

GREYHOUND UPDATE



A Newsletter From The National Greyhound Adoption Program, Inc.

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In Case You Didn't Know A National Greyhound Adoption Program Brief

Many people adopted years ago and still make donations receive this newsletter. Many others will pick it up various ways. It's purpose is to inform you about our activities such as current medical issues, stories on some of our adopted greyhounds, greyhounds awaiting adoption and greys that are here and gone. For those that may have lost track or who are just getting on board here are a few facts and figures: National Greyhound Adoption Program first came into being in 1990, then as Delaware Valley Retired Racing Greyhound Association or DVRRGA. As time passed the name didn't fully describe our activity. After a national tv spot on the Garry Collins Show and 5,000 phone calls later we were sending greyhounds throughout the United States. It was as simple as adopting NGA / National Greyhound Association and changing it to NGAP / National Greyhound Adoption Program. We became Incorporated and filed with the Federal Government for 501(c)(3) non-profit status. Our first adoptions were rudimentary at best. We'd fly greyhounds straight from a track into an airport where they were met by their perspective adopters. We didn't even get to meet the greys first. There was no profiling, no spaying or neutering, no shots, only the requirement that those things be done by the adopter. When our first kennel opened we have the capacity for 7 greyhounds. Someone owed us money and instead constructed cages out of formica, those cages are still around somewhere but none have been used in a long time. From the beginning we had a live-in caretaker even when there were only 7 greyhounds to care for. Fast Forward to 2006 we have a wide menu of projects we are involved in and we can now house over 100 greyhounds. We have long runs for exercise and paid staff of about 20. We have adopted over 6400 greyhounds. The number of greyhounds each year has somewhat diminished because there are now so many other programs throughout the U.S., literally hundreds more. That doesn't make us any less busy. It's my belief we are cutting edge when it comes to greyhound health issues. All the greys we have adopted, currently house, or adopted through another organization are welcome to be treated at our surgical facility for a variety of health issues. When it comes to dentistry we certainly do more than any other clinic in the U.S. on greyhounds.

We will see over 2,000 greyhounds annually under anesthesia protocol and many more for other treatments not requiring anesthesia. As a source of income we also board greyhounds all year and can have 10-30 boarders at any time. When we debate greyhound health issues we base our opinions on treating thousands of greyhounds for many years. We are greyhound advocates and as such we often have difficulty with things going on in the racing industry and sometimes with things going on with other adoption programs. When atrocities occur advocates need to step up and address those issues with local and national media, those issues sometimes need the attention of local authorities and national humane authorities. If we sit on our hands nothing will change. NGAP now will seek donations of food and pharmaceuticals sometimes accepting large donations that may be beyond our needs then redistribute to other rescue groups throughout the U.S. Those programs pay only shipping charges, which are sometimes paid by the ASPCA of New York.

So in case you didn't know that's what NGAP is all about, not so different from the early 90's but on a far broader scale.

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NEWSLETTER FROM THE NATIONAL ADOPTION PROGRAM FALL 1991

WHAT'S GOING ON.....



We've come a long way in the last year and a half. Our name has changed and we now have one of the best programs in the United States. Last year we did 46 adoptions, but for we have placed over 150 dogs, and have about 15 applications in process right now. Our first foreign shipment was made this week to Canada. We now have support from Purina, Hills, and Ciba Geigy's Interceptor. We have written to Florida's Governor in efforts to change Florida's law. Florida needs state mandated adoption fees because track owners are both cruel and too cheap to change their ways. We will continue to press local & national media to expose dog racing for what it is. Our track in West Virginia has an adoption program or giveaway. They pay someone \$20.00 nightly to literally give dogs to whomever will take them away. You get a dog, leash, and collar and are sent on your way. They call it an adoption program. We have a long way to go, but there is a much appearing in the dog industry itself. They don't like bad publicity, but most do nothing but the show what they're going to do, and believe they can continue to get away with it. Keep talking about how great greyhounds are and how bad the industry is. (Dog Fancy Magazine has a long article in the September issue, we're mentioned in the second half of the article next month). We had sent two long letters to the editor of Dog Fancy earlier this year. They got the message! The editor's dog happens to be a retired racing greyhound. We have tons of work ahead and we can use your help.

OUR KENNEL

It's here and now it use. I took a year and a half to get together, but now the kennel with two in caretaker residence is in use. We can comfortably house eight greyhounds in climate controlled comfort. The kennels were custom made and afford a comfortable place to stretch out and sleep. The dogs are out frequently in our 5,000 square foot exercise area. If you wish, we will board your greyhound, room permitting for \$8.00 per day, while you're away. Call ahead to reserve a time. The boarders that far have of record.

Our 800 line has now been in use since early this year and has helped us get adoptions around the country. Now that you have a greyhound, please remember that we are a non-profit organization, and if you wish to call us on our regular phone number, our number is: 215 / 331-7918. We will always be here to help, but typically don't have to pay for the calls.

Front page of National Greyhound Adoption Program's first Newsletter, published in the Fall of 1991

PHILOSOPHIES

Everywhere we go people have philosophies. They may be political, religious, or about greyhound rescue. Greyhound rescue is divided into strong advocates, those that believe greyhound racing exploits every greyhound born to race and racing should end. Some may believe racing is inherently bad but the racing industry can clean up their act and if we are vigilant enough racing can co-exist with adoption. Some say they take one position on greyhound racing but many things they do will tilt the balance in one way or another. Others will actually cater to greyhound racing. Ultimately, can these divergent groups merge into one cohesive organization of people devoted to making the greyhound life better? I think not. In truth we are the small players of the game. We'd like to think the humane treatment of racing canines is high on the list and although we can make our voices heard our pockets are not deep enough and those that control greyhound racing are influenced by dollars and cents and the possibility of casino gaming. When casino gaming is mixed with greyhound racing the racing becomes a side show. Slot machines are the main attraction. As players on the side we can sometimes help our cause. It would be so much better if players wouldn't tell us how wonderful it is and create stories that are half true. Think of the influence greyhound adoption could have if everyone, and I mean everyone, worked to make the lives of greyhounds better every day.

PEPSI SUPPORTS GREYHOUND RACING IN AUSTRALIA

We have learned from a Grey2K email that Pepsi MAX in Australia supports a very large greyhound racing industry. Australia literally has no greyhound adoption so every dog dies once it no longer wins races. You can help end this practice by letting Pepsi know you don't like it.

1. You can stop drinking Pepsi and let Pepsi in the United States know WHY you are no longer drinking their products.
2. You can send Pepsi a letter to the address below asking them how they can support an industry that routinely euthanizes its canine athletes when they no longer win money for that industry.

I know this practice is also done in Florida at stake races. If someone is specifically aware that Coke or Pepsi is promoting it please contact our office and we will get the word out.

Write to:

Cadbury Schweppes-House
636 St. Kilda Road
Melbourne 3004

Our New Kennel Gets A Little Closer

One of the most important ingredients for a new kennel is dog cages. We have been in the market seeking quotes for a long time. By chance we went to an auction at the Women's Medical Hospital in Philadelphia. The hospital had closed in 2005 and now the entire facility was being sold at auction. Much to my surprise after inspecting most of the hospital we came to the Biohazard Area. This area was where the hospital's Animal Research was done. Some of the highlights that gave perspective into what they were doing was a large sterilizer specifically marked "Cage Sterilizer." Further down the hall were large steel doors when opened looked a bit like a car wash the sign read: "Cage Washer." There were water jets at the top and bottom; this would take a 'big' cage. We came to an area where there were cages and there were not many cages onsite. I would suspect most cages were on wheels as many research cages are but these were not. One grouping of two very large cages, a group of 3 large cages, both groups were built into the wall. There was one single cage and one double cage. As it turns out we bought two large 2 & 3 cage units for only \$400.00 each and a single cage unit for \$200.00. If we were to buy these cages new it probably would have cost \$20,000.00 instead of \$1,000.00. We then went online specifically looking for research cages, which are significantly more expensive than regular vet cages. We have purchased 48 cage runs from California and 14 post-op cages from Massachusetts spending a little over \$25,000.00. The new cost for these cages would probably be 5-10 times what we were paying. We will now keep looking for more of the same. Pictures are below. The groups of 2 & 3 cages are now being installed at our current kennel so we can try out the concept of large runs first hand.



Look close and you will see the grey sleeping on the raised bed



Post-op cage



We are still in the negotiating stage for this cage

“Big Shot #3619”

Big Shot is a pretty remarkable greyhound, 12 years old, never had his teeth cleaned, yet they are beautiful. He has no tartar, no periodontal disease, his teeth are white. Big Shot was adopted by Steve Schwartz about 8 years ago and he has always been a very high-anxiety dog. One of the medications used for anxiety is Amitriptyline, which is always given in higher doses with the intention of weaning down to zero in small increments. Big Shot has been on Amitriptyline throughout his adopted life. The name for Amitriptyline for humans is ‘Elivil.’ The question that comes to mind is: ‘Does this one greyhound have incredibly unusual genes, or does the Amitriptyline effect the health of his mouth in some way?’ Photo of Big Shot below.



Novel Way To Raise Money For NGAP

This is somewhat of a long story. Wolf Investment Corporations, the company owned by the director of National Greyhound Adoption Program, has a contract with Disney Film Productions and on a few occasions they have rented space for movies being filmed in Philadelphia. For their most recent movie, Invincible, space was rented for the housing of clothing. When they gave up the space there were also some props left. The movie Invincible is based on the story of Eagles walk-on football player Vince Pappelli. Vince was a part-time bartender. Some filming used a large bar prop presumably like the one Vince used in his bartending days. Upon conclusion of filming the prop was stored at our warehouse on Dutton Road. Several months later when editing was finished they no longer needed the bar prop and let us keep it as opposed to dumping it. As a creative means to raise money for NGAP the bar prop was listed on eBay and \$500.30 was raised for our greyhounds. Photo below.



The above picture shows one of the seven sections of the bar

A Fund Raiser Is Fun

On May 23, 2006 Donna McCann organized our 2nd eating fundraiser at Calloway’s Restaurant where greyhound adopters from the area were invited to attend, eat dinner, and socialize. Each attendee paid the full fare for their meal but with a National Greyhound Adoption Program coupon 20% of their spending amount would be remitted to NGAP. We had a Raffle for a Paw Plunger that additionally raised \$181.00. Everyone had fun. Everyone had to eat dinner anyway and NGAP benefited from it this time. Debbie Jordan even threw a party for her daughter’s college graduation, so the night was a big hit. This is a good thought for others to do the same type of Fund Raising events. We always appreciate the support.

P.S. We raised \$288.40 good job Donna McCann for putting it all together!!!

More Fund Raiser Fun

Here’s a clever idea for everyone. Next Easter you can raise money for NGAP by decorating Easter Eggs. That’s what Judi Jackson did and sent the donation of money raised.



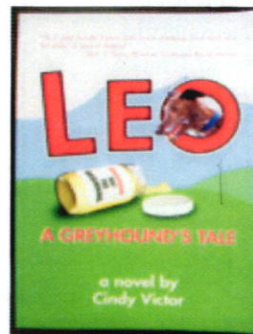
The Best Gift To Yourself

Since 2004 there has been a secret that not too many people have known about. That secret is now out, we have found a wonderful book: “Leo, A Greyhound’s Tale”.

This is a book that can be appreciated by children but even more so by adults, especially those with greyhounds, and even those with no greyhounds. How would you feel if your greyhound understood every word you said and not only understand but could respond. Leo can do just that.

This book takes you from Leo as a puppy to Leo as a racer to Leo as an adopted greyhound. It appears Leo made a wrong choice – he finds his true love but will he be able to keep it? Everyone should read Leo, A Greyhound’s Tale.

Available from NGAP for \$13.00 + shipping.



Greyhounds As Blood Donors

Pet Population At Risk

The Canine Influenza, known in the veterinary community as Influenza A subtype H3N8 virus (CIV), has now been identified in 22 states. It has affected primarily kennels and areas where there are multiple dogs. It has significantly affected the greyhound racing industry. It was first specifically identified in Jacksonville, Florida in 2004. It has now spread across much of the United States. This spring all of the dogs in an animal shelter in Cheyenne, Wyoming were euthanized. They were unable to control the virus. Yesterday, July 6, 2006, all canines in a West Palm Animal Control Adoption area were euthanized, 529. CIV is not easily controlled; transmission can be from dog to dog through the air or even from the clothing of people moving from an infected area to a clean area where an animal will become infected. Animals suffer a horrible death. Fifteen percent have tissue samples or necropsies done of 4,000 dogs had CIV. This spring every track in Florida was under quarantine. Greyhound tracks reduced the number of races and the number of greyhounds in each race in order to stay open. Florida requires a minimum of 8 races daily if card rooms are to stay open. CIV was currently at Flagler, West Palm, Jacksonville, Monticello, and Fort Myers.

Two pharmaceutical companies have applied for provisional use for a vaccine to prevent this illness. Apparently the USDA is in no hurry to grant its acceptance. How many dogs will die before this vaccine comes to market? Write the USDA if you want them to wake up.

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Former greyhound racers are one of the favored canines used as blood donors. There are now multiple companies in the United States whose specific business is to collect blood for use by veterinarian facilities throughout the U.S. Blood is broken down into several components each having a different value. Greyhounds are often used because so many are DEA1.1 negative, which is a universal blood type. Their hemocrits are higher than other breeds and so are their cell packs. That is on the good side. The bad side is their platelet counts are lower than other breeds and according to our research 75% are Von Willebrands positive, a bleeding disorder similar to Hemophilia in humans, and 38% are carriers of Von Willebrands. Does your greyhound bleed after blood is drawn and have a hematoma? Their blood is sometimes a carrier of tick born diseases and in my view most will show titers for exposure to one or more tick born diseases. Greyhounds had been kept by many universities including at one time the University of Pennsylvania. Over ten years ago the University of Penn discontinued housing greyhounds or any other breed as blood donors and has worked out a sophisticated system of sending out a blood mobile to harvest blood. This is a best case scenario where greyhounds and other breeds have been adopted, live in a home, sleep on a soft bed every night, and a few times a year they step up to help save lives of other canines. Ohio State University has a program where adopted greyhounds come into their facility to donate blood. That blood is used to help other dogs and it is used in clinical studies specifically of greyhounds. I am sure there are more than just those two good blood donor programs that we are just not yet aware of.

We are, however, aware of some of the worst blood donor programs as well. These facilities do not have soft beds for their greyhounds to sleep on, they do not give their greyhounds sufficient exercise, and these greyhounds must relieve themselves in the confinements of their cells. Additionally, their health needs are not appropriately attended to. That was the case two years ago at the Animal Medical Center in New York, when an inspection was done and found that ALL greyhound blood donors at this facility needed dentistry and most of them had periodontal disease. The Animal Medical Center's response was that the dogs received dentistry on an "as-needed basis." Two months after our findings we were told by the President Dr. Guy Pigeon, they were too busy and had not gotten around to the

dental issues of their 14 greyhound prisoners. They now have 19. The AMC has about 100 staff vets as well as an additional 100 resident vets. Give me a break!

Recently we were made aware that Peggy Adams Humane Society in Palm Beach Florida and affiliated with Palm Beach Humane Society had blood donors. Coincidentally, almost immediately after our call they were readily available for adoption, and like the stroke of a magic wand all 3 of their blood donor greyhounds were adopted. One grey was a 5 1/2-year-old named El Dorado. He had two dentals done over a two month period, although the photographs show he was greatly in need of 28 extractions, they chose not to deal with it. They kept very meticulous records on El Dorado. All 3 greyhounds somehow found their way to NGAP. A few months ago we spoke to an organization in Texas with almost 200 greyhound blood donors and found they had no defined dental program.

Of course, there is Hemavet in California that has only greyhounds as blood donors, has anyone checked their teeth?

Teeth, of course, are an important issue for greyhounds because of the bacteria entering the blood stream through the teeth and gums. It is degrading the blood, which is then being used for health-compromised dogs. That does not really make good sense.

The racing industry does the same thing. They don't take care of the greyhounds teeth and that diminishes the health of the athlete and broods alike. A greyhound racing industry & vet in Florida, Dr. David Moses, wrote in the July 2006 Greyhound Review about the importance of good teeth in broods. He was one of the experts questioned on the subject. He is very involved in breeding. A few years back we treated a 9-year-old stud from his farm "Fused Energy." It's still one of the worst mouths we have every seen.

Does your vet have greyhound blood donors? Are they locked in cages in a back room with no ability to see the light of day? Does your vet bring in adopted pets to donate blood?

There were recently numerous articles being published in the Sun Sentinel about accountability, writings from pro-racing people and anti-racing people. No one has brought up the issue of greyhounds as blood donors. On the whole, most of those donors are being exploited.

Success stories are too few. End of Story.

Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League

Very large, good organizations sometimes cannot get it right. Because they are large and basically do good they can try to avoid the necessity of properly caring for their greyhound blood donors and even accounting for it. We learned that Peggy Adams in West Palm Beach, Florida had greyhounds being used as blood donors available for adoption. Initially, they didn't respond to my calls. It's my belief that they weren't particularly happy with our conversation when we finally did speak with Palm Beach Humane Society Director Frank Valente. After we asked them to cooperate so we could instruct them on proper care and protocols and after a somewhat threatening letter to them, I received a letter from Carl Leverage the executive director of Peggy Adams Humane Society. In his letter to me he denied that El Dorado was really a blood donor and was specifically taken in because no one would adopt him due to the conditions of his teeth. They made no effort to fix those problems and didn't even make a note of it to the adopter. El Dorado had 28 extractions and may have more later. If El Dorado wasn't a blood donor why did the form on his cage list him as one? If El Dorado wasn't a blood donor why would they have adopted 3 greyhounds to 1 person whom they did not know and did not expect back? Was it an effort to make the issue disappear?

In Mr. Leverage's letter he tells me that Peggy Adams is 82 years old and they are currently building a 38,000 square foot clinic that will care for over 10,000 animals each year. Does that include greyhound blood donors? Did it include El Dorado?

The second of the three greyhounds adopted was Rudy, also listed as a blood donor. When we ran diagnostic testing we found that Rudy's platelet counts were dangerously low and until such time that those platelets improve Rudy is not ready for real adoption. Platelets should range from 200,000 – 500,000. Rudy's platelets on August 8th were 13,000 on the first test, 25,000 on the second test, and 30,000 on the third test. His test was repeated three times to verify just how low his platelets were. On September 1st 2006 he was tested two more times. The first test done resulted at 62,000 and the second test resulted 59,000. Most greyhounds do have low platelets but normally range around 130,000. Could it be that Rudy also wasn't a blood donor and was only taken in because no one wanted him either? Of course, they did manage to adopt him out with critically low platelets.

Mr. Leverage asked why I was so concerned with Peggy Adams and shouldn't I be more interested in greyhounds "to help combat extreme dyer situations with greyhounds?" I believe Mr. Leverage has missed the point; it's because of my interest in dyer situations that we specifically focus on Peggy Adams. Photos below of El Dorado before and after being listed in Peggy Adams Newsletter as a "Blood Donor."



Living to Save A Life
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As with a human blood donation, we make every effort to ensure that the blood supply is disease free. Our donor animals are thoroughly tested to insure that all donor standards are met and adhered to.

We are extremely proud of our donor animals and the role they play in saving the lives of dogs or cats in our care.



Eldorado (ID# A123201) has given blood to save the life of another dog.



Both of these 40 m.p.h. couch potatoes are waiting to be adopted by a forever family.

Fred (ID# A122126) is retired from donating blood.

July 2006

The above was taken from Peggy Adams Newsletter

Lines show where root exposure begins

Always There For Us

One of the most difficult things to try to accomplish is facilitating the transport of animals. Sometimes on short notice when greyhounds go to our Virginia Beach affiliates, Sam & Gay Latimer, they're met half way. Many times taking supplies but primarily greyhounds for adoption. When a dog is found on the street somewhere, someone is needed to pick it up. When an IG with a broken leg needs an orthopedic on short order, someone must be there. Of course, in dyer situations you'd think to call the fire department, in our case we call Tony Tereszczuk, who by the way, works for the Philadelphia Fire Department. Because Tony sometimes has unusual hours he's available to help in so many ways. Usually his wife Gale is by his side and daughter Courtney who has served as a volunteer since she was very young and is now a graduate of college and has entered into the working society. The Tereszczuk's as a family are always there for us. We're truly blessed to have their participation and energetic support. Everyone at NGAP appreciates all their efforts!

Greyhound Racing Down Under

Greyhounds first came to Australia back in 1770. They were first used in hunting. It has now expanded across Australia, New Zealand, and Northeast Wales.

I was very pleased to read in a most recent Celebrating Greyhounds Magazine 3 different articles about greyhound adoption in Australia. It's greyt that now people are making an effort to find homes for former racers down under. If you didn't know, in most of Australia greyhounds wear wire muzzles whenever in public. If you take your greyhound to a park or a friends house it must be wearing this wire muzzle. Subsequently, the perception of most Australians is that greyhounds are vicious. This certainly makes it more difficult for adoptions. Now at long last when I speak of Australia I can no longer say all of their greyhounds are euthanized. Now I will say most of them are. We live a long way from Australia and haven't seen any published statistics I believe that most large cities have tracks. It's believed that many are only open two days a week and their are many home breeders and fewer large racing kennels with 200 greys. Who better to get the best information than NGA. Vivian from our office called Gary Guccione of National Greyhound Association on September 27, 2006. Gary told us there are anywhere from 40-80 tracks in Australia. You'd think he might know a precise number. Last year NGA hosted the 2005 World Greyhound Racing Federation in Florida. When we asked him how many greys were bred there on an annual basis he answered 15,000. According to one article in Celebrating Greyhounds in Northeast Wales alone - approximately 10,000 greyhound puppies were bred 2003-2004. Of those bred 25% would never make it to the track. What became of those 25%? That still leaves the rest of Australia and New Zealand to account for. Could it be that they don't want to release the actual figures.

Truly the only way in my view that greyhound adoption can take hold is if it was possible to eliminate the wire muzzle law. The one place that has the exception of no wire muzzles is Queensland where they just have a law that greyhounds must wear a green collar identifying them as a GAP (Greyhound Adoption Program) dog. Could you imagine if every greyhound in the U.S. was wearing a green collar? No \$100.00 collars down under. It would certainly be better than mandatory wire muzzles. Anyone who knows anyone in Australia should write them to tell them how wonderful greyhounds actually are and shouldn't have to be muzzled. We will try to find names of Australian Legislators and post it to our website so everyone can write. I recall a comedy movie from Australia that was shown in the U.S. a few years ago, all the greyhounds in the film wore wire muzzles even at home. Hopefully things will change.



Photo taken from Celebrating Greyhounds Magazine
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Greyhounds Love To Walk

On most Sundays it is a regular happening at NGAP's kennel. Carloads of students and adults arrive from NJ to take our greys on a walk. Patti Kolodi, now for many years no matter what school she works for, organizes groups of mostly teens to come out for a nice Sunday stroll. We thank Patti for all her efforts again and this year, near the end of the school year she held her 2nd Annual Party.

Everyone can walk our greys 7 days a week, including all major Holidays, weather permitting, from 9am-11am or 2pm-4pm.

It's wonderful exercise for the greyhounds and it's wonderful exercise for the people. Can you imagine teenage girls from New Jersey getting up early on a Sunday to come walk our greys? Isn't it greyt!



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.

Yahi Returns

Let's jump back 8 years to April 6, 1998. We had been doing surgery in-house for a few years at this point and all seemed to be well. On this particular day surgery was finished and our surgical patients seemed to be doing well so the doctors left for the day. We then found one of our dogs was uncomfortable. We checked his temperature it was 108.5. We knew dramatic action was called for or he would soon die. Technicians were still onsite and I was there. We knew what had to be done but we were only partially prepared. We immediately covered his body in towels dipped in ice water but we knew that would only help a little. Yahi would need intravenous fluids and no one had ever done this before. Standard protocol would be insertion of an IV Catheter then an introduction of life sustaining fluids. David Wolf, having no experience in giving fluids, carefully placed a syringe needle into Yahi's vein. We did this on two legs and had two bags of fluid going in with needles not catheters.

Yahi is now 10 1/2 years old and has unfortunately been returned to us through no fault of his own. His new name is Dutch.

Fortunately, many greyhounds have come after Yahi and the director is now well-skilled at insertion of an IV Catheter. That skill has come into play many times over the last 8 years.



Ivan The Wonderful

Just a note to let you know that Ivan (#6346) seems to fit right into our family. He had a rough, rainy ride home...got car-sick about halfway; but we managed to towel it up and proceed. He is very curious about the second floor and basement; but his self-attempts at the stairs haven't brought him much success, so Mom will be sleeping in the den for a few nights! He walks beautifully on a lead and seems to be enjoying farm smells and Amish buggies...but he's not a chaser or a barker so far. We had a fear that he would want to mark on previously soiled areas' but he hasn't had an accident and is spending the majority of time out of the crate. As you can see (photo below) his radar is on constant alert! This morning, the grass was flying as he tried out his new yard.....what a beautiful sight.



Rich & Marie Glass

Rosie #1556

It was 12 years ago I adopted 'Rosie' from you. today I gave her the final gift, as she couldn't live with dignity any longer, and above all, she was dignified.

As the pet websites would say; "she crossed the rainbow bridge" today.

We took one last walk along the creek, she smelled and sniffed and took a leak.

She couldn't chase rabbits and longer in this life, she wasn't getting any younger.

So I did what I should,

and sent her to where she could.

She was 14, we knew her for 12, we were so-oooo lucky.....



Rosie - 8/12/91-4/25/06

Thank you for your dedication, your stance against racing, and for bringing Rosie & I together, all those years ago.

Kathleen Seal

Lily(#5712) NGAP Alumnae Class of "04"

Lily is the perfect house dog, a real glamour girl and a wonderful ladies pet!

She's quite the couch potato and as you can see, she doesn't care whose couch it is - a friend snapped this picture of Lil making herself at home (photo below).

Hopefully, her early health problems are gone for good. She is doing well.

Keep up the good work at NGAP.....

Janet Willse (Lily's Mom)



The Spanish Galgo

The Spanish Greyhound, or Galgo, is used primarily for hunting small game such as rabbits in Spain. Spanish Greyhounds were originally associated with the country's nobility, but after years of thievery and indiscriminant breeding by the "lower classes" they became a symbol of the poor, no longer a mark of nobility and stature. The only racetrack remaining in Spain closed in February 2006 and the dogs used for racing were imported from Ireland.

The Galgo is very similar to his American and Irish counterparts. Some Galgos have a wire-haired coat, varying from mildly rough to fairly long, though most Galgos bear the same coat as the greyhounds we all know and love, with colors as various and beautiful. The Spanish Galgo is thought to be a present day culmination of breeding Irish greyhounds with the original greyhounds of Spain, which were closely related to the sloughi.

Sadly, the life of the Galgo is far from glorious. Galgos who have outlived their usefulness are often hung from trees, shot and dumped like garbage, or thrown alive into deep, abandoned wells. The fortunate ones are the dogs who the hunters or 'galgueros' take to one of the country's few sanctuaries.

Scooby, Protectora de Animales, is an animal sanctuary located in the remote countryside of Spain, a few hours northwest of Madrid. Scooby serves as a home to as many as 500 dogs at any given time, as well as cats, sheep, geese, donkeys, and even a raccoon. For nearly 10 years Scooby has been rescuing animals of all shapes and sizes - many of whom have suffered at the hands of their former keepers.

Scooby is one of several sanctuaries in Spain helping Galgos. Everyone reading this can help in some way writing a letter or many letters, donating supplies needed or even money. Listed below is information of those agencies or people to:

NGAP has brought Galgos to our program several times over the last few years!

YOU CAN HELP!

What can I do to help the Galgos?

1. Donate medical supplies to Operation Scooby or another organization.
2. Donate dog coats, collars, leashes, and other supplies to G.R.I.N.
3. Spread the word! Tell your friends and family about the Spanish Galgo.
4. Contact the Spanish embassy to demand legislation and action protecting the Galgo from inhumane treatment and abuse.
5. **VOLUNTEER!** The shelters are in constant need of medical and practical help.
6. **DONATE** a financial gift to one of the pro-galgo organizations.

Informational Websites

www.scoobymedina.com
www.operationscooby.org
www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk
www.galgosinfronteras.org
www.hounddog.org.uk
www.ameurigreyhoundalliance.org
www.dogs-in-spain.org/
groups.yahoo.com/group/saveagalgo
www.sosgalgos.com

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Tye, one of 13 Galgo puppies born here in the U.S.

National Greyhound Adoption Program

Main Office - 10901 Dutton Road - Philadelphia, PA 19154

Kennel/Clinic - 4800 Wingate Street - Philadelphia, PA 19136

Main Office (215) 331-7918 Fax (215) 331-1947 Kennel/Clinic (215) 331-3625

email- ngap@ix.netcom.com

website - www.ngap.org

Annual Membership

National Greyhound Adoption Program has grown over the years and continues to grow. We have adopted over 6000 greyhounds since we began in 1990. This could not have been accomplished without the use of our onsite full service kennel, boarding and surgical facility. We are about to embark on a venture that will allow us to rescue even more greyhounds and have them live in comfort until an adoptive home can be found. We continue to expand our horizons regarding their post operative medical issues. Your donations help us help the greyhounds! Please Support Us!!

Subscriber (Annual) \$25.00__

Sponsor (Annual) \$50.00__

Donor (Annual) \$75.00__

Benefactor (Annual) \$100.00__

Life Member & Benefactor \$1000.00__

We Need Volunteers! Please let us know if you can help in any of the following areas:

- Transportation of dogs (vet, airport, etc)
- Walking dogs at the kennel
- Fund Raising
- Other (explain)_____

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Home Phone (____)_____ Cellphone (____)_____

Email address_____

Credit Card#_____ Expiration date_____

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

NGAP Veterinary Clinic

If you didn't already know, NGAP performs more surgery on greyhounds than anywhere in the U.S. We do over 1,000 procedures annually under general anesthesia and over another 1,000 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 greyt success doing procedures on geriatric greyhounds. Below is a list of some veterinary costs for our services:

Dental

Ultrasonic with Anesthesia - \$110-\$150

Ultrasonic without Anesthesia - \$40

Extractions

Incisors: \$10-\$20 each

Premolars: \$20-\$25 each

4th Premolar: \$30-\$50 each

Canine: \$50-\$100 each

Nail Clipping & Ear Cleaning

Reg. Clip: \$10, Extensive: \$12

Reg. Ear: \$6, Extensive: \$12, Flush: \$20-\$30

Shots

Rabies: \$20

Bordatella: \$20

Lyme: \$20

DHLPP & Corona: \$20

COMBO (DHLPP/Rabies/Bordatella/Lyme): \$50

Diagnostic Testing

Heartworm Test: \$22

T4 Test: \$22

Heartworm / Lyme Test: \$40

In House CBC: \$25

Comprehensive CBC Chem/T4/UA: \$85

Chemistry: \$30

Urinalysis: \$20

Fecal: \$15

IV Fluids (setup & monitor): \$35-\$50

Clinic Hours

Tuesdays & Fridays: starting at 9:30AM

4800 Wingate Street, Phila, PA 19136

Call the NGAP Office to schedule an appointment

Boarding At NGAP

In case you had forgotten greyhounds and sometimes some of their non-greyhound friends can board with us when you go on vacation. In addition to receiving income from boarding it's an opportunity for your greyhound to pass thru our health system automatically included in the fees is nail clipping & ear cleaning, but we can check teeth, clean them, extract them or touch them up. We can give shots or do examinations. We'll tell you if we see things you may not be able to see that it takes someone who constantly cares for greyhounds to know about. You'll find our rates most reasonable. It's like summer camp for your grey.

Just Another Day At The NGAP Clinic

Below is a list of dogs to be seen at our clinic on August 18, 2006. As the schedule indicates there were 30 greyhounds to be seen that day, that's right 30 in one day; most of them would have dentistry done. That dentistry may consist of something as simple as an Ultrasonic touch-up or something as complex as multiple extractions. We see dogs for a large variety of medical conditions but especially dental related issues. Many of these greys are over 10 years old. Those adopters, either NGAP adopters or adopters from other programs, that do not pay attention to their dog's teeth will permit their greys to suffer in silence. Your dog's teeth are very important. We suggest pulling up the lip each month to inspect the large canines in front and the molars in the back. Ultimately, if you don't pay attention to the top teeth the dog could have periodontal disease on the bottom too. If multiple extractions are necessary you should permit the veterinarian to do it. As we have stated so many times 'your dog doesn't need teeth to be happy and healthy, it needs a healthy mouth to be happy and healthy.'

DOG NAME	ID	TIME	PROCEDURES	NOTES
H. PETA	6611	1:00	✓	✓
P. Amber		12:00	✓	✓
H. JACOB		11:30	✓	✓
H. HILLY	3915	12:30	✓	✓
H. HILLY		9:30	✓	✓
H. SHIRLEY		10:00	✓	Check Genes
H. BOWERS	MIN	9:30	✓	✓
S. MCGEE		10:00	✓	✓
W. HANSEY		11:00	✓	✓
W. TESS		11:00	✓	✓
B. HANSON	5517	10:30	✓	✓
M. LEXI	6173	8/19	✓	✓
M. BRADY		8/19	✓	✓
C. DARY		8/19	✓	✓
C. BEE	5767	8/20	✓	✓
M. GUYNE		8/20	✓	✓
N. ALLI		8/18	✓	✓
E. SASSA		8/22	✓	✓
P. BROWN		8/22	✓	✓
V. HANSEY			✓	✓
V. SARTY			✓	✓
W. HANSEY	1102	8/20	✓	✓
H. SASSA	6112	2:30	✓	✓
H. SASSA	5959	9:00	✓	✓
H. HILLY	6112	1:30	✓	✓
H. SASSA	4501	10:00	✓	✓
K. HANSON	1/2	2:00	✓	✓
K. HANSON	3923	2:00	✓	✓
S. HANSON			✓	✓

A photo of NGAP's surgery board

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 greyhounds!!

We are a 501(c)93) non-profit organization

For Sale

In past newsletters we talked about our property on the waterfront as a possible location for our new kennel. You may already know that will not be the location but rather a campus-like setting in a Northeast Philadelphia business park. Our 5.8 acres of waterfront property is now for sale. When the sale is complete we expect with continued donation help to complete a truly grand facility. We'll keep all advised.



Adopt A Senior

Pictured are only a few of the seniors available for adoption.

Visit our kennel!



Chance - 11 year old red male - NO CATS- low keyed but sociable



Duke - 8 year old Brindle male - NO CATS
Sweet & Gentle-Housebroken



Hurricane - 10 year old Brindle Male
CAT Friendly - He's an Alpha Male



Mary- 11 year old Red female -
CAT friendly - very low keyed - crate trained

Only Sometimes Do Good Things Come True

It was early morning on Friday, September 8, 2006 when I received a cell phone call from Joan Sharkey that her greyhound Jamie had a stroke the night before. Jamie couldn't get up and didn't have the strength to try. I told her I wasn't sure if we would be able to do anything to help but to bring her right in and the doctors would be there shortly. When Jamie arrived we were ready for her, we had everything laid out waiting to start intravenous fluids. She was carried into surgery and laid on a surgical table. Her temperature was slightly elevated, her color was fair, and she had no feeling in one side of her body. We began intravenous fluids and antibiotic injection and waited for the doctors. Our treatment was uncomplicated. She was put on two antibiotics and given Deximethizone and continued intravenous fluids. Only time would tell if she'd regain strength. One thing she was able to do was eat. If you put food to her mouth she could eat it. We saw very little change in the first 24 hours but she did not get worse. Then she started to make the slightest movement. It was over two days before she had a bough movement, though it was inside her cage it was a good sign (she could squeeze). As we carried her out supporting her front and back, two of her legs just dragged. On the third day we actually saw some function in her left front leg. Ever so slowly as each day went by Jamie got a little better. Joan and her husband visited Jamie literally every day you could see her perk up with each visit. The first few days she would only drink water while Joan was there. Although she was improving and after only needing intravenous fluids one additional time she needed support of the kennel staff to be carried out. We knew we were getting somewhere and with a little help of support towels Jamie was able to climb the steep ramp back to Post Op. After one week instead of laying flat she could sit up and now, on Wednesday, September 21, 2006 Jamie gets up on her own, walks out of her cage on her own, manages the steep ramp on her own and comes back on her own. Jamie will go home today. We gave her a chance to get better and she did.

Congratulations to all staff members that contributed to her getting well!

P.S. While visiting Jamie, Mrs Sharkey saw a recent return, Jessica. She weighed only 41 pounds but with a wonderful spirit. Onc day after Jamie went home with the Sharkeys they brought Jessica home. Both Jamie and Jessica are doing well.

E-MAIL

We need your e-mail address! NGAP is in the process of setting up their own list. A good way to notify you of upcoming events and important greyhound information that becomes available to us.

Worst Case Scenario-Dewey Beach 2006

Wednesday, October 4, 2006 the sun will shine bright on Dewey Beach, Delaware, cars will begin to stream in from every direction. Many will have pronouncements that they're going to Reach the Beach 2006. Some cars will have one greyhound, others will have 8-10 greyhounds. There's an air of excitement that people can't wait, greyhound survivors will meet again at Dewey. You'll see them crossing streets in groups, congregating inside and outside of restaurants, walking the beach, chatting and everyone will have a plastic bag. Vendors will start setting up on Friday, October 6th and many dogs will be up close and personal from that time on. There will be lots of sessions where they'll congregate, the largest being Saturday night at the Costume Ball at the Bottle & Cork.

During all this there could be one greyhound with the Canine Influenza. That one greyhound could create a large disaster in Americas pet population. Canine Influenza is highly contagious and a dog can catch it by playing with another dogs toy, inhaling another dog's breath, or even just sniffing a contagious dog's owner's clothing. A dog can spread this virus for 2-5 days before it will show symptoms. It will be contagious for around 7 days. The peak will be on the second to fourth days. Canine Influenza, it is believed, was first discovered or ear marked in Florida's racing greyhounds in 2004. It's been found in 21 Florida counties and 22 states. It's been found in racing and non-racing facilities. All breeds and all ages can be infected. The severity of symptoms will vary greatly. Approximately 20% of those infected show no symptoms but will be contagious. Approximately 15% develop dangerous pneumonia and require antibiotics. The majority grow weak and develop a cough that last 1 week to 1 month but eventually make a full recovery. The fatality rate is up to 8%. There is a debate as to whether strains are evolving to be less lethal. "This virus has been in this state for 2 years and is now in kennels, shelters and racing compounds." stated Dr. Cynda Crawford, a researcher of veterinary medicine at University of Florida Veterinary School of Medicine. "It has not been documented as being contacted through dog parks or dog shows." "It has not happened yet, but it could." Researchers like Dr. Crawford look to a new vaccine to eradicate this virus. Two vaccine companies are in development stages but the National Greyhound Association that represents owners of racing dogs is urging the USDA to go slowly. "NGA's fear is that an influenza vaccine would go on the market and every track and every state racing authority would be forced to immunize dogs multiple times for no value and the vaccines are never innocuous." said Dr. Brad Fenwick, a consultant for NGA. Fenwick and NGA's argument is that "the dog flu is relatively mild and runs its course without causing significant injury or death." They say that Dr. Crawford "overstated it's seriousness." In the mean time, in Spring of 2006 most greyhound tracks were quarantined to try to contain this potentially deadly virus and many greyhounds died. Everyone should have the best times at Dewey and we hope the worst case scenario will never come forward but we should remember the 2 puppies in West Palm Beach that were diagnosed with canine influenza at the Palm Beach County Animal Control & Care complex. Those 2 puppies ultimately led to the euthanasia of 529 animals at that shelter. Other shelters in the U.S. have chosen a similar course to euthanize all their animals while some have been able to contain it. It has gotten worse and more wide spread since 2004, not better.

This writer puts stock in Dr. Crawford's statements and believes we must do whatever is necessary to keep our greys healthy and contain the spread of the canine flu.

Much of the information in this article was taken from an article by Stacey Singer of the Palm Beach Post. Singer wrote a 3-part article that appeared September 10th - 12th. You can find her full article online at their website: PalmBeachPost.com

NGAP's Greyhound Store



Brand New! - Stackable Greys-
120 thousand stitch embroidery
Sweatshirts & Jackets



NGAP's New Bolster Bed



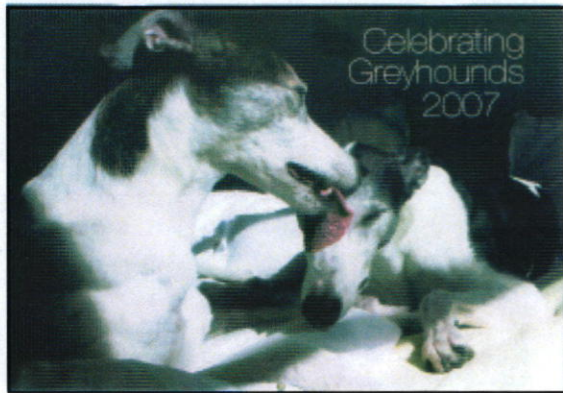
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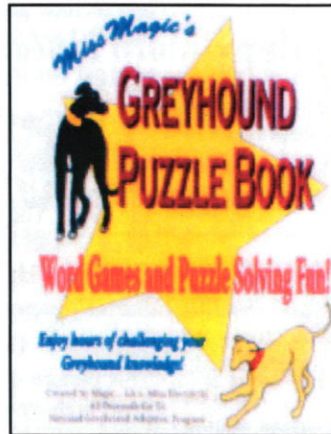
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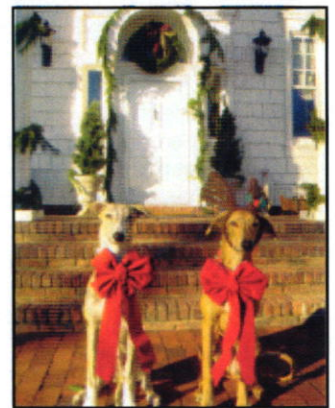
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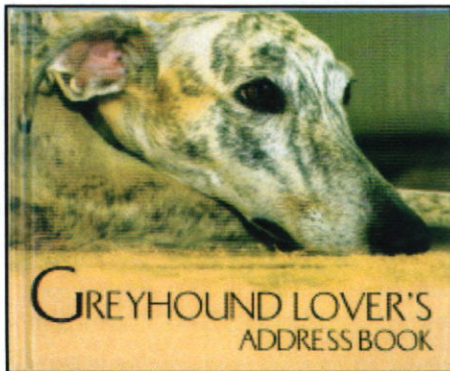
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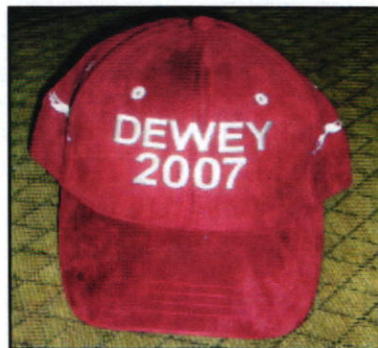
"Miss Magic's" Puzzle Book



"Paco & Carlos" Christmas Card



Greyhound Lover's Address Book



Dewey Hats



Concrete Statues

NGAP 's Greyhound Store

Discontinued Edition -" Jeweled Devotion"

Beautiful Lenox Greyhounds sporting jeweled collars around their necks. They come as a pair. Authenticity certificate included - \$85.00

Celebrating Greyhounds "2007" Calendar - \$10.00

How Greyhounds Celebrate Birthdays - \$1.25 per card or 5 cards for \$6.00

"Holiday Stroll" Christmas Card -(Created for the Museum of Modern Art) - \$16.00 - box of 8 cards

"Miss Magic's Puzzle Book - 115 pages of crossword puzzles, name games & word games - \$15.00

"Paco & Carlos" Christmas Card - \$10.00 for 8 cards

"Greyhound Lover's" Address Book - Imported from England, grey pictures and a grey place to keep to keep phone numbers and addresses - \$20.00

Dewey Hats "2006" - \$10.00

NGAP's Greyt Beds - \$45.00

Greyhound Concrete Statues - \$90.00

Brand New Item - Stackable Greyhound Embroidered Sweatshirts & Jackets

Sweatshirts - \$35.00

Jackets (not shown) - \$45.00

Heaven's Screening (Author unknown)

This article was sent to us by Susan Norman. Thanks Sue!

A man and his dog were walking along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead. He remembered dying, and that the dog walking beside him had been dead for years. He wondered where the road was leading them. After a while they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road. It looked like fine marble. At the top of a long hill it was broken by a tall arch that glowed in the sunlight. When he was standing before it he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother-of-pearl, and the street that led to the gate looked like pure gold. he and the dog walked toward the gate and as he got closer he saw a man at a desk to one side. When he was close enough, he called out "Excuse me, where are we?" The man answered: "This is Heaven." "Wow! Would you happen to have some water?" the man asked. "Of course, sir. Come right in and I'll have some ice water brought right up." The man gestured, and the gate began to open. "Can my friend come in too?" the man asked as he gestured toward his dog. "I'm sorry sir, but we don't accept pets." The man thought a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going with his dog. After another long walk and at the top of another long hill he came to a dirt road leading through a farm gate that looked as if it had never been closed. There was no fence. As he approached the gate he saw a man inside leaning against a tree and reading a book. "Excuse me!" he called to the man. "Do you have any water?" The man replied: "Yeah, sure, there's a pump over there, come on in." "How about my friend here?" the man asked as he gestured toward his dog. "There should be a bowl by the pump." the man answered. They went through the gate, and sure enough there was an old-fashioned hand pump with a bowl beside it. The traveler filled the water bowl and took a long drink himself, then he gave some to his friend - the dog. When they were full, he and the dog walked back toward the man standing by the tree. "What do you call this place?" he asked. "This is Heaven." he answered. "Well that's confusing." the traveler replied, "The man down the road said that was Heaven too." "Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? Nope, that's Hell!" the man answered. The traveler asked: "Doesn't it make you mad for them to use your name like that?" "No, we're just happy that they screen out the folks who would leave their best friends behind."

Notice to Adoption & Rescue Groups

NGAP from time to time receives pharmaceuticals that are available to other groups free of charge. The requirement is that a Release Form be signed appropriate to the product being donated and if the product needs to be shipped you are obligated to pay UPS shipping charge. Currently we have the following available:

DVM ParaGARD Ivermectin Chewable Tablets specifically for Heartworm prevention. It is available for small dogs: 68mcg for up to 25lbs, medium dogs: 136mcg for 26-50lbs, and large dogs: 272mcg for 51-100lbs.

DVMax Ointment (similar to Odamax) ear antibiotic, which can also be used as a topical antibiotic ointment.

Clindamycin HCl Capsules 300mg

Malaseb Concentrate (Rinse) - Ashampoo especially to remediate Ring worm (not pictured)

At this point ALL products available are outdated but should still be good to use. We also have from time to time both dry and canned dog and cat foods. Currently we have a large quantity of canned dog and cat food.

For information on obtaining these products please contact our office: 215-331-7918



Christmas Sale

NGAP's annual Christmas sale date this year will be December 8-10, 2006 Held at our office location 10901 Dutton Road. Come out and get in on the greyt bargains that will be offered

Store Hours:

Friday - December 8, 2006 - 2pm - 5pm

Saturday - December 9, 2006 - 10am - 2pm

Sunday - December 10, 2006 - 11am - 2pm