

GREYHOUND UPDATE



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A Newsletter From The National Greyhound Adoption Program

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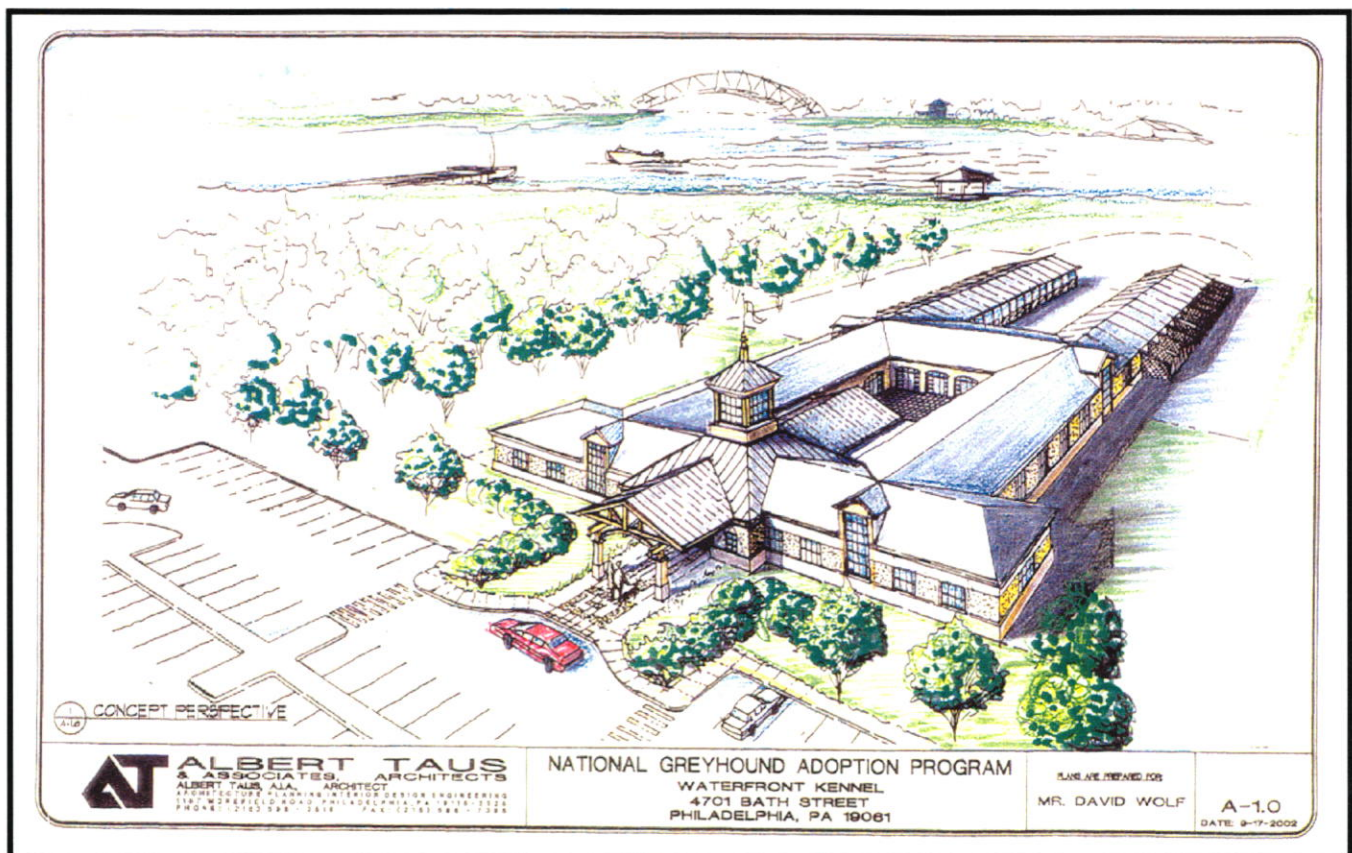
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IT WILL BE SPECTACULAR!

In our last newsletter, we wrote about our intention to move our kennel to a new and better location. First, we planned to move to buildings immediately adjoining our current compound. Then, we thought about moving up the street to use ground owned by Wolf Investments in the industrial complex where Wolf Investments was going to build after clearing ground that was donated to NGAP by David Wolf.

We decided that a location adjoining the Delaware River, with a pristine background of the river and the opposite shore, would be a truly spectacular location. We have now hired both a local architect and a veterinary architect to help guide us in the planning stages. Below is the first drawn concept of our new facility. This is only a conceptual drawing of NGAP's new kennel compound. It will have a capacity for 80 greyhounds awaiting adoption, in addition to 80 greyhounds and their friends who would board with us. Ultimately, we plan to use cottages. Cottages could be dedicated to companies or individuals for appropriate donations. This facility will be a one of a kind. **PLEASE SUPPORT US!**





“The Rainbow Bridge”

Just this side of Heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge. When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who have been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special, someone who was left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; his eager body begins to quiver. Suddenly, he breaks from the group, flying over the green grass, faster and faster. You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into those trusting eyes, so long gone from your life, but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together.....

Author Unknown

Laminated copies of “The Rainbow Bridge” are available from NGAP’s greyhound store.

A Fitting Memorial

Sunday, September 8, 2002. It was a beautiful day in the Delaware Valley. It was a fitting day to memorialize 4 wonderful friends. The preparations have been somewhat extensive. A beautiful red Maple tree had been purchased and planted that will someday soar to 40 feet. Two bunches of white chrysanthemums had been planted and 4 Loreipies representing each one of our friends to be memorialized had also been planted.

The area was appropriately fenced to keep out other nosy critters and 6 colored helium balloons were tied to the fencing. It was to be a festive day to celebrate a birthday party, but after the evening meal and before the birthday cake would be eaten a short memorial service would take place for “I’m Original”, “Debbie”, “Smokey” and “Fozzie”

David Wolf gathered with his children and grandchildren and slowly read “The Rainbow Bridge.” Anyone who has ever read “The Rainbow Bridge” will attest to the fact that it is almost impossible to read without a quiver in your voice or a tear from your eye. This reading was no different. Upon conclusion of reading “The Rainbow Bridge” each grandchild snipped a balloon and it floated into the air as sunset approached. The inscription on the granite marker reads:

**In loving memory of our greyhounds
I’m Original , Debbie
Smokey, Fozzie
You will be in our hearts forever**

“Fuzzy Bear AKA Fozzie”

Fuzzy Bear came to us back in October 1994. He was an unusual looking greyhound. For a greyhound he had a massive body. He was of course a beautiful blue boy. My son visited the kennel one day and fell in love with Fuzzy. He probably didn’t hear me right when I told him the name because he called him Fozzie. Ultimately Jeff adopted Fozzie and he was a regular at National Greyhound Adoption Program offices. As he got older, he slowed down a little as his massive body became arthritic and he had difficulty getting around.

Fozzy was such a gentle dog. He could tolerate my small grandchildren in his face and all over him. One of the very funny things about him was that when he was in the office he knew that when a tenant came in who owed us money, he became the Alpha dog, tenants had to be careful to stay away from the Foz. We had several tenants who were scared to death of Fozzie. We of course thought it was really funny.

The last year of his life although he never appeared to be in pain, he had difficulty getting up and laying down and near the end he moved in with us since he didn’t have to go up the steps to sleep and it was only a couple of steps to go out and run in our large back yard. Every day he would take a jog following my greyhound and I. G.’s when they would see something, whether it would be a squirrel, a bird or deer and go flying to the other side of the yard. On Sunday July 14, 2002 he did that and missed a step and fell hard and he could not get up. We knew it was time for Fozzie to wait at the Rainbow Bridge and he left us quietly with those that he loved around him. When Fozzie left us it was late in the evening, shortly thereafter my wife and I went to bed. It was very interesting that Pearl, our greyhound who almost never gets up on the bed, got up that night and laid between us for several hours. Did she sense Fozzie’s loss? Fozzie is buried near those that he loved and loved him. He will remain in our hearts and minds forever.



Fozzie Wolf - #2204
July 1992 - July 2002

It was a touching ceremony for all in attendance and an appropriate memorial for those we loved so dearly.

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've extended to that greyhound the "Gift of Life". Surely, if it had not been adopted, it would have been euthanized in one way or another. We hopefully have brought as much pleasure to its 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, its 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 its 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 we truly love our greyhounds 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 the "Gift of Life", as a true memorial to the greyhound you lost.

To Potential Greyhound Families

I highly recommend adopting a greyhound. They are intelligent, friendly and gentle dogs and make wonderful pets. You do not have to have a big yard either. My yards is not fenced in, so I walk him several times a day.

My greyhound loves to sleep, but becomes very playful with a little encouragement. He also likes to follow me around wherever I go in the house (i.e. when he is not sleeping).

If you have other animals, like a cat (which I have) let NGAP know so that you can adopt a dog that gets along with cats. My cat and dog get along very well and keep each other company.

Obviously, it is a big responsibility, but you will never regret saving the life of one of these beautiful creatures.

Best of luck,
Ray B.
Rochester, New York

It's Christmas Time!

Once again this year NGAP will have a Christmas sale. We propose to use the former K-Mart at 8825 Torresdale Ave. unless leased before our sale. This is the same location as last year. Once again we hope to have Santa and a photographer available for holiday photos. We probably have 25 new items that we never had before. Think about greyhound gifts for your son, think about greyhound gifts for your daughter, think about greyhound gifts for your Uncle, think about greyhound gifts for your lost cousin (maybe it will help to "fetch" them back!), think about greyhound gifts for your self, finally think about greyhound gifts for your greyhound. We will have them all at this year's sale. The dates for the sale are:

Friday - December 13, 2002 - 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Saturday - December 14, 2002 - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
(Santa will be there from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM)
Sunday - December 15, 2002 - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
(Santa will be there from 11:00AM - 1:00PM)

Oldies But Goodies

- Sirus** - Fawn Male - 12/95 - **No Cats** - Dominates other males - Will be good with a female dog
- Chevelle** - Black Male - 01/97 - **No Cats** - Very out going, aggressive with other dogs, No small children Very sweet dog for the right home
- Stix** - Black Male - 3/90 - **No Cats** - Extremely lovable, calm, laid back, listens well, smiles at times housebroken
- Spy** - White/Red Male - 5/96 - **No Cats** - Big time smiler, very outgoing, playful, loves people, listens well
- Trident** - Brindle Male - 2/97 - **No Cats - No Little Dogs** - Afraid of storms, listens well, stays by your side
- Bacchus** - Brindle Male - 7/94 - **Cats Yes** - sits, gives paw, lays down, very loving and gentle - great dog!
- Liz** - Blue Female - 4/97 - **No Cats** - Very sweet, outgoing, listens well, can be anxious at first
- Chloe** - Fawn Female - 11/92 - **Cats Yes** - Very loving, real people dog, listens really well.
- Muncie** - Brindle Female - 2/92 - **Cats Yes** - Sweet and outgoing, good with kids.
- Rosie** - Black Female - 1/95 - **Cats Yes** - Very Sweet and outgoing, good with kids - separation anxiety-does well with Muncie. **Rosie & Muncie** needs a home together.

NGAP Virginia Affiliate

Help Save The Greyhounds

11th Annual Greyhound Picnic & Reunion
Sunday, October 20, 2002 (Rain Date - Oct 27th)
12:00 Noon until 4:00 PM

Red Wing Park

General Booth Blvd, Virginia Beach, Virginia
Silent Auction....Contests....Raffles.....Games...Food Door Prizes...Santa Pictures...Face Painting...Look-A-Like Contest...Greyhound Store and lots more.....

Disc Jockey Entertainment by Rick Taylor!

Raffle tickets are available at \$1.00 per ticket or \$5.00 per book of 6!!

The public is welcome (Greyhound dogs only, please)
If you are coming from out of town and need a place to stay with your greyhound:

Quality Inn

716 - 21st Street - Virginia Beach, Virginia
(757) 422-3617 (ask for Ms. Swati)

Great Raffle Prizes

\$500 Cash, \$100 gift certificate from Circuit City, A pair of large Bronze Birds (\$350 value), LLADRO Vase (\$100 value) Collectors Barbie Doll with Greyhound (\$90 value) Carpet Tile (\$1500 value), Year's supply of Hill's Oral Care Diet Food and lots, lots more....

You Don't Have To Be Present To Win!

Have you moved, changed your address, changed your phone number, changed your name or have a new area code? If so, it's important that you notify our office. We need to keep our records updated. Don't have a situation where your dog get's out and we have no way of contacting you if we are called about a lost dog.

It Sounded Like A Good Idea!

Several months ago I received a call from Cynthia Cash from Baton Rouge Louisiana. Cynthia explained that Maggie McCurry came up with the idea of a cross-country goodwill tour having nothing to do with politics. Making multiple stops at tracks and adoption programs from one end of the country to the other. National Greyhound Adoption Program is always interested in any media event that will help us adopt more greyhounds and Maggie has had a history of really good media. It sounded like a winner.

Cynthia asked me to check with the national companies we deal with to see if we could find a financial sponsor. We tried several and struck out. Partially because they weren't sure of the press would come and also advertising budgets are planned a year in advance. We did say if other sponsors could be found NGAP would be a major sponsor of this event. In the final analysis Maggie found some private sponsors. PetSmart contributed, ASPCA and NGAP made sizable contributions and The Ark Trust in California sponsored as well.

Time dragged on and we thought it wouldn't come together. The itinerary took forever to set in stone and then Maggie's greyhound Lance became very ill and ultimately died. It was probably two weeks after Lance's death that Maggie determined the tour must go on and the flurry of activity of final arrangements were made. Maggie started out west dodging the thunderstorms around Houston and made her way cross-country. We continued to solicit national media and got a call from the Early Show featuring Jane Clayson. Ultimately when Maggie made it New York she did an interview on the Early Show and ran over to CNN to do a larger piece on the Paula Zahn Show. Two days later she would be in Philadelphia.

Maggie was greeted in Philadelphia at the Northeast Airport by many volunteers, greyhounds in tow, most coming from South Jersey. We had two TV stations, The Northeast Times and through the CNN piece, a photographer and a reporter from London's Daily Telegraph. Jackie Dornhoefer's Medinah was pictured with Maggie in the Daily Telegraph article. We entertained Maggie that evening and Saturday July 13th Maggie was off to Pittsburgh. Ultimately the trip ended in a grand finale in Los Angeles with 5 TV stations, The Los Angeles Times and several TV and movie stars to add to the festivities.

Maggie and her journey brought out countless media across the nation so that we could create more awareness about how wonderful greyhounds are. We were proud to be a major sponsor of this event. (See photos below)



If The World Was Ruled By Greyhounds

If greyhounds ruled the world I suspect that it would be a better place. Weapons of mass destruction would be unheard of. Disputes would be settled by who could grab the stuffy first and run the fastest with it. Tie breakers would be settled by squaring off and showing lots of bravado. Of course, while this was going on, a third greyhound would sneak in and steal the stuffy and be the ultimate winner because of his cunning and stealth.

If greyhounds ruled the world, they would probably keep people as pets because of their ingrained devotion to the lesser species. They would keep a few of us around to lean against, fulfill their endless desire for ear and tummy rubs and of course to fetch important things like biscuits and to chauffeur them around in the car.

If greyhounds ruled the world, they'd probably try to keep large groups of humans together unmuzzled, but due to mankind's propensity to fight and do nasty things to each other - it probably wouldn't work.

If greyhounds ruled the world I would pray that one would adopt me and take me home because they have so much love to give. (Even if he didn't let me on the couch)

"Anonymous"

Tribute to Streaker (6/1/92 - 7/7/02)

To my dearest pal and friend, Streaker:

It has been one week since you left me. That Sunday I had to make the hardest decision of my entire life. I had to put my selfishness aside and do what was best for you. I kept asking Dr. Brady how will I know when it is time? She told me that I would know, and she was right. As you lay on your bed that Sunday morning, you lifted your head up ever so slightly and looked at me. Our eyes met and I knew immediately your you were ready to go. We placed you ever so gently on to a quilt for your final journey. I knew in my heart that I did the right thing and that you would be no longer suffering. You gave our family such joy and devotion and for that we are eternally grateful. Our family misses you tremendously, but we know you are at peace now. Your spirit is with me always.

Love, Kathy



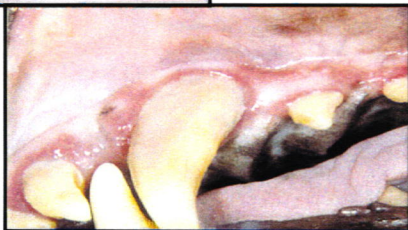
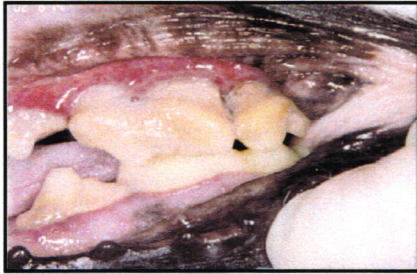
Streaker Williams - Adoption #2353 - Newark, DE

“Quietly Suffering”

I see so many greyhounds with dental related problems I sometimes feel like standing on top of the building and screaming to adopters, “pay more attention to your greyhound’s mouth”. For a greyhound the most impactable health issue where you can truly make a difference is their mouth. This writing will deal with very specific greyhounds and their dental related problems.

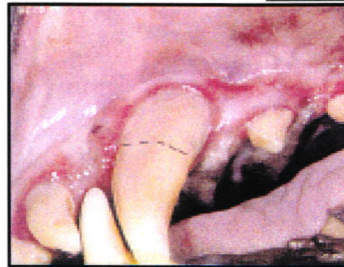
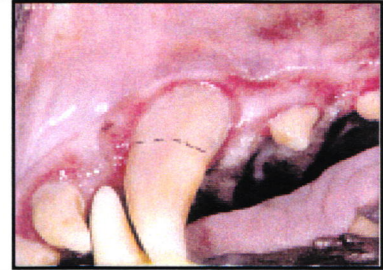
“A” was born January 1992, a 10½ year old that first came to us on June 21st, 2002 badly dehydrated. Her mouth was in very poor condition with a very foul odor. She was in the later stages of kidney failure. She was put on IV fluids over a two day period and then returned home. Because of her medical condition she was a high risk for surgery. We therefore cleaned her teeth ultrasonically while she was awake. It was just too late, what was left was extreme root exposure with teeth that should have been pulled along time ago. She returned again on July 12th, 2002 and once again given IV fluids. Her condition had worsened some. Finally on August 13th, 2002 she returned. She had not been eating, she was throwing up and the smell coming from her mouth emanated throughout the room. She was once again put on fluids her outlook was grim, this time she did not respond to fluid therapy. The next morning her temperature was as high as 105° and she had bloody diarrhea, one leg was swollen and we had difficulty getting her up. We put “A” to sleep the morning of August 14th. Her passing was quiet. **“A” had been “quietly suffering.”**

The purpose of this story is that bad teeth and periodontal disease are an open window for bacteria to enter the body affecting the heart, liver and kidneys, 24 hours a day. The photos below show “A’s” teeth that we had cleaned up in June ’02. But because of her condition did not do any extractions.



“A’ s teeth after cleaning”

The photos below show a dotted line. The dotted line shows where the gum should be. What you see is extreme root exposure – a virtual haven for bacteria.



“A’ s teeth indicating root exposure”

“B” came into surgery August 13th, 2002. He was a black male born June 1997, just 5 years old. He had bounced around in a few homes and obviously at no point had anyone taken any care of his mouth at all. He was not adopted through NGAP. The photos actually indicate conditions that are not as bad as it actually looks but they do show extreme plaque and tartar conditions and very sore and ulcerated gums throughout his mouth. After the plaque was removed we saw a mouth of root exposed teeth. All but his 4 canines were removed, a total of 38 teeth. He came through the surgery well with the help of morphine. Aside from some expected swelling, he appeared in pretty good condition. Although the rest of his teeth were terrible, his canines were pretty good and the next time we see “B” some healing will have occurred and some bonding of the canines may be appropriate.

For the rest of his life his mouth will be healthy. He like so many other greyhounds will have no difficulty consuming food, he just won’t be a candidate for bone marrow or rawhide. His new adopters made the correct decision to have his mouth cleaned up. Extractions are good not bad; they will always help your dog live a more comfortable life. **“B” will no longer be “quietly suffering.”**

See photos on reverse page.

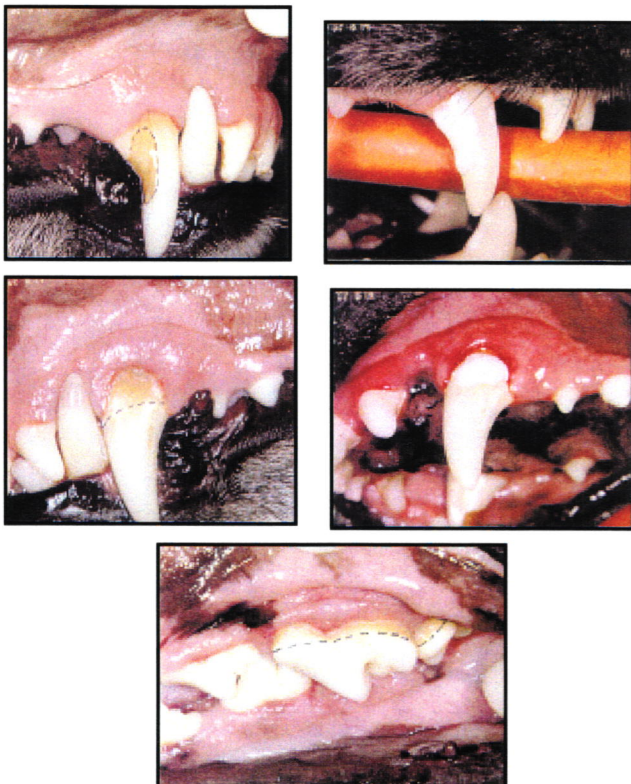
Quietly Suffering (cont'd)



"B" s teeth before extractions"

"D" was brought to our kennel for boarding August 11th, 2002. His teeth had been cleaned by a local veterinarian approximately two months prior to coming in. The local vet as we so often see cleaned "D's" teeth but didn't deal with "D's" problems. Although his adopter brushed his teeth every other day they were fighting a losing battle. The local vet should have extracted "D's" upper rear molars and incisors to make his mouth healthy and to help keep "D" feeling better. **"D" will no longer have to be "quietly suffering."**

Note the wear on "D's" canines and the gingivitis directly above the canine in the photo illustrated. Also note how it looked after bonding.



"D's" teeth shown before bonding indicating gingivitis and some root exposure. Then shown after bonding.

"A" and "W" – I received a call from North Jersey about "A", a 10 ½ year old male that was bleeding from the mouth. "A's" adopters took him to an Emergency Veterinarian Facility in North Jersey. "A" was referred to a Veterinarian Dental Specialist. The quotation to do the dentistry on "A" was \$2,500.00. When we received the call we expected to see the worst mouth you can imagine. "A" was brought to our facility August 14th, 2002, with "A" came "W", an 8 year old male. "W's" mouth was not bleeding but since the adopter was coming down from North Jersey I suggested he bring "W" to have his mouth checked at the same time. His mouth was actually worse than "A's" and we extracted 15 teeth from "W's" mouth. We are not submitting photographs, not because they didn't need to be taken but because they are not significantly different than those above. "W's" bill for work performed at our facility was \$523.00 as opposed to \$2,500.00 that was quoted by another veterinarian. The work included dental cleaning and polishing, 15 extractions, bonded 6 teeth, broad spectrum geriatric blood work, T-4 test, ProVseal, Oxifresh, nail clipping and ear cleaning. After "W's" dentistry "A" was worked on. "A" had the worse case of periodontal disease we had ever seen. "A's" bleeding probably had been due to some blunt trauma, possibly biting on something hard with very sensitive gums with deep pockets that would easily cause the bleeding. We only extracted 1 tooth from "A", but did four Doxirobe treatments in "A's" mouth. Doxirobe is a newer treatment in veterinarian medicine. It is a combination of two antibiotics, Antirobe and Doxycycline, it is formulated to become a gel in a syringe applicator and is literally injected between the gum and the tooth. The purpose is to help reattachment of the gum to the tooth by applying the antibiotics into the affected area. "A" may need subsequent Doxirobe treatments and possibly prophylactic Antirobe treatments one week per month to keep his mouth healthy. These stories are the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

"A" and "W" are no longer quietly suffering."

All these stories are true; they are all about greyhounds seen at the NGAP facility on August 13th and August 14th. **"It's time to lift up your dog's lip and take a look and see if your dog is quietly suffering."** We recommend you bring your greyhound to us for many reasons. The 1st is we have the skills to appropriately diagnose the problem. The 2nd, the skills to give the appropriate treatment and 3rd, the charges will be reasonable ones. You're not doing your greyhound a favor by going to the closest veterinarian for dental problems. You may not get what you paid for and you may pay too much.

We Need Volunteer!

**If you can donate some of your time to help out at the kennel or with meet & greets, contact:
Donna McCann. (215) 331-7918**

VET CHECKLIST

You don't live near NGAP or you just don't like us and have wonderful trust in your local veterinarian. Here are some helpful hints. Remember you're the client, your veterinarian is there to serve you and if you disagree with the course of action they suggest don't be hesitant in expressing those concerns. NGAP has an advantage over other veterinarians treating greyhounds. The advantage is the large numbers of greyhounds we receive and being able to determine the most appropriate and cost effective method of treatment.

Every time you go to the veterinarian think about your greyhound's ears. Are they clean? It only takes a minute or two to clean a greyhound's ears but more important in that period of time is someone looking and determining if there is a problem. If your greyhound is getting older an exam of its body is appropriate. Stretching the legs and moving the joints may pick up an early sign of a problem.

We like to see greyhounds that show a little rib. If your greyhound doesn't, your greyhound is overweight and potentially a thyroid supplementation may help that. If your greyhound is shy, talk to your veterinarian about it. Thyroid supplementation will deal with shyness issues. Your veterinarian can call us if they would like more information about our use of thyroid supplementation.

Nails, we like short nails, we clip them short, often going into the quick. If your greyhound is having any anesthesia procedures, while it's sleeping it is easy to cut them short.

And last but not least your greyhound's mouth. You and your veterinarian need to be more aggressive with dental care. If you are not brushing daily, your greyhound will probably build plaque and tartar. It will eventually have periodontal disease with extreme root exposure. These teeth need to be either extracted or bonded, not left root exposed.

Be aggressive. Tell your veterinarian what needs to be done or find another veterinarian!

NGAP Pennsylvania License Plate

If you haven't gotten your NGAP license plate yet you need to apply today! Help promote greyhound adoption. The cost is still \$20.00. Applications can only be obtained from NGAP. Call the office today!



PROVSEAL Kit



OXYFRESH

**If You Love Animals
- HELP US! -**

Donate your car or other valuables. Bring them to us or we'll pick them up. Your donation is **TAX DEDUCTIBLE!**



National Greyhound Adoption Program
4701 Bath St.
Philadelphia, PA 19137
1-800-8GREYHOUND

Greyhound racing kills its losers, WE SAVE THEM!

We're legitimate. Check out how we handle donations or visit us. We are local and the **ONLY** charity that lists a local address. Also call for adoption information.

DONATE YOUR CAR!

FREE GREYHOUND T-SHIRT

Visit our website - www.ngap.org

(If you bring the car to us, you get 3 T-shirts!)

Anesthesia Protocol

There is now a new anesthesia gas called Sevoflurane. It is used instead of Isoflurane. It is more expensive and claims to be better. We do not use Sevoflurane.

I recently spoke with an adopter in Virginia whose dog was put on Sevoflurane and it took a few days for the dog to get back to normal. Was it the vet's poor use of the gas, or was it the gas itself? I cannot answer that. I suggest that you question your vet before the use of any anesthesia, so that you are comfortable with what they are doing.

A Formula That Works

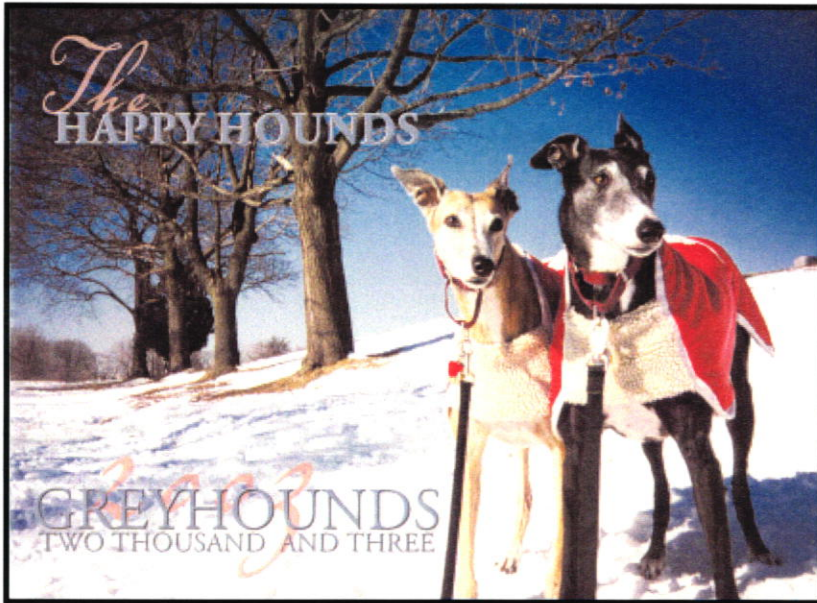
Greyhounds that are brought to us for dental work, after the dentistry is completed we suggest daily brushing to keep your greyhound's mouth healthy. Most people just don't have the time for that. For those of you that don't have the time for daily brushing we suggest the following:

Twice weekly use **PROVSEAL** in their mouth. **PROVSEAL** is a waxy like substance that you rub over the teeth and gum lining. It basically makes the teeth slippery. Bacteria cannot hold on. In addition, add **Oxyfresh** to their water. The **Oxyfresh** will lower the bacteria level in their mouth. Also helping to eliminate the build up of plaque and tartar.

Both of these products are available at NGAP. **PROVSEAL** comes in a kit form that you apply with your finger. It costs \$20.00 and will last for a considerable period of time depending on how much you use. With **Oxyfresh** you simply use one teaspoon per one quart of water. It costs \$13.00 per 16-oz. bottle. Certainly cheaper that you can get it anywhere else.

NGAP is one of the biggest users of **PROVSEAL** and **Oxyfresh** in the United States. We see excellent results if you use both continuously. Don't expect good results if you don't use it as suggested. Continuous use simply means if you run out you need to buy more.

Please Note: Your dog's teeth must be clean for these products to work properly.



Now Available

The Happy Hounds

NGAP's very first dynamic color calendar. Since this is our very first it contains mostly NGAP adoptees. It makes a greyt Christmas gift. \$6.00 plus \$3.00 shipping



White Porcelain Greyhound

Available in 2 sizes - 7 1/2" L - 3 1/2" H - \$140.00 & 10 3/4" L - 5" H - \$225.00



New Bolster Beds (2 sizes)
Male/Female - Velour or Corduroy
\$45.00 / \$50.00



Magnets (white, gold, black)
2 per set (left & right side)
Sm - \$4.00, Med - \$6.00 - Lg - \$8.00



Long Burning Candles
In many colors, greyt gifts!
\$5.00 - \$20.00



Greyhound Hood Ornament
(Beautiful Replica) \$50.00



Embroidered Baseball Hats
\$10.00

New Greyhound Tie
(Mfg. especially for
NGAP) 100% Silk
\$25.00
(matching handkerchiefs
& ladies scarves available)



Elegant New Statue
Gold Color - 30" Tall
\$95.00



Embroidered Sweats,
T's, Golf & Denim Shirts
Many National Brands
Priced - \$10 - \$35



Celebrating Greyhounds "2003"
\$10.00 plus \$3.00 Shipping



Multi-Color Vintage
"1941" Magazine
Cover Copy



Multi-Color Vintage
"1927" Print



Beautiful Print
"1909 Vintage
Delicate Colors

The prints shown are approx. 11" X 17" unframed.
Unframed - \$8.00 each - Framed - \$50.00 each
Print designs are also available in classic T-shirts!



Polar Fleece Coat - Variety
of colors - 3 sizes - Male/
Female & X-Large - \$20.00



Beautiful Book Ends (wt 2.06 lbs ea.)
9" H x 4 1/4" across the base - The look
of Bronze - \$40.00 set

BRAND NEW! - NGAP AIR FRESHNERS

\$1.00 each - Buy 5 @ .75 each - 10 @ \$.65 each plus shipping - Below are the various designs available - comes in 4 fragrances (Vanilla, Lilac, Orange spiced, Freesia) - Please indicate style number and fragrance when placing your order.



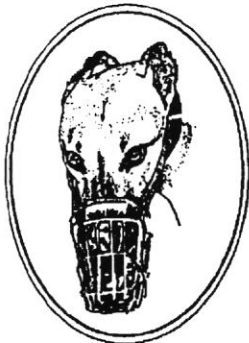
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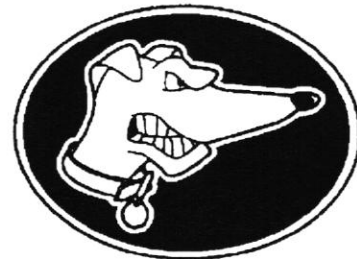
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So My Greyhound Is 7 Years Old.....

You've now had your greyhound for 3 to 4 years, it's in good health and sleeps on it's back with its legs spread out. Your greyhound's happy and so are you, but time marches on and you of course want your greyhound to live forever but that is not possible. Assuming you have gotten annual shots for your greyhound, clipped nails, clean ears and your greyhounds mouth is in good condition, it is now an appropriate time to do a broad spectrum of blood work. This can be helpful now and in the future. It will indicate things that maybe you should re-focus on in terms of your greyhound's health. Whether that work is done at NGAP or at the another veterinarians office, now is the time to start thinking of your greyhound as a senior citizen and take the necessary steps to keep him/her in the best health possible.

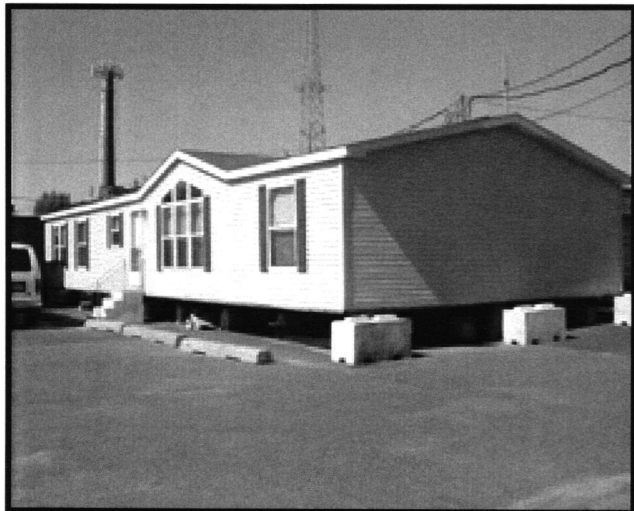
Procedures and Pricing

Cost of in-house blood work CBC	\$20
Cost of in-house chemistry	\$30
Cost of evaluation panel (out source)	
Geriatric blood work	\$85
Cost of in-house complete urinalysis	\$15

Things sure have changed since 1992

In 1992, we purchased an office trailer quad. Each of the 4 sections measured 10'X50', which sandwiched together became 2000 sq. feet. 1000 sq. feet was used as a kennel, the balance became living quarters for caretakers. Caretakers have used the facility until August 2002.

We felt it was time that our caretakers should live in more comfortable quarters, and with an upcoming move we needed to be able to take it and move it to the new site when it was ready. We accomplished this by purchasing a double wide, brand new mobile home, direct from the manufacturer and subsequently we were able to save approximately \$15K in the process. Everyone that has walked in the new trailer has said, "WOW, it's really quite impressive." To move it in was quite a logistical nightmare and we literally had to tear down some of the former kennel to make it happen. Now it's a done deal as the picture below shows.



NGAP RESEARCH PAYS OFF

It took about 1 ½ years but NGAP went through intensive testing of over 500 greyhounds for Von Willebrands disease. We now know that over 70% of greyhounds are Von Willebrands positive. Von Willebrands is similar to hemophilia in humans (that's bad); to make it worst 40% are carriers. A company by the name of VetGen in Ann Harbor, Michigan is doing a study with dogs that are Von Willebrands and on how to eliminate the gene so that dogs in the future will not have it. We of course have the largest pool of Von Willebrands tests for greyhounds probably in the world. We now are providing Vet Gen with information that will help them going forward to find a solution.

We are also going to provide blood samples on an alternative study on Hip Dysplasia. Since Greyhounds are not likely to have Hip Dysplasia. A study of the blood will be helpful to compare with dogs that do have Hip Dysplasia.

Once again NGAP facility and research information will help greyhounds and other breeds as well.

Galgos Are Here!

In our previous newsletter, we wrote about a greyhound cousin called the Spanish Galgo. The people of Spain do not hold their Galgos in very high esteem. They use them for hunting and after their usefulness is no longer needed, they simply hang them by the neck. At least now they bring some to shelters so they can be adopted across the world. Most are smaller then the American greyhound and their ears are sometimes floppy and some have long hair. Many will look like their American cousin. They have a wonderful temperament. In the exercise yard none need to be muzzled.

Lana - Fawn & White Female - **Cats Yes** - Shy until she warms up to you. Lovable, needs reassurance.

Fabiola - Brindle Female - **Cats Yes** - Somewhat shy, very loving once she warms up to you - Fence jumper.

Sandy - Brindle Male - **Cats No** - A little shy, can be playful.

Patton - Brindle Male - **Cats Yes** - Energetic, loveable, inquisitive, loves to play, gives hugs & kisses

Bea - Brindle Female - **Cats Yes** - A very happy little girl. She smiles and wants to be smothered with love.

Chula - Black Female - **Cats Yes** - Very very shy. You must let her feel secure and come to you. Noise shy. Very sweet if you are patient and gentle not overpowering. Needs a calm and quiet home.

Nieve - White Female - **Cats Yes** - Very low keyed and gentle.

Justice - White Male - **Cats No** - Very sweet, likes to put his mouth around your arm and walk with you. Very gentle.

NGAP HAS USED CARS FOR SALE!

For information on what's available contact Jeff at our office Monday thru Friday - between the hours of 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM. (215) 331-7918



Runners Helping Racers

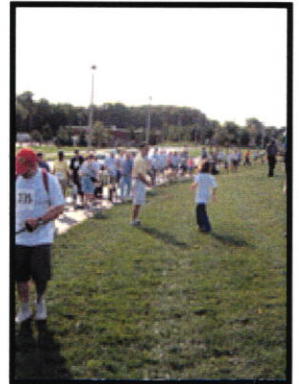
It was Sunday 9/22/02 at 7:30AM and it was barely light out. All of these sleek bodies were arriving and they just kept coming. When the race began hundreds would begin a 5K race. This was not a race for greyhounds; this was a race of people helping greyhounds. Steven Lungren has been running this event "Runners Helping Racers" for several years now. This year National Greyhound Adoption Program was the sole beneficiary of all the money raised. We can tell you that Steve was at the NGAP offices making numerous copies of the forms soliciting runners and pledges. It culminated into a wonderful event, which included a 1-mile greyhound walk.

It was so appropriate for 9/22/02 because it was also Greyhound Planet Day. Greyhound Planet Day is celebrated worldwide and adoption programs had various events throughout the US and other places. Our thanks to Steve Lungren, his volunteers and everyone who participated. Money raised will be the first major deposit into NGAP's new building fund.



From NGAP South Jersey

NGAP's South Jersey Volunteers held their "First Annual Walkathon", Sunday, September 22nd, in conjunction with Greyhound Planet Day. The event was to promote public awareness, making the world safer for greyhounds and to raise money for greyhound adoption. The Walkathon also was the debut of Greyhound Planet Day Tee-shirts and South Jersey Adopters tees and hats. Both items available from NGAP.....For more information on happenings in the South Jersey area and to be put on the South Jersey Greyhound Adopters List, contact Merci at mercibar1@aol.com



It's Time To Go Public!

People often call and speak with someone from the surgical staff, simply for advice and may never meet the doctors or surgical staff in person. Here is a photo of most of our staff. (left to right: Dr. Sangita Patel, Stephanie Keegan, Barbara Davidoff, Donna McCann and Dr. Bakul Patel - missing from the photo is Bobbie Gunning)



Send Us Your Empty Prescription Bottles!

We use a lot of them here at NGAP. You don't have to bother removing the labels. We will do it

A Quick Fix For Anxiety

National Greyhound Adoption Program has found the only product that appears to be a quick fix for anxiety attacks. **NUTRI-CALM** is an appropriate product to use for anticipated anxiety. For example, thunderstorms, company coming over, a trip to the vet, car rides and being left alone.

NGAP has used this product for about three years and finds it to be safe and effective. It is available from some veterinarians and NGAP.



Therapy Greyhounds

Almost on a weekly basis, someone mentions to me "Oh by the way, did you know my greyhound is a therapy dog?" More and more adopters are taking greyhounds to ever so many places and it's really good. It's good for the people and it's good for the greyhounds. It's also good for adoption and that makes it good for the greyhounds too. Find a place, nursing home or hospital and add your normal outgoing, wonderful, affectionate greyhound and let the world know about them and not only enrich your life but the lives of so many more.....

Blankets, Quilts, Bedding....What Have You!

After many years of having our greyhounds sleep 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.

Keep us in mind when you change your quilts and blankets.

Philadelphia Flyers Support Greyhound Adoption

See this ad in their 2002-2003 programs

Look For Our Flyers Billboard on I-95 Soon!

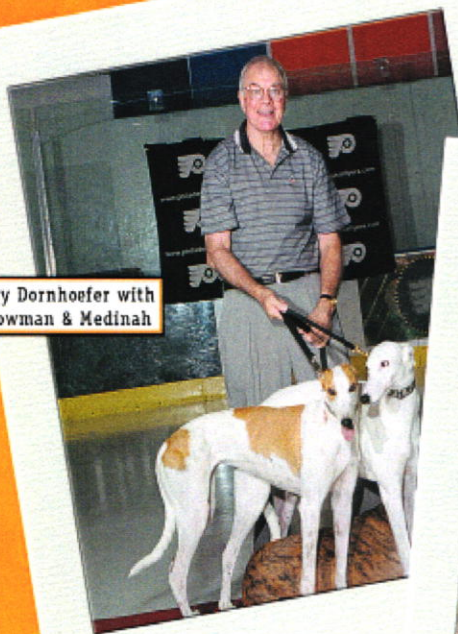
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Ken Hitchcock with
Pearl, Olive & Waltz



Support National Greyhound Adoption By:

- Adopting A Greyhound
- Donating a Car
- Buying A 2003 Greyhound Calendar
- Or why not come walk a Greyhound and see for yourself how great a Pet they can make at the Greyhound Kennel, 4800 Wingate Street in Philadelphia.

NGAP is a Non-Profit Organization. For more information regarding Adoption and Veterinary Services Contact:

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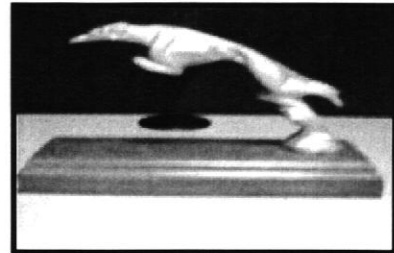
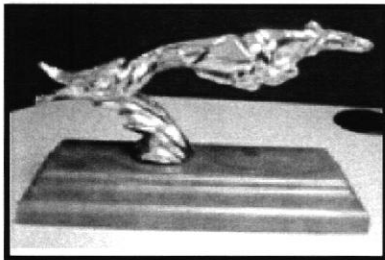
National Greyhound Adoption Program has grown over the years and is still growing. We have adopted over 5300 greyhounds since we began in 1990. This could not have been accomplished without the use of our on-site full service kennel, boarding and surgical facility. We are about to embark on a new venture that will allow us to rescue even more greyhounds and have them live in comfort until an adoptive home is found for them. We continue to expand our horizons regarding their post adoption medical issues. Your donations help us help the greyhounds! **Please support us!!**

Subscriber-Annual - \$25 Sponsor-Annual - \$50 Donor-Annual - \$75

Benefactor-Annual - \$100 Life Member & Benefactor - \$1000

Special Building Fund Donations - \$ _____

Donations over \$150.00 to our building fund will receive a replica of a greyhound hood ornament..



Donations over \$250.00 to our building fund will receive a replica of a 1928 hood ornament from a French car.

We need volunteers! Please indicate if you would like to help.

Transportation of dogs (vet, airport, etc) Walking dogs at kennel Fund raising

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Telephone (____) _____ Evening Telephone (____) _____

Please return this form along with check made payable to NGAP to the above address. We also accept all major credit cards. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible.

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Calendar of Events

"2002" Hatboro Holiday Parade

Sunday - November 24, 2002 - 2:00 PM - To participate contact Donna McCann at 215-331-7918

NGAP Annual Christmas Sale - Former K-Mart Store - 8825 Torresdale Ave - Fri - Dec. 13th - 2:00PM - 5:00PM, Sat. - Dec. 14th, 10AM - 4PM - Sun. Dec 15th, 10AM - 2PM

Greyhound Meet & Greets

Petco - 2355 Street Rd - Bensalem, PA

3rd Saturday of every month from 12:00 - 2:00

PetSmart - 7501 Horrocks Street - NE Philadelphia

1st Saturday of every month from 12:00 - 2:00

(For info on how to volunteer contact Sheryl Vona at imagreyhoundmom@aol.com)

South Jersey Meet & Greets and other Events

Smithville Halloween Contest - Held on the Village Greene October 26th - 2:00 PM

Towne of Historic Smithville in from of the gazebo - next to the bakery every Saturday - 12:00 Noon - weather permitting

Annual Christmas Party & Bake Sale - Sharon Zheng's Chinese Buffet - Black Horse Pike, Egg Harbor Twp. - Sunday, December 8th - 1:00 PM.

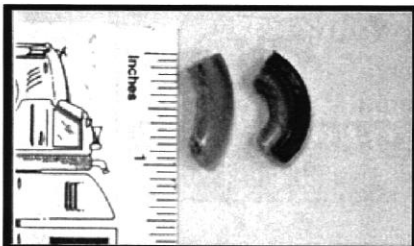
For information regarding South Jersey events, contact Merci Riccardi at (609) 266-7818 or email - mercibar1@aol.com

Notice To Genuardi's Register Tape Savers!

Genuardi's has **discontinued** their "Cash Back" program as of September 30, 2002. They are beginning a new program called "**Escrip**". This is a program that will allow NGAP to continue to receive 1% back on all of your purchases. There are also other retailers and restaurants involved in this new cash back program. You will no longer have to save your register tapes. You will need to complete an enrollment form giving them NGAP's account number. The dollar amount only will be credited to NGAP. None of your personal information will be given to us. It will take approximately one month for us to receive an account number. You can obtain this number by checking our website - www.ngap.org, or calling our office Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:30 AM - 4:00PM.

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 Dormitor short term anesthesia, usual in conjunction with dental cleaning. What is 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 veterinary needs.



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 your 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 supplementation 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

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. As of September 2002, Pfizer has changed the label adding the use of Rimydal pre-op as a way to better manage pain. We told Pfizer to do this four years ago!

"A Greyhound Riddle"

What's the record for the most greyhounds sleeping in a bed with 2 humans?

Answer: We have 3 in our bed most nights. No wonder I have strange dreams!

Leroy & Terry Myers - Camden DE
(Owner of (6) Six Greyhounds)