

GREYHOUND UPDATE



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Doctors Bakul & Sangita Patel with NGAP's 3 Lasers.

What does Laser Surgery do for Greyhounds?

National Greyhound Adoption Program is very focused on dentistry. Laser surgery in the mouth makes a tremendous difference in the procedures we do. Flaming red gums due to gingivitis can be treated with a laser. This helps to reduce the swelling on a permanent basis. Lasers are great for removing growths in the mouth and often no sutures are required. When teeth are extracted the laser is used inside the wound cavity to stop the bleeding and kill bacteria. In many cases sutures are not necessary even with some extractions. In pockets, the laser is aimed into the pocket killing bacteria, which helps the reattachment of the gum lining. We recently removed a large growth on the lip of a 9-year old greyhound, if not for the fact that an artery came up to the lip going into the growth no sutures would have been necessary. If you saw the greyhound 5 days after his surgery you would not know there had been a growth. Laser surgery is used in many other areas, such as neutering, spaying, all growth removal, and even leg amputation. It is less painful and there is much less blood loss because it will quarterize as it cuts. There are so many benefits, every veterinarian should have one, National Greyhound Adoption Program has three.

Shame On You Pfizer

National Greyhound Adoption Program has had a long standing relationship with Pfizer Animal Health, for several years they supported us through the donation of return product. We used those donated products in our surgery. At the time they were located in Exton, Pa just outside of Philadelphia. The person primarily responsible for donations nationwide was Marsha Himes who visited our facility and was so impressed with what we did she went out of her way to support our efforts. At times she even made donations to us in excess to our needs so they could be forwarded to other rescue programs. When their location in Exton closed, unfortunately Marsha did not move on with them and since then no one at Pfizer either thought of us at all or thought of us in high esteem. Fifteen months have gone by with no donation and even though I wrote to the president of the company on 2 occasions we never received a written response. Finally, they said they changed their focus and we would not be getting any more donations, I know for a fact that they destroy good products that could be used to help many rescue programs. We use Pfizer products and even opened our facility for Pfizer to train new employees. Shame On You!!

.....Triple Shame.....

This goes down as a triple Shame, Shame, Shame On You. We would like to think that competition between adoption programs should be friendly or at least civil. I have been informed that Greyhound Friends forbids their adopter from either boarding or getting medical services from NGAP. They really need to come into the modern age. Procedures done by our doctors and technicians are cutting edge and appropriate as we learn more about greyhound health issues. We attend the largest vet conference in the United States and have exhibited there for the past 12 years. If you want to learn what's going on in veterinary medicine, that's the place to go. We stress dental care and the importance of good oral hygiene. We are not the only ones. February of each year is designated "Pet Dental Care Month" I guess vets are finally paying attention if not Greyhound Friends of N.J. I suggest Greyhound Friends would have a difficult time in court proving NGAP is not good for boarding or medical care for greyhounds. We see more greyhounds than any facility in the United States and the number continues to rise each year. Shame, Shame, Shame!

New Kennel Construction Comes To Screamin Halt!

In an effort to prepare the land to be used for our new kennel along the Delaware River waterfront we removed many trees and did substantial backfill along the waterfront to stabilize it. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) was not happy with it since we failed to get permits. They stopped us from all work in August 2003 and we have been trying to get through the permit process. They have not made it easy and we may need to use an alternate site for our new kennel. As we get more information, we will post it on our website.

Shame On You Animal Medical Center in Manhattan, NY

This is a long story but I will make it short. A few weeks ago I visited the Animal Medical Center in the middle of Manhattan. It was a huge, very impressive facility with 200 veterinarians on staff along with other personnel. Anyone that would visit would have to be impressed, I was until I visited the area of the greyhound blood donors. These blood donors were truly prisoners. While they're there they never go outside, many of them are overweight, many are spooks, their cages are too small, their beds were small and only canvas, they get no true exercise, all needed their teeth cleaned and some had serious dental problems. They really think they are great at the Animal Medical Center, well they're not. They should find homes for their greyhounds as soon as possible and close their blood donor program. Shame On You!!

Congratulations!! I am usually very hard on the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School, but I must congratulate them on their blood donor program. Animals sometimes need blood just as humans do and if blood is taken from dogs normally in the confines of a warm home with loving people, the people can certainly feel good about what they are doing and the dogs can provide a service to other dogs in need of blood. The University of Pennsylvania has a mobile blood donor program. They have organizers in different areas to find at least 20 dogs each time to give blood in a mobile unit, which visits to accomplish the task. They used to have greyhounds as blood donors and I was critical of that many years ago. I was told by Donna Oakly, of the U of P, this program is very expensive but so much better than keeping greyhounds prisoners. Congratulations to the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School for their compassionate blood donor program.

FOX 29 Does Undercover Story on NGAP & DEP

On Sunday, May 02, 2004, Fox 29 News reporter Jeff Cole did a piece about NGAP and DEP's citations against NGAP for presumably dumping concrete into the river and soiling it. Anyone that saw the report might misunderstand the footage. Some of the shots were not from our site at all, some shots of the concrete in the water were pre-existing, long before NGAP owned the site. Some were total misrepresentations. Hopefully DEP will allow us to correct in their view conditions along the river. Stay Tuned....

These Are The Facts, Just The Facts

The information below was taken from The Miami Herald Tribune: The article was about their opposition to the expansion of gaming in the state of Florida. According to the article attendance at Florida's dog tracks has dropped 80% since 1991. Bets were over \$575 million dollars in 2002, about 1/2 the amount bet in 1991. The amount of taxes, fees and fines paid by tracks and frontons fell from \$110.5 million in 1990-1991 to \$34.9 million in 2002-2003. The Herald Tribune editorial referred to Florida's greyhound tracks as a dying industry, we think so too, **LET IT DIE!**

Fire Ants Pose Threat to Pets

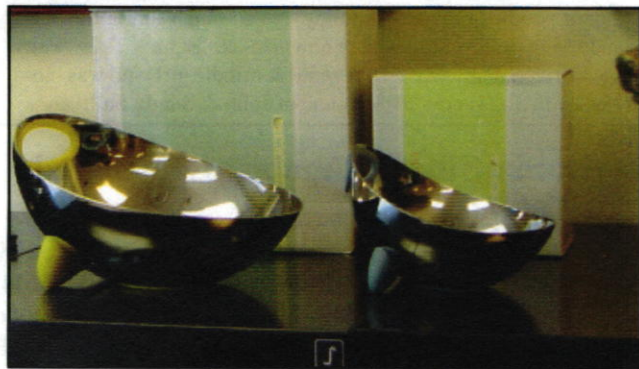
Citing a survey of veterinarians that reports small animals and pets are treated more frequently than any other animal for fire-ant-related injuries, Bayer Environmental Science is urging pet owners to be aware of the threat of fire ants can pose to their pets during the springtime, especially animals kept outdoors.

Bayer Environmental Science offers the following tips, taken from Texas A&M University's Texas Imported Fire Ant Applied Research and Education Program, to help protect pets:

- Check your property for infestation or hire a lawn care professional to do so for you. If any mounds are present, your property must be treated.
- Young and caged animals are most at risk, and ants will usually sting body parts where there is little no hair.
- Open sores and skin diseases attract fire ants. Pets with these conditions should be kept inside.
- If your pet is attacked, first remove it from the area and then remove the fire ants from your pet.
- Do not spray the ants off with a water hose, they will hang on and repeatedly sting the animal.

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.



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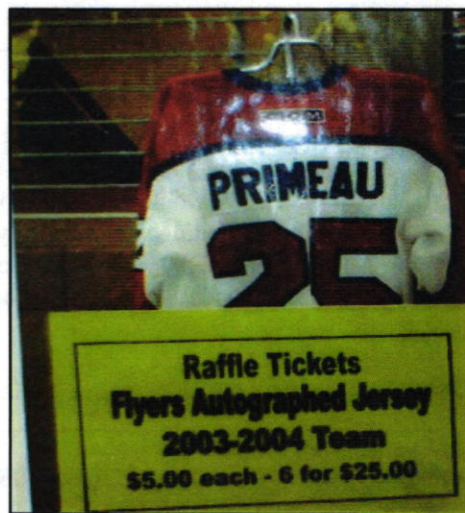
Greyhound Backyard Safety

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 a four foot snow fence and a few light metal posts. (Don't use the two foot garden type with pointed tops). For my eight 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 greyhound'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, NJ

South Jersey Picnic Raffle

SJ NGAP Volunteers will be raffling off an authentic Philadelphia Flyers Jersey autographed by the entire 2003-2004 team at their annual picnic, to be held June 13, 2004. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased directly from NGAP or by contacting Merci Riccardi at 609-266-7818 or email mercibar1@aol.com. All proceeds benefit NGAP.



Have you moved? Has your name changed? Has your address changed? Has your telephone number or area code changed? If so, it is so important to contact us with that information. If you dog gets out and someone calls us, we can't contact you if we don't have up-to-date information in our files. You also miss out on the greyhound news.

Therapy Testing Your Greyhound

Is your dog friendly with strangers? Good with other dogs? Enjoys going visiting? If so, becoming a Therapy Dog Team with Therapy Dogs Incorporated may be the place for you and your greyhound to make a difference in the lives of others! Passing the initial tests entitles you and your dog to participate in three observations by a Therapy Dogs, Inc. tester/observer in three different facilities. All observations are scheduled on Sundays.

If you have a healthy, happy, clean dog.....please call Debbie Jordan at 610-941-0677 to reserve your spot today. Space is limited!

Proheart 6

A concern has come up over the last few weeks about the safe use of the Fort Dodge Proheart 6. I can tell you National Greyhound Adoption Program has been using this product since it was first put onto the market. Every greyhound that has passed through our doors since its production has received at least one initial shot of Proheart 6. Literally all of those dogs are now in adoptive homes and we assume many have been revaccinated. Since the products launch Fort Dodge Animal Health has administered millions of doses safely and effectively throughout the country. We know of no single individual circumstance of any reaction either short or long term from our use of this product and we will continue to use it at our facility. Every product whether it be for animals or people will have some percentage of unexpected reactions. Our experience thus far at National Greyhound Adoption Program has been trouble-free. Please note our successful use of Proheart 6 as you consider the most appropriate preventative for your greyhounds. On another note: We have begun doing laser surgery in our clinic and are literally in awe at its results. If your veterinarian is not currently using laser surgery we suggest they call us to find out about the benefits of its use.

We need your Ideas

The father of one of our adopters, Donald Manchel, has donated a limosine to us. Shall we use it for events, shall we decorate it, shall we sell it? We would like some good ideas for our limo. Please put into writing your ideas, if you have artistic thoughts show that as well and forward them to our office with greyt speed. Some ideas may be published in our next newsletter.

Surviving Puppies & Puppy Survival

Unless you've actually done it you will truly have no idea the effort it takes to have 13 puppies survive and survive the amount of work it requires to keep 13 puppies alive. The first week after our puppies birth, when they moved to the Wolf residence, they literally needed 24 hour attention. In the beginning you had to be concerned that every puppy would get its time share to nurse on the mother. You had to be concerned that the mother could not hurt the puppies. You had to be diligent 24 hours a day. You must be forever watching for one puppy that is not nursing enough because it will be too weak to hold on and suck the next time nursing. You have to keep track of every puppy's advancing nutrition or decline of it. Observing these problems takes a special skill. Gerda Wolf has that special skill, with an intense desire to make sure every puppy lives. We rarely hear of litters of 13 puppies, that is because when there are so many most of them will not survive. When you are in Gerda's hands, that is not an option. For weeks she was sleep deprived, she slept in the basement (where the puppies were) for only short periods of time, but she diligently watched these little pups. As this is being written our puppies are now 6 weeks old and Gerda can actually go upstairs and sleep from 11:30 at night to 5:30 in the morning. If you go down at 5:30 am they will just be getting up and they are ready to pee & poop. It's a frenzy to blot up the pee and pick up the poop before they step in it in an attempt to play. With all the hours Gerda worked it would not have been possible if not for 2 very special people who helped, Gale & Tony Tereszczuk. Gale & Tony were there literally every day. Tony came mostly in the afternoons, and both of them almost every night. They would give Gerda an extra hour where she could run upstairs and sleep. Thank heaven for Gale & Tony. Everyone should have such wonderful friends willing to devote such time and energy to help us. As we move forward our 13 pups have survived and fortunately Gerda has too.

Puppy Year

2003 turned out to be a puppy year for us, we rarely see greyhound puppies but this year we had several. The first to mind is a 15-week-old black greyhound with white paws & white on its chest. She suffered a broken leg at a very young age but when she arrived at our door she couldn't wait to run. When she found the backyard of NGAP's director David G. Wolf, she was in heaven for a dog that had had a broken leg. For a puppy, she flew like the wind; playful, loving, and fun. She's been adopted to Lynne Hartley in the Virginia Beach area and lives with 3 other greyhounds. It was not long after that we had an even *greyter* challenge: another small critter "Mandy" all white, and a real charmer but also deaf. She was a *greyter* challenge but her favorite was running with Wolf's standard poodle "Oliver", and they had so much fun in the yard. Mandy went to Jill Rifkin with "Snowman" & "Heidi." Then "Fatty Patty" arrived, Patty was a cute white & brindle girl who was blind in one eye. She is now in the home of John & Sandy Sullivan.

Congratulations to Pennsylvania Citizens Against Greyhound Racing!!

Greyhound racing is now against the law in the state of Pennsylvania. House Bill 832 introduced by Senator Stewart Greenleaf included a companion bill / Senate Bill (SB)93, and House Bill (HB)134. This legislation makes parimutuel greyhound racing illegal in Pennsylvania and assigns a first degree misdemeanor (fines up to \$10,000.00 and/or imprisonment for up to 5-years). The Senators bill passed 49 to 1 and on May 12, 2004 HB 832 passed 199 to 1. This was all made possible through the extraordinary efforts of the Pennsylvania Citizens Against Greyhound Racing commonly called: PCAGR. National Greyhound Adoption Program played a small part in helping to get this worthy legislation passed. We send our hearty congratulations for all those responsible for its passage. Everyone from PCAGR can stand proud.



A "Love" Story.....

It was probably in September of 2003; we received a call from Pat Colitsas asking could we take some additional Galgos from Spain. From time to time we've taken in Galgos (Spanish Greyhounds) so we can continue to tell the story of abuse given these lovely creatures in Spain. In Spain, Galgos are used for hunting, at the end of the hunting season, rather than having to feed the Galgos, they are usually destroyed. In folklore it is believed that by hanging it by its neck it will bring good luck next year. This has been an ongoing tradition for a long, long time but now there are refuges in Spain that will take the Galgos in. There are a few organizations working to find homes for Galgos throughout Europe and some in the United States. They put in an extraordinary amount of work to make this happen. Most of the dogs live together in large groups with as many as 100 males or females in an enclosed area. They coexist incredibly well, even though there are so many dogs together. We were supposed to receive some dogs in November, all the arrangements were made and the Galgos were taken to the airport in Madrid, offloaded and taken to the boarding area. Accidentally they left the passport information on top of the van and after taking the dogs in and coming back to retrieve the passports, they of course were gone. Needless to say no dogs flew that day. So arrangements had to be made to try to get these Galgos to the safety of the United States, I believe someone actually flew over to Spain in mid January so they could bring back the Galgos as what is known as excess baggage. On January 17, 2004, eight Galgos arrived in Philadelphia; one male was named Whiskers because of his long whiskers, he was a beautiful red Galgo. One of the females was given the name Love; at the time I was in Florida attending the North American Vet Conference and subsequently a little out of the loop. A few days later a call came from Pat, they believed the dog now named Love may have been inseminated by Whiskers. We were given a date of late December as an insemination date. I promised we would not spay Love so we could bring into the world, for the first time at NGAP, U.S. Galgo citizens. Based on the date given we kept expecting changes in her body, and slowly but surely we began to see those changes. When her due date came we were not sure if she was actually pregnant or had false pregnancy. We decided to wait and then all of a sudden she started to gain almost a pound a day. We still did not know when she would give birth. It was Saturday night March 13, 2004 when Love finally began having puppies. At 4a.m. when we had 7 puppies we thought she was done. Then low & behold at 8a.m. she had 3 more, now we have 10 puppies, 2 hours later she had 2 more, now we have 12 puppies, 2 hours later she had 2 more, now we have 14 puppies and finally it stopped. Love only had 10 nursing sites, some of them were unexposed according to how she was laying and we have 14 puppies trying to find their way in the dark with their eyes closed to find one of those sites. Barbara Davidoff was there most of the time. Through the birth and the ensuing hours & days after. Gerda Wolf was also there, she probably had the most puppy experience and helped develop a feeding schedule so everyone got their fair share. Taking care of this many puppies is certainly not a ride in the park; it's constant work 24 hours a day until you get them out of the woods. During the first night we unfortunately lost one and then on the third day Love accidentally bumped one of her young and he started bleeding from the nose. He couldn't nurse for several hours so an eyedropper was used to feed nutrition into his body. Later that evening he began nursing again; we all felt a great relief. On Tuesday we finally got a count by sex: 11 boys and only 2 girls. Saturday March 20, became moving day; David & Gerda Wolf prepared part of their basement with a 6' x 6' enclosed area all fitted out as a giant nursing enclosure for Love and her 13 little loves.

They were picked up around 5:30pm; and fortunately the ride home to Churchville was uneventful. 13 puppies were in 2 separate laundry baskets and slept throughout the trip; Love took the travel to her new home in stride. Everyone must understand that trying to raise 13 puppies, keeping them alive and healthy, is a 24-hour job. All they have to do is miss 1 or 2 feedings or get on mom when there is no milk to drink and they will quickly die. You must be extremely diligent of every pup's behavior. Mrs. Wolf took the little pup that bumped his nose under her wing; and where 6 pups were on 1 shift of feeding and the other 6 pups on the second shift of feeding; this little guy got mothers milk double time. We are now on day 9... To be continued...

Since week 2 Love and her puppies have had ups & downs, mostly ups. One of the puppies has not been eating as well as the other puppies; subsequently what we call it a tail puppy because of a white piece of tape on the tail. This tail puppy has gotten more attention, that means whenever Love is nursing the tail puppy nurses and it means that several times a day we use a syringe to shoot a little formula into her mouth for her to swallow. The puppies are now broken into 2 groups, each group has its own 6' x 6' fenced area and a 500 kennel inside each one. Most of the time the puppies have slept inside the 500 kennels, we covered the front and sides and it remains warm for them. We usually open it before they get up then as they get up and come out they will all pee. Instead of peeing inside the crate. We found some wipe cloths we've had around for many years; a little thicker than paper but almost clothlike. They are spread around outside the cages except for one fleece bed which usually we sit on when we feed them. In addition to Love nursing, and she's no longer got the lions share of nursing, we feed them oatmeal, rice with cooked ground meat, and in some cases very lean raw ground meat. We now have small dishes hooked on the side of the enclosures for their water and puppy Bil Jack, which is dry. They are now beginning to munch on the Bil Jack. They are becoming very affectionate and if you sit on the fleece bed it's not uncommon to have every one of them crawling all over you. Last night I had a little puppy upside down in my arms, spread out and as long as I tickled his belly he would not move. To say they're getting cuter would be a gross understatement. Saturday night and Sunday April 10-11, Love was feeling under the weather, she didn't want to eat or drink and when she did eat she would throw up. We are a little concerned about her, we gave her a few injections of antibiotic and as quickly as she was not feeling good is as quickly as she was feeling better. If she had not improved as quickly as she had, we would have put her on intravenous fluids. We didn't have her nurse while she was feeling sick... To be continued... (visit our website - www.ngap.org)





Jack The King

We adopted Jack as our second hound in 1997. He came to us a real "spook," terrified of men so we can only guess his trainer was a man who was routinely hard on him. A winner, he had been at the track until he was 5. At NGAP they had to extract 31 rotten teeth so this poor handsome guy was not a happy boy at first. Feeding him his chow was a real exercise in patience for my husband, if he moved a finger Jack would bolt for the living room and it took months of patience from our neighbors before he would let them pet him. When we hosted meet and greets he was unable to relax and was hyper-vigilant. Any loud noise would send him on high alert although people noises were no problem. He was on thyroid medication when he came to us, which we continued. He gradually learned from us and the Queen Jessie, his "sister," that people were OK, but he still had a lot of shyness in him and would flinch when people tried to pet him although he did tolerate it. About 2 years ago we had his thyroid levels checked and found that we had to double his dose from 0.3 mg. to 0.6 mg. twice a day. Since that time the difference in him has been amazing. No longer flinching at loud noises at meet and greets, he is actually laying down and relaxing. He lets people pet him and wants them to pet him. With people he knows he will bury his head in their lap to get his puppy suckup. He had a thick coat when we first brought him home his neck fur in particular is particularly luxuriant and not like most greyhounds at all. People with greys will tell us that they haven't met another hound with his wonderful thick coat. He even seems more playful at the ripe old age of 9 and can run with our little 2 yr. old girl and keep up! We noticed this change within 3 months of increasing his dose. The other thing we had to do was have NGAP remove his 4 canines over the summer as the bonding had not stopped his gums from receding to the point that he was in some discomfort all the time. Jessie is also on thyroid although a much lower dose. She had no troubles at all with people or thunder phobias and is a retired therapy dog and also the owner of a beautiful coat.

We really believe that the combination of thyroid meds and good dental care made all the difference in his disposition and overall health. If you have a hound that has thin fur and thunder phobias or shyness, we would strongly recommend having thyroid levels done.

If low or even low normal thyroid is found it would be worth a 3 month trial to see if your hound improves.

*Deb and Don DeNearing, Jessie the Queen B,
Jack the King and Buffy the Stuff Slayer*



Bankrupt a.k.a. Miles

Dear Bobbi:

I seemed to have lost my adoption paperwork and wanted to give you an update on Bankrupt (a.k.a. Miles adopted in late August/early September) and thank you for the wonderful gift you have given me.

I had never owned a dog before Miles and I wanted one just to run with me in Manhattan. I had no idea how attached I would become! Now, I cannot imagine life without Miles. Every morning I wake up with this sweet, 75-pound smoocher next to me. He hogs the bed, but keeps me warm. We do our usual lap around the block before I go to work. (He is a celebrity among the neighborhood canine community.) I have recently un-crated him, which is great because my apartment is too small for the big cage. He hangs out in my apartment (quietly and well-behaved) while I work. He is the perfect city dog. He doesn't bark or shed or chew anything. He is so happy to see me at the end of each work day and cuddles with me all night. We have been on some movie TV sets. I even caught a glimpse of us on a Third Watch episode. We run along the Hudson River. We go to the park. We shop(so many stores allow pets in New York - it's great). We visit my parents in the country. I take him everywhere. He has grown to love car trips and is now a stair master.

I found a great veterinarian in the neighborhood. She was extremely impressed with all the paperwork I brought from NGAP. She said that she had never seen such a thorough adoption agency. From the testing you performed, she was able to determine that Miles has a hypo-thyroid. He has had great success with the medication. His hair has grown back. He has a beautiful thick coat and his energy level is perfect.

I can't tell you how great of an impact Miles has had on me. I could not be happier. I recommend greyhound adoption to almost everyone I talk to. Miles was trained and well-behaved when I got him and has just been the most wonderful pet I could have asked for. Although I had never owned a pet, I felt prepared and well-informed after NGAP's orientation. And I saved a life! What could be better than I can't wait to get a bigger apartment so I can adopt a partner in crime for Miles. Attached is a picture of him snuggled in my bed. What a sweetheart! THANK YOU!

Marialisa Walton



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 it's 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.

Both Sadness & Joy

This office receives so many touching letters from adopters who have lost their beloved greyhounds. Our newsletter is not meant to be a newsletter of sadness. This particular issue has many of those touching notes from adopters that clearly show how wonderful our greyhounds are. I hope you are touched by these notes as we were.

"His Head Just Fit Her Hand"

A story of: Hershey Bar & Merci

I wondered how she slept last night. My thoughts seemed to fall on her reaching out to touch that "head that just fit my hand". But he was gone. Gone, as she said, to the big kitchen counter in the sky. He came to her, or sometimes it seemed, she came to him, nine long years ago, bringing a new and better life than either had ever known. Hear her describe that first meeting. There he was. The most homely dog she'd ever seen. Rusty black fur and beady little crossed eyes prancing and bouncing around like a whirling dervish. What on earth were they thinking? This was not what she had in mind when she said she would take a Greyhound. But, never mind, there he was and he was hers. And then, amazingly, she fell in love. He had only to look up at her and lean against her and the stolen Turkeys and loaves of bread were forgiven. And, loving him as she did, it was not surprising that Reesie, and Kissy, then Tootsie should follow, but Hershey, Hershey was the heart dog. My Hersh, she always said. My Hersh. With such love in those two words. When the time came near and we all feared that he was failing quickly, all wondered how she could deal with this greatest of all losses. She made "the decision". It was time. With good friends at her side she held him for that last sad time as he was eased into a gentle sleep. Washed by the tears of loss, she watched him slip away from pain and wasting to a better place. She slept well that night knowing that she did the most loving thing anyone could do for their beloved hound. She let him pass out of his torment to journey on his own even as she must do. But life goes on. Today when Tootsie was working the pickle barrel that doubles as a dog food container and Kissy was barking for no one knows what, she paused to call out to them, "Cut that out. Don't you know we are in mourning here?" strong even in the wake of heart breaking pain. Humor even in the loss of Hershey, whose head just fit her hand.

Submitted by: Marjorie Engelhardt

Justin is Gone

Anyone who has visited the NGAP kennel probably came across Justin. He was the one permanent resident at NGAP. He was a beautiful, large, fawn male ever so affectionate, but because of fear-biting he had gone through a few homes and was designated to live out his days at NGAP. Of course, that's not what we wish for any of our dogs, but Justin didn't have it so bad, there was a gentleman in the neighborhood by the name of Jake. Jake was there almost everyday to take Justin for a walk. Justin was a little spoiled because he was one dog that got to run in the long runs more anyone else, and always got more treats. Then we discovered Justin had a heart condition and was on heart medication for 3 or 4 years. Justin was one of our first blood donors and until his heart condition was discovered, was probably one of our #1 blood donors. On one occasion he even left the premises to visit another facility to donate some blood in order to help save another greyhound, and did. Justin was very special and we will miss him.

Grenola Baby

You called her Gladys; we called her Grenola Baby, Tweetie Pie, and Grizwald. She was 1877 to you, and to us the sweetest animal we have ever known. She was in our hearts in less than a week and ruled the roost. Everyone loved Grenola, she heed court wherever she went, allowing people to pet her and talk to her.

On September 2, 2003 we said goodbye to our Baby. A bone cancer in her hind leg was making it more and more difficult to climb on her couch, jump on her bed, and even to get up from her mat. They offered us amputation, chemotherapy and several overnight stays in the hospital, no promises and precious little hope of more than 3-6 months with her. And so we said goodbye - it was time, she told us with her eyes and her sighs when she got up. It was one of the hardest things I've ever had to do.

We gave her almost 9 years; she gave us unconditional love and companionship. We want to thank you for the experience and when we have had a chance to heal we again consider adopting a greyhound or two.

Sincerely, Sue & Howard Simes

“BABE

It was 9 years ago this month of September that “Babe”, a 3 year old retired racing greyhound, came into my family’s life. After “passing” the involved adoption process, (and yes, they did check our our references!), my husband and son drove from Butler, New Jersey, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to pick up Babe. After locating the kennel where she resided, they saw Babe getting the spa treatment! She was finishing her grooming process before leaving the kennel. The ride from Philadelphia to Butler was a little eventful, as the crate that Babe was traveling in tipped over in the back seat. She survived the trip and entered our home and our lives, which began a 9-year love affair.

Because Babe had never been in a house, we had to show her how to go up and down the stairs. She quickly mastered that and also learned how comfortable beds and sofas were! I began taking Babe with me on my daily runs and although greyhounds are clocked at speeds of up to 44 mph., I can assure you that we went much slower. Everyday as I laced up my running shoes, she would be jumping up and down, in anticipation of our “time” together. We continued this routine for the next 7 years, through all kinds of weather.

Then I began noticing that my running partner was beginning to lag behind at least a leash-length. At first, I thought it was the heat, but then it was all the time. Her hind legs started to weaken and occasionally, 1 leg would drag. We changed to walking since, not only did she have arthritis, but also I began to notice new aches and pains. So our runs became fast walks, our fast walks became more leisurely, and then they ceased altogether. Babe developed a new, pronounced limp in her left front leg at the end of August, just after her 12th birthday. A trip to the vet revealed a malignant tumor in her left shoulder; the only treatment was amputation. I could not do this to an “accomplished” runner. When Babe could no longer go up and down the stairs (the very stairs we taught her on), my family and I sadly made the decision to have her euthanized. I miss my friend, my soul mate and most of all; I miss my running partner.

Jane DeBenedette

“TIGER”

We lost a dear friend on Valentine’s day when Tiger (you knew him as Donner) had to be euthanized. He had been losing weight lately so we took him to the vet. He was suffering from multiple system failure and we realized the loving thing to do would be alleviate his suffering. He was strong and brave until the end and passed away in our arms. We will never forget our “big-eared goof.” Every hug was a group hug when tiger was around because of course he had to be included, and everyone that came to the door must have come to see him. He was a wonderful ambassador for greyhounds everywhere he went. We have several new hounds in our town because the owners liked Tiger so much when they met him that they adopted. Even on his last day, as sick as he was, he made such an impression on a woman at the vet’s office that I gave the woman the web site address because she said she was thinking of adopting, but now that she’s seen how wonderful they are in person she was convinced. Little did she (or we at the time) know that within the hour our beloved hound would no longer be with us. We’ll miss the way he surfed the yard in the one section that we referred to as Tiger’s turn. Or when he helped mommy dig in the garden....she would start and Tiger would nudge her out of the way and in two or three powerful scoops he would finish the hole for her...just to help out. He always just wanted to be wherever we were and doing whatever we did. I don’t think I have a single greyhound sweatshirt without a toothmark in it from when Tiger and I would “wrestle”. He would growl at me and grab my arm like he was soooo scary, I guess he didn’t know that I could see his tail wagging a mile a minute...yeah—real scary. He didn’t have a mean bone in his body. His sweet personality was clearly evident to anyone who met him. He loved his eight years of retirement and being spoiled rotten, and we loved his time with us. When our broken hearts heal a little we will make room for another greyhound to fill with love. We know that we’ll never be able to replace Tiger—he was one of a kind—but we’ll carry on his legacy by being ambassadors for greyhounds wherever we go, it’s a job Tiger did so very well by just being his big loveable self. Tiger was ten years and eight months old. He is sorely missed.

The Morris Family (Adoption #2507)

“The Greatest Gift”

I always knew this time would come, from the very instant our eyes first met. How I loved you then! How I love you now! I made a promise then and I keep that promise now... you will not suffer from pain that will not heal; you will not know the loss of a life remembered, now gone. It is for me alone to make this decision, the price for the bright joy and pure laughter you brought me during the time we shared. I am the only one who can decide when it is time. When my hope dies, and my fears ride high, just when I need you most, I must let go. It is for you alone to tell me when you are ready. For without your guidance, I will not know when to lay my grief, my guilt, my anger, my sorrow and my selfish heart aside and give you this last gift, this greatest gift. Your eyes will speak to mine, and I will know. The pain of this moment is excruciating. Tears stream down my face in a river of sorrow, and my heart drowns in a pool of grief. For you have spoken, and I have listened, and unlike other decisions I have made, this one brings no relief... no comfort... no peace. For if there’s one thing you’ve taught me, if there’s only one thing I’ve learned... Unconditional Love has a condition after all, I must be willing to let you go, when you speak to me I must be willing to let you go, if you cannot go alone. And I must accept my pain so you can be free of yours.

Go easily now, go quickly now, do not linger here, it is time for you to leave. Go find your strength, go find your youth. Go find the ones who’ve gone before you. You are free to leave me now, free to let your spirit soar rest easy now, your pain will soon be gone. I pray I will find comfort in my memories...in the dark and lonely days ahead.

I cannot say I will not miss you, I cannot say I will not cry. For only my tears can heal my broken heart. But, I promise you this: as long as I live, you will live, alive in my mind, forever in my heart. So I give you this last gift, all I have left to give, and this will be my greatest gift ... sending you away. It is the measure of my unconditional love... for only the greatest love can say, “Goodbye, go find the bridge, we’ll meet again, loving you has been the greatest gift of all”

By Karla M. Bertram 11/23/96

“OLDIES BUT GOODIES”



Take - Black Female - 10 yrs
Not cat friendly - very outgoing, playful, gentle, curious about noises, doesn't act her age.



Alex - Red Male - 10 yrs
No cats, No small dogs or children- very playful, outgoing, listens well, likes to be with people, gets along with other dogs.



Mickey - Fawn Male - 11 yrs
Cat Friendly - very well behaved, gentle, calm, not overly active, needs T.L.C. - has missing toe



Sara - Dark Brindle Female - 8 yrs - No cats, No small dogs - very calm, not playful, well behaved - needs a calm & quiet home.



Tara - Brindle Female - 10 yrs - Not cat friendly, playful, good with other dogs, well behaved, good natured.



Macy - Brindle Female - 10 yrs - Not cat friendly, extremely sweet, loving not overly playful, very well behaved, housebroken, needs to be the ONLY dog. Gets testy after a while with other dogs.



Celia - Brindle Female 7yrs - No cats, No other dogs, No children - sweet, very sensitive, listens well, likes to play, housebroken- she was attacked by 2 pitbulls.



Charlie - Brindle Male - 9 yrs - Not cat friendly - has to be the ONLY dog, doesn't like crate, needs to get to know you to trust you, very outgoing, playful.



Willie - Blue Male - 7 yrs - Cat Friendly, good with kids, good with other dogs. Would do well with a retired person who is home a lot.



Schartz - White & Red Male 10 yrs -Cat Friendly- Very well behaved & calm. Gets along with other older dogs.



Nayo - Brindle Male Galgo 6yrs - No Cats, get along well with other dogs, has come a long way is no is no longer shy with people.



Rage - Light Fawn Brindle Male - 11yrs - Cat Friendly, very well behaved, good with people but not overly social. If possible should be adopted with Speed (pictured on next page)

(OLDIES BUT GOODIES CONT'D)



Flex - White & Brindle Female 10 yrs - Cat Friendly, good with kid very nice personality.



Heidi - Red Brindle Female 11 yrs - No Cats, very much a people dog. She can be very playful. Likes to jump up for attention.



Dawn - White & Red Female 6 yrs - Cat Friendly, insecure in new places, needs a very calm home, would also be good with another dog.



Shilo - Brindle Male - 11 yrs No Cats. No Kids, very calm and gentle. He can't do steps because he has a bad hip. Definitely needs a calm environment.



Andy - White & Black Female 13 yrs - Cat Friendly, Kid Friendly gets along with others dogs, very sweet.



Spanky - Blue Brindle Female - 6 yrs - No Cats, must be an ONLY dog!

Why do we bring Galgos to America?

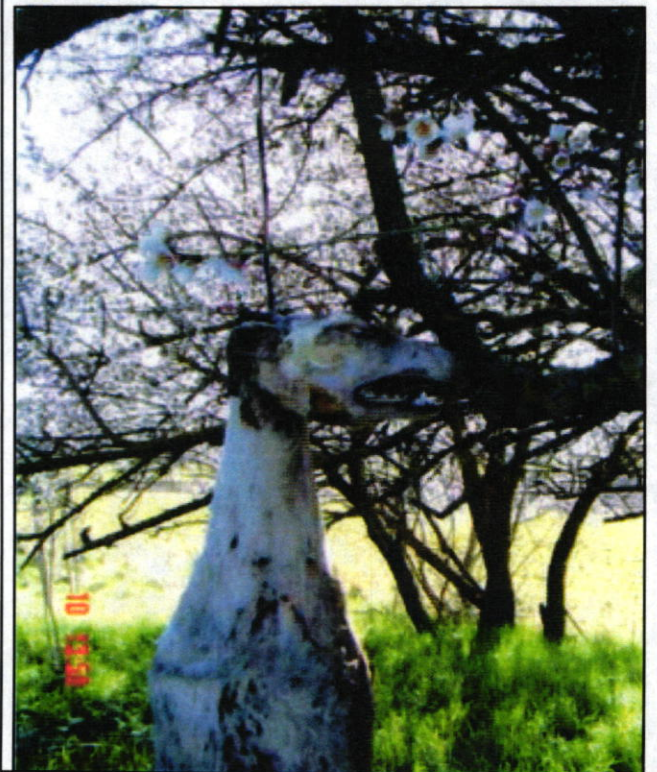
There are too many greyhounds in the United States being killed solely because they don't run fast enough. Often they are shot, electricuted and sometimes humanely euthanized. In Spain, the condition is even worse, Galgos (Spanish Greyhounds) are primarily used for hunting. When unwanted they are often hung by the neck as shown in the photo. We bring Galgos from Spain to remind people of this atrocity. We are sending a letter to Senora Christine Narbona, minister of the environment in Spain to hopefully pass laws that will protect these lovely creatures. If you wish to send a letter the email address is oszurdo@mmaq.es. The website is www.galgosinfronteras.org/hom.htm

Senior citizen greys are adopted for a donation. They have had all shots, dental, etc. If needed we will supply (Etoogesic) for arthritis at no charge.



Greyhound Retirement Home

\$30.00 - Plain Greyhound - \$35.00 Colored Greyhound



Weekend Warriors Wanted!

Each year we have multiple events in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Virginia that afford National Greyhound Adoption Program the opportunity to raise a significant amount of money. We try to set up for a weekend at Pet Expos, Home Shows and other events that have thousands of people in attendance. We have multiple purposes for doing this: 1st reason: people have the opportunity to see our wonderful greyhounds, 2nd reason: we have the potential of more adoptions, and 3rd reason: we can often raise thousands of dollars each weekend through Nylabone donations. We display Nylabone items that are worth \$2-\$10. 1 Nylabone item is free for each \$1.00 donation, 6 Nylabone items are free with each \$5.00 donation. This has worked out very well for NGAP and each year we raise many thousands of dollars. In order for it to happen we need a group leader to take command of the weekends, very often the events are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Through our office we solicit volunteers to come during show hours, we need either a control couple or persons. If we get people coming from out of town, we will pay for hotel costs, food and gas. We generally have personnel to help set up, break down, and drop our event trailer so merchandise can be pulled during the course of the weekend. We have events coming up in Allentown, PA, Edison, NJ, Chantilly, VA, and other sites. Anyone interested in being a Weekend Warrior can contact the office. We need your support.



Why are greyhounds Shy?

One of the largest problems greyhound adoption programs have is dealing with shy greyhounds. Conditions can be moderately shy or fall into a category of total spooks. This is now my 15th year involved in greyhound adoption but it is the first time I have had puppies in my home almost since their birth. My wife, myself, and others have nurtured them through what I now know is a very critical period. That period begins when they are just 2 weeks old; handling, cuddling, stroking, supporting, tending to their every need almost around the clock. If you read "Care of the Racing Greyhound", which is the most complete text on greyhound health issues, the chapter dealing with puppies clearly states the importance of that intimate socialization. I had always believed one of the only good things about greyhound racing is that litter mates get a chance to interact with each other over long periods of time, as opposed to being taken away from each other at a young age. I now know it is not nearly as critical as the love and attention each pup should get at a very young age. I interpo late this back to a greyhound breeding facility that has multiple broods many giving birth at the same time. I can now understand one of their primary failures, I cannot perceive it possible to give each puppy the attention it needs if you are caring for many litters and tending to the adult dogs. The litter we cared for was originally 14 puppies, 1 was lost the first night, but after that they were given continuous attention to make sure they survived and flourished. The industry says the average greyhound birth is approximately 6 1/2 puppies per litter, they don't say how many puppies don't survive. All of our puppies are happy, socialized, and none go into corners to hide. They play and interact freely the way we envision all puppies should be. Now if you look at your shy greyhound at least in my vision the reason is failing going back to birth and lack of attention. So now their is literally no redeemable, socially acceptable reason for racing greyhounds in the racing industry, they fail on every account.

Toothbrushing With An Electric Tooth-Brush

Any one who brushes with an electric tooth brush probably believes that this method is better than any other. Try brushing your dogs teeth with an electric tooth brush. Make sure you use soft bristles. If you can get your dog used to this you will be way ahead of the game. Try it, they'll like it. We suggest getting his own Sonic tooth brush, they are for sale at the veterinary clinic at a very reasonable price.

Runners Helping Racers Coming Soon!

5K Race & 1 Mile Walk will be held in October, 2004. Same location as previous years Central Park, Doylestown, Township, PA. You can also visit the Runners Helping Racers website www.runnershelpingracers.org For further details and additional information check our website www.ngap.org in June.



5K Race & 1 Mile Walk

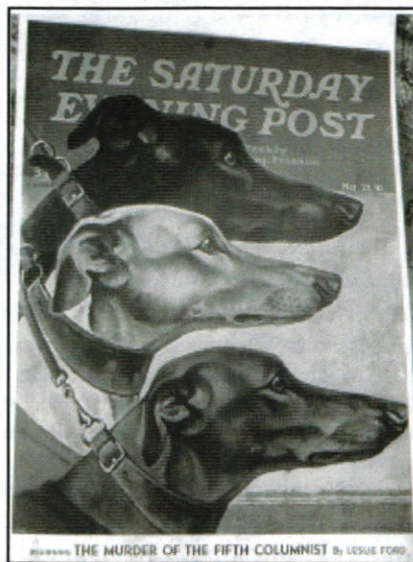


Book Ends - \$40.00



Hot Plates or Coasters (2 designs)

Hot Plate 6" x 6" - \$17.50 - Coasters - set of 4 - \$10.00



Greyhound Prints

11" x 17" Large selection - \$4.00 ea.



Embroidered Baseball Hats (White only)

(Limited Qty) - \$5.00 ea.

“The Most Beautiful Dog”

Dear Folks at NGAP,

Our greyhound, JJ (“Jason when you had him) will be ten years old later this year. I thought you might like to know how well he’s doing.

We adopted JJ in late summer 1998. My family and I still recall the first moment we saw him when you were bringing him out from the kennel. We all had the same private reaction...that this was the most beautiful dog we had ever seen.

More important, in the years JJ has been part of our family we have come to know him as the kindest, sweetest, most mild-mannered good natured and truly..the..most dignified dog one could imagine. He has brought us endless happiness and we love him dearly. And, by the way; he’s till the most beautiful dog I’ve ever seen!

I thought you might like to see a picture of a dignified “old man”. This is JJ with his little “sister”, Olive. They’re inseparable.

Thank’s for everything you do at NGAP.

Robert Atkins, MD
Jenkintown, PA



Senator’s Pet Project Finally A Winner!!

A recent newspaper shows State Senator Debbie Wasserman Schultz wearing an Adopt A Greyhound hat that she got from David Wolf after his testimony at a Tallahassee committee meeting in 2001. Thankfully this legislation was just passed and for the first time ever Florida has a greyhound adoption legislature. We do not portray it as greyt, but it’s better than nothing. Bravo Debbie!!



I Will Be “14”

Hello Dave Wolf:

My name is April, formally known by my racing peers as Factor. My adoptive parents changed my name in 1992 when you brought me up from Ft. Meyers. They met and they fell in love with me, and took me home. They call me April because that’s when I was born and I am a delicate flower. My tag # is 628. We celebrate my birthday on April 1st, every year. This year, I will be 14 years old. I want you to know that I am in good health. I can run and play with the best of them; if I feel like it. I eat well, twice a day. I have all my own teeth, my sight is great, and my coat is good but much grayer now. In my youth I was mostly black. Now I am a real ‘gray’ hound. My weight is good, I stay slim and trim.

I have two great parents who treat me like a princess. I taught them how. Shortly after I came to live with them, they purchased a ‘king size’ bed for the three of us, I still take my ½ out of the middle. My legs like to have plenty of room. During the day, I move from one fluffy comforter to another, I have one in every room, just in case I want to snooze or just lay and watch what is going on. I have lived a good life here, I had an Irish Setter mix, named Kahlua who taught me how to use a ‘doggie door’ and how to go up and down stairs and I would rest my head on her soft back. She is gone now. I had a short Boxer, named DeeCee, she taught me how to play. We played a lot. She would run to catch up with me, we had fun. She is gone now too. Now, I have a Rottie, named Dori, he treats me with respect, like his royal grandmother. And I have a new Boxer, her name is Sara, she is two years old and always wants us to play with her. All the dogs that have come here to keep me company were adopted. Dave, you have set a good example for our whole family, they are very aware of the need.

I have been very happy and very loved with my family. We wanted you to know that. We want to thank you for saving me so I could celebrate my **Fourteenth Birthday**.

April - Parents: Gina Bacon & Will Ahn, Jr.
Cheltenham, PA



Boarding At NGAP

Going away? Bring your greyhound to board with us. We know greyhounds! Everything is new! Oversize cages are a big plus. With our boarding facility we don’t have to overload the kennels designated solely for adoption dogs. We clip nail, clean ears and do dental touch-ups where necessary. We can, of course, update shots and also do other procedures while your greyhound is visiting. And the very best thing about boarding with us is that your greyhound is with other greyhounds.....They seem to like that!

Just Being Nice

It was February 4th when one of our staff members, Bobbie, was driving in Northeast Philadelphia and saw a little miniature Schnauzer walking down the street in obvious distress. She scooped up the little dog rushed to the kennel and found that some of our surgical staff was working and immediately wrapped it up. Upon arrival he looked much like a limp rag, pretty much motionless and not responding. We immediately took his temperature and found it to be 96.5 degrees, 5 degrees under normal. We covered him right away in an electric heating blanket retrieved from surgery and put surgical lights over his body. He continued to remain motionless for quite some time. His body slowly began to warm, after doing a physical exam we placed him in a cage with a heating pad. He was able to get up on his feet, drank some water and ate some food. We tried in vein to contact the owner and even the veterinarian on the tag. The vet was no longer there. An hour or so later we received a call from the owner not knowing how the dog got loose from her car while she was getting her hair done. We told her the dog needed to be seen by a vet, but our vets would not be in until Friday. She came to visit the dog and believed it was under good care so decided to leave it with us until Friday when the doctors could look at him. We still suggested that she take him to a vet.

We received a check for \$100.00 since we did not ultimately know what the charges would turn out to be. At this point the 16-year old dog who had i.d. tags on was resting comfortably. That night we received a call from the woman's son, almost accusing we were trying to exploit his mother, and we again said the dog needed to be seen by a vet. The next day we received yet another call, this time from the woman's niece, whom again implied we had overly influenced the woman in keeping the dog and thus arranged to have Pepe picked up later that day. Pepe was picked up and we believed the saga was over. The owner called once more stating that her vet said to ask what we used to sedate the dog. She almost accused us of taking the dog from her car and demanded all of Pepe's medical records. It sounded like the next call would be from an attorney. Ironically enough, while the dog was in our care, we joked that it was a lucky dog that Bobbie stumbled onto it and brought it in for care and then lucky because upon arrival the director of greyhound rescue didn't say "Get that critter out of here!" So much for being nice.

Donate Your Old Car To NGAP!

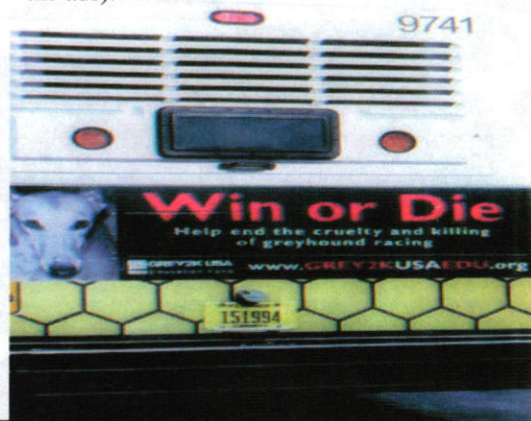
National Greyhound Adoption Program To Soon Offer A New Service



NGAP has come to times when it not only treats greyhounds as they grow old but euthanizes them when the time has come for the ultimate "gift." We have a contract to purchase a crematory and just received the necessary permits from the City of Philadelphia. We expect before the end of the calendar year 2004 to have our crematory in operation.

Local Florida Greyhound Advocacy Group Saves Their Money To Get Advertising That Will Really Grab You!

For the month of December 2003 many buses in the West Palm area of Florida had signage on the back in clear terms spelling out what happens to greyhounds when they don't win. National Greyhound Adoption Program commends the bold group as well as the bus company (the advocacy group did pay for the ads).



An Era Of E-Mail

If you have internet access with email and you're intersted in getting information about what's going on; meet & greets and other activities, please complete the form below and mail to NGAP - 4701 Bath St. - Phila, PA 19137

E-mail Address _____

Name _____

Snail Mail Address _____ Daytime Phone (____) _____

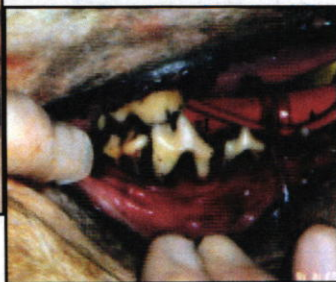
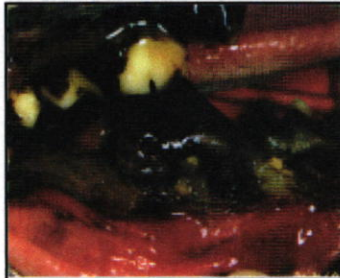
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Dog's Name _____ Adoption # _____

Do they really mean it?

In December of 2003 we received a greyhound from Kansas. She was a brood (used for breeding) about 9 1/2 years old. Her name was Hammer. Hammer is now famous because of her mouth. It was bad, really bad. We took many photos of Hammer both before and after (33) extractions. Many of the photos were sent to the National Greyhound Association (NGA) that's not us, with a letter asking why Hammer and other breeders were not cared for, as it relates to oral health care. We asked Gary Guccione NGA's director what they intend to do to help all of their studs and broods back on the farms. We actually got a response! Mr. Guccione speaks at the North American Vet Conference each year, this year as part of his speech he said "Our inspections will check the mouths of greyhounds when they do farm inspections". Do they really mean it? And will they push for improvement?

It was nearing the Christmas holidays when Hammer arrived at NGAP and this poem was written by one of our staff members. Hammer the bad mouth greyhound, had a really stinky mouth. And if you ever smelled it, it would send you flying south. All of the other greyhounds, used to laugh and call her names. They never let poor Hammer join in any other greyhound games. Then one foggy Christmas Eve, Director came to say, "Hammer with your mouth so bad won't you pose for me today". Then how the greyhounds loved her, as he pulled out all her teeth. Hammer the bad mouth greyhound, you'll go down in history!



Dentistry At NGAP

National Greyhound Adoption Program probably does more dentistry on greyhounds than anywhere in the United States. We do over 2000 procedures annually under anesthesia protocols. About 1000 are done under lighter anesthesia Domitor / Antisedan, when the appropriate general anesthesia is used. If we use Domitor / Antisedan, we induce sleep with an intravenous injection; this gives us approximately 45 minutes to do whatever procedures are appropriate. When the procedure is complete the Antisedan is administered the same way and the greyhound is on its feet in 1-3 minutes. It is generally ready to go home in about 10 minutes. While the dogs are sleeping whether under Domitor / Antisedan or general anesthesia, we will normally clean their ears, clip their nails and unless specifically asked otherwise we will do an extreme cutback. Under Domitor / Antisedan you do not need to leave your dog. Under general anesthesia we estimate the dog will be with us 4-5 hours that includes time to do the procedures and recovery time. We do a considerable number of extractions at our facility and we also do dental bonding comparable to what you would see at a human dentists office. You have to consider extractions as being good, your greyhound does not need teeth to eat. If we don't do extractions you will have continuous bacteria entering your greyhounds bloodstream, attacking its heart, liver, and kidneys. We see greyhounds after we do 15-20 extractions that literally feel so much better, livelier, happier, and able to do so much more. This improvement generally occurs within 48 hours after the extractions on root exposed areas. If we do over 10 extractions we will normally keep your greyhound overnight. If there are any postoperative complications we are better able to recognize them #1, and deal with them #2. Postoperative complications are rare, and they could include swelling potentially a small amount of bleeding from the extraction site or elevated temperatures. Older greyhounds needing extensive dentistry will be put on intravenous fluids and the doctors may require CBC bloodwork to be done. The costs for dentistry are as follows:

Administering of Anesthesia and Standard Dental Cleaning:	\$80.00
Nail Clipping:	\$8.00 - \$12.00
Ear Cleaning:	\$6.00
If there is need for Antibiotics, cost is generally:	\$10.00 - \$20.00
Extractions are generally:	\$10.00 per extraction
Large Molars are slightly more:	\$10.00 +
Canines:	\$20.00 +
In-House CBC Chemistry:	\$55.00
Intravenous Fluids:	\$40.00
Laser Treatment (Extra)	Price varies

I suggest if you wish to compare our prices with other veterinarians, please do so. Keep in mind greyhounds required to stay overnight will not be charged for that stay, and we have so much more experience with greyhound dentistry. Also, we now have laser surgery, which gives a more extensive cleaning of the mouth, growth removal, and after extractions are done can quarterize and kill bacteria. Laser surgery is probably the best benefit for greyhounds with gingivitis, the laser is run over the swollen area killing all surface bacteria and reduces swelling faster than any other procedure. We also do root planing that can sometimes be used instead of extractions in some cases. If you have any questions please feel free to call our office.

Adopt A Galgo Puppy And Change Your Life!

South Jersey Volunteers 7th Annual Picnic

NGAP's South Jersey Volunteers are holding their 7th Annual Picnic! It doesn't seem possible! Attendance has increased each year and this picnic promises to be the biggest and best ever! This year's event will be Sunday June 13th, starting at 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM, in the Atlantic County Park on Route 50, Estell Manor, Mays Landing, New Jersey - We'll have games, Chinese Auction, contests, raffles, "The Miss Jersey Greyhound Pageant", The Greyhound Store, cheap nail clipping, lots of free stuff and of course, lunch is included. Admission is \$15.00 for a family of 4, \$2.50 for each additional person. All proceeds benefit National Greyhound Adoption Program. Checks are to be made payable to **NGAP** but mailed to Merci Riccardi - 352 - 33rd Street - Brigantine, NJ 08203 - Please tell us how many people and how many dogs will be attending!.....If you live in New Jersey, please include your email address to be included in the South Jersey Greyhound Adopters List- consisting of over 250 members! We're a very active group, participating in Meet & Greets, parades and other activities in New Jersey - come join us! For more information, or to volunteer, call Merci at 609-266-7818 or email mercibar1@aol.com.....RSVP please by June 5th.....

Picnic Registration Form

South Jersey Volunteers 7th Annual Picnic
Sunday, June 13, 2004 - 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Atlantic County Park
Route 50, Estell Manor
Mays Landing, New Jersey

Name _____

Address _____

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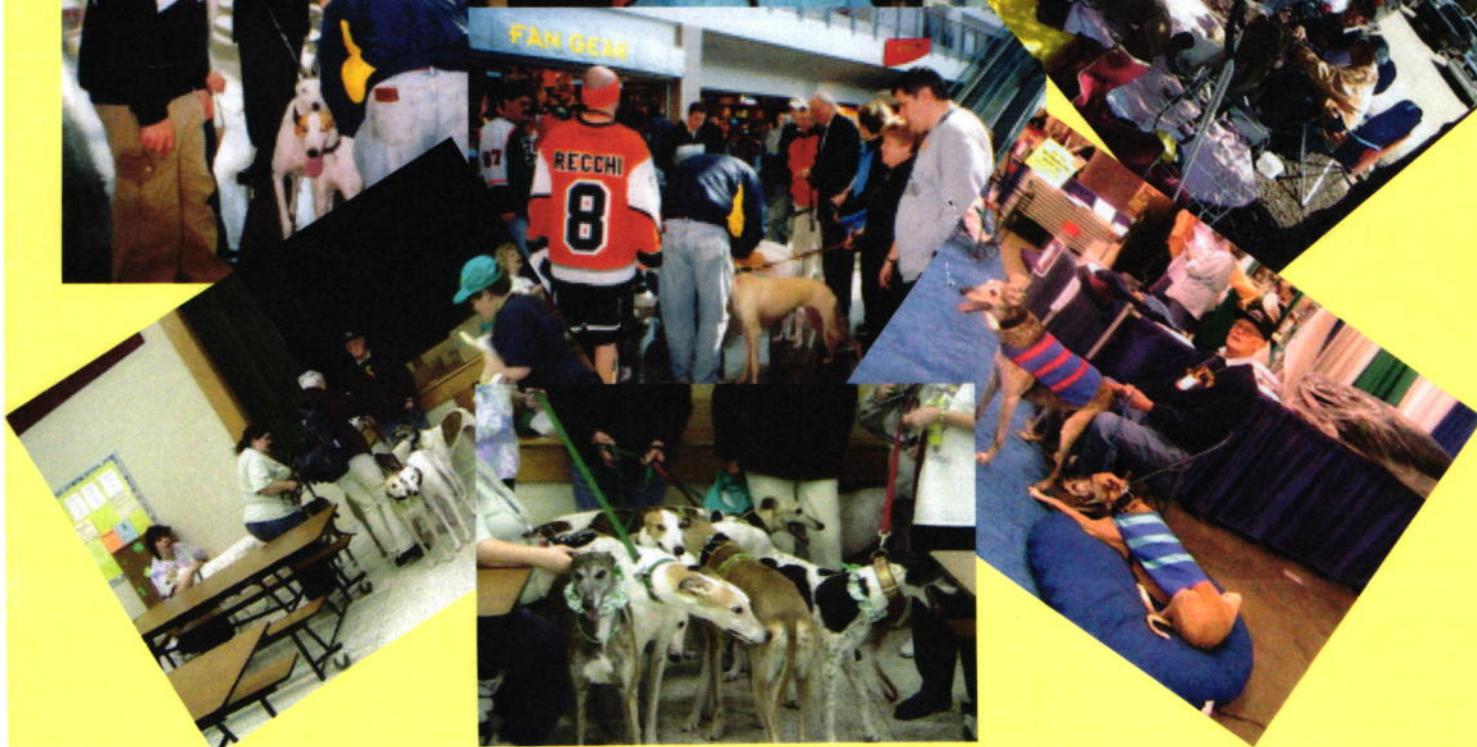
Number of people attending _____ Number of dogs attending _____

Enclosed \$15.00 _____ (Family of 4) Additional people @ \$2.50 _____

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Please make checks payable to NGAP and mail to:
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National Greyhound Adoption Program

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National Greyhound Adoption Program has grown over the years and is still growing. We have adopted over 5600 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!**

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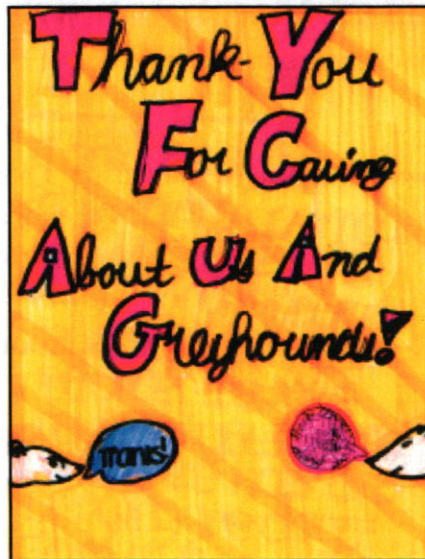
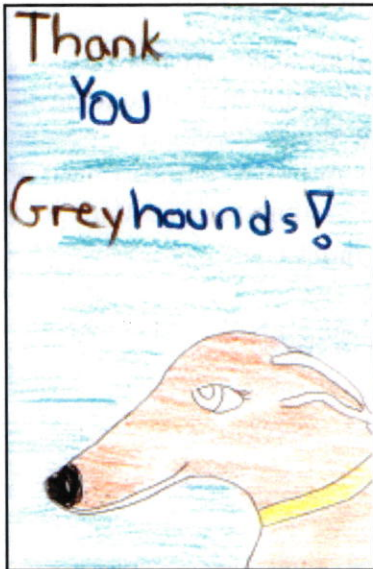
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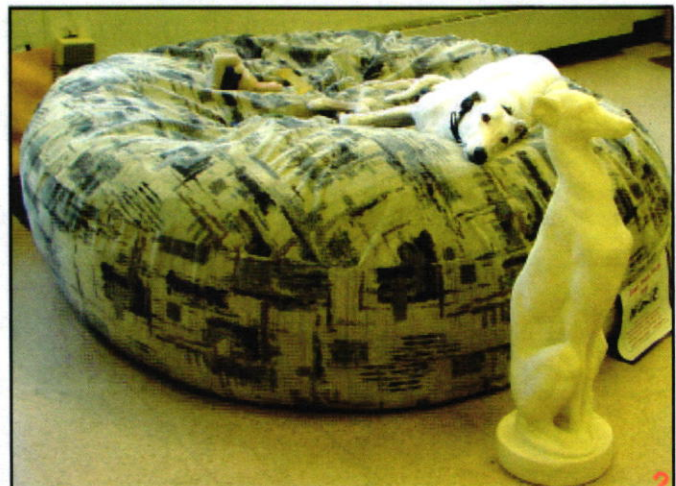
So Many Thank U's

New Jersey group lead by Merci Riccardi, Lori Harlan, Jackie Dornhoefer, Marjorie & John Englehardt, Iris Weingartn, and MaryRose LePore did a presentation at Bunker Hill Middle School in Sewell, NJ. Merci told us the program went so well she was thrilled, and presumably the 7th graders loved the dogs. On March 22, 2004 we received 85 beautiful thank you cards from the children. We've never received so many thank yous at one time. Merci and her gang are doing a greyt job.



Bowlers For Racers

Once again our South Jersey greyhound adopters have put together a bowling event and raised over \$2700.00. This was over \$400.00 more than last year. We congratulate Tom Dubois for doing a wonderful job.



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