

Greyhound Update



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2000 - Another Wonderful Year Of Achievements

National Greyhound Adoption Program each year tries to diligently stretch beyond the limits of previous years activities. At the close of 2000 we have achieved almost 4,900 adoptions since our humble beginnings in 1990. We continue to do all of those things we have done in the past. NGAP still flies more greyhounds then any other adoption program in the United States. Most of our greyhounds from Florida come from Hollydogs in Hollywood, Florida. We have also supported them with a trailer donation, dental equipment, bathing unit, carpet, food, and medications. We additionally fly greyhounds under emergency conditions from other areas of Florida, as well as, other places in the United States. Since last year our compound has grown. Now we have our own boarding kennel for greyhounds. It houses up to 40 dogs at any one time. Taking in boarders affords us additional income but even more importantly it gives us the opportunity to check on the greyhound's health and well-being. Most greyhounds boarding with us will be seen at our new surgical facility, nails will be cut, ears cleaned and receive a dental check up which may include extractions and bonding. Our new surgical unit took approximately two years to complete. The new unit affords us more room for equipment that we never had before and one additional work station for surgery and dentistry.

In the year 2000 we began a research study. We have long struggled with getting safe clotting times to perform surgery on female greyhounds. We had done sporadic testing in previous years sending blood work off for Von Willebrands testing. Initially we had been only testing greyhounds that we had predetermined as high coagulation times based on a glass slide. In March of 2000 every greyhound that came to our facility had testing done, 1) glass slide, 2) platelet counts, 3) ACT test coagulation, 4) Bocul Mucosal and 5) Von Willebrands. Von Willebrands is a bleeding disorder in humans known as hemophilia. We have tested approximately 375 greyhounds in the year 2000 and continue to test to this date. We

have determined that 77% are Von Willebrands positive and 40% are considered carriers of Von Willebrands factor. This research has never been done before on greyhounds to the extent that we are doing it. When the study is complete we expect to publish it in the appropriate veterinarian journals. This information about greyhounds was never known before this study. It is difficult to find something more significant than that study, but sometime this year we plan to do a study on how thyroid supplementation effects coagulation. At the present time we have begun thyroid supplementation for all females. We have found that within a three-week period of supplementation, coagulation times improve significantly lowering our surgical risks. We are sure that if this supplementation works on greyhounds it will also work on other canines. Lower surgical risks means a lower risk of hemorrhage either during or post-op surgery

Year 2000 has brought another dynamic procedure in dentistry for greyhounds. After NGAP's director had to have a tooth bonded at a dentist office he determined that this procedure would help our greyhound's dental health. It is not uncommon for a 2 ½ year old greyhound to have the beginnings of periodontal disease. At our facility in Philadelphia we now bond root exposed canines and molars to stop periodontal disease progression. This is done mostly on previously adopted greyhounds. Adopters have come hundreds of miles to have us do this procedure. The results are remarkable, and at both the North American Veterinary Conference in Orlando, Florida and University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia we demonstrated this bonding procedure to veterinarians and received substantial interest. We consider National Greyhound Adoption Program to be on the cutting edge and will continue to strive in leadership with your support.



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Staying Light On Your Feet

If you are a greyhound advocate like NGAP you have to expect the unexpected. When we received a call on Saturday March 25, 2001 from Cynthia Cash in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, that some greyhound related legislation had been introduced, that for once would help Florida greyhounds, NGAP sprung into action. On Sunday calls were placed to our Florida lobby contact and we got some basic information. This was just the beginning. On Monday things really started to happen. We had already received the proposed legislation from Senator Debbie Wasserman-Schultz and Senator Saunders. Early Monday we spoke to their offices in Tallahassee. We called the Pari-mutuel Division director who we have known for many years and then quickly called the Regulated Industries Senate office and got our name on the list to testify before the committee Wednesday afternoon. Several calls went back and forth from the Pari-mutuel Division during the day. Airline tickets had to be arranged, hotel accommodations had to be arranged and most importantly a presentation had to be put together by the end of the day. Vivian and Shannon went into overdrive. Dictation began and several rewrites abounded. Our final presentation was complete by 5:10 pm consisting of 10 pages including color photos. Fifty sets were prepared for Senators, media, interested parties and the enemy. An appointment was set with Senator Schultz for late Tuesday and a list was in hand for all committee members prior to the vote on this important legislation. Tallahassee no longer has direct flights from Philadelphia so Director David flew first to Tampa before arriving midday Tuesday in Tallahassee. It didn't take long but we were ready to support the good legislation.

Arrival in Tallahassee, Florida was followed by a change of dress. You don't try to influence senators looking shabby. Of course they may look shabby, but they're senators. We met with three senators before our scheduled meeting with Senator Debbie Wasserman-Schultz. Her proposed legislation was a delight. 1) For the first time Florida would have a State mandated adoption program. 2) There was legislation regarding humane treatment of greyhounds. 3) The three Florida kill tracks would stop live racing. If we got all three it would be a home run. After our meeting I was encouraged because she said she would include some additional legislation about outlawing greyhounds for research. It was a great meeting. The three items we wanted were great but there were problems and she was concerned by pushing for all three we might lose everything. A busy Wednesday meeting with a legislative aid from the governors office and House Representative Stacy Ritter the sponsor of the bill, on the House side. The hearing was to begin at 2:00 pm. Just after it started Senator Schultz called me aside to say she had pulled the amendments and decided to go for a hopefully sure thing instead of risking it all. We made our presentation to the committee and were called up to answer some technical questions Senator Schultz didn't have the answers for. The hearing ended at 3:15 pm. The committee passed favorably on the greyhound adoption bill and it will move on to the full Senate. We got a third of the loaf. It's better than nothing.

We were in Florida in 1992 with similar requests and got no adoption legislation. There is hopefully a good side to deferring two of the three items we wanted, first, they were poorly written and secondly, they were referred to committee for legislation next year. Unfortunately, 2500 or more greyhounds will die at Florida's kill tracks.

The Silver Lining

While all of our legislation activities were going on the Senator voiced concerns from the Florida Greyhound Association that 1,500 greyhounds would die as the result of the three tracks closing. A solution was found. Cynthia Cash began calling every major adoption program in the U.S. and by Wednesday AM I had in my hand a letter which we have copied for you below.

March 27, 2001

The Honorable Debbie Wasserman-Schultz
Florida State Senate

Via Facsimile: 850-487-5419

RE: SENATE BILL 1692

Dear Senator Wasserman-Schultz:

We, the undersigned, would like to make you aware that there are now over 300 greyhound adoption groups nationwide. If SB1692, is amended, becomes a law, the adoption network will absorb any and all greyhounds deemed non-competitive to run at the tracks that no longer have live racing.

Since 1995, the nationwide greyhound adoption network has worked together to insure that no greyhounds were destroyed as a result of track closings. These closing include tracks in Harlingen, Texas; Juarez, Mexico; Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin; Greentrack, Alabama; and most recently (winter 2000/2001) the Camptown racetrack in Kansas. The closing of the Camptown racetrack is a perfect example of a cooperative effort between that State Racing Commission and adoption groups. For references on the closing of Camptown, feel free to contact Dr. Bryce Pecham, Chief Veterinarian, Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission, at 785-296-5800.

The groups listed below wish to assure you and your committee members that any dogs displaced by SB1692 will be absorbed into the safety of the adoption network. Also please be assured that Florida's racing industry will be shown only in a positive light as a result of this. We respectfully request that you go forward with Amendment #2 for SB 1692.

Respectfully submitted,

National Greyhound Adoption Program, Pennsylvania

ASPCA Greyhound Rescue Fund, New York

USA Dog, Indiana

National REGAP Network, Michigan and Minnesota

Greyhound Friends, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and North Carolina

Greyhound Pets of America, 34 Chapters Nationwide.

It is impressive how the greyhound adoption community united just overnight!

Boarding

Tired of picking up your greyhound from boarding at other facilities and your greyhound has lost five pounds, is angry with you, and reverts back to old bad habits? These are common "tails" that we hear from adopters after using a local boarding facility. There is always a good reason to bring your greyhound to us for boarding, actually there are many reasons. The most important reason is that your greyhound is happier boarding with us. They enjoy being around other greyhounds. Many adopters refer to it as summer camp. Additionally we get to look at health related issues, we clip nails, clean ears, and inspect their teeth. We often find that boarders need extensive dental work. The last really good reason is our facility is less expensive than other boarding facilities. In most other boarding facilities they let dogs relieve themselves where the dog is sleeping. Boarders here get out four times a day to stretch their legs and to empty out. We now have a new boarding facility that opened in July of last year, this area is kept exclusively for boarders. It's worth the extra ride to keep your greyhound happy.

Veterinarians & Dental Care

It would truly be a wonderful world if veterinarians graduated from Veterinary schools with good hands on dentistry skills. As it turns out, most will learn by doing or attending seminars for advanced learning at places like North American Veterinary Conference, American Veterinary Medical Association, or even The University of Pennsylvania. Most of those seminars will show veterinarians how to do it. When it comes to actually doing it they go back and practice on their clients. We have seen so many greyhounds that have recently had their teeth cleaned and those greyhounds should have had many of those teeth extracted or even bonded. Too many veterinarians use a "Band-Aid" approach to dentistry whether it's because of poor skills or they are just not concerned themselves about a dog's mouth, we don't know. We do know that NGAP is the best place to go for dental related problems. If you come to NGAP the evaluation is free. If we do dentistry on your greyhound the procedures are State of the Art and cost effective. We are concerned about your greyhound's mouth.

Carpet Cutters Needed

NGAP is fortunate that we will probably never run out of carpet for our greyhounds. David Wolf and sons are in the carpet business and our carpet connections have donated a second trailer load of carpet remnants for our use. Of course the carpet donated hasn't been cut to size. If anyone is willing to come in and cut carpet at our warehouse or take the carpet home to cut and return it to we will appreciate your help.

Donation of Revolution From Pfizer Animal Health Will Help Greyhounds In England, Ireland, & Spain.

As bad as we think it may be for greyhounds in the United States it is far worst in other countries. Each week in a different part of Ireland greyhounds are auctioned off to either gypsies or representatives of Spanish tracks for as little as \$50.00. They are taken in under terrible conditions to Spain to race or they may be used for hunting. It is not uncommon for the dogs to be hung as a means of disposal at the end of the hunting season. Certainly greyhounds held in low esteem are not taken care of in terms of parasites. Those greyhounds that are saved from this horrible end need Revolution. As this article is being written NGAP has hired someone to breakdown the retail display packages to reduce the shipping costs from Philadelphia to Ireland. We intend to ship Revolution to help the survivors. And of course we always need volunteers for tasks that we must hire someone to do. So when you question what National Greyhound Adoption Program does with the donations we receive, this is one of the things we do!

Having Dental Work Done?

Don't Let Your Veterinarian Con You Into Diagnostic Work.

Blood work is an excellent tool to determine problems that your greyhound may have. There are times when it is appropriate, and there are times when it is inappropriate. Blood work or diagnostic work prior to dental cleaning or extractions is a waste of your money 99.9% of the time. If your greyhound has a condition that is shown in blood work there is a good likelihood that it is a condition that can be improved by either cleaning, extractions, or bonding. A fowl mouth is putting bacteria into your greyhound's bloodstream 24 hours a day, that bacteria goes directly to the heart, liver, kidneys, and all other major organs of it's body. Putting off dentistry because of a problem with your greyhound's blood will usually only compound that problem. Don't waste your money on diagnostics. At NGAP we will perform over 1,000 dental procedures this year. Diagnostic work is never done as a condition of that dentistry. SAVE YOUR MONEY!!!!

Nothings Changed

National Greyhound Adoption Program started humbly in 1990 when we began adopting greyhounds. Way back then it was not uncommon to see them come in with fleas, ticks and internal parasites. The industry is forever telling us that they take such good care of their greyhounds. I'm here to say that is bunk! On March 18, 2001 we received fifteen greyhounds from a track in New Hampshire. Keeping in mind that winter is just winding down and New Hampshire is colder than the Philadelphia area, you would think that fleas and ticks would be gone at least for a while. That was not the case these greyhounds were covered with fleas and ticks or certainly more than we normally see. So when some people tell you they take good care of their greyhounds like Cindy Napolitan, don't believe it!

DID YOU KNOW THAT NGAP 's OFFICES HAVE MOVED?

NGAP's office headquarters is no longer located at
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You Know You're A Greyhound Person When...

The greyhound coats are all hung up carefully in the closet, but your own jackets from last winter are still hanging on the hall door. There are more greyhound coats in the closet than people coats.

The greyhounds have necklaces for formal affairs but you don't wear jewelry unless it depicts a greyhound.

You go to the pet supply store on weekends because it's one of the few places you can take your dog.

You angle the rearview mirror so you can watch your greyhound sleeping in the back seat while you drive.

You start running out of places to put all those greyhound calendars.

You don't consider yourself to be "well dressed" unless there's a representation of a greyhound somewhere on your outfit.

You estimate how heavy an object is by comparing it to the forty-pound bag of kibble you're used to hoisting around.

You become paranoid about keeping an ID on your greyhound at all times (collar, tags, microchip, tattoo), but don't bother to carry ID yourself.

You have nose prints on all glass surfaces..windows, doors, inside the car, etc...and you leave them there because cleaning them seems so futile at this point.

You've had long, meaningful discussions with your fiends on the best way to trim your greyhound's nails, but have never had a manicure or pedicure in your life.

You'll buy anything with a greyhound on it, even if it really looks more like a Whippet or Italian Greyhound.

Books and movies are ruined for you if the dog references are incorrect.

The sound of any liquid hitting the floor two rooms away at 3 a.m. is enough to launch you out of bed; but you can sleep through a ringing phone, alarm clock, and earthquakes.

Most of your social life is with other greyhound people.

Getting set up for the holidays means wiring the Christmas tree to the ceiling and setting up an X-pen around it. (Bonus: You own and use "dog safe" ornaments.)

You buy holiday gifts for all the dogs you know. (Bonus: You bring a gift for the dog when you go to a friend's house, but not for the owner.)

Your family has resigned themselves to the fact that you're bringing your greyhound to all holiday gatherings (or you don't bother coming at all).

Your parents give up on grandchildren and start to refer to your greyhound as "your kids" or your "children." (Bonus: They start to call them "our granddogs" and buy gifts for them.)

Each of your greyhounds has a personalized ornament on the Christmas tree. (Bonus: They have their own tree with dog-themed decorations.)

No one wants to ride in your car because they know they'll get dog hair on the good clothes.

You reach into you pockets for change, and liver treats, dog kibble, and pickup bags fall out.

All of your charitable donations go to dog-related and humane society groups.

Your personal calendar has notations in it for flea and heartworm medication, vaccine and license renewals, show and tells, dog washes, the PetExpo..but few family events.

You order a tailor-made dog blanket to keep your greyhound warm, but don't wear anything yourself that wasn't mass produced.

You're willing to pet sit, but not baby-sit for friends.

The only thing your friends, family, colleagues, and passing acquaintances say to you when they see you is, "How are the greyhounds?" or "How many greyhounds do you have now?"

Special thanks to: Judy Jones of Kalamazoo, MI & Colorado Greyhound Adoption for this article.

South Jersey NGAP's 4th Annual Picnic

The South Jersey Volunteers for NGAP held their 4th Annual South Jersey Greyhound Picnic Sunday, June 10th in Estell Manor. This year's event was the best ever! We had a live radio remote, Station WJSE, promoting the picnic on the air and giving away tees, key chains & bumper stickers! The weather was perfect, the food was good, we made lots of money on the Chinese Auction & a good time was had by all! A highlight of the picnic was a reunion of sorts of several "Seniors", shown in the picture below. From left to right, Scott Polo, VMD & Bandit (age 11), Nancy Waddell & Suzi (age 18), Jackie Dornhoefer & Mariah (age 14), Sue Knorr & Fame (age 16) and Donna Cragin & Cleo (age 16). Bob Datesman & Paulie (age 14) were also in attendance but are not in the photo. We were blessed with over 70 greyhounds accompanied by their families! It was a beautiful sight to see them strolling the grounds of this beautiful park area and lolling in the shade on their "blankies". David Wolf gave an interesting presentation of Greyhound Dentistry and urged everyone to take their dogs to NGAP for examinations & dental work at a low cost.....The only thing that marred a perfect day was the news that our Grady passed away the next morning. He had an amputation several months ago do to Osteosarcoma and appeared to be doing well until an apparent relapse the month before the picnic. We all hoped along with Sue & Gene that he would make the picnic and he did! He had a greyt last day in the sun, being loved by everyone there!.....My heartfelt thanks & gratitude to all of you who volunteered to make this annual event the success that it was. An of course, thanks to all who attended with their greyhounds.

Merci Riccardi, NGAP-SJGV Co-ordinator

PS: Anyone interested in receiving e-mail from our South Jersey Greyhound Adopters List, please send me you e-mail address - we post upcoming events, good news, bad news, advice, etc.....

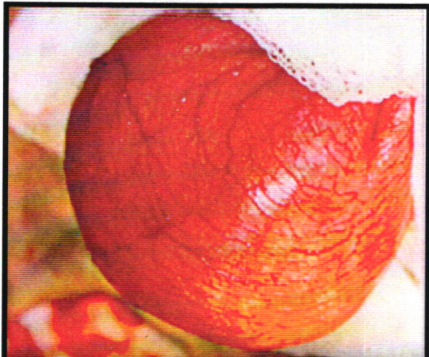
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Another NGAP 14' x 48' Billboard

Balls Are For Playing.... Not Eating!

We all like to play ball with our greyhound, sometimes they catch it, sometimes they fetch it. It is important to take into consideration the size and type of ball a greyhound is playing with. The pictures below illustrate what can happen if your greyhound actually swallows the ball they are playing with. The ball was close to three inches in diameter, soft and spongy with a cloth cover. Charlie was so excited and didn't want to give up his ball and swallowed it. What goes down sometimes doesn't come up and in Charlie's case surgery was performed. We cut into his stomach to remove the ball, it is very painful and a somewhat dangerous surgery to perform. The dog cannot eat or drink for two days after surgery, IV fluids must be given during that time. If this happens to you and you have to rush to an emergency clinic, it will probably cost you around \$1,000.00 assuming the dog survives. Think about what your greyhound has in it's mouth and the potential of harm.



**Stomach
with ball
before
Surgery!**



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It's Summer Soaker Time!

The weather gets warmer our grey's get warmer but still they want to go for a walk. Obviously don't do it during the high heat of the day. Our Helga Weinstein has been making summer soakers for many years and they are helpful this time of year. It is made up of towel material and you simply soak it in cold water before you go for a walk. It's also a good idea to take along a spray bottle of ice water to spray on the soaker as you walk. It's also good in the Spring and Fall as a light jacket or in deep winter as an additional body liner under a winter coat or even on cool evenings laying around the house. Only \$12.00 from The Greyhound Store, or call the office to place an order. Shipping costs are additional. Soakers come in a variety of colors.

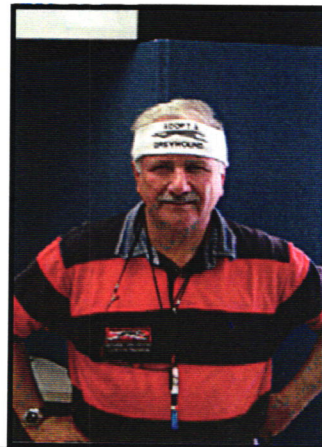


If A Picture Is Worth 1000 Words, Then A Color Picture Is Worth 5000 Words!

This newsletter will be distinctively different from every newsletter you have ever received from us. This newsletter has color photos. These color photos vividly illustrate so much better than black and white. When it comes to dentistry pictures it will give you an up close and personal look at the good and the bad. The director fought diligently to have his picture on the cover but it seemed that no one else in the office thought it was a good idea. Instead you will see a large assortment of NGAP photos that we know you will enjoy. Keep in mind color copies cost us more money to do every newsletter

Greyhound Sweatbands Are Here!

It's sweatband time! Perspiration is pouring from your head, you're playing tennis and you can't see anymore. It's time to get a greyhound sweatband from the Greyhound Store for \$6.00 plus shipping. See photo below. (As you can see our Director still found a way to get his picture in the newsletter.)



Bandit

May 20, 2001 - BANDIT - NGAP Adoption 234 - Also known as Bandy Boo or Bandito Cherito by those who loved her - 12 1/2 years old.

We had Bandit put to sleep today because her pain was too great and she told us it was time. She was diagnosed with cancer last October when we noticed her straining to pee. She had tumors around the urethra. The veterinarian put her on medication to shrink the tumor, but eventually that ulcerated her tummy. I feel badly that we didn't take her off the medication sooner and be more sensitive to it's side affects. But she seemed content and had appetite until close to the end. We buried Bandit under a newly planted Mariposa Plum tree and surrounded the base of the tree with freshly cut pink roses from our bushes. It was a sad day to lay her to rest. I have such fond memories of her and all she gave to Lance and me.....

*Visions of her racing in circles in the water at the beach.....so excited.

*Her soft round brown eyes looking at me with a smile on her face every day.

*Waking up in the morning, I'd walk to the kitchen in sleepy fog to receive an excited greeting from Bandit, nosing my hand and walking next to me touching me on the right side no matter where I turned. She loved a pet and a kiss good morning, and hearing she was a good girl.

*Crouching down to play with rear end in the air, tail swinging in erratic circular motion, and barking loudly. She possessed the toy and wouldn't let it go. She'd play growl when I attempted to take it. Bandit never did understand fetch, only possession in 9/10th's of the law.

*Camping in a big tent on cots with Bandit wedged between us on her back snug as a bug in a rug and so happy to be warm and toasty. As I read a book by lantern she'd fall asleep blissfully.

*When visitors came she would get on the couch next to them, lay down with her head on their lap, no matter how big the lap might be, and then nudge, nudge, nudge until their petting hand wore out.

*Barking with alarm when we dove in the pool telling us to get out. She always wanted us out of the pool and never like going in herself.

I miss Bandit and cherish the memories since her arrival on a cold night at the Sacramento Airport December 2, 1991. She got in the car, put her head on my lap, and fell asleep within 15 minutes of our meeting. We had a wonderful almost 10 years together.

P.S. I thank Ted Smerling for giving me the flyer that made Bandit part of our lives. I thank NGAP 's David Wolf for making the connections. I thank Diane Linthacum at National Sighthound Rescue & Adoption for sending Bandit to us. There couldn't have been a better match. To lose Spike, our white standard poodle, on March 3rd and Bandit on May 20th makes this a particularly sad time for us. But we still have Wolfie, the Irish Wolfhound and Lily, the smooth fox terrier with us.

Mary Rossell - Wilton, CA



"He's My Denny" Revisted

Some of our older adopters may remember in one of our newsletters from 1996 when NGAP was involved in the prosecution of a greyhound trainer in Pensacola, Florida. He was prosecuted for felony animal abuse in the death of "He's My Denny". NGAP was very closely involved in the case that ultimately resulted in the conviction of David Gibby. The case was about a greyhound involved in a dogfight and was badly injured. Rather than seek immediate medical treatment, Mr. Gibby chose to let the greyhound suffer and ultimately die of gangrene poisoning. This case came to mind for two reasons. First I had just cleaned my desk when NGAP was moving to the new office and came across the horrible pictures of Denny's wounds. It reminded me of the many months we worked on the case. The second reason was because unfortunately we had a dogfight at our kennel and one of our greyhounds was injured. The wounds were not too dissimilar to Denny's injuries. Of course our outcome for Bear will be completely different. Almost immediately after the fight we administered first aid. Scores of staples were used to close the smaller wounds. When Dr. Sangita Patel arrived, Bear was worked on for an hour and a half to repair his torn body. Bear woke up in a lot of pain. To ease that pain, Marguerite, one of our caretakers spent the night with him. The next morning when he woke up he was ready to down his normal ration of food and now is running around with his extensive body wrap so that none of the sutures can be torn.

Dave Gibby could have done the same thing but chose not to, for us there was no question. We wanted Bear to feel better as quickly as possible and to heal as quickly as possible, then to be adopted and have a good life.



Bear now resides in Virginia with Tom & Lori Moore.

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For The Dog Lover

On the first day of creation God created the dog.
On the second day, God created man to serve the dog.
On the third day, God created all the other animals of the earth.
On the fourth day, God created honest toil so that man could labor for the good of dog.
On the fifth day, God created the tennis ball so the dog might, or might not, retrieve it.
On the sixth day, God created Veterinary Science to keep dog healthy and the man broke.
On the seventh day, God tried to rest, but he had to walk the dog.

Dear Potential Parent:

"Let A Greyhound Race Into Your Heart" is an appropriate tagline for adoption one of these loving, gentle creatures.

We adopted "Coach" just over 6 months ago. He is a constant reminder to us of what is important in life; friends and family! He gives us so much unconditional love and only asks for some walks and playtime in return. He is also the "star" everywhere we go. We love to meet new people and now it's twice as easy because everyone stops us to ask about him, his life in racing and about the adoption program.

Because of Coach, we have become part of a worldwide family of greyhound rescuers and supporters. We are so proud and honored to be among them and we are yet another happy family. Our adoption was a success and yours can be too!

Sincerely,
Brian, Jenn & Coach Barrows

A Poem for the New Puppy Owner

(and maybe the owner of a not-so-much-a-puppy anymore)

Don't smell crotches, don't eat plants.
Don't steal food or underpants.
Don't eat my socks, don't grab my hair.....
DON'T RIP THE STUFFING FROM THAT CHAIR!
Don't eat those peas! Don't touch that bush!
Don't chew my shoes.....
What **IS** that mush?
Eat your cookie, drink your drink,
Outta the toilet! Outta the sink!
AWAY FROM THE CAT BOX, IT'S FOR THE CAT!
(And **MUST** you kiss me after that???)
Yes, raising a puppy, is not for the lazy!
Though puppies are funny, they're also quite crazy.
But don't despair, though its toil and strife.
After 3 years, you'll get back your life!
So, let's go for "walkies", you can "do your thing".
(And perhaps I'll get back my **DIAMOND RING!**)

Above & Beyond!

Hidden behind the scenes at the NGAP kennel compound is our staff. They do a fine job on a day to day basis caring for our greyhounds whether they are available for adoption or boarding and tending to chores to keep the kennel clean. There are other times generally unknown to most when they go above & beyond the call of duty. Giving care and special attention needed for those special greyhounds. Most people don't know but from time to time we take in dogs other than greyhounds, some are mixed breeds and others have been pure bred that have been left on our doorstep and we care for them. Not to long ago we took in four Italian greyhounds that needed extraordinary care and attention. Literally everyone paid extra attention where needed to get them back on track. I guess most of all the kennel staff will shine when we have a greyhound clinging to life, with IV's connected and continuous oversight needed. A good example is Tony. Tony came to us on Tuesday, May 22, 2001 at noon. He had a terrible compound fracture of his left front leg. Our only option was to amputate he had already lost a fair amount of blood and had the pain of the break for over two days. After surgery he was very weak and we needed to keep a close eye on him. Marguerite Lencoski our caretaker took a sleeping bag and slept all night in surgery with him. Hazel Smith, kennel staff arrived at 3:00AM to help in any way she could. Staffers Barbara Davidoff and Donna McCann were found looking in on Tony when they didn't have to. No one is usually there to see the extra effort by our staff that help make our greys well again. This is not the first time they have done this and I'm sure it won't be the last. The next time you stop by the kennel give them a pat on the back.

ALMOST DOESN'T COUNT

Florida almost had a greyhound adoption bill. But just like everything else in Florida nothing works logically and in the end this noncontroversial bill #1692 which would have given greyhounds some small degree of dignity failed to pass the Florida legislature one more time. You have to be there to appreciate the madness that goes on the last week before the legislation session ends. They should change the name of legislatures to chambers for crazy people! In the end, Senator Villalobos and Senator Garcia added an amendment onto the greyhound adoption bill that had nothing to do with greyhound adoption and everyone wanted to go home and no one wanted to deal with it. Senate Bill #1692 will not be law this year. The fact that thousands of Florida greyhounds will die between this session and next session means nothing to them. Once again the greyhounds are big time losers.

Bathers!!!

Every greyhound when it arrives at NGAP gets a good flea and tick bath. We would like to bathe all dogs routinely but we simply don't have the time. We could certainly use volunteer bathers that will know the routine and help us out on a regular basis. Help NGAP and our greyhounds.

The Galgos Are Coming.....The Galgos are Coming!!!!

Galgo, galgos, what is a galgo?

A galgo is a separate distinctive breed from Spain best described in English as a Spanish greyhound. They are a purebred generally used for hunting. When the hunting season has finished it is not uncommon for them to be shot or hung. From the information given to us, many Spaniards do not consider dogs in the same way we do. They aren't given tender loving care and are often treated cruelly or cast off to an animal refuge. Greyhounds In Need is an English organization headed by Anne Finch. They find homes primarily for greyhounds that found their way to Spain usually from Ireland (Ireland is no great share either) as well as Galgos. We recently became involved with Anne after sending her a shipment of Flea Halt. Flea Halt is an over the counter flea and tick topical that was donated to us by Farnam Corporation. Flea Halt is considered to be a miracle killer of fleas and ticks for greyhounds. They were thrilled to death by how well it worked and it was for free. We will talk more about what we are doing with Greyhounds In Need and Scooby in another article. Abraham and Fierro now reside

at the NGAP kennel. They arrived Friday May 11, 2001 on Iberia Airlines and were literally brought over by the pilot. The first shipment was one month ago and LeeAnn Jaffe and Ed Zadorozny were there to meet the flight. That was just a dry run to see how well it would work. Those Galgos were destined for other places. May 11, 2001 was the real thing and Abraham and Fierro arrived with passports in paw! LeeAnn, her husband Bill, Donna McCann, and her husband Glynn made it work. Abraham is a beautiful 9 year old long haired galgo and has been content relaxing and enjoying his Philadelphia life. Fierro is approximately a 2 year old brindle male who is very frightened. When you open his cage he goes to the back of it. He isn't aggressive he's just scared. In the photos you can see they have floppy ears and a stronger head. They will be a welcomed addition to a greyhound home. We have made a commitment to take in two galgos per month or as often as the pilot Ana Cano Binder comes to this country. They have become kennel favorites.



"Ana the Pilot and Fierro"



"Abraham aka Abe"



"Macario aka Mario"



"Salto"



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Pictured above is Abe's passport.

LYMPHOMA

The front page of the Morris Animal Foundation newsletter addresses Lymphoma as the most common cancer in dogs. Below we will quote directly from the article.

“Aggressive chemotherapy is a common treatment and while most dogs initially achieve a complete remission, most dogs with lymphoma will eventually relapse and die of the disease. Unfortunately, despite the ongoing evaluation of various chemotherapeutic treatments, effective treatments are still elusive. Additionally, although 80 to 90 percent of dogs achieve remission and enjoy an excellent quality of life, no treatment protocol has resulted in overall remission lengths averaging greater than 36 weeks.” After reading this it only strengthened the feelings of the Director of NGAP those feelings are: That greyhounds with cancer in an upper part of the limb should be spared the trauma of amputation and chemotherapy. They should be allowed to live their lives as long as they have a good quality of life. When that quality of life is gone they should be given the ultimate gift and when we speak of the ultimate gift we mean the gift of life and the gift of death.

Pain Management

They finally caught on. We have said for a long time that the veterinary community is light years behind NGAP initiatives. Looking at another article from the Morris Animal Health Foundation newsletter the title reads, “Success Story Single Pain Management Study Leads To Nationwide Consortium.” The veterinary community is now studying the use of pain management prior to surgery and immediately after as a way to have our pets feel better and heal better and faster. If you look back three or four years ago in the informational package titled “Medical Information You Need To Know About Greyhounds”, speaks about the use of Rimydal or Etogesic prior to and after surgery. Rimydal is probably the leading medication in veterinary use today it was specifically developed to treat Arthritis in older animals. It is an anti-inflammatory and pain modification drug. The label for Rimydal or Etogesic doesn't list the medication for the use pre-op and post-op. We suggested to the manufacturer of Rimydal, Pfizer Animal Health that it should be listed on the label. The new Pain Management Consortium is being funded by Pfizer Animal Health, need I say more!

Update For Tony & Fierro

(Refer To Above & Beyond & The Galgos Are Coming)

Tony & Fierro were adopted by Charles & Claudia Geltz after one of their greyhounds recently passed away. We have reports that they are sleeping in their bedroom. Fierro has shaken some of his shyness by following the other greyhounds. The Geltz's have one big heart, we tip our hats to them!

NGAP of NW PA's Cookbook

NGAP affiliate of Erie, PA is in the process of publishing a fund raising cookbook . The recipe can be anything: Family Favorites, Personal Favorites, Doggie Favorites, etc, etc, etc. They are also contacting their “Favorite Celebrities”, local and national for a contribution. There will be the usual “human” recipe dividers and a special section of Doggie recipes. They will also have a memorial section and a section for any other contributions: poems, notes of encouragements, etc. If you have anything to contribute please do. Let your spirit move you. They will include it all. So far we have recipes from Jay Leno, The Pittsburgh Penguins and Mr. Food. If you have any cover art ideas please send them along. Please send recipes and any other idea to:

Ruth Sprague - Fund Raising Guru of NGAP of NW PA
632 West 23rd Street - Erie, PA 16502

Phone - (814) 456-4969 - e-mail Snuffy2503@aol.com

All recipes must be received no later than July 16, 2001.

All contributors will receive a free copy of USA Cookies Cookbook. Please be sure to include your name and address and include your doggies name.

Upcoming events for NGAP of NWPA include the following: Discover Presque Isle Days - Presque Isle State Park in Erie, PA - July 27th - 12-7pm, July 28th - 10am - 7pm and July 29th - 10am - 4pm. North East Wine Festival - Sept 28th - 6pm-10pm, Sept 29th - 12-10pm and Sept 30th - 12-6pm in Gravel Pit Park in North East, PA and the Edinboro Homecoming Parade in Edinboro, PA on Oct 13th starting at 11am. Anyone interested in helping contact Ruth Sprague at the above address. They are also looking for volunteers to help with Petition signing for Pennsylvania Citizens Against Greyhound Racing. Check out their website at Hounds of Royalty.org.

Chemicals On Your Lawn

If you want a nice lawn, you usually have to fertilize it. If you wish to get rid of pests, you have to spray. Can it be done safely? The key element is segregating the lawn, invest in a low cost plastic or metal fence. Only do one section at a time. When you do each section it is important to wait for at least two good rain falls in the area where the dogs can't go before switching to another area. Try not to spray or fertilize up to the fenced area, stay five feet back. Don't fertilize or spray when it's windy! Following this procedure you can either do half of your lawn or depending on the layout of your lawn, break it down in separate applications. The fence that you purchase this year, can be used for many years to come.

A Little Dog Humor

Dear God,

Are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?

By Mark Bricklin

GREY2K USA Takes On Dog Racing Industry

Greyhound Advocates Survive Narrow Loss At Ballot Box and Ten Million Lawsuit, Launch National Effort to End Dog Racing

Boston - Greyhound advocates today announced the formation of GREY2K USA, the first organization in United States history devoted to ending the killing and cruelty of the American greyhound racing industry through political means.

"All across America, there is mounting cry to end the killing and cruelty of dog racing," said President Carey Theil. "GREY2K USA is the answer to that cry."

GREY2K USA is being formed after the narrow loss of a ballot question that would have ended dog racing in Massachusetts. Question #3, which appeared on the November 2000 ballot, lost 51%-49%. This was the first attempt in American history to end dog racing by a vote of the people. Key proponents of Question #3 are organizing GREY2K USA.

GREY2K USA leaders recently defended themselves against a Ten-million lawsuit filed by Massachusetts track owners four days before the November election. In April, Judge Maria Lopez dismissed the suit under a Massachusetts Anti-SLAPP law. Her decision vindicated advocates, stating they "had reasonable factual support for their message that greyhounds are needlessly killed and abused in Massachusetts by the racing industry".

GREY2K USA has filed as a 501(c)4 organization, and already launched several advocacy campaigns, including:

* Last week, GREY2K USA led other animal protection groups in a legal challenge of a Florida slot machine initiative petition being pushed by racetrack owners. Other organizations joining this effort include the World Society for the Protection of Animals, Greyhound Protection League, and National Greyhound Adoption Program.

* In early May, GREY2K USA launched a national educational advertising campaign with an educational advertisement in the Portland Oregonian. Other educational advertisements are planned in the near future.

* GREY2K USA has begun lobbying efforts in state legislatures across the country. In Massachusetts, the advocates are urging lawmakers to deny racetrack owners a proposed Eight million tax subsidy. In April, GREY2K USA introduced HB 3928, the first legislation in Oregon history to outlaw dog racing.

Other efforts will be announced in the near future, including a possible ballot question.

For more information, contact Carey Theil at 617-666-3526 or go to www.grey2kusa.org.

Stop Greyhound Racing in its Tracks!

**P. O. Box 442117
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Note From The Director About The Newsletter

The newsletter comes out about twice a year now. We would like to put it out more often but literally we are so busy much of the time it is difficult to dictate all of the words that go into the newsletter although we do accept some outside submissions. Most of the words come out of the mouth of NGAP director David Wolf. They are dictated to Shannon Eckert and then they are formatted for the newsletter by Vivian Holloway. All of this is done while the phones are ringing endlessly dealing with problems here, there and everywhere and we have to squeeze in time for the newsletter. There are occasional typographical errors, please forgive us. We believe the content of our newsletter is important for your reading. We hope you enjoy it.

Great Recipes

Greyhound Pets of America CA/ Orange County and Greater Los Angeles will be publishing a greyhound cook book which will include recipes for humans and dogs. If you would like to submit a recipe contact them directly, the information is listed below.

Any questions please call Julie Stroud at: (714) 835-7691

Or e-mail Joyce McRorie: gpa@pacbell.net

Julie Stroud: jstroud823@aol.com

Leslie Carr: Momto4legs@aol.com

Michael Scott: houndowner@aol.com

Your phone number must be included with your recipe!!

Poop Marking

After years of having greyhounds and assorted other canines when walking them on a leash they poop on the lawn. I never liked carrying a pooper picker upper: sometimes walking 2,3, or even 4 greyhounds it is literally impossible to do that. My son Jon came up with a novel idea that worked for him, maybe it will work for you. While walking his 8 month old standard poodle puppy (shame on him) he carries a orange stick that we purchased from Home Depot that is used to support plants. The stick is about 1/4 inch in diameter and was painted orange about 40" long. He puts the stick in where the poodle has pooped. When he has half a dozen sticks in the yard he knows exactly where to go to pick up. My son should have been a lawyer he's so smart.

Free Revolution Still Available

We recently sent out a change of address notice and also indicated that Revolution is available from our clinic for free for dogs that we treat. If you spend \$50.00 you will get a 6 months supply of Revolution, if you spend \$100.00 you will get a 12 month supply. Revolution is a heartworm preventative, flea and tick treatment, as well as, a treatment for ear mites and mange. So there is just another good reason to visit the NGAP Clinic.

Von Willebrands

What does it mean to me and my greyhound?

Von Willebrands is a bleeding disorder which is like hemophilia in humans. National Greyhound Adoption Program for over a year has been doing a blood coagulation study to determine the extent of greyhounds that have this bleeding disorder and how it will impact their lives. We have now completed testing 471 greyhounds and we now know that 75% of greyhounds are Von Willebrands positive and 37% are carriers of the Von Willebrands disease. This may have no impact at all on your greyhound but the knowledge of this could potentially save their lives. If your greyhound was one of the greyhounds in the study you should have received information about the test results. This information is certainly important if your greyhound is injured or seriously ill. You should report this information to your veterinarian and certainly mention it anytime a situation arises of injury or illness. If a greyhound's Von Willebrands numbers are extremely low it is probably appropriate to have the dog blood typed and have a record of that information available at the appropriate time. We will soon begin a new study on thyroid supplement as it relates to coagulation. Our primary studies have indicated that thyroid supplementation significantly improves coagulation. If this supplementation continues to impact coagulation, greyhounds at a high risk may need to take thyroid supplementation.

VWF Von Willebrands Factors Results:

70 - 180% Normal Von Willebrands factor

50 - 69% Borderline normal Von Willebrands factor

<50 % Abnormal or carrier range for Von Willebrands factor

The Results: 471 Tests

115 Greyhounds 70-180%

179 Greyhounds 50-69%

177 Greyhounds <50%

75.58% Positive

37.25% Carriers

Greyhound Network News has been the source of information about the dog racing industry and the worldwide plight of greyhounds since 1992.

GNN is an eight-page newsletter published quarterly out of Phoenix, Arizona. News items covered include abuse cases, industry economics, legislative updates, track openings/closings, international news, feature articles, and more. The newsletter is distributed via first-class mail in all 50 states and 17 foreign countries.

There is no subscription fee, but **GNN** is dependent on reader contributions to offset printing and postage expenses of \$2000 per issue. **GNN** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Arizona corporation; all contributions are tax deductible. For a copy of the latest issuethe 34th.....write to **GNN at P.O. Box 44272, Phoenix, Az 85064**

"The Cleo Story"...Trying To Make A Difference In a Greyhound's Life

National Greyhound Adoption Program tries to change the lives of every greyhound we adopt and of course we try to change it for the better, and of course we expect the adopter to be concerned about their greyhound's health from the minute they get their dog to the day they have to put their greyhound to sleep. On March 19, 2001 a greyhound named Cleo was brought to us for treatment, she was fifteen years old, weighed only 37-1/2 lbs., her teeth were atrocious and she could hardly walk. Two days before, Cleo was at University of Pennsylvania Veterinarian Hospital in Philadelphia for treatment. What amazes us is that she was released from the hospital to her adopters. Thankfully even though they neglected her terribly for years they called us up and brought her back. We hope we can make Cleo well and able to adopt her to someone who will truly care for her. She's just a sweet old girl. Please don't adopt a greyhound from us and think your doing a good job when she weighs 20 pounds less than when we adopted her to you. Please don't adopt a greyhound from us and fail to take her to the veterinarian for five years. National Greyhound Adoption Program expects better and the greyhound deserves better.

Evaluation Report Upon Arrival Cleo - Adoption #2563

Cleo arrived at National Greyhound Adoption Program's clinic facility at 8:00AM on March 19, 2001. We were certainly taken back by her physical appearance. She was grossly underweight with many sores on her body, showing extreme signs of weakness in her legs. She had difficulty standing on her own, as well as, laying down. Her temperature was 101.7. An inspection of her mouth revealed extreme neglect and a significant amount of tartar build up and a need for most of the teeth to be extracted. While standing in our waiting room she urinated and defecated. She didn't have the opportunity to relieve herself before she got to our facility. The adopters informed us that she hadn't been to the vet for any customary vaccinations since 1996. She had multiple skin lesions throughout her body mostly on her inner legs that appear to be from some degree of internal bleeding. She had been to the University of Pennsylvania and was released March 18, 2001 with Doxycycline to be given 200mg per day for four weeks. She continues with the Doxycycline well as half a tablet of Rymidal two times a day to make her a little more comfortable. She has been put on three meals a day. Our evaluation would indicate extreme neglect and under no circumstances will she be returned.

Update On Cleo

Cleo is doing wonderfully. She has been adopted and now weighs about 50 pounds. After she gained most the weight back we extracted 27 of her teeth. Cleo now resides with Donna Craig and her family.

Retractable Leashes.....The Good & The Bad

Retractable leashes will give your greyhound the ability to meander around over a greater distance than a regular leash. But you must always be diligent and be sure the leash can't get away from you. If your greyhound bolts and the retractable leash is bouncing behind, this will only tend to make your greyhound run faster and further. Greyhounds will often run so much that they tear up their pads. See Jonnie pictured below wrapped on all four paws. NGAP invented the "Security Strap". This strap goes around the handle of the retractable leash and your wrist. If you are going to use a retractable lease be sure to use a NGAP Security Strap.



New License Plate Design

Pennsylvania finally has gotten around to us and changed our plate design to conform with the new PA license plate design. Illustrated below are both new and old designs. The cost is still only \$20.00 to members in good standing. They will make a nice gift for your husband's or wife's car. If you already have a plate the state will send you one with the new design in the next few months. Call the NGAP office for information.



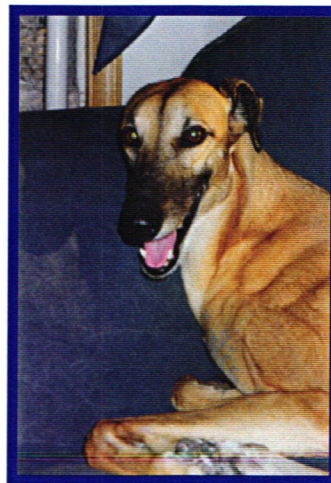
A Greyhound Named Ginger

We have lost a pet we loved so much
And forever in time our hearts will be touched.

She was tan in color, her face so slim
And a body to match with a smile and a grin.

For close to two years what a pleasure we have had
And for that we're all eternally glad.

And in our hearts she will *always* linger
Because we were blessed to have a greyhound named Ginger.
The Speigel Family



Ohio Affiliate - NGAP/Homeward Bound

Homeward Bound Greyhound Adoption is a very small group of dedicated people who enjoy raising funds and getting the word out about the plight of the racing greyhound. This group promotes NGAP's goals and determination to have humane treatment at racetracks, continued adoption programs and proposes regulated breeding at tracks in the United States and abroad.

Homeward Bound has a limited amount of help with their activities as there are only 8 active members at present. They do get some volunteer help from a group called "Rent A Crowd" for whom they are very thankful. The agenda of activities for 2001 were:

- IX Center Spring Show - March 23rd & 24th
- Pictures with the Easter Bunny - March 31st & April 1st
- Memorial Day Parade Float (jointly supporting "The Race For The Cure" theme is "Greyhounds Race For The Cure")
- Garage Sale - June 16th
- Ravenna Balloon Fest - September (date to be announced)
- IX Center Christmas Connection - November-(date to be announced)

Monthly meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Solon Library, Solon, Ohio. New members are always welcome.

We would also like to thank Tom Smith, The Wellness Dog Food representative for all his help and food and treat donations supplied for our last three major events. Wellness Foods is a division on Old Mother Hubbard Dog Food. Our greyhounds love their Wellness Food products. For any questions about Wellness Pet Food Products, Tom can be reached at 1-888-461-8040-extension 388.

Justin To The Rescue

Dear David:

You may recall that shortly before Thanksgiving my wife Cecilia and I contacted NGAP when Colors, our nine-year old female, very suddenly developed Ehrlichiosis. Neither of us had ever heard of the word. However, we soon discovered by many to be "the AIDS of the canine world."

Colors was visiting the Vet for her annual physical. After taking a blood sample, the syringe point of entry would not clot. Within minutes, her leg filled with blood. Within hours, she developed dark blue hemorrhages on her underside. Our Vet, Dr. Karen Froberg, of the Cherry Hill Veterinary Hospital, suspected either an autoimmune disorder or a tick disease. It was totally coincidental that she was at a scheduled visit when the problem surfaced. She was hospitalized, given transfusion and started on the antibiotic doxycycline. However, by evening, blood was entering her lungs and she was having difficulty breathing. She was also bleeding heavily from the nose. We went home distraught, thinking she wouldn't make it through the night. Her blood tests came back the next morning and indicated Ehrlichiosis, a vicious tick disease related to the Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. The good news was that the platelets she received in the transfusion had stimulated her clotting mechanism, and she had improved considerably over night. However, the prognosis would not be good until the disease abated and she began to manufacture her own white cells. Despite heavy doses of antibiotics and steroids, by the end of the week her condition deteriorated and a second transfusion was required. The animal hospital did have not a second appropriate donor, so we called NGAP. Without hesitation, a kennel dog was made available. We very quickly picked up Justin and brought him to New Jersey. After his blood was drawn, we delivered it to Virtua hospital in Voorhees, NJ, where at no cost, it was separated. Back to the Vet we went and Colors received the plasma. I had Justin home by late afternoon. It proved to be a life saving venture. As week number two drew to a close, we held our breaths, hoping the drugs would begin to knock out the disease. We were told it would be dangerous to consider additional transfusions. The hemorrhages, while not entirely gone, began to get smaller. Colors remained on drugs for six weeks. Slowly, those ugly dark blue spots (petikia) disappeared, and after two months of treatment, she was given a clean bill of health. We were very fortunate. Colors will be ten in a few weeks, an thanks to Dr. Karen Froberg and the staff of the Cherry Hill Veterinary Hospital, we hope to have her around for a while. We can certainly recommend Dr. Froberg to all greyhound owners in South Jersey. Last, but not least, we're extremely grateful to the kennel for providing Justin. Without his "donation" there wouldn't have been time for the medication to do its job. I've enclosed a photo of Justin & Colors taken just prior to driving them to the veterinary hospital.

Joel & Cecilia Rome, Cherry Hill, NJ



First Annual Greyhound Bowl

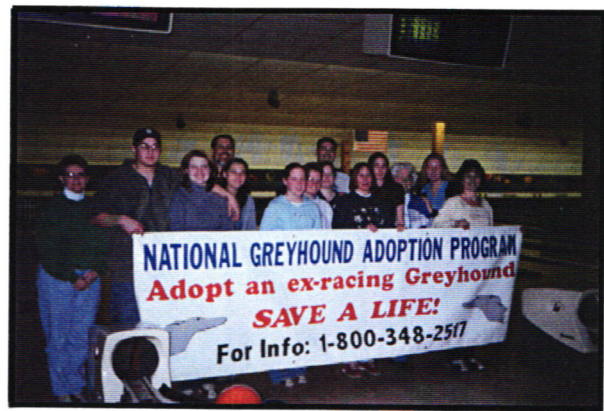
The Greyhound Bowl actually started in November when a few of my adopter friends and I had met at a local diner to throw around ideas for our group in the upcoming year. We had agreed on several public education and fund-raising projects, but realized we would have to wait for warmer weather. But what could we do in the dead of winter? Suddenly the Great Greyhound Bowl was born! We printed sign-up sheets that bowlers could keep track of who sponsored them for either a certain amount per pin or a flat donation. We also added a cover sheet with a shot description of NGAP and what we do.

Anyone could bowl, members, friends and family. We even got help from a local bowling league. On March 14th, we all gathered at Pike Lanes. We all had great fun with family and friends!

I would recommend this fund-raiser for your NGAP group. A greyhound Bowl is easy to do and only costs a few dollars per bowler and can be done any time of year. We were surprised with the final donations we raised for the hounds.

Anyone in the Cumberland County area interested in joining us in future projects, please drop me a line.

Connie & Tom DuBois
172 Centerton Road
Bridgeton, NJ 08302



Spring Spending

I don't know if it's the weather, or if it's that we have money in the bank, or we see things that we just need to accomplish. This spring seems to have brought even more challenges and requirements. The next time you visit NGAP and you pull in on the left side you will see the new asphalt paving. So when you visit the store, boarding facility or adoption center you won't have to walk through gravel or mud. If you look at the right side where our large exercise yard for greyhounds has a new cover of concrete with a large drain and now it is graded properly. That was a rather large expensive project but if you work at the kennel you know how much the staff appreciates it. Then there is the new dental x-ray machine, the new sterilizer, new portable surgical light, new stretch van to transport greyhounds and people and the new displays for affiliates. It's been quite a spring. But it come with so many benefits for our greys.

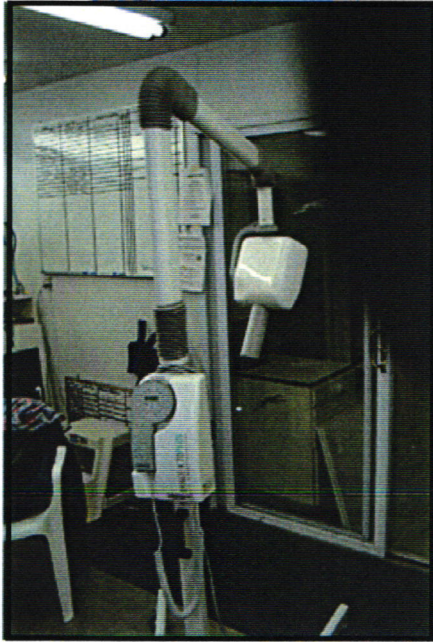
Blood Donors Needed

Your greyhound can become a blood donor and save a life!!! Call the office for further information.

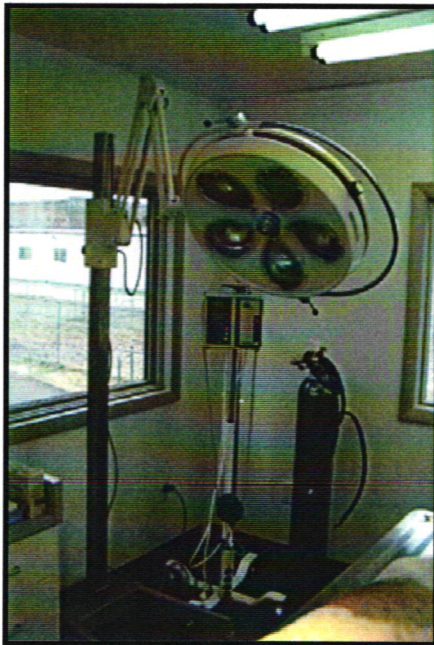
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Spring Spending



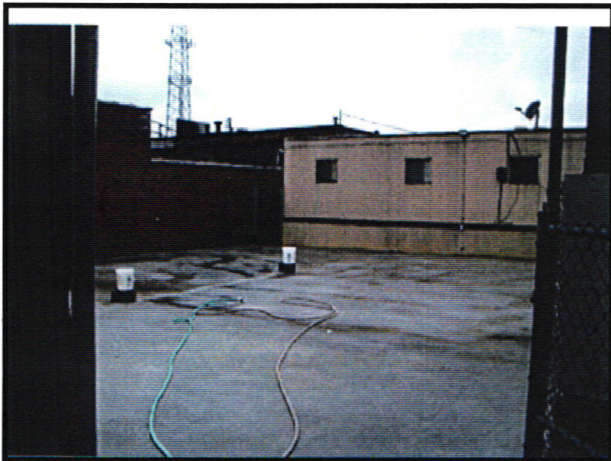
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ELLER

A billboard for the National Greyhound Adoption Program. On the left, there is a photograph of a young girl in a blue dress holding a greyhound puppy. The text on the billboard is in bold, black and blue fonts. At the bottom, there is a logo for 'ELLER'.

Another NGAP Billboard - All monies received from donated cars go to help our greyhounds!

For Greyhounds That Walk On Their Tippy Toes

Toe problems are often impossible to treat. Cuts on pads take forever to heal. Suturing is difficult and it's not uncommon to amputate a toe in order to have a chronic problem go away. Warts are often seen, cutting them out leads to the same problems as noted above. We have begun using **Dr. Scholl's Clear Away One Step Plantar** product and have gotten good results. With warts we would suggest its use before other treatments.



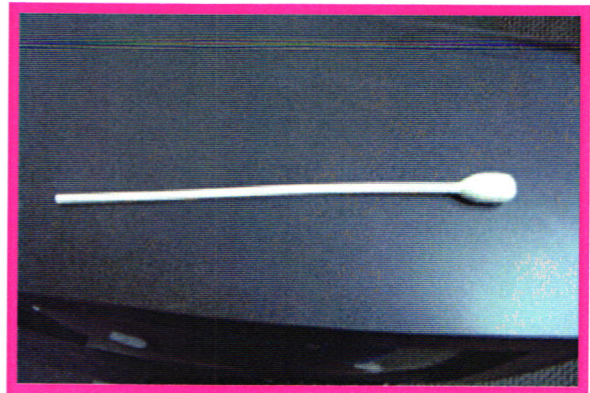
OUCH! IT HURTS TO WALK!

If your greyhound's nails look anything like the photo below then you need to come to NGAP for an extreme cutback. An extreme cutback is the director's new nail clipping procedure. It is done while the dog is under Domitor short term anesthesia, usually in conjunction with dental cleaning. What it details is cutting the nails where they should be, instead of cutting to the quick or vein. It does not hurt your greyhound. They all leave walking better than when they came in. We believe it is appropriate, most veterinarians don't cut back nails nearly short enough. This procedure will have your greyhound in good walking health. We don't do this procedure unless the dog is under some sort of anesthesia. This is just another good reason to bring your greyhound to National Greyhound Adoption Program for your veterinarian needs.



My Gynecological Story

National Greyhound Adoption Program has gotten some strange donations over the years and this one ranks up with the unusual. Dr. Charles Dunton adopted a greyhound from us named Ava who we frequently see as a boarder. She had just been boarding with us and was home for a few days when Dr. Dunton called and said that she had fallen in the kitchen at home. We suggested that he pick up some Rimadyl to reduce the inflammation and reduce pain. He said to us that he would like to help in some way and the director asked, why Dr. Dunton what do you do. He responded by saying that he was a Gynecologist. As it turned out we knew actually how he could help. There is something that he uses in his line of work that we have used from time to time, but we never have very many. It could best be described as a giant Q-tip or swab. We used this medical item for cleaning ears and it is so much better than using a regular Q-tip. Dr. Dunton donated two cases of swabs to us. This only proves that anyone can help us in some fashion. Thanks Dr. Dunton helping us convey this story.



Greenies Are Back!

Greenies are the best snack that we have found to keep your dog's teeth clean. We were out of them for awhile, and now we have them again. You can purchase them in an economy pack of 8 Greenies available for \$15.00 plus shipping or at that greyhound store. See photo below.



We Need Nimble Fingers!!!!

In this newsletter there are some articles regarding the conditions that canines must endure in Spain. We are fortunate that we are in a position to help them. We have had donated to us a large quantity of flea and tick preventatives that we can send to them. We are looking for good places here in the U.S. to send these products and haven't found many takers. In order for us to send the products to Spain it first must be broken down out of the display packages otherwise the cost would be excessive for shipping. They have been ecstatic about what we have sent thus far. We need volunteers to work at our new office facility to break down these products. After reading the dispatches from Spain your heart must go out to these terribly abused animals. You can also send a letter to the Spanish Ambassador in Washington telling them of your disgust in the way they treat their animals in general, specifically greyhounds and galgos. Galgos are Spanish greyhounds. Address is listed below:

Senor Jose Valin
Junta De Castilla y Leon
calle Rigoberto Cortejoso 14
47014 Valladolid
Spain

When Cheaper is Better

Usually cheaper is not better, usually when you spend less you get less. We now have found an exception to that rule. When you shop at NGAP store you will be getting a good product for less money than anywhere else. Even more important if you visit our clinic and surgical facility you get a true bargain. Most adopters find our experience in handling greyhounds is superior to the care of local veterinarians and will cost considerably less money. Adopters tell us all of the time that we are out of the way, and it takes too long to get to our facility. That may be the case if you are coming in for just vaccinations, even though our vaccinations are cheaper. If you are dealing with a surgical related issue or dentistry it is appropriate to visit NGAP and drive the extra miles. Currently our doctors are working Tuesdays and Fridays, let us know if other days are better and additional clinic days will be scheduled. We offer more options at a much lower price. When it comes to NGAP cheaper is better!

It's Time For A Fresh Coat Of Paint

We never want the kennel to look shabby but both inside and outside gets hard use. It is time for a new coat of paint on all of our outside structures and if we have the time we will paint the inside as well. No particular skills necessary for this job. We supply the paint, we supply the rollers, we supply the brushes, you supply the arms. Painting will commence as soon as volunteers arrive on a dry sunny day. If you give notice that's fine, if you don't give notice that's fine. Please come to work for 2 to 3 hours to make it worthwhile.

The Color Of Your Gums

The color of your gums truly tells us a lot. They surely tell us if you have gingivitis or periodontal disease. They are also an additional wellness indicator. It is always a good idea to do periodic checks on your greyhound's gums color, by doing this you can see variation. It is good to look at your greyhound's gums when your dog is feeling well, shortly after having a dental cleaning so you know what color they should look like. If your greyhound is under the weather at all, check the gums as well to see if the color is compromised. If the gum color is very pale and your greyhound is not feeling well it is appropriate to see your veterinarian immediately or call us for advice.

I Can't Believe It!!!!

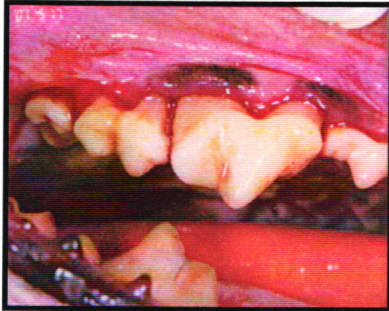
We hear that on a regular basis when we show adopters what their greyhound's teeth look like they have a hard time believing that their greyhound's teeth are as bad as the pictures on the opposite page. We usually hear, "well my veterinarian just cleaned my dog's teeth two weeks ago, two months ago, six months ago, one year ago." Unfortunately they haven't been paying attention to them for that period of time. With every adoption, we hand out a sheet we call the monthly check up. We are listing it under this article for your review.

The first item. Lifting up your dog's lip and looking at it's teeth. If you did that you wouldn't be surprised. We then have adopters who rather than feeling embarrassed, have their dog's teeth cleaned before coming in for boarding. Here we are two weeks later with relatively cleaned root exposed teeth that should of been pulled out by the local veterinarian. But the excuse is that it wasn't necessary, the dog was too old, or the dog has a heart murmur. The answers to those excuses are wrong, wrong, wrong. It would be better to put your dog at risk on an operating table to remove fowl teeth and clean a fowl mouth then let a dog continue to have a slow agonizing death because of that fowl mouth. NGAP has operated on dogs between 10-15 years old. We see them leave us the following day more stable on their feet and already feeling better. Don't be surprised. Pay attention and don't necessarily rely on the judgement of a local veterinarian when it comes to your dog's mouth. Don't let your dog look like these photos. You can always give us a call for advice.

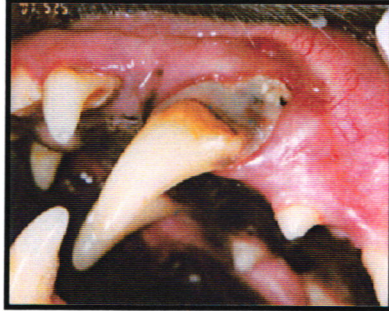
Greyhound Property Laws (can also apply to grandchildren)

- 1- If you like it, it's mine.
- 2- If it's in my mouth, it's mine.
- 3- If I can take it from you, it's mine.
- 4- If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.
- 5- If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.
- 6- If I'm chewing something up, all the pieces are mine.
- 7- If it just looks like mine, it's mine.
- 8- If I saw it first, it's mine
- 9- If you are playing with something and put it down, it automatically becomes mine.
- 10- If it's broken, it's yours

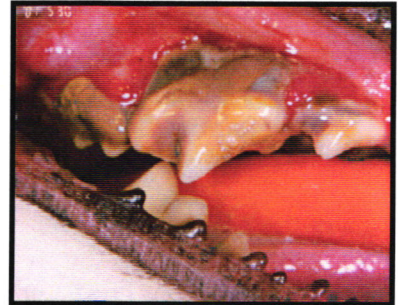
Do any of these pictures resemble your greyhounds teeth?



Root exposed teeth like these need to come out.



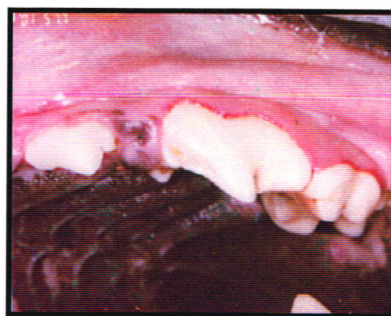
Severe root exposure needs bonding.



Severe root exposure. Extractions needed.



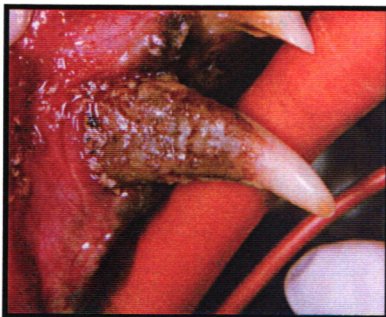
A Good Mouth!



A Good Mouth!

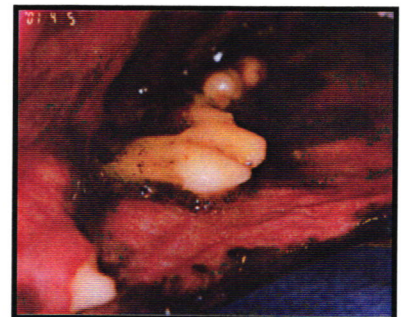


After cleaning terrible Gingivitis

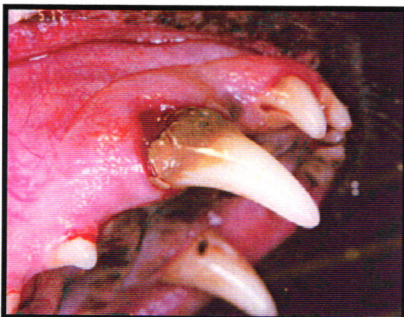


Really bad, but after cleaning can be bonded.

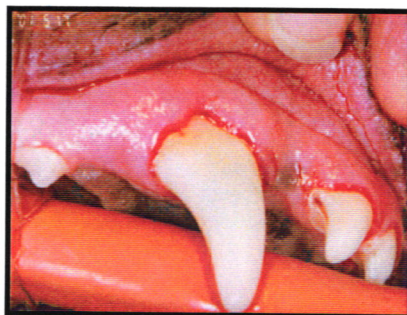
A picture is worth a thousand words. Lift up your greyhounds lip and see which picture applies to your greyhound.



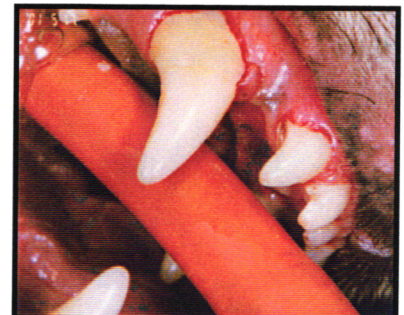
This picture is after cleaning. Tooth needs to come out.



Haze before cleaning.



Haze after cleaning.



Haze after bonding.

King Fritz And His Greyhounds



Burial sight of King Frederick II at San Souci Palace in Potsdam, Germany. (Photo 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 from the salt mine to a church in Marburg. In 1952 Prince Louis Ferdinand moved the king to a crypt at the Hohenzollern Castle in Hechingen.

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

By Charles Hillinger

Hi!!

I know that I have not been very good about sending in my reports on my new home, but I thought I would take this opportunity to wish a Happy Passover and Hoppity Easter to all of you.

My new home is really neat. I have a chair that I can share with Mom and I even have my very own CAT to play with! His name is Stupid and he is truly a dumb cat. I go out every time Dad walks outside and I can run with Boots and Kenny (#1057) when they play in the yard. Kenny doesn't run very much as his rear hip sometimes gives out, but he does like to bark at the cats in the house (even though he has his own cat!) and leap up the steps into the dining room.

When I got here, Kenny and Boots and Kari, a Schipperke lived with Mom & Dad. Kari died on March 3rd and Dad was very sad. She had been with them for 16 years and was fun to play with as she would play tag sometimes in the yard with me.

I learned that going into the garage means that we are going for a ride and treats follow after that. I still do not wear a coat and to be honest, it took me a few weeks to even go into the garage without shaking and being afraid. Mom & Dad did go out one time and came home to find every stuffed animal that was around scattered all over the floors from the library through the family room, into the foyer and laundry room. I have my very own stuffed teddy bear but have been sneaking any other toy that I find on the floor or that the cats knock down. Boots has his own Tickle-Me-Elmo and Cookie Monster that I Don't play with as he is protective of them. Sometimes though, Stupid makes them talk and vibrate. Kenny showed me how to toss Dad's slippers and to chew on the fleece lining. We didn't get yelled at, but boy was he surprised one day when he stepped into a wet slipper!

This past week was unusual as Mom had family at the house for Passover and they had never met me before. I also got to meet Zack, a very large, affectionate and active Golden Retriever. It was loud, noisy and fun.

I want to thank you for finding this nice home for me. I have learned that I don't need to become upset as I will never be left alone, and that I will never be locked in a garage. My chair is always covered with a soft blanket and food, water and cookies are always there.

Licks & Kisses!!!

Kissy (Owner's Beryl & Harry Eckrick)

To David Wolf & The Entire NGAP Staff:

Our hearts are always touched in very special ways when (along life's pathway) we meet dearly loved adopted greyhounds.

We appreciate you and the good work you do. Thank you for giving of yourselves and for making personal sacrifices in each and every unselfish act of kindness during your daily assignments. Your calling to servanthood is a special one.

As you continue your diligent efforts to help the greyhounds, may you continue to sense deep, personal satisfaction and joy as you care for the greyhounds while they are waiting for new, good homes.

May God bless you and reward you for your loving kindnesses. Enclosed is our special donation-contribution money gift for the greyhounds in your care.

With our love and appreciation,
Jean & Doug Walt
Gilbertsville, Pennsylvania

LUCKY

The whiteness of her fur
the brownness of her eyes
This dog is so beautiful,
This is no lie.
She's older, but we love her
Day by day.
Her beautiful look,
Her wonderful ways.
We made the right choice
To adopt one of these dogs.
Make the right choice too,
They've waited so long.
They're waiting for a home,
To live in and play.
They've waited so long
What more can I say.
They'll love you forever,
Day in and day out.
Just like my dog Lucky,
That's what it's all about

In memory of my dog
Lucky (#123) 4/89 - 1/01
Jessica Olli - Age 13

A Change for the Unabridged Dictionary

We don't believe that you will find the definition of "HappyTail" in the dictionary. National Greyhound Adoption Program defines "Happy Tail" as a greyhound that wags it's tail so hard that it will injure the tip. And of course there is blood flying everywhere. So when we get a call at the NGAP office that a particular greyhound has "Happy Tail" we know that it is time to wrap a tail & that's the end of this tale!!!! Thanks to Ellen a staffer at the kennel for coming up with the term Happy Tail".

Support Pro-Life for GREYHOUNDS!

Friends,
The mission of the Pennsylvania Citizens Against Greyhound Racing 501(c)(3) (Greyhound Education Alliance) is to arouse human compassion for the greyhound racing dog through education. We are proud to represent this ancient breed which has been abused by the gambling industry for financial gain. We believe that an educated and informed public will prevent the introduction of greyhound racing in Pennsylvania and ultimately cause the demise of the greyhound racing industry throughout the country. Although less than six months young, we have supporters across the Commonwealth of Penna. However, we need to reach out for even more help. If you live in Pa., and care to support our efforts in the following committees, please call/e-mail. Currently, legislation has been introduced in the Pa. House of Representatives and strong unified effort is needed to provide justice for our Greyt companions.

Support Pro-Life for GREYHOUNDS!

Legislative Committee
Education Committee
Membership/Development
Public Relations

Thanks in advance for your consideration,
Ellie Scieurba, President
215-340-7658 - phone
peagr@hotmail.com

NGAP endorses the efforts of PCAGR/GEA

Because we feel it is appropriate, this article will appear in every newsletter.

“The Gift of Life, The Gift of Death”

Each of us can truly say we've adopted a greyhound and we have 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 as 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 you realize it, it's health is failing. We love our greyhounds dearly but we must consider giving them one final gift. This is the "gift of death" - without undue pain, without any suffering, we can bestow them with 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 greyhounds 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 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 lost.

Volunteering!

NGAP appreciates all of the work that our volunteers do when we go to events. Greyhounds being there makes an important difference, but there are exceptions. There are some greyhounds that shouldn't go to public relations type events. Those are greyhounds that are upset about being there they maybe uncomfortable and are nervous. They never lay down and enjoy themselves as we would like them to do at events that should be fun for the dogs and the people as well. A dog that is older and has difficulty standing for long periods of time and has arthritis is not a greyhound that should go to these events. Adopters can still volunteer, sometimes it is better to volunteer without your greyhound for events where we use a large number of volunteers. It is important to move around the expo center and give hand outs rather than sitting at a booth sometimes blocking the access to it. Please continue to volunteer but keep these concerns in mind.

NGAP To The Rescue

It all started innocently enough when we met Anne Finch at Dewey Beach two years ago. We told her that we would help in any way we could with the greyhounds and the galgos that she was rescuing. Last year we sent a box of Flea Halt to England it took some time for them to acknowledge receipt of the Flea Halt and the fact that it worked so well. This year things have changed everyone is thankful for receiving Flea Halt they couldn't imagine how well it worked and all of the shelters are clamoring for it. Obviously more shipments were in order. Each shipment costs NGAP \$50.00 - \$60.00 for a 16 pound shipment. We break down the display packages so that we are only shipping the product so instead of only being able to ship 72 units we can ship 1,800 units. We have found volunteers to break it down and have received several contributions listed below to help defer the shipping costs. Jacque Shultz of the ASPCA in New York immediately offered \$1,000.00. At the time that this is being written we have made 37 shipments of needed to Holland & England products including Revolution by Pfizer. We also help Scooby an organization that helps multiple animal shelters in Spain. What I find interesting is that you can't ship directly to Spain it has to go to Holland first so that it can safely arrive in Spain. If you ship directly into Spain much of it is often stolen, which certainly doesn't say much for the Spanish government. This is truly a worthwhile effort and we urge adopters to support it in any way that they can. Both Flea Halt and Revolution help ease the discomfort of those animals. We are literally helping tens of thousands of animals. The little that we do does so much. Our sincere thanks to Farnam & Pfizer.

List of Contributors

ASPCA - New York, NY
Charmaine Settle - Raleigh, North Carolina
Claudia Presto - Greyhound Gang - Kanab, Utah
Suzanne & Donald Stack - Somerton, Arizona
Pat Colitsas - Greyhounds As Companions - Delmar, NY

Spectacular T's

NGAP's new color copier can take your best greyhound photo and put it on a T-shirt. The results are awesome! The imprint size is just under 8^{1/2} x 11". We can use a smaller size photo except when enlarged they are not quite as sharp. Available at the Greyhound Store \$20.00 plus \$5.00 shipping.

Photo Imprint



Transfer Offering - \$12.00



Photo Imprint



Escher Ties

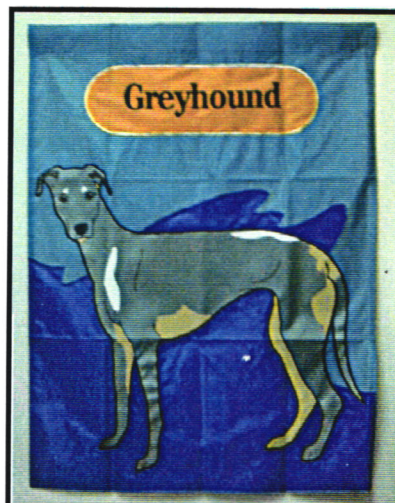


NGAP's Own Manufacturer Ties



Different strokes for different folks! We now have two very distinctive "Escher" Ties in addition to ours, all 100% Silk.

\$25.00 each + shipping



Greyhound Banner

Colors as shown.
Measures - 28 x 37"

\$22.00 + shipping

Shame On You!
**A special note to those who really
messed up!!!!**

Heading the list! #1 -Cynthia Branigan - For her quote to the local newspaper "The Courier Times". Cynthia was asked about the new pending legislation that would outlaw greyhound racing in Pennsylvania she said, "There are real problems out there, and the state's time could be better spent dealing with those." **SHAME ON YOU!**

#2 -The Country of Spain. - Americans are helping out your humane societies by sending many needed necessities. You as a country apparently have no respect for animals. **SHAME ON YOU!**

#3 - The General Manager of Hollywood Dog Tracks, Dan Adkins made a statement that they support adoption to the tune of \$60,000.00 each year. **Bunk! SHAME ON YOU!**

#4 - The State of Wisconsin and USDA for their handling of the Daniel Shonka affair causing the death of over 1500 greyhounds. **SHAME ON YOU!**

#5 - Cynthia Cash - You know why. **SHAME ON YOU!**

#6 - Dr. Lynn Maletz, who after doing many years of orthopedic surgery for NGAP severed her ties when asked to deal with a problem from one of her surgeries. **SHAME ON YOU!**

#7 - Cindy Napolitan, an adopter of ours some how has been brain washed to believe the greyhound racing industry is full of these wonderful people who take good care of their canine athletes. Cindy, I have been around a lot longer than you, I have seen the worst. Still things are not getting better. **SHAME ON YOU!**

Shame on you will appear regularly.

"Do You Know Your ABC's"

My Dog's Not Well. What Should I Do?

We often receive phone calls from adopters telling us their greyhound is sick. There are some questions that need to be answered that you should know before calling us or your veterinarian. There are some key indicators that are easy to determine and will help any professional evaluate your dog's condition. Lets call them the "ABC's".

"The ABC'S"

A - What is your dog's temperature? You should keep a rectal thermometer in house, a regular human or digital thermometer. Before inserting the probe a little vaseline would be nice. A dog's temperature is normal at or near 101.5 a half point over or under is not a big deal. If you find the temperature under 100 or over 103 there will be some concern. Above that 103 or below 100 you should take immediate action and seek professional advise.

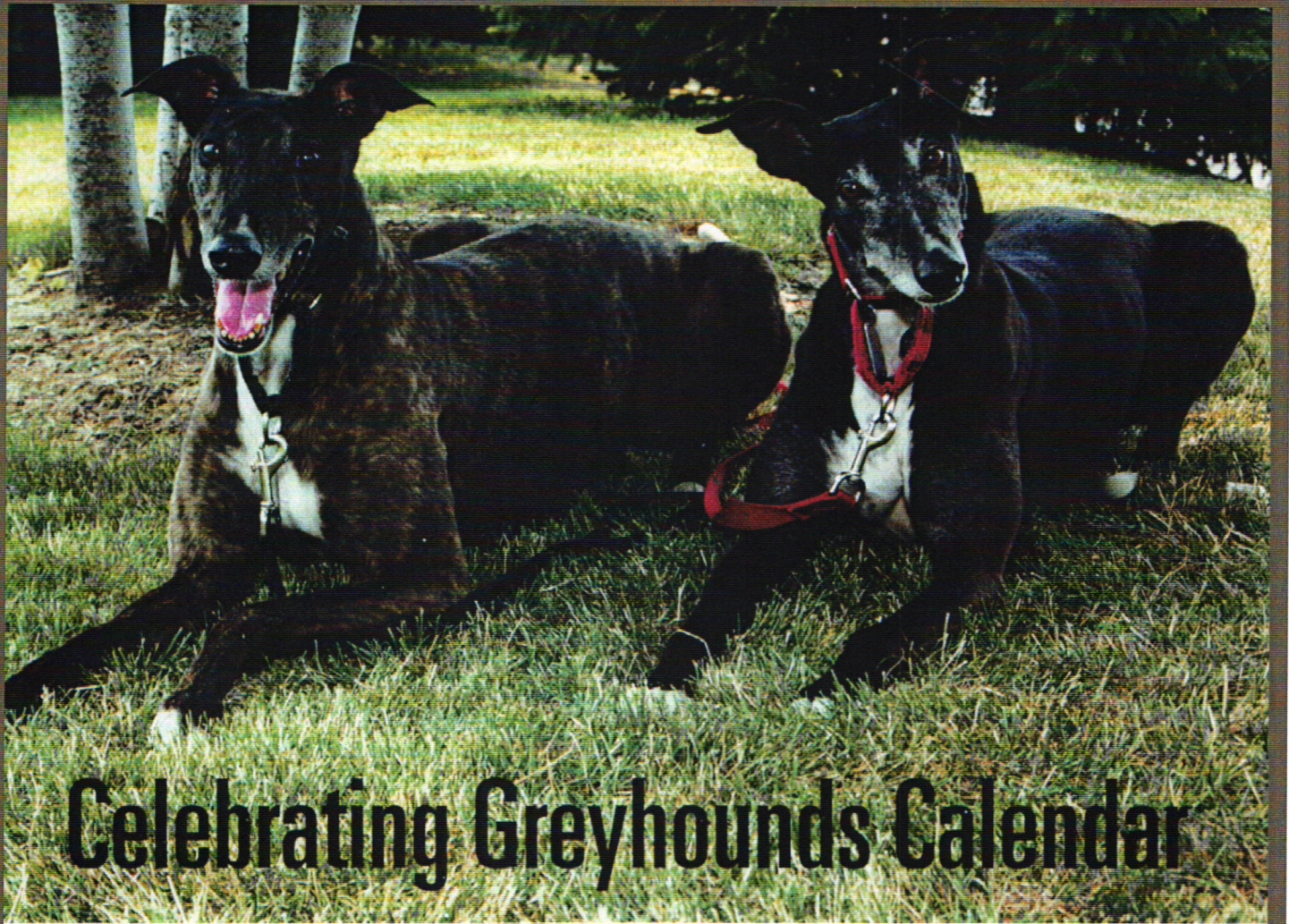
B - The color of your dog's gum lining is an indicator of potential problems. If your dog is considered healthy and doesn't have a dental related problem the gum lining is a nice pink color. If it is a deep or reddish color normally it is an indicator of a dental related problem. It is a good idea to occasionally lift the lip to get a good mind set of what color the lining should look like. If the dog isn't well that color will become much paler. We normally press the gum with a finger and release to see how quickly color returns to the area pressed. This is called "Response". If response is poor that is another indicator of problems.

C- To check if your dog has good hydration take in your hand and squeeze the coat whiling pulling up it and releasing, it will return to the body quickly. A sure sign of dehydration is that the skin doesn't return to the body quickly and appears to be saggy. Practice now so you will know the difference.

There of course can be other indicators of sickness that will help necessitate when you call the veterinarian professional. It is always good to be able to give that professional the "ABC'S".

We Often stand alone in defense of greyhounds

NGAP never did stand in the shadows. When it comes to being greyhound advocates we often stand alone. Surely there are many other organizations that are greyhound advocates there are adoption programs all over the U.S. but most can't go against the racing industry for many reasons. Many groups that work at local track facilities are fearful of being thrown out and not having access to the dogs. Many don't get the information needed to support their positions but most just can't afford the expense of airfare, motels, car rental and so many other costs in preparing a campaign that may or may not be successful. The airfare on short notice to Tallahassee alone costs \$1,200.00. Fortunately when N.G.A.P. buys things we often use a credit card and accumulate airline miles. This trip to Tallahassee cost 50,000 miles since it was short notice without a Saturday night stay. Aside from the airfare other associated costs may have been as much as \$1,000.00 to make the Senate presentation. We have been long involved in Florida and have testified on numerous occasions. The next time someone asks you what NGAP does your answer can be "We often stand alone in defense of greyhounds"!



Celebrating Greyhounds Calendar

Coming to NGAP in August
Each year it gets better!

\$10.00 each plus \$2.00 postage & handling. We sell out every year.



Greyhound Problems Across the World

Below is a copy of a letter we are forwarding to South Africa. Currently there is a move to legislate the acceptance of greyhound simulcasting. We hope that others will join in and write South Africa, expressing their feelings as to why they should not proceed with this legislation.

Simulcasting In South Africa We Hope Not!

This is a letter that we have sent. You may wish to write to those listed below.

July 6, 2001

Mr. Michael Burns
National Gambling Board
339 Hilda Street, Hatfield
0028, Pretroria, South Africa

Dear Mr. Burns,

The thought of any extension of greyhound racing whether it be through simulcasting or actually racing is abhorrent. Before embracing any racing format it is important to know what happens to the greyhounds racing for their lives. The United States deals with the humane issue of how to treat the greyhounds at the end of their racing careers better than anywhere else in the world. But we here in the United States only fill our cup by half. Still 50% of greyhounds born would die either as puppies or losers. The industry itself has shameful records in terms of placement of their former racing canine athletes. If it was not for independent caring people throughout the United States that have set up adoption agencies still 90% of racing greyhounds would die. Any country that either begins greyhound racing or permits simulcasting will extend the exploitation and abuse worldwide. Simulcasting coming from England or Ireland is coming from countries that have little concern for the humane treatment of these animals. In Ireland there is an auction every weekend selling greyhounds for small sums; then they are transported to Spain under horrible conditions. While racing in Spain they are housed in dirty kennels infested with external and internal parasites. If and when they becomes losers they are sold to gypsies to be used for hunting. It is not uncommon at the end of the hunting season for the greyhounds to be destroyed by hanging. Greyhound racing has no acceptable moral reason for its existence. It exists for the gambling industry, and the care of the dogs is damned. I would hope that South Africa does not embrace such an industry. In the United States the birth rate of greyhounds has decreased by more than 50% over the last 10 years. The popularity of greyhound racing continues to decline as people concerned with the welfare of the greyhounds demand better treatment. We would hope that greyhound racing would never be apart of South Africa.

Greyhounds Are Greyt As Pets!!!!
David G. Wolf, Executive Director

Those people that are interested express your opinion to:
Mr. Michael Burns (address listed above)

Mr. Alex Erwin
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Private Bag X274
Pretoria, 0001, South Africa

Mr. Ngconde Balfour
Minister of Sport and Recreation
Private Bag X869
Pretoria, 0001, South Africa

Better Than The Post Office

I'm not quite sure how the saying goes with the delivery of mail, but I know that when it comes to the picking up of a greyhound flying out for adoption, a lost greyhound, a found greyhound, or greyhounds coming in from Spain on a plane, the post office can't match Ed & Rose Zadorozny. They are always there and since our original picker upper Mark Carl became ill and passed. Ed and Rose have risen to the task. We should not make this task out to sound easy. If a greyhound is lost or found Ed is there. When a greyhound needs to go to Virginia Beach, Ed is there, when a greyhound needs to be at the airport at 6:00AM Ed is there, that's right at the airport at 6:00AM. Most recently picking up Galgos from Spain at JFK, Ed was there. Speaking for myself I hate to go to JFK, the only airport I hate more is Miami. Added to that logistical problem of handling greyhounds and galgos safely makes that task harder. Getting out of JFK is worse than getting into JFK. The most recent flight of Galgos was over two hours late, compounded additional time due to lighting and thunder. Subsequently the arrival to Philadelphia was around midnight for a flight that was supposed to arrive at 3:30 in the afternoon. Everyone should thank Ed and Rose. Of course if Ed has had a bad time of it, look out!!!!

Genuardi Yes! Acme No!

We have long been collecting Genuardi register tapes as a method of rasing money for NGAP. We receive 1% of the value of each tape. Acme began a program about 2 years ago. It was flawed from the beginning. Only some stores were included. They have now made it so difficult that we have decided to take in only Genuardi tapes. Keep the Genuardi tapes coming.

Boo Acme!

Beautiful Greyhound Prints

These are truly super! When framed they will change the look of your home...

Introductory Prices

These prints will also be available at Dewey Beach in limited quantities!



NGAP Favorite

28 x 22" - Image size 22 x 16" - \$35



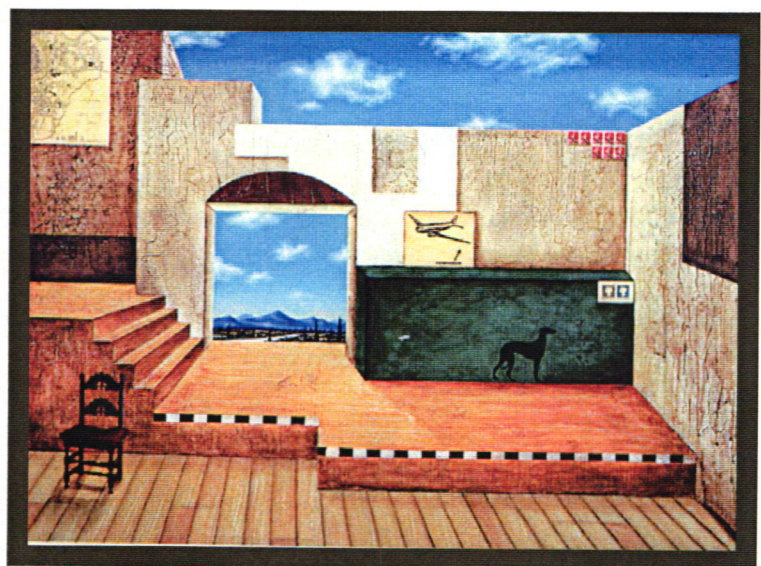
Susan Hartenhoff - *Vis a Vis*
45 x 38" - Image size 38 x 30" - \$65



Augustine - *A Walk in the Park*
30 x 42" - Image size 25 x 36^{1/2}" - \$65



Augustine - *Evening Promenade*
30 x 42" - Image size 25 x 36^{1/2}" - \$65



James Campbell - *Pluto's Elements*
47^{1/4} x 35^{1/2}" - Image size 43^{1/4} x 31^{1/2}" - \$65

Greyhound Backyard Safety

Objects in the yard where your greyhound runs such as campers, boats and other type trailers, out buildings with wide open spaces underneath, and even picnic tables can pose a danger to your greyhound. If your yard is visited by rabbits, squirrels, or other small creatures, please take heed. When pursued and not thinking they can make it to the fence, these backyard critters will usually dash for safety under the closest object.

A greyhound in a head down, full run in hot pursuit may believe he can fit under objects half his height. Needless to say, at 40 mph, such a collision will cause serious injury to your greyhound.

Here are a few ideas that can help: For my trailer that doesn't get used on a regular basis, I park it in the back corner and enclose it with four foot snow fence and a few light metal posts. (Don't use the two foot garden type with pointed tops). For my 8 foot picnic table or an object that may need to be frequently moved, I found that bushel baskets work well. For the picnic table, I placed three baskets upside-down on the ground just under the seats and two at each end. From the greyhounds's point of view, the table will appear to be a solid object. The baskets can be easily moved for your next picnic. Other backyard hazards to a running greyhound could be sticks, small limbs that fall from the trees, and small holes that squirrels and field mice like to dig. With warm weather fast approaching, wishing you and your greyhound many happy hours outdoors this Summer.

Sincerely, Tom Dubois
Bridgeton, New Jersey

Doggie Biscuits Recipe

Nancy Kuss, the owner of Velvet & Olivia makes her own doggie biscuits and they are a real hit in her household. Velvet & Olivia love the taste and chewy texture, plus they are good for them. Olivia has always preferred and eaten a high carbohydrate, low protein diet. Below is the recipe:

4 cups white flour
3 cups of Quick Cooking Oatmeal
4 tbsp. safflower oil
1 egg
2 cups water or 2 cups of beef broth
1 tbsp. brown sugar
(use 2-3 beef bouillon cubes if using water instead of broth)

Mix all ingredients and shape into balls a bit larger than a walnut. Use a fork to flatten the balls and make a crisscross pattern. Bake at 300 degrees for 1 hour. Use two cookie sheets and line them with parchment paper. The biscuits can be placed close together on the cookie sheets because they do not rise. Put both cookie sheets in the oven on two racks. After 30 minutes rotate the cookie sheets.

Submitted by: Nancy Kuss
Gwynedd, PA

"Male Sale & Oldies But Goodies"

Each newsletter we advertise those greyhounds that have been here too long or have been returned because of no fault of it's own. No greyhound need to fear for it's life with NGAP if it's adoptable. All of the greyhounds listed will be adopted as a donation or a reduced rate depending on the circumstances.

Polly - Female White & Red born July 1992. She was a brood that recently came in to us from Kansas. She is sweet but aggressive when you touch her face, a fussy eater of course, before we extracted 10 teeth. Her eating will probably improve. No cats.

THE BOYS

Chip - White & Black large male born July 1994. Needs a lot of exercise, gets along well with other dogs if they are not to aggressive, playful loving dog, gives hugs and kisses, great walker.

Timex II - Brindle large male born March 1997. Listens well, sweet, playful. Doesn't do well with small animals considers them a target in any yard. Do not allow to run loose, obviously no cats, very sweet and he listens well.

Cosmo - Red Fawn male born November 1996. Has alpha tendencies but once he knows you gets along fine with others, Needs strong discipline in the beginning, no cats, and had 16 extractions.

Benny - Brindle male born April 1995. Well behaved, playful, energetic at times, smiles, no small children or younger dogs & no cats. Would be fine with calm older female greyhound.

Hawk - Brindle large male born November 1994. Sweet and affectionate very lovable, no cats. Returned because of separation anxiety will be fine with other dogs.

Princey - Brindle male. Very outgoing, and playful. Returned because of separation anxiety, but not indicated.

Racey - White & Black male born July 1995. Sweet, well behaved, not good with cats or small animals. Has a problem with stairs.

Hugo - Black male born May 1993. Very sweet and lovable. No Cats!

Blankets, Quilts, Bedding, What Have You

After many years of having our greyhounds sleeping on carpet, we have decided that in addition to the carpeting every greyhound will have a small blanket or quilt. This additional bedding will give them the ability to make their own little bed. Our is now greater. Of course if you give it to us stitched three feet by four feet, we don't have to pay for it to be cut and sewn. Keep us in mind when you change your quilts and blankets.