

GREYHOUND UPDATE



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Greyhound Pets of America VS. National Greyhound Adoption Program Really not a War but a Philosophy

Greyhound Pets of America (GPA) has been around a long time and many of its chapters are track affiliated. They have a position about morals and ethics of greyhound racing. That position is not to take a position. What they see and don't like they put aside and let it pass.

Perhaps I am getting more militant as I was in my first years of greyhound adoption in the early 90's. I really believe I am just tired of industry rhetoric about all of the effort they put forth to adopt greyhounds and what *wonderful shape* they are in when they are sent for adoption. To find homes for former racers, the truth be told thousands of volunteers across the nation make up the reality of greyhound adoption. Thousands will attend Reach the Beach in Dewey Beach, Delaware truly a reunion of survivors. There will be more greyhounds there than people.

It is my firm belief that supporting a greyhound racing industry that does not take proper care of its athletes, still sends them out with internal and external parasites, still feeds them 4D meat and still sells them for research to foreign countries is not an industry that you should look the other way. You need only to visit some greyhound tracks and see the turnout areas, smell the stench coming off the Monticello Florida compound and see them muzzled in their cages because the kennel staff is too lazy to take them off except for feeding times. When I see this I know I in no way can support this industry. GPA is opening an adoption chapter in Juarez, Mexico. If you just take a moment to figure this out, the greyhounds will be born in the United States by American breeders. They will race here and fail. The breeders and owners will send them to Mexico for a few hundred dollars for their bodies to race. When they become losers in Mexico they will have 2 options: euthanasia or returning to the U.S. (not that the greyhound will get to choose which option it prefers). GPA is supporting this endeavor, in my view they should rather have been pressuring the National Greyhound Association (NGA) to not send greyhounds to Mexico. Together all of their chapters should have said to NGA 'If you want our volunteers to work their butts off for you and do what *you* should have been doing then don't send *our* (American) greyhounds to Mexico.' If someone else from a foreign country wishes to sell their soul..... So Be It!

As Americans, as greyhound breeders, as greyhound owners and as greyhound adopters we should be more humane. Keep American greyhounds in America! If you cannot find homes in the States then give them a gift even if that gift is euthanasia because that is a better gift than sending them to the harsh reality of Juarez or any other foreign country. I cannot support such an organization whether it be National Greyhound Association OR Greyhound Pets of America when they take the low road and here they are certainly taking the low road. At least NGAP has drawn a line in the sand. Others can draw that same line and other cannot be the whipping boy for the racing industry.

It angers me to see greyhound adoption organizations or their spokesmen accept the support of NGA and the B.S. of how good the condition of the dogs are now compared to ten years ago. Give me a break!

On October 19, 2005 the World Greyhound Racing Federation Conference will meet in Miami, Florida. This is a reunion of sorts. A reunion of all countries around the world that have greyhound racing, where almost ALL greyhounds will die. If we think it's bad in the U.S. take for example Australia where every large city has a greyhound race track and almost all of those greyhounds will die after racing. Places presumably as civilized as England and Ireland sell their losers at a weekly auction to places like Spain and elsewhere that will treat their dogs with no humility or respect and resort to things such as hanging them from trees when they are no longer of use. And of course, as we know, some countries eat dogs. Supporting a Juarez track that already closed several years ago in the dead of winter where greyhounds were shipped across the country in a blizzard, many to arrive at NGAP, is not my idea of something that is remotely good for OUR dogs. We will never forget that arrival; a vet standing by, chicken soup to warm their bodies and tender love. Some people may not have been around when Juarez closed last time but it should have remained closed forever. Is there anything good about racing for the greyhounds? In my view it is difficult to find an answer of *anything* good.



THIS IS OUR LINE IN THE SAND!!

August 4, 2005

Dear Adoption Programs,

The greyhound industry is so lucky that thousands of people across the nation have devoted so much of their time, money and love to find homes for former racing greyhounds. Some of us take strong aggressive stands regarding racing abuse and others just choose to do adoptions. Slowly over the past 15 years the advocacy community has grown as well as adoptions, but still many greyhounds will die each year because they are not winning and they have not found a loving home. All of us choose our niche and National Greyhound Adoption Program (NGAP) gets involved in many areas once it has learned of them, if we learn of the abuse we will react, if we are not told then we obviously cannot. There is an issue before us where as a community of adoption programs we can pressure the racing industry to forbid the exportation of American greyhounds to Juarez, Mexico. We should additionally pressure Greyhound Pets of America (GPA) not to give that track any credibility by opening a GPA adoption center in Juarez. I recently spoke to Gary Guccione of National Greyhound Association (NGA) who told me the program in Caliente, Mexico works very well. Groups from California once again are doing the work the industry should be doing to find homes for dogs in Caliente, Mexico. You would wonder why a breeder would stoop so low as to accept money to send dogs to Juarez. It is all about the money and not at all about the dogs. We have drawn a line in the sand; NGAP has taken the position that if GPA opens an adoption facility in Juarez we will no longer speak of them as being in a neutral position. That support is not a neutral position. We will no longer support GPA in any way, shape or form. GPA members should be ashamed of such a position and should speak out to GPA and to NGA. Independent organizations can do the same and stand up and be heard that sending greyhounds to Juarez, Mexico is not an acceptable solution to excess greyhounds. Euthanasia would be more humane. Enclosed are two recent articles from the Humane Society of the United States.

Greyhounds are Greyt as pets,
David G. Wolf, Director

**Buying a new car....Don't
know what to do with the
old car.....
Donate it to NGAP! All
donations are tax deductible
and your
donations helps the grey-
hounds!!**

Greyhound Pets of America

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July 27, 2005

Dear Greyhound Pets of America,

It has come to my attention that GPA is trying to work out a plan to open an adoption program in Juarez, Mexico. Have you completely lost it?! We have enough trouble in the United States trying to deal with humane issues, why would we think for one minute to support any effort to send American greyhounds to Mexico? And worse yet support them with an adoption program? Certainly GPA may wish to overlook the many atrocities that have been on our own banks. Have we forgotten the rescue from Juarez the last time that track was closed? If Greyhound Pets of America deems this a viable proposition, it will never, ever receive support from our organization in any way, shape, or form in the future. Being close to the racing industry is one thing, this is just kissing *ss!

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David G. Wolf, Director
National Greyhound Adoption Program

Sarah's Story

Sarah came to us all by herself from friends in Boca Raton, Florida. They had taken her in after the University of Florida Vet School had botched a few leg surgeries. Her left front leg always showed signs of atrophy. She was a wonderful, sweet greyhound pup, I believe less than a year old. She had come to us because she was not doing well with their little fuzzy dog. As it would turn out she didn't do so well with one of our Italian Greyhounds either, so she became available for adoption. Early on when we had her we removed a plate from her left leg. Several years after, she was adopted by the Norman Family. She broke her leg again and it was replated and as time passed her leg became more of a problem and now at age 9 she does not use that leg at all.

Sarah came to us for leg amputation. We used a somewhat different anesthetic protocol to induce sleep. We now use a protocol of Domitor and Turbalegic combination. Sarah's surgery went without complication. What is truly amazing about this story is that 2 hours after leg amputation Sarah was on her feet and able to walk. We performed several leg amputations in the past but normally do not see the dog back on its feet until sometime the next day. Sarah's surgery was on Monday and she left our facility on Friday. We saw her a week later when Sue Norman was concerned that she had become a little lethargic. As it turned out we think she just wanted to get up and go, she was fine when she was examined and her recovery was remarkable.

New Canine Influenza Will It Kill My Greyhound?

The best information we have at this point is that this new strain of influenza was first seen in January 2004 at a track in Florida. Since then it has attacked several greyhound racing compounds throughout the U.S. and has even closed some for various periods of time because so many were sick. It is believed that this flu strain has jumped over from Equine (horse flu). I personally discussed this issue with greyhound veterinarians going back to its inception. It appears that the outbreaks thus far have been in high population dog kennels where there are many dogs in close quarters. This year it has found its way into non-racing boarding compounds. There is no known preventative vaccination as of yet. The prescription medication Tamiflu, which is a human medication, is suggested to treat dogs with these influenza symptoms. The symptoms may start off as mild cough but can escalate to much more serious conditions. In any given kennel 100% of dogs are potentially infected because the virus is airborne. Of that population it is suggested the virus will kill 5-8% of the dogs. The chance of your dog getting infected is very small, as long as it is contained within primarily the racing population. Currently the most effective way of containing the virus is by track quarantine. Obviously any greyhound racing track dogs with any clinical signs should be immediately isolated. The infection can pass by a person touching one dog then another dog even if the dogs are in completely separate compounds. There are several companies looking to develop a prevention vaccine. One of those companies is Fort Dodge Animal Health. Just prior to this year's Dewey event Fort Dodge suggested they may have an initial vaccine in a year but not to expect it to be on the market for two years. The likelihood of your greyhound getting sick is very small but you must take care not to expose your dog to any symptomatic dogs. If you are exposed to any canine with symptoms it is very important to isolate your clothing and bathe immediately.

Further information will be found from time to time as we are updated on our website: www.ngap.org

September 30, 2005

Thyroid Supplement - Time For Your Feedback

For literally ten years National Greyhound Adoption Program has talked about the benefits of thyroid supplement has for low esteem greyhounds. It is time for those adopters that have their greyhound on thyroid supplement to let them selves be known, which can benefit many greyhounds beyond those at NGAP.

Please write us a note to let us know how long your greyhound has been on supplement, the benefits you have seen, whether or not your grey has been off the supplement and if you've seen regression when taken off of it, and any general statements about why your greyhound is on thyroid supplement. Even if you think it's because the grey's thyroid level is low. Your feedback will be very beneficial. Please take the time to send us the information.

Will Greyhound Virus Start Killing America's Pet Population

The New York Times and other newspapers published an article about a deadly influenza virus that in the past 1^{1/2} years has struck several greyhound tracks across the U.S. where tracks quarantined all dogs not permitting any in or out while the virus is medically treated. Greyhound racing has long had a code of silence so you never knew how many got sick and never knew how many actually died because they would never tell the truth. Most state regulations are so poor that information is not available or reported.

About a year ago, I criticized the racing industry's favorite vet when he said 'Let's not rush to quarantine until we are sure what exactly is wrong.' My response was that statement was foolhardy since quarantine was the only way to control any potentially deadly problem. To this date NGAP has not received dogs from any facility we would believe had suspicious illnesses. Because this virus is so easily transmitted it is inevitable that the U.S. pet population will be exposed and some will die. All adoption programs must be diligent when receiving track dogs, these dogs should be separated from the general population until it is determined that there are no health issues. The actual article can be found on the following websites:

<http://select.nytimes.com/gst/>

abstract.html?res=F10E14FC3C540C718EDDA00894DD404482

<http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/transcripts/t050926.htm>

Greyt Stuff for Christmas at NGAP

There will be a Christmas Sale at our new facility if you have not been here before now is your opportunity to look at our new facility first hand, view the layout of the kennel and buy some greyt stuff. Our newsletter will show some of the new items, what isn't shown is our newest bed that should be here from China. This bed has been in the planning stages for about six months and has been sampled by Phantom, Iceman and Pearl when she gets a chance, it has even been tried out by Tiny, my Italian Greyhound, who likes to curl up in it too. It will be available for the first time at the Christmas Sale.

Christmas Sale Hours:

Friday, December 9, 2005 2pm-5pm

Saturday, December 10, 2005 9am-3pm

Sunday, December 11, 2005 10am-2pm

Additional information will be posted on our website with a map to our new facility.

Shame On You Greyhound Project!

I have been coming to Reach the Beach almost since the beginning, probably since the second or third year. Certainly, the featured event each year is the Brunch, which is usually sold out being packed wall to wall with people on two floors. I can say for the most part I enjoyed the speakers I may not have completely agreed with them but their being there did not offend me. However, Karen Keelan being this year's speaker offends me and in my view should offend every greyhound adopter. It is widely known that the Plainfield Track, which she was the operating manager of for many years, did not give a hoot about greyhound adoption. When it was announced the track would close even the kennel operators got the short end of the stick. They were asked to support a redevelopment project to include a track, they were not told that as soon as the project was approved by the township the track would close. Somewhere between one and two thousand greyhounds were at risk. There was a lot of Media attention. The governor of the state visited the Plainfield Track and assured everyone that no dogs would die. People called from around the country in concern. Many programs took large numbers of dogs. According to the track in short order all dogs were gone. To this day I know of no accounting that was given for every dog. I think having a speaker at Dewey Beach gives them some credibility. Karen Keelan is not credible; she is a greyhound racing spokesperson. She may make it sound like they did a wonderful job but you must understand that the governor had a gun to her head. I believe selecting her as a speaker is shameful. Shame on you Greyhound Project!!!!

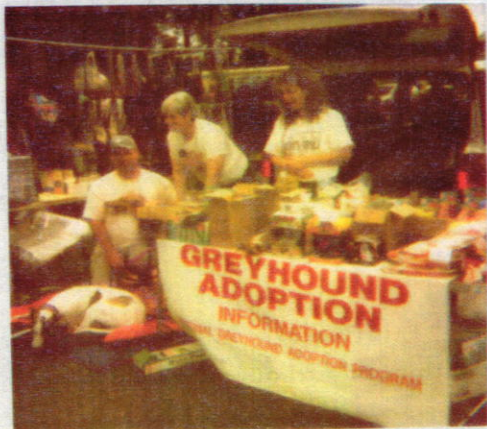
Are We Lucky?

We are so lucky to have some young ladies that go raise money for National Greyhound Adoption Program.

Pat Thomas is either stealing from banks or just does a superb job. She has raised over \$11,000.00 through donations with Nylabones.

Lisa Fritz, Lynne Mullery and Terry Burke, although they have not raised quite as much, are doing pretty much the same thing.

Do you have it in your heart to raise money for NGAP? There is Rice's Flea Market, one of the largest in the area just waiting for volunteers to pack up and raise money for us. If you have it in your heart, call Vivian and we will set you up.



Two New York Powers In The Animal World SHAME , SHAME!

The ASPCA is the oldest Humane Society in our country. It has a significantly large staff and is involved in many projects to help animals. The other large power is probably the Animal Medical Center. We know their budget is 26 million dollars annually with a staff of 200 vets spread over their large complex in the center of Manhattan. We know AMC at last count had 14 greyhound blood donors. In April 2004, I visited and I did not like what I saw. I saw greyhounds walking the isles between cages for so-called exercise but still they are overweight. I saw shy dogs huddled in the back of their too small cages that held water bowls that were too big. There was no bedding just a cot, which was also too small. Of course, the set up was that the dogs were to relieve themselves in their cages so with no bedding or anything soft to lay on I expect it makes for easy clean up with a hose. Every dog I saw needed dentistry, some had advanced periodontal disease. When I asked how often they got outside for a walk the answer I received was "Never." They would occasionally send these greyhounds to the "country" to be in another too small cage with another too small exercise area not much bigger than the cage. They just had all the wrong answers but they did not care and did not appreciate my visit. When I critiqued that visit and sent a copy to the other New York Power, the ASPCA, they dispatched someone to look. They were not nearly as critical but asked for some changes. My suggestion to AMC was just buy blood on the open market since it would probably be better quality not being contaminated by the periodontal disease and in the long run would be cheaper. They did not respond to my concerns and hardly responded to the ASPCA and when I sent a letter a year later, of course, Dr. Hohenhaus of AMC's greyhound blood donor program did not respond. When the ASPCA called as a follow up the response was "We will not comment on any of David Wolf's concerns. Two months after my visit I spoke to AMC's president/director Dr. Guy Pigeon who, the same as a few other doctors there, has an income of about \$250,000.00 each year for a forty hour work week, I asked Dr. Pigeon how many of the dogs had had their teeth done. The answer at least was truthful that they did not have a chance to fit them into the schedule since greyhound blood donors do not rank very high at AMC. However, they can tell clients "If your dog needs blood we have our own in-house blood donors, we even have a little old lady that cares for them..." Isn't that sweet.

National Greyhound Adoption Program in June of 2004 staged a demonstration in front of the Animal Medical Center's facility, we got permission from the police department to do so and they were there in force. There were 7 demonstrators and approximately 20 police and barricades; I guess they were prepared for the worst. All of AMC's bigwig administrators were out at the sidewalk much of the day. Apparently they feared possible media. They even handed out their own little pamphlets for visitors that we were radical fanatics. Unfortunately, we have not been able to demonstrate every day to tell how appalling their greyhound treatment is. But I must add that New Yorkers must stick together, the ASPCA will not go against the Animal Medical Center. When we researched how other blood banks and other vets felt about AMC it seemed the feeling was the same. I feel they are arrogant and above all with their high budget and high-class clients. But more and more as time goes by I find that more and more people have the same opinion I do.

Oh, if NGAP only had a \$26,000,000.00 budget.

Responsible Greyhound Ownership

Unfortunately, this article will not get to those who need it most. In some cases because they do not receive our newsletter or just do not read it. I really enjoy and truly love the work I do with greyhounds, finding a real life for these dogs instead of possible euthanasia, and enriching the lives of the families who take in this wonderful breed.

Unfortunately, no matter how hard we try, people will adopt a greyhound and ultimately not take correct care of it. Yes, they will feed it, let it out, play with it and even hug it, but you have to do more than that. You have to make sure your greyhound feels well especially since it cannot tell you if it doesn't feel well. So often more than anything the problem is right in the dog's mouth. If you don't pay attention to it your dog will suffer day in and day out. We know you would never let your own mouth undergo such conditions as we see in some of our adopted greyhounds.

On September 20, 2005, we received a call from Ship Bottom, NJ where an adopter received a greyhound from our organization in November of 1996. At that time the greyhound was 3 1/2 years old. The adopter needed to return the dog, Buddy, because apparently her home had become full of mold and she had to move out. Since she could not find a home to accept her and her dog she would have to return him to us. When we further questioned her she stated that a few years ago her vet told her the dog would need a few thousand dollars in work done on his teeth. A FEW YEARS AGO!

Originally, she wanted us to pick up the dog from her home. Normally we try to encourage adopters to return the dog to us themselves, but the more I spoke to this woman the more I just wanted Buddy back home with us, this way if Buddy was still treatable we could treat him and if he wasn't then we could at least give him his final gift. That evening Merci Riccardi retrieved Buddy and met up with Tony & Gale Teresczuk who then brought Buddy home to NGAP. Buddy was not taken care of. If the vet who had been seeing this dog didn't say to the adopter 'Leaving the dog in this condition is inhumane.' then he should give up his license. It is inhumane for them to keep a dog and allow it to suffer for such a long time. Responsible owners will not do that. If you are doing it you should return your dog NOW!! There are times when euthanasia is a better option than the continuous suffering some dogs must endure. Do not be like the family in Ship Bottom.

Update on Buddy one week later....

Friday, September 23, 2005, Buddy went into surgery under anesthesia. We determined that he had 11 teeth left. I suspect most just fell out. Buddy's former adopter gets the award for 'Greyhound with the worst mouth the director has ever seen in 16 years' We took out all teeth but his four canines. Five of seven teeth were simply removed with a gloved hand - the teeth were so loose and decayed, no instruments were necessary. The four canines had to be burred to remove all the plaque and tartar and each canine used a full tube of Doxyrobe treatment. Doxyrobe is injected under the skin between the tooth and gum. Normally each tube will do several teeth but we needed four. Doxyrobe kills the bacteria under the gum and will help reattachment. Most greyhounds, even 12-year-olds, will be on their feet within one hour of surgery. Buddy was not able to get up until the next day. He had fluid in his stomach indicative of heart failure. Buddy is a fighter, when I saw him on Wednesday, September 28, he was sitting up in his cage, not lying flat. We have Buddy taking 3 short walks every day to get his exercise. For now he is just hanging in there. Even if Buddy hadn't survived surgery, I would have felt better because we would not have buried him with that foul mouth, he would have passed on with some dignity.

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.



GALGO'S ARE COMING. GALGO'S ARE COMING

We have not had any new Galgo's since January 2004 but this October Jennifer and Richard Storm will be going to Spain where their daughter will be getting married and will have the wonderful experience of rescuing four Galgos. Galgos, of course, are Spanish greyhounds, their breeding is not precise their ears usually flop a little more and they sometimes even have long hair. In Spain they are used for hunting and it is common practice for a good hunting season the next year as a means of euthanasia to hang the Galgos by the neck from the nearest tree. Many are now being turned into rescue facilities and being adopted throughout Europe and some even come to us in the United States. We will have Galgos with passports available for adoption in November.

We insert this wonderful picture that is truly amazing, how did they get so many dogs in one picture, all looking at you and not beating each other up. I hope many remember the litter of 13 Galgos last year that are now 19 months old.



Picture taken at Galgo refuge in Spain.
One picture is worth a thousand words!

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Christmas time is a time for Giving
Think about giving to National Greyhound Adoption Program. Your money will be used to help all of our greyhounds whether near or far.

NGAP Veterinary Clinic

If you didn't already know it, NGAP performs more surgery on greyhounds than anywhere in the U.S. We do over 1,000 procedures annually under general anesthesia and a like amount under Domitor/Antisedan (a short term anesthetic). It is common place for us to do dentistry and extractions on greyhounds 10-13 years old. We have had great success doing procedures on geriatric greyhounds. Below is a list of some veterinary cost for our services:

Dental

Ultrasonic with anesthesia - \$100

Ultrasonic without anesthesia - \$40

Extractions

Incisors - \$10 - \$20

Premolars - \$20 - \$25

4th Premolar - \$30 - \$50

Canine - \$50 - \$100

Nail Clipping/Ear Cleaning

Reg. Clip - \$8 - Extensive - \$12

Reg. Ear Cleaning - \$6

Extensive - \$12 - Flush - \$20 - \$30

Shots

Combo - Rabies, DHLPP/Corona,
Bordatella & Lyme - \$50

Rabies - \$20

DHLPP/Corona - \$20

Bordatella - \$20

Lyme - \$20

Rabies, DHLPP/Corona - \$30

Diagnostic Testing

Heartworm Test - \$20

T4 Test - \$22

Heartworm/Lyme Combo - \$40

In House CBC - \$25

Comprehensive CBC Chem/T4/UA - \$85

Chemistry - \$30

Urinalysis - \$20

Fecal - \$15

Regular Clinic Hours

Tuesdays & Fridays - 10 AM - 3PM

Call the office to schedule an appointment

An Update on Our Move

If you didn't already know, NGAP has moved its headquarters to a new campus-like facility in North-east Philadelphia. It is a ten-acre site with a building constructed to withstand a hurricane. There are trees around three sides on a quiet street where hopefully no one will bother us. Plans are moving ahead to move our kennel facility here. The crematory has been delivered and only needs to be hooked up. Come visit us whenever you like, we will not hide, we are quite proud.

Life After Teeth

Those adopters that have adopted from us and have received our newsletter may remember "Hammer" I wrote an extensive article about her and her arrival to us from a program in Kansas. She is what the industry calls a brood bitch – used to breed new puppies into racing. No one cared about her mouth. When she came to us we extracted 33 teeth, leaving only her four canines with significant root exposure. Now about two years later after a few touch ups she is returned – her mouth looking healthy and just in need of a standard cleaning. She has her four teeth and her tongue hangs out sometimes but she has had two wonderful years with Debbie Jordan and is now a therapy dog. Greyhounds don't need teeth to have a long healthy life but do need a clean mouth.



Upon Arrival



Almost 2 years later

Concerns About Surgery

I hear it all the time, time after time. Adopters from NGAP or elsewhere saying their vet is afraid to operate on their greyhounds mouth because of its age. Dying on the operating table is certainly more dignified than surviving another day with a foul mouth. No greyhound should die with a foul mouth. Steps can be taken to premedicate antibiotics and post medicate antibiotics to deal with potential infection. Extra care should be taken during surgery. NGAP has not lost a dog in surgery in the past six or seven years. We do about 2000 anesthesia protocols each year. It is never routine but there is a set routine we follow: dogs go home feeling better, which makes you feel better. Your dog may eat again, run again, do lots of things they cannot do now because they do not feel good. If your vet does not have the skills or will to take proper care of your greyhound do not let an hour or two ride keep you away from good health - in the long run it will be cheaper and more rewarding.

How Far Would You Go For Your Greyhound?

We have all heard the horror stories regarding greyhounds being mistreated and the need for them to be rescued from abusive situations. However, one thing is for certain and that is most greyhound owners should be applauded for their efforts in keeping their dogs healthy, happy, and thriving.

One pair of adopters in particular, John Moylan and Jeanne McLaughlin, go to great lengths to make sure their twelve-year-old greyhound, Cosmo, is properly cared for. Once every six months John drives an hour and a half from Coatesville to have Cosmo's teeth cleaned and nails clipped by the veterinarian in Philadelphia. One of the reasons it is so amazing that John drives Cosmo such a long distance every six months is because it is quite an ordeal to get Cosmo out of the house to the vet because he does not like the muzzle or having his nails clipped. When preparing to put Cosmo in the car for their trip John and Jeanne must discretely hide the muzzle in a bag before they leave the house. It is imperative that Cosmo does not see the muzzle that is accompanying them during their travels or else there is a tug of war struggle to get him in the car because he knows what lies ahead of him.

Upon arrival, the veterinarian must come out to the car to inject Cosmo with Dormitor to knock him out so that he can be carried from the car into the office to receive his services without injuring himself or anyone else. Although Cosmo has occasional instances of anxiety he is a loving, sweet, obedient, and intelligent greyhound who is cared for immensely by his owners, so much so they will do anything to keep him healthy and unaware of the things that scare him.

Greyhound owners usually treat their dogs like part of the family by showing them respect and kindness. Just like a child, greyhounds cannot verbally tell their owners when they are sick or if their teeth need to be cleaned. It is imperative that greyhound owners continue to maintain the good health of their dogs by scheduling regular visits to the veterinarian. John Moylan and Jeanne McLaughlin are adopters who can honestly say they have and would travel any distance to keep their beloved greyhound Cosmo healthy and happy.

Cover up. It's Winter time!!

You probably do not sleep on the floor but your greyhound is certainly sleeping very close to it. If you have ever laid on the floor yourself you would feel a draft. In this age where heating costs are going up and someone is always telling us to lower the thermostat, it is colder close to the floor. As your greyhound gets older and tends to lean toward arthritis, keeping their bones warm is better. This may be partially impacted by the thickness of their coat. My fawn female has a very heavy coat partially due to thyroid supplement, but my blue male has a very thin coat. Phantom, when we first brought him home, did not like to be covered with a blanket. but now if a small blanket is put on him he will not even poke out his nose. Of course, our Italian Greyhound always stays warm because he is always under the blanket with us. The big guys try but it's really a tight fit. If you get one standard blanket and cut it into three or four pieces, Wala! you have three or four beds. This will do fine, sometimes they will uncover themselves, they just need you to help them recover if you get up in the middle of the night as some of us older folks tend to do.

“Dr. Linda L. Blythe – Shame On You”

Dr. Blythe wrote “Care of the Racing Greyhound” with Jim Gannon and A. Mori Craig. It is considered the Bible when it comes to greyhound care. I often refer to it for my own use; it sits on a shelf behind my desk, though there is very little in there about greyhound adoption. Dr. Blythe was a speaker at the World Federation of Greyhound Racing meeting in Miami and of course NGAP demonstrated against the racing industry and all those that support it. I could see a woman, who I believe may have been Dr. Blythe, across the street taking pictures of us demonstrating. One of the several heavily armed policemen on a motorcycle to make sure we didn't disturb the peace came across the street from the Trump International Hotel to give us a message, I assume from Dr. Blythe, that it was a hot day and we had 3 greyhounds with us and she was concerned about their health. We were very lucky because a restaurant owner permitted us to use a large covered area to set up. So if the dogs were not actually on the pavement they could be in the shade. Yes we had water, yes we sprayed the dogs down, and yes they probably got a little warm. But here was Dr. Blythe caring about our greyhounds the same day she spoke to leaders in the racing industry on the topic of “Care of the Racing Greyhound,” to an industry that kills tens of thousands of greyhounds each year. In my view that's hypocritical. To say we are disappointed in Dr. Blythe would be an understatement! *Our greys* would sleep on a soft bed tonight.

The Majesty of Galgo

It is not uncommon that people who come in contact with Greyhounds usually fall in love with them on the spot, and this is true of fourteen-year-old Sherry deMarteleire from Franklinton Charter School. Sherry has spent her free time volunteering at the kennel in Philadelphia during surgery hours nurturing greyhounds recovering from procedures. It is one of Sherry's greatest pleasures to show affection to greyhounds and make sure they know how much they are cared for.

As part of a school assignment Sherry was asked to design a country of her own using her imagination but also incorporating some key aspects. It was not a surprise that Sherry chose to design her country in the shape of a Galgo, which is a Spanish Greyhound. The Great country of Galgo includes pet shops, schools, lakes, police stations and even cities and states named after greyhounds that Sherry has cared for and loves such as Tiny, Phantom, Iceman and Kiwi to only name a few. Sherry has also added some familiar names such as Wolf after the Director of NGAP, Mr. David Wolf, who inspired her to become a veterinarian. Not only is Galgo a sleek and majestic looking country it would be wonderful place to visit. After constructing the phenomenal country of Galgo in only one day Sherry received the maximum of 30/30 points which was well deserved.

Since Sherry has returned back to school from summer vacation her volunteer time is limited, but it is apparent that her devotion to greyhounds is unfaltering. Sherry will surely reach her goal of becoming a vet, and will always remember how deeply greyhounds have affected her life in everything that she does and will continue to do.

If you are of Irish decent this story should bother you...

For the last few years Marion Fitzgibbons, the director of the Irish Humane Society, has attended Dewey Beach. I hadn't gotten the chance to speak to her up close and personal but since the World Federation meeting was just around the corner I felt it was the appropriate time. According to Marion there are about twenty tracks in Ireland and each year 23,000 greyhounds are born. She said adoptions were up... they now adopt about 12 greyhounds each year in the entire country. These are not my words they are her words. About 11,000 greyhounds each year are sold at auctions throughout the country. They are sold to places like England, Spain, the Philippines and other places. Many will be euthanized. Where Marion lives it is against the law to cremate (dogs or people). It is also illegal to bury greyhounds or dogs in landfills. So you can imagine that most dogs are simply illegally buried. At the Humane Society they euthanize animals place them in black plastic bags, freeze them and after accumulating several have them transported hundreds of miles away for disposal. Whether it is greyhound or not it is very costly. Ireland has its problems just with the Catholics and Protestants getting along. In my view, they obviously have really big problems about the humane treatment of their greyhounds. One of the galgos we just received from Spain was actually from Ireland, identified by the tattoos in its ear.



Galgo



Map of the Country of Galgo

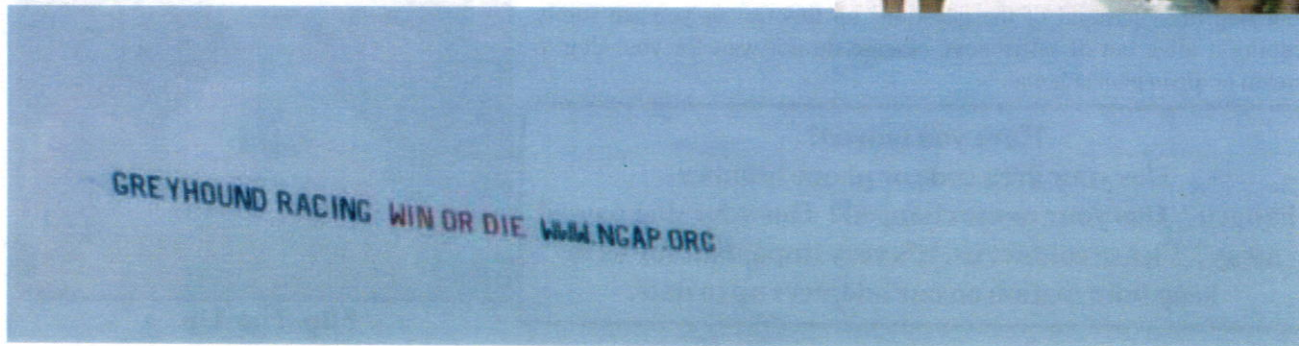
World Federation of Greyhound Racing Conference
Sponsored by National Greyhound Association and Held in Miami, FL Trump International Hotel
October 19, 2005 – October 21, 2005
A gathering of world leaders in greyhound death

Several months before this event we were asked to participate. Whatever NGAP can do to increase awareness about this industry that mistreats, abuses and kills its athletes around the world is worthy of our time. We prepared a significant media document outlining the horrific events in the U.S. and other places over the past several years. The Greyhound Network News provided many of the prominent articles we used in our Release. We got out of the warehouse "Wake up Judy" – a facsimile of a greyhound with 3 legs with its hipbone exposed. It represented one of the many greyhounds taken in by Louisiana State University for research. This University did not have permission of the greyhounds' owners to do hip replacement research but refused to release any of the dogs, they ultimately killed them all even though their ownership was transferred to adoption programs including NGAP. We did a demonstration at Biloxi, Mississippi where LSU was sponsoring a conference. They certainly knew we were there and Judy came with us to Florida. We had sandwich signs made for the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia – they were there too and we made some new signs. Our demonstration was Thursday, October 20, 2005. In addition between 1pm and 2pm an airplane flew by with a banner that read: "Greyhound Racing **WIN OR DIE!** NGAP.ORG." We had a banner that read "Greyhound Racing - It's All About **DEATH!**" and a mobile display driving by as these track owners sat and leisurely ate their lunch. We were in their view outside the large vertical windows that wrapped around the hotel. We heard later a comment made by someone on the floor "Oh it's David Wolf, he makes his money cleaning greyhounds' teeth" I think they will never get it, they will just never realize how many people despise their industry.

It was ironic that as we prepared for the demonstration 15 minutes before it began I received a call about a kennel in Orlando that 25 greyhounds had a week to live, could we take any. I told the caller, from Best Friends Animal Society to call back after the demonstration and they did. I suggested that she contact the hotel and ask for Gary Guccione, executive director of NGA, and tell him she had just spoken to me and that I am sure Gary will get them out of harm's way. 'But make sure you mention my name.'

It was a wonderful demonstration, everyone that attended was proud to be there. Another demonstration was scheduled for Friday, October 21, 2005 at the West Palm Track but because of Hurricane Wilma, I flew out of Florida.... missing the demonstration, which Judy attended. Copies of the full media release can be found on our website or can be sent to you by calling our office.

On Saturday, October 22, 2005 our Galgos arrived with Richard and Jennifer Storm. All four had medical conditions that needed to be treated. On Sunday, October 23, 2005 six greys arrived from a northeast track. One with a broken leg and the others covered in fleas. At the World Federation Conference there was Cynthia Brannigan telling everyone how terrific the industry has become. HA HA!!!



Limping Becomes Osteosarcoma

It is a familiar chain of events, the greyhound begins limping, did it run in the backyard and pull a muscle or tendon or perhaps it just bumped into something. The limp persists for a few days. Sometimes it's a front leg and sometimes it's a back leg. We have placed very specific protocols for such events and I am sure it's similar to most vet clinics. First an exam may determine some soreness in the shoulder. The vet may take either Step 1 or Step 2 or both. Step 1 is to prescribe an NSAID (Non-Steroidal Anti Inflammatory pain medication), which there are several, Rimadyl is the most prescribed and the most used. Step 2 is taking an x-ray. There are times when it is done in conjunction with Step 1 and other times when it is done if the medication is not working. Some veterinary clinics will not do an x-ray because it may entail anesthesia and the cost is significant. If your dog is over 7 years old, having the x-ray done on the first visit may be appropriate. It is a matter of money and how much you can afford to spend. If your vet sees cancer or the hint of cancer in the joint or even in the leg, they will then proceed usually to do a chest x-ray. More often than not even showing cancer or Osteosarcoma in the joint you will not see it spread into the chest cavity. Our experience has been that once you see cancer in those upper leg joints your options are very limited if any at all. The options are pain medications until the dog no longer has quality of life, amputation or euthanasia now. Most adopters choose pain medications as opposed to leg amputation. I am not a big fan of leg amputation because we rarely seem to see long-term survival. Leg amputation at NGAP is \$900.00. We will keep the greyhound for up to a week. We do not do it often but we have not lost a dog in leg amputation surgery. We keep greyhounds much longer than clinics and do not charge extra for that upkeep and when the dog goes home it will get around well on three legs. Greyhounds with back leg amputations will do better than greyhounds with front leg amputations but they do well with either. Survival rates even with chemotherapy are not particularly good. Total costs, which may include chemotherapy, can be \$5,000.00-\$6,000.00. Spending money on the belief that the dog will get better usually doesn't work. Biopsies are usually not necessary. The dog will either get better or get worse. It may cost several hundred dollars to get a biopsy and you may not get results for a week. There is always a chance of spontaneous fracture. Spontaneous fracture is when the leg breaks and you cannot explain why. Something simple may have happened. In one case a child fell on a greyhound, fracturing the greyhound's leg. It never would have happened if the greyhound didn't have cancer in the joint. If you know your greyhound has cancer and you decide to wait, you have the risk of spontaneous fracture. A Litmus Test to determine if it is time to give your greyhound the "Gift of Death" is:

- Is your greyhound eating and drinking?
- Is your greyhound maintaining its weight?
- Is your greyhound peeing and pooping without stress?
- Is your greyhound wagging its tail?
- Is your greyhound getting up and down without pain?

Your dog must pass all of the questions on this test or you are surely keeping it alive out of selfishness. Please do not wait for your dog to scream or die in pain at home.

**Have you moved?
Has your area code or phone number
changed? Has your name changed? Has your dog passed
away? Please contact us. It's very important for us to
keep information on our adopters up to date.**

Below we have a poem written by Mary Butler about a greyhound lost and tragically found hit by a car. We never want our greyhounds to be lost and if they are, we pray that they will be found safe and alive. Unfortunately, for the dog in this poem that did not happen.

Sometime In The Morning

Go to God pretty little greyhound
Once so loved, then so lost
Alone and running, distracted and scared
Remembering, belonging, knowing someone
cared
Searching breathlessly onward to find this
somewhere
Now the heavenly skies cry their tears of pain
Upon the ground where your body was found
laid down and slain
By an angel of compassion who sadly lifted
you broken and maimed
From this most mournful moment in the
summer rain
That your memories of happiness should
bring you to this merciless end
Seems so unfair for just wanting to
belong, to be special, to be called
a devoted friend
Rest in peace pretty little greyhound for a
home with our Creator is the best one you can
be in.

No This is Not a Picture of a Greyhound

But what they are doing to this puppy is what you should do everyday. If you just took the time to run a fingerbrush under your greyhounds lip to the back it would help eliminate dental cleaning. This picture from Veterinary Practice News came with the caption: Too many veterinarians fail to routinely check patients' mouths. I have said that many times, now they have said it in their January 2005 issue of Veterinary Practice News. Actually lifting up your greyhounds lip and looking is part of our once a month obligation. Check the teeth, clean the ears, and clip the nails. That is your once a month prescription to good health.



Flip The Lip

Dealing With 4th of July Fireworks

Up to this year I must admit I never took fireworks that seriously as it relates to impacting my greyhounds. This year was different. In Pennsylvania, fireworks are now available in supermarkets, tents along the highway, and many other places. I personally am not a fan of backyard fireworks and the risk it puts on those setting them off as well as the risk it puts on others. Because of this new proliferation of fireworks in the area, I had concerns for the dogs in our kennel as well as two greys in my home that have a fear of thunderstorms. Phantom, our big blue grey, has already shown signs of this type of fear when a few people prior to the 4th of July set off some firecrackers randomly at night. He decided he did not want to go outside at night. We devised a plan for the kennel that was one of lockdown. We have control of several gates in and around the kennel compound, we just lock them down for the night, making sure no one could come close. In previous years we had some people coming to set off fireworks and put out the word to tenants in nearby buildings that if our caretakers found them setting off fireworks of any kind that they would be banned from our property. At home the plan relied on NutriCalm, which I had never used on my own dogs but have recommended for several years as the quick fix for anxiety related issues, for example: fireworks, thunderstorms, strangers in the house, a ride to the vet, and other known behaviors that upset a greyhound. Phantom, who is already on Soloxine, was given two NutriCalm caplets at 3pm and two more at 8pm on July 4th. My wife and I and the dogs sat in the den with our big-screen t.v. watching Washington's tribute to the 4th of July, New York's tribute to the 4th of July, Boston's tribute to the 4th of July and of course Sir Elton John in Philadelphia. With the volume cranked up higher than normal, I (being a little hard of hearing) heard no fireworks. Our 8 1/2 year old greyhound Pearl laid near us on a big bed and her Storm Defender cape on almost the whole time, did not shake and it was like a normal evening. Pearl, who is also on Soloxine, also received two NutriCalm caplets at 3pm. Phantom, we tried to get outside before the fireworks began, he did not want to go out. When he was inside we put on his modified version of the Storm Defender cape. He laid in the corner much more relaxed than we expected. At 11pm I opened the sliding doors to go out, walked out, heard nothing, and deemed it safe for my dogs to exit. Phantom was a little leary but came out with the other dogs. I went to bed feeling we had done well because my dogs had done well. My prevention was 3-fold: 1: Noise Distraction, 2: Medication, 3: David Wolf's version of the Storm Defender cape. Maybe these methods will work for you next year.



Was It Real Or Imagined?

Phantom, a beautiful large blue male greyhound. I sometimes wonder how greyhounds get their names and how Phantom got his, many call-names relate to a dog's behavior. He has always had anxiety issues. I would not call him a spook but he's often fearful but as time goes by, on medication, he continues to get better. With my 6 grandchildren, who either live next door or around the corner, in the beginning were afraid of Phantom just as he would often run the other way when they were around. He is getting much better with them and the grandchildren, likewise are gaining more trust in him. He is on thyroid supplementation for his anxiety (.8 BID) and it is my belief it helps him enormously. Phantom goes to work with me most days. He welcomes most people coming into the office. Sometimes he will not even move when pet by visitors. It seems that the people owing us money, whether they are making a delivery or they are a tenant, he gets up and barks a little but is not aggressive. I had a rare occasion recently where I went away for the weekend and my son who has a greyhound of his own took Phantom in while we were gone. Phantom has been in Jeff's home many, many times and he is not uncomfortable there. His visit was uneventful. He was there all day Saturday and Sunday, the next time I would see him would be Monday morning at the office. Phantom was a different dog; his anxiety had returned, he was even fearful of me. I have never laid a hand on him other than to give him a pet. He wanted to lay away from everyone, didn't interact, just was not the Phantom we see everyday. What would bring about this change? Maybe he was angry we had left for two days, or was it the fact that Jeff did not give him his thyroid medication. In about two days Phantom was back to normal, of course, he was now back on his Soloxine. In my view, greyhounds on thyroid supplement due to anxiety issues will regress when the supplement is taken away. So is it Real or Imagined?



Thyroid Levels Do Not Always Determine A Need For Supplement

My position on thyroid supplement has been very controversial to the veterinary community for many years. But as time passes, it would appear that at least some, although not admittedly agreeing to my philosophies, are using it. The conclusions I make about thyroid supplement are based on 16 years of greyhound adoptions. Probably 90% of greyhounds will test on a T4 below the normal range, the normal range being 1-4. We rarely see a 2 in greyhounds and most are below 1. The T4 Test is used as a baseline test by NGAP and it is primarily used to determine later variables of dogs that are on thyroid supplement.

A fair percentage of greyhounds fall into the following clinical behaviors:

- Low esteem
- Poor interaction with people and other dogs
- Shyness
- Spooked
- Fear of thunderstorms
- Fear of tile floors
- And some even glue themselves to the back of their cage

Physical signs are of being:

- Lethargic
- Overweight
- Hair loss

We have found that using higher medical dosages is when truly beneficial effects kick in. Soloxine (the Brand) thyroid supplement comes in doses .2 - .8, we only use .6, .7, & .8 one pill two times a day. In some cases the dose can be a pill and a half. We have recognized significant changes in behavior of dogs showing the above listed clinical and physical signs.

Now there is some agreement to this philosophy. In the publication "Your Dog" published by Tuft's Veterinary University, this month's article on thyroid supplement speaks about a dog owned by Barbara Langston, a Bearded Collie named Bailey that was skittish, withdrawn, aloof, and not the loving, good-natured dog Barbara had hoped for. To make a long story short, Bailey was placed on thyroid supplement for a considerable period of time. Quoting the "Your Dog" article Barbara Langston's words were "About 10 days after we began medication, we saw a huge difference, she became much more responsive to us, and for the first time she looked us in the eye. Her behavior has improved, her thunderstorm phobia has abated to manageable levels, and we can now take her on walks and enjoy visits from friends and family." Barbara credits the medication, stating: "We wouldn't be without it for anything in the world."

Tuft's is currently engaged in a double blind study with dogs that are aggressive to see if thyroid supplement will help reduce aggression. We have approached them on a study specifically dealing with the conditions mentioned by Barbara Langston's dog. Who knows, maybe they are catching on!

Sarah's Coming Out Party

What could be better than an event to raise money for greyhound adoption than for Sarah the Galgo to have a coming out party? Elsewhere in our newsletter we wrote about Sarah's leg amputation. It was probably only about four weeks later when Sarah joined Mitzi and her adopters Ty & Pam Meredith-Rende at a fund raising event. She made a proud showing. See photo



"I Couldn't Have Said It Better"

Each month National Greyhound Association publishes the Greyhound Review. In it I now have to bear reading Cynthia Brannigan's extolling how wonderful greyhound racing is and how things are so much better. The information below is paraphrased from Gary Guccione, executive director of the National Greyhound Association.

In Gary Guccione's Footnotes he relates that breeding is directly related to expenses and purses prevailing in any given year. He therefore couldn't explain the 10% drop in breeding from 2003-2004 after they'd had a significant decline in the 1990's. For 2005 there has been a 15% decline in breedings and NGA membership has fallen to its lowest level since 1967 of 2700 members. In 1967 there were only 34 tracks in 7 states and Mexico. This significant decline obviously is the reason why race tracks are now looking for other ways to make money – typically some form of casino gambling. He writes that if greyhound racing is to survive – legislators need to provide tracks with other forms of gaming giving the greyhound racers a *share* of this other gaming. Without this additional support greyhound racing may not recover.

Mr. Guccione didn't mention that since 1990 *twenty* greyhound tracks have closed in the U.S. There are only *forty* tracks currently remaining – *two* of those tracks recently announced that they will be eliminating year-round racing and only be opened seasonally.

Am I Famous or Infamous? A Report on Dewey Beach 2005

The Store: Dewey Beach 2005 was not supposed to be like previous years. National Greyhound Adoption Program had been unable to get a storefront where it could do business. So instead we accepted two tables at the tent only because Pat Thomas worked so diligently on her Puzzle Book and specialty collars. Then it happened, as we pulled into Dewey at 11pm Tuesday evening we saw an open store at Izzy Plaza, one phone call later on Wednesday we had a store, not two tables in a tent but about fifteen tables where it would be dry. The weather was ominous, the thought of being in a tent made one think of heavy boots but here it was dry. We did not take as much greyt stuff because we had not planned on a storefront but as it turned out we had enough. My wife tells me I always take too much. The standard beds we always sell were sold out by 2pm Friday since we only had about fifty and we had to say 'Sorry' about one hundred times.

The Event: If you have never been to Dewey Beach, going once even in the rain is quite an experience. An ice-cream social for greyhounds and a masquerade contest are some of the cute things but in my view it's all about thousands of racing survivors hooking up from across the nation to rejoice in life. If you get there early you will see those that have come for a week, two people with 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or even 10 greyhounds walking to the beach. Can you imagine stopping the pick up a poop with the others all standing around? Actually, they do it! Greys rule Dewey Beach on Columbus weekend. You'll see a congregation of fifty on a street corner, stores filled with greys and even some restaurants and bars are open to them. For any greyhound adopter it's a magnificent sight.

The Tent: there were three tents this year, I did not count the vendors I assume there were at least one hundred tables. There were more t-shirts with greyt ideas and everybody had a collar slightly different from the next. So many ideas emerge from greyhound vendors you can get dizzy with so much to look at. There was inexpensive jewelry, expensive jewelry, cheap prints and expensive prints, cheap sweats and expensive sweats, the list goes on.

You must realize there is no other event for any breed in the world like Dewey. It's wonderful and inspiring to go at least once but you must pray it doesn't rain. Some vendors were ankle deep in water. At our booth we put down a plastic table cloth on the ground to try to keep dry, it helped a little while, then they finally came with some hay, which got damp and soggy after a while but it was still greyt. Because of the rain I didn't get to see the thousands of greyhounds walking the beach at one time.

The Lectures: I found the lectures informative and enjoyable. Dr. Guillermo Couto of Ohio State acknowledged that he always had to be careful when I was in his audience. He is an excellent and enjoyable speaker to listen to. He spoke about greyhound health issues; I felt he didn't spend enough time on mouth issues, which is my number one impactable issue. He also spoke about Osteosarcoma and treatment. I saw many three-legged greyhounds, more than ever before. I saw one grey that shouldn't have been there, it was really too weak and needed to be held up by a harness. If you choose to have leg amputation done and you don't do Chemotherapy your greyhound will probably not live very long. If you do Chemotherapy you may get a survival of eighteen months, I underline may because most do not. It is costly if you go the full route: biopsy, amputation, chemotherapy, and blood transfusion, you could easily think of \$5,000.00 - \$6,000.00.

You must weigh the economics and total cost before you move forward with leg amputation. I heard the end of a lecture by Lee Livingood who spoke on greyhound behavior issues. Lee has been doing this for quite a while and I found her lecture entertaining and interesting. She lectures at many greyhound events across the country. I would have liked to have attended other lectures but could only be one place at a time plus it was raining all day Saturday.

This was a year for bashing: we were not happy with Greyhound Pets of America's stand on opening an adoption program at the track in Juarez, Mexico and also with the Greyhound Project permitting Karen Keelan to speak at Dewey Beach this year. Those articles will be found elsewhere in your newsletter.

It seems I was either being honored, ridiculed or mocked by the owners of the Southwind Motel. We had never had a confrontation with them but apparently someone there did not like me, for once my name was in lights. How many people get to say their name was in lights? Some were offended by what they saw and complained, I guess others applauded. No one can ever say I didn't do it for the greyhounds.

Next year: we hear it may be more difficult to obtain housing because many hotels are going condo. I am not quite sure what next year will bring for Dewey Beach or for Dewey Beach and NGAP.



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- Walking dogs at the kennel
- Fund Raising
- Other (explain)_____

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Limited Edition - "Jeweled Devotion"

Beautiful Lenox Greyhounds sporting jeweled collars around their necks. They come as a pair. Authenticity certificate included. \$55.00 - if shipped from NGAP office please add \$7.00 for shipping and handling

(pictured on back cover)

How Greyhounds Celebrate Birthdays

This is a greyt birthday card found exclusively at NGAP. This 5x7 multi color birthday card depicts greyhounds as we know them so well. This is a perfect card for your greyhound friends or even just a friend that knows you have a greyhound. \$1.25 per card or 5 cards for \$6.00, add \$1.00 shipping from NGAP office. (pictured on back cover)

Miss Magic's Greyhound Puzzle Book

About a year ago Pat Thomas came to me with an idea that she would create a greyhound puzzle book with crossword games, name games and word games. She said she would do this for Dewey Beach 2005. My response was 'Sure Pat, that's a greyt idea.' The director is used to saying similar words frequently where people do nothing. Pat is an extraordinary person and did something. She created a puzzle book of 115 pages 8.5" x 11" with 12 crossword puzzles with over 350 greyhound history traits and advice. Just by doing Miss Magic's crossword puzzles you will learn so much about your greyhound and greyhounds in general. There are 21 puzzles of word games and 5 name games and it's all about greyhounds! It's just fantastic, it will keep you busy for hours and makes a wonderful gift. It is attractively bound and will be available at Reach the Beach at Dewey for \$15.00 or from the NGAP office for \$20.00. (pictured on back cover)

Christmas Card from the Museum of Modern Art - "Holiday Stroll"

For the first time ever the Museum of Modern Art has a Christmas card featuring a greyhound for 2005. Attached to the collar are 2 holly leaves that actually dangle around. Made of extra heavy stock these cards are beautifully packaged and include green envelopes to match. Created by NGAP adopter LeeAnn Jaffee. \$16.00 per box of 8 cards, \$3.00 shipping per box from the NGAP office. (pictured on back cover)

Carlos & Paco at Christmas time

Carlos & Paco are 2 of the 13 Galgo Puppies conceived in Spain, born in Philadelphia and raised by Gerda Wolf before adoption. They were 10 months old when this picture was taken. These cards are 8 for \$10.00, \$3.00 shipping per box from the NGAP office. Inside reads: 'Have a Greyt Holiday Season' (pictured on back cover)

Our most Spectacular BED

This picture doesn't do this bed justice. NGAP has long made high-quality beds. We have a limited quantity of round and rectangular beds that are truly fur-like. Our office is filled with beds including our Greyt 6-footer, but this is now the favorite bed by Iceman and Phantom by far. I recently saw a fur bed at TJ Max probably for a 20lb dog at \$140.00. This is truly a bargain at \$100.00, we will have to quote on shipping from the NGAP office. (pictured on back cover)

Greyhound Lover's Address Book

Imported from England, this is a book of fantastic greyhound pictures, was just published and is only available at NGAP!! This book is spectacular in so many ways. \$20.00 at Dewey, \$25.00 shipped from the NGAP office. (pictured on back cover)

If You Can't Beat 'em Join 'em

Everywhere you look you'll see a sticker made in China, especially at Walmart. Now for the first time NGAP has a bed made in China. It has taken Jeff Wolf six months of negotiation - emailing back and forth at 11:00 at night, samples and even our office greyhounds have done field-testing. The beds now reside at director David G. Wolf's house for Pearl, Tye and Phantom. They all approve. The beds will be available at the Christmas Sale at an introductory price of \$40.00. They appear to be the favored of all the beds in the director's house. (pictured on back cover)

Lady Tipper Gore

Lady Tipper Gore was actually a Male greyhound. He was light brindle in color and when adopted weighed approximately 79 pounds. Fortunately, he was given the name Tipper so you would not think he was at all affiliated with our former Vice President's wife. Tipper was very special in his own way, he was truly a greyhound star and he won many awards year after year in Key West, Florida. Each Halloween Key West has a huge party and competition for animals to get dressed up in a multitude of costumes. This was not an ordinary costume competition, each animal had its own production number and the owners of the contestants would often spend thousands of dollars to prepare their pet for this big event. Tipper was adopted by Elizabeth Catana in November 1993. In a visit to Key West I saw Tipper several years ago in his new Florida home. Tipper had come from Florida from Jee Kennels to Philadelphia where he was adopted and then returned to Florida to live most of his life in Key West where he recently passed away at 14 1/2 years old. Tipper had retired from Halloween competitions a few years back, so he actually retired twice in his lifetime.



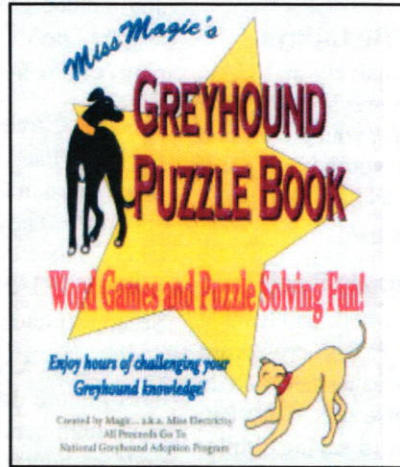
Tipper as Dolly Parton

New Exclusive Items Only At NGAP!

(Description of each item appears on the reverse side of this page)



"Jeweled Devotion" - Lenox Figurines



"Miss Magic's" Puzzle Book



"Holiday Stroll" - Christmas Card



"Carlos & Paco" Christmas Card



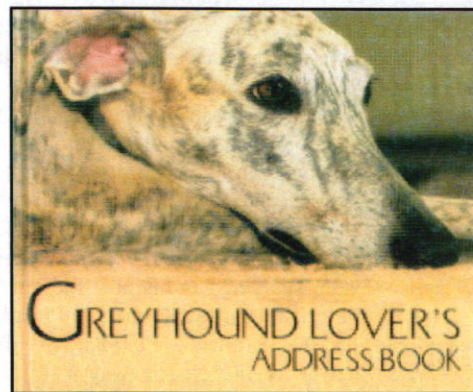
"Our Newest Bed" Mfg. in China For NGAP



"How Greyhounds Celebrate Birthdays" Card



"Spectacular Fur-Like Bed"



"Greyhound Lovers" Address Book



Max - 10 yr. old Fawn Male - Not good with cats - very sweet, gets along with other dogs- good with kids



Alexa - 8 yr. old Brindle Female - Not good with Cats - Extremely outgoing, very loving- gets along well with calm dogs - she is the alpha.



Macy - 11 yr. old Brindle Female - Not good with cats- very sweet and loving when she gets to know you. Co-habitates with Cody another senior.



Dean - 9 yr. old Black Male - Not good with cats - Wonderful disposition - very playful and outgoing. Walks great on lead



Delea - 11 yr. old Red Brindle Female- Not good with cats or small dogs. Very sweet and laid back - should be an only dog - needs a calm environment.



Goody - 7 yr. old Brindle Male -just returned - owner moving couldn't take him with her - contact the office for additional profile info.

Seniors & Special Needs

Contact the office for additional information on any of these greys.



Chianti -8 yr. old Brindle Female - Good with Cats! - shy in general but affectionate with those she trusts. - obedient, loves snacks.



Cody - 13 yr. old Brindle Male Good with cats- NO kids. Very lovable, wants to be with people - very playful - gets along very well with Macy.



Ian - 2 yr. old Red Male - Very outgoing and playful. Very possessive of his toys. Not good with cats and not recommended with small children because of his toy possessiveness.



Granada - 3 yr. old Brindle Female - Not good with cats or small dogs. Extremely playful and outgoing - needs a large yard to run in - can also be intimidated by men.



Toni - 4 yr. old Brindle Female Not good with cats, babies or small kids. Sweet dog but plays rough, listens well, takes correction well - needs a fenced yard to run off excess energy.



Essence - 5 yr. old Fawn Female - Not good with cats - Extremely outgoing, loves people, plays great with toys, needs a yard and an active family.

Last Minute News!

Foot in Mouth Disease

This is a disease that appears to be common to people involved in the greyhound racing industry i.e. Cynthia Branigan, Rory Goree, Dr. Linda Blythe and the American Greyhound Council. When we demonstrated at the World Greyhound Racing Federation Conference in Miami one would think they would have just let our demonstration quietly go away and everyone would forget about it. Apparently not. There has been a major outbreak of Foot in Mouth Disease. Below we write verbatim a release posted on the website of the American Greyhound Council. Under it is my written response, which was posted on the Greyhound L an Internet chat network. It gives me pleasure to sit back and watch them in their reoccurrences of 'F & M' Disease.

NGAP PUTS GREYHOUNDS AT RISK DURING WGRF PROTEST

Miami, FL – Two of the nation's leading greyhound adoption advocates have condemned the National Greyhound Adoption Program (NGAP) and its director, David G. Wolf, for putting greyhounds at risk during a protest at the hotel hosting the 2005 World Greyhound Racing Federation (WGRF) Conference in Miami, FL last Thursday, October 20, 2005.

Rory Goree, president of Greyhound Pets of America (GPA) and Cynthia Branigan, founder and president of Make Peace with Animals said Mr. Wolf and a handful of racing opponents brought their greyhounds to the hotel to attract attention to the protest. The dogs stood on the pavement in front of the Trump International Sonesta Beach Resort for at least a half hour while their owner – protestors chanted animal rights slogans and waved signs.

Goree and Dr. Linda Blythe, a veterinarian attending the conference, became concerned that the greyhounds, especially the older and darker-colored dogs, would suffer from dehydration and heat stress as they stood on the sidewalk in 90-degree heat and high humidity, so they asked a nearby police officer to intervene. He directed the protestors to move the greyhounds into a shady area and provide them with water.

"These people are supposedly greyhound lovers," states Goree, "They should know that greyhounds don't like high heat and humidity; they dehydrate quite easily. It was irresponsible in the extreme to bring them out in these conditions and make no effort to ensure their comfort."

Branigan said that the protest revealed NGAP's misplaced priorities. "Unfortunately, this organization puts much more effort into harming greyhound racing than helping greyhounds. You can't really help greyhounds if your focus is always political warfare instead of animal welfare."

- American Greyhound Council

National Greyhound Adoption Program responds to American Greyhound Council's Release...

The American Greyhound Council apparently doesn't know what an advocate is. A greyhound advocate is a person or group that not only adopts greyhounds; it also speaks out forcefully about many abuses that go on in greyhound racing. What better a perfect time to speak out than the 2005 World Greyhound Racing Federation Conference in Miami. Here is a gathering of track owners from across the world and the likes of Rory Goree of GPA, Cynthia Branigan and Dr. Linda Blythe. They were speakers at this conference. I assume they neglected to talk about

- The abuse in racing and the tens of thousands that die each year across the globe
- Most run in temperature extremes both hot and cold. They are usually transported back and forth in unairconditioned dog trucks and exposed to Florida sun in runs where they dig deep holes to rest their bodies in the cooler earth.
- The 70 dogs that just died in a kennel fire in West Virginia after the same kennel has 53 die of heat stroke earlier
- The greyhound who's tail was ripped off when tied to a starting gate at a track in Bridgeport, Connecticut last week
- The hundreds of greyhounds euthanized each year by Dr. Hillman in Pensacola, Florida
- The greyhounds killed every Monday at Grand Bay Animal Hospital just outside of Mobile, Alabama, called Kill-Day
- The 11,000 Irish dogs sold at weekly auction and transported for days in cages too small to turn around in and the balance of 12,000 are just euthanized
- The greyhounds that died in route to Juarez, Mexico
- The greyhounds that died enduring the Florida sun after racing each year
- The 95% of greyhounds euthanized in Australia
- All the countries that have no adoption or caring at all, killing all non-profitable racers
- The list that goes on and on and on and on....

Those 3 greys in attendance at our demonstration represented the tens of thousands that will die each year because of the hypocrisy of people like Rory Goree, Cynthia Branigan, Dr. Linda Blythe and the American Greyhound Council. An advocate does what that small group of people and dogs did in Miami. Rory, Cynthia, and Dr. Blythe have priorities that are turned upside down. They are the people that help keep racing's truths in the shadows. We will let others judge our actions.