it, and Ironman behaved beautifully. He did things such as "stay" and didn't move when I walked away. This came as quite a surprise to me since we had never taught him this. And so it went, and at the end of the evening Ironman had "passed" and so had I! In all candor, Ironman performed far better than I and was definitely much more at ease.

Frank told me that Ironman would need (3) "observed" visits at local nursing homes in order to become eligible for certification and membership in Therapy Dogs Inc.. We started in January on March 17, Ironman received signature approval on his papers to be submitted to Therapy Dogs Inc. Now that his paperwork has been signed, dated and mailed with registration fee, Ironman is officially considered a member of this organization.

Ironman has been very busy since January attending Ellen Newsman & Howard Porter's obedience class once a week and making his designated "visits". The first visit we made was to a substance abuse center where young people aged 14 to 19 are going through their own kind of therapy and recovery. Ironman walked into the community room where about a dozen teens were seated around the room and started to go from person to person. We joked that he was like a politician working a room. He seemed to know just what to do. He would stop, be petted, and then move on to the next person.

Some of the teens did not seem to interact very much with the dogs at first, but that soon changed, as terriers, pomeranians, poodles and labs started to give their affection freely to anybody who wanted to interact with them. Some of the kids would just hug the dogs. As a "new" dog in the program, Karen Lockhart introduced us and asked me to tell a little of "Ironman's story", which I did. The kids seemed very interested and had lots of questions about Ironman. When we returned the next month, several of the teens were still there, and Ironman remembered them. He immediately went to one girl and put his head

in her lap, bringing a wide and surprised smile to her face, as she exclaimed, "he remembers me!" And they remember him. One boy saw Ironman as we entered the room and said "you brought Ironman back!" Personnel at this facility told me that the kids really identified with Ironman because he had been through a hard time and had recovered. He gives them hope that they too can get their lives back on track.

His visits at nursing homes have been no less successful. It turns out that being a "tall" dog, he is just the right height to be patted by bedridden patients. He is gentle and careful around those who are in wheelchairs, and stands quietly enjoying the caresses and hugs. He is unflappable to unusual sounds or activity around him and looks forward to both the community room visits and the patient room visits. He also enjoys seeing his buddies, the other therapy dogs.

Lynne Wilkesman, longtime Recreational Director at Absecon Manor Nursing Home in Absecon, NJ says that she believes the therapy dog program offers "immeasurable benefits" and that the patients enjoy the "unconditional love" that these dogs give.

On St. Patrick's Day, Ironman completed his last required "observed visit", cheerfully donning a white bandanna with green shamrocks and joining other therapy dogs, also wearing festive green. Ranging from the bear-like "newfs", the shaggy bouvier, to Chance the regal Irish setter, down to the smallest, Pepe, a long-haired dachshund, these dogs all have one thing in common, they are therapy dogs and they provide "therapy for the heart."

If you think your greyhound has the temperament and are interested in looking into Therapy Dogs Inc., they may be contacted at 307-638-3223. The mailing address is: P.O. Box 2786, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003

This story was submitted by
Ann Smith Gray of McKee City, NJ



*Follow-up Report Submitted By:
Terry and Leroy Myers of Camden, DE*

It's hard to do a follow-up on one dog without telling about the others so I'll do a follow-up on all of them. Flash and Hercules have adjusted great. Kristen has adjusted to having 2 brothers. They all get along well with Callie, the cat. Of course Callie doesn't take any lip from any of them. She's more tolerant of Hercules because he's so gentle. Flash usually gets a smack on the nose. The nice thing is because the dogs are downstairs, (we have a gate on the stairs so the dogs only go up when we want them to) Callie spends most of her time upstairs and doesn't dig in my plants. Flash is a very active boy. He loves to go outside and just roam the yard. Always looking for a squirrel to chase. He and Kristen love to play and boy can they get rough. They get to snapping their jaws and it sounds like a bunch of alligators. Anybody else watching would think they're having an all out dog fight, but for some reason they both love to play that way. One or the other is always instigating a play fight. Hercules on the other hand, usually tucks his tail in and heads for the backdoor. He'll run with them, but he's definitely not a fighter. I have noticed the past few days though that Hercules is getting less afraid of their play. He's coming out of his shyness little by little. He gets more excitable about things. When it's walk time Hercules goes nuts, he jumps up and down and runs all over the house. Both have an appetite that's endless. Especially Hercules. He loves to eat, but I have a feeling with his body style he could be a very fat boy. Flash is so long and leggy. It took him a couple weeks to learn to run and play and control those long legs. He was spending a lot of time on his backside. When you look at him all you notice is legs. Hercules is very bulky. He's so much heavier in the face and body. Kristen is lean. She doesn't eat as much as the boys and maintains her weight like a typical female.

I enjoy having 3 dogs. It's not really very hard at all. We live a pretty routine life-style so once you've got them on the routine, they know when they get fed, when they go out, when we leave for work and when we get home. They usually sleep all day until the boys get home from school, then the rest of the day they are active. They go to bed at the same time each night. It gets to be like clock-work and we don't vary the routine much

Routine seems to be the key since that's the life-style they've lived till this point. Also treating them like individuals instead of just pets. They each have such different and distinct personalities. You learn what they like and dislike and work around it. Just like kids. One person who was at our house said it was just like being in a house with 5 kids. And it is exactly. I don't even think of them as pets. They're just 3 more kids. I always explain things to them just on the off chance that they can understand more than humans think they do. I don't know if it works or not, but so far I've had very little problems.

Guess what I saw the other day when Erik, my oldest son, and I were out walking the dogs? A greyhound puppy. I couldn't believe it. Some people were out walking their dogs and one of them was the puppy. They said they heard about a woman in Wilmington, DE who had gotten a female that was pregnant and had 15 puppies. I can't believe the litters are that big. No wonder so many of them are destroyed. Anyway, she was a brindle and 11 weeks old. Naturally with 3 of them, they believed me when I told them they would never regret getting her. There's so much I would like to do. I would like to raise one from a puppy and I would love to have a senior home for the older ones who nobody wants. I just love being around them as you well know. Some day maybe I can do it all. Leroy and I meet a lot of people on our walks with the dogs. Everyone seems interested in them and most have seen your shows on TV. But I don't see a lot around here adopting them. I've heard of a few around the Dover area that have. Most seem interested in going out and picking out a puppy somewhere. Actually, with the luck we've had with you picking out our dogs, I'd trust you more than myself in picking out the best match. It's very hard to explain to someone who's never lived with them just exactly what it's like. I've lived with dogs all my life, purebreds and mutts, but none have ever affected me the way these guys have.

I'll send pictures later. We've got 2 cameras going and hopefully get some really great pictures. Unfortunately, living so far away, I can't help a lot with the dogs, but if there is anything I can ever do, please let me know.

WARNING!

Inhalers can be deadly to greyhounds! Unfortunately one of our adopter's greyhounds got a hold of an inhaler used by her son who has asthma. Before the adopter was able to get the inhaler away from the greyhound it bit the canister, expelling the chemicals that were in it and it was ingested by the greyhound. It proved to be deadly and the greyhound did not survive. Everyone should keep this in mind that if they use an inhaler or have them around the house.

MAJOR FUND-RAISING EVENT

Each year Macy's holds a benefit shopping day. This year the event will be held at its King of Prussia store in Pennsylvania. It is an event where adopters donate \$5.00 for a ticket and will receive from Macy's two 20% discount coupons and two 10% discount coupons and a chance to win in a drawing and lots of fun and activities including free food. There are lots of events for children and adults including appearances by entertainment personalities. Only people buying tickets will be admitted to the Macy's King of Prussia store on Wednesday, November 12, 1997 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. A form is attached for you to either buy a ticket for this wonderful event or you can sell tickets for us. Please help support us and have fun at the same time at Macy's. The organization selling the most ticket will receive a donation from Macy's of \$5,000.00. Last year the winning organization sold 2,500 tickets. I'm sure we can do better than that. A video about Macy's benefit day will be playing at the picnic and tickets will also be available there.



MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Cyndi and Steven Napolitan lost their beloved greyhound Jack this past winter. To the Napolitans, Jack was truly their child and the loss was certainly devastating to them. In memory of Jack they have made a donation to N.G.A.P. and we have decided to create a Memorial Plaque to be hung in our reception area. Adopters that have lost their cherished friends can remember them through a donation to N.G.A.P. Any donation of \$50.00 or more will entitle the donor to place an engraved plate on the Memorial Plaque in memory of their greyhound.

KEEP THE TAPES COMING

We tend not to pay attention to the Genuardi's tapes when they come in. They ultimately get neatly stacked when our office personnel has the time and we take the tapes to Genuardi's to redeem the tapes sent to us. About ten days after the drop off at Genuardis we were all surprised to learn that we had accepted over \$106,000.00 in register tapes which meant we received \$1,068.00. Everyone here is delighted and obviously this is an easy way for all of you to help us. They support us so please support them. If you would like to put a little box at your office to collect Genuardi tapes for us we are having them made up so call us and we will mail one to you. Thanks to all of you that have sent in your tapes. This is a worthwhile cause, so join in!

GENUARDI RECEIPT BOXES

If you come to the picnic and you work in an office we will have special boxes available for you to take back to your office to collect Genuardi's register tapes. They will be attractive and attract much attention and will hopefully help us to collect more Genuardi's tapes.

FLASHING COLLARS ARE BACK

Once again the National Greyhound Adoption Program will be carrying flashing collars. These are collars that are battery operated and flash a red signal that can be used while you are walking your dog at night or if your dog is in your backyard and you want to know where the dog is. It is a really neat collar! The cost is \$15.00 each (batteries included) + \$1.00 UPS.

The Boarding Alternative

Vacation is usually lots of fun for adopters but sometimes can not be for your beloved pets. The best place for them to normally be is at home in an environment where they are comfortable. The second best is probably at N.G.A.P.'s kennel. Leaving your greyhound for more than a few days can be very traumatic for them if they are not comfortable in the environment they are left. It is not uncommon to see weight loss or stress related health problems due to confinement where the greyhound is not at ease.

N.G.A.P.'s offers boarding for greyhound adopters at reasonable rates as well as an environment that the greyhounds are used to and comfortable with. This also gives us an opportunity to see if your greyhound needs dental scaling and look for other potential problems, which can be attended to while boarding. Nail clipping and ear cleaning is included with every boarding.

Many people like to refer to boarding at our kennel as "Greyhound Camp." We know your greyhound probably better than anyone. Think of us when it comes time for boarding.

ACCOUNTANT NEEDED

Hopefully one of our adopters is a Certified Public Accountant willing to donate services to N.G.A.P. We have now graduated to the point where we need an audited financial statement and the accountant that has previously donated his services does not do that. In order for us to keep our tax exempt status this type of statement has to be done. If you are willing to help please contact program director David Wolf at the N.G.A.P. office.

SUPER FRESH HOLDS A "GREYHOUND DAY"

New Jersey adopter Merci Riccardi was able to convince her local Super Fresh to have a "Greyhound Adoption Day." The N.G.A.P. office printed up special flyers to be handed out at the registers to advise the public of the event to be held on June 21. Super Fresh in Absecon held their first "Greyhound Adoption Day." It was a marvelously successful event. Merci raised about \$300.00 for us from their efforts. Our sincere thanks to Super Fresh. Hopefully we can do it in other places as well.

ENJOY A DINNER OUT!

N.G.A.P. is now an official seller of the Entertainment Book. The Entertainment Book which is about 1 1/4" thick has coupons that will give you your 2nd meal free or a substantial discount when you eat out. If you just use it a few times during the year it will pay for itself. There are other coupons for discounts on air travel, theatres (AMC, General Cinema, Regal and others), discount admissions and services for all sorts of great things. Contact the office if you would like to get your Entertainment Book now. The Book cost \$25.00

SOMETHING TO SEE AT OUR NEW RECEPTION AREA

Since the Fall we have expanded our facility and have a large area to greet adopters and review their adoption packages as well as field questions when they pick up their greyhounds. During the past year, we have felt that recognition needed to be given to either individuals, greyhounds or foundations and the reception area was the most fitting place to do this. Now both new adopters and previous adopters that visit this area will find a plaque in honor of H. Folke Peterson, a native of Sweden, who migrated to the United States, became a successful farmer and ultimately created a large foundation specifically to prevent cruelty to animals and benefit animals either directly or indirectly. A tribute plaque describing his life can now be seen.

The National Greyhound Adoption Program was involved in pursuing justice regarding the cruel death of 2 year old He's My Denny. Although Denny did endure horrible pain at the end of his short life, he will be remembered. NGAP used this situation to help seek legislation in Florida and did pass legislation in 1996, that for the first time links Florida's penal codes with Florida's Pari-mutuel codes (racing codes). Denny will not be forgotten. A plaque has been placed in the reception area for us to remember Denny.

George Schierenbeck got his greyhound the hard way. It was a shy greyhound running loose that ultimately needed to be drugged in order to capture her. During the last few years of his life, his greyhound Tanya was very important to him. When he passed away in 1996 he left the NGAP it's first bequest, so that we could help more greyhounds like Tanya. His picture and a plaque in his honor hangs in the reception area.

"THE GIFT OF LIFE, THE GIFT OF DEATH"

Each of us can truly say we've adopted a greyhound and we've extended to that greyhound the "gift of life." Surely if it had not been adopted it would have been euthanized in one way or another. We hopefully have brought much pleasure to it's life, as it has to ours. But the time will come when it will not feel well but it won't be able to tell you and by the time we realize it, it's health is failing. We love our greyhounds dearly but we must consider giving them one final gift. That is the gift of death - without undue pain, without any suffering - we can bestow them this final gift. Quality of life is something we all desire for ourselves and our pets. When we lose that quality of life, when there is not a light at the end of the tunnel, when the hope of extended life is more to put off the pain that we would feel at our greyhound's loss, then it is time for the gift of death. As difficult as it is if we truly love our greyhound we don't wish for them to suffer. It is always a difficult choice. Try not to prolong life if the quality of life is not worth living. As difficult as it may seem when you are facing the need to euthanize your greyhound you can always give another "gift of life" as a true memorial to the greyhound you lose.

VOLUNTEERISM

There has been a lot of publicity lately about people volunteering in their community to help various causes. Hopefully one of these causes is the care of animals and the cause to find adoptive homes for former racing greyhounds. Just think if everyone that has gotten a greyhound from NGAP volunteered one hour each week to help us find new adoptive homes we would have 3,000 hours of volunteer work. Volunteer work can be as little or as much as you want it to be but everything can have a positive impact on saving greyhounds and we know it is worth it. All it takes is a phone call to NGAP headquarters to find out what you can do.

WALKERS NEEDED

The kennel generally has between 30-45 greyhounds available for adoption all the time. Each of these greyhounds gets the opportunity to exercise in our yards 5 times a day, but unfortunately, they miss those nice long walks. Ed Lichtman and others have been at the kennel 2-3 times a week walking some of our greyhounds. He really needs company and they enjoy those walks so much. You simply need to check in with the kennel and take a dog for a walk. It's good for them and you.

Helpful hint for introducing your greyhound to teeth brushing:

Water flavored with beef or chicken cubes can be used initially to get your greyhound used to brushing. A little garlic powder mixed with the toothpaste may be helpful.

Delay & Frustration Gave Way To Success!

The National Greyhound Adoption Program now has the only official state license plate. Everyone that has registered to get has it and now proudly drive with their N.G.A.P. license tag. Other Pennsylvania organizations are ordering tags from us as well, so that they can be part of this special achievement. It is quite distinctive and lets everyone know that you are a proud greyhound owner. We actually make nothing on it. The state gets to keep all of the money but the publicity is great.

Our license plate cover with our phone number fits perfectly and for the months of June and July it will only be \$3.50 including postage. Order your tag now and join in the fun. Call the office for an application. Lease cars can also get a tag.



POSTCARDS

Many people in the United States collect postcards. N.G.A.P.'s director recently began collecting greyhound postcards. Many of the tracks in their earlier years sold postcards. Some of them are quite nifty looking. Director Dave has postcards dating back to 1903 in England and 1926 in the United States. One of the cards curiously was written in 1943 by a woman who was then in the U.S. Army. Another was written on the same day as the birth of director Dave. It might be something you would be interested in getting involved with. If so contact N.G.A.P. director David Wolf.



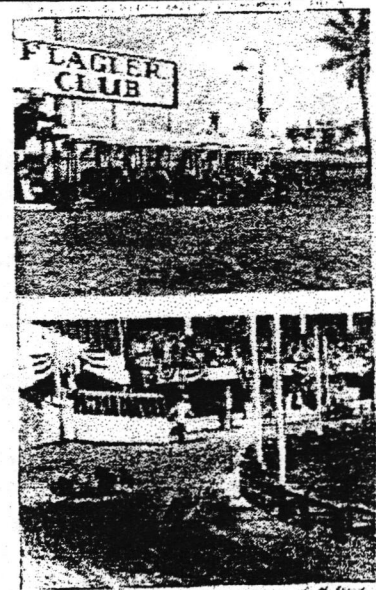
"1903" Postcard

DID YOU USE YOUR TOOTH DIET?

For the past year or so we have been giving adopters Hill's Tooth Diet to use as a supplement food to help keep your greyhound teeth clean. We would like to see some feedback from these adopters that used it and if you are continuing to use it and whether or not you believe it is successful. Whether you come to the picnic or not please return the TD questionnaire so that we can have that feedback.

GREAT DOG COOKIES FROM N.G.A.P.

One of our adopters and volunteers, Laurie Rhodes, has started to make dog cookies. She has them available in several flavors and currently packs them by the pound at a cost of \$4.00 picked up at N.G.A.P. headquarters or \$6.00 if we ship it. The ingredients are all natural and there are no preservatives added. The first pound was tried out by Executive Director David Wolf's three greyhounds and one Italian Greyhound and it was a marvelous success. If it's a success with his dogs it will be a success with everyone's dog. Check in with us for really good cookies.



"1943" Postcard

HELGA'S CORNER

Helga is our miracle sewer. Not only does she sew neat things for our greyhounds to wear but just recently she was busy sewing surgical wraps for our instruments in the surgical unit. We now have probably the finest surgical wraps anywhere in the United States. Our thanks to Helga. She also makes the following items for our greyhounds: bandannas, neck warmers, summer soaker, greyhound toys and booties.

ITS SUMMER SOAKER SEASON! A summer soaker is towel material made into a jacket that is nicely trimmed with a tie that ties around the middle. The soaker can be wetted down with cool water before going out for a walk on a warm summer day or evening. We suggest also putting some cold water in a spray bottle so as you walk along you can keep the summer soaker and your greyhound nice and cool. Summer soaker is \$14.00 + UPS.

Helga makes the finest greyhound stuffed toy in the shape of a greyhound. Its either good for your greyhound or your grandchildren. It has a squeaky in it and is covered in many different upholstery covers. The toys are \$12.00 each (includes UPS).

Its bandanna season. Helga takes flag material and makes beautiful greyhound bandannas that are especially good this time of year or any time. The bandannas are \$6.00 each (includes UPS). We know you'll enjoy all of Helga's well made greyhound items.

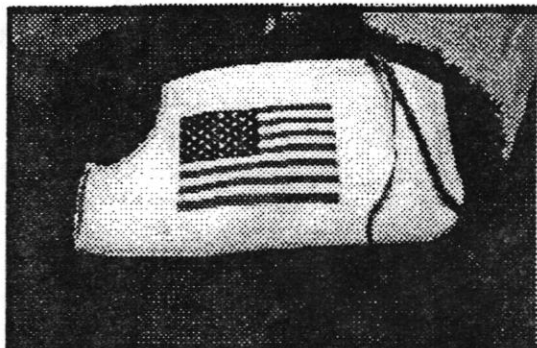
GREYHOUND X-ING SIGNS

Last year we introduced a greyhound x-ing sign which is available through N.G.A.P. and is 9 3/4" X 9 3/4". We have now had that sign made just for us and have two sizes. One size is 11 1/4" X 11 1/4" and the other is 23" X 23". Available from the Greyhound Store for \$5.00 + UPS for the small sign and \$17.50 + UPS for the larger sign.



**Irish Master McGrath Coin
With Bezel For Necklace-
available in silver or gold
\$30.00 plus U.P.S.**

Summer Soaker

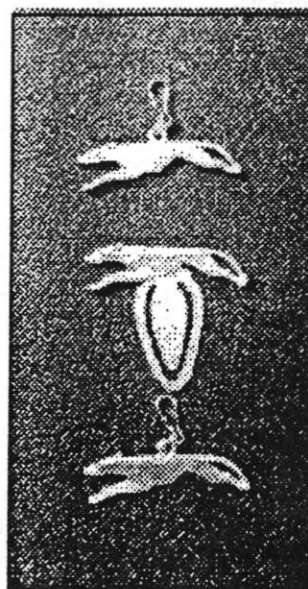


**Greyhound
Shaped Toy
With Squeaky
(Actual Size
12" X 7")**



TWO NEW PRODUCTS AVAILABLE

N.G.A.P. now has pewter or gold bookmarks and pewter or gold zipper pulls with the greyhound on them. Both are very attractive and functional. Priced at \$5.00 each + UPS.



**Jacket Pulls (Top & Bottom)
Bookmark (Center)**

HEALTH CHECK

Three areas to look at today while you're reading this:

#1: Your Greyhounds Teeth

Lift up your greyhound's lip and look at its teeth. Are they gray around the canines and molars? It's time for some scaling. If the gums are red, it's time for some Antirobe antibiotics. Go to the vet or call the NGAP office and set up an appointment. NGAP charges only \$50.00 for a dental cleaning and polishing. This price also includes extractions. Your vet may charge more but it is important that your greyhound's teeth stay in good condition.

#2: Overweight Greyhounds

If you can't see your greyhound's ribs your dog is probably overweight. You have to cut down on the amount of food you feed it, as well as change to a light food diet. Of course more exercise will help also. Overweight greyhounds are not healthy.

#3: Check For Growths

As your greyhound gets older, it may be getting growths on its body. It's time to let your fingers do the walking. Check your dogs body and coat, if you find anything take your dog to your vet to get checked.

A Healthy Greyhound Is a Happy Greyhound!

Thyroid Medication

In case you didn't know it, if your greyhound has been given thyroid medication it probably needs to be on that medication for the rest of its life. Someone recently called that had been given Amitriptyline for separation anxiety and Soloxine for thyroid medication. When the medication ran out they were not replaced and subsequently the greyhound regressed to the point where it ate its cage and the closest sofa became mashed potatoes. If you are given medication by the National Greyhound Adoption Program, especially Soloxine, your greyhound should be getting that medication for the rest of its life.

RETURN MUZZLES

Many of you have been given muzzles to help with introducing your greyhound to your cat. When you no longer need the muzzle please return them to us. This will help us to keep the costs of purchasing new muzzles down.

Fascinating Facts About Fleas

**The nursery rhyme that begins "Ring around the rosies, a pocket full of posies..." refers to the effect of bubonic plague spread by flea bites in Europe and Asia in the 14th century. "Ring around the rosies" refers to red rashes develop around flea bites

***"A pocket full of posies" refers to nosegays, the small bunches of flowers people carried to perfume the air around them, presumably to counter the smell of death.

**Four female fleas, feeding four times daily for 1,000 days, will bite 16,00 times.

**A house with fleas may have 95 percent eggs and larvae and only 5 percent adult fleas.

**The flea is a tropical insect and can't tolerate freezing temperatures for long periods of time.

**During the winter months, fleas are most likely to survive as adults on untreated dogs.

**Larval fleas crawl around and consume dried blood material from the fecal matter of adult feeding fleas in the carpet or on the pet.

**Female fleas begin to lay eggs 36-48 hours after they have their first blood meal.

**Some flea species can survive months without feeding.

Flea Facts are courtesy of Bayer Corp., Heska Corp. and National Geographic.

TAPEWORM

Tapeworm is a debilitating internal parasite that can rob your greyhound of good health and vitality. Fortunately it is the easiest internal parasite to detect. Generally your dog will expel fragments of tapeworm on the outer part of its stool. It will usually look like a small grain of rice except be a little flatter and will usually move. It does not happen all of the time. All of the dogs, when they come in here, are given tapeworm medication but that doesn't mean that your greyhound can't get tapeworm once it leaves here. If you walk your greyhound on a leash when it moves its bowels look at it. If its in the yard occasionally after it moves its bowels go out and look at it. If you don't look at it right away very often it will dry up and no longer be visible. But when your greyhound first has a bowel movement it is easily recognizable.

ONE LAST TRY

Our last newsletter asked for adopters interested in receiving last year's (1996) Grand Picture. We still don't have enough people to order the Grand Picture. We need about thirteen more. If you would like to see the largest group of adopted greyhounds ever assembled and you are in the picture you can receive it for \$20.00 + \$2.00 UPS. It measures 29 1/4" X 7 3/4". It will be a great memento that will last for years.